



Scary scenery

Many homes throughout the area have become more haunting during the month of October, as Halloween approached. The yard pictured above is just one of several that has welcomed a number of creepy creatures, spooky spirits, scary specters and a variety of other Halloween scenery.

City/school election set for Tuesday, Nov. 4

This Tuesday, November 4, voters will choose who will represent them in city government and on school boards. Also on ballots in three areas will be public measures regarding school funding and a hotel tax.

Absentee ballots can be voted in-person in county auditor offices until this Monday, November 3.

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

Those voting on Election Day may cast ballots at the following locations in each of their communities: Fertile

City Hall, Grafton Community Center, Hanlontown Community Center, Joice Community Center, Kensett Community Center, Manly City Hall and the Timbers in Northwood. In Lake Mills, voting will take place at the Truman Helgeson Community Center.

More information about where to vote can be found by contacting county auditor offices; under the Election link at the County's website, elections.worth-countyiowa.gov www.win-

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Ribbon sale raises \$106,435 for county fair youth exhibitors

The 2025 Worth County Fair 4-H Livestock Ribbon Sale once again raised funds to reward local livestock exhibitors for their time and dedication, while allowing

local individuals and businesses the chance to show their support. A change in the format at this year's fair allowed for even more support for those exhibitors.

In past years, those wanting to support the youth could place a bid on their ribbons at the sale, with the highest bids going to each.

This year, people could

pledge their support in the days leading up to the ribbon sale. The total was added to the amount bid at

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Briefs



Clocks fall back Sunday

With Halloween Friday, and other holidays on the way, many will appreciate an extra hour of time this weekend. That extra time will come this weekend, courtesy of Daylight Savings Time.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday. The Anchor reminds readers to set clocks back before going to bed on Saturday, or for night and early morning owls, right as 2 a.m. arrives.



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. Oct. 20	64	36	0.01
Tues. Oct. 21	49	38	0.01
Wed. Oct. 22	53	32	
Thurs. Oct. 23	54	27	
Fri. Oct. 24	60	23	T
Sat. Oct. 25	57	43	0.11
Sun. Oct. 26	60	43	

Pipeline company shares updates with supervisors, slough bill discontinued

At their regular meeting on October 20, the Worth County supervisors listened to information from a compressed carbon pipeline developer and ended local participation in a property tax exemption program.

Brent Niese, project manager with Summit Carbon Pipeline Solutions, was at the supervisors meeting to provide an update on the company's planned project in Worth

County.

The company is working to build a system that would collect CO2 produced in the production of ethanol, compress and transport it by pipeline to an area in North Dakota and then store it in underground formations.

Capturing the CO2 would improve environmental scoring that would allow the ethanol to meet requirements of certain U.S. and international markets.

One of the ethanol facili-

ties that is a part of the project is the POET facility located near Hanlontown. CO2 would be collected at that plant and then transported in a pipeline that could be built to the east, traveling southeast until just east of the interstate, and then in a path that would be located between 350th Street and the southern county border.

A document presented to the supervisors showed

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LRH makes community appeal

The Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood has begun a fundraising campaign to address some of the physical needs of the facility and to help with other costs of operation.

The Lutheran Retirement Home (LRH) didn't formally open until 1962, but the organization's informal creation took place in 1955, 70 years ago. When Rev. Oscar Mikkelsen, President of the

Lutheran Retirement Home, was the principal speaker at the meeting of Northwood Chamber of Commerce. The setting was a meeting of Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent) at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, where there was first "action toward founding" LRH.

From its founding the nursing home has focused

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The phantom buckboard of Burgett's Bridge

Editor's note: "The phantom buckboard of Burgett's Bridge" was written by the late Ron Olson, a reporter at the Northwood Anchor for 17 years. It is reprinted this week to conjure up the old spirits in celebration of Halloween.

The Shell Rock River is the picture of serenity as it flows southward out of Minnesota into northern Worth County.

One of the calmest scenes available to the touring motorist is the stretch just north of Burgett's Bridge, a mile or so below the Iowa-Minnesota line, where the Shell Rock curves due south around a stand of oak timber to slip gently between banks of tall prairie grass just east of Ochee Yahola Park.

But a scene that was more than a little eerie played itself out on, and

just east of, the old Burgett's Bridge site back on a moonlit mid-October night in 1950.

The old bridge and its steel superstructure sat about 200 yards west of the present bridge, straddling an oxbow of the Shell Rock on a northeast-to-south west diagonal.

The bridge's diagonal aspect and its inclined approach prevented Dewayne Roppe from seeing anything on the bridge as he approached it on his way home about 1 a.m. that moonlit October morning.

But the hoofbeats of two matched, light-colored horses and the rattle of a buckboard's steel-rimmed, wooden wheels on the bridge's wooden deck carried loud enough for Roppe to hear it over the sound of his 1929 Ford.

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information on the project, including the company's approach to property easements, surveying and construction and on funds and resources pledged to emergency responders and to communities.

The document states that the company's mission for its pipeline project is to support farmers, landowners and rural communities by opening up markets and opportunities.

In terms of what the company states in the document for preparing emergency agencies, the company would give \$50,000 in each county, along with \$1,000 per mile of pipeline, with 19 miles in Worth County. That would be a total of \$69,000 locally.

According to the "Community Partnership Program," the company would also fund training and equipment specifically dedicated to CO2 responses, implement a real-time notification system and would provide ongoing coordination with agencies and conduct annual exercises with first responders.

The program document states that Summit would establish annual county grants, to be used for "community priorities." The grants would be based on the amount of pipeline in the county and the amount of voluntary easement.

The company also mentioned the property taxes involved, as a part of its com-

munity partnership.

Summit is hosting a number of open houses, to meet new company leadership, learn about the Community and Landowner Partnership Program and talk with project experts.

The two closest open houses will take place on Tuesday, November 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Rec Center in Garner; and on Wednesday, November 12, from 7-9 a.m. at the Floyd County Fair Swartzrock Community Center in Charles City.

More information and a full list of open house dates and locations can be found at the Summit website, online at www.summitcarbonsolutions.com.

tions.com.

The supervisors also discussed a program that provides property tax exemptions through what is known as the "slough bill."

The program provides exemptions on property with recreational lakes, forest cover, rivers, streams and open prairie.

Counties can decide whether or not they participate and allow the exemption.

At the October 20 meeting, county officials discussed challenges in determining where and how the exemption applies.

The supervisors decided to discontinue the exemption in Worth County.

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"I had to pull over to the edge of the road real quick as he came off the bridge," Roppe recalls. "The driver was a real old guy with white whiskers wearing a dark jacket and a dark hat with a round top."

"There was no lantern on the buck-board, but the moon was out so he had pretty good light."

"I stopped but he didn't pay any attention to me, just looked straight ahead and kept saying 'Git up! Git up!,' over and over to his team."

"I rolled my window down and asked him, 'Where are you going? Can you, see?' but he just kept going, didn't even look in my direction. "He just rattled on, not going very fast, just kind of a trot with those dapple grays, saying, 'Git up! Git up!,' about a dozen times."

"Those wooden wheels with their iron rims just rattled in the gravel. I didn't recognize the driver. I'd never seen him before. He was kind of a spooky looking guy with, his white whiskers driving that buck-board out there without a lantern in the middle of the night."

"But the spookiest thing was what he had in the back of that buckboard. It was a long wooden box, looked kind of like an old casket to me."

"It's a good thing I had a

friend with me, 'cause if I'd been alone, I'd really have been scared."

As it turned out, what Roppe saw next—or rather, what he didn't see—made his hair stand on end.

"I got out of the car to watch him, but he just disappeared after about half a block or so. I mean vanished!"

"My passenger was watching too, and yelled out, 'Where'd he go?' about the same time the rattling of the wheels stopped."

Roppe, who still lives about a half-mile from where the old bridge stood, asked several neighbors if they'd seen or heard anything strange that night, but got only negative replies.

He made several efforts to satisfy his curiosity by hiding out near the bridge several nights, but never saw the phantom buck-board again.

The old bridge was replaced in 1954, when the county channeled the river to eliminate the oxbow and straighten the road. Remnants of the oxbow are still visible on either side of 495th Street where it intersects with "The Haunted Road," at the southeast corner of Ochee Yahola, right where the old bridge once stood.

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on caring for older adults with compassion and respect.

Five area churches stepped forward as founding congregations: First Lutheran, Silver Lake Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Deer Creek Lutheran (Carpenter) and Zion Lutheran. Three more area congregations joined these start-up efforts in 1958: Northwood Methodist, Emmanuel Lutheran (Grafton) and Bethany Lutheran (Joice).

In 1961, plans were outlined for a two-wing facility, each wing consisting of 22 beds, and construction began on the first wing. The next year, doors opened on the completed first wing and a fundraising campaign was launched to meet construction costs for the second wing, an estimated \$81,000.

The Lutheran Retirement Home Dedication Day in 1962 was attended by more than 400 congregation members, neighbors, friends and guests.

As the needs of the community grew so did the facility. In 1992 the Independent Living complex was created.

In 2008 the Pines (Assisted Living) was built.

Currently, congregations part of the LRH Corporation include Silver Lake Lutheran, Elk Creek Lutheran, Deer Creek Lutheran (Carpenter), Emmanuel Lutheran, Bethany Lutheran, Sion Lutheran, Deer Creek Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and First Lutheran.

Today the Lutheran Retirement Home continues to serve as a part of the community. Honoring its long-standing traditions while adapting to meeting the evolving needs of residents and families across North Iowa.

While it does so, according

to LRH board members, the home, like most throughout the nation, is facing major challenges, only exasperated by the lingering impacts of the COVID epidemic.

In Iowa alone, over 40 nursing homes have closed, due primarily to a persistent nursing shortage.

While nursing homes are closing or facing nursing shortages, the need for skilled nursing facilities increases as does Iowa's population over the age of 60. Iowa ranks fifth with the highest proportion of residents 75 or older.

Rural nursing homes face additional challenges providing high-quality care. Medicaid is the primary payer for 62% of nursing home residents, but Medicaid only reimburses 86 cents per dollar spent on those patients.

LRH is amongst the homes facing the challenges of aging facilities and limited financial reimbursement.

According to LRH leaders, the organization is at risk of being unable to care for the growing senior population.

With that in mind, LRH has developed plans to address the situation, with financial support from its communities.

LRH has established a \$1 million goal for what it is calling its Caring for Our Communities Appeal.

In a document answering questions about the Appeal, LRH representatives clarified that LRH is not in debt. According to the document, LRH can't receive WCDA funds for some of the needs that the appeal seeks to cover.

The funds being sought from the community will help address facility repair and construction projects, meet increasingly complex care needs, offset declining

reimbursement and tackle rising costs.

Altogether, LRH leaders say that the convergence of needs threatens the organization's future long-term.

The goal is to sustain the quality care that has characterized LRH for more than six decades.

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nebagocountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections; or at the Iowa Secretary of State's polling place online search, at apps.sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx.

In the city of Fertile, the terms of mayor and three city council members will be up for election. On ballots for mayor will be Nick Bailey and council will be Rick Anderson, Audrey Benson, Holly Lovik-Hanna, Matthew Dean Haugen and Michael Lester.

In the city of Grafton, the terms of mayor and all members of the city council will be up for election. On ballots for mayor will be John W. Bork, and for council will be Randy Hulshizer, Tom Kruger and Michael Schaub.

In Hanlontown, the seats of the mayor and three council members will be up for election. On ballots will be Peter Brattrud for mayor and Crystal Brower, Linda Fulton, Johnathon Jones, Mike Kennedy, Linda McMullin, Dan Moretz and Shannon Warren for city council.

In Joice, two council terms will be up for election. Appearing on ballots will be Terry Anonson and Brady Heagel.

In Kensett, the terms of mayor and two council members will be up for elec-

tion. On ballots for mayor will be Richard Olson and for council, Mike Diamond, Karen Erickson, Eli Gile, Larry Larson and Ryder Lestrud. Brandee Cooper and Mike Williams will also 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. On ballots for mayor will be Bruce Helgeson, and for council will be Kristin W. Peters and Rob Hughes. Mark Peterson is running to fill a council vacancy.

In Manly, the terms of three council members will be up for election. Appearing on ballots will be Rick Aguilera, Pete Andera, Joe Ryan and Troy Tabbert.

In Northwood, the terms of mayor and two council members will be up for election. Doug Moehle will appear on ballots for mayor and Steve Peterson and Teresa George-Zenz will appear on ballots for council seats.

Northwood voters will also be asked whether or not to approve a hotel/motel tax in the city.

In the Central Springs school district, Jean Schilling will appear on ballots to represent District 1, North A, and Ashley Kohler will run to represent District 2, South A.

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 will be on ballots for the at-large director position. Jolene Helgeson will be on ballots for the District 1 school board seat.

Lake Mills district voters will also be asked to decide if the district's physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL) should continue.

Two seats on the Northwood-Kensett school board will be up for election. Bradley Christianson and Naomi Gudmonson will appear on ballots for the board positions.

N-K voters will also be asked to decide if the district's PPEL should be extended.

In the Forest City school district, two District 1 seats, one District 2 seat and one District 3 seat will be up for election. Appearing on ballots will be Cody Hennigar and Andrew Fedders for District 1, David Reese for District 2 and Beth Clouse for District 3.

In the St. Ansgar school district, the board seats of districts 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be up for election. Anthony Brown, District 3, Matt Foster, District 4, Mary Lowana Hannam, District 5, and Lindsey Falk, District 6, will appear on ballots.

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The costumed kids, and their accompanying adults, costumed or otherwise, will parade to the basketball courts in Central Park.

At the park, a costume contest will be held, with prizes going to the top three winners in three age groups, children three and under, 4-6 and 7-10.

All kids under the age of 10 taking part will receive a bag of candy, while supplies last.

Following the parade, from 5-8 p.m., children will be trick or treating throughout Northwood.

Those handing out candy are asked to turn on their porch lights to signal that they are welcoming trick or treaters.

G-E hosts Veterans Day program

Glenville-Emmons schools will host a Veterans Day assembly at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, in the GE High School gym.

The program will include patriotic musical selections, presented by GE grades 4-6 music classes, the grades 7-12 band and the 7-12 choir. The presentation of the colors will be conducted by local American Legion members.

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Northwood

From the AD desk

By Northwood-Kensett athletic directors
Trevor Hunt and Monte DeArmoun

We wanted to start off by saying congratulations to Ivy Urbatsch for qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet in Fort Dodge on Saturday, November 1. Ivy placed first at the state qualifying meet at NIACC on Thursday, October 23. She is the first state qualifying meet champion from N-K and the third girl to qualify for state in our school's program history. Congratulations and good luck Ivy!

Communication is an essential part of successful teams. Last year at Northwood-Kensett, we started using the app SportsYou for all of our middle school and high school extracurricular teams, clubs and organizations. SportsYou allows both students and parents to have direct access to important information, messages and updates from the coach or organization sponsor. Parents: if you have not yet joined the SportsYou group for your student's activities, please email the coach or sponsor for the join code to get signed up. There is a separate join code for each team, club, and activity, so be sure to connect with each of your student's activities. This ensures you receive all important communication regarding practices, games, contests and special events, such as Senior Night, for all of your student's activities.

SAVE THE DATE: After 2020 kept us from celebrating the 50th season of Northwood-Kensett girls basketball, we are planning a 55th season celebration on Saturday, December 15, during the basketball games against Riceville. All N-K girls basketball alumni, coaches and players will receive free admission to the games. Check back here and the N-K school website

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and Facebook page for more specific information.

Our final update this week relates to the ever changing updates in the Top of Iowa Conference. After our update on the TIC a couple weeks ago, we now have another. Beginning in the 2026/27 school year, the TIC will be a 14-team conference. North Butler will then be exiting the conference for the 27/28 school year, leaving the TIC as a 13-team conference, if nobody else leaves at that time. Information about the 2026 volleyball season was shared in our previous article, but look for more updates about specific sports and activities being announced in the coming months.



Making a safe escape

Last Friday, students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary took part in the annual bus evacuation drills. Each class boarded the buses, where drivers Dave Capitani and Barry Wangsness talked to them about what to do when buses break down or have accidents, and they may need to evacuate. After showing them the emergency exits through windows, the roof and the doors, the students practiced how to leave the bus through the rear emergency exit. In the case of younger students, they had some help from fifth grade volunteers.



A festive front

In the weeks before Halloween, the students, staff and visitors to Northwood-Kensett Elementary have been welcomed with this display at the front entrance. Featuring pumpkins, skeletons, spiders, bats and more, the school has been in the Halloween holiday spirit.

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N-K cross country runs at State qualifying race, sends Urbatsch to State

By Troy Einertson
Northwood-Kensett
cross country coach

As a coach there are a lot of races, or meets that you look forward to each year. These races let you see not only all of your kids' hard work pay off, but also let you as a coach see if what you are trying to teach your kids is really working. The State Qualifying Race at NIACC is one of those races.

We had just come off a strong showing at the Top of Iowa Conference race, and I knew that they were not going to leave anything in their tanks at this race. So after a week of prep work, a lot of sleepless nights and a great team night sponsored by our parents at The Slice, we were ready to leave our mark on this oh so important race!

The girls got us started right on time and as we had worked on all year they came through the quarter mile right where they needed to be. Ivy, Merrin and Maddie all had a plan on what we needed to do, and they were executing it to a T.

Ivy came through first, running with the lead pack. We knew we needed to sit on a couple girls' shoulders and that there would be one girl who was going to take off and we were going to let her go. Ivy did exactly what she needed to do and she was sitting in a perfect position after a mile.

Merrin and Maddie were also sticking to the plan of getting out quickly and running in a pack with other girls. At mile one they were all right where they needed to be!

Normally I would try to get to another spot before the two mile marker to give them some instructions or encouragement, but they were cruising along at a very fast clip and I knew there was no way I could do this and get to mile two.

At mile two Ivy had closed the gap with the lead runner and she and Claire, from Riceville, were gaining on her very quickly. Ivy came through the two mile mark in a crazy fast time, and she was looking great so I knew the game was on!

Merrin was also cruising at the two mile mark and she had worked her way up into the top 30, while Maddie was way ahead of her pacing chart at the marker.

I took off after Maddie came by to try and get to the end of the race. I got there just in time to see Ivy in front with about a quarter mile to go. She continued to work hard, and finished the race first in a time of 19:18. Merrin also just crushed it the last mile coming through in a huge PR time of 22:38 and a 30th place finish while Maddie came in at 25:16, which was also her PR for the year.

For Ivy, the win punched her ticket to the State Cross

Country Championship Race, which will be held November 1 in Fort Dodge. Her first place finish is our first championship at the Qualifying race since 1991, and she will be only the third runner in our history to represent Northwood-Kensett at the State Championships!

Maddie finished her year in impressive fashion with her 25:16 finish. She is a hurdler and sprinter in track and running cross country this fall is going to give her a tremendous advantage come track season.

For Merrin it was her last cross country race here at N-K and as we talked after it was all said and done everything kind of hit us. Merrin has battled a lot of things in her four years, but to end it like she did was a day that none of us will ever forget. She went from a freshman that could barely break 30:00 to a confident senior who ran the race of her life in the most important race of the year. As I told her after the races were done, the sky is the limit for her and she is going to do amazing things in the years to come!

The boys towed the line shortly after the girls finished and I had just enough time to get over to the starting line to give them a little more advice. All year long it has been a struggle to get to the boys start after the girls finish because of time constraints. For this race there was an extra 10 minute break so I was extremely happy I could wish the boys luck.

Like the girls, they all had a plan on what they wanted to do. Their plans were a little different than the girls because they wanted to try different strategies during this race. Now normally I would have been not in favor of any of this, but Landen and Zach were adamant about what they wanted to do so I said what the heck!

Dagen and Ayden also knew what they wanted to do, and I gave them my blessing and told them to get after it!

Now for those of you who have never watched a cross country race I encourage you to do so. Why? Well just to watch the 100 or so boys take off to start the race is enough to make you love the sport. All of them were working for position and by the time you get to the quarter mile mark the 50 meter wide open field turns into a five foot running area. It is very exciting to see all of these athletes try and get into position before this turn!

Landen came through the quarter mile in the top 20, while Zach was not far behind. Dagen has been as steady as it goes all year and he is usually right on cue for his quarter mile split. Today was no different as he came through in

his normal 1:26. Ayden on the other hand was slaying the first quarter mile as he came through in under 2:00 for the first time all year!

Luckily for me the quarter mile mark and the mile mark are not too far apart. So I went to the mile mark and waited. I didn't have to wait long because Landen came through in his fastest time of the year at 5:35. Zach and Dagen were not far behind, so I knew I had to get to the two mile mark ASAP!

I made it to the two mile mark just in time to catch Landen. He was running an amazing race, and I knew he was going to leave everything on the course. Zach and Dagen came through just after Landen, and both of them were looking great. I didn't have time to wait for Ayden, but I knew I could catch him on the back stretch so I took off.

I got there just in time to see Landen making his move. He was running stride for stride with a Nashua runner, and I encouraged them to both finish strong. Dagen had moved up quite a bit, and Zach was holding steady. I let both of them go and took off to see how Ayden was doing. He was about two minutes up on his pace chart, and I knew with a little coaching along the way he would be able to reach his goal of 30:00. As he was rounding the last corner he saw the clock and shifted gears. It was there that I knew all of his hard work, and the team's hard work had paid off.

As I got to the finish line I had no idea how the boys did. It is just how it works when you are a crazy old coach like me. I had chased them all around the course, and had no idea how they finished.

Landen came through in 18:43, which was good for 25th place. Dagen came through next in 20:11, which was a PR for him. Zach finished in a time of 20:49. Ayden finished under 30:00 with a time of 29:43. This was a huge two minute PR for him!

The boys finished off their race just like they started it, giving 110%. Did it go the way they had all had liked? I guess I do not know, but what I do know is that every single one of them did the best they could and represented themselves and their school tremendously!

For Dagen, Ayden and Zach it was also their last XC race. Ayden and Dagen did a tremendous job this year, and I wish I could have had the opportunity to coach them all four years! As for Zach, he is the poster child for what a XC runner should be. In the four years he ran for me he was at every practice, and every race giving everything he could to make not only himself better but the team as well. I greatly appreciate



IVY URBATSCH

what he has taught me the last four years, and he along with Dagen, Ayden and Merrin will be greatly missed next year.

As for Landen, he

brought something to our team this year that we haven't had before. Sheer GUTS! He started later than the others, didn't have any base work in at all, and

Viking football results

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings football team fell on the road to North Union on Friday, October 17, by a score of 58-0. Due to a glitch with Bound, no other stats were available at the time of last week's story.

Against North Union, positive yardage was hard to come by on the ground. Henry Hanson had one carry for three yards and Tegan Trenhaile had one carry for two yards. Hayzin Jacobson had one carry for one yard and Tyce Helgeson had one carry for one yard. Kolton Robinson

had 10 carries for negative three yards and Alex Tiedemann had five carries for negative four yards. Brady Tufte had four carries for negative five yards.

Tiedemann was 1-5 passing the ball. He threw for 12 yards and Jaxon Reyerson had the 12 yard reception. Robinson was 0-1 passing the ball.

Jacobson had one kick return for four yards and Bowan Behne had one for 12 yards.

Behne kicked off once for 45 yards and had a two yard punt. Quinton Butler punted three times for 78

still ended up running our fastest time this year, and second fastest time ever. It is going to be fun watching him next summer, and I can guarantee everyone, he will be a force to reckon with next year!

Now our year isn't quite over yet! Ivy will be representing our school at the State Championship next Saturday in Fort Dodge. If you want to come check out her race and witness one of the greatest sporting events ever just come on down. You will see over 130 kids towing the line and representing their schools with pride! Ivy runs at the Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge at approximately 2 p.m. on November 1 and we hope to see you there!

yards and B. Tufte had one punt for 22 yards.

Tiedemann led the defense with 12 solo tackles. Robinson had nine tackles, eight solo and Aydan Schutz had 3.5 tackles, three solo. Brady Christianson had three solo tackles and Alec Ducommun had two solo tackles. B. Tufte had 2.5 tackles, two solo and Reyerson and Carson Tufte each had one solo tackle.

The Vikings end their season with a 1-4 district record and a 4-4 overall record.

Vikings end season with loss to Bulldogs

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings volleyball team traveled to Lake Mills on Monday, October 20, for a first-round post-season game and fell in straight sets 25-14, 25-9 and 25-8.

Sophie Rye led the team with three kills and 4-4 serving. Hallie Hanson had two kills and was 0-1 serving. Ashlyn Skellenger had one kill, two assists and one dig and was 5-5 serving. True Hackenmiller had one kill and eight digs and was 8-8 serving. Kenedie Berry had one kill and one dig. Camryn Rheingans had six assists and six digs and was 5-5 serving. Lexi McHenry had one dig. Kenly Solberg had one dig and was 2-2 serving. Mia Fierova was 2-2 serving.

As a team, the Vikings had eight kills, eight assists and 18 digs and were 26-27 serving.

Results from the prior week:

On Tuesday, October 14, the Vikings hosted North Iowa in a non-conference game and lost in straight sets 26-24, 25-13 and 25-11.

Rye led the team with six kills, one block, five digs and 2-4 serving. Hack-

enmiller had two kills and seven digs and was 12-12 serving with one ace. Skellenger had one kill and one dig and was 6-8 serving. Hanson had one kill, two blocks and two digs and was 2-2 serving. Rheingans had one kill, four assists and eight digs and was 8-8 serving. Solberg had one assist and three digs and was 12-12 serving with one ace. Sophia Butler had two assists and two digs. Fierova was 2-2 serving.

As a team, the Vikings had 11 kills, seven assists, three blocks and 28 digs and were 44-48 serving with two ace serves.

On Thursday, October 16, the Vikings traveled to West Hancock for a triangular with the Eagles and the North Butler Bearcats.

Against North Butler, the Vikings lost 25-10 and 25-15.

Rye led the team with three kills, one block, three digs and 6-6 serving. Fierova had two kills, two blocks and 1-2 serving. Skellenger had one kill, three digs, one block and 2-3 serving. Lilly Strand had one kill. Hackenmiller had one assist and was 6-6 serving. Rheingans had five assists, one

dig and 3-6 serving with one ace. Hanson had one block and was 1-1 serving. Solberg had one dig and was 1-2 serving.

The Vikings had seven kills, six assists, five blocks and eight digs and were 20-26 serving with one ace serve.

Against West Hancock, the Vikings took set one 25-15 and then lost 25-23 and 15-12.

Rye had seven kills, 10 digs, one block and 5-5 serving. Fierova had four kills, two blocks, two digs and 10-11 serving with one ace serve. Hanson had two kills, one assist and one block. Strand had two kills. Skellenger had one kill, two assists, two digs and 4-4 serving. Rheingans had 13 assists, nine digs and 12-15 serving with one ace serve. Hackenmiller had seven digs and was 6-6 serving with one ace. Solberg had 10 digs and was 13-13 serving with two ace serves.

The Vikings as a team had 16 kills, 16 assists, four blocks and 40 digs and were 50-54 serving with five ace serves.

NIACC presents 'Dancing Queen: An Abba Salute'

“Dancing Queen: An Abba Salute” will be presented at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. This presentation is part of the 2025-2026 NIACC Performing Arts & Leadership Series.

“Dancing Queen: An Abba Salute” is the ultimate tribute to the music of ABBA – sure to capture the hearts of fans and audiences of all ages! This live show is full of musical precision, fabulous flair and fashion,

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“S.O.S.” to “Knowing Me, Knowing You,” “Honey, Honey” to “Voulez-Vous,” audiences won’t be able to help singing and dancing along with their high-energy homage to everything ABBA!

To learn more about this performance, visit their

website at www.dancingqueenband.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.

NIACC to offer high school equivalency (HSE) classes in Garner

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) will offer High School Equivalency (HSE) classes in Garner beginning on Wednesday, October 29. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Garner Education Center.

The HSE program is designed for adults age 17 and older who did not complete high school and would like to earn their high school diploma.

Students will receive instruction in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. When a student

is ready, they will take the HiSET™, a high school equivalency exam. Once all sections of the HiSET are passed, graduates are invited to attend NIACC’s Education to Employment Graduation Ceremony, held each January and June.

More information or to

enroll in the HSE class in Garner is available by contacting NIACC’s Adult Education and Literacy program at 641-422-4278 or visit www.niacc.edu/business-and-workforce-solutions/adult-literacy/high-school-equivalency-diploma-hsed/.

DOT offers new program for young drivers- Alive at 25

The Iowa Department of Transportation is helping young drivers navigate the real-world challenges they face behind the wheel: peer pressure, risky decisions, and inexperience.

The Iowa DOT’s Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) announces the launch of a new national driver safety initiative, Alive at 25 as part of National Teen Driver Safety Week to address educational objectives focused on improving driver behavior among Iowa’s youngest drivers. Alive at 25 is a four-hour course designed to complement standard driver education programs. Participants in the Alive at 25 class will learn the negative effects and dangers associated with speeding, distractions, peer pressure, and driver inexperience.

Young drivers who

receive a second violation on their intermediate license now have a one-time opportunity to complete the Alive at 25 program through the Iowa Illinois Safety Council instead of serving a license suspension. If the course is completed by the deadline listed in their suspension notice, MVD will lift the suspension. While the one-time program is voluntary, it’s a valuable option as research shows that suspensions fail to improve driving behavior, but education can have a positive and measurable impact.

After a thorough review of crash data, current programs, and national best practices, a team of experts from the Motor Vehicle Division, DOT Traffic & Safety, UnityPoint Health, and the University of Iowa recommended the Alive at

25 program, an interactive, behavior-focused course developed by the National Safety Council and designed specifically for drivers aged 15 to 24.

Alive at 25 is designed to change behavior with a curriculum designed to provide meaningful, practical tools that can help prevent crashes and save lives:

Risk recognition and the impact of poor decision-making

Distractions, peer pressure, and driver inexperience

State laws on impaired driving, speeding, seatbelts, and cellphone use

Defensive driving techniques and passenger responsibility

“Alive at 25 is not a repeat of driver education,” said Iowa DOT’s Driver Education Program Manager Vania Boyd. “This

program focuses solely on improving poor driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving and peer pressure. Driving is a heavy responsibility, and we want to ensure young Iowans feel comfortable and confident behind-the-wheel, and our goal is to educate young drivers through interactive exercises and discussions aimed to improve their decision-making skills,” Boyd adds.

The Alive at 25 program will be jointly administered by MVD and the Iowa Illinois Safety Council, with regular coordination to monitor student participation and course completions.

For general information about Alive at 25, visit the Iowa DOT’s Driver Improvement Program web page.



Sand campaigns in Worth County
Iowa Auditor of State Rob Sand, seeking election as governor in 2026, paid an early campaign stop to Worth County last week. Sand spoke to a gathering at Worth Brewing Company in Northwood. Sand’s discussion included his background, his time promoting government efficiency as auditor and how he wants to work towards decreasing the power of political parties in the election process, with the goal of not limiting Iowans to just two choices in primaries and elections.

Northwood Anchor

Fertile Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, WAGS, 5:30 p.m., Assemble Newsletter, 9 a.m., Confirmation at Grace, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Grace Worship, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, Sunday School at Bethlehem, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m., WAGS Wednesdays at Grace School, Meal, 5:30 pm., Lesson, 6 p.m., Confirmation at Bethlehem

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

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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; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., DCV, 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 1 p.m., 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

Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Fr. Dave O’Connor, Pastor
Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor
www.sacredheartmanly.org

Faith Lutheran Church, London

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m. (Fall through Spring); Sunday, Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Kent Otterman

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood

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

Pastor Theodore Gullixson

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Facing Our Fears

Many of us may have found that the fears we encountered as children have significantly changed as we grew older. Of course, this is normal, but sometimes, addressing our fears as adults can actually be a more difficult undertaking. A child may overcome their fear of a dark room upon a light switch being turned on, as they recognize there was nothing in the room for them to be afraid of. In the same way, we may overestimate the effect of our fears on ourselves, so it is quite important to stay grounded in this regard. This can be done by reasoning through our fears and their effects. Some determinations we can try to make are finding whether the fear is justified to begin with, whether it is a fear based in uncertainty, or whether it is a fear based on an impending occurrence that we’re aware of. It is also quite important to remember that we do not face our fears alone. As we develop relationships as we continue to grow in age and character, we may find it much easier in addressing fears, or really, any problem, by utilizing the support of our families, friends, or communities in faith. While the nature of our fears surely changes throughout our lives, we may find there are certain approaches to facing them that are universally beneficial.

-James Stone

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? – Psalm 27:1 (NIV)

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Cook Bookin'

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

Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

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

Since Halloween is upon us, I wanted to do some “tales from the crypt.” My crypt doesn’t hide bodies; it hides a large collection of clippings and recipes snipped from magazines and newspapers. They date back decades, like 50 years, and are part of a wonderful gift I received from a reader. A family member lovingly collected these recipes in a folder that found its way to me. I’ve had to adapt some of them since ingredients available then are not always in today’s supermarkets. These recipes are all meatballs! Almost everyone likes those little bites of flavor plus they can be made from almost any type of ground meat or even tofu for the vegans among us.

Barbequed Meatballs

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
3/4 cup regular oatmeal, not instant
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon minced onion
1/8 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 cup milk
All-purpose flour for dusting
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Mix all the ingredients gently with clean hands and form into balls. Roll them in some of the flour. Heat the oil in a large, heavy skillet and brown the meatballs on all sides. Pour off any drippings and place the balls in a baking dish large enough to accommodate them in one layer.

Sauce:
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1 cup catsup
1 small onion, minced

Mix all these ingredients in a saucepan and heat, mixing well. Pour the sauce over the meatballs. Cover the dish with foil Bake in a pre-heated 350 degree F. oven for 45-60 minutes.

SANDY’S NOTE: Use a bottle of your favorite barbeque sauce if you don’t want to bother making your own but add the minced onion to it.

Tangy Sweet & Sour Meatballs

1 pound lean ground beef
2 teaspoons Worcestershire
1/4 cup minced yellow onion
1 teaspoon dried oregano
2 tablespoons dried parsley
1 large egg
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1/4 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 clove garlic, minced

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
Sauce:
1 can (8oz) tomato sauce
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3/4 cup water
4 teaspoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Combine the meatball ingredients by mixing gently with clean hands. Shape into 1 1/2-inch balls. In a large, deep skillet or Dutch oven, heat the oil and brown the meatballs on all sides. Mix the sauce ingredients, combining well. Pour over the meatballs and simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Serve over hot cooked rice.

Appetizer Meatballs

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
3/4 cup old-fashioned oats, uncooked
1 1/3 cup bottled chili sauce
2 large eggs, beaten
3/4 cup grape jelly

Combine the beef, oats, eggs, salt and 1/3 cup of the chili sauce. Mix well and shape into 1-inch appetizer-sized balls. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. and bake the meatballs for 15 minutes. Combine the remaining chili sauce and the grape jelly in a large, heavy skillet with a cover. Cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally until the jelly has melted and the ingredients are well combined. Add the meatballs and continue cooking 3-5 minutes until heated thoroughly. Transfer to a chafing dish or serving container with a heat source to keep them warm while serving. Makes about 60 meatballs. SANDY’S NOTE: The meatballs can be kept warm in a slow cooker on low or warm setting.

Super Pork Meatballs

2 pounds ground pork
1 large egg, beaten
3/4 cup Minute Rice®
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire
Dash of black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 tablespoon seasoned salt
2 packages dry chicken or turkey gravy mix

Mix all the ingredients and form into balls. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Bake the meatballs about 45 minutes; pour off any grease in the pan. Prepare the gravy mix according to directions. Pour it over the meatballs and return the pan to the oven, baking for another 10-15 minutes. Serve with rice or noodles. SANDY’S NOTE: You can use the drippings from the pan to make your own gravy if desired; adjust for seasonings and proceed with the recipe.

I LOVE meatballs and have an entire cookbook devoted to their recipes. It’s from a restaurant in NYC that serves..... ONLY meatballs in all their glory. And.. that’s all she wrote.

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Society

Good signs

Students in Mari Ann Kroneman’s first grade classroom welcomed a special guest last week. **Melissa (Meyer) Mittelstaedt** visited the classroom to share her skills as a sign language interpreter. Mittelstaedt was introduced by her cousin, **Bryn Smalley**, a student in the class. Mittelstaedt taught them how to sign the alphabet and the numbers 1 to 10. She also taught them the signs for several animals, like goat, bird, monkey, cat and lion. Mittelstaedt also taught them how to sign “I love you” and “Happy birthday.”

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

It’s definitely cooler some days but that doesn’t make a bit of difference at Reconnect 720. We are still “dishing” out warm food and warm friendships five days a week. Our very popular coffee get-togethers are going strong. 8:30 a.m. on Mondays for the men and Tuesdays for the ladies. Conversation, treats, java... what’s not to love unless you don’t drink coffee? Then there is tea or cocoa!

The Bookworms will gather to discuss this month’s read at the Public Library on Monday, November 3 at 2 p.m. Please join us if you’re a reader who also likes to discuss books.

Bible Art Journaling is a meaningful activity. They will meet from 9-11 a.m. on November 6 and 20. Deb Rohne leads the group. Newbies are welcome; bring your Bible.

We will be starting some craft projects for Christmas: ornaments and custom-made cards using recycled items. At 12:30 p.m. on November 5 and 26.

Chair exercise has started

and will continue on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Gentle stretching and balance as well as some more active routines on video.

We’ve once again set aside Tuesdays as card and game day. Bring your own group, your snacks and beverages and use the space at Reconnect 720 free of charge. No set up or clean up at home! Just let us know when you plan to be there and we’ll give you details.

The Mexican Train will leave the station at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 13. Hop onboard for a fun ride!

Fun Bingo (with a deck of playing cards) happens at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14. Easy, free, prizes.

All November babies will have their birthday party on Wednesday, November 19 at 2 p.m. This has been such fun over the past months; not everyone has a birthday party after they grow up so WE celebrate with all of you!

Come and taste pie! We will have a pie baking contest on Friday, November 21 at 1 p.m. Six great bakers will compete; three professional bakers will judge. The rest of us will taste the goodies!

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Reconnect 720 will be closed on November 27 and 28. Have a blessed and thankful time with friends, family or pets. They are all things that enrich our lives.

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Those wanting to exhibit

Those wanting further

information are asked to call Kevin Braun or Jayson Olson, 4-H and FFA Beef Superintendents, or Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or by email at djohn@iastate.edu.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to stave off cognitive decline as you age

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any proven strategies to preventing cognitive decline? I have a family history of dementia and worry about my own memory and cognitive abilities as I grow older.

Forgetful at 55

Dear Forgetful,

For most people, starting in their fifties and sixties, the brain's ability to remember names, multi-task or learn something new starts declining. While our genes (which we can't control) play a key role in determining our cognitive aging, our general health (which we do have some control over) plays a big factor too.

Here are some healthy lifestyle strategies – recommended by medical experts – you can employ that can help stave off cognitive loss and maybe even build a stronger brain.

Manage health problems: Studies have shown that cognitive problems are related to health conditions, like diabetes, heart disease and even depression. So, if you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes you need to treat them with lifestyle changes and medication (if necessary) and get them under control. And if you have a history of depression, talk to your doctor about treatment options.

Exercise: Aerobic exercise increases blood flow to all parts of your body, including your brain, to keep the brain cells well nourished. So, choose an aerobic activity you enjoy like walking, cycling, dancing, swimming, etc., that elevates your heart rate and do it for at least 30 to 40 minutes three times a week.

Eat healthy: A heart-healthy diet, like the Mediterranean diet, will also help protect the brain. A Mediterranean diet includes relatively little red meat and emphasizes whole grains, fruits and vegetables, fish and shellfish, and nuts, olive oil and other healthy fats. Also keep processed foods and sweets to a minimum.

Get plenty of sleep: Quality, restful sleep contributes to brain health too. Typically, adults should get between seven and nine hours of sleep daily. If you have persistent problems sleeping, you need to identify and address the problem. Medications, late-night exercise and alcohol can interfere with sleep quality and length, as can arthritis pain, sleep apnea and restless leg syndrome.

If you need help, make an appointment with a sleep specialist who will probably recommend an overnight diagnostic sleep test.

Challenge your mind: Some research suggests that mind challenging activities can help improve memory, and slow age-related mental decline. But be aware that these activities consist of things you aren't accustomed to doing. In other words, crossword puzzles aren't enough to challenge your brain, if you're already a regular puzzle doer. Instead, you need to pick up a new skill like learning to dance, play a musical instrument, study a new language or do math problems – something that's challenging and a little outside your comfort zone.

Brain-training websites like Lumosity, Elevate and Peak are good mind exercising tools because they continually adapt to your skill level to keep you challenged.

Socializing and interacting with other people is another important way to stimulate the brain. So, make a point to reach out and stay connected to friends, family and neighbors. Join a club, take a class or even volunteer – anything that enhances your social life.

Don't smoke or drink: Smoking and regular alcohol consumption both effect the brain in a negative way, so kick the habit if you smoke and, if you drink, do so only occasionally.

Check your eyes and ears: A growing body of evidence shows that vision and hearing loss, which affects brain stimulation, can also increase the risk of cognitive decline. So, get your eyes and ears checked regularly and treat any issues promptly.

Reduce stress: Some stress is good for the brain, but too much can be toxic. There's evidence that things like mindfulness meditation, yoga and tai chi are all good ways to help reduce stress.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I have three chickens in my backyard. One hen lays brown eggs.

That's not unusual.

Oh, no? Could you do it?

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Another wonderful neighbor, Jared Knutson, sent me a video of an eastern cottontail trying to hide in a harvested cornfield. What was it hiding from? It feared the two adult bald eagles that had a hankering for a bunny meal. The rabbit didn't initiate the attack. Those two eagles, with white heads and white tails, made several attempts at capturing the rabbit, but were unsuccessful. The eagles have been followers of Jared's harvest activities for several years, knowing that Jared would roust rabbits from their hiding places.

Years ago, a red-tailed hawk followed my farm equipment around the field, hankering to take the voles and mice I'd exposed out to lunch. Farm equipment is much larger today, necessitating Jared's upgrade from a hawk to two eagles.

Cornelius Rooster

As I drove through Northfield, the smell of toasting grain wafted my way. Post owns the MOM (Malt-O-Meal) Brands of cereals produced in Northfield, but it's Battle Creek, Michigan, that's known as the "Cereal Capital of the World" because it's the birthplace of two major cereal companies, Post and Kellogg's.

A mascot for Kellogg's, Cornelius "Corny" Rooster, has a green body, red comb, yellow beak and multicolored tail. He promotes the advantages of a Kellogg's breakfast with his friendly attitude and healthy appear-

ance. "Nothing gets you crowing in the morning like Kellogg's Corn Flakes!"

Wheaties was invented in 1921 when a clinician for the Washburn Crosby Company (Minneapolis) accidentally spilled wheat bran onto a hot stove. After many attempts to fortify the cereal to withstand shipping, Gold Medal Whole Wheat Flakes were released in 1924. A contest led to the name Wheaties. In 1926, Wheaties was featured in the first prerecorded radio jingle, "Have You Tried Wheaties?" on station WCCO (named for Washburn-Crosby Company). Washburn-Crosby merged with three other mills and was renamed General Mills in 1928. The cereal was featured on a billboard, with the tagline "The Breakfast of Champions," for the Minneapolis Millers baseball team and sponsored that team's broadcasts on WCCO.

I've learned

Our clocks go back soon, but I don't remember where I bought them.

If you want a dollar's worth of gas, buy a few radishes.

If you see lions, tigers and bears, you're at an animal sanctuary or a zoo.

I needed a twist tie. I found one in the junk drawer next to the broken pliers and an ancient, floppy, round piece of textured rubber meant to help open jars while promoting a funeral home.

Dr. Frankenstein found the brain for his monster in the junk drawer.

Age isn't just a number. It's a word.

We need conspiracy theories that promote joy and optimism.

Bad jokes department

Robert E. Lee had a brother who was never late. His name was Earl Lee.

My neighbor was fired from his

job at a dairy farm because he was a danger to himself and udders.

What's the difference between a pickpocket and an umpire? One steals watches and the other watches steals.

Whoever came up with "a penny for your thoughts" and "I'm being nickel-and-dimed to death" certainly knew how to coin a phrase.

Singing in the shower is great until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

Nature notes

A monarch butterfly was in my yard on October 24. Monarchs migrate between 50-100 miles a day; it can take up to two months to complete the journey. The farthest-ranging monarch butterfly recorded traveled 265 miles in one day. Their arrival in Mexico coincides with the celebration of the Day of the Dead on November 1 and 2. Monarch butterflies cluster in the treetops of sacred fir at the El Rosario Sanctuary, Michoacan, in central Mexico. My yard butterfly is unlikely to join that gathering.

Four young opossums (joeys) fed under the bird feeders. They were cute, and they had 50 teeth each, more than any other American mammal. Opossums are omnivores and eat just about anything, even mustard and sugar sandwiches. I don't know for sure that they'd eat those sandwiches, but I bet they would. The Virginia opossum is the only marsupial native to North America. Playing possum is an involuntary response to potential predators. An adult opossum weighs 4-14 pounds, and opossums are found from Costa Rica to Ontario and British Columbia.

Meeting adjourned

If we judge others, it reveals more about ourselves than others. Be kind.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

To the residents of Northwood. On November 4 please vote No for the 7% tax increase on the Royal Motel. It is not that easy to just pass on extra costs to customers. We already have the lowest rates around, which keeps people coming back and construction workers stay in for months when there's a project. Which in turn gives Northwood establishments lots of extra business they wouldn't normally have. My wife and I have spent the last 20 years running an honest, clean motel, that brings in this extra business. We've missed many family events. We've lost sleep from late night calls and people that don't show up. We've even kept some trouble makers out of Northwood

by not renting to them.

We've put a lot of blood, sweat and money into this motel the last 20 years.

We've had nothing given to us for free. Not like the Winifred Project.

I did not care about the Winifred Project until their process dragged the Royal Motel into it. We already pay 5% on every transaction. I don't know how adding another 7% tax to this little eight unit motel is going to benefit anybody. But it will definitely upset the balance we need here to make this all work. Please just leave it alone.

One other thing, since I'm taking the time to write this. Some person has been spreading rumors that there is a lodging shortage in Northwood, my wife and I own most

of the lodging in Worth County for the last 20 years. I promise you all that there is not a shortage of lodging in Northwood or Worth County for that matter we've had a very slow year. That's just how it goes some years, somebody is trying to convince people of a need that does not exist.

If anybody has any questions about lodging, call me at the Royal Motel. I will answer any questions about lodging you may have so on November 4. Please vote No, on the tax increase.

If we start losing customers so do other businesses in Northwood, then nobody profits.

Thank you for your time

Dan and Debra Luedtke

Royal Motel

Fit to print...

North America is home to many cities and towns, plenty of which share pleasant monikers. However, numerous locations evoke a sense of mystery, eeriness or even frightening images with their unique names. Those who enjoy a good scare may want to take a fall road trip around Halloween to visit some places with creepy names. Such a trip can be a fun way to see the sights and celebrate a few tricks along the way.

- Bad Axe, Michigan: This unusual name is said to have originated from surveyors who found an old, rusty and badly damaged axe at a campsite abandoned by hunters. Such an axe certainly calls foul activities to mind.

- Cape Fear, North Carolina: Sir Richard Grenville led an expedition to present-day North Carolina in 1585, hoping to reach Roanoke Island. The ship got stuck behind the cape and the crew feared the ship would capsize, hence the name.

- Coffin Cove, Newfoundland: The name sounds ominous, but it's likely tied to something quite reasonable. It is believed this area

may have been named for someone with the surname Coffin, which was prominent among English and French settlers at the time.

- Dead Women Crossing, Oklahoma: Historians believe this community gets its name from the unsolved murder of a local woman, though further details remain unclear.

- Forbidden Plateau, British Columbia: Legend says Comox people were hiding on the plateau during a raid and returned to find their women and children gone, replaced by blood-red lichen.

- Gnaw Bone, Indiana: Are there gangs of cannibals running around? No. Some historians suggest the original French settlement name of "Narbone" sounded like "Gnaw Bone" to English settlers and the name stuck.

- Hell, Michigan: No one is quite sure why this area of Michigan has such a dismal name. One theory suggests the name is derived from the hell-like conditions faced by early explorers forced to confront mosquitoes and traverse wetlands.

- Sleepy Hollow, New York:

Locales with notably spooky names

While Sleepy Hollow doesn't sound like a scary place to visit, and seems like it would be a cozy woodland retreat, Washington Irving's short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," gave this town an ominous feel. Visitors may hope to see the Headless Horseman, and the town dresses up for Halloween each year.

- Slaughter, Louisiana: Named for Will and Joe Slaughter, owners of the land upon which the town was built, this area may give some a creepy feeling. That's certainly the case in Slaughter Beach, Delaware, where local legend states the town gets its name from a massacre of its original settlers.

- Tombstone, Arizona: This Wild West town is famous for the gunslingers Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday. Residents say there are ghosts and a haunted cemetery to discover.

People who want to add a new element to Halloween fun can visit some towns with seriously spooky names.

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100 years ago

October 29, 1925

The beautiful October weather for which Iowa is famous is far from holding true this year, as the month to date has been one of the most disagreeable of the entire year, and the coldest October on record. Snow fell Sunday and Monday nights, ranging from three to seven inches.

When two cars try to pass on the Shell Rock bridge south of town something usually happened. Last Sunday when a Ford and a Packard disputed the passage of the

75 years ago

November 2, 1950

There's a human skull up at the sheriff's office. It turned up the day before Halloween-but no ghosts came around Tuesday to claim it. The sheriff still hasn't figured out what to do with it. Ted L. Faktor and Harold R. Marsh, both of Mason City, who often hunt and fish along the Shell Rock River, found the skull in the river just north of the Christiansen bridge south of town Monday.

Special instruction in atomic energy will be given seniors in Northwood high school this semester, with

50 years ago

October 30, 1975

The Northwood-Kensett drama and music department will present their fall musical, "Rock-n-Roll," Friday, November 7, at 8 p.m. at Northwood.

Steven Arnold, seventh grade student at Northwood-Kensett schools, was dismissed Saturday from the hospital and has returned to school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Arnold. Steven suffered injuries to his eye when hit by a paper wad on the school

25 years ago

November 1, 2000

Northwood-Kensett High School teachers Nichole Barragy, Amy Cassill, and Deb Faugstad have never shown their students how to carry a football, spike a volleyball or run two miles non-stop. But they do know the score. Barragy, N-K's director of vocal music, and Cassill, the school's director of instrumental music, and Faughstad, N-K's drama director, have spent much of the past six week preparing for the presentation of the Broadway musical "Grease" this coming Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4, in the west elementary auditorium.

10 years ago

October 28, 2015

This year the Green Thumb Garden Club once again highlighted homes with "curb appeal." The home of Kim Anderson, at 101 Fifth Street North, was the final one selected for the summer season. With fall officially underway, the seasonal decorations and landscaping inspired Green Thumb member Cheryl Nitcher to choose Anderson's home for recognition.

Last week one of the final touches was added to the decor of the Olson Community Room. Along with the international mementos that line the walls

Early Files

bridge, quite a lot happened to the Ford and the big car did not entirely escape damage. This is a narrow bridge, barely wide enough for two cars abreast. Aside from the scare and shake-up there were no injuries.

Bolan- Mr. and Mrs. Levi Nelson and daughters Pearl and Frances, west of Northwood and Mr. and Mrs. Art Diedrich and daughter Mavis were all entertained at the home of Mrs. B.P. Kenison Sunday.- Mr. and Mrs. Axel Carlson, Hazel, Pearl, Dorothy and Walter, autoed to Mason City to visit at the Albert Stusit home.

Kensett school news- After observing girls' inter-school basketball for some years evidences have come to the

seven sessions by Charles Peters, science teacher, and seven sessions by one of the social science teachers.

E.J. Johnson, for over 30 years a lumber dealer in Northwood and Emmons, this week announced the purchase of Thoen Implement company in one of the largest business transactions in Northwood history.

Levi Nelson, 86, a resident of Worth County for 68 years, died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Northwood following a light stroke suffered two weeks before. He had been in failing health since January.

When Chester Diehl, living on the former Christianson farm a mile and a half south of Northwood, mangled his hand in a combine a week ago Saturday it stopped fall

bus Thursday, October 15.

The fall story hour series at the Northwood Public Library got off to a flying start last week, with 22 children attending. Story ladies were Mrs. Anna McCready and Mrs. Richard Beenken.

Jennifer Pollock was presented with a Good Citizen pin and Certificate at the Daughters of the Revolution meeting on October 27. She is a member of National Honor Society and vocal and instrumental music groups, and is President of her Senior Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sutton, Kensett will observe 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 2, with a reception in the Kensett

Belinda Kraft, Northwood, is one of 26 students named to the Dean's list for terms five and six at the BVU Mason City Center.

Jennifer Butler and Shawn Thompson announce the birth of their son, David Eugene Thompson, born on October 23, 2000. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Northwood-Kensett Elementary School second-graders Katherin Paggeot and Lindsay Hall had trouble brewing up a Halloween spell last Friday afternoon, but they can't have any trouble reading their lines in several plays Diane Hanson's class put on for their parents, N-K kindergarteners and other grade schoolers in conjunction with the "Go Batty Over Books" observance here last week.

Northwood-Kensett

of the room now sits a U.S. flag, donated to the City of Northwood by the Eastern Sate Masonic Lodge, for use in the new community meeting place. Masonic Lodge members Buck and Bev Pangburn and city council member Gary Nerlien, who accepted the flag on behalf of the City.

The building that will be the new location of Worth Brewing Company continues to see improvements. Last week that included a new paint job on the upper levels of buildings exterior.

Linebacker Hayden Halbach could be the poster boy for dedicated, consistent play this season. Although the talented junior eclipsed 10 tackles and led the team in just one game on the defensive side of the ball, his

administration that this sport is too strenuous and commanding for the average growing fire under existing conditions as they are found in our school. This attitude is sustained by such authority as the National Committee on Physical Education.- The boys are now practicing basketball twice a week.

Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knutson and Miss Emma Thompson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Bublitz, St. Ansgar, at a seven o'clock dinner Thursday night. They report that the pheasant sandwiches served later in the evening were about the best thing they ever ate.

work on the farm - so a large group of neighbors pitched in to help, finishing the combining and then plowing 83 crew of land.

New playground equipment for Central park, valued at about \$250 and donated to the town of Northwood by the Lions Club, has arrived and is to be erected soon, according to Russell Baker, chairman of the Lions children's committee.

Miss Delores Hrubetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hrubetz, Kensett, and Omer D. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Johnson, Northwood, were married Saturday, October 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran parsonage by the Rev. Alf W. Jorgensen. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rustad.

Methodist church. Catherine Ann Trainer and A. Lynn Sutton were married November 3, 1935, in the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

William Lepley, superintendent of Northwood-Kensett schools was named a director from Worth County to the North Central Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual meeting in Mason City last week.

Forty students from Worth County are enrolled at Iowa State University, Ames, this fall. They are among the 21,205 enrolled which is the largest in the history of the school.

Kindergarten Elementary School Kindergarten class was all smiles Friday, October 13 after members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire company, Joe Heck, Dan, and Brad Zipse and Kensett volunteer fireman Richard Olson, gave them a ride in the new rescue vehicle and a tour of the fire house. The event was part of the fire station four and fire prevention and safety class the NVFC traditionally gives to N-K kindergarteners every October.

Northwood-Kensett junior reserve fullback J. T. Hogen gained 30 yards on a 10 carries against the SCMT Spartans Friday night, including a one-yard touchdown run and this eight-yard carry late in the fourth quarter. His blockers included Viking junior Jeff Butler.

consistent play earned him the top spot on the team this regular season with 49.5 tackles.

Tim Thofson, who has been coaching youth football in Northwood since it all began nearly 12 years ago, hung up his cleats at the conclusion of this season. She me successful high school program and I will show you a great youth program with outstanding coaches. Thanks to Tim for helping make N-K's youth ready to play at the next level.

Teresa and Jim Krull have once again found the ghostly spirit on Halloween to decorate their acreage on Highway 105, three miles east of Northwood. Drive by if you dare.

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Russell Olson

Russell E. Olson, 93, of Fairfax, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Per his wishes, he was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Russell was born on January 30, 1932, to Russell and Alice (Viberg) Olson in Mason City, Iowa. He graduated from Northwood High School on May 19, 1950. Russell later went on to Iowa State University, where he received his degree in agriculture. He married Elvira Johnson on December 21, 1952, in Northwood. He worked as a sheep buyer for Wilson's Packing Company in Cedar Rapids and later farmed until he retired.

He enjoyed watching football and women's bas-

Phyllis Tilson

Phyllis M. Tilson, 90, of Kensett, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Manly Care Center. True to her giving spirit, she donated her body to the Mayo Clinic Body Donation Program, and no services will be held at this time.

Phyllis Marguerite was born on December 28, 1934, at the family home in Vinton, Iowa, the daughter of Albert and Marie (Hopper) Smith. She grew up in Vinton, where she graduated from high school and met the love of her life, Robert Duane "Bob" Tilson. The two were inseparable high school sweethearts, marrying on November 28, 1954, in Vinton, and eventually welcoming three children: Jean, Mark and Judy, who became her pride and joy.

Phyllis completed her nursing degree at St. Luke's School of Nursing and worked as a nurse's aide early in her career. After moving to North Iowa in the 1970s, she worked at the Manly Nursing Home before joining the Worth

North Iowa Concert Band to present free fall concert on Nov. 11

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) invites the community to experience an evening of music at the North Iowa Concert Band's annual fall concert, "A Salute to Service". This free event will take place on Tuesday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the NIACC Auditorium.

Under the direction of Derrick Snead, NIACC's Director of Bands, join us as we honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces with the gift

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RUSSELL OLSON

ketball. Russell loved his family and enjoyed the time he spent with them.

Russell is survived by his son, David (Nancy) Olson; son-in-law, Tim Kay; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, JoAnn Olson and Paul (Linda) Olson.

He was preceded in death

County ASCS office (now USDA). She and Bob treasured their years together, sharing in life's simple joys until his passing in 2000.

Faith was an important part of Phyllis's life. A longtime member of Northwood United Methodist Church, she found purpose in quilting for mission projects, a reflection of her giving heart and her talent for meticulous detail. Everything Phyllis did was done with care. She was organized, precise and a perfectionist through and through. She believed in making the most of what she had, keeping and re-using items "just in case," and doing things the right way, even if it did not really matter. Independent and strong-willed, she balanced her practicality with deep compassion for others. She was always ready to help, and her quiet acts of service touched many lives.

Above all, Phyllis loved her family. Her children, grandchildren and especially her great-grandchildren, were her greatest

of music. Featuring selections from a variety of composers, this concert will include patriotic favorites, moving tributes and programmatic works that represent stories of service and sacrifice. This performance will serve as a heartfelt thank-you to all those who have worn the uniform and defended our nation's freedom. We invite the entire community to come together for an evening of remembrance, and appreciation in celebration of the courage,

by his wife; his daughter, Cindy Kay; his parents; his brother, Rodney Olson; and his brother-in-law, Craig Fallgatter.

Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross or ALS Association in honor of Russell.

The family would appreciate the American Red Cross of Cedar Rapids, and all the first responders that came to our aid. They also appreciate the neighbors, friends and family that have called and supported them during this difficult time.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.iowacremation.com under Obituaries.

source of joy. She cherished every moment spent with them, and her world was brighter because of their presence.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Jean (John) Wilkins of Runnells, Iowa, Mark (Vicki) Tilson of Peosta, Iowa, and Judy (Kurt) Rogness of Marengo, Iowa; grandchildren, Sara Barnes, Joshua (Julianna) Wilkins, Cory (Michelle) Tilson, Christian (Jennifer) Tilson, Celesta Tilson, Edward (Sarah) Rogness, and Malenda (Jordan) Folkmann; great-grandchildren, Logan, Blake, Josephine, Carter, Zoey, Mya, Dorothy "Dotty," Olivia, Braelynn, Payton, Millie, Jaylyn and Mason; and sisters, Ramona Hanson and Bernadette Wilson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bob; a grandson, Matt Wilkins; parents; a brother, Richard (Jean) Smith; and brothers-in-law, Myron "Del" Hanson and Kenny Wilson.

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Zach Heiken- Grand Champion Super Senior Showman

Horse Show



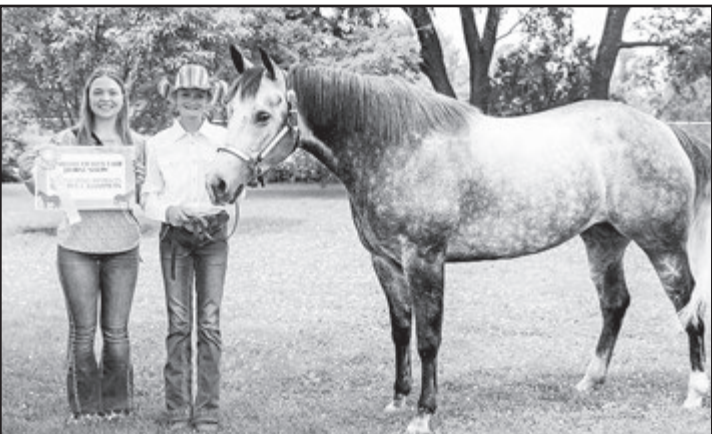
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Emma Nachazel- Grand Champion Senior Showman, Reserve Champion Market Goat



Brekken Haberman- Grand Champion Intermediate Showman



Harper Baker- Grand Champion Junior Showman



Kaleb Rogstad- Grand Champion Market Goat, Reserve Champion Senior Showman



Laina Benson- Reserve Champion Junior Showman



Katelyn Rogstad- Grand Champion Dairy Goat



Atticus Ludington- Reserve Champion Dairy Goat, Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman



Rhema Meier- Best of Show, Grand Champion Intermediate Showman



Clara Figy- Reserve Best of Show



Atticus Ludington- Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman



Isaac Ludington- Grand Champion Senior Showman



TJ Ausborn- Reserve Champion Senior Showman



Kynlee Richey- Grand Champion Junior Showman



Natalie Eilertson- Reserve Champion Junior Showman



Atticus Ludington- Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman



Breck Lutz- Grand Champion Senior Showman, Reserve Champion Best of Show



Justin Shoars- Best of Show



Piper Schmidt- Grand Champion Junior Showman



Beau Lutz- Grand Champion Intermediate Showman



Aubrey Schuttler- Reserve Champion Junior Showman



Ady Peterson- Reserve Champion Senior Showman

Rabbit Show

Ribbon Buyers

Goat Buyers	Gary & Vicki Knudtson
L.R. Falk Construction Olson Insurance	J&M Farms
Worth Mutual	Falkstone
Pat Rothove	Aaron & Michelle Neeley
Farmers State Bank	Algona Livestock LLC
Corner Post	Farmers Trust & Savings Bank
NSB Bank	Amanda Winter & Travis Nachazel
MaryAnn Christianson	BGB Farms
Dennis & Ramona Schipull	Braun Farms
LuLu & Crew	Beland Tree Service
Knudtson Automotive	Cheryl Gentz
Glory Oaks Farms	Diamond Jo Casino
Nordic Lanes	Rognes Bros Excavating Inc
Worth Solutions	Randy & Sandy Sime
Canine Depot	Fox Auction Company
Fox Auction Company	Falkstone
Falkstone	D&L Equipment
Randy & Sandy Sime	Matt & Tina Hoeft
Brett & Jackie Backhaus	Harris Farms
Gary & Vicki Knudtson	Mike & Sherry Heideman
Chad & Jamie Nelson	Bob & Sally Hertel
Pam Perkins	Chad & Jamie Nelson
Andy Grunhovd	Brad Logeman Construction
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Rognes Bros Excavating Inc	Crow Creek Farms
Diamond Jo Casino	MaryAnn Christianson
Cheryl Gentz	Kari Butler Bridley
Amanda Winter & Travis Nachazel	Brett & Jackie Backhaus
Goody's Welding	Diane Jurgemeyer
Eric Johnson/Doug Arneson	Burns Family
Stateline Specialized Trans- porters LLC	Karl Herman

Dairy Buyers	Sheep Buyers
L.R. Falk Construction	Olson Insurance
Worth Mutual	Worth Mutual
Olson Insurance	L.R. Falk Construction
Grandma Terri	Meyer Livestock Farms, LLC
Knudtson Automotive	Anonymous
Meyer Livestock Farms, LLC	Signature's Supper Club
Farmers State Bank	First Citizens Bank
Pat Rothove	Chad & Jamie Nelson
Kruger Electric	Pat Rothove
Dennis & Ramona Schipull	Farmers State Bank
NSB Bank	NSB Bank
John Julseth	Worth Solutions
Butler Construction	Brunsvold Seed
Terra-Clear	Knudtson Automotive
Diane Jurgemeyer	LuLu & Crew
Osage Co-op	Goody's Welding
Falkstone	Glory Oaks Farms
D&L Equipment	Rognes Bros Excavating Inc
Clear Lake Bank & Trust	Corner Post
Fox Auction Company	R&D Applications
Eric & Bridget Arthur	Worth County Veterinary Service
Brad & Rachel Meyer	Scott & Tammy Severson
Mike Bahnsen	Falkstone
David Meyer	John & Jen Patterson
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc	Brad & Rachel Meyer
Stateline Specialized Trans- porters LLC	Randy & Sandy Sime
Diamond Jo Casino	Eric Johnson/Doug Arneson
Brad Logeman Construction	Andy & Michelle Hill
J&M Farms	Cary & Carol VanVeldHuizen
Eric Johnson/Doug Arneson	Rognes Bros Excavating Inc
ADA Enterprises	Stateline Specialized Trans- porters LLC
Medlang Swiss Inc	Diamond Jo Casino
James Rosenberg	Sunny Jensen
Brad & Rachel Meyer	Brett & Jackie Backhaus
Crow Creek Farms	Fox Auction Company
Beland Tree Service	Mike & Sherry Heideman
Glory Oaks Farms	Crow Creek Farms
Randy & Sandy Sime	Carolyn & Daniel Reeder0
Andy & Michelle Hil	Dennis Reeder
Russ Meyer	Justin & Katie Kruger
Farmers Trust & Savings Bank	
Goody's Welding	

Beef Buyers	Swine Buyers
Knudtson Automotive	L.R. Falk Construction
Worth Mutual	Farmers State Bank
Olson Insurance	NSB Bank
Meyer Livestock Farms, LLC	Worth County Veterinary Service
Worth County Veterinary Service	LuLu & Crew
Scott & Tammy Severson	Olson Insurance
Julseth Farms	Worth Mutual
LuLu & Crew	Knudtson Automotive
NSB Bank	Forest City Vet Clinic
Goody's Welding	Terra-Clear
Pam Perkins	Goody's Welding
Signature's Supper Club	Halzey & Zaelee
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Jerry Brown	Glory Oaks Farms
Sarah Anderson	Stephanie Perkins
Andy & Amber Julseth	Nordic Lanes
John Julseth	Corner Post
Thomas Bahnsen	Meyer Livestock Farms, LLC
Gerald Schmitt	Scott & Amber Eilertson
Canine Depot	Signature's Supper Club
Mike Bahnsen	Logan Butler
Alyana Rohne	Diamond Jo Casino
Forest City Vet Clinic	Falkstone
Oakbar Ranch	John & Jen Patterson
Butler Construction	ADA Enterprises
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Ribbon Sale

Beef	
Jaxon Arthur	\$1,250
Jessika Ausborn	\$925
TJ Ausborn	\$675
Harper Baker	\$1,425
Owen Binnebose.....	\$2,600
Ariah Bode.....	\$700
Lane Brown	\$1,200
Callan Brunsvold	\$1,070
Natalie Burns.....	\$875
Zaila Dahlstrom	\$1,350
Martin Girouard.....	\$925
Skyla Groves	\$1,000
Henry Hanson	\$1,050
Ariana Heiken	\$1,200
Cordell Hoeft	\$1,050
Ella Knudson.....	\$1,375
Lane Knudson	\$1,400
Payten Kruger	\$975
Tate Kruger	\$1,050
Kendall Krull.....	\$2,625
Addison Meyer	\$1,650
Cohen Meyer	\$2,450
Collyn Meyer	\$1,625
Kason Meyer.....	\$1,300
Aiden Moretz	\$1,000
Emma Nachazel	\$1,100
Aleah Neeley	\$700
Landen Nelson	\$2,025
Loghan Nelson	\$1,275
Brianna Perkins.....	\$1,325
Ady Petersen	\$825
Layla Scarlett.....	\$1,300
Piper Schmidt.....	\$1,225
Aubrey Schuttler.....	\$900
Justin Shoars	\$1,275
Natalie Shoars.....	\$1,200
Blake Stevens.....	\$1,300
Ivy Toresdahl.....	\$1,550
Logan Trenhaile.....	\$975
Tegan Trenhaile.....	\$1,075
Aaliyah Wicke	\$1,250
Ethan Wright	\$900

Dairy	
Jessika Ausborn	\$675
TJ Ausborn	\$400
Aspen Beland	\$1,250
Ariah Bode.....	\$975
Cole Hagen	\$830
Hailey Hagen.....	\$680
Jamison Harms-Rothmeyer.....	\$600
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Zach Heiken	\$900
Ella Knudson.....	\$675
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Keegan Lund	\$325
Tinley Lund.....	\$550
Beau Lutz	\$1,400
Breck Lutz	\$1,200
Kynlee Richey.....	\$425
Calvin Rognes.....	\$1,000
Layla Scarlett.....	\$825
Justin Shoars	\$850
Natalie Shoars.....	\$1,050
Ivy Toresdahl.....	\$1,100
Erica Heims.....	\$650
Josh Leerar.....	\$400

Dog Show



Jessika Ausborn-
Reserve Champion
Obedience



Ben Meier-
Grand Champion Senior
Showman



Ethan Wright-
Reserve Champion
Junior Showman



Emma Nachazel-
Reserve Champion Senior
Showman, Grand Champi-
on Open Class Obedience,
Grand Champion Open
Class Agility



Asher Ludington-
Grand Champion Junior
Showman, Reserve Champi-
on Agility



Jonah Trenhaile-
Grand Champion
Intermediate
Showmanship, Grand
Champion Obedience, Grand
Champion Agility



Rhema Meier-
Reserve Champion
Intermediate Showman

Statement from the Lake Mills Community School District board president

The Lake Mills Community School District Board of Education President Ryan Joynt has released the following statement:

On Tuesday, November 4, our community will consider renewing the voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy for the Lake Mills Community School District.

Like most Iowa school districts, we have had the benefit of this critical levy for many years. If the voted PPEL is renewed in November, we plan on using the funds for things like building maintenance, roof repairs, equipment purchases, student technology, buses, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. These are items that the district cannot cover through its regular operational budget alone.

While our high school building has served generations of Bulldogs, it

was constructed in 1926 and will soon reach its 100th anniversary. The building has stood the test of time, and thanks in part to the voted PPEL, we have been able to make meaningful improvements over the years. Continued support will allow the district to keep updating the facility to meet the evolving educational needs of our students for years to come.

It's also important to note that a renewed PPEL will not increase property tax rates or create a new tax.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank everyone who has asked thoughtful questions, provided feedback, and remained engaged in this important process. We appreciate the opportunity to serve a community that cares so deeply about its local public schools.



The team of (from left) Caleb Skogen, Royce Peterson, Lane Rygh, Steve Brandenburg, Hayden Thompson, Knute Rogne and Brayden Eden will be gearing up for the state meet on Saturday looking to be crowned champions for the third year in a row. Photo - Lake Mills Photography

Bulldogs dominate at NIACC, Renneker and Thompson break records

By Matt Pfaltzgraff

The Lake Mills cross country teams returned to NIACC on Thursday for the 1A State Qualifying Meet, a course they had just run a week earlier at the Top of Iowa Conference meet. Both teams set program records, several athletes achieved personal bests, and the boys secured a team qualification for the state meet.

Junior Kara Renneker capped off her season with a standout performance, finishing 15th overall and running the best race in Lake Mills girls cross country history. Renneker reset her own program record with a time of 21:20.7, now holding the

top two individual times in school history. Fellow junior Kaylie Sylvara was next, placing 26th with a time of 22:21. A strong Bulldog pack came next with freshman Tori Holtan (24:26, 48th), junior Lily Young (24:34, 52nd), and freshman Katie Machin (24:42, 55th). Freshman Kylie Schulz placed 69th in 27:28, while junior Laylah Ingledue rounded out the lineup in 76th with a time of 30:29.

The girls will now be looking towards next season, with no runners graduating. Head coach Beth Van Roekel comments, "The girls have really come together as a team, supporting each other, organizing their own team builders and fun times to be together. They have been such a joy to coach, and I really look forward to having them all back next year!"

The Bulldogs dominated the boys' qualifying meet, winning the team title and placing their top five runners in the top ten, peaking at the perfect time. Senior Hayden Thompson ran his best race yet, winning the meet and setting a new program record with a sub-16-minute time of 15:56.1. Senior Knute Rogne, who previously held the record, finished right behind him in second at 16:02.5. Junior Lane Rygh placed 5th in

17:13, senior Steve Brandenburg followed in 6th at 17:15, and senior Royce Peterson completed the scoring pack in 9th at 17:26. Sophomore Brayden Eden (22nd, 18:31) and junior Caleb Skogen (27th, 18:47) rounded out the varsity squad.

For the boys, it will be all business on Saturday as they head into a competitive 1A state field. Van Roekel adds, "State is going to be a tough competition, facing some really good teams, so we will have to run our best to have a chance at a 3-peat. The boys have been working so hard preparing for

the season and all throughout the season, and this is the time to go out there and leave it all on the course. I am so proud of their effort, focus, and dedication to this sport and making their mark on school history."

The Lake Mills boys will run their final race of the fall on Saturday, November 1, as they compete for the Class 1A State Championship, a title they've held for the past two years. The meet will take place at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course just north of Fort Dodge, with the race set to begin at 2:45 p.m.



Regan Eastvold (5) was named conference MVP by the head coaches. Eastvold and the rest of the team will continue to reach their goals for the volleyball program. Photo - Lake Mills Photography

Bulldogs keep rolling with back-to-back postseason sweeps; All-Conference Team released

By Matt Pfaltzgraff

It was another dominant week for the Lake Mills volleyball team, as the Bulldogs recorded back-to-back sweeps at home, defeating Northwood-Kensett on Monday and North Iowa on Wednesday. With the two postseason victories, Lake Mills continues to advance in tournament play. Against Northwood-Kensett, the Bulldogs earned a convincing 3-0 win (25-14, 25-9, 25-8) in a full team effort. Mackenzie Budach led the offense with 11 kills, followed by Cora Sauer with 7 and Betsy Byars with 4. Regan Eastvold set the tone with 23 assists and added a block, while Tori Sterrenberg led the team in blocks with 3. Kaydence Barden and Byars each contributed one block apiece. From the service line, Barden, Budach, and Eastvold each recorded 5 aces, and Hailey Jensen added 3. Defensive-

ly, Reagan Ham paced the team with 9 digs, while Budach and Sauer added 6 and 5 respectively. Lake Mills carried that momentum into Wednesday's match, sweeping North Iowa 25-18, 25-4, 25-18. Sets one and three were tightly contested early on, but the Bulldogs pulled away at key moments. Set two was a showcase of efficiency, with Lake Mills firing on all cylinders and playing in perfect rhythm. Eastvold once again guided the offense, finishing with a team-high 27 assists, 4 aces, and 12 digs, second most on the team. Ham led the defense with 16 digs. Sterrenberg tallied 5 blocks, while Budach, Byars, Dean, and Eastvold each added 2. Budach dominated again with 16 kills, followed by Sauer with 6 and Byars with 5. Lake Mills (26-10) now turns its focus to a highly anticipated

regional matchup against Class 1A No. 1 Saint Ansgar (26-4) on Monday, October 27. The winner will advance to play at a neutral site on Wednesday, October 29, with first serve set for 7:00pm. The Top of Iowa Conference - West volleyball honors were released last week and it was a sweep in honors too. On the honors list was a large pack of Bulldogs starting with Coach of the Year. Head coach Brook Christianson was tabbed as Coach of the Year in year three as leader of the program. Junior setter Regan Eastvold was voted 1st Team All-Conference and Conference MVP. Reagan Ham and Mackenzie Budach also joined in on 1st Team All-Conference. Afton Dean, Jasmine Schwartz and Cora Sauer were all voted on to 2nd Team All-Conference. Tori Sterrenberg was named to Honorable Mention.

Halloween events in LM

This Friday, October 31, Halloween, will bring opportunities to trick or treat in Lake Mills.



The Lake Mills Care Center Mills Harbour Assisted Living will welcome costumed visitors with a lighted courtyard walk for trick or treating.

The courtyard walk will be held on Halloween, October 31, from 5-6 p.m.

Trick or treating in Lake Mills will be held on Halloween, from 5-7 p.m.



Kara Renneker caps off her junior season with her best race. Renneker will continue to cement her name in the Bulldogs' record books next year. Photo - Lake Mills Photography

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3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949	\$34,645	\$2,888	\$1,444	\$1,333	\$667
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144	\$41,795	\$3,483	\$1,742	\$1,608	\$804
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340	\$48,945	\$4,079	\$2,040	\$1,883	\$942
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536	\$56,095	\$4,675	\$2,338	\$2,158	\$1,079
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Cover crop and grazing field day to be held near Osage on November 13

Iowa Learning Farms will host a cover crop and grazing field day near Osage on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Green County Farms. The event is open to farmers and landowners at no cost and includes a complimentary meal.

"This field day aims to equip attendees with best management practices for establishing and managing cover crops. Cover crops offer many benefits to farmers and landowners, including reduced soil erosion, weed suppression potential, reduced nitrogen and phosphorus loads entering water bodies, and increased

organic matter in the soil," said Liz Ripley, conservation and cover crop outreach specialist, with Iowa Learning Farms. "Cover crops can also provide quality grazing and forage opportunities for livestock producers and provide additional grazing acres without expanding pastureland."

Alec Amundson and Adam Norby run Green Country Farms where they no-till corn, soybean and small grains. In 2012, they started experimenting with cover crops and since then, they have found new rotation options that work for them and have made adjustments to their field practices

to benefit soil and water quality. The production of small grains opened a window to seed a cover crop mixture following rye harvest that is providing additional livestock feed as their cattle graze.

Additionally, the field day will feature Russ Euker, ISU Extension and Outreach Beef and Swine Field Specialist, sharing best management practices for grazing cover crops as well as sharing recent research on grazing summer and annual forages. Weather permitting, the field day will also feature a field tour of nearby cover crops.

The field day will be held

at the Green County Farms located at 3386 Hickory Ave, Osage, IA 50461. The event is open to farmers and landowners, though reservations are required to ensure adequate space and food. For reasonable accommodations and to RSVP, please contact Liz Ripley at 515-294-5429 or ilf@iastate.edu by Nov. 6. Attendees will be entered in a drawing for ISU Prairie Strips honey.

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Iowa farmers encouraged to plant fall cover crops to save money

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Governor Kim Reynolds are encouraging Iowa farmers to plant cover crops this fall to improve water quality and save money on next year's crop insurance premiums. The savings are offered through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's (IDALS) Crop Insurance Discount Program.

The innovative annual program, part of the implementation of Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy, provides farmers who plant fall cover crops the opportunity to apply for a \$5 per acre discount on their crop insurance premiums. There is no cap on the number of cover crop seeded acres that can receive the crop insurance discount.

"We've seen strong interest in our cover crop cost-share programs this sum-

mer and fall, and we anticipate just as much enthusiasm for our Crop Insurance Discount Program when the online sign-up opens in December. This innovative program has been effective in advancing the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy by boosting cover crop adoption while helping farmers reduce their crop insurance costs," said Secretary Naig. "I encourage farmers and landowners to sign-up online or visit with their crop insurance agent for help to get enrolled. This program is one of multiple options to secure funding for cover crops and conservation practices."

"The Crop Insurance Discount Program is one of many options available to farmers interested in planting cover crops and implementing conservation practices. This voluntary and innovative program not only

encourages cover crop adoption but also offers farmers a discount on their crop insurance premiums. Our farmers understand the connection between soil health and crop production, and know what's best for the fields they plant," said Governor Kim Reynolds. "I'm proud to support Secretary Naig in announcing this annual program and encourage farmers to learn more about it."

The sign-up period will begin on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, and will close on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026. Participants can learn more about online enrollment by visiting CleanWaterIowa.org or by contacting their crop insurance agent. New this year, farmers can quickly express interest in the program now and receive notifications and follow-up reminders via e-mail when the program sign-up win-

dow is open in December and January.

The program is jointly administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA). To qualify, the cover crop acres cannot be enrolled in other IDALS or USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) cost share programs. Some insurance policies, such as Whole-Farm Revenue Protection or those covered through written agreements, may be excluded. Participants must follow all existing farming practices required by their respective policy and work with their insurance agencies to maintain eligibility.

Now in its ninth year, this innovative program has become a model for other states as well as the federal

government. To date, nearly 2,000 farmers have enrolled more than 1.4 million acres of cover crops in the program.

Farmers and landowners should also visit their local USDA Service Center to learn about other programs

Bolan

On Saturday afternoon Joe and Linda Nydegger hosted a "Pumpkin Party" at their home for the family of Irvin and Elsie (Steenhard) Koppen (Linda's parents) and relatives. It was a time to catch up on each other's lives, "food grazing," pumpkin decorating and carving and a hay ride. Family came from Ankeny, Mingo, Des Moines, Arnolds Park, Ledyard, Lakota, Buffalo Center, Bolan, Iowa, and Ellendale, Minnesota.

Trinity UMC is collecting can tabs for Zane Ben-

son, who is making sure they benefit the Ronald McDonald house. There is a large McDonald's container he is trying to fill. Save your tabs for Trinity.

To learn more about conservation and water quality in Iowa, visit CleanWaterIowa.org.

An upcoming Bolan Trinity UMC Church event will be the free will donation Drive In - Take Out Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, November 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., or until gone.

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Supervisors

**October 20, 2025
Forty-second Day**
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Enos Loberg and Mark Smeby, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and October 13, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve payroll eligibility for Amber Hengesteg at \$17.00/hour as submitted by public health. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the auditor's quarterly report. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2025-41 Interfund transfer. Roll call vote: AYES: Stone, Loberg, Smeby; NAYS: None. Motion carried. (Full text available in the auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2025-42 Interfund transfer. Roll call vote: AYES: Stone, Loberg, Smeby; NAYS: None. Motion carried. (Full text available in the auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to discontinue HF2351 Slough Bill Exemptions. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 9:02 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

City of Lake Mills

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING October 20, 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 20th day of October 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mark Peterson, Council Members: Bill Clark, Joseph Jamtgaard, Nathan Ostrander, Bob Storby, 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 October 14, 2025. All proceedings shown hereafter 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 Storby to approve the agenda as written. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Jamtgaard, Storby, Thompson, Clark, Ostrander. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Forum: None
Department Reports: Police, Director of Public Works, City Clerk, Library, LMCD and Mayor were presented.

Ostrander introduced and Jamtgaard seconded to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items included: Approval of October 1, 2025 minutes, approval of monthly claims, interim warrants and financial reports-to-total \$582,307.64, Approval of Occupancy Agreement for Truman Helgeson Community Center-Upper and Lower-levels, Approval of Employee Handbook updates, Approval of Tax Abatement for Alexandra Riles, 201 S Winnebago St, Approval of Recreation Department Grant to W.D. Ley-Mini Golf equipment replacement. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Ostrander, Jamtgaard, Storby, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the consent agenda adopted.

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AT&T MOBILITY

LMCD CAR COMPUTERS..... 123.81
AVESIS, VISION INS..... 436.05
BLACK HILLS ENERGY

NATURAL GAS SERVICE..... 676.90
CHRISTINA BUSH OR CITY LM

METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 392.00
CITY OF LAKE MILLS

ELECTRIC SERVICE... 4,362.61
DELTA DENTAL

DENTAL INS 1,226.68
JACKSON FRAZIER

METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 75.91
JACKSON FRAZIER OR CITY

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LMCDC, FUNDING 4,666.67
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METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 197.00
PETERSON SANITATION

GARBAGE SERVICE .. 10,856.00
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CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 162.00
UNITEDHEALTHCARE INS.

HEALTH INS 41,076.47
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WINNEBAGO COUNTY AUDI-

TOR COMMUNICATION COSTS

DISPATCH 38,728.62
ACCESS SYSTEMS

LMPL - COPIER CONTRACT ... 265.99
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES

WW - TESTING 1,651.15
ALBERT LEA TRIBUNE

LMPL SUBSCRIPTION .. 156.00
AMARIL UNIFORM CO.

CLOTHING, SUPPLIES. 362.31
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES

SUPPLIES..... 609.86
ANARCHY OUTDOORS

SUPPLIES..... 800.75
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT,

LMPL BOOKS 299.64
CENTRAL AUTOMOTIVE

REPAIR LMPD MAINTENANCE. 196.15
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COLE ROEDEL OR CITY LM

METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 274.00
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL

DIST ENGINE DIESEL FUEL..... 17,700.00
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS

LAGOON PUMP RENTAL..... 5,907.79
CUSTOM ALARM

SERVICES..... 90.00
DAIRYLAND POWER

PURCHASE CURRENT..... 92,591.64
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP

SUPPLIES..... 720.40
DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE

FUEL..... 1,956.80
DAVIDS FOODS

SUPPLIES..... 76.54
DIANE PRICE

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE..... 150.00
DONS MOTOR MART

FUEL..... 1,727.79
ELIEZER RODRIGUEZ OR CITY

LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 111.00
FALKSTONE LLC

SUPPLIES..... 392.92
FLETCHER REINHARDT COM-

PANY, SUPPLIES..... 257.07
GALLS, LLC

LMPD CLOTHING 613.46
GORDON FLESH COMPANY

COPIER CONTRACT 71.50
GROE ELECTRIC

SUPPLIES..... 576.18
HAWKINS INC

SERVICES..... 1,036.50
HEARTLAND ASPHALT

SUPPLIES..... 617.70
HEARTLAND POWER COOP

AIRPORT ELECTRIC SERVICE

IN CONTROL INC

ENGINEERING..... 2,219.50
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SAFETY TRAINING..... 3,268.18
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RES

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LMPD CAR COMPUTERS..... 300.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD-

EMY LMPD EVALUATION 150.00
IOWA ONE CALL

LOCATES..... 23.40
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOP-

MENT UNEMPLOYMENT TAX. 144.31
ITRON INC

SERVICES..... 1,531.88
JULIO OLAN OR CITY LM

METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 190.00
KIRSCHBAUM ELECTRIC/

PLUMBING SUPPLIES..... 44.00
LM LUMBER CO

SUPPLIES..... 26.25
LM POSTMASTER

POSTAGE..... 437.41
LM SK NURSING FAC OR CITY

LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 9,569.00
LUCAS PETERS OR CITY LM

METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 151.00
LYNCH DALLAS LEGAL

LEGAL..... 1,610.00
MANNES CONSTRUCTION

AND ELEC. SERVICES.... 752.00
MANUFACTURERS BANK &

TRUST SAFE DEPOSIT BOX..... 45.00
MED COMPASS

LMFD TESTING..... 3,140.00
MEGAN SMITH

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE33.98
MICROMARKETING LLC

LMPL BOOKS 212.66
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP

SUPPLIES..... 552.24
NAPA AUTO PARTS

GARBAGE SERVICE ... 6,512.34
TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC

SUPPLIES..... 610.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES

TRAINING 368.25
VISA, SUPPLIES..... 1,173.82
WAGNER TIRE SERVICE

TIRES 903.00
WALDORF SOCCER PROGRAM

COACHES 1,000.00
WM-CENTRAL LANDFILL

FALL CLEANUP 423.35
WCTA

TELECOM SERVICES. 1,093.05
WINNEBAGO CO SECONDARY

ROADS FY25 WINTER MAINTEN-

NANCE 2,330.15
YOUNG PLUMBING AND

HEATING SERVICES..... 111.80
TREASURER ST OF IA

GREAT IA TREASURE HUNT..... 61.88
FAIRBANKS MORSE DEFENSE

ENGINE REPAIRS... 149,458.28
SALES TAX PROCESSING

SALES TAX OVERPAYMENT .. 6,935.75
PAYROLL..... 135,383.45
TOTAL..... 582,307.64
FUND TOTALS

001 GENERAL FUND 143,511.86
110 ROAD USE TAX FUND

..... 17,028.57
125 TIF FUND 4,666.67
180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND

..... 11,744.88
600 WATER FUND..... 22,985.60
610 SEWER FUND..... 24,915.73
630 ELECTRIC FUND357,454.33
****TOTAL..... 582,307.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR SEP-

TEMBER 2025 001 GENERAL FUND 105,188.66
002 LIBRARY SAVINGS &

MEMORI 316.38
006 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

..... 25,213.57
110 ROAD USE TAX FUND

..... 32,976.95
112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

FUND 11,499.08
125 TIF FUND 47,094.73
178 REVOLVING LOAN FUND

..... 1,838.62
180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND

..... 1,420.00
314

N 3RD AVE/WINNEBAGO ST .. 3,557.79
600 WATER FUND..... 40,237.81
610 SEWER FUND..... 41,611.40
630 ELECTRIC FUND247,609.15
740 STORM WATER FUND

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Ron Fiscus, Planscape Partners, was present to discuss the annual State Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2024-2025. A motion was made by Jamtgaard, seconded by Ostrander to approve the State Urban Renewal Report. There being no further discussion, roll call vote: Ayes: Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Storby introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 25-40, a resolution appropriating funds for payment of certain financial obligations, seconded by Ostrander. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution adopted.

Ron Fiscus, Planscape Partners, was present to discuss the TIF Indebtedness Certification to County Auditor. A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY J. WILLIAMSON, DECEASED
Probate No. ESPR009483
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Terry J. Williamson, Deceased, who died on or about December 19, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of October, 2025, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district

Jamtgaard, to approve the State Urban Renewal Report. There being no further discussion, roll call vote: Ayes: Thompson, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Storby, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Storby to renew Delta Dental for employee dental insurance. There being no further discussion, roll call vote: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

FY27 Budget ideas were discussed.

Motion made by Ostrander, seconded by Storby to adjourn said meeting at 7:58 p.m. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mark Peterson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Diane Price, City Clerk
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court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2025.

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Attorney for Administrator

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INCORPORATED NAME OF FAIR & CITY		Worth County Fair Society, Northwood	
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE	14,182	CARNIVAL (name if applies)	Scott Amusements
CHECK CORRECT ANSWER	GROUND'S ADMISSION	PAID ☒ FREE ☐	GRANDSTAND ADMISSION PAID ☐ FREE ☒
Financial Report for Fiscal Year		Start Date 10/1/24	End Date 9/30/25
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES DO NOT ALTER THIS FORM			
RECEIPTS			
FAIR INCOME	118134.61		
NON-FAIR INCOME	+30144.97		
COUNTY FUNDING	+60074.65		
GRANTS (Community & Private Grants, & Others)	+0		
STATE FUNDING	+10322.78		
MONEY BORROWED	+0		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	=218677.01		
EXPENSES			
FAIR EXPENSES	129496.66		
NON-FAIR EXPENSES	+45735.80		
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS	+138.26		
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	+0		
PAYMENTS TO DEBTS	+0		
TOTAL EXPENSES	=175370.72		
SIMPLE CASH RECONCILIATION			
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	47918.51		
PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS	+218677.01		
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	-175370.72		
ENDING CASH BALANCE (LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	=91224.80		
LESS TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS (BALANCE OF LOANS PAYABLE)	-0.00		
NET ENDING CASH STANDING (AS OF LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	91224.80		

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On their way to state

This weekend, the Northwood-Kensett cheerleading team will compete at the State Competition. Pictured above is the team in a competition leading up to the State event. The N-K team took part in the Carlisle Competition on October 11. N-K competed in the 1A Game Time Spirit Division. Game Time Spirit is a division with the emphasis is on cheering like they would in a game sideline situation. The competition involves a cheer portion, which cannot exceed one minute, as well as a portion of the performance that must include the school fight song and cannot exceed one minute either. Teams are judged on the difficulty of the routine and how well routines are executed. Judges look for crowd effectiveness and the opportunity for crowd involvement. According to cheerleading coach Cindy Pangburn, a huge amount of time goes into perfecting each two minute routine.

Iowa State researchers investigate ways to support changing wine industry in Iowa and the Midwest

The wine industry continues to change. New grapes are being introduced, and updated growing methods are improving fruit quality, sustainability and financial returns for producers.

A 2024 report on the Economic Impact of the Wine Industry in Iowa estimated that Iowa wine and winery-related tourism represented a value of \$374 million in 2022, with a workforce of more than 1,590.

Iowa State University researchers Suzanne Slack, assistant professor of horticulture, and Aude Watrelot, assistant professor of food science and human nutrition, are working with colleagues at several north-central universities to nurture this steadily growing industry for the region. They are taking a variety of approaches that include investigating the best trellising systems for cold-hardy grapes and testing the potential of new cultivars to make wines that appeal to changing consumer

preferences.

Exploring trellising systems

Slack focuses on grape production. This includes a trial evaluating the pros and cons of three types of trellising:

a single high-wire system most widely used in Iowa and the Midwest;

a vertical shoot positioning (VSP) system more common in Europe and around the world, partly due to its compatibility with mechanization; and

a Watson improved V-type system that can give cold-hardy grapes, which tend to grow large and vigorously, more room and may improve fruit quality and disease occurrence.

"One reason these systems are important to evaluate is because Midwestern grapes tend to have vines that grow downward, while many cultivars, especially those traditionally grown in Europe, tend to grow upward," Slack said. "So, we can't assume that the same system will

work the best here."

Many of the newer grape cultivars being tested were planted two to seven years ago at the Iowa State Horticulture Research Station, where research tailored to Iowa grape and apple production is being revived. The effort has primarily been supported by USDA Hatch multi-state project "Coordinated Evaluation of Grape Cultivars and Clones (NE2220)" and recent "seed" funding from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"Most of these cultivars will not come to maturity for another couple of years," Slack said. "Even so, a number are showing promise in terms of survivability and disease resistance. We are also evaluating unreleased cultivars from North Dakota State University where Iowa State alumna Professor Harlene Hatterman-Valenti has been breeding new grapes for the Midwest."

Watrelot's work centers on how to make the best wines



Researchers Suzanne Slack (left) and Aude Watrelot discuss wine grape cultivars and trellising systems under testing at the Iowa State University Horticultural Farm. Photo by Whitney Baxter, Iowa State.

out of grape varieties well suited to Iowa's climate and soils.

"A lot of different styles of wine can be made from the same grape cultivars," she said. "The winemaking process, including the choice of fermentation conditions, can completely change the profile of the final product. Midwestern grapes are often very fragrant, so they can be

a good base for lower alcohol wines that still offer a flavorful wine."

White wines made from Clarion and Itasca grapes, have already resulted from the multi-state collaboration. Both are lighter styles, crisp and citrusy, with some notes similar to a Sauvignon Blanc and perfect for summer, according to Watrelot.

"The first releases of these

vintages from Minnesota have quickly established a bit of a 'cult' following," she said. "However, the Clarion grape would not have made it to production if not for its early success in Iowa, where it seems to grow much better."

Among Watrelot's projects is a study of a post-fermentation process used for red wines, which allows extended time for maceration of grape skins, seeds and berries to increase flavor, texture, and aging potential.

"In another project using different yeast strains for fermentation, we want to see if we can reduce acidity to improve the quality of our wines since wines from the Midwest tend to be acidic," she said. "The endpoint is always consumers."

Partner institutions on the USDA Hatch multi-state project include the University of Minnesota, North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University and Cornell University.

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For persons 62 or older, handicapped or disabled regardless of age.
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MOWER COUNTY, MN

LAND AUCTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}

91.61 SURVEYED ACRES • 3 TRACTS

Land is located in Section 5, R102N-R17W, Windom Township, Mower County, Minnesota. For Tract 1 from Austin, MN, go 2 miles east on I-90 to Exit 181, then 1 mile east on 220th St., land is located on south side of the road. For Tract 2 & 3 from Austin, MN, go 2 miles east on I-90 to Exit 181, then 4/10th mile south on Co Rd 58, land is located 1 mile east on 215th St.

William Carl and Emma Kuehl Hertle, grandparents to the sellers, inherited the land in 1941. Land has been owned and farmed by the Hertle family for 3 generations!

MARVIN & GLADYS HERTLE ESTATE

Representing Attorney: Mr. Marty G. Helle
Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann & Hovey, LLP.
807 W. Oakland Ave, Austin, MN 55912 | (507) 433-3483
Auction Manager: Allen Henslin (320) 979-1808

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Keep away from
open fires



PEOPLE. PROGRESS. PRIDE.
Ryan Hulshizer, Agent

Always Carry
a flashlight.



ADA Enterprises, Inc.
305 Enterprise Drive
PO Box 77
Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1093

Wear a watch you can
read in the dark.

Welsh Chiropractic

Make sure your shoes
fit and are tied tightly.

Northwood Insurance

Visit only houses
that are lit.

Conner

Colonial Chapels, Crematory & Cemetery
1008 1st Avenue South, Northwood, Iowa 50459 (641) 324-1343
www.colonialchapels.com

Know your phone number
for emergencies



4705 Wheelerwood Road,, Northwood, Iowa
(641) 324-3184

Walk on sidewalks or
driveways, not on lawns
or flower beds.



Props such as a sword
or wand should only
be flexible toys.

**D&L
EQUIPMENT**

Young children of
any age should be
accompanied by
an adult.



Shade Tree Liquors

Carry a cell phone in
case you need to
call home.



In Kensett
"Where the sun
always shines."
In Northwood
Central Ave.

Eat dinner before going
out to trick-or-treat

GRINNELL

**WORTH MUTUAL/
OLSON INSURANCE**

641-324-2452 641-454-2292 507-406-1203
704 Central Ave. 103 N. Todd St. 120 E. Main St., Suite 1
Northwood, IA 50459 Manly, IA 50456 Glenville, MN 56036

Use face paint
rather than a mask.



If there is no sidewalk,
walk on the left side of
the road, facing traffic.

**INJECTION TECHNOLOGY
DIESEL SERVICE**

Give out healthy
alternatives to candy.

**NORTHWOOD
CHIROPRACTIC PC**
641-323-0096
1602 Central Ave. • Northwood

Buy costumes that
are made of flame-
retardant material.



800-592-6105 • wcta@wctatel.net

Unfamiliar animals
and pets should
be avoided.

The Northwood Anchor

Plan your route and
share it with your family



Costumes should not
drag on the ground or
be too dark to see.



**CENTURY 21
PREFERRED**

513 Central
Ave.
Northwood
641-324-2733
641-390-0007

JULIE HAGEN ROBB
REALTOR®/ Broker Associate

Follow all traffic
laws and signals.



Know how and where to
contact your parents.

**MASON CITY
GLASS SERVICE**
(641)423-3960

Trick-or-treat only in
familiar neighborhoods
close to home.

Dewey Kruger Music

Stay on sidewalks as
much as possible.



Only eat candy after
your parents have
checked it.

FALKSTONE
QUALITY AGGREGATES SINCE 2005

Be considerate of other
people's property.

**Fallgatter's
Market**

Never enter a stranger's home.



Dave Osborne, Agent