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Briefs

Moms and Mimosas Sunday

Waking Miss Winifred will host a Mother's Day brunch, Mom and Mimosas, this Sunday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Northwood Country Club.

The brunch includes frittatas, muffins, fruit and a mimosa, for $20 per person, with kids 12 and under $10.

Those that would like tickets may call 641-390-0003.

Fraud, scam and human trafficking program May 13

The Worth County Sheriff's Office and Worth County Public Health will present a program on frauds, scams and human trafficking on Wednesday, May 13, from 5-6:15 p.m.

The program will include information on phone scams, online safety and human trafficking. That will include ways to keep people and their families informed, educated and safe.

The program will be held on May 13, from 5-6:15 p.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds community room.

Blood drive set for May 14

The N-K High School and the Northwood Lions Club are co-sponsoring the upcoming blood drive to be held on Thursday, May 14, from 1-5:30 p.m. at the Worth County Fair Grounds Community Room.

All potential and past donors will be receiving phone calls as a reminder to assist the student members by donating their

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City of Northwood recognizes John Greve

Northwood mayor Doug Moehle and members of the city council recently honored John Greve with an appreciation plaque for serving 62 years as the City Attorney before stepping down on March 16. His service and dedication to the City of Northwood was truly remarkable. Pictured at the recent council meeting are (from left) council members Teresa George-Zenz, Mike Bode, Steve Peterson, Moehle, Greve and council members Dan Reeder and Annika Schreiber.

Supreme Court finds in favor of County's appeal in wind company lawsuit

Worth County's appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court in regards to a planned wind turbine development was ruled on last week, returning the issue to district court for review.

According to the court documents, Worthwhile Wind, an affiliate of Invenergy, began efforts to develop a commercial wind project in Worth County in 2018. That project would have built up 55 turbines to generate 165 megawatts of electricity.

Worthwhile was not the company that would build the turbines, but the company that would do the preliminary work before transferring the project to another company for construction and installation of the turbines.

Between 2018 and 2021, Worthwhile Wind undertook preliminary work in the project, including environmental and animal studies and screenings, engineering assessments, sound and shadow analysis and other studies.

The company also began pursuing wind energy leases with over 100 landowners.

Worthwhile Wind also filed an application with the company managing the electrical grid.

According to the Supreme Court ruling, while a number of preliminary efforts were made, the essential parameters of the project had not begun and were not specified, including the number of turbines,

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Council discusses street projects, student safety plan

The Northwood City Council discussed a next phase of road resurfacing and a way to improve safety for students crossing a city street, at its regular meeting on April 27.

The council discussed and approved a bid for street surfacing projects that would nearly complete road resurfacing in the city, an ongoing project over the past several years.

Road resurfacing projects for the summer include asphalt resurfacing in the area in the northwest area of the city, with 8th Avenue North leading to the City's water treatment plant, including the plant's parking lot.

Another portion of the project would include resurfacing and new asphalt on Second Avenue North and 17th and 18th Streets east of the railroad tracks.

Atwood Road, or Fourth Avenue South, would also be resurfaced.

The final resurfacing project, as originally bid, would include Partridge Avenue, on the east side of the airport property. The

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Worth County EMS districts in good financial shape

Last week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal featured a story on the information shared in budgets for the County's EMS districts. However, those budgets do not show a complete look at the financial operations of districts that make ambulance coverage possible in their areas.

There are two EMS, or ambulance, districts in Worth County that cover ambulance expenses with property taxes.

In the western portion of the county, including Bristol, Fertile, Silver Lake and the western portion of Danville, along with the cities of Fertile, Hanlontown and Joice, the Winnebago County Ambulance Service provides for EMS needs.

In the southeastern part of the county, including Lincoln, Union and a portion of Danville townships, as well as the towns of Grafton and Manly, the Mason City Fire Department provides ambulance or EMS service.

While voters in the western EMS district approved levies of up to $0.45 per $1,000 of taxable valuation,

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County approves elected salaries without comp board

After ending the use of compensation boards last November, the Worth County supervisors recently approve salaries for elected officials without official recommendations.

For years, county supervisors had relied on compensation boards, appointed by county elected officials. The boards would meet to discuss and then recommend raises for those elected officials.

Supervisors would then be allowed to approve raises up to those recommended levels.

A change in Iowa law opened up the process in 2024, allowing supervisors to disband their compensation boards altogether or to take their recommendations as advice, but with no impact or limit on salary changes.

Last year, the supervisors faced budget concerns and were not satisfied with the research for recommended raises. There were no increases for elected official salaries in the current fiscal year.

This past November the supervisors decided to no longer use a compensation board in the salary-setting process. That would leave any research and an ultimate decision up to the supervisors.

At their meeting on April 20, the supervisors approved increases from the salaries that have been in place for the current and previous fiscal years.

For two offices, changes in the position and state laws led to larger increases for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1.

The county attorney's position will change from a part time to a full time position after the

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The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

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From one classroom inspiration to another

By Ron McMullen

Bob Perry, a long-time teacher and coach at Northwood-Kensett schools (and former mayor of Northwood), got me interested in public service and the world beyond Iowa when I was a student of his in the 1970s. His classes on social studies and government helped motivate me to eventually become a U.S. diplomat.

Since retiring from the Foreign Service my wife Jane and I have lived in Iowa City, where I teach political science at the University of Iowa.

We were delighted to learn that Bob wanted to visit my classes at the University of Iowa and check up on his old student.

Accompanied by his daughter Vicki and son-in-law Mark Tilson, Bob was a special guest at two of my classes on April 16.

I introduced him to my undergraduate students as my former teacher, coach, neighbor, mentor, mayor and friend.

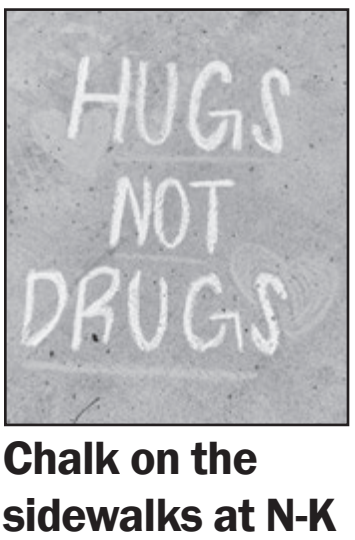
I also mentioned that Bob, now in his 90s, routinely does 115 pushups a day. I asked my students, "How many of you do 115 pushups a day, or even could!?" Only one student (an ROTC member) raised his hand.

After attending my classes, Bob, Vicki and Mark went to visit former N-K band director Donna Angel and later had supper with

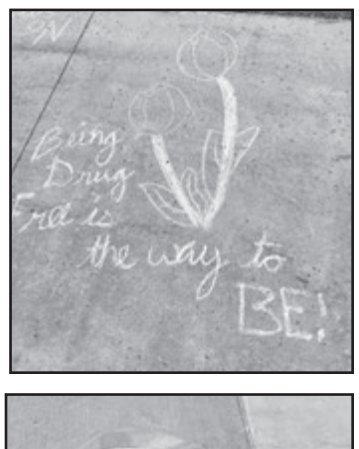
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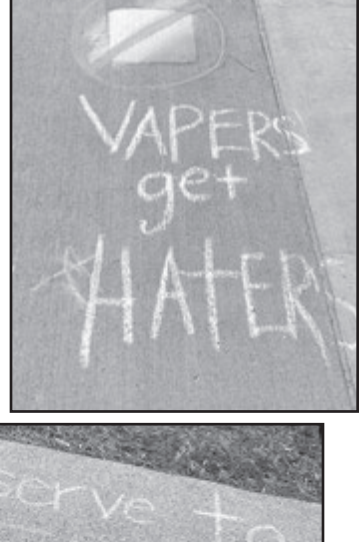
Bob Perry, his former student Ron McMullen, and members of Ron's University of Iowa class "The Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues"











Chalk on the sidewalks at N-K

Middle school students in the ISTEP (Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention) program at Northwood-Kensett, working with Worth County Public Health, recently shared positive artwork and messages on the sidewalks at the Middle/ High School. The messages promoted staying drug and tobacco free. The goal of the artwork, like the program itself, was to inspire students and other members of the community to make healthy positive choices.

Worth County, Iowa audit report released by Gardiner+ Company

Gardiner+ Company recently released an audit report on Worth County.

The County's governmental revenues totaled $22,143,912 for the year ended June 30, 2025, a 8.40% increase from the prior year. Expenses for County operations for the year ended June 30, 2025 totaled $17,262,980, a 26.72% increase from the prior year.

Gardiner + Company reported several findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 84 through 89 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties and material amounts of receipts, accounts receivable, accrued interest, deferred inflows of resources and accounts payable not properly recorded in the County's financial statements. Gardiner + Company provided the County with recommendations to address each of these findings.

Six of the findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The County Board of Supervisors have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the County's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at Audit Reports - Auditor of State.

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the types of turbines and others.

Limited construction that had taken place included two meteorological towers and excavation in advance of cement stabilization at two proposed turbine locations.

The company claimed to have invested just over $2.8 million in the preliminary process, according to court documents.

More essential to the Supreme Court's ruling was that the company had not applied for or obtained any permit or other authorization to develop, construct or operate commercial wind turbines.

At the time the company began preliminary efforts, there was no substantial regulation in place in Worth County. And previous members of the board of supervisors had passed resolutions showing support for other wind developments.

That began to change in 2021, following the construction of the Freeborn Wind Farm, according to the Supreme Court ruling.

With two new supervisors in place, a moratorium on wind developments was adopted in April 2021, pending implementation of regulations on wind development.

In June 2022, the Board of supervisors approved an ordinance that regulates the construction and operation of wind turbines, including setbacks, height, noise and shadow flicker restrictions.

Worthwhile Wind took the matter to court, with a first count claiming that it had vested rights, or a substantial enough investment in its project, that the company should be allowed to pursue its project under the regulations and lack of regulations that were in place when it began preliminary efforts.

The company also filed a second count that alleged that the ordinance and regulation were "arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and contrary to public policy."

A district court ruling found that Worthwhile Wind did have a vested right to complete its project under Worth County law that existed prior to the moratorium and regulations. The district court also found that the County had acted in bad faith in the process.

In the ruling filed on April 24, the Supreme Court disagreed with the district court ruling of vested rights.

According to the Supreme ruling, vested rights claims would apply only if there had been substantial construction or if a permit for a project had been issued, which the new ordinances would contradict.

With limited construction, a largely undefined project and no permit in place, the Supreme Court ruled that Worthwhile Wind does not have vested rights in its project.

The Supreme Court also found that the Worth County supervisors had not acted in bad faith, that the County's regulations had been thoroughly researched, developed with public health and safety and property rights in mind. The Supreme Court opinion also stated that the ordinance did not restrict all wind turbine construction, and that different models of turbines may be able to be built and still comply with Worth's ordinance.

The Supreme Court reversed the ruling of the district court, and remanded the case back to the district court for review.

The Supreme Court's decision sends the case back to district court, which would include any potential proceedings on the company's second count, that the County's regulations are "arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and contrary to public policy."

Classroom
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Jane and me, along with N-K graduates Terri (Angel), Steve Larson and Peyton Pangburn. Another N-K grad living in Iowa City, Scot Swenson, couldn't make it as he was officiating at a track meet.

We recounted lots of Northwood lore, characters, and stories that help make Northwood the special place it is. I hope I can inspire some of my students like Bob Perry inspired me.

Council
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City is working on the road along side the County as it extends beyond city limits.

At the April 27 meeting, city superintendent Dirk VanRyswyk shared that the original budgeted estimate for the project was $350,000.

The City received a bid of $299,560 for the projects.

Based on the savings over the estimated cost, VanRyswyk said that it would be in the budget for the City to add Clover Court to the project, and still come in at a total cost near $350,000.

The council approved the bid for the projects, and pursuing the Clover Court road as an add on.

If included, that would mostly complete the City's resurfacing projects.

One street would remain, 16th Street, which is currently unpaved.

City officials have discussed waiting until construction on Worth County's new secondary road facility is complete to potentially work with the County and nearby grain elevator to determine the costs, needs and usage of the road for heavy farm and road machinery on the street.

The city council also heard from mayor Doug Moehle about a potential solution to concerns brought by Northwood-Kensett students at the previous meeting.

At the April 13 meeting, N-K students had shared their concerns with the council, on behalf of students that walk from the middle/high school building to their homes.

The students asked the council to consider adding crosswalks, stop signs or other ways to slow or stop traffic for those students that walk across Seventh Street North before or after school.

The City reviewed options after hearing from the students.

At the April 27 meeting, Moehle shared a recommendation that had been given to the school district.

Moehle and Worth County Sheriff's Deputy Katrina Neve proposed two crosswalks on Seventh Street North. Both would connect from near the student parking lot, to the sidewalks in place near the apartment buildings to the east, and then to the sidewalk along Sixth Avenue North.

The school would need to add two small stretches of sidewalk between the existing sidewalk and the street, to connect to the crosswalk areas.

The City representatives said that they did not think stop signs would be a good option, considering the traffic flow on Seventh Street at the start and end of the school day and during school sports and other events.

The suggested solution was shared with high school principal and superintendent Tony Hiatt to consider.

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in the current fiscal year and next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, the district will only need a $0.40 levy rate.

The southeastern district received voter approval for a $0.85, which was in place in the current fiscal year and will continue in the next.

According to Worth County auditor Jacki Backhaus, while cities and the rural portions of the EMS districts are required to file budgets and levy dollars separately, the rural districts write the checks for the entirety of the EMS areas, including rural and city portions.

With that in mind, the separate rural and city budgets shared in recent newspapers only show a complete picture when combined, with the rural district budgets showing the majority of the funds, and including some of the cities' taxes, revenue and expenses.

With that in mind, according to Backhaus, the western district will have property tax income and other revenue to cover the costs of Worth County Ambulance's services in the next fiscal year.

The same is true of the southeastern EMS rural area and cities.

Backhaus noted that the process of setting budgets for the separate portions of each EMS area is new, and with very few similar arrangements in the state, is still something being worked out. But both areas are raising enough money to pay for their ambulance coverage.

Salaries
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November general election and the start of the next term in January 2027.

The attorney's salary increase was approved at $108,761, an increase of 12.56% over the current salary of $96,623.

The sheriff's salary will increase at a higher rate this year as the supervisors work to comply with a state law that is intended to increase local law enforcement compensation. The Back the Blue law requires counties to pay sheriffs at similar rates as other law enforcement officers in State agencies and in city police departments with similar populations.

The sheriff's salary was approved at $109,532, up 10% from $99,574.

The sheriff department's deputies can be paid salaries up to 80% of the sheriff's. The supervisors have discussed increasing salaries for other sheriff's office staff at a similar rate as the sheriff.

The supervisors approved 3% increased for the offices of auditor, recorder and treasurer. That would bring those salaries to $72,122, up from $70,021.

The Worth County auditor also receives a stipend of $7,500 to prepare the County's budget.

Blood drive
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blood and therefore assisting students gaining credit for scholarships for their continuing education.

For those that have been receiving calls to donate blood by LifeServe it is because they have an urgent need for specific types of blood or a patient needs a blood type immediately.

For some past donors who have had to stop donating blood because of medication, etc., some of these restrictions have been reduced. Whereas things like age and weight, are similar, some of these are no longer restrictions to donating. For example, those past donors who are taking "water pills" are currently encouraged to donate blood by the FDA, because it is no longer necessary not to donate.

As in the past, the Northwood Lions members are encouraging everyone to donate their lifesaving blood for those in need and at the same time give N-K students help with their post graduate scholarships and their futures. Those that would like to be a donor, may schedule an appointment by calling LifeServe at 1-515-815-7242 or 1-800-287-4903 or online at lifeservebloodcenter.org.

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A full-circle honor: Michaelis receives first Home Base Iowa Community Champion Award

What began more than a decade ago as a vision to better serve veterans across Winnebago and Worth counties came full circle on Tuesday, April 21, when Melissa Michaelis, Executive Director of Winn-Worth Betco, was surprised with the very first Home Base Iowa Community Champion Award.

The award was presented by Jamie Norton, Director of Veteran Workforce Services with IowaWORKS, and Adam Blanchard, Veteran Career Planner with Iowa Workforce Development, following the City of Fertile's official designation as a Home Base Iowa Community, the final community among the 14 Michaelis serves to achieve the milestone.

Gathered alongside local and state partners, Norton and Blanchard recognized Michaelis not only for completing Fertile's designation, but for her unwavering leadership and advocacy that helped guide every community in the region through the Home Base Iowa process.

"Melissa didn't just help one city or one county become Home Base Iowa certified, she helped build an entire regional culture of support for veterans," said Norton. "Her leadership has ensured that veterans and their families know they are welcomed, valued and supported no matter which community they choose to call home."

Home Base Iowa connects veterans and transitioning service members with over 2,600 Iowa businesses pledged to hire and support those who have served. It also recognizes communities that meet key standards, including veteran-focused business engagement, incentive creation, official signage and passage of supportive resolutions. Under Michaelis' guidance, every community across Winnebago and Worth counties met these requirements, an achievement few regions in the state can claim.

Blanchard reflected on the personal impact of Michaelis' work, particularly from a veteran-centered perspective.



JAMIE NORTON, DIRECTOR OF VETERAN WORKFORCE SERVICES, IOWAWORKS; MELISSA MICHAELIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WINN-WORTH BETCO; AND ADAM BLANCHARD, VETERAN CAREER PLANNER, IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

"As a Veteran Career Planner, I see firsthand how much local support matters to veterans as they transition into civilian life," Blanchard said. "Melissa's initiative and persistence have strengthened the entire support system around them. Because of her efforts, veterans aren't just finding jobs here, they're finding communities that genuinely want them."

Michaelis' leadership was especially evident in November 2022, when she successfully partnered with both Winnebago and Worth Counties to secure county-wide Home Base Iowa designations. Each county established a $1,000 relocation incentive for veterans moving to the area, with Winn-Worth Betco committing to support up to six veterans per year—an investment that continues to benefit service members and their families.

At the same time, Michaelis expanded her efforts city by city, working closely with local leaders in Northwood, Forest City, and ultimately all 14 communities under Winn-Worth Betco's umbrella. Fertile's designation marked the final step in a journey rooted in collaboration, patience and long-term commitment.

The Community Champion Award was presented on behalf of Robert J. Haege III, Home Base Iowa Program Manager, who praised Michaelis' lasting impact on the program.

"Melissa Michaelis exemplifies what it means to be a Home Base Iowa Champion," said Haege. "Her dedication, advocacy, and passion have inspired multiple communities to step forward and formally support veterans and their families. Because of her work, Home Base Iowa is not just a designation in Winnebago and Worth counties, it's a promise."

Visibly moved by the recognition, Michaelis shared her gratitude and reflected on the collective effort behind the achievement.

"This work has always been about collaboration," Michaelis said. "From local councils and clerks to state partners and employers, everyone played a role. Seeing all 14 communities reach this point together is incredibly rewarding, and I'm excited about what it means for the veterans who will choose to build their lives here."

With the presentation of the first Home Base Iowa Community Champion Award, Michaelis' legacy is now formally recognized, not just for completing a process, but for strengthening communities, honoring service and creating a true home base for those who have given so much.



LT. GOVERNOR COURNOYER, DAGEN PETERSON, GOVERNOR REYNOLDS

Peterson recognized by Governor Reynolds for academic excellence

Dagen Peterson, a student at Northwood-Kensett School, was recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer for outstanding academic achievement at the 24th Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony on April 26 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

The statewide program, sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and its title sponsor the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honored 429 high school seniors from across Iowa.

"Supporting Iowa youth and their education is a pillar of Iowa Farm Bureau, and we're proud of our long history of supporting students in their educational journey knowing they represent the leaders of tomorrow," said IFBF President Brent Johnson. "From providing more than a half-million dollars in college scholarships annually to our long-time title sponsorship of the Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony, we're honored to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Iowa's outstanding students."

Each high school was invited to select a senior student with the highest academic ranking. Students selected for the award also had the opportunity to recognize their favorite/most influential teacher and will receive a photo plaque of their meeting with Governor Reynolds and Lt. Governor Cournoyer.

"The principles learned through academic success, like those learned from participation in education-based activities, help develop outstanding leaders and citizens," said IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating. "The partnership between the IHSAA and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with the great cooperation of the Governor's Office has made this event possible for many years."

Ninety-eight percent of those recognized participate in extra-curricular school activities, with more than 80 percent participating in at least one interscholastic sport. More than 68 percent of the group plan to continue their education in Iowa.

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N-K students visit culinary classes

Students in Northwood-Kensett's Foods class recently paid a visit to Iowa Central Community College. While there they toured the college's culinary classrooms. They learned about and plated desserts and grilled their own steaks.



Planting seeds of education



Northwood-Kensett third graders took part in lessons that taught them about growing plants, presented by Worth County Farm Bureau Outreach Coordinator Teresa Stehn. Stehn read from "Seed to Plant." Then all the third graders got to plant flower seeds and waited for their flowers to sprout. In the process they learned about what plants need to grow, including just the right amount of water, sun, heat and more. About 70% of the seeds planted sprouted by the time Stehn returned to the classrooms. The students that didn't see success were given seeds and soil to try again. The students also enjoyed the dessert version of dirt cups, including different crumbled sweet treats to represent the layers of soil, along with gummy worms.









Droning on

Students at Northwood-Kensett have recently been getting hands-on lessons with a variety of drones. That includes some on wheels and some flying through the air in the Viking Activity Center. They learned about programming and piloting the devices and about some of their uses.

Kindergarten Round up





Graduation Open House Announcements

~ Deadline Friday, May 1
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Calendar of Events for May 2026

May 6–Community Connection Day with N-K Middle School, 9 a.m.
May 6–Fair 101 Workshop, 6 p.m. at Worth County Extension Office
May 12–Go Getters Clover Kids, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 12–YQCA, 5-7 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 15–ANIMAL IDS ARE DUE
May 17–Worth County Leash Leaders Training, 5–6:30 p.m. at the Worth County Show Arena
May 17–Kensett Creators Clover Kids, 10-11 a.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 19–Sew and Style Club Meetings, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 20–Sew and Style Club Meetings, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 24–Worth County Leash Leaders Training, 5–6:30 p.m. at the Worth County Show Arena
May 27–Green Shamrocks Meeting, 6 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 31–Beef Team Meeting, 1-3 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 31–Hartland Achievers Meeting 4 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
May 31–Worth County Leash Leaders Training, 5–6:30 p.m. at the Worth County Show Arena

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NIACC AEL Open House set for May

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) reminds community members of Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) Open House events taking place in May. These free events provide information on English language learning, high school equivalency preparation, digital skills, college readiness and short-term workforce training opportunities.

All events are held from 2 - 5:30 p.m. May open house dates include:

• May 12 - John V. Hanson Career Center, Forest City

Adults interested in strengthening basic skills, earning a high school equivalency diploma, or exploring new career pathways are encouraged to attend.

More information is available by contacting Katelyn Shears at 641-422-4219 or katelyn.shears@niacc.edu.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets on April 27

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday, March 27 at the home of Penny Robb. Theresa Cooper, President, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and the conservation pledge.

Eleven members were present and answered the roll call question "What flower represents your personality and why?". Penny, Secretary, read the March minutes. Louise Philipp moved the minutes be approved as read, Peter Julseth seconded and all approved. Julie Robb, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's report.

The Horticulture committee provided final details on this year's Fun in the Sun plant and treasure fundraiser. Mary Low and Karen Davidson answered questions regarding the flower show schedule. On behalf of the club Louise sent a 90th birthday card to Rosie Kruger.

Theresa gave a recap of the decisions made at the District meeting in Independence on April 24. The second vote for combining Districts II and III passed and the first vote for including District I with Districts II and III passed. The district directors will meet this summer to coordinate merging the districts.

Green Thumb received a blue ribbon Yearbook award, blue ribbon Advanced Rating award, and a blue ribbon for Standard Flower Show (schedule) award.

Penny moved to reaffirm the decision to provide mileage to the club president for attending District and State meetings. Louise seconded, all approved. Jean VanVeldhuizen moved the meeting be adjourned, Peter seconded, all approved.

Penny had a program on how to make your container grown plants show worthy and the judges considerations when awarding points and ribbons.

The May meeting will be Monday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. (as the 4th Monday in May is Memorial Day) at the home of Julie Robb. Penny will provide the meditation or arrangement and Jean will have the program. If you would like to visit the June 1st meeting please let Julie, 641-390-0007, know you will join us.

Bolan

The Open House on Saturday at Grandma Sina White's Museum in Bolan was very well attended. Coming special for this occasion was Phyllis White, granddaughter of Sina's, from Centennial, Colorado. Those in attendance enjoyed hearing Dorothy White' player piano. She was a cousin of Phyllis's. Everyone was able to pick up a May Basket and enjoyed visiting time with other refreshments around a Duncan Phyfe table that Phyllis was able to find and bring to the Museum. This is just like the table that Sina had! There was also information regarding the Train Mural planned for Bolan.

On Saturday, May 9, there will be a bridal shower brunch honoring Kelsie Willert, daughter of Scott and Lori Willert, at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center from 10 a.m. until Noon. Introductions will be at 11 a.m. Kelsie will be married to Reese Drenth on June 6, 2026.

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on April 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026; Set FY 26 Budget Amendment Public Hearing for Monday May 11, 2026 at 6 pm. Unam.

Mayor Moehle presented John Greve with a plaque thanking him for 62 years of service & dedication as the City Attorney.

Following the public hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2604-02 Approve & Award Bid for Street Overlay Project to Heartland Asphalt for 299,560.00. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2604-03 Approve Setting Salaries for FY 2026-2027. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2604-04 Approve Setting Salaries for 2026 Pool Season. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2604-05 Approve Setting Salaries for 2026 Park & Rec Season. Unam.

Motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 524 P Tier Wheel Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

April 27, 2026
Eighteenth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

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

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and April 20, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the FY27 DOT Budget and Five-year Construction Program. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the DD #10/Lat 6 work order submitted by Brian Tweeten. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $190,679.26 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 4,804.13
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Con 180.00
Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr 8,618.95
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 22.81
Bauer Built Tire Inc
Supplies-Eng 7,212.00
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 925.55
Bridges Bay Resort
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C J Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng & Con 165.00
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Supplies-Dap 1,797.84
Colwell Motors
Service-Eng 118.27
Core & Main Lp
Supplies-Eng 855.92
Crazy Clean, Service-Gsr 2,100.00
Eilertson Repair
Service-Phd 59.00
Elk Creek Lutheran Cemetery
Service-Vaf 492.00
Eurofins Test America
Service-San 431.50
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng 213.52
Forest City Ford, Inc
Service-Shf 78.75
Frank Dunn Company
Supplies-Con 1,996.00
Gardiner + Company
Service-Ndp 28,675.00
Grafton Welding
Service-Eng 130.00
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Supplies-Dap 86,806.62
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc.
Service-Aud 7,452.77
Ia Law Enforcement Academy
Edu-Shf 125.00
Ia State University
Edu-Eng 270.00
John Deere Financial
Supplies 1,389.84
Kim Hennigar, Mileage-Phd 23.20
Kimberly Bode
Mileage-Eng 73.95
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 79.79
Mediacom, Service-Gsr 294.90
Mitchell Co Sheriff
Service-Shf 5,980.00
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf 300.00
Niacog, Service-Tra 3,995.27
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Gsr 944.70
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City
Service-Eng 1,292.00
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Gsr 174.92
Professional Office Services
Service-Trs 438.46
Richard Brumm
Edu-Eng 75.00
Shana Butler, Mileage-Phd 180.42
State Medical Examiners Office
Service-Mex 2,148.00
Tapco, Supplies-Eng 5,570.15
Thomas Reid, Edu-Vaf 1,832.38
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng 151.96
Truck Center Companies
Parts-Eng 233.06
Usa Archery
Supplies-Con 4,224.08
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis & Eng 193.85
Vestis, Service-Eng 13.77
Visa, Service-Con 5,705.68
Worth Co Sheriff Petty Cash
Reimb-Shf 82.14
Worth County Fair
Fair-Phd 250.00
Youth And Shelter Services, Inc.
Service-Juj 699.75
Grand Total 190,679.26

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:06 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR011667
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mary Jane Calgaard, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary Jane Calgaard, Deceased, who died on or about July 13, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on September 26, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Mary Jane Calgaard, deceased, bearing date of August 14, 1988, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Michael Calgaard and Linda Worrell were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated April 23, 2026.

Daniel I Dittman,
ICIS#: AT0001839
Attorney for Executors
Erickson Sederstrom
10330 Regency Parkway Dr.
Omaha, NE 68114

Michael Calgaard
& Linda Worrell,
Co-Executors
16511 M. Street
Omaha, NE 68135
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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 04/13/2026 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Richard Olson presiding. Council Members present were Kris Woltzen, LaRue Douglas, Ryder Lestrud and Eil Gile.

Absent: Brandee Cooper

Visitors: Richard Bauer, Larry Larson, & Art Keunen.

Olson called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by K. Woltzen, 2nd E. Gile, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by K. Woltzen, 2nd E. Gile, carried unanimously

Maintenance reported mowers are ready to go. Water heater at the old fire station/public works building stopped working. Going to get an inline tankless heater.

The Clerk mentioned the monthly grant that is received from the WCDA.

Old Business:

City of Kensett purchased the land/property at 212 Walnut Street, Kensett. City of going to demo the house. City proposed to demolish the house. Received quote for $9,000 to have house torn down for $9,000 and they will haul the materials away or for $1,600 less, push all the materials into hole/ground. City called motion to approve to pay $9,000 to have house torn down and hauled away. Motion to approve by E. Gile, 2nd L. Douglas, carried unanimously.

Quotes were received for maintenance of streets.

Final budget hearing set for April 27th at 6pm City

New Business:

City proposed options for yard waste and tree limb cleanup. Council is going to consider and bring up next monthly meeting. City has received two applications for part-time maintenance position. Scheduling interviews on April 27th. Fire hydrant update, there are a total of 26 hydrants that need to be sandblasted and re-painted. ½ of the hydrants do not need to be sandblasted. Quote has not been received yet. City motioned to approve purchase of paint, painting supplies, and sandblasting. Motion to approve by K. Woltzen, 2nd E. Gile, carried unanimously. Employee review of Wendy Varner, she will receive a $1,000 salary increase effective April 15th, 2026. Motion to approve by E. Gile, 2nd R. Lestrud, carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: N/A

Council Reports: N/A

Treasurer's Report: January Revenues by Fund: General $10,249.40, Utilities $7,309.59, Special $2,978.00. Total Revenues: $20,536.99. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by K. Woltzen, 2nd by E. Gile, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy $4,062.00, WCTA $369.86, Barbara Luckason 651.51 (net), Lisa Luskey-Lestrud $600.67 (net) Richard Bauer $1,407.88 (net), Wendy Varner $1,290.38 (net), Richard Olson $230.87 (net) Federal & SS $980.68 (payroll), IPERS $704.23 (payroll), Water Service Tax $131.36 (water), AgSource $28.00 (water), KFD $400.00 (fire protection), Kensett Water Works $112.50 (sewer fees), Waste Management $1595.08 (garbage & recycling), Kruger Electric $74.28 (general), Auditor of State $800.00 (spec.), Caleb Arens $3,000 (spec.) Iowa Prison Industries $199.99 (gen.) IAMU $698.00 (spec.) Peterson Excavating $1,400 (gen.)

Disbursements by Fund: General $2,048.74, Special $4,810.49, Utilities $4,591.22, Payroll $5,866.22 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $11,450.45

Motion to adjourn by E. Gile, 2nd by R. Lestrud, carried unanimously.

Wendy Varner, City Clerk
Richard Olson, Mayor

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 03/09/2026 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Richard Olson presiding. Council Members present were Kris Woltzen, LaRue Douglas, Ryder Lestrud and Eil Gile.

Absent: LaRue Douglas

Visitors: Richard Bauer & Larry Larson

Olson called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by K. Woltzen, 2nd R. Lestrud, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by K. Woltzen, 2nd B. Cooper, carried unanimously

Maintenance reported inquiries about spring clean-up. The City will contact Waste Management to coordinate and confirm a date for the service.

The Clerk mentioned the monthly grant that is received from the WCDA and annual budget has been submitted.

Old Business:

The Clerk reached out to land surveyor to quote easement on the Larson Driveway. Waiting to hear back to c

New Business:

Under New Business, the Council considered the City's request to purchase the property located at 212 Walnut Street for $3,000. A motion to approve the agenda was made by K. Woltzen and seconded by R. Lestrud; the motion carried out unanimously. The first hearing for the upcoming budget was scheduled for April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Discussion was held regarding temporary alley restrictions on the alley along 1st Street leading to R80, as Peterson Excavating will be delivering rock to improve current conditions; vehicle access will be limited during this time. The Council also reviewed a request to purchase electronic speed signs to enhance existing traffic control measures. A motion to approve the minutes was made by K. Woltzen and seconded by B. Cooper; the motion carried out unanimously. Additionally, the city will obtain quotes over the next month for street maintenance.

Mayors Report: N/A

Council Reports: N/A

Treasurer's Report: January Revenues by Fund: General $6,853.81, Utilities $7,548.03, Special $3,378.63. Total Revenues: $17,780.47. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by K. Woltzen, 2nd by B. Cooper, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy $3,545.85, WCTA $371.36, Barbara Luckason 447.14 (net), Lisa Luskey-Lestrud $610.45 (net) Richard Bauer $1,271.10 (net), Wendy Varner $1,290.38 (net), Richard Olson $230.87 (net) Federal & SS $911.52 (payroll), IPERS $704.25 (payroll), Water Service Tax $145.45 (water), AgSource $29.25 (water), KFD $400.00 (fire protection), Kensett Water Works $112.50 (sewer fees), Waste Management $1595.08 (garbage & recycling), Thofson Plumbing $10,871.00 (general), D&L Equipment $700.34 (spec.), Northwood Anchor $55.39 (gen.) Nelson Septic $250.00 (gen.) Iowa Once Call $18.00 (spec.) USPS $90.14 (gen.) Olson Insurance $125.00 (gen.)

Disbursements by Fund: General $2,515.61, Special $718.34, Utilities $15,446.77, Payroll $6,092.81 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $24,773.53

Motion to adjourn by K. Woltzen, 2nd by R. Lestrud, carried unanimously.

Wendy Varner, City Clerk
Richard Olson, Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
City of NORTHWOOD
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The City of NORTHWOOD will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

Meeting Date/Time: 5/11/2026 06:00 PM | **Contact:** Amber Julseth - City Administrator/Clerk | **Phone:** (641) 324-1075

Meeting Location: City Hall
627 Central Ave. Northwood, IA 50459

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	788,681	0	788,681
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	788,681	0	788,681
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	225,000	0	225,000
Other City Taxes	6	332,543	0	332,543
Licenses & Permits	7	29,500	0	29,500
Use of Money & Property	8	47,520	30,000	77,520
Intergovernmental	9	423,600	0	423,600
Charges for Service	10	1,389,914	0	1,389,914
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	794,372	0	794,372
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	1,035,000	0	1,035,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	5,066,130	30,000	5,096,130
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	419,933	57,500	477,433
Public Works	17	904,864	0	904,864
Health and Social Services	18	21,455	2,300	23,755
Culture and Recreation	19	418,841	0	418,841
Community and Economic Development	20	462,951	49,000	511,951
General Government	21	319,120	0	319,120
Debt Service	22	224,460	0	224,460
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,771,624	108,800	2,880,424
Business Type/Enterprise	25	1,319,514	0	1,319,514
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	4,091,138	108,800	4,199,938
Transfers Out	27	1,035,000	0	1,035,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	5,126,138	108,800	5,234,938
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-60,008	-78,800	-138,808
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	30	3,002,631	-362,296	2,640,335
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	31	2,942,623	-441,096	2,501,527

Explanation of Changes: Increase of revenues-interest and donations.
Increase of expenses-police car, mosquito spraying services, new business development funds and grants

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People's Right To Know

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR 009510
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN R. DOLLOFF, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marilyn R. Dolloff, Deceased, who died on or about April 13, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on April 27, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Marilyn R. Dolloff, deceased, bearing date of June 25, 1990, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Gary Dolloff was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Gary Dolloff
Executor of Estate
113 Westminster Dr.
Mackinaw, IL 61755

Timothy A Casperson,
ICIS#: AT0001472
Attorney for Executor
Casperson Law Office, PLC
102 N. 2nd Ave W.
PO Box 145
Lake Mills, IA 50450

Day of second publication the 13th day of May, 2026.

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Northwood, IA 50459
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Week Sixteeen



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 60

Another week, a few more bills, and we are still not ready to sine die. It has been a lot of "hurry up and wait," but we have debated a handful of bills and passed them off the floor and over to the Senate.

Discussions continue on Property tax reform, the focus in on working through the details, but the reality is this: every dollar reduced must be made up somewhere—through spending cuts, shifting the burden to other taxes, or increased reliance on outside revenue sources. Iowa operates under a three-tier system—income tax, property tax, and sales tax—to fund essential services like education, law enforcement, fire protection, roads and infrastructure, healthcare services, and water and sewer systems. These are not optional—they are core responsibilities. The three-tax system provides stability and reliability to fund these services.

The goal remains clear: Deliver meaningful tax relief while maintaining the services that keep our communities strong.

A couple of bills passed off the floor this week include:

House File 2787 to prohibit warrant resolution clinics in Iowa. The bill was prompted by the tragic death of Ashley Marie Hall, a young mother from Des Moines. At a Polk County warrant resolution clinic, an individual with a lengthy violent criminal history had her warrant withdrawn and was released. Just days later, she was charged with first-degree murder. These clinics shift focus away from criminal behavior and instead treat the warrant itself as the issue, creating a pathway for repeat offenders to avoid accountability. HF 2787 closes that process in Iowa and ensures warrants are addressed through the justice system, not informal clinic settings.

House File 2772 is the Economic Development Budget as part of the state budget agreement. The focus is on strengthening Iowa's workforce, supporting business growth, and expanding opportunity across the state. The budget invests in job training and workforce programs through Iowa Workforce Development, Manufacturing 4.0, and registered apprenticeships. It also supports economic growth through the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Main Street revitalization, and university-based initiatives tied to skilled labor and bioscience innovation.

Housing investments include rent assistance for individuals with disabilities and funding to address blighted properties and expand affordable housing, with a focus on rural communities. Additional funding supports vocational rehabilitation and entrepreneurship programs for Iowans with disabilities, helping more individuals gain employment and independence.

It is an honor to represent you in the Iowa Legislature and as always, please reach out with any questions or concerns. jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov.

To The Point



Doug Campbell

State Senator
District 30

We just ended the fifteenth week of the legislative session, and Tuesday marked the 100th day and the scheduled final day of the legislative session. As predicted and with important work still to be completed, we will be heading into overtime.

This week, a few notable bills that were passed include:

Senate File 274— Cash Entry for Athletic Events; this bill requires that public schools must accept legal tender as a form of payment for entry into extracurricular interscholastic athletic events. It also requires that organizations which sponsor athletic events must accept legal tender as a form of payment for entrance into events sponsored by the organization.

Senate File 473— Foster Care and Adoptive Parent Protections on Religious or Moral Beliefs; this bill adds new protection on the grounds of a person's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs in relation to their ability to provide foster care or as a prospective adoptive parent. Iowa HHS is prohibited from requiring an individual, as a licensed foster parent or prospective adoptive parent, to affirm, accept, or support a policy related to sexual orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the person's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs.

Senate File 2428— Removal of Disruptive Students from Classroom; this bill addresses discipline for student-caused nonviolent or violent disruptions in school classrooms. Under current law, discipline of a student relates to making a threat of violence or causing an incident of violence that results in injury, property damage, or assault. This bill changes the responsibility relating to discipline of a student to any event causing a violent or non-violent disruption.

One big topic talked about this week was additional funding for pediatric cancer research. Senate File 2480 implements an additional tax on alternative nicotine or vapor products and appropriates $3 million to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital for conducting pediatric research.

This year, we have talked a lot about property tax relief, fiscal responsibility, and ensuring efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars. Senate File 2500 brings this issue to the forefront. This bill updates a section of code that hasn't been updated in decades, when townships managed much more at the local level. Now, cities and counties have taken over many of those tasks. To help ensure transparency and give some oversight to yet another tax levying authority in Iowa, Senate File 2500 mandates standardized training for all township trustees and clerks. It also moves many of our small counties to an appointment system for township trustees and clerks.

The legislation significantly increases fiscal transparency by requiring itemized budgets and annual financial reports to be posted online and submitted to the Department of Management. Crucially, it creates tiered oversight. Currently, townships with appointed officials must have their budgets approved by county supervisors, whereas elected townships remain more independent. To ensure service stability and fiscal integrity, the bill prohibits the commingling of township funds by supervisors, protects existing contractual obligations during governance transitions, and requires cities to deposit township fire service payments into dedicated rural fire protection funds. This bill was an important proposal to increase oversight of taxpayer funds, improve training for trustees and clerks, increase transparency, and ease the burden of elections in rural areas.

Senate focused on real property tax relief for Iowans

Progress continues to be made on property tax reform with the House passing an amended version of our bill, Senate File 2472. The House amended their own proposal onto the bill and passed it out of their chamber on Wednesday. While this is a positive step forward to continue discussions, the House proposal has a number of aspects that make it problematic moving forward.

As many have said before, after decades of fixes and tweaks and carve-outs and exemptions, Iowa's property tax system is complicated. In 2023, the legislature passed the first step in major property tax reform, working to drive down levy rates and start simplifying the system.

A few weeks ago, the Senate passed Senate File 2472 nearly unanimously out of our chamber. It is a comprehensive property tax overhaul designed to replace a complicated, outdated system with permanent relief and predictability for taxpayers. The bill simplifies the tax code by offering every Iowa homeowner a 50 percent discount on the taxable value of their home. Then, that discount increases ten percent every decade following. It also automatically lowers levy rates if property inflation exceeds 2 percent, eliminates the variable rollback system, and implements strict local levy controls to rein in government spending.

While the House moved our proposal forward and started discussions on their changes, one thing was noticeable during the public hearings. We heard from some landlords and developers alleging that these changes would cause rents to increase. Over a decade ago, this legislature heard cries from these same people, saying if they received tax rate cuts for their business, those savings would be passed onto renters and keep more money in the pockets of Iowans. But that is not what happened. Instead, while their tax rate was cut in half, over a decade, rent for Iowans increased. While these businesses got a discount of over 46 percent on the taxable value of their buildings, Iowans saw rents increase by 36 percent. What we didn't see during the hearings was someone fighting for the everyday Iowa taxpayers or homeowners who have been emailing us, calling us, and meeting with us asking for relief.

The focus of the Senate property tax proposal has always been the Iowa homeowner. They deserve a better deal in our state. We want to encourage and help Iowans achieve the American dream right here in our state and homeownership must be more affordable. For months now, we have been talking about what the Senate's vision is for property tax reform. We will continue to pursue real, permanent relief that targets Iowa homeowners, simplifies Iowa's property tax system, and brings important reforms to an antiquated, patchworked system. I look forward to continuing these important conversations and talking about why the concepts in our bill are so important.

When you cut property taxes, you cut the city's and county's ability to provide maintenance and services.

Fifty percent of cities budgets are tied to public safety.

We have heard and responded to the desperate requests of citizens to lower their real-estate tax burden. The rate of real-estate tax increase has brought many to a level of outrage.

This gives you transparency into the prevailing circumstances Iowans have to negotiate.

Northwood Anchor Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, Last WAGS, 5:30 p.m., Confirmation at Bethlehem, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Saturday, Tractor Ride Stops at Bethlehem for Coffee Break, 11 a.m. approx.; Sunday, Bible Study at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m., Mother's Day
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Bethel UWF, 9:30 a.m., Last WOW of the School Year Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., Meal, 5:15, Worship, 5:50 p.m., Activities, 6:05 p.m., JH/HS Youth Group, 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, Graduation/Confirmation Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor at Care Center, 10 a.m.

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Confirmation, 4 p.m., End of Year Celebration, 5 p.m., Service, 6:15 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service FLC, 9 a.m., DCV Service, 10;30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study and Children's Sunday School following service.
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Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor
Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor
www.sacredheartmanly.org

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Pastor Kent Otterman

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood
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The Line Separating Good from Evil



The Russian writer and dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn very astutely remarked that "the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being." All of us have the capacity for both good and evil within us and every day is a struggle to help the "better angels" prevail. Perhaps what separates the saints from the sinners is not so much that some sin and others don't, but that the saints recognize their sinful nature and are better at resisting their sinful impulses. The essential work of our lives is to know that this line is there and to stay on the side of the good, resisting the never-ending lure and temptation of evil. We should pray for the wisdom and discernment to recognize where the line separating good from evil runs, and for the goodwill and fortitude to stay on the side of the good. - Christopher Simon

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
–Romans 12:21

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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

I have been having fun with a new hobby: making my own spice blends to cook with. Being able to control the amount of salt, spice, heat etc. makes a lot of sense and after you buy bulk amounts of the main ingredients it's simple to toss a batch of steak seasoning, barbeque rub or pulled pork blend together to use as needed. Most of my recipes have come from online sources but I also found a book in my collection with both the spice blend instructions and recipes to use each concoction. What a score! "Skinny Spices: 50 Nifty Homemade Spice Blends That Can Make Any Diet Delicious" (1990, Surry Books, Chicago) was authored by Erica Levy Klein. I noted on the inside cover that I bought this cookbook in New York City in September 1993. The following are adapted as needed for today's kitchens. All these blends are made by simply mixing the ingredients together thoroughly.

Lemon Herb Blend

2 tablespoons dry lemon peel
1 teaspoon celery seed
1/2 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
1 tablespoon dry basil
1 teaspoon garlic powder or granules
1/2 tablespoon dry thyme
1/2 tablespoon oregano
1 teaspoon onion flakes
1/2 tablespoon paprika
1 teaspoon cayenne
2 teaspoons parsley flakes
Wisconsin Cheese Log
4 oz. sharp shredded Cheddar
Garlic powder (to taste)
1/3 cup ricotta cheese
Onion powder (to taste)
1 tablespoon dry white wine
1/4 teaspoon Lemon Herb Blend
Salt/black pepper to taste
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley

SANDY'S NOTE: Although this recipe uses the lemon herb blend, it also allows the cook to increase the onion and garlic flavors if desired. Also, the amount of salt is determined by the cook…or use none at all.

In a blender or food processor, combine all the ingredients except the parsley and process until smooth. On a large sheet of plastic wrap, sprinkle 2 tablespoons of the parsley evenly. Spoon the cheese mixture over the parsley in a line down the middle of the wrap. Sprinkle the remaining parsley over the cheese. Enclose the cheese in the plastic and form into a log. Roll over to make it even and wrap tightly. Place in the freezer for about 20 minutes, turn over and continue to freeze until firm, 10-25 more minutes. To serve, remove from the freezer, unwrap and place on a platter surrounded by crackers. SANDY'S NOTE: Freezing cheese changes its texture. This recipe assumes you are making the cheese log shortly before serving it so the freezer step is simply to firm it up, not to store it for a long time.

Checkered Tablecloth Italian Blend

1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon dried rosemary
1 1/2 tablespoons dried basil
1/2 tablespoon dried marjoram
1 tablespoon dried thyme
1/2 tablespoon dried sage
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
Mix all well.
Simple Fresh Italian Tomato Salad

On a large platter, arrange 5 ripe plum or Roma tomatoes, sliced and 5 fresh scallions (including the green tops) chopped. Sprinkle with Checkered Tablecloth Italian Blend seasoning. Also sprinkle with black pepper and sea salt to taste. No dressing needed! Wonderful served with crusty Italian bread and real butter, softened.

Onion Pepper Blend

3 tablespoons dried onion flakes
2 tablespoons parsley flakes
2 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper
Mix all ingredients well.
Oniony Oven French Fries
2 medium russet potatoes
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons Onion Pepper Blend

Scrub the potatoes well but don't peel. Cut into wedges and place in a bowl of cold water for 15-20 minutes. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F (yes, 500!). Put the potato wedges into a plastic bag and add the oil. Shake to coat the potatoes well. Pour into a bowl and sprinkle the Onion Pepper Blend on top. Toss to cover the potatoes evenly as possible. Lightly spray a cookie sheet and arrange the potato wedges in a single layer. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until they are crisp on the outsides, turning as necessary during baking. Season to taste with sea salt and some paprika for color.

It's great fun to make your own seasoning blends. This past Christmas I made double/triple batches, put them into decorated jars and gave them as gifts to some foodie friends. Having control over what is in your seasonings is wise. If you notice the labels of seasoning blends on the grocery store shelf, the first ingredient is almost always salt. It's inexpensive for the manufacturer but it's also less than healthy for many people. Also, by the time you use enough to get flavor on a burger or other meat, the result is too salty. Give these a try and go online for dozens more. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





Fun at LRH

Residents and staff enjoyed some music dancing all around fun recently, as pictured here. "It's moments like these that make everything so special."





Kicking off Mental Health Month

On May 1, events were held at the Northwood Public Library to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month. The day began with story hour and time playing with the Worth County Park and Play imagination playground and other fun activities. The children were read a book about filling buckets as a way to think about mental health. They were also given a copy of the book to take home, along May Day baskets, or buckets, with fun items, snacks and activities.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

Last month I shared that our Summer Reading Program donation letters were being sent out and the Northwood Public Library would like to give a huge thank you to those who have replied so far: Dewey Kruger Music Center, Farmer's State Bank, Inject Tech Diesel, Knudtson Automotive, Northwood Dental, Northwood State Bank, Shade Tree Liquor, Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill, Worth Mutual and Olson Insurance. Our theme for the year is "Plant a Seed, Read!" We're putting the finishing touches on the calendar, and we'll start posting our events! If you want have kids or grandkids that you might bring to the library for the Summer Reading Program, join our Facebook page to follow along! www.facebook.com/groups/278686796498248

The Northwood Public Library has four Friday Story Times planned for May; the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, starting at 10 a.m. Story Time is geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! Please watch the library's Facebook page for more information.

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

Here are new books coming to the library sometime during the month of December:

Adult Fiction books: "26 Beauties" by James Patterson, "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett, "The Shippers" by Katherine Center, "Fever Dream" by Elsie Silver, "The Midnight Train" by Matt Haig, "The Final Target" by Nora Roberts, "The Divorce" by Freida McFadden, "The Brothers McKay" by Craig Johnson, and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: "Rainy Day Meet Cute" by Debbie Macomber, "C is for Courting" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "Harbor Pointe" by Irene Hannon, "The Hired Man" by Sandra Dallas, "Heart's Perilous Journey" by Lacy Williams, "Where We Belong" by Kim Vogel Sawyer, and more.

I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have by emailing us at librarian@northwoodia.org or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

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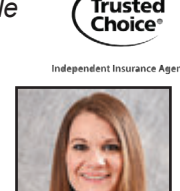
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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

The letter your loved ones will treasure

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

I want to leave something meaningful for my children and grandchildren, beyond just money or property. I've heard about "legacy letters," but I don't really know what they are or how to start one. Can you help?

--Legacy Seeker

Dear Seeker,

You're asking a wonderful question. A legacy letter – sometimes called an ethical will – is a personal note to your loved ones where you can share your values, life lessons, cherished memories, hopes, and guidance. Unlike a traditional will, which focuses on legal matters, a legacy letter comes straight from the heart.

Why write one?

Many people think a legacy is just money or property. But often, it's your words, values, and life lessons that leave the deepest mark. A legacy letter gives your family something to hold onto – your stories, your traditions, and the experiences that shaped who you are. Children and grandchildren often return to these letters for comfort, guidance, or inspiration long after you're gone. In many ways, it becomes an emotional last will and testament, answering some of the most important questions about your life.

A legacy letter can also help explain the "why" behind your estate plan in a personal, thoughtful way. While a will handles the legal and financial details, a legacy letter adds context – why you made certain decisions or what you hope your loved ones will do with what you leave behind. That added perspective can ease misunderstandings, strengthen family connections, and leave a lasting sense of closeness.

Getting started

Take a moment to reflect on what matters most to you. Consider asking yourself:

- What values or principles have guided my life?
- What moments or experiences am I most grateful for?
- What mistakes or regrets taught me the most?
- How do I hope to be remembered by my loved ones?
- What lessons, advice, or guidance do I want to leave for my family?
- Which family traditions, stories, or dreams do I want future generations to carry forward?

Keep it personal and sincere. You can write one letter or several for different family members. Most letters run one to three pages, though there's no strict rule.

If you'd like a little guidance as you get started, Trust & Will has a free legacy letter writing guide with step-by-step prompts to help you organize your thoughts and begin writing. You can find it at trustandwill.com/learn/legacy-letter-writing-guide.

If writing isn't your thing, consider creating a legacy video. Speak directly to your loved ones, sharing stories, guidance, and heartfelt reflections. Most smartphones now record high-quality video and sound, making it easy to create, store, and share. A video captures your voice, expressions, and surroundings in a way that a letter simply can't.

Storing and sharing

Keep letters or videos in a safe, easy-to-find spot. Physical letters can go in a secure file, safe, or with your attorney, while digital files can be backed up to the cloud or an external drive. You can share them now or wait until later, after you're gone. Be sure to include instructions in your will so family members know where to find them.

When it comes down to it, a legacy letter or video is truly the heart behind your will. It gives you the chance to share your values, tell your stories, and even explain the intentions behind your estate plan, leaving your loved ones with words that will matter long after you are gone. Written with generosity, empathy, and positivity, a few thoughtful pages or a short video can create an emotional imprint that money alone cannot provide.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Did you notice the notice?

I noticed the notice.

Did you notice it wasn't worth noticing?

I noticed.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Spring brings high school baseball and softball with fans wearing the wrong coats. On the farm, we had cattle, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, goats, guinea fowl, pigeons, dogs, cats, a parakeet, goldfish, peafowl and hamsters. The sense of smell is closely related to memory. A whiff of something can trigger a memory. Using a ballfield's porta-potty, I remembered we had an outhouse.

Lawrence Welk

A few years back, I did an on-air pledge drive for KSMQ-TV during "The Lawrence Welk Show." Many viewers considered the champagne music style with its bubble machine releasing bubbles across the bandstand as the theme song "Bubbles in the Wine" played, to be a match for Welk's famous tagline, "Wunnerful, wunnerful!" My parents favored the Champagne Lady Norma Zimmer, Myron Floren (The Happy Norwegian) and his accordion, Larry Hooper's basso profundo voice rendition of "This Old House," and Big Tiny Little who played a tiny, big piano or a big, tiny piano. I forget which. I paid little attention to the show, unless Lawrence introduced the lovely Lennon sisters. That was Mr. Welk's secret signal for me to pay attention. And I did.

Transistor radio

I was 12 and saved up enough money from walking bean rows and baling hay to buy a small GE transistor radio. It was AM only, but it worked in the PM too. I listened to it constantly, blowing through 9-volt batteries. In the 1960s, carbon-zinc was the dominant, standard battery technology. Those batteries struggled with high-drain devices (like portable radios), lasting only a blink of an eye before needing replacement. They were the printer ink cartridges of the time. I listened to WDGY, WLS, KOMA, WBZ, KDKA and KAAY. I enjoyed two kinds of music—both rock and roll.

I've learned

Mr. Potato Head never stifles a sneeze.

Veget is one of the world's greatest ables.

Too many politicians would rather see the country fail than their opponents succeed.

Iowa created its first major state tax in 1921 when the General Assembly passed a 2-cent-per-package tax on cigarettes. Iowa was the first state to pass a cigarette tax.

Bad jokes department

Scientists grew human vocal cords in a test tube. The results speak for themselves.

When my wife saw me standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in my stomach, she said, "That won't help!" I replied, "It helps. It's the only way I can see the numbers."

There are two types of people in this world. People who finish what they start.

Nature notes

A bumblebee buzzed by my ear. The popular myth that bumblebees shouldn't be able to fly began in 1934, when a French entomologist noted that a bee's flight should be impossible. Bees should be able to fly because they do fly. Their wings twist and rotate, creating enough lift to make it possible for bees to become and remain airborne.

Goldfinches are picky eaters and want fresh seeds. Nyjer has a high oil content, thin shells and provides protein and energy. When Nyjer gets wet, it clumps like cat litter and can spoil or become moldy. If Nyjer gets moldy, remove it and clean the feeder with a 10% bleach-water solution. Oily seeds can go rancid, emitting a foul odor. Sniff them and you'll know. Nyjer seed can also dry out. Crush the seeds onto a white paper towel and look for oil blotches. If oil stains are present, the seed is fresh. If the seeds look dull and aren't shiny, replace them with a fresh batch. Nyjer seed isn't derived from thistles, but from an African yellow daisy. I think the seeds are best served in an open tray (metal or plastic) to reduce the chances of conjunctivitis.

A robin fights with my bedroom window. A pair claims a territory and defends it from other robins. When one male spots another, a chasing fight ensues. The dominant male gets the desired territory. The window acts as a mirror. A robin is so territorial that he makes an enemy of his image. The reflection refuses to flee. Being persistent and stubborn, the robin refuses to negotiate peace with itself. I could soap the outside of the window or cover it with cardboard, black nylon screen, painter's cloth, or plastic cling to block the assailant's image. Covering the inside of the window enhances reflections. Plastic owls and fake snakes don't help.

Meeting adjourned

Offer a kind word to another. It's not taxable.

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Fit to print...

Letters to the Editor- 250th celebration support encouraged

Seeking veterans and helpers to lead parade

With the 4th of July approaching quickly, and as our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday, our committee has selected a very special group to serve as the 2026 Grand Marshals. We are proud to honor all veterans, active-duty military members, and members of the National Guard.

As a small committee of six, we are asking for the community's help to make this tribute possible.

We are currently looking for:

- Veterans, active-duty military, and National Guard members who would like to participate in the July 4th parade
- A wagon or trailer, along with a vehicle to pull it in the parade
- Volunteers to help decorate the float

We are fortunate to have two individuals helping coordinate these efforts. If you are interested in participating or assisting in any way, please contact: Deanna Luthke at 641-425-3482 or Paul Ferley at 641-390-0009.

July 4th will be here before we know it, so the sooner we can get everything organized, the better. We look forward to coming together as a community to honor those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Sincerely,
4th of July Committee



Share plans for Fourth festivities

With 2026 being the 250th Birthday of the USA, the Northwood Chamber has been working on the normal plans for the 4th of July, Parade, food, beverage garden, awards, fireworks, ect.

We are a very small group of six that can't add more on to our list of things to get done, so we are asking that if there are any groups that are thinking of doing something for the 250th Birthday celebration to please let us know so we can get it on the schedule of events and to make sure there are no conflicts with other groups.

Just a reminder that since the 4th of July is on Saturday this year, the beverage garden will also be on the night of the 4th as well as the fireworks.

Please contact Teresa George-Zenz via cell 641-390-1899 call or text or email the chamber at northwoodchamber@gmail.com

Teresa George-Zenz
President
Northwood Chamber of Commerce

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

April 29, 1926

E.L. Linder has been in business in Northwood for 28 years and to celebrate the anniversary he announces a shoe sale at his store for one week. Mr. Linder has a reputation for giving exceptional bargains at sales held in the past.

Mrs. Clarissa V. Kean, widow of the late Dr. Norman L. Kean, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bolton, where she had made her home since the death of her husband in 1923. The Keans came to Northwood in the early '70s and remained here about 25 years. He then practiced at LaCrosse, Wis., and at Osage, returning to Northwood to reside for a time, later moving to Minneapolis, where they made their home until his death.

Miss Ida Hanson has resigned her position as office assistant at the Farm Bureau office. She has capably filled the position for the past five years. Miss Myrtle Ausenhus is the new assistant at the office.

A Swede tent show, "Let Ole Do It," will be in Northwood tomorrow evening for a single night's showing. A band and orchestra are included with the sow, and a free concert will be given on the street at noon.

Contracts were let for the erection and equipment of five new schoolhouses in Bristol Township. C.K. Then of Northwood was the successful bidder for the excavating and building contract with a price of $14,700 for the five buildings. Worth County leads all counties in the state in the number of modern schoolhouses. Silver Lake, Barton and Union townships have all new schools that are heated with furnaces and equipped with plumbing. Deer Creek and Bristol will send all their children to new schools next fall and a bond election will be held in Brookfield in May so that three new schools may be had in that township.

75 years ago

May 3, 1951

Marcile Kuhlmann will be Miss Northwood at the North Iowa Band Festival in Mason City June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Lund and daughter Ruth, of Albert Lea, were visitors Thursday evening with Northwood friends. They came especially to attend the pancake supper at the First Lutheran Church that evening.

Editorial: Retailers have all but been driven crazy in recent weeks preparing the price reports, detailed figures of cost, invoice numbers, dates of purchase, markup, selling price, etc., which have been required on countless articles of merchandise. Price fixing will have little effect on inflation without an equally effective control of wages.

Norma Vaage, Kensett, was honored at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls by being named to the dean's honor scholastic list. She earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for the honor.

Approximately 50 Northwood area telephones went dead Tuesday at about 4 p.m. because of wet cable. Several hours were required to repair the damage, but the phones were all in order by Wednesday morning.

Cpl. Bill Storms, son of Mrs. August Buntrock of Albert Lea and grandson of Mrs. Sarah Aase, Northwood, has been awarded the bronze star for heroism in Korea. He is a member of a military police unit and was stationed in Japan before the Korean War broke out and has been in Korea almost since the beginning of hostilities. He writes that he has taken charge of a war trained German shepherd dog and has adopted a mountain owl while in Korea.

Margie Nystuen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Nystuen, farmers near Kensett, has been chosen as a candidate from that community for the title of Miss North Iowa at the North Iowa Band Festival in Mason City, scheduled for June 12. After graduation she expects to attend Iowa Teachers College, Cedar Falls.

50 years ago

April 29, 1976

Mrs. Jean Ellingson is busy making preparations for the annual (and final) Powder Puff Derby from Sacramento, Calif., to Wilmington, Del., in July. She will have a practice run in Illinois over the Memorial Day weekend. Her husband, Lemoyne, is a certified flight instructor and a former U.S. Navy jet pilot.

Mrs. Kermit Helgeland, Mrs. Deane Koerner and Mrs. Joseph Orth attended a dinner in observance of the 75th anniversary of Chapter CC, PEO held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rottler in Greene, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haugebak are the parents of a daughter, Susanne Jo, born Thursday, April 22, at Mercy Hospital, Mason City. The 7 lb., 14 oz., infant comes to join two brothers, Kristopher and Timothy. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orland Tenold, Kensett, and Mr and Mrs. Marle Haugebak, Northwood.

The boys golf team is now 4-0 for the season, winning Tuesday over Forest City 146-150. John Midtgaard was low with 35. The girls are 2-2, losing to Forest City 211-201. Terri Angell was low with 48.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Oleson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Roxanne, to Mr. Richard Gordon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gordon, all of Kensett. A July 10 wedding is planned.

Mrs. Anna McCready, Northwood, was elected district secretary at the 57th fourth district conference of the American Legion and Auxiliary meeting held Saturday, April 24, in Waukon.

Dick Tuttle and his daughter Rochelle took the first leg of the Pony Express ride for Camp Sunnyside, April 16. Pat Breheny, candidate for State Senate, and sheriff Ike Davey greeted the riders at Manly. Ken Logemann, rural Northwood was area chairman for the ride.

25 years ago

May 2, 2001

The City of Northwood will join an organized inquiry into AT&T's proposed transfer of Iowa cable franchises to Mediacom Communications. The Northwood city council voted 4-0 last Tuesday night to join a consortium of Iowa municipalities investigating the proposal. The city will pay a membership fee of $123 to help defray the consortium's legal expenses.

Northwood teenagers Dave Reyerson and Tom Carmody bagged these trophy turkeys early last Thursday morning in eastern Hartland Township. Reyerson's gobbler sported an 11-inch beard and weighed 22 pounds. Carmody's had a 10-inch beard and weighed 21 pounds. Both had 1-1/4 inch spurs.

The Worth County Veterans Memorial Fund grew by $2,310 last week, thanks to 20 donations by couples and individuals. The latest contributions increased the fund balance to $32,515, which means the fund is only $2,485 short of the organizers' $35,000 goal.

Two N-K High School graduates are playing spring ball at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. April Stayner, a 1999 N-K grad, is a sophomore outfielder on the NIACC softball team. She is the daughter of Grayling and Marlyn Stayner of rural Northwood. Adam Berge, a 2000 N-K grad, is a freshman pitcher on the NIACC baseball team. He is the son of Larry and Jeanette Berge of rural Northwood.

Members of the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated their 75th anniversary at the home of Shirley Vorland last week.

N-K High School junior Toby Mills and sophomore Zeke Thompson helped natural sciences instructor Delores Knudson clean up the high school grounds as part of a class project during the recent Earth Week and Earth Day observances at N-K High.

10 years ago

May 4, 2016

With warmer weather arriving in recent weeks, the red geraniums, which became the official flower of the city of Northwood in 1995, has begun to bloom at Village Florist in Northwood. A push from the Green Thumb Garden Club led to the flower's official status as the city flower. Tom Sculley typically grows 1,200-1,300 geraniums each year.

Stacy Davidson refers to herself as the "luminary part" of the Relay of Life. "It's a fun part, and I have a great committee to work with. So many people have had cancer touch their lives. When we put names on the bags, we remember them." Davidson, herself a cancer survivor, was 30 years old when she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

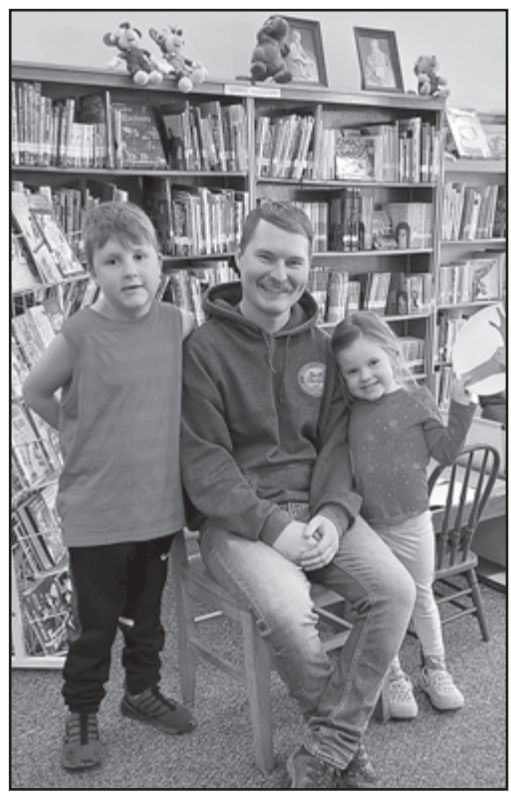
N-K classmates from 1964 continue to hold informal gatherings in their efforts to stay connected 53 years after their graduation. Two recent get-togethers were held last weekend. One gathering was held at Northwestern Steak House in Mason City and the other at the drop-in coffee at Sue's Corner Post in Northwood.

The annual Vikings Knockout Contest was held in April. The winners were Carly Hengesteg and Drew Wilder.

Jordan Kenison and Curt Smalley will marry on Saturday, June 25, 2016, in Kensett, Iowa. The bride's parents are Connie and Brian Kenison of Kensett, Iowa. The groom's parents are Russ and Sue Smalley of Riceville, Iowa.

N-K's Sully Reyerson already has a sixth place medal from last year's state meet in the 110-meter hurdles, an event that has become Reyerson's specialty. Last Friday the talented senior added another milestone to his impressive track resume with a fifth place finish in the heat at the 107th Drake Relays in Des Moines. Reyerson recorded a time of 15.42 seconds that was good enough for 24th place overall in Iowa.





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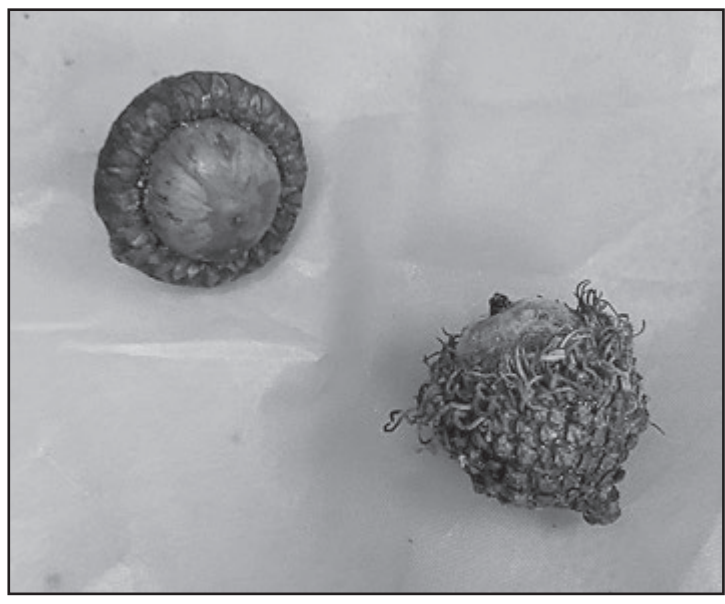
By Lisa Lestrud
Library Director

Greetings from the Kensett Public Library. Spring is in the air and we are excited for warmer weather, sunshine, and flowers.

We will celebrate Mother's Day on Saturday, May 9, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Join us to make a special craft to give to a special lady for Mother's Day. We will also read a book and have a snack too. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, May 23, 10 - 11:30 a.m. it is, "World Turtle Day." This will be a fun program to learn fun facts about our local turtles. We will do a turtle craft and have a snack. Everyone is welcome.

On Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m. at the Kensett Community Center we will have the, "Memorial Day Service," honoring all who served. This will include a presentation about our local veterans and music performed by the Northwood-Kensett High School Band. This event is sponsored by the Kensett Lions Club with refreshments being served by the Kensett Library and board members. Please join us.



We had a very enjoyable and interesting program on Saturday, April 25, to celebrate, "Arbor Day." Owen Burrack, the Worth County Conservation Naturalist, did a wonderful presentation on the trees in our area. We then got to choose an acorn and plant them in a pot, which becomes a Bur Oak or a Red Oak Tree so hopefully these will grow into beautiful strong trees. Thank you to everyone that came.

We have been doing some weeding of books, and will continue to have books until done. Come see if there is anything you would like for your own collection, we only ask for a free will donation.

Hope to see you at the library.



Refreshing the road signs

The Iowa DOT recently replaced the signs on Highway 65 along the entrances to the city of Kensett. That includes the declining speed limits, 45 mph and then 35 mph for those traveling into the community.

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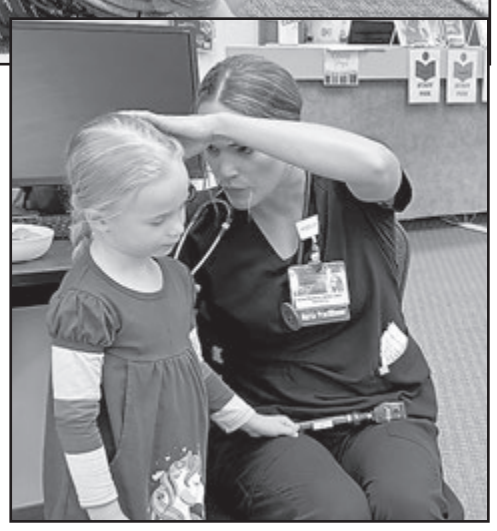
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Lake Mills News







Healthcare helper visits library

The Lake Mills Library has continued its Community Helper of the Week program, inviting those that serve the community to speak to and share acitivities with the "Little Learners" program. That included a recent visit from nurse practitioner Jennie Knudtson. Nurse Jennie talked about her job and gave some daily ways to help promote health and well-being. She also talked about what happens during an office visit and showed some of the tools used to check them out to make sure they're healthy. The kids tried some of the tools, tried on gloves and masks and checked on the adults that accompanied them to the library.







Going with the wind

Students in the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) class at Lake Mills took part in an activity that combines science and math in April. With some art skills thrown in the mix the students made their own wind socks. Then they practiced measuring skills to create the length of streamers to catch a breeze on their wind socks.

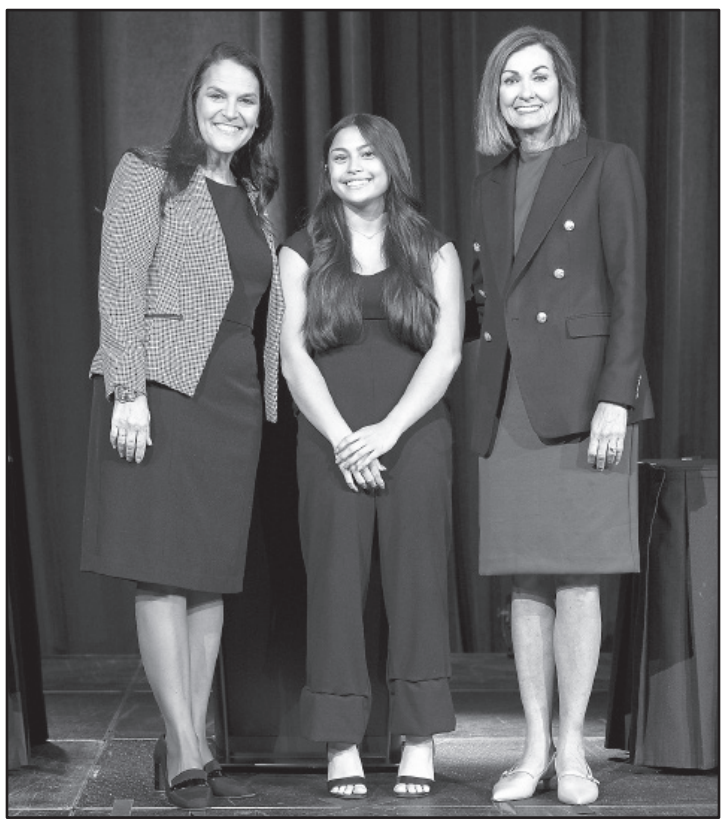
Schwartz recognized by Governor Reynolds for academic excellence

Jasmine Schwartz, a student at Lake Mills School, was recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer for outstanding academic achievement at the 24th Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony on April 26 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

The statewide program, sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and its title sponsor the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honored 429 high school seniors from across Iowa.

"Supporting Iowa youth and their education is a pillar of Iowa Farm Bureau, and we're proud of our long history of supporting students in their educational journey knowing they represent the leaders of tomorrow," said IFBF President Brent Johnson. "From providing more than a half-million dollars in college scholarships annually to our long-time title sponsorship of the Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony, we're honored to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Iowa's outstanding students."

Each high school was invited to select a senior student with the highest academic ranking. Students selected for the award also had the opportunity to recognize their favorite/most influential teacher and will receive a photo plaque of their meeting with Governor Reynolds and Lt. Governor Cournoyer.



LT. GOVERNOR CHRIS COURNOYER, JASMINE SCHWARTZ AND GOV. KIM REYNOLDS

"The principles learned through academic success, like those learned from participation in education-based activities, help develop outstanding leaders and citizens," said IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating. "The partnership between the IHSAA and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with the great cooperation of the Governor's Office has made this event possible for many years."

Ninety-eight percent of those recognized participate in extra-curricular school activities, with more than 80 percent participating in at least one interscholastic sport. More than 68 percent of the group plan to continue their education in Iowa.

City of Lake Mills Spring clean up begins Saturday



The City of Lake Mills will hold a spring clean up beginning this Saturday, May 9, and continuing Monday through Wednesday, May 11-13.

Clean up items may be taken to the location at 308 South Fourth Avenue West.

All appliances and brown goods (electronics) need to have a sticker on them. Each garbage paying household will be given two free stickers for appliances or brown goods, except for monitors and TVs. Computer monitors and televisions will require a special $100 sticker each. Stickers are only available at City Hall at 200 North First Ave. W. during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone planning to bring appliances or brown goods to the disposal site will need to get stickers ahead of time. Additional stickers will cost $15 each. Only empty, major appliances will be picked up at the curb on regular garbage pickup day. Those items are asked to be at the curb by 7 a.m. of regular garbage day.

No small items will be picked up at the curb. Anything at the curb, other than major appliances, must be in the City issued garbage container.

The City does not accept oil, paint, batteries, household chemicals, cleaners or tires.

Items need to be brought to 308 South Fourth Avenue West on Saturday, May 9, from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (or until full); and on Monday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 13, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

For those unable to haul large items to the site, arrangements for pick up may be made by calling City Hall at 592-3251, or the Director of Public Works at 592-2441, prior to May 9.

Leaves and brush may also be brought to the disposal site. Do not leave leaf bags or containers. If the gate is locked, individuals must wait until the next working day to unload.

Watch the Northwood Anchor for a clean-up date on a Saturday in the Fall.

Spring clean-up is for garbage paying Lake Mills residents only.

Lake Mills Public Library May events

The Lake Mills Public Library May calendar of events includes:

• May 6, 13, 20, 27 - Little Learners, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

• May 6, 13, 20, 27 - ATLAS, 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

• May 12, 26 - Book Delivery for Homebound

• May 19 - Author Visit with James Kenyon a retired veterinarian turned author/public speaker. The "Immigrant Next Door," 4:30-5:30 p.m.

• May 21 - Silent Book Club, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

• May 29 - Lunch & Learn, Prairie Ridge Harley Froning, prevention specialist, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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N-K boys track runs on the road

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett boys track team traveled to Garner on Tuesday, April 28, for the Cardinal Relays and finished in 10th place with 11 points.

Ethan Franck was 12th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.47 and Keenan Davidson-Jacobs was 20th with a time of 13.61.

Aydan Schutz was 22nd in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.17.

In the 400-meter dash, Tucker Duvall was 18th with a time of 1:02.93 and Zach Heiken was 20th with a time of 1:04.61.

Carson Tufte placed seventh in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:05.10.

Dagen Peterson was 10th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.27 and Landen Nelson was 12th with a time of 2:24.57.

Heiken was 13th in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:29.80.

The sprint medley relay team of Henry Hanson, Franck, Gabe Aleman and Alec Ducommun placed eighth with a time of 1:47.49.

The distance medley team of Aleman, Schutz, Ducommun and Hayzin Jacobson placed seventh with a time of 4:15.32.

The 4x100 relay team of Jacobson, Brady Tufte, Aleman and Franck finished ninth with a time of 49.72.

The 4x200 relay team of Hanson, Weston Heims, Kolton Robinson and Franck placed eighth with a time of 1:42.46.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of B. Tufte, Hanson, Heims and Robinson placed eighth with a time of 1:14.76.

The 4x400 relay team of Ducommun, Heims, Nelson and Peterson placed seventh with a time of 4:01.85.

The 4x800 relay team of Heiken, C. Tufte, Nelson and Peterson placed fourth with a time of 9:14.92.

Max Johnson placed eighth in the discus with a throw of 104-08 and Alex Tiedeman was 13th with a throw of 92-03.

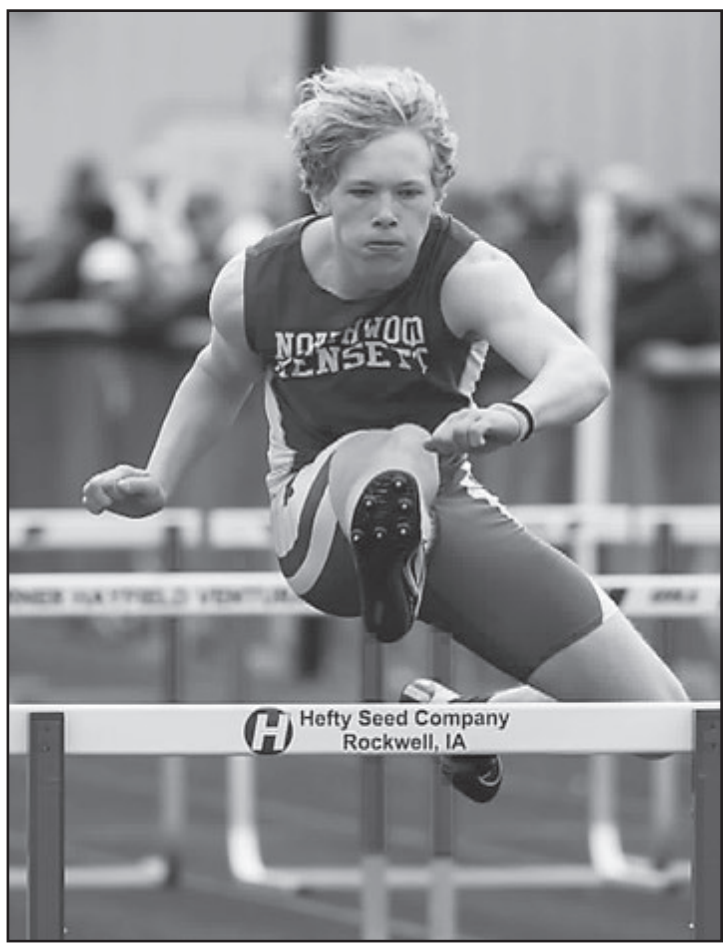
Jacobson placed eighth in the long jump with a distance of 17-00.50 and Hanson was ninth with a distance of 16-06.50.

Tiedemann was 15th in the shotput with a throw of 34-03.75 and Johnson was 19th with a throw of 29-05.00

On Thursday, April 30, the team traveled to North Union for the John Larson Relays and finished fifth with 83 points.

In the 100-meter dash Davidson-Jacobs was ninth with a time of 13.66 and Kale Bode was 10th with a time of 14.31.

Schutz finished ninth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.76 and Duvall was 11th with a time of 29.45.



Viking Brady Tufte clears a hurdle during Tuesday's shuttle hurdle relay in Garner.



Viking Landen Nelson takes the baton from Carson Tufte during a relay race on Tuesday in Garner.

Duvall placed seventh in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:03.15.

In the 800-meter run, Peterson placed sixth with a time of 2:22.43 and Penfold was 10th with a time of 3:16.76.

Heiken placed third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:14.84 and Penfold was ninth with a time of 7:20.11.

Robinson placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.16.

The 4x100 relay team of Tiedemann, Aleman, Nelson and Franck placed fifth with a time of 48.66.

The 4x200 relay team of Heims, Aleman, Nelson and Franck placed fourth with a time of 1:41.93.

The 4x400 relay team of C. Tufte, Ducommun, Hanson and Peterson placed third with a time of 3:49.57.

The 4x800 relay team of C. Tufte, Nelson, Heiken and Peterson placed second with a time of 9:12.43.

The sprint medley team of Franck, Jacobson, Aleman and Ducommun placed fourth with a time of 1:47.99.

The distance medley team of Ducommun, Schutz, Jacobson and C. Tufte placed third with a time of 4:15.44.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of B. Tufte, Hanson, Heims, and Robinson placed second with a time of 1:08.54.

Jacobson placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 17-04.50 and Hanson placed fifth with a distance of 17-01.50.

Tiedemann placed fifth in the shotput with a throw of 35-06.00 and Johnson placed seventh with a distance of 30-03.50.

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By Troy Einertson
N-K girls track coach

We are getting down to the last couple weeks of our season, and as a coach this is really the most stressful time of the year. Lineup changes, split times, weather and workout load are just a few of the things that I think about on a daily basis.

The number one stress that always goes through my mind is, "Have I put all of my girls in the position to succeed in any of the races I put them in?"

That is why I like to go to the South Hamilton meet every year. It is a long drive for us, but we get to run against a lot of tough competition and the kids all get the chance to ease my stress a little by showing what they can do against these schools. We also always get nice weather, so that is a bonus as well!

This year was no different, it was a little cool, but I will take cold weather over hot weather any day!

We once again started our meet off with the 3000 with Ivy and Merrin. This was the last time they were going to run this race before districts, so we had a lot of discussion on what we wanted to do in this race.

Ivy led from the start and I knew we were in a good spot when she started clicking off 1:30 400s. This put her on pace for our pace time of 11:13, which is our school record. Ivy came around the last turn, and she could see their ginormous jumbo tron and she let it loose. She finished first with a time of 11:10.69 and set the school record that had been on the board since 1990.

Merrin also had a huge race for us. She had a goal time of 12:30, and just like Ivy, she was clicking along at a great pace. She came through her first 1500 in a crazy fast 6:05 and I knew if she could just hold on she would hit her time. She opened it up in the last 200, and was running stride for stride with another runner, and pulled away in the last 100 to finish 6th in a time of 12:28.10. For Merrin, this was a PR of over 50 seconds, and as I was running over to congratulate both of them, I lost my stopwatch on this sprint, I could not believe what I just witnessed from both of them.

The stress was gone, for a while anyway, and it reassured me that the hard work was paying off! Breaking a 36 year old record, and PRing by 52 seconds is really the best way to start out any meet!

The girls kept it rolling as the meet went on as Ivy also won the 800, and our shuttle hurdle team continued to run great as they finished second. Merrin came back in the 1500 and picked up a 5th place finish, while Mia and True finished 4th and 6th in the 100 meter hurdles.

Taryn Jackson also continued to impress everyone by throwing 30-00 feet in the shot, and placing second!

Finally, our 4x400 team of Anna, Maggie, Maddie and Ivy turned in our best time of the year by running 4:42 and finishing 4th. We were in the slow heat, and ended up winning our heat by over 100 meters, and it would have been cool to see how fast we really could have gone if we had someone to run with.

Overall, we learned a lot from this meet, and the girls really did a great job.

On Thursday of last week we traveled to Armstrong to run in the John Larson Relays.

Now North Union is another long drive for us, but again this is a very good meet to run in because we get to see a lot of teams we do not get to run against very often.

The wind always blows in Armstrong, and boy did it blow during this meet. As our 800 runners were lining up to run, they were literally blown off the track by a 40 mile per hour gust of wind. It didn't let up during the race either, so again, the wind was a factor in all of our races.

Every meet we go to there are a lot of things that we are working on, the main focus of this meet was getting everyone ready for our conference race on Thursday. The girls were put in different events to see what they could do, and boy did they surprise me!

One of the girls who has been coming along nicely this year is Anna Block. She was a sprinter last year, but when we ran a mile at the beginning of the year, she showed me what a fierce competitor she was, and I knew from that moment she was going to be able to run a nice 800.

It takes a while to develop into a mid distance runner, and there is a lot of work that goes into it. Anna has never complained, she is always smiling and she always finishes her workout in a positive way. She started showing little glimpses of her talent last week, but she let it all out in a couple of shining moments at North Union.

First, she brought us from way back in the 4x800 by running her fastest split of the year. She ran 2:48 and helped the team to a 3rd place finish. If she would have had another 30 meters, she would have caught the girl who finished 2nd.

Then in the 4x400, again we were way back when she got the stick. She ran a huge split for us and again caught up to the girl in front of her. This time she would not be denied. She passed the girl at the finish line helping us to a 4th place finish.

Kids like Anna make track and field even better because of how hard they work, and their willingness to sacrifice for the team. She could have balked at running the 800, but instead she decided to embrace it and is now our #2 800 on the team!

Also having good nights for us were Ivy Urbatsch, who won the 800 and placed third in the 1500.

Our shuttle hurdle team picked up a huge win in the shuttle, while our 4 x 100 team of Lexi, Mia, Ashlyn and Hixton ran their best time of the year for a 3rd place finish.

True and Mia ran well in the 100 hurdles placing 5th and 6th respectively while Maddie and Anna placed 3rd and 4th for some needed points in the 400.

Finally our 4 x 200 continues to improve every meet. The team of Kenly, Lexi, Chloe and Hixton ran a time of 2:08, which was also good for another 4th place finish.

Speaking of the 200, Sophie Rye continues to have a great year for us. She is a lot like Anna, and will run whatever you tell her too. We put her in the open 200 to see what she could do, and she ran a tough race into the wind and picked up a 5th place finish for us.

As a team, we finished 2nd to Algona Garrigan with 120 points.

We didn't go into this meet trying to score a lot because we just wanted to see a couple things from the girls. Well we ended up seeing a lot, and to finish second is a huge testament to what kind of girls we have running for us. I couldn't be more proud of them!

That concludes our April schedule, now it is on to championship season. The next two weeks are huge for us, and if you want to see some amazing talent, come to the Top of Iowa Conference Meet that will be held in Northwood on Thursday. Some of the top kids in the state will all be toeing the line looking for that conference championship! Our girls will be ready!



Taryn Jackson and Anna Block reaffirming That there is a pot of gold under each rainbow.



Ivy Urbatsch and Merrin Hanson after their record breaking 3000. School record for Ivy and a 52 second PR for Merrin.

Caden Helgeson continues to lead the Vikings

By Julie Salisbury

Viking Caden Helgeson continues to be a consistent top golfer as the season goes on. On Tuesday, April 28, Helgeson earned medalist honors at Ridge Stone Golf Course in Sheffield with a round of 38, edging out Chase Haugen of St. Ansgar by one stroke.

Viking Bowman Behne was fourth with a 42 and Tyce Helgeson was 12th with a 47. Caysen Chodur was 14th with a 50 and Weston Willand was 17th with a 59.

St. Ansgar won the team title with a score of 170, West Fork was second with a 174 and Northwood finished third with a 177.

Leading the girls was Kinley Stambaught who was third with a 51, just one stroke from being the runner-up medalist. Quinn Schroeder finished 13th with a 70 and Hallie Hanson was 14th with a 73.

On Friday, May 1, the Vikings traveled to Mason City to golf at Highland Golf Course.

Stambaugh finished eighth overall with a score of 48. Hanson finished 18th with her best score of the season, a 58, and Schroeder was 20th with her personal best score, a 62.

No boys scores were available at the time of this story.



Viking Caden Helgeson tees of during Tuesday's meet in Elma, he went on to earn medalist honors.



Viking Kinley Stambaugh tees off during Tuesday's meet at Ridge Stone Golf Course in Sheffield.

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