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Briefs

Community blood drive tomorrow

Northwood-Kensett High School students and the Northwood Lions are joining together with LifeServe Blood Center of Mason City in sponsoring a blood drive tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room from 1-5:30 p.m.

LifeServe provides blood for MercyOne of Mason City, along with the rest of Iowa; Nebraska and South Dakota.

Donors may schedule an appointment by calling either 1-515-815-7242 or 800-287-4903 or online at lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Donors may also call locally to Bob Perry at 641-324-2252.

"Everyone is encouraged to give lifesaving blood whether you schedule an appointment or simply 'walk in' and donate. Be a first time donor, it is not difficult."

Help asked to place flags at cemetery

With Memorial Day on the way, local veterans and volunteers will once again help prepare the Sunset Rest Cemetery, but they are asking for help.

Those that are able to help place the flags along the paths are asked to come to the cemetery at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 18.

N-K Athletic Hall of Fame events set for July 2

The Northwood-Kensett Athletic Hall of Fame will host its inaugural fundraiser and silent auction on July 2, at Worth Brewing Company in Northwood. The event will help kick off the community's July 4th festivities, with all proceeds supporting ongoing Hall of Fame programming and recognition efforts.

The evening will feature a wide range of silent auction items, including professional and collegiate memorabilia from the Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, Iowa Hawkeyes, Iowa State Cyclones and UNI Panthers. Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on game used Northwood-Kensett gear, including autographed keepsakes from N-K Hall of Fame members, along with several other "tasty" auction items.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m., highlighted by appearances from Celebrity Bartenders, with the silent auction scheduled to close at 8 p.m.

Those that are unable to attend but still wish to

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Joining their classmates in commencement festivities this Sunday are 2026 graduates Miley White, Taylor Foss, Collin Houg and Aiden Moretz, as they prepare to walk out the doors of the Northwood-Kensett High school for the last time as students.

Northwood-Kensett High School Class of 2026 graduates this Sunday

This Sunday, the 41 members of the Northwood-Kensett class of 2026 will celebrate their graduation.

N-K's commencement ceremony will be held this Sunday, May 17, at 1 p.m. in the N-KHS gymnasium.

The class flower is the white rose. The class song is "Daylight" by Maroon 5. The class quote is: "I might not know who I was yesterday, or who I'm going to be tomorrow, but I know who I am right now." – Sabrina Carpenter.

The ceremony will include the announcement of academic honors. The presentation of scholarships will also take place, including the WCDA and those recognized with local scholarship foundation awards.

High school principal Keith Fritz will present the graduates, who will be accepted with the awarded diplomas by members of the board of education.

Northwood-Kensett Class of 2026

Bowan Jay Behne
Kenedie Claire Berry
Alex Cooper Bewley
Jackie LuAnn Budish
Sophia Charlotte Butler
Quinton James Butler
Brady Adams Christianson
Ayden Logan Clark
Annalisa Grace Coyle
Caden Joseph Davidson-Jacobs
Jace Allen Delle
Alec Fritz Ducommun

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Primary absentee voting begins June 2

On Tuesday, June 2, Iowa voters will choose who will represent the Democratic and Republican parties in the November general election. Absentee voting in person at auditor's offices began on May 13.

Offices on primary elections include national, state and county elected offices.

County offices that will appear on primary election ballots include the attorney, recorder, treasurer and supervisors from District 1 and District 3.

The attorney position will change following this year's election. The position will be full time starting with the term that begins in January 2027. That means the attorney will only work for Worth County and can not have private clients.

Filing to be the party candidates for county attorney were incumbent attorney Jeffrey H. Greve, for the Republican nomination, and Dexter Banks,

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Patriotic tour rides through area Saturday

A part of a tour supporting military families will travel through Worth County on this Saturday, May 16.

The Patriot Tour is bringing one flag to every state over the course of 115 days, the 17th year of the event.

The tour raises funds to veterans struggling to support their families.

The tour will arrive in the area on Friday, May 15, with a send off party in Glenville, at American Legion Post #264, with live bands and food and drink.

A starting ceremony for

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County road projects plans discussed

At their regular meeting on April 27, the Worth County supervisors received an update on county road and project plans from county engineer Rich Brumm.

At the meeting, Brumm presented and discussed reports that the County submits to the Iowa Department of Transportation annually.

Amongst the reports is a five-year plan for road and bridge projects in the county.

The report shows projects that the County may pursue, based on funding availability and conditions of roads at the time the plan was prepared.

The five year program shows projects in the year they are planned and funding from three sources, including local dollars, farm to market road funds and federal aid.

In the fiscal year that ends in 2027, The County has four projects currently planned.

That includes asphalt paving for 3.8 miles on Partridge Avenue from Highway 105 to 510th Street. The DOT program shows $1 million in farm to market funds for the project. A portion of the roadway is in the Northwood city limits and the County and City have discussed saving in the road repairs by pursuing the repairs together.

Also in 2027 would be a bridge on 380th Street over Beaver Creek, east of Olive

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The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. May 4	72	44	
Tues. May 5	55	34	
Wed. May 6	52	30	
Thurs. May 7	62	31	
Fri. May 8	74	33	
Sat. May 9	65	41	
Sun. May 10	69	32	

Reindl recognized for service during flag raising at Target Field

An annual tradition included a unique honor this year for a retired N-K teacher, veteran and Twins fan.

For the past three or four years, Mike Reindl, wife Barb and a group of friends has traveled to Target Field to enjoy a Twins game together.

This year, as Reindl was arranging the group outing, he asked about taking part in the Target Field Armed Forces Flag Raising Program.

The program was created in 2010, and invites those veterans or active duty military members to take part in the raising of the American flag during the National Anthem before each game. The program was designed to recognize veterans like Reindl.



Veteran Mike Reindl as he appeared on the screens at Target Field.

Reindl enlisted in the Air Force in 1984, serving as a fuels specialist in the 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB. His service included

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Fireworks fundraising begins

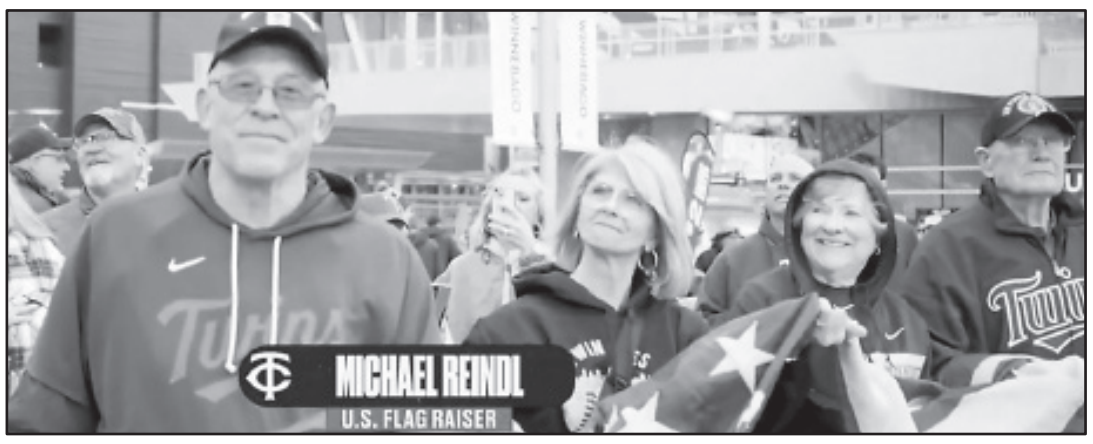
With Independence Day on the way, organizers are currently preparing for and collection donations for the annual fireworks display. And organizers are also sharing their appreciation for another longtime fireworks organizer and fundraiser who passed last year.

This year's fireworks supporters are recognizing the contributions of Dave Tenold, who helped make the fireworks in Northwood possible for many years. That included his time as a firefighter and later as a member of the Ol' Crackers, a group of former firefighters that helped organize and raise funds for the annual display. Tenold died in December.

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

Congratulations to the Lake Mills and N-K Classes of 2026! See more inside.

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deployments at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii and Al Udeid Air Force Base Doha Qatar.

After completing his enlistment he joined the Minnesota Air National Guard in 1988.

Mike finished his career in 2011 after 27 years of service, having received the War on Terrorism Service Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Air Force Achievement Medal.

Reindl was also a special education teacher for 35 years, including 30 years at Northwood-Kensett.

While he was booking the suite for the annual gathering of friends, Reindl asked about the program and was told that it was separate from the ticket sales department, and he didn't pursue it further.

Then, two weeks later he received a call, asking if he would be the veteran recognized at the same game as the group outing, on April 17.

In addition to the usual group of friends, Reindl was able to invite his dad, Orlyn, also a veteran, and mother Sarah to join him on the day.

They rented a bus and made their way to the once in a lifetime experience.

About half an hour before game time, Reindl, family and friends, including wife Barb, his parents and Ron and Mary Dodd, Troy and Dawn Bachtle, Mike and Wendy Weisert, Bob and Mary Weisert, Rich and Melinda Navarro and Tim and Ranye Johnson, were escorted to the flag area.

With Mike, Barb, Orlyn and Sarah standing in line, holding the flag, the announcer read the details of Mike's service, as his smiling face appeared on the big screens throughout the stadium. The crowd rose, cheered and applauded him as he took in the moment.

As elementary and junior high choir students from a Twin Cities area school sang the National Anthem, Mike turned the handle to raise the flag for the game.

"It was a lot more than I expected it to be," Mike said. "I could have never imagined the pride and the thanks that I felt in the moment, especially with Dad and every else there too. It was just an awesome thing. It was definitely something crossed off my bucket list."



Graduation
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Taylan Kaye-Katherine Enlow
Madison Marie Lynn Espinosa
Taylor Rae Foss
Iver Mathias Girouard
Kristin Lynn Hahn
Merrin Rose Hanson
Zachary George Heiken
Caden Andrew Helgeson
Collin Andrew Houg
Landon David Ingledue
Hayzin Noelan Jacobson
Isaac Samuel Ludington
Logan Ann Skye Manning
Aiden Jeffrey Moretz
Lexy Marie Mosher
Dagen Taylor Peterson
Lauren Renae Petznick
Camryn Jean Rheingans
Kolton Dale Robinson
Sophie Ellen Rye
Linca Adlin Scarlett III
Nolan Zane Severin
Gabriel Everett Thompson
Alexander Joseph Tiedemann
Emersyn Dustie Wahl
Miley Jo White
Weston David Willand
Cody Brock Wunderlich
Rebeka Zamudio

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Democratic Party candidate.

Filing to appear on ballots to be the Republican party candidate for county recorder was Jolene Hickle.

Filing to be the Republican party candidate for treasurer was incumbent Jake Hanson.

Filing to appear as the Republican candidate for District 1 supervisor was Marena Henkle.

Running to appear as the Republican candidate for District 3 supervisor were Mike Hanson and Gary Hengesteg.

In addition to county positions, appearing on primary ballots will be state elected offices.

Running for the Republican nomination for Governor are Eddie Andrews, Randy Feenstra, Zach Lahn, Brad Sherman and Adam Steen. Running unopposed for the Democratic nomination is Rob Sand.

Running unopposed for their party's nomination for Secretary of State are incumbent Republican Paul D. Pate and Democrat Ryan Peterman.

Running for their party nominations for Auditor of State are Republicans Chris Cournoyer and Abigail Maas. Running for the Democratic nomination is Taylor Wettach.

Running unopposed for their party's nominations for Treasurer of State are incumbent Republican Roby Smith and Democrat John Norwood.

Running unopposed for their party nominations for Secretary of Agriculture are incumbent Republican Mike Naig and Democrat Chris Jones.

Running unopposed for Iowa Attorney General are incumbent Republican Brenna Bird and Democrat Nate Willems.

One State legislative race will be on ballots representing Worth County.

Running for the Republican nomination for House District 60 are incumbent Jane Bloomingdale and Dani Ollenburg. Running for the Democratic nomination is Alexander Schmidt.

Appearing on primary ballots for U.S. Senator from Iowa are Republican candidates Jim Carlin and Ashley Hinson. Running for the Democratic nomination are Josh Turek and Zach Wahls.

Running for U.S. Representative from Iowa's District 2, including Worth County, are, for the Republican nomination, Charlie McClintock and Joe Mitchell. Running for the Democratic nomination are Lindsay James, Clint Twedt-Ball and Kathy Dolter.

Absentee ballot requests for the primary election may currently be submitted. Absentee ballots may be voted in the auditor's office starting today, May 13.

The deadline to pre-register to vote for the primary election is 5 p.m. this Monday, May 18. Those that have voted recently are most likely already registered.

Mailed registration forms postmarked on or before Monday, May 18, are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m.

May 18 is the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

June 1 is the last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person. In person absentee voting continues at the auditor's office until 4 p.m. that day.

The primary election will take place on Tuesday, June 2. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The deadline for the political parties to pick candidates for county offices with no candidate in the primary is June 2. That is the deadline for candidates representing other political parties and independent candidates with no party affiliation.

That is also the deadline for those that want to appear on general election ballots for non-partisan office.

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donate, may contact Chuck Alexander at 952-221-8315 or alexandr82@charter.net, or reach out to any member of the N-K Hall of Fame Committee.

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Avenue. The cost would be $350,000 in federal aid dollars.

Another bridge project would be on 440th Street, over a drainage ditch east of Thrush Avenue.

Also planned for the year is a 11.6 mile asphalt project on Warbler Avenue from Highway 105 to Highway 9. The cost would be $2.8 million, including $1.3 million in farm to market dollars and $1.5 million in federal aid.

In the fiscal year that ends in 2028, there are five projects planned.

That includes a bridge project on Dogwood Avenue, over Winans Creek, north of 400th Street.

The cost would be $704,000, including $141,000 in farm to market and $563,000 in federal aid dollars.

A road project would include 2.1 miles of asphalt paving on 365th Street west of Dogwood Avenue to Highway 9. The cost would be $700,000 in farm to market dollars.

A road project on 425th Street would include 1.6 miles of asphalt paving from the Winnebago County line to Aspen Avenue. The cost would be $700,000 in farm to market funding.

Also in the fiscal year 2028 would be a bridge project over a drainage ditch on Spruce Avenue south of Highway 105. The cost would be $450,000 in federal aid.

Another bridge project would be on Dogwood Avenue over a stream south of Highway 105. The project would be for $200,000 in federal aid funds.

In the fiscal year that ends in 2029 there are five projects planned.

The largest of those is a concrete project on Highway 105, for 9.43 miles from Northwood to the county line.

The project is estimated at $6 million in local dollars. The supervisors have discussed using TIF revenue to pay for the project. TIF would allow the County to borrow against future tax increases on property in the county, in this case primarily on wind turbines as they enter the tax roles.

Also in the fiscal year 2029 would be a culvert on Orange Avenue over a drainage ditch north of Highway 105. The project would be $200,000 in local dollars.

A 1.6 mile paving project on Silver Lake Road between Finch Avenue and Wheelerwood Road would be $550,000 in local dollars.

A bridge project on Mallard Avenue over a drainage district south of Highway 105 would be $150,000 in federal aid dollars.

A bridge replacement over Beaver Creek on Balsam Avenue north of Highway 9 would be $500,000 in federal aid and related programs.

Two projects are in the program for the fiscal year that ends in 2030.

That includes one mile of asphalt paving on Eagle Avenue from Highway 9 to 340th Street.

A bridge replacement on 495th Street over the Shell Rock River is planned at a cost of $900,000 in federal aid funding.

Two projects are planned in the fiscal year that ends in 2031.

That includes 1.9 miles of asphalt paving on Wheelerwood Road from Highway 9 south. That would be at a cost of $600,000 in local dollars.

Also planned for Wheelerwood Road in that year would be 11.41 miles of asphalt paving from Highway 9 to Highway 105. That would be completed at an estimated cost of $3.5 million in farm to market funds.

Over the course of five years the five year DOT program calls for $20,134,000 in road and bridge project spending, including $5,963,200 in federal aid and programs, $7,340,8000 in farm to market funds, $7,730,000 in local dollars and $4,963,200 in federal aid funding.

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the tour's path through southern Minnesota and northern Iowa will be held at Bergdale Harley Davidson at 10 a.m. this Saturday, May 16. The ride departs at 11 a.m.

The path will travel through Glenville, then to Lake Mills, Northwood and Manly on the way to Mason City for a flag-passing ceremony.

The ride is expected to be in Lake Mills between 11:30-noon, Northwood between noon and 12:30 p.m. and Manly between 12:30-12:45 p.m.

A gathering of supporters waving and display flags is planned at the Manly sign near the pool.

More information is available online at www.nationofpatriots.com.

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NIACC Pathways to Success honored 56 student leaders

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) recognized 56 student leaders at the 36th annual Pathways to Success event held April 22, in the North Iowa Community Auditorium.

Honorees were nominated by NIACC faculty and staff for their academic achievement, positive attitude, character, teamwork and ability to inspire others. The event also featured a keynote address by 2026 Outstanding Alumnus and Mason City native Gilman "Gil" Anderson, class of 1978. In addition to Anderson, Philip "Phil" Johnson, class of 1964, and Anthony "Tony" Coloff, class of 1962, were awarded the 2026 Distinguished Alumnus awards.

Anderson, a Mason City native, graduated from NIACC in 1978 before continuing his education at the University of Northern Iowa. He began his professional career with Hughes Aircraft Company in Los Angeles, where he worked on emerging technologies designed to improve manufacturing processes. He later joined Northrop Grumman, where he led a team of more than 75 technologists supporting the top-secret B-2 bomber program and helping develop what was described as a "factory of the future."

After nearly a decade in the aerospace and defense industry, Anderson transitioned into information technology consulting. He held executive leadership roles with Oracle Corporation and Andersen Consulting, two of the nation's leading technology consulting firms. In 1998, he co-founded Caribou Lake Software and served as President and Chief Executive Officer as the firm grew to more than 100 consultants before being acquired. Following the sale, Anderson joined Accenture as a Senior Partner. Over a career spanning more than 40 years, Anderson built a reputation for creating high-performing teams and helping Fortune 500 organizations align business strategy with technology to increase stakeholder value.

During his keynote remarks, Anderson shared insights from his professional journey and encouraged students to remain curious, pursue opportunities, and continue learning throughout their careers. He reflected on the important role NIACC played in helping launch his educational and professional path.

Also honored during the event were two recipients of the 2026 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Phil Johnson, a 1964 graduate of Mason City Junior College, was recognized for his lifelong contributions to education, athletics, and community leadership. Johnson played collegiate baseball and basketball during his academic career and later spent several years teaching and coaching in Iowa and Wisconsin before transitioning into the financial services industry. He has built a successful career as a financial advisor in Mason City and has remained deeply involved in community initiatives, including efforts supporting Mason City High School athletics and alumni programs.

Tony Coloff, a 1962 graduate of Mason City Junior College, was also honored as a Distinguished Alumnus for his career in broadcasting and his longstanding support of NIACC. Coloff and his wife, Sue, founded KIOW-FM in Forest City in 1978, which grew into Coloff Media, a network of fifteen radio stations serving communities across Iowa. Coloff has served on the NIACC Alumni Association Advisory Board since 2004 and has been a strong advocate for NIACC students and programs. His contributions to broadcasting have earned numerous honors, including Iowa Broadcaster of the Year and induction into the Iowa Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Students honored at the event included:

Garrett Ham, Caden Mattern of Lake Mills; Jenna Stohrof Manly; Faith Etheredge, Reggi Spotts of Nora Springs; Tyke Remster of Northwood; Alexander Moore of Plymouth.

NIACC's 36th annual Pathways to Success event was sponsored by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors, Tony and Sue Coloff, and the NIACC Student Government.

The NIACC Alumni Association was formed in 1991 and is structured under the NIACC Foundation. The NIACC Alumni Association's mission is cultivating relationships with alumni to support, advance, and ensure the mission of the college. If you are a MCJC / NIACC Alumni visit www.niacc.edu/alumni to join the no-cost alumni association.



State 4-H Recognition Day highlights Iowa youth leadership and readiness

Iowa 4-H youth showcased their leadership, communication and college and career-readiness skills during the annual State 4-H Recognition Day interviews in late March. Interviews were held in person at Iowa State University and virtually. This statewide event, held each spring, culminates the year's recognition process.

Senior 4-H members in grades 9–12 apply to be selected for state and national leadership opportunities, trips and awards. During the event, Iowa 4-H members are selected and honored as State 4-H Council members, National 4-H Conference delegates, National 4-H Congress delegates, Iowa 4-H Reporters and project area award recipients.

The event provides an avenue for youth to practice and develop leadership, communications and college and career readiness skills through hands-on cover letter writing and interviewing activities.

"Our annual recognition program gives youth a meaningful way to reflect on their 4-H experiences and present them in a professional format," said Megan Carlson, 4-H youth program specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Each year, young people from across Iowa demonstrate the depth of their 4-H learning by preparing high-quality résumés and cover letters reviewed by volunteers and industry partners. This experience not only showcases their growth but also reinforces lifelong skills that help them thrive in school, community roles and beyond."

The State 4-H Recognition Day coordination team worked with 4-H volunteers to review written applications and conduct panel interviews, delivering an engaging, skill-building experience for 4-H participants.

"I volunteer for [State Recognition Day] because I participated in the event when I was in 4-H, and it was a very impactful and valuable experience. I wanted to give back to the program that made me who I am today," said Madi Ingebritson. "It felt very surreal to be on the other side of the interview, and I really enjoyed meeting the youth who will run the future."

Sara Bryan, another volunteer, added, "I've seen firsthand how programs like 4-H help young people discover confidence, responsibility, and a sense of purpose. Events like State Recognition Day celebrate not just achievements, but growth—giving youth the opportunity to be seen, encouraged and inspired to keep reaching higher."

"State 4-H Recognition Day is an opportunity with endless possibilities. From trips to project-area awards, each opens the door to new connections that last a lifetime," said Ady Petersen of Worth County. "I've also gained valuable life skills like interviewing tactics, preparing cover letters and completing a resume. All of these things have helped me become more confident and beyond ready to make an impact in my community."

Awards are made possible by donors to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The event ran smoothly thanks to over 100 caring adult volunteers across Iowa. They reviewed over 200 4-H award applications and interviewed the youth participants.

"This hands-on learning opportunity helps youth see how their 4-H learning connects directly to their future," said Erica Holliday, 4-H youth program specialist. "Whether they're preparing for college applications or their first job, the process equips them with essential tools, such as resumes, cover letters and interview experience, that set them up for long-term success."

Approximately half the participating youth were interviewed in person, while the rest chose to be interviewed virtually using video teleconference platforms.

The 2026 award winners include two from Worth County.

Layla Scarlett was named to the National 4-H Congress. The National 4-H Congress provides youth with a week-long leadership experience in Atlanta, Georgia, focused on service, teamwork and developing skills for civic and community engagement.

Adylyn Petersen was selcted for the State 4-H Council. The State 4-H Council members work directly with Iowa 4-H, representing the program across the state. They also plan the annual Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held at the end of June, which hosts over 350 Iowa youth on the Iowa State University campus.

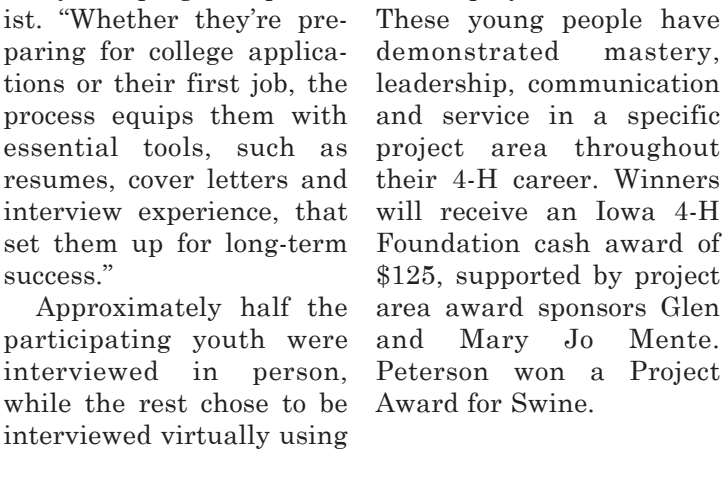
Petersen was also selected as a Project Award winner. Fifty youth were selected across the state to receive project area awards. These young people have demonstrated mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area throughout their 4-H career. Winners will receive an Iowa 4-H Foundation cash award of $125, supported by project area award sponsors Glen and Mary Jo Mente. Peterson won a Project Award for Swine.

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Running with purpose: The influence of Coach Einertson

By Merrin Hanson

When people talk about high school running, they usually focus on the team and the athletes- how much faster they've gotten, how many races they've won, how many people qualified for state, or how much they've improved over the season. But what often gets overlooked is the person behind all of that progress: the coach.

Troy Einertson has been coaching Northwood's girls track and field team for seven years, as well as cross country for four. When asked about his favorite memory as a coach, he didn't point to a single race or accomplishment. Instead, he said, "Favorite memory is a hard one because there are so many. The one thing that I always come back to, though, is every day. Every day I get a chance to work with my cross country and track athletes is a memory I will never forget. Accomplishments are cool, but that is only part of the journey. How we get there is what matters most to me!"

Coaching isn't something that stays the same year after year. Just like athletes improve, coaches grow too. Troy's "philosophy," as he often calls it, has changed numerous times over the eight seasons I have run with him. He's constantly adjusting- trying new workouts, rethinking race strategies, and paying closer attention to what each athlete needs individually rather than treating the team as one group. I can say with almost complete certainty that he has tried just about everything to help our teams succeed. Some approaches worked better than others, but each season built on the last, shaping the program into what it is today. While spectators may not always recognize those changes, they've made a real difference. This year in particular has been one of our strongest, not just in terms of results, but in confidence, team culture, and the way we compete together.



Coach Einertson pictured with Northwood-Kensett 2023 cross country team.

"During my cross country and track seasons, I have always looked forward to seeing Troy. Some of my most fond high school memories have been talking with Troy and my teammates. We talked about many things, but whether it was about the workout, our days at school, or random things that came up in conversation, Troy always had valuable and sometimes funny input. Not only was Troy there to talk to, but he was always there doing his best to make sure we achieved our goals. Troy always said that anything that went wrong was his fault and no one else's. While it wasn't true, he tried his best to make sure that our running experience was not ruined by what we deemed our failures. All of Troy's advice and encouragement has not only improved me as a runner but also as an individual. Most importantly, it is clear that Troy cares about all individuals around him, regardless of whether or not they run for him."

— Zach Heiken on having Troy as a coach.

Our workouts have changed a lot over these past four years, but one thing Troy has never stopped emphasizing is the importance of supporting each other. From the very beginning, he's encouraged us to look out for our teammates, whether that means finishing a workout together, cheering someone on during a race, or simply showing up for one another on hard days. The most important parts of a meet aren't always the races themselves, but the moments behind the scenes: holding blocks for a teammate, grabbing a baton for a relay, warming up together, or walking someone back to camp after they finish. Rarely does Troy call us out in practice and say, "Wow, you guys ran incredible last night!" Instead, he'll say something like, "You guys did a great job of warming up last night," or point out how well we supported each other throughout the meet. It's not that he isn't proud of our races- he absolutely is- but he chooses to focus on the habits and teamwork that make those performances possible.

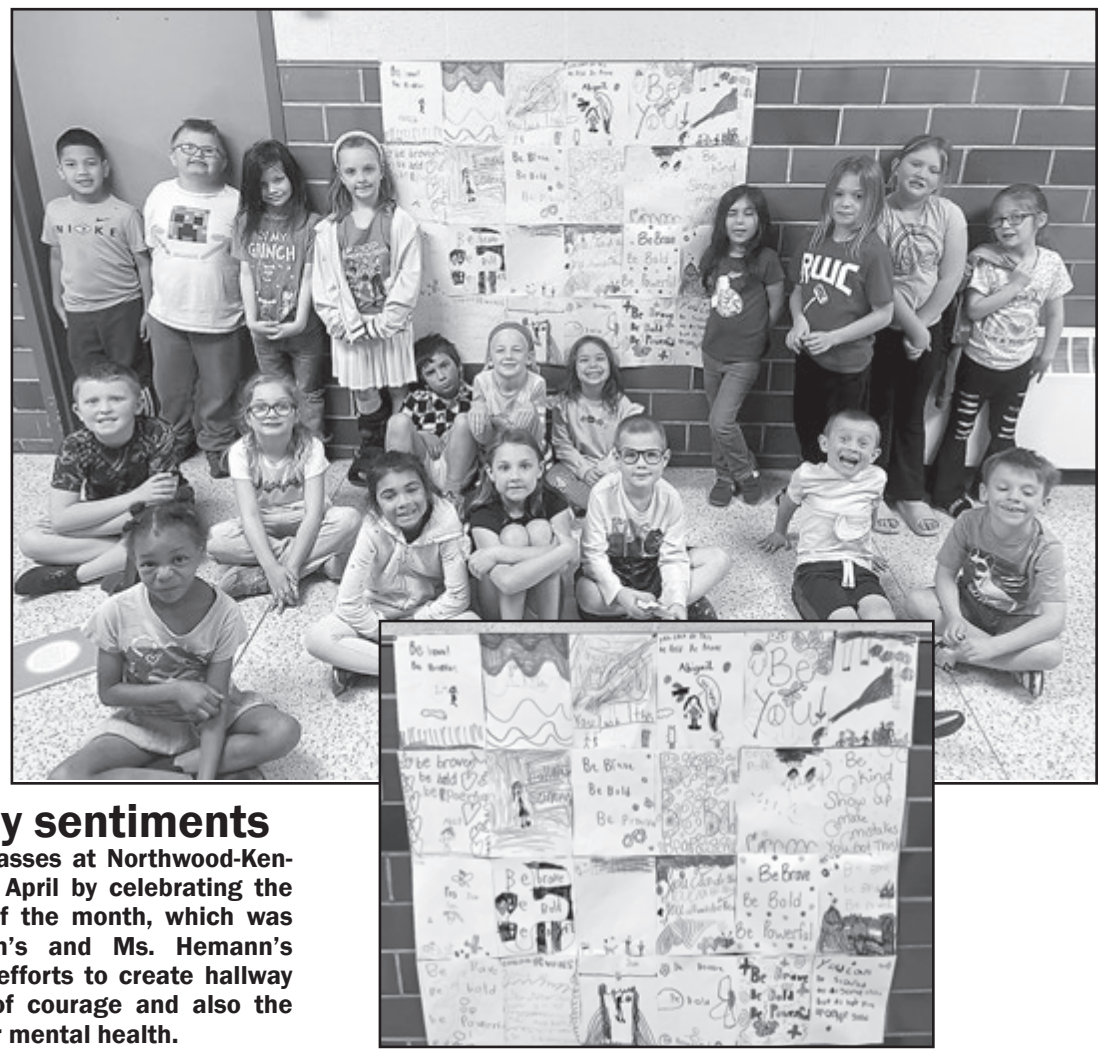
"'You can do it, my friend.' This statement has become the foundation of all of my experiences as a runner. Troy always had a complete belief in his athletes that we are capable of much more than we think. This philosophy that Troy has is what has made me believe that I can reach my goals just as much as he did. While many coaches use similar phrases, with Troy, it was always easy to tell that he was sincere. Thank you for everything, Troy."

— Zach Heiken on having Troy as a coach.

What stands out most isn't just the training itself, but the impact Troy has had on our team culture. Whether he's encouraging someone through a tough workout, celebrating a personal best, or reminding us why we started running in the first place, those moments stick with us. They build confidence, resilience, and a sense of community that goes far beyond the sport.

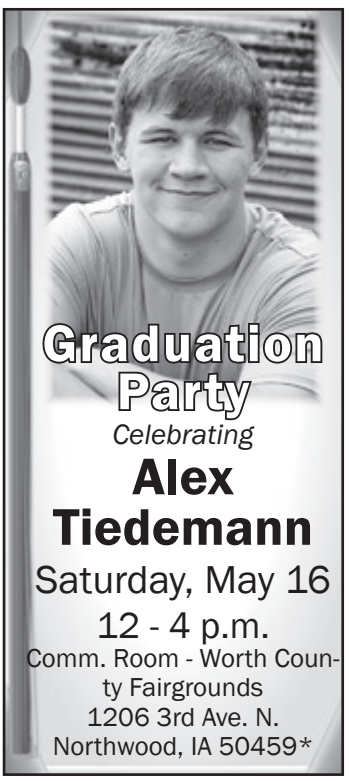
The success of a team isn't just measured in medals or times- it's also measured in how much the athletes grow. That growth reflects the dedication and development of the coach leading them. While it's easy to focus on the runners crossing the finish line, it's just as important to recognize the person who helped get them there.





Healthy hallway sentiments

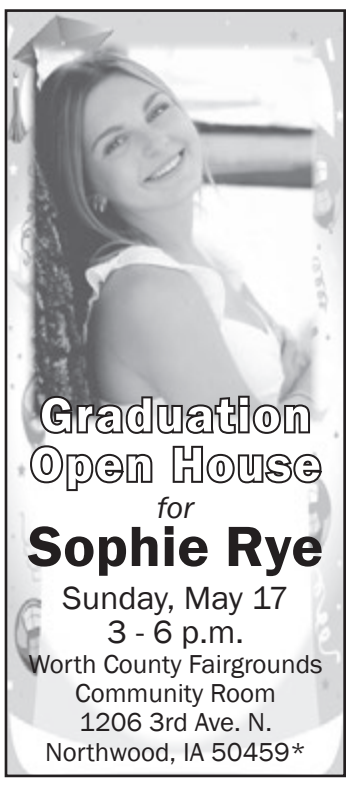
Students in first grade classes at Northwood-Kensett ended the month of April by celebrating the Character Strong focus of the month, which was courage. Mrs. Kroneman's and Ms. Hemann's students combined their efforts to create hallway artwork with messages of courage and also the importance of self care for mental health.



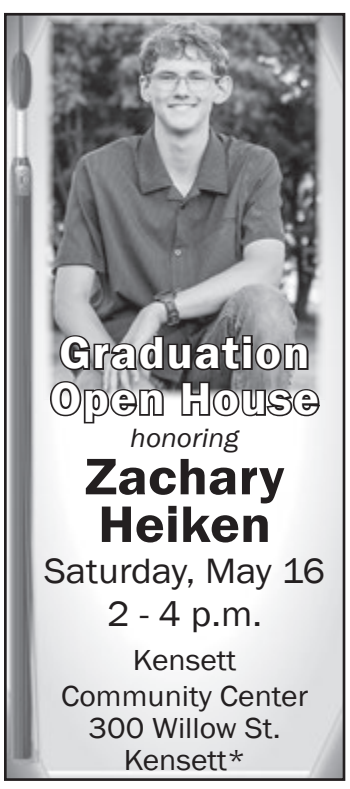
Graduation Party
Celebrating
Alex Tiedemann
Saturday, May 16
12 - 4 p.m.
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Graduation Open House
honoring
Logan Manning
Sunday, May 17
4 - 7 p.m.
VFW
707 8th St. N.
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Graduation Open House
for
Sophie Rye
Sunday, May 17
3 - 6 p.m.
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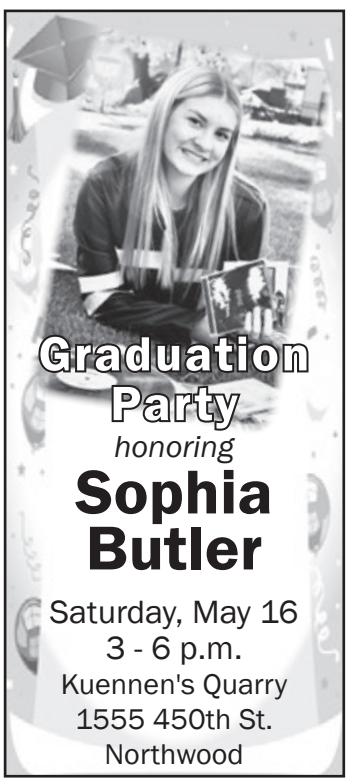


Graduation Open House
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Zachary Heiken
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Community Center
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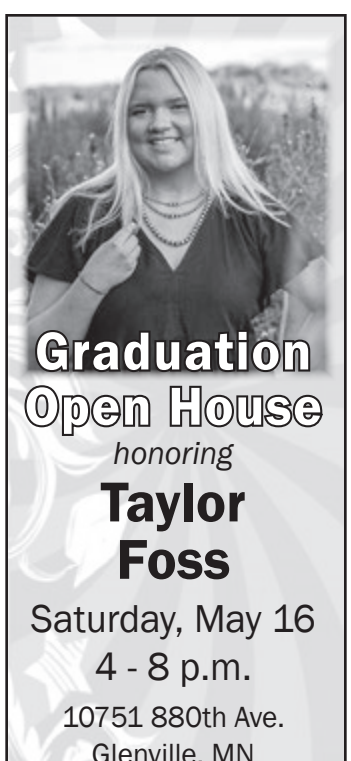
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Glenville, MN



Graduation Open House
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Camryn Rheingans
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The Timbers
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Conference week

By Troy Einertson
N-K girls track coach

It is hard to believe that it is district track week. This past week we started the week in Garner on Monday, and ran in the conference meet on Thursday here in Northwood.

We usually use the Garner meet as a warm up to the conference meet, so once again the girls were running a little out of their comfort zones in events they were not used to running.

Our only champion at the meet was our shuttle hurdle team. They continue to run some very strong times, but we are going to have to try and cut a little more by districts to assure they will be running on the Blue Oval at state. All four of them, Maddie, True, Ariah and Mia, have been working hard all season long, and I know we can drop the time we need too, we just have to stay clean and run!

Ivy ran the open 400 for us and wow did she reel in the competition on the front stretch. She was in about sixth around the last corner, and passed everyone but the leader to finish second! It was a great race to watch, and it just goes to show that Ivy can be competitive in every race she runs!

Ivy was also part of our 4x800 team that finished third. Ivy was joined by Maggie Rye, Anna Block and Merrin Hanson. The quartet ran a 11:17, which was by far our best time of the year!

Merrin also ran a great 1500 with a time of 5:56 which placed her third!

One of our runners who doesn't get a lot of attention, but should is Bria Kluver. This is Bria's first year out for track, and she has been relegated to running some 4x100s and 4x200s this year. We just do not have a lot of races to run, but at this meet we had a couple open events to fill, and she volunteered to run them. She ended the night with a full load running the 4x100, 4x200, open 100 and open 200! Bria is one of those athletes that never complains. She comes to practice every day, works hard and is just a joy to be around. I am glad I get the opportunity to have her for two more years!

At the conference meet on Thursday Josie and I really didn't know what was going to happen. Even though the girls have been working hard, our times haven't been dropping like we would like and our jumpers and throwers were kind of stuck in a lull.

Well that lull went away real quick as Hixton Krambeer and Lexi McHenry got after it right away in the long jump. Hixton jumped 14.6, which was good for third, and Lexi jumped 14.2 for a fourth place finish. Not a bad way to start our night!

Next up was Merrin in the 3000. Merrin was battling an illness, but even though she wasn't feeling the best she finished sixth in the 3000 and came back 15 minutes later to help the 4x800 team to a fifth place finish. Also part of that team were Maggie Rye, Sophie Rye and Anna Block.

The shuttle hurdle came out strong, and finished second to a very talented North Butler team, and if we could just figure some things out, I know we could run hurdle for hurdle with them!

Normally we have a lull in the meet somewhere where we can just chill and not think about track for a minute, but not during this meet.

Our distance med came ready to run and ran a season best time to finish second to St. Ansgar, then Maggie Rye ran a huge 400 for us to finish fifth.

Our hurdle jockeys hurried up and put the hurdles back on the track, and Mia and True got after it in the 100 hurdles. Both of our outstanding hurdlers were hurdle for hurdle with the North Butler and West Fork hurdlers, and in a tight finish, Mia finished fourth while True came in fifth. It was a great hurdle race, and it was the first time all year both girls went under 18!

After the hurdles were cleared Ivy towed the line with a bunch of talented half mile runners. She got out strong and led the entire way for our only victory of the night! She ran a great race, and it once again proved to everyone what a talented runner she is.

Sophie ran a great open 200 for us just missing a place, while Hixton came in right after her! It was another great race for our girls.

Next up was Ivy again in the 1500. Again Ivy came out strong and led for the first 1200 meters. She was passed by Ava Witt from St. Ansgar with about 300 left and ended up finishing third. I know she was a little disappointed with this race, but as I told her, third is very good in our conference, and she is going to be battling Ava for three more years!

Our last two races of the night were just as exciting as every other race of the day. Our 4x100 team of True, Mia, Lexi and Hixton ran their fastest time of the year to finish fourth and our 4x400 team of Anna, Maddie, Maggie and Sophie finished sixth with a nice time of 4:43.

Overall we scored 59 points in a loaded conference and finished fourth! This was just an amazing placement by our girls! It just goes to show what a hard working talented group of girls we have.

With all the great things that happened in this meet the one thing that stood out the most to me was Lexi McHenry! Lexi has been working hard all year long while dealing with some painful shins. She never complains, but you could tell it was starting to wear on her in Garner because her normal smile was gone, and she was questioning a lot of things about her performance. After her huge jump in the long jump the smile was back and the rest of the night was amazing for her. She ran her season's best time in the open 100, and followed that with two amazing splits in her relays. The smile was back!

Lexi, and the other girls are what is so good about this sport. They work hard, rarely complain and always want to do better not only for themselves but for their teammates. Finally, Josie, the girls and I would all like to thank everyone who helped out with the conference meet. I had numerous fans, coaches and administrators tell me what a great meet it was, and how well it was run. So again, thank you for everything, and if you want to see me pacing back and forth one last time this year, come watch our outstanding girls compete at the district track meet in St. Ansgar for a chance to run on the greatest track in the country.

The Blue Oval at Drake Stadium is calling, and we are ready to get after it!



Strikers baseball champions at May Madness

The Strikers 13U baseball team played in the May Madness tournament in Waukee on Saturday, May 2, and on Sunday, May 3. On Saturday they played two games for seeding placement, winning both games and placing second in seeding. Sunday was single elimination. They played the Rams 13U gold to win 20-2, moving on to play the Legends (Froisland) 13U winning 7-3, which led them to the championship game to take on the WBL Bears 13AA winning 10-9. The Strikers 13U went 5-0 for the weekend. Players included (front center) coach Isaac Renteria and Stetson Springer, (middle row) coach Landon Perkins, Hudson Ziebell, Kash Hickle, Lawson Perkins, Beau Anderson, Callan Brunsvold, Ryder Duvall, Baylor Abrams, Ethan Binnebose, Tucker Janssen, coach Jesse Renteria, Zander Duvall, (back row) Austin Schutz, Myles Renteria, coach Mike Janssen and coach Matt Abrams.





N-K's Valkyries are champions at Gauntlet

The 14U Valkyries softball team from Northwood-Kensett traveled to Des Moines to take part in the 14U CIS Gauntlet tournament. They took the championship on May 3, after going 4-1 over the course of the weekend. Winning the Gauntlet were (front row) Mia Helgeson, Heather Perry, Brianna Perkins, Olivia Urbatsch, (back row) Piper Brunsvold, Avery Grunhovd, Lola Cronbaugh, Harper Davis, Kendall Krull, Porschea Madden and Aubrey Johnson (not pictured). The team is coached by Shana Brunsvold, Josh Cronbaugh, Andy Grunhovd and Landon Perkins.



Walking Toward Better Health during Arthritis Awareness Month

Each May, Arthritis Awareness Month shines a spotlight on the millions of Americans living with arthritis and the daily challenges the condition brings. While arthritis can limit mobility and cause persistent pain, evidence continues to show that a regular walking routine can make a meaningful difference, said Dawn Dunnegan, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Walking is one of the most accessible, low impact forms of physical activity, and for individuals with arthritis, it can help reduce pain, improve joint function and increase overall quality of life," Dunnegan said.

The benefits of walking extend far beyond joint health. A consistent walking routine supports cardiovascular fitness, strengthens muscles that protect the joints, helps maintain healthy weight, boosts energy levels and enhances mental well-being. For many people, walking also provides a sense of empowerment and confidence — an active step toward managing symptoms and maintaining independence, Dunnegan said.

To help Iowans build these healthy habits, ISU Extension and Outreach is offering the Walk With Ease program in many counties across the state. This evidence based series is designed for individuals with arthritis or anyone looking for a safe, structured way to become more active. Participants learn strategies for reducing pain, setting achievable goals and staying motivated, all while engaging in guided walking sessions with trained facilitators.

"We are expanding access to Walk With Ease by partnering with YMCAs, public health departments, recreation centers, gyms, hospitals, assisted living communities and other local organizations," Dunnegan said. These partnerships allow the program to reach Iowans in a wide variety of settings, making it easier for people to find a class that fits their needs and comfort level.

For those who do not have a program offering nearby — or whose schedules make in-person participation difficult — a self directed option is also available, Dunnegan noted. This virtual format provides the same core guidance and support, allowing participants to complete the program on their own time while still benefiting from structured materials and evidence based strategies. More information about the virtual and self directed program can be found at Iowa State's Walk With Ease webpage.

"Arthritis Awareness Month is a reminder that small, consistent steps can lead to meaningful improvements in health. Whether through a community class or a self-paced program, Walk With Ease offers Iowans a practical, supportive path toward managing arthritis and staying active," Dunnegan said.

To help you find a Walk With Ease program near you, contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office.

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WCHS seeks help to address Creamery Museum concerns

As the school year is winding down, two Worth County Historical Society (WCHS) museums in Northwood have been playing host to visits from students throughout the area, even as one of those museums is in serious needs of repair.

Cerro Gordo Conservation has been working with Worth County Conservation and the WCHS to offer elementary students a program that shares a look at the life of pioneer families, and a look at the local history contained in the Pixley Log Cabin and the Farmers Butter and Cheese Assocation Creamery Building.

While there the students from Northwood-Kensett, Central Springs, West Fork, Newman and Mason City schools have been taking part in History Day activities.

That includes learning about and experience chores like making butter, using washboards to clean clothes, sewing, sawing, making butter, grinding grain and learning use slates instead of tablets.

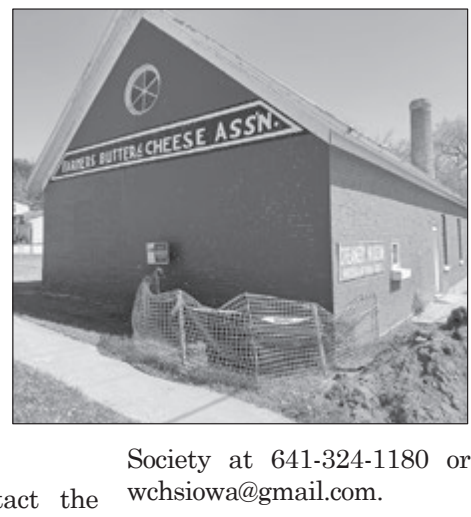
They also play pioneer family games and tour the loghouse and creamery museum as a part of the activities.

Unfortunately, the Creamery museum, which the serves as the gathering spot for the History Day activities, is in need of serious repair and may not be suitable to host these schools in the future.

The Creamery Building was built in 1906 and closed in the 1950s. The building and lot were purchased in 1981 by the WCHS and the log cabin museum was relocated to the property later.

The Creamery Building contains antiques, a rug loom, churn, scythe, haymaking equipment, forge tools, saws, cream separater, a swill cart, wire fence stretcher, horse cutter, chain pump, wooden harrow and harrow cart and many other historic tools and implements.

But the building has suffered damage and deterioration and the foundation and north wall of the museum need work done to keep it safe, standing and usable for events like the History Day educational opportunities and for storing and displaying its pieces of Worth County history.



Those that would like to find out more about how they can help preserve the Creamery Building Museum may contact the Worth County Historical Society at 641-324-1180 or wchsiowa@gmail.com.

End of Session - Part One



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 60

After a long weekend, the legislature finally passed property tax reform before Sine Die on Sunday night. We continue efforts to lower the tax burden on Iowans with historic property tax reform. By reining in government spending, buying down the education levy, and increasing transparency, we are putting taxpayers first and delivering an estimated $4.2 billion in property tax relief over six years….More to follow in Part Two. A few of the other bills include:

House File 2542, the "Three Strikes" bill, has been sent to the Governor. The bill creates tougher penalties for repeat offenders by requiring anyone convicted of three Class "C" or "D" felonies to be sentenced as a habitual offender, carrying a mandatory minimum seven-year prison sentence without parole eligibility. This legislation targets repeat, dangerous criminal behavior—not one-time mistakes—and will keep violent career criminals off our streets and held accountable for their actions.

Senate File 2480, sent to the Governor, creates a dedicated funding source for pediatric cancer research at the University of Iowa by directing the first $3 million collected from a new 5-cent tax on alternative nicotine products like vapes and pouches. The bill guarantees the money can only be used for laboratory research and clinical trials—not administrative costs—helping researchers develop treatments specifically designed for children while improving survival rates and reducing long-term side effects.

Senate File 2422, sent to the Governor, reforms Iowa's public assistance programs by strengthening eligibility verification, codifying federal SNAP citizenship requirements, and requiring Medicaid waivers to be cost-neutral or approved by the Legislature. The bill also modernizes reporting and verification systems to reduce errors and fraud while improving accessibility for disabled Iowans by creating a simpler online payment system for premiums.

There important education bills (HF 2538, HF782, HF 2676) passed this session to support teachers and improve classroom learning environments. One bill gives teachers and school administrators more tools to address violent and disruptive behavior in classrooms, helping maintain safe and focused schools. Another establishes common-sense limits on screen time by restricting cell phone use during instructional time and reducing screen exposure for K-5 students so classrooms can stay focused on learning.

It is great to be back in the district—and back in my own bed. I have been knocking doors, meeting with constituents, putting up signs, and spending time on the campaign trail. I appreciate all the conversations and support across the district. Remember to VOTE BLOOMINGDALE in the Republican Primary on June 2.

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.





A matter of principals

May 1 was School Principals Day. At Northwood-Kensett, the day was celebrated by recognizing the two building leaders, elementary principal Brian Costello, and Keith Fritz, middle and high school principal. Pictured above is Mr. Costello, as some of his students surprised him with balloons and thanked him in person. The principals were recognized for their support of N-K students and the impact on the N-K community.

Northwood Anchor Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Saturday, LWR Truck at Albert Lea, 7-11 a.m., Bethlehem Fellowship Hall Reserved 103 p.m.; Sunday, Bible Study at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Worship at Bethlehem, 9 a.m., Worship at Grace, 10:30 a.m., Central Springs Graduation, Graduate Recognition at Bethlehem; Tuesday, Manly Care Center, 10 a.m., BLC Altar Guild, 1 p.m., Grace Council, 6:30 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Bethany Worship, 9 a.m., Elk Creek Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Manna, 10 a.m.- Noon
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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., Girl Scouts; Sunday, Communion at Bethel, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Pizza with the Pastor, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Madison Graduation Party, 1-4 p.m., Teyla Graduation Open House, 3-7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellowship Grothe's Diner, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366; 9 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, 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 with Baccalaureate, 9 a.m., Service DCV, 10;30 a.m., LRH, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Trust Fund, 4 p.m., Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study following service.
Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Manly
Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor
Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor
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Faith Lutheran Church, London
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m. (Fall through Spring); Sunday, Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Kent Otterman

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Theodore Gullixson

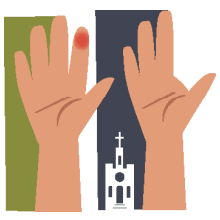
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On the day that I was receiving the news that this would indeed be my last day of employment my next-door neighbor was getting the news that she had a brain tumor. I did not know about her very serious diagnosis until the next day. In fact, I was doing my best to keep my spirits up, calling friends and family, and frankly feeling a bit sorry for myself when I ran into her out front of my house. When she told me the news, and she was incredibly positive about it, I realized immediately that being out of work is of very little concern in comparison to a serious health issue. The good news for her was that the tumor is not malignant and that surgery is an option, and apparently a pretty good option in her case. Sometimes the news is really bad, and we are told that the tumor is malignant, or that there isn't anything that can be done for us, but even then there is always hope. Sometimes the hope is simply that they can keep us comfortable in our last days, or that we will have time to spend with family and friends. But ultimately, the great hope of Christians, and of people of almost every faith, is that a loving God is looking out for us, and waiting to welcome us to our eternal home when our sojourn here on earth is done. – Christopher Simon

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

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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

While communities and churches work hard to put together recipe collections, they sometimes forget that not everyone reading the cookbook will know who and where and why the book was compiled. In this case From Our Kitchens III lets us know the Allison, Iowa Trinity Reformed Church had two previous cookbooks…but that's all. No date, no church history (it was probably in the first cookbook) and no indication of any special occasion to be celebrated. Each recipe does have the name of the cook who submitted it. No worries; we know these recipes will be tried and true. I've adapted them when necessary.

Crockpot Beef Stroganoff
(Tanja DeGroot)

1 pound round steak, cubed
1 can (4oz.) sliced mushrooms
1 carton (8 oz) real sour cream
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1 can (10.5 oz) mushroom soup
8 oz. wide egg noodles

In a large heavy skillet, brown the steak cubes in a small amount of oil. When browned on all sides, add the can of mushrooms and the chopped onion. Sauté until slightly brown. Put this mixture into a 3- quart crockpot that you have sprayed lightly. Combine the sour cream and the cream of mushroom soup in a small bowl, mixing well. Add this to the meat and stir to combine. Cover and cook on HIGH for about 4 hours or until the meat is tender. When the meat is almost done, cook the noodles according to package instructions. Drain well and add to the crockpot. Stir and serve.

Pepsi® Roast
(Sue Henrichs)

4 pound boneless beef roast
16 oz. Pepsi®
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 package dry onion soup mix

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Place the roast in a large roaster. Spread the mushroom soup over the meat and sprinkle with the dry onion soup mix. Pour the Pepsi® over and around the meat. Cover tightly with either the roaster cover or aluminum foil. Bake for 3 ½ hours. There will be a tasty gravy to serve over mashed potatoes.

Elaine's Sauerkraut Casserole
(Emme DeBoer)

1 pound lean ground beef
1 cup uncooked instant rice
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1/4 cup milk (not skim)
2 cups sauerkraut, drained
1 large egg, beaten
2 tablespoons real butter
1 cup real sour cream

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Brown the ground beef and onion in a large heavy skillet, stirring so the onion doesn't burn. Heat the sauerkraut and butter in a saucepan. Add the rice and stir. Remove from the heat. In a 2-quart casserole dish, layer first the meat/onion mixture then the sauerkraut mixture. If there is enough make two layers. Mix the milk, egg and sour cream combining well. Pour this over the ingredients in the casserole. Bake, uncovered, for 30-35 minutes.

Mom's Macaroni and Salmon Loaf
(Marlys Clarke)

2 cups cooked elbow macaroni, drained
3 large eggs, beaten
2 cups milk (not skim)
3 tablespoons real butter
2 cups dry bread crumbs
1 can pink salmon
Salt and pepper to taste

SANDY'S NOTE: 2 cups cooked mac is a bit less than that when uncooked as it will swell during boiling.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Bring the milk to a boil and add the bread crumbs (NOTE: you can also use cracker crumbs) Drain the salmon and pick out the skin and bones. Mash the salmon in a small bowl. Melt the butter and add to the salmon with salt/pepper as desired. Add the macaroni and the bread mixture to the salmon and mix well with clean hands. Place into a buttered loaf pan and bake until the center is firm to the touch.

There are everyday Midwestern recipes from real cooks in real kitchens. No fancy ingredients, no trendy electric cooking appliances. Just the way people have cooked for decades and we get the benefit of their skills and experience. And….that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

The May Basket

By JoAnn Lower



May 1 has been special since the year I turned seven. That's the day Aunt Millie brought me my first May basket. Filled with little green onions and tiny radishes from her early spring garden, it's a gift I will always remember.

My aunt Millie was beautiful and had, as my dad would say, "a heart as big as the whole outdoors." Morning and evening she helped her husband, my uncle Bob, milk the Holsteins, carry heavy buckets of grain to the hogs, clean the three-story farmhouse and grow large gardens to feed her family of six all winter.

Uncle Bob and Aunt Millie had three daughters and a son named Jon. Jon was my age. Two Ostrander kids in the same grade. He was tall and handsome, the quiet type. While I spent my high school years speaking and playing tuba, Jon was the envy of all the guys with his tractors and cars. Imagine my excitement the Saturday night he offered me a ride in the rumble seat of his 1930 Model A Ford.

A few years after graduation, Jon met a girl as beautiful as his mom, a girl with "a heart as big as the whole outdoors," my dad said. Her name was Kathie. When Kathie realized she'd met a boy so kind, generous and loving as Jon – they were married. Even though she'd grown up a town girl, she quickly fell in love with the farm. Living and working with Jon on the family farm became her life.

For years their life was almost perfect; that is, until the day Jon found it difficult to do what he loved most – farm. Mornings Kathy began helping him pull up his boots and climb up on the seat of the John Deere, always keeping a watchful eye until he returned home from the field.

Two years later Jon was diagnosed with Parkinson's. My tall, handsome cousin, who had devoted his entire life to farming thousands of acres of corn and soybeans, became a resident at the Timely Mission Nursing Home in Buffalo Center; his beloved cheerleader Kathie at his side every day all day.

Waking up early on May 1, I was excited. It was May Basket Day. Still in my pajamas, I dusted off an old basket to its original newness and filled it to the top with rich potting soil. A handful of soybeans later, and the view through Jon's nursing home window has changed from a parking lot to a May Basket of soybeans growing in rich Iowa farm soil.

Worth County Fair announces updates for 45th Annual 4-H/FFA Livestock Ribbon Sale

Businesses, families and community supporters are invited to participate in the 45th Annual 4-H/FFA Livestock Ribbon Sale, scheduled for Sunday, June 21, at 2 p.m. in the Worth County Fair Livestock Show Arena.

The ribbon sale will once again follow the cumulative ribbon sale format introduced in recent years. The format allows multiple buyers to contribute toward an exhibitor's ribbon purchase, giving both businesses and individual donors the flexibility to support local youth exhibitors at a contribution level that fits their budget.

A few updates are being introduced for the 2026 sale.

One of the biggest changes is that each exhibitor will enter the sale ring only once, with all livestock projects included in a single sale listing. Organizers say the updated process will help streamline the event while still recognizing exhibitors and their accomplishments across all species.

The sale order will begin with the Grand Champion Senior Showman from each species, rotating yearly by species. Champion exhibitors from each species will follow, with the remaining exhibitors selling in randomized order. Species represented in the auction include beef, dairy, goats, sheep and swine.

The live auction format will remain in place, with exhibitors bringing livestock into the arena during the sale. Auctioneers will continue to facilitate bidding throughout the afternoon.

Community members wishing to support exhibitors ahead of the live auction may begin placing bids on Thursday, June 18, at the Worth County Fair Office. Buyers may designate a specific dollar amount toward an exhibitor's ribbon sale. During the live auction, buyers will also be able to contribute by writing their bid amount and submitting it to an auctioneer or runner.

At the conclusion of each exhibitor's sale, all contributing buyers will be announced. Donation amounts, however, will remain confidential. The final cumulative total raised for each exhibitor will also be announced during the event.

Organizers emphasized that the auction is for ribbons only, meaning exhibitors remain responsible for marketing and selling their livestock animals separately.

Invoices for ribbon sale contributions will be sent following the event, either by mail or email.

The Ribbon Auction Committee encourages the community to continue investing in local youth and agricultural education through support of the annual ribbon sale tradition.

For questions regarding the 2026 Ribbon Sale, community members may contact:

Kevin Braun at 641- 390-0383; tel: 641-390-0383

Jayson Olson at 641-390-0344; tel: 641-390-0344

Let Us Talk



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Sidewalk Maintenance:

The Code of Iowa, Sec.364.12[2c] along with Northwood Ordinances Chapter 136.04 places responsibility for maintenance of a sidewalk on the abutting property owner. (Permits are required)

The Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2d and e] along with Northwood Ordinances Chapter 136.05 allows the City to order repairs. Council may require the work to be done and assess the costs against the abutting property owner.

City workers have highlighted portions of sidewalks in Northwood that need repair or replacement for the past few years. The time has come to finish this project, soon letters will be sent to abutting property owners requiring the sidewalks to be repaired or replaced. If repairs are not made the City will complete the repairs and assess the cost to the abutting property owner's property taxes. This is an ongoing project which will be repeated each year.

Summer Safety:

With summer approaching and school soon to be out for the summer, I would like to remind each and every one of us to be alert as we move around town. People are walking, riding scooters, driving golf carts, riding motorcycles, driving UTVs and cars everywhere in our community. Please be careful and courteous to others. I'm sorry I almost forgot, please look out for the gravel trucks!

Lawn Maintenance:

Each and every one of us needs to maintain our property in good condition. Mowing the grass, keeping the yard clear of clutter and considering the safety of our neighbors.

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better.

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, Iowa

N-K offers free summer lunches at FLC

The Northwood-Kensett Community School District will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be provided to all children without charge. The district will provide free lunches to any child ages 1-18. There are no family income requirements, and those participating do not have to live in the district to receive lunch. Children enrolled in daycare, or participating in youth and community activities and groups are welcome. Adults may also participate in the program for a cost of $5 per person.

Due to construction at the elementary the lunch meals will be served at First Lutheran Church, 309 Ninth Street North in Northwood. Meals will be served Monday through Friday, beginning June 1 and ending July 10. The serving time is from 11-11:45 a.m. The meals will be offered downstairs in the fellowship hall of the church.

Those with questions about the program and participation may contact N-K Nutrition Director Amy Hennigar at 641-324-2021, ext. 137, or 641-390-1428.

Worth County Historical Society meets on May 19

The Worth County Historical Society will meet at the Kensett Museum on Tuesday, May 19, at 9:30 am.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memorial Day Lunch
Monday, May 25
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Silver Lake Lutheran Church
705 Silver Lake Road
Northwood, Iowa
Menu includes —
Beef Burgers, Potato Salad, Pies/Desserts, Coffee, Lemonade & Water

Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 25 • 9 a.m.
Kensett Community Center
300 Willow St., Kensett, IA
Refreshments served by Kensett Public Library
Sponsored by Kensett Lions Club

Thank You
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It was greatly appreciated!

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honoring
Romelle Enderson!
on May 18
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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Still working at 65? Here's how to handle Medicare

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

My wife and I are approaching 65, but I'm still working and have good health coverage through my employer. Do we need to enroll in Medicare at this point?

--Almost 65

Dear Almost,

If you or your spouse is still working past age 65 and have health insurance through your job, you may be able to delay enrolling in Medicare without a late enrollment penalty. However, the rules depend largely on the size of your employer.

First, a quick refresher: Remember that original Medicare has two parts. Part A, which covers hospital care and is premium-free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor visits, lab tests, and outpatient care and has a monthly premium of $202.90 in 2026. Higher-income individuals (over $109,000) and couples (over $218,000) pay more.

If you're already receiving Social Security, you'll automatically be enrolled in Parts A and B when you turn 65, and your Medicare card will arrive in the mail. It will include instructions on how to return it if you have employer coverage that allows you to delay Part B.

If you're still working

Start by talking with your benefits manager or HR department to understand how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, it makes sense to enroll in Part A since it's free. However, if you contribute to a Health Savings Account, enrolling in Part A will stop those contributions.

Whether you should enroll in Part B usually depends on your employer's size.

Small employer

If your employer has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare becomes your primary insurance. In this case, you should enroll in Part B during your Initial Enrollment Period, which lasts seven months: the three months before your 65th birthday, your birthday month, and the three months after.

If you aren't receiving Social Security, you'll need to apply for Medicare. You can do this online at ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up, by phone at 800-772-1213, or in person at your local Social Security office.

If you miss your Initial Enrollment Period, you'll need to wait for the General Enrollment Period, which runs January 1 through March 31. Coverage begins the first day of the month after you enroll, but a 10 percent penalty is added to your Part B premium for each full year you waited. Signing up on time helps you avoid both coverage gaps and added costs.

Large employer

If your employer has 20 or more employees, your group health plan remains your primary insurance while you're actively working. In this case, you generally don't need to enroll in Part B at 65 if your coverage is adequate. If you do enroll, Medicare will serve as secondary coverage.

Once your employment or employer coverage ends, you'll have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for Part B without penalty.

Check drug coverage

You should also review your prescription drug coverage. Ask your benefits manager if your employer's plan is considered "creditable." If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan. If it isn't, you should sign up for Part D during your Initial Enrollment Period to avoid a penalty – typically 1 percent of the national average premium for each month you delay.

You can compare Part D plans at medicare.gov/plan-compare.

Need help?

For free guidance, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 877-839-2675 or shiphelp.org. You can also call the Medicare Rights Center helpline at 800-333-4114.

Navigating Medicare while you're still working can be confusing, but a quick check with your employer and a clear understanding of the rules can help you avoid costly mistakes. Taking the time to get it right now will ensure you have the coverage you need, without unnecessary penalties down the road.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I see you walking most days.

I walk every day. Nietzsche said, "All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking."

I had a great thought while seeing you walk. Instead of walking 10,000 steps a day, I'm taking 100 steps a day for 100 days.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I've given more eulogies than I can count. Not all succumbed to the maladies of age. Philip Roth wrote, "Old age isn't a battle: old age is a massacre." After giving a recent tribute, I was driving home when I thought of the Burma-Shave signs. Burma-Shave was a shaving cream whose advertising campaign involved erecting six signs, each of the first five containing a line of verse and the sixth displaying the brand name. An example is: "On curves ahead/Remember, sonny/That rabbit's foot/Didn't save the bunny/Burma-Shave." The former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda said, "Baseball is like driving, it's the one who gets home safely that counts."

I was bewildered by the day. There are days when I can't remember anything but passwords. I stopped to pick up a few groceries. I walked through the health food section on my way to the ice cream department. It made sense. I forgot a couple of passwords, but I remembered that a million seconds is 11.5 days and a billion seconds is 31.7 years.

I've learned

Researchers at Delancey Street, a debt relief company, analyzed financial health across 48 states, using metrics like debt levels, credit scores, income and financial stress. Mississippi leads the list of most financially strained states, with the highest delinquency rate and low median income, alongside more than half of its residents reporting stress from price increases. Louisiana and Alabama follow, both showing high delinquency rates, declining credit scores, and widespread financial pressure. Nevada and Florida stand out for extreme debt-to-income ratios, suggesting many households are stretched thin. States like Georgia, Texas and Tennessee rank in the top 10, where moderate earnings are offset by high debt burdens and growing financial anxiety. Northern states dominate the least strained rankings. Vermont, Minnesota and New Hampshire benefit from low delinquency rates, strong credit scores, and lower levels of financial stress. North Dakota is the 40th most stressed state, Iowa is ranked 41st and Wisconsin 44th.

I had a Shetland pony. I named him Cough Drop because he was a little horse.

I led a tour on a cruise to Alaska. At one stop, while everybody got off for a shore excursion, I decided to stay on the ship with those who had lost a step and were unable to walk well enough to enjoy hoofing around a busy city. I sat with them on the deck of the ship. We watched whales, and I listened to their stories. It was fantastic. Last off, first whales. The Good Book says the last shall be first. When we get too busy, like the White Rabbit in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," who carried a pocket watch and said, "I'm late! I'm late! For a very important date!" we need to slow down, take a good look at nature, and listen to the stories of others.

Bad joke department

What do you call a Viking who had his driver's license suspended? A Hiking.

Why shouldn't you kick a volcano? You might Krakatoa.

My days are backward. I wake up tired and go to bed wide awake.

Nature notes

I listened to a brown thrasher and its gleeful, repeated musical phrases. I want to sing along, but I don't know the words. I recited the human words from the mnemonic I'd learned in my youth. "Plant a seed, plant a seed; bury it, bury it; cover it up, cover it up; let it grow, let it grow; pull it up, pull it up; eat it, eat it."

I love watching the exploits of birds. Starlings insert their bills into the ground, then pry their mandibles open, creating a space to grab prey. I don't mind seeing those birds. I've developed starling callouses.

I heard a spirited discussion in a tree and saw the coppertop battery of birds. The male brown-headed cowbird has a glossy black body with a dark brown head.

I gazed at a rose-breasted grosbeak eating sunflower seeds, cracking the hulls, and spitting them out before swallowing the hearts. It did so in an effortless way that would put any baseball player to shame.

Meeting adjourned

"A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve."—Joseph Joubert.

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Strengthening Iowa's Voice Immigration and Workforce Policy

The Iowa Newspaper Association is presenting a monthly feature in Iowa's newspapers, inviting political leaders of each party to offer perspectives on different subjects. This month's topic: "Immigration & Workforce Policy – How should Iowa approach immigration policy in a way that addresses border security concerns while also supporting the state's workforce needs and economic growth?"

Iowa Can Welcome Legal Immigration Without Accepting Chaos

By Republican Party of Iowa Co-Chair Linda Upmeyer

Iowans are compassionate people. We believe in hard work, personal responsibility, and following the rules. That's why most Iowans support legal immigration and welcome people who want to come here the right way, contribute, and build a better life for their families.

But Iowans also believe in the rule of law and that borders matter and the public safety of Americans is paramount.

For four years under Joe Biden, Washington acted like enforcing immigration law was somehow optional. Democrats across the country agreed. The result was chaos at the southern border and consequences that reached every corner of the country, including states like Iowa that sit hundreds of miles away.

Under Biden, every state became a border state.

While the true number may be even higher, an estimated 6.7 million illegal immigrants entered the United States during the Biden administration. Americans watched overwhelmed border communities, cartel activity, human trafficking, and dangerous criminals take advantage of a system that stopped prioritizing enforcement.

Iowans have seen the consequences firsthand.

Sarah Root and Mollie Tibbetts were young Iowans with bright futures who were killed by illegal immigrants who should never have been in this country. Their families should never have had to endure those tragedies.

In Sarah Root's case, her killer was allowed to post bond and fled the country because of a legal loophole. Years later, under President Trump, he was finally arrested in Honduras and returned to face justice. President Trump later signed Sarah's Law, championed by Iowa's congressional delegation, to help ensure no family experiences that heartbreak again.

Public safety should never be controversial.

That's why Republicans in Iowa have supported stronger cooperation with ICE, banned sanctuary city policies, and worked to ensure law enforcement has the tools necessary to keep dangerous individuals off our streets.

Meanwhile, too many Democrats continue to dodge straightforward questions about immigration enforcement. While many in his party lob insults and attack ICE, Rob Sand, the presumed Democrat nominee for governor, is silent. He has repeatedly avoided clearly stating whether he would maintain Iowa's cooperation with ICE. Voters deserve a clear answer.

This debate is often framed dishonestly. Democrats want voters to believe Republicans oppose immigration entirely which is simply untrue.

Iowa depends on legal immigration. Agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare, and construction all rely on hard-working people who want to contribute to our economy and communities. Iowa can support legal immigration while also insisting that laws be enforced and borders secured. Those ideas are not in conflict unless politicians choose to make them so.

What Iowans oppose is a system where people skip the line, enter illegally, and receive preferential treatment while families who follow the legal process wait years to come to this country the right way.

Republicans believe immigration should be lawful, orderly, and serve the interests of American citizens first. That includes securing the border, deporting criminals who are here illegally, and ensuring states like Iowa can continue cooperating with federal law enforcement.

The contrast since President Trump returned to office has been significant. Border crossings have sharply declined, deportations have increased, and for the first time in decades, the United States experienced negative net migration in 2025 after strong enforcement measures were put in place. That happened because leadership changed and priorities changed.

Americans should not be afraid to expect enforcement of immigration laws. They should not be lectured for wanting safe communities or secure borders. And they should not be told that compassion requires accepting disorder and chaos.

Iowans are compassionate people. But compassion should never come at the expense of public safety, the rule of law, or the citizens whom the government is elected to protect.

As this election approaches, voters should ask themselves a simple question: which party is willing to enforce the law, support legal immigration, and protect Iowa families at the same time?

Border Control to Stop Illegal Immigration is Necessary to Protect the U.S., but Legal Immigration is Important Too

Without immigration, Iowa's economy and services would stagnate and weaken

By Iowa Democratic Party Chair Rita Hart

Immigration and border control are a couple of the most serious issues facing the U.S. The debate over how many legal immigrants should enter the country, how to improve the legal immigration process, who should be granted legal status, and how to address the folks who break the rules is never-ending.

It's easy to fall into the trap of having the 'answers' to long-running questions like these be black and white. Some would say let everyone in. Others would say let no one in. Grant amnesty to every illegal immigrant, or deport them all back home. These options are the wrong fit for the U.S., and they're

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100 years ago

May 6, 1976

The ladies of Zion Lutheran Church have organized an Aid Society, holding their first meeting recently at the Chas. Nieman home in Northwood.

An overflowing house two nights and a profit of $169 to the P.E.O. were the outstanding results of the "Womanless Wedding," staged in the Northwood Theatre last week. Seventy men of this city took not only kindly but enthusiastically to the idea of dressing up to impersonate fair ladies and worthy male celebrities. Among those taking part were Eric Linder, Judge Kepler, E.M. Sabin, George Haight, Herb Satterlee, Dr. C.W. Sanders, Bernard Carey, Walter R. Johnson, C.A. Sharp, Ben Miller, J.J. Page, Lou Thompson, Oscar Dahl, Elon Barnes, Burrus Beard, O.J. Wardwell, Clarence Huus, Lloyd Dillion, Emil Urdahl, W.W. Hunter, Ellsworth Whitcome, A.F. Marshall, Chas. Dwelle, A.R. Trenda and others.

Shell Rock and Northwood Lutheran congregations extended a call to Rev. Wilhelm Ylvisaker, youngest brother of Rev. Carl Ylvisaker, as a result of a union meeting in the Northwood church last week. Only one candidate was named at the meeting and it was to him that the unanimous call was sent. J.W. Ylvisaker is just now finishing a year's work as a graduate student at Princeton University. The young minister is one of a family of seven brothers, five of whom are in the ministry, with the other two in the medical profession. He was a member of the faculty at Luther Academy, Albert Lea, a year before going to Princeton.

In the six cars and some 30 strong, Northwood High School's musical hopefuls to state honors left this morning for Iowa City. The boys' glee club, the girl's quartet and Miss Alcienne Olson, pianist, will compete in the state music contest to be held at the University. Also more than $200 in money has been donated by the people of Northwood to help pay the expenses of the trip.

75 years ago

May 10, 1951

Thirteen Northwood high school students attended the high school days and open house at Luther College, Decorah, on Tuesday. The Rev. Alf Jorgenson, S.G. Blakestad and Howard Nelson, one of the seniors, drove cars to Decorah. Others making the trip were Curtis Rustad, Philip Bottolfson, Wallace Blakestad, Verna Kalvig, Iola Bakken, Dean Sandberg, Kerma Grosland, Arlo Jorgenson, Carol Lien, Judy Bolender, Faye Osmundson and Frances Clausen.

Donald Crapser, who has been fighting with the Marines in Korea arrived home in Northwood last week for an extended furlough. His brother Lowell, a seaman on the aircraft carrier Valley Forge, who had been home early a month, left Wednesday evening for Bremerton, Wash., to rejoin the ship's company.

Worth County Farm Bureau women's leaders met Friday and included the Mrs. Maynard Bartlett, A.I. Linter, Alfred Swensrud, Leighton Severson, Oren Igou, Arnold Fitzl, Norman Norland, Glennis Cooper, Lawrence Halvorson, Alfred Swanson, Stanley Brighton, Harvey Glassell, Claire Dahl and Vernon Lyford.

Editorial: We favor legitimate scholarships and aid in procuring legitimate jobs, but feel that under present conditions, college athletics have strayed too far from purely competitive sports for the sake of the game itself and the glory of winning. From the Hartley Sentinel.

Mrs. Ida Gunderson and Miss Ella Lobben are on their way home from Fullerton, Calif., where they spent the winter. Making the trip by car, they are visiting several places en route and plan to get here sometime next week. They went to California the middle of December.

C.M. Culbertson was over from Carpenter Monday forenoon attending to some business matters and visiting with friends.

50 years ago

May 6, 1976

Dan Stumo, son of the Gene Stumos, rural Northwood, and Jim Hrubetz, rural Kensett, were hospitalized with lacerations following a one-car accident about 1 a.m. Friday, April 30. Stumo was charged with failure to control by Iowa Highway Trooper Dennis Gerdom.

Seniors from Northwood-Kensett and North Central schools participated in Law Day Friday at the Worth County courthouse in Northwood. District judge L.E. Plummer presided over a mock trial in which members of the senior classes were named defense and prosecution attorneys, jury and witnesses. Robert Perry, government teacher at the Northwood-Kensett school made the arrangement for the event.

Steven Smith Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Smith, was confirmed Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Northwood.

The Viking girls were third in a triangular track meet at Lake Mills Tuesday. Scoring was Lake Mills 89 1/2, Glenville 49 1/2 and N-K 49. Winning firsts were Debbie Kelly in the mile run at 5:58; the 880 yard medley relay team of Wendy Hogen, Colleen Otis, Julia Hagen and Sandy Knudtson at 2:04 and the shuttle relay team of Wendy Hogen, Colleen Otis, June Hagen and Debbie Kelly in :56.6.

N-K golfers ranked sixth in the NIC tournament at Lake Mills Monday. Scoring were Forest City 181, Lake Mills 210, Osage 221, Britt 237, Belmond 240 and N-K 246. Terri Angell was low with 52.

William Schlueter has been appointed an agent in the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies' Worth County agency. Schlueter, who lives in Northwood, was previously an advertising consultant with a Mason City radio station. He will service Kensett, Barton, Fertile, Danville, Lincoln and Union townships.

25 years ago

May 9, 2001

Eleven donations totaling $890 boosted the Worth County Veterans Memorial Fund to $33,405 last week. Although the fund is still $1,595 short of its $35,000 goal, the contractor in charge of building the monument expects work to begin this week.

Those involved in the design, fundraising the construction of the Worth County Veterans Memorial gathered in the northeast corner of Sunset Rest Cemetery last Friday afternoon for a groundbreaking ceremony. That included Northland Construction owner Bud Kragenbrink, Northwood "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 commander Russ Selvig and Northwood VFW members Jon Christenson, Gene Wietzel, Elton Kuhlmann, George Lindflott and Art Bendickson. Kragenbrink expects construction to begin "as soon as it stops raining" and hopes to have the work finished in time for the Memorial Day observance here on Monday, May 28.

A Northwood student was honored as a recipient of the Dean's Award for Academic Achievement at Buena Vista University. Carol Follmuth, a freshman at BVU, is the daughter of Paul and Cynthia Follmuth, Northwood. Follmuth received the award at the University's Academic and Achievement Awards Banquet, held Saturday, April 28, on the BVU campus.

Jesse Krull, son of Deanna Krull and Jim Krull, was offered summer internships with three major airlines. Jesse chose the internship with Atlantic Coast Airlines based out of Washington, D.C., which operates in partnership with United Express and Delta Connections.

Air Force Airman Kelly L. Smith has graduated from the pharmacy apprentice Phase II course at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Mike and Vicky Smith, Manly, and is a 2000 graduate of North Central High School, Manly.

10 years ago

May 11, 2016

This Sunday, N-K schools will hold graduation ceremonies for the class of 2016. Included amongst this year's graduates will be the sets of siblings, Jenna and Ashlyn Schaefer and Hannah and Hunter Julson.

Julie Hagen Robb, Broker Associate with CENTURY 21 Preferred recently earned the CENTURY 21 System's Masters Emerald Award following her 2015 sales success. Julie is a member of the Greater Mason City Board of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors and the Iowa Association of Realtors.

N-K High School held its annual Fine Arts Awards Night on April 29, in conjunction with the band and choir spring concert. Students were recognized for their work and achievement in band, choir, art, drama and speech.

Tthe members of the Twenties Club host an annual tradition, inviting the ladies of the senior class and their mothers and mother figures to take part in the senior tea, an event held since the 1930s. At this year's tea, held in the Olson Community Room, are Twenties Club member Sharyl Lunde, graduating senior Tanna Quisley, her mother Chris Quisley and senior Kailey Eskildsen.

Carrie Stoneking, daughter of LeAnn and Dennis Stoneking of Northwood, will graduate with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy on May 12 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Grand Ballroom.

N-K's Scott Hengesteg cruises around the corner in the 200-meter dash last Thursday at the TIC Meet in Northwood. The talented senior took home a second place medal in the event, missing first by just 17 tenths of a second.

N-K's Tegan Cotter runs her leg of the shuttle hurdle relay last Thursday afternoon at the TIC Meet in Northwood. Cotter and teammates Taylor Jorgensen, Jacie Davis and Shelby Low placed third in the TIC and now have the 16th best time in Class 1A.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Eugene Ferden

Eugene Bert Ferden, 98, passed away peacefully under hospice care on April 30, 2026, at the Manly Care Center in Manly, Iowa.

Gene was born on September 25, 1927, in Otteson, Iowa, to Lester and Esther (Fehr) Ferden. He grew up in Rolfe and attended Rolfe High School. He enlisted and proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947, with service in Korea and Guam.



EUGENE FERDEN

On May 12, 1951, Eugene was united in marriage to Florence Mathre at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The couple first met in Rolfe at a St. Patrick's Day dance, beginning a lifelong partnership. They were the proud parents of Alan, Ann, Peter, Mary, and John.

In 1954, Eugene and Florence moved to Manly, where they made their home and raised their family. Eugene began his working career at Marigold Dairies as a milk delivery driver. He later served as manager of the fertilizer department at the local co-Op and also worked as a part-time police officer for the City of Manly. He went on to work for over 20 years at Winnebago Industries, retiring in 1989 as a Quality Control Technician.

During their children's younger years, Gene was actively involved as a Boy Scout troop leader and a 4-H leader, reflecting his commitment to youth and community.

A devoted public servant, Gene served two terms on the Manly City Council and later as Mayor of Manly from 1980 to 1989. He also dedicated 25 years to the Worth County Veterans Affairs Board, advocating for fellow veterans. He was also the founder of Manly Railroad Ag Days, a testament to his dedication to celebrating and strengthening the local community.

Eugene was a lifetime member of the American Legion, where he served as Vice Commander, and was also active as a lifetime member of the VFW and DAV. He was a member of the Lions Club and was honored with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was also recognized as a Worth County Outstanding Senior Citizen. In addition, Eugene was a member of NARFE and volunteered extensively throughout his life.

Eugene and Florence shared a love of travel and adventure. Following his retirement, they explored 49 states in their Winnebago, in addition to making treks across Canada and to Mexico. They also traveled extensively in Europe, visiting Switzerland, France, Italy and Norway. Closer to home, they cherished time with their grandchildren, especially their annual summer day trips to Adventureland.

Eugene had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, golfing and searching for geodes. He was also an avid Minnesota Vikings fan and had a special interest in collecting Civil War-era cannons.

Eugene will be remembered for his lifelong dedication to his country, his community, and his family. His legacy of service, generosity, and quiet leadership leaves a lasting impact on all who knew him.

He is survived by his children, Alan (Doreen) Ferden, Ann (Dean) Yezek, Peter (Priscilla) Ferden, Mary Harris and John (Gina Perri, MD) Ferden; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother in law, Roger (Pat) Mathre; sister-in-law, Jean Biederman; and his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gene is preceded in death by his wife, Florence; his parents; and siblings, Janice (Robert) Fuchs and Donald (Mary Lou) Ferden; and in-laws, Richard and Nadine Mathre, Robert Biederman, Delbert and Mary Ann Watson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 22, at Epiphany Parish - Holy Family Catholic Church, 722 N. Adams Avenue, Mason City, with Rev. David O'Connor, Celebrant. Inurnment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.

Gene's family will greet friends from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the church on Friday.

In lieu of flowers and other customary remembrances, memorials may be left in Gene's honor to the Manly American Legion, Post 110, or the Mason City VFW.

Voices
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definitely the wrong fit for Iowa.

The true solution, like everything in life, is going to be more complicated and requires leaders to work out common-sense solutions. That has obviously not been happening.

Let's be clear. We need a secure border. Violent criminals should not be admitted and those who commit violent crimes after they are here should be deported. Iowans need and have the right to feel safe in their homes.

The questions we are facing are complicated by the reality of what's happening in Iowa.

Iowa has an aging population. People are having fewer babies. If health care becomes better, if jobs paid better, if child care becomes more accessible and affordable – maybe that would turn the situation around. Our reality right now, though, is that Iowa's aging population puts more pressure on government services because a greater percentage of our citizens rely on them. At the same time, we have fewer young people who fund and work to provide these services, a double whammy that has a strong potential to reduce the quality of life in our state.

The reality is that Iowa has alleviated some of these issues with immigration into the state. More than 7 percent of Iowa's labor force is foreign-born. An estimated 20 percent of doctors in Iowa were born outside the United States.

Iowa has a history of helping immigrants, as evidenced by Republican Governor Robert Ray's program to welcome immigrants from Southeast Asia, particularly Tai Dam people, who were fleeing from war in 1975.

Iowans are compassionate. We understand the human reality that people do what's best for their families because that's what we do ourselves. So, we understand when families choose to flee from violence and starvation to protect their family members and Iowans have been proud to help those folks in the past.

However, we need to keep our own borders safe and secure in order to protect our own families.

Banning all immigration would be a detriment to Iowa. Allowing the immigration of everyone who wished to cross our borders would also be a detriment to Iowa and to the country. Right now, the path to legal immigration takes too long and costs too much money. The solution must be found in the middle. We need a solution that acknowledges our aging population, allows us to provide a safe haven for those who truly need it, fills the need for younger people in the workforce, streamlines and lowers the cost of legal immigration, and recognizes and celebrates the contributions immigrants have already made and will continue to make to our communities and state.

It's nonsense that Democrats want to open up the border and let undocumented citizens access programs like SNAP and Medicaid. This is fearmongering and politics at its worst and it is just not true.

Bigotry and hatred have no place here. We're perfectly capable of policing our borders without fearmongering about the 'other' that lies in wait just outside the lines drawn on our maps, just as we're completely capable of crafting an immigration policy that's merciful and effectively addresses our economic needs and realities.

Iowans are tired of the grandstanding and inaction on an issue that truly divides our society. The way to change our immigration system is by electing people who have thoughtful solutions and are willing to work across the aisle to find compromise so that good, common-sense immigration policy can become our new reality.

I have an inkling that Bob Ray would've been able to do this, and we have politicians today who can follow in his wise footsteps. It's time for change because we've been divided by this issue for too long.

The immigration debate won't end with this column, just as it won't end with this election. But the debate should be grounded in reality and treated like a serious discussion, not as a way to whip people into a frenzy and never provide solutions that unite us rather than divide us.

Iowa is better than that. Iowans are better than that.

Bolan

Friday overnight guests at the Joe Nydegger home were Anna and Clare Nydegger of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. They came especially to attend the bridal shower of Kelsie Willert held at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Saturday morning. Coming on Saturday to join them was Evelyn Nydegger of Ellendale, Minnesota. Dale and Sandy Koppen of Arnolds Park came to the Nydegger home on Saturday morning, and Sandy attended the shower. They stayed for the afternoon. In the evening Kelsie Willert and Reese Drenth; Cole Willert and Jenna Stene; Scott and Lori Willert were supper guests at the Nydegger home.

The ladies of Bolan Trinity United Methodist Church hosted the Bridal Wedding Shower Brunch for Kelsie Willert of Ames at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Saturday morning. Kelsie will become the bride of Reese Drenth of Ames on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WORTH COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, THAT THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026.

The polls for said election will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. If you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the auditor's office at 641-324-2316. You may also verify the voting location for your address at: https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx.

PRECINCT #1–
Grafton Community Center-
202 6th Avenue
Deer Creek, Barton, Union, part of Grove Township and City of Grafton

PRECINCT #2 –
Manly City Hall-
106 South Broadway Street
Lincoln Township and the City of Manly

PRECINCT #3 –
Joice Community Center-
106 Main Street
Bristol, Silver Lake, part of Hartland Township and the City of Joice

PRECINCT #4 –
Kensett Community Center-
300 Willow Street
Brookfield and Kensett Township and the City of Kensett

PRECINCT #5 –
Hanlontown
Community Center-
214 Main Street
Danville Township and the City of Hanlontown

PRECINCT #6 –
Fertile City Hall-
3494 Eagle Avenue
Fertile Township and the City of Fertile

PRECINCT #7 –
The Timbers-
500 Central Ave
Part of both Grove and Hartland Townships and the City of Northwood

VOTER ID

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered such as voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may have voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County auditor's Office by June 8, 2026, at noon. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/voter-id-faq You may also contact the auditor's office at 641-324-2316. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m.

VOTER ACCESSIBILITY

The voting site is fully accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Each precinct has an FVT machine, which is a voter assist terminal for anyone who has a visual impairment or any difficulty in reading the ballot. Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. Curb-side voting is available at the site for voters unable to leave their vehicle. Voters may also choose another person to assist them to vote, except their employer, employer's agent or an officer or agent of the voter's union. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at the telephone number or E-mail address listed below. Telephone: 641-324-2316 Email address: auditor@worthcountyiowa.gov.

ABSENTEE VOTING

All absentee voters must complete an absentee ballot request from which is available by request, on our website https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/ or our office, 641-324-2316.

In-person: Starting May 13, 2026, voters may cast an absentee ballot in the Worth County auditor's office during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until June 1, 2026. Curbside voting is available at this time, voters shall contact our office on arrival, 641-324-2316.

By mail: Absentee ballot request forms must be received in our office by Monday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m. (deadline to mail absentee ballots). ***Absentee ballots must be received in the auditor's office by the time polls close on election day at 8:00 p.m.

EXTENDED HOURS

Monday, May 18, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m./Friday, May 29, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m./Saturday, May 30, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

POST-ELECTION AUDIT

The Post-Election Audit for this election will be Thursday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the County auditor's Office. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration.

CANDIDATE LISTING

Sample ballots are available on our Elections Website at the following link: https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/

Office, Candidates, Party
US Senator
Josh Turek.....Democratic
US Senator
Zach Wahls.....Democratic
US Representative - District 2
Kathy Dolter.....Democratic
US Representative - District 2
Lindsay James ...Democratic
US Representative - District 2
Clint Twedt-Ball.Democratic
Governor
Rob Sand.....Democratic
Secretary of State
Ryan Peterman ..Democratic
Auditor of State
Taylor Wettach...Democratic
Treasurer of State
John Norwood.....Democratic
Secretary of Agriculture
Chris Jones.....Democratic
Attorney General
Nate Willems.....Democratic
State Representative-District 60, Alexander Schmidt.....Democratic
Board of Supervisors - District 1, No Candidate....Democratic
Board of Supervisors - District 3, No Candidate....Democratic
County Treasurer
No Candidate.....Democratic
County Recorder
No Candidate.....Democratic
County Attorney
Dexter Banks.....Democratic
Office, Candidates, Party
US Senator
Jim Carlin.....Republican
US Senator
Ashley Hinson ....Republican
US Representative - District 2
Charlie McClintock .....Republican
US Representative - District 2
Joe Mitchell .....Republican
Governor
Eddie Andrews ...Republican
Governor
Randy Feenstra..Republican
Governor
Zach Lahn.....Republican
Governor
Brad Sherman ....Republican
Governor
Adam Steen .....Republican
Secretary of State
Paul D. Pate .....Republican
Auditor of State
Chris Cournoyer.Republican
Auditor of State
Abigail Maas.....Republican
Treasurer of State
Roby Smith .....Republican
Secretary of Agriculture
Mike Naig .....Republican
Attorney General
Brenna Bird.....Republican
State Representative-District 60, Jane Bloomingdale.....Republican
State Representative-District 60, Dani Ollenburg.....Republican
Board of Supervisors - District 1, Marena Henkle Republican
Board of Supervisors - District 3, Mike Hanson ....Republican
Board of Supervisors - District 3, Gary H. Hengesteg.....Republican
County Treasurer
Jake Hanson.....Republican
County Recorder
Jolene Hickle .....Republican
County Attorney
Jeffrey H. Greve.Republican

I, Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, do hereby certify that the above races and candidates will appear on the ballots in specific jurisdictions to be voted upon in the PRIMARY Election on June 2, 2026.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor &
Commissioner of Elections
Worth County, Iowa

Notice

The Annual Report of the Esther E. Losee Scholarship Fund is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Esther E. Losee
Scholarship Fund
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459
The Principal Manager is:
Douglas A. Krull, Trustee
Telephone: 641-324-1981

Notice

The Annual Report of the Truman and Lorraine Julseth Scholarship Fund is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Truman and Lorraine
Julseth Scholarship Fund.
714 Central Avenue,
Northwood, IA 50459.
The Principal Manager is
Andy J. Julseth, Secretary.
Telephone: 641-324-1981.

Supervisors

May 4, 2026
Nineteenth Day

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

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

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and April 27, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of $20,783.81 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Derrick Barnes, DD 1, Beavers $100.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 6 Main, Prof Services..... $1,905.00
Northwood Anchor Inc., DD 10 Lower Main, Publication . $607.99
Agrivia PLLC, DD 10 Lower Main, Prof Services $1,100.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Prof Services $822.25
Northwood Anchor Inc., DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Publication..... ..... $67.09
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Prof Services $224.25
Northwood Anchor Inc., DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Publication..... ..... $18.30
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Prof Services $224.25
Northwood Anchor Inc., DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Publication $18.30
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Prof Services $224.25
Northwood Anchor Inc., DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Publication $18.30
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 18 Main, Services $2,615.00
Helgeson Drainage Inc., DD 23/Lat 9B & 9B1, Repairs..... ..... $1,270.00
Aspen Acres, DD 30, Repairs.. ..... $2,593.83
Derrick Barnes, DD 46 Main, Beavers $500.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 46 Main Open Ditch, Prof Services... ..... $8,475.00
Grand Total..... $20,783.81

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the DD #17 work order submitted by Dan Benson. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve seasonal employee Gary Brunsvold at $20.50/hour effective May 15, 2026, as submitted by secondary roads. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan updates for Nate & Melissa Moretz #69342, Engels Nursery 2 #68500 and Johnson West #58515. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to continue with Central Iowa Detention Center as a non-voting member county. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to rescind the March 16. 2026 motion to opt out of CSN for FY27. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the Customer Preventive Maintenance Agreements for the three generators at the Water & Wastewater treatment plants with 3E. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the new small water tower painting and signage proposed by the Diamond Jo Casino. Motion carried.

Vice-chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 8:50 A.M.

Vice-chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 8:55 A.M.

Elizabeth Thyer, Gardiner + Company conducted the FY25 Audit review.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to adjourn at 9:25 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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

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

Meeting Date/Time: 5/18/2026 07:00 PM | **Contact:** Diane Price | **Phone:** (641) 592-3251

Meeting Location: Lake Mills City Hall
200 N 1st Ave W

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	675,358	0	675,358
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	675,358	0	675,358
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	1,060,864	0	1,060,864
Other City Taxes	6	281,127	110,743	391,870
Licenses & Permits	7	5,200	0	5,200
Use of Money & Property	8	860,000	0	860,000
Intergovernmental	9	377,460	261,802	639,262
Charges for Service	10	3,743,215	0	3,743,215
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	82,914	62,859	145,773
Other Financing Sources	13	0	47,400	47,400
Transfers In	14	1,225,269	0	1,225,269
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	8,311,407	482,804	8,794,211
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	887,267	60,995	948,262
Public Works	17	783,985	9,838	793,823
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	598,989	29,965	628,954
Community and Economic Development	20	102,768	115,995	218,763
General Government	21	141,377	234,580	375,957
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	161,215	161,215
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,514,386	612,588	3,126,974
Business Type/Enterprise	25	8,199,176	347,622	8,546,798
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	10,713,562	960,210	11,673,772
Transfers Out	27	1,225,269	0	1,225,269
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	11,938,831	960,210	12,899,041
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-3,627,424	-477,406	-4,104,830
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	30	14,969,230	0	14,969,230
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	31	11,341,806	-477,406	10,864,400

Explanation of Changes: Revenue: Catalyst, Local and State Grants, LOST
Expenses: Grant expenses including two (2) Catalyst Grants, Insurance, Internal Loan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
Board of Supervisors of WORTH COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of WORTH COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

Meeting Date/Time: 5/26/2026 09:00 AM | **Contact:** Jacki A. Backhaus | **Phone:** (641) 324-2316 ext: 3626

Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors' Room, Worth County Courthouse, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood

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	6,878,367	0	6,878,367
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	50,676	0	50,676
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	445,610	0	445,610
Net Current Property Tax	4	6,382,081	0	6,382,081
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	1,322	0	1,322
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	23,254	0	23,254
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,802,156	0	4,802,156
Intergovernmental	8	4,662,794	0	4,662,794
Licenses & Permits	9	39,912	0	39,912
Charges for Service	10	320,421	0	320,421
Use of Money & Property	11	788,669	0	788,669
Miscellaneous	12	0	138,419	138,419
Subtotal Revenue	13	17,020,609	138,419	17,159,028
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	4,825,000	0	4,825,000
Operating Transfers In	15	2,028,847	0	2,028,847
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	23,874,456	138,419	24,012,875
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,005,106	134,196	3,139,302
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,160,888	0	1,160,888
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,470,365	4,224	1,474,589
Roads & Transportation	22	5,574,573	250,000	5,824,573
Government Services to Residents	23	588,104	0	588,104
Administration	24	2,447,783	13,500	2,461,283
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	860,450	48,400	908,850
Capital Projects	27	12,100,235	-499,000	11,601,235
Subtotal Expenditures	28	27,207,504	-48,680	27,158,824
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,028,847	0	2,028,847
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	29,236,351	-48,680	29,187,671
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-5,361,895	187,099	-5,174,796
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025	33	15,346,678	0	15,346,678
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	6,867,516	48,680	6,916,196
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,469,025	0	1,469,025
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	1,648,242	138,419	1,786,661
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2026	40	9,984,783	187,099	10,171,882

Explanation of Changes: REVENUE: WCDA Grants - Sheriff's Department: $127,296 - Body Cameras for Deputies; $6,900 - Thermal Monocular; Conservation : $4,224 - Archery Equipment EXPENSES: $127,296 - Purchase Body Cameras; $6,900 - Purchase Thermal Monocular; $4,224 - Purchase Archery Equipment; $250,000 - Secondary Roads Truck Purchase; $12,000 - HR Attorney Expense; $1,500 - Donation to Winnebago Watershed; $48,400 - Fiscal Agent Fees/2025 GO Bonds; $1,000 - Addn'l Legal Fees/2025 GO Bonds; $5,000,000 - Buildings/Capital Projects; and a decrease of $5,500,000 - Other - Capital Outlay/Capital Projects

Legal Northwood Anchor

Notice

The Annual Report of the Carrie and Oren Igou Scholarship Fund is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

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Douglas A. Krull, Trustee
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Northwood, IA 50459.
Telephone: 641- 324-1981.
The Principal Manager is
Tom Watts. 641-324-2122

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

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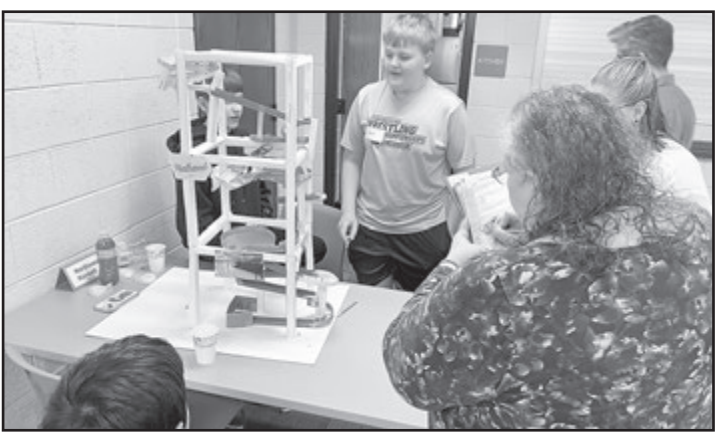
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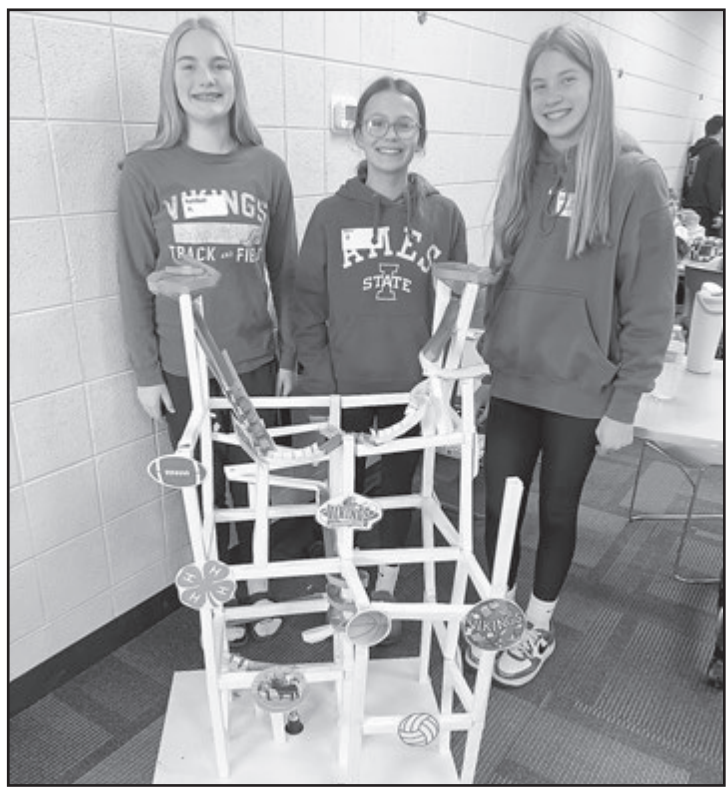
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Creating coasters

Northwood-Kensett middle school students recently took part in an event that had them creating roller coasters out of unconventional materials. Using paper products, they made tracks for marbles to travel on. The coasters were judged based on how successful the tracks were in moving the marbles, the design, teamwork, visual elements and more.

Lake Mills Community School

Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors
Lake Mills Community
School District
May 4, 2026

Regular meeting of the board:

President Ryan Joynt called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Library–Media Center at 102 South 4th Avenue East, Lake Mills, Iowa, and determined a quorum. The following board members were present: President Ryan Joynt, Vice President Kari Osheim, Jake Thompson, and Kristin Wempen. Jolene Helgeson was absent. Others present included Superintendent Chris Rogne, Secondary Principal Steve Madson, Elementary Principal Connor Kem, Board Secretary Drake Abbey, and guests.

Agenda:

Wempen moved to approve the agenda. Osheim seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Administrative and other reports:

Mr. Rogne commented on announcements and celebrations and recognized school board members for School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Madson and Mr. Kem gave building-level reports. Three 4th graders presented a fundraiser proposal for recess equipment. Mr. Rogne gave a system-wide report and facilities update.

Consent agenda:

Wempen moved to approve all items as presented on the consent agenda. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

1. Approval of previous minutes
2. Approval of officials
3. Approval of fundraisers: FFA (plant sale); 4th grade (recess equipment)
4. Approval of financial reports
5. Approval of committee reports
6. Acceptance of donations: $2,000 from the Emmons American Legion to the Bulldog Assistance Fund; memorials from Bert Hanson in memory of Nancy Hanson for the area of special education
7. Approval of personnel items

a. Resignations: Josie Gilbertson (from learner assistant); Judy Sell (from part-time kitchen help)

b. New hires, appointments, and adjustments: issuance of contracts for 2026-2027 TLC positions as presented

8. Approval of open enrollment requests

a. Out: Shelby Devora requests her kindergartener attend North Iowa; Courtney Vanderplas requests his 12th grader attend Mason City

9. Approval of partnerships & agreements

a. Continuation of sharing agreement with North Iowa for curriculum director

Old business:

Osheim moved to approve the second reading of board policies 409.5, 409.7, 414.5, and 414.7. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

New business:

1. Thompson moved to approve the class of 2026 graduates pending meeting all graduation requirements. Wempen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

2. Mr. Rogne presented a proposal from Trane for front-end controls for the HVAC system that controls the safe room. The estimated price is $57,710. Osheim moved to accept the proposal from Trane for safe room HVAC front-end controls. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. Mr. Rogne presented the tentative agreement with the Lake Mills Education Association and the proposed 2026-2028 master contract. The proposal includes raises of $1,000 per FTE for 2026-2027. The generator base for extra-duty contracts will increase by $700 to $36,300 for 2026-2027. In addition, a middle school girls' wrestling coaching position will be added to the extra-duty schedule at a pay rate of five percent of the generator base. The base wages for new teachers will not change for 2026-2027, so the BA base remains at $50,000. Salaries for the 2027-2028 school year have not yet been determined. Wempen moved to approve the negotiated agreement with the LMEA for the 2026-2028 school years as presented and approve the issuance of teaching and extra-duty contracts for the 2026-2027 school year with a return date of Thursday, May 28. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The increase in teaching salaries is approximately 1.59 percent.

4. Mr. Rogne presented a proposal for non-certified staff contracts for 2026-2027 that have not already been issued. The proposal includes salary increases of 1.59 percent for the nutrition director, maintenance director, transportation director, and school business official. In addition to this amount, the proposal includes a further $7,200 salary increase for the school business official as presented. Osheim moved to approve the issuance of contracts for directors and others on a contracted salary as presented with a return date of Thursday, May 28. Wempen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Presentation and approval of bills:

1. Osheim moved to approve payment of payment application number 1 for the high school gym HVAC project when it is received, pending Mr. Rogne's approval. Wempen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. This payment may be due before the next regular board meeting.

2. Thompson moved to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Wempen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Next meeting:

The next regular board meeting is scheduled to be held in the Library–Media Center on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment:

Wempen moved to adjourn the meeting. Osheim seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Ryan Joynt, Board President
Drake Abbey, Board Secretary

List of bills:

Vendor Name Description Amount

Fund Number 10
General Fund
Access Systems, Supplies ..114.89
Amazon Prime, Supplies....828.60
Carroll Band Program
Registration.....60.00
Central Iowa Wind Ensemble
Registration.....45.00
Central Rivers AEA
Transfer of state funding.....
.....16,680.10
Danielle Theis Consulting, LLC
Professional development.....
.....4,000.00
Dept. of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing Inspection & permit fee
.....175.00
Des Moines Register #1150, The
Subscription 58.71
Floyd County Treasurer .....
Field trip.....49.00
Forest City Community School
Four Oaks NITC.....17,415.23
Garcia, Olivia, Supplies.....36.00
Grimco, Inc.
HP L630 latex printer.22,757.00
Harland Clarke, Supplies..142.29
Hillyard Inc., Supplies....1,168.90
Instrumentalist Awards LLC
Supplies 27.50
Iowa Testing Programs
Test registration.....1,572.00
ISEBA
Retiree insurance.....6,034.20
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.
Supplies 144.99
Jostens, Inc., Supplies 753.75
Krull, Joan
Travel reimbursement.....133.28
Lake Mills Lumber Company
Supplies 181.88
Levine, Claire
Choreography 150.00
Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company, Fees 74.00
MARC/Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies.....142.77
Menards - Mason City
Supplies 28.97
Mock, Richard , Services....150.00
Nelson Septic Services LLC
Portable restroom rentals 275.00
Rognes, Rachel
Mileage reimbursement.....42.05
Scholastic Book Fairs - 04
Book fair funds collected2,591.52
School Bus Sales Co.
Supplies 1,634.77
Shiffler Equipment Sales, Inc
Supplies 253.80
State Industrial Products
Supplies 477.30
Young Plumbing & Heating
Service calls.....2,749.56
Fund Number 10.....80,948.06
Fund Number 22
Management Levy Fund
ISEBA
Retiree insurance.....991.38
Lake Mills CSD - Self-Insurance Fund, Retiree insurance....117.62
Fund Number 22.....1,109.00
Fund Number 71
Self-Insurance Fund
Advantage Administrators
Services.....9,478.78
Fund Number 71.....9,478.78
Fund Number 21.....
Student Activity Fund
Albert Lea Community Theater
Props and costumes 200.00
Algona Community School District, Entry fees 150.00
Amazon Prime, Supplies....173.08
Belmond-Klemme High School
Entry fees 200.00
CheapesTees.com
Supplies 616.26
Clear Lake High School.....
Entry fees 150.00
Forest City Fine Arts Patrons
Props and costumes 100.00
Forest City High School
Entry fees 210.00
Game One, Supplies.....4,636.42
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Schools
Entry fees 350.00
Hampton-Dumont High School
Entry fees 300.00
Iowa Association of Track Coaches, Entry fees.....323.00
Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association, Dues 45.00
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.
Supplies 132.33
Lake Mills Lumber Company
Supplies 154.00
National FFA Organization
Supplies 236.50
North Butler CSD
Entry fees 110.00
Osage High School
Entry fees 90.00
Schriever, Rhonda, Supplies59.52
St. Ansgar High School.....
Entry fees 180.00
Steele, Megan, Supplies.....287.17
Suntken, Christopher
Officiating.....200.00
Texsource Indiana
Supplies 146.91
Wartburg College
Entry fees 537.00
West Hancock High School
Entry fees 85.00
Fund Number 21.....9,672.19
Fund Number 33
SAVE Fund
Access Systems Inc.
Copier lease 5,136.80
School Bus Sales Co.
Blue Bird bus.....172,855.00
Fund Number 33.....177,991.80
Fund Number 36.....
Physical Plant & Equipment Levy Fund
BlueAlly Technology Solutions LLC,
Equipment.....17,764.10
Forest City Community School
Four Oaks NITC.....1,413.24
Partitions Plus, Inc.
Partition 565.00
Young Plumbing & Heating
Rebuild west geothermal pump..
.....2,964.00
Fund Number 36.....22,706.34
Fund Number 61.....
School Nutrition Fund
Brandenburg, Alex, Refund600.00
Fund Number 61.....600.00

List of officials:

Randy Lewis, MS B Track, 05/05/2026.....$200.00
Dan Schuknecht, MS G Track, 05/08/2026.....$200.00

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009509
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH BLOCK, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kenneth Block, Deceased, who died on or about April 12, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on April 23, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Kenneth Block, deceased, bearing date of July 20, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Stephanie Hannon and Jennifer Cooper have been 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 this May 1, 2026

Stephanie Harmon,
Co-Executor of Estate
999 450th St.
Northwood, IA 50459

Jennifer Cooper,
Co-Executor of Estate
1039 Manor Drive
Mason City, IA 50401

Timothy A. Casperson,
ICIS#: AT0001472
Attorney for Executors
Casperson Law Office, PLC
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Lake Mills High School Class of 2026 graduates this Sunday

This Sunday, the 43 members of the Lake Mills class of 2026 will celebrate their graduation.

Lake Mills' commencement ceremony will be held this Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at Lake Mills High School.

The class quote is "Why fit in when you are born to stand out?" by Dr. Seuss. The class flower is the yellow rose. The class colors are purple and gold.

Lake Mills Class of 2026

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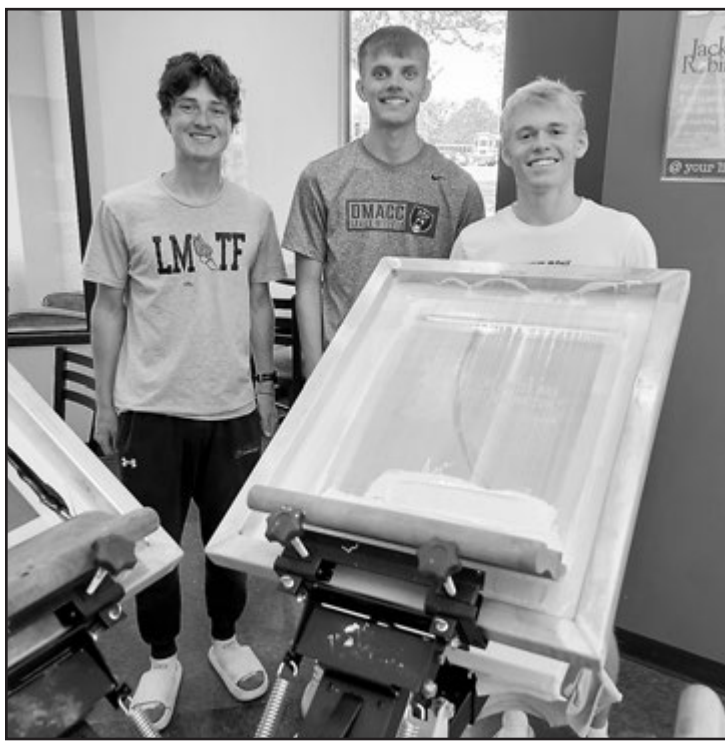




















Taking the cake

Students in the Foods 2 class at Lake Mills put their baking and decorating skills to the test with the Spring 2026 Cake Competition. The students created traditional designs and more creative decorative designs. Students and staff were then invited to sample and vote for their favorites.

Lake Mills artists place third in conference

Students at Lake Mills High School took part in the Top of Iowa Conference Art Show, with the school placing third amongst 17 schools. Lake Mills also shared their T-shirt screen printing press. Taking first place at the Art Show were Lane Rygh in Oil Painting, Film and a Student Best of Show Award and Gracie Pederson – Photography Edited. Taking second place were Dakota Chavez – Animation & Graphic/Computer Design 2D, Natalie Gomez – Jewelry/Metalsmithing, Betsy Byars—Ceramics Handbuilt Functional. Taking third place were Teyla VanHeiden – Collaborative Arts and Reese Delger – Fiber Arts.



Lake Mills DARE graduates

Students in grades 5-6 at Lake Mills have spent several weeks working with Officer Olson of the Lake Mills Police Department learning about safe, healthy and responsible decisions, saying "No" to risky behavior and tools for their lifetime. The students recently celebrated their graduation from the Dare program this year.

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K. Rogne and Thompson finish one-two in 3200 meter run

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills boys traveled to Britt on Monday, May 4, for the Eagle Co-ed Relays and placed third with 85 points.

In the 100-meter dash, Asher Reese was 10th with a time of 13.47 and Conner Van Roekel was 11th with a time of 13.74.

The 4x100 relay team placed third with a time of 46.61. (no names available)

Rylan Keough was eighth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.90 and Isaiah Torres was ninth with a time of 27.02.

The 4x200 relay team placed sixth with a time of 1:40.00. (no names available)

Jaeron Bendickson was seventh in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.10.

The 4x400 relay team placed sixth with a time of 9:43.97.

Joseph Charlson placed second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.07 and Brayden Eden was seventh with a time of 2:25.47.

The 4x800 relay team placed second with a time of 9:43.97. (no names available)

The sprint medley team placed second with a time of 1:45.90. (no names available)

Hayden Thompson placed second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:48.24.

The distance medley team placed sixth with a time of 4:25.50.

The shuttle hurdle relay team placed second with a time of 1:07.28 (no names available)

Zach Stene placed first in the 400 hurdles with a time of 59.33.

Austin Mannes placed sixth in the long jump with a distance of 18-06.50.

Josiah Kjeldahl placed first in the shotput with a throw of 43-10.00 and Leif Rogne finished eighth with a throw of 31-10.00.

Knute Rogne finished eighth in the discus with a throw of 94-10 and Anthony Poley was 12th with a throw of 69-00.

On Thursday, May 7, the Bulldogs traveled to North Union for the Top of Iowa Conference West meet and placed third with 94 points.

Stene placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.59 and Landyn Christian was 14th with a time of 12.50.

Lucas Helgeland placed sixth in the 110-hurdles with a time of 17.59 and L. Rogne was 12th with a time of 20.13.

Keough finished 15th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.62 and Torres was 17th with a time of 27.03.

Stene placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.03 and Brayden Eden was 15th with a time of 58.44.

In the 400 hurdles, Mason Helgeson finished 10th with a time of 1:06.04.

K. Rogne placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:02.92 and Joseph Charlson placed sixth with a time of 2:11.36.

K. Rogne placed first in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:34.02 and Thompson placed third with a time of 4:38.98.

The 3200-meter champion was K. Rogne with a time of 9:52.75 and Thompson placed second with a time of 9:55.55.

L. Rogne placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 121-03 and Poley was 15th with a throw of 86-09.

Asher Stensrud was 10th in the high jump with a jump of 5-02.00.

Austin Mannes was ninth in the long jump with a distance of 17-01.00.

Kjeldahl placed third in the shotput with a throw of 42-05.75 and L. Rogne was 11th with a throw of 37-10.50.

The sprint medley relay team of Noah Delger, Stene, Christian and Stensrud placed sixth with a time of 1:44.01.

The distance medley relay team of Delger, Christian, L. Helgeland and Royce Peterson placed fifth with a time of 3:59.65.

The 4x100 relay team of Christian, Helgeson, Stensrud and Kjeldahl with a time of 47.66.

The 4x200 relay team of Helgeson, Stensrud, Helgeland and Kjeldahl placed eighth with a time of 1:40.47.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of Helgeson, Helgeland, Helgeland and Kjeldahl placed fourth with a time of 1:07.02.

The 4x400 relay team of Delger, Lane Rygh, K. Rogne and Stene placed third with a time of 3:38.13.

The 4x800 relay team of Charlson, Peterson, Thompson and Rygh placed third with a time of 8:36.44.

Lake Mills News Sports





Lake Mills Library learns about ambulance/EMTs

The "Little Learners" program at the Lake Mills Library continued with its "Community Helper" program recently, as Angie with the Lake Mills Ambulance and EMTs visited. She reassured the kids that the ambulance is there to help them when they are hurt. The kids also got to tour an ambulance and heard the sirens as Angie drove away.



Lake Mills students succeed at Honor Band

These young student musicians represented Bulldog Pride recently at the Heartland Honor Band event in Carroll. Mrs. Holtan's fifth grade band students Gracie Roder and Lyndsey Oldenkamp are pictured. The sixth grade band also participated in the event.



Lake Mills students make baskets for May Day

Students in Mrs. Kingston's third grade class at Lake Mills helped celebrate May Day. They spent a day making over 100 May baskets for the school and community. The handmade treats were destined for school staff, TK students and pen pals at Mills Harbour Assisted Living.



BELMOND GOLF MEDALISTS



CARTER BRAYLON

Winnebago Extension hosts summer programs

Winnebago County Extension will hold a number of summer programs. There is a deadline of May 27 to sign up for the programs.

Program topics include informational and crafting flowers, canvas tote bags, style, fair help, door hangers, astronaut, babysitting, livestock, mosaics, art, wildlife, design and more. A full list can be found online at www.extension.iastate.edu/winnebago/summer-programs.

Those that would like to register may sign up on the 4-H Online website, online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4-h-online.

Lake Mills girls second at West Hancock

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills girls track team had two opportunities to run last week and are definitely putting up some great times as they head into their district meet on Thursday, May 14.

On Monday, May 4, the team traveled to Britt for the Eagle Relays and they placed second with 140 points.

In the 100-meter dash, Jacklyn Gallardo placed second with a time of 13.51 and Ezy Kleveland was 11th with a time of 15.74.

The 4x100 relay team placed fourth with a time of 56.09. (no names available)

In the 200-meter dash, Regan Eastvold placed second with a time of 26.90 and Hillary Hanson was ninth with a time of 31.11.

The 4x200 relay team placed third with a time of 2:01.53 (no names available)

Afton Dean placed fifth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:15.60 and Kleveland was 10th with a time of 1:34.94.

The 4x400 relay team placed fourth with a time of 4:50.23. (no names available)

Kate Machin was seventh in the 800-meter with a time of 3:06.23 and Lillian Young was eighth with a time of 3:15.47.

The 4x800 relay team placed first with a time of 12:20. (no names available)

Tori Holton placed sixth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:31.28 and Laylah Ingledue was seventh with a time of 6:45.47.

The sprint medley team placed third with a time of 2:07.60 and the distance medley team placed fifth with a time of 5:30.56. (no names available)

Ari Stensrud placed first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.03 and Tatum Sauer placed fifth with a time of 17.92.

The shuttle hurdle relay team placed second with a time of 1:16.30. (no names available)

Kaylie Sylvana placed fifth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:22.55 and Sauer placed sixth with a time of 1:22.96.

Kara Renneker placed third in the 3000-meter run with a time of 12:40.17 and Sylvana placed fourth with a time of 13:13.89.

Mackenzie Budach placed second in the long jump with a distance of 15-05.50 and Alana Throne placed third with a distance of 14-09.50.

Stensrud placed third in the high jump with a height of 4-06.

In the shotput, Betsy Byars placed second with a throw of 31-10.50 and Dean placed fourth with a throw of 31-02.25.

Ava Menke placed first in the discus with a throw of 114-06 and Hadlee Thompson placed sixth with a throw of 94-03.

On Thursday, May 7, the girls traveled to North Union for the Top of Iowa Conference West meet and placed third with 89 points.

In the 100-meter dash, Regan Eastvold placed third with a time of 13.18 and Gallardo placed seventh with a time of 13.74.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Stensrud was ninth with a time of 18.65 and Faith Stene was 11th with a time of 19.20.

In the 200-meter dash, Eastvold placed fourth with a time of 26.79 and Reese Delger placed eighth with a time of 30.00.

In the 400-meter dash, Liz Oldenkamp placed eighth with a time of 1:11.29 and Dean finished 10th with a time of 1:12.41.

In the 400-hurdles T. Sauer placed first with a time of 1:10.14.

Renneker placed eighth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:43.10 and Sylvara finished 12th with a time of 2:50.88.

Renneker placed sixth in the 1500-meter with a time of 5:39 and Sylvara finished ninth with a time of 5:58.09.

Menke won the discus title with a throw of 115-04 and Thompson finished 11th with a throw of 85-06.

Budach placed second in the high jump with a jump of 5-00 and she placed third in the long jump with a distance of 14-11.75.

Byars placed sixth in the shotput with a throw of 31-09.75 and Dean placed seventh with a throw of 31-03.75.

The sprint medley relay team of Gallardo, Ellie Mondt, Eastvold and T. Sauer placed second with a time of 1:54.02.

The distance medley team of Gallardo, Reese Delger, Stensrud and Renneker placed fifth with a time of 4:55.53.

The 4x100 relay team of Gallardo, Mondt, Hanson and Kendall Leonhardi placed fifth with a time of 53.92.

The 4x200 relay team of T. Sauer, Cora Sauer, Budach and Eastvold placed third with a time of 1:49.49.

The 4x400 relay team of Delger, Budach, Throne and Stensrud placed fifth with a time of 4:38.16.

The 4x800 relay team of Sylvara, Katie Machin, Jaselyn Islas and Renneker placed fourth with a time of 11:27.49.

Catching up on Lake Mills golf

By Sarah Ham

Ham earns medalist honors

On April 13, their second meet of the year, the Lake Mills Golf Teams traveled to Eagle Grove to compete against North Union and host, Eagle Grove.

The boys earned 2nd place as a team with a score behind North Union with a score of 180.

Sam Grothe led the team with a 42. Carter Ham recorded a 44 with Korbin Abele and Braylon Hanson adding a 46 and 48 respectively.

In the girls meet Reagan Ham, senior, earned Medalist honors with a 42. Also contributing to the Bulldog team score was Avah Klebsch with a 65, Kennadee Pederson with an 85 adn Katie Grothe with an 87. The team earned second place behind Eagle Grove.

Lady Bulldogs travel to Bear Creek

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Bear Creek Golf Course in Forest City to compete in yet another TIC West Conference meet.

Reagan Ham led all scores, earning medalist honors with a 42.

Head Girls Golf Coach, Travis Laudner, said, "The girls golf team traveled to Forest City for a Conference triangular meet on Tuesday and finished 2nd in the team race. All 4 girls improved their scores from our previous meet." Avah Klebsch recorded a 58. Kennadee Peterson and Katie Grothe added personal bests with at 71 and 80 respectively.

Bulldogs compete at Britt Golf Course

On Thursday, April 16, the Lake Mills Boys and Golf team traveled to Britt to compete against West Hancock and Bishop Garrigan.

The boys team was led in scoring by Sam Grothe with a 40. Cartwer Ham followed with a 45 while Braylon add the third team score with a 49. Korbin Abele added a 52 to the team score for a total of 186.

On the girls side the team-Reagan Ham led the team score with a 49. Avah Klepsch, Kennadee Peterson and Katie Grothe added 53, 66, 67 respectively.

Bulldogs playing at Rice Lake

The boys and girls golf team resumed conference playby hosting their first meet at Rice Lake Golf Course against the Forest City Indians and the Garner Hayfield Ventura Cardinals.

Both teams came up short against the Indians and Cardinals, with the boys and girls finishing 3rd in the team race. Braylon Hanson led the boys with a 40. Sam Grothe followed up with a 41 while Carter Ham recorded a 43.

Reagan Ham tallied the low round for the girls, with a 45. Avah Kelbsch add a 41 and Kennadee Pederson finished with a 59.

Freshmen finish strong for the Bulldogs

The Lake Mills Bulldogs hosted their final home meet of the year on Friday, April 24, in what turned out to be a beautiful afternoon. North Union and Eagle Grove traveled to Rice Lake Golf Course against the Bulldogs.

The boys team saw a strong showing from three freshmen starters, Braylon Hanson, Carter Ham and Connor Helgeson. Ham earned runner-up medalist honors with a 38, while Helgeson add a 39 and Hanson recorded a 41. Sam Grothe rounded out the team score with a 41. The boys won the team race with a 159, their lowest team score of the year.

The girls team was led by junior Kennadee Pederson, who earned runner-up medalist honors with a season low 49. Reagan Ham followed close behind with a 51. Avah Klebsch and Delaney Imler logged a 57 and 73, respectively. The girls finished 2nd as a team with a 224.

The Bulldogs will continue TIC play when they travel on Monday, April 27th to Bear Creek to compete against Bishop Garrigan and host team, Forest City.

Bulldogs compete at Belmond

The boys and girls golf team traveled to Belmond, Friday, May 1, to compete against North Iowa and host, Belmond-Klemme.

Both Bulldog teams came away with a victory, with the boys team shooting a 171 while the girls team also took first in the team race with a 227.

Senior Sam Grothe earned medalist honors with a 1 over par, 38. Braylon Hanson shot a 41, and Carter Ham and Connor Helgeson rounded out the team score with a 43 and 49, respectively. "Our boys continue to show improvement and are playing their best golf as we head into post-season play. Sam Grothe continues to lead the way, with Carter and Braylon hitting their stride with solid rounds the past two meets."

The girls team saw both seniors, Reagan Ham and Avah Klebsch, earn medals. Ham shot a 43 for medalist honors, and Kelbsch shot a 54 to earn the runner-up medalist spot. Kennadee Peterson shot a 59, and Delaney Imler added a 71 for the girls.

Hanson, Ham earn medalist honors

The lake mills golf team had a strong showing against conference opponents, Garner Hayfield-Ventura and West Hancock on May 4. The Bulldogs battled cold temperatures and windy conditions, but played well.

The freshmen golfers again put together solid rounds to help the team earn first place with a 161. Braylon Hanson was the medalist with a 2-over-par, 38. Carter Ham earned 3rd place honors with a 40, and Connor Helgeson shot a 41. Sam Grothe shot a 42 to complete the team score.

The Girls team shot their season best, 211, to take second place in the team race. Reagan Ham led all scores, earning medalist honors with a 40 and Avah Klebsch earned 3rd place with a 52. Kennadee Peterson and Delaney Imler continue to improve their scores with a 65 and 64. Coach Laudner commented on the girls' work: "The girls have impressed me throughout the season as they have improved each week, both individually and in team results. Reagan Ham has been a strong leader all season and picked up medalist honors once again in Belmond and Garner. Avah, Kennadee and Delaney have shown consistent improvement all season, and we are excited to head into the post-season to see what they can do."

The Bulldogs will finish regular season play with their 18 hole conference meet, held Monday, May 11. The boys will play at Belmond Golf Course, and the girls will travel to Britt.

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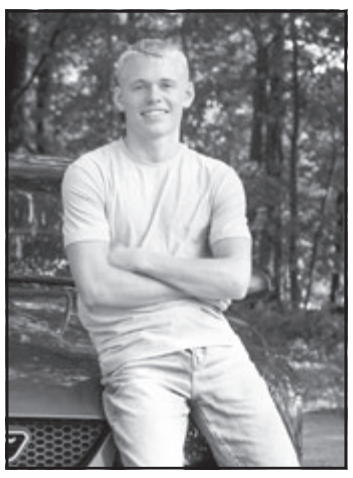
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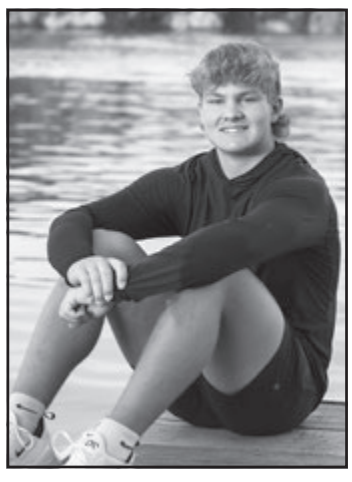
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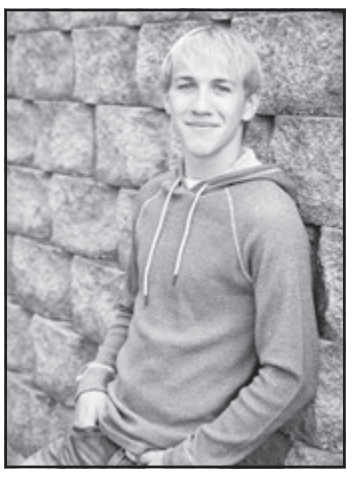
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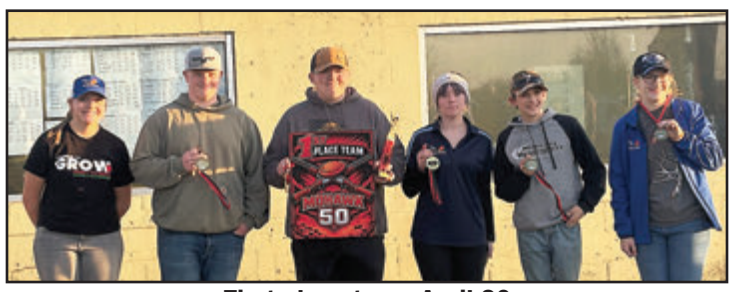
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Ventura Gun Club - April 27 - 3rd Team



First place team April 20
Ivy, Aiden, Collin, Trinity, Brayden and Isabel



April 27 first place team
Aiden, Collin, Keegan, Trinity and Isabel

N-K Trap team takes top awards for first half of the season

By Rebecca Houg

The Northwood-Kensett High School Trap Team has officially kicked off its season, showing great focus and skill on the line.

Over the first month of competition, the team has demonstrated consistent improvement and sportsmanship. There are two returning seniors this year who are both great marksmen: Aiden Moretz and Collin Houg. We also have a good number of new and returning underclass members who are showing great potential.

The trap team's first shoot was April 2 with Riceville hosting at the Mitchell County Trap Range. Collin Houg won first place male with a score of 49 and Ivy Toresdahl got first place female.

On April 4 amid strong winds, rain and snow flurries in Nashua, Trinity Vandiver scored 45 earning her first place female. Collin scored 49, which tied him for first place, and he ended up taking second place after the shoot off.

The Mason City Mohawks hosted April 6 at the Ventura Gun Club and Northwood-Kensett won first place as a team, with scores from Collin Houg 49, Aiden Moretz 46, Trinity Vandiver 45, Keegan Lund 45. and Isabel Butler 42. Collin's



April 11 Collin Houg first
Aiden Moretz second



May 2 Ivy Toresdahl second
Trinity Vandiver third



Ivy Toresdahl, Trinity Vandiver and Isabel Butler



N-K Senior Collin Houg has had three perfect scores of 50 straight this season so far.

score also earned him first place male, Trinity 2nd place female and Isabel won 3rd place female after winning a tie breaking shoot off.

On April 11 the team was back in Ventura and after winning a shoot off against Mason City the N-K Trap Team earned 2nd place with scores from Collin 50, Aiden 48, Trinity 46, Isabel 45 and Keegan 44. Collin's 50 straight earned him first place and Aiden won second place after a four-way tie was settled in a shoot off for the males. Trinity's score earned her second place and Isabel placed third for the females.

The following Monday, April 13, the team was in Osage and Collin had another perfect score of 50 straight that earned him 1st place male. Then on April 16 in Kensett Collin shot a 47 earning him 3rd place male and on April 18, Collin earned third place with a score of 43 when the team was at the Mitchell County Trap Range hosted by St. Ansgar.

On April 20, the team continued to build momentum, shooting in Ventura, the N-K Trap Team earned first place with scores from Collin Houg, Trinity, Aiden, Ivy, Keegan and Isabel. Collin shot another 50 straight earning first place male and Trinity placed second with a score of 45 for the females.

On April 22 the team was shooting in Austin at Cedar Valley Conservation Club and Collin placed 3rd male with a score of 47.

On April 25 the team was back in Austin, this time for the Southland Invitational and Ivy Toresdahl earned second place with a score of 47.

On April 27 at the Ventura Gun Club Trinity placed first with a score of 46 and Ivy placed second with a 41 after winning a tie breaking shoot off. The team's score of 214 earned them third place overall with scores from Trinity 46, Keegan 43, Aiden 42, Collin 42 and Ivy 41. The team also got third place in Osage on Thursday, April 30th with a score of 221 comprising scores from Aiden 47, Ivy 46, Trinity 46, Collin 41, and Keegan 41.

On May 2 the team did a great job in Ventura at the Mohawk 100 Invitational where over 180 student athletes competed. After shooting 100 targets instead of the usual 50, Ivy earned second place with a score of 91 and Trinity placed third with a 90. Collin hit the first 50 straight and ended with a score of 97 which tied him for second place which he won in the shoot off.

On May 4, Ivy earned second place female with a score of 45. Thursday May 7th at Isaac Walton in Kensett the N-K Trap Team placed second with scores from Aiden 48, Collin 47, Trinity 45, Isabel 45, Ivy 42, and Kaylah 42. After a four way tie breaking shoot off, Trinity won first place and Isabel took third for the women. Aiden placed second after a shoot off to break a three way tie for the men.

Coach Andy says he's impressed with the dedication and improvement shown by all team members and he's looking forward to finishing strong in the second half of the season.

Viking boys track travels to Garner before home Conference meet

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings traveled to Garner on Monday, May 4, for the Don Hoppel Co-Ed Relays and finished in eighth place with 43 points.

In the 100-meter dash, Kale Bode was 14th with a time of 14.45.

The 4x100 relay team of Alex Tiedemann, Gabe Aleman, Alec Ducommun and Ethan Franck placed sixth with a time of 47.55.

In the 200-meter dash, Aydan Schutz was 13th with a time of 28.22 and Tucker Duvall was 14th with a time of 28.74.

The 4x200 relay team of Weston Heims, Aleman, Landen Nelson and Franck placed sixth with a time of 1:42.34.

Duvall was 10th in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:02.01.

The 4x400 relay team of Carson Tufte, Dagen Peterson, Henry Hanson and Nelson placed fourth with a time of 3:50.82.

In the 800-meter run, Peterson placed sixth with a time of 2:16.67 and Ronan Penfold was 14th with a time of 3:17.09.

The 4x800 relay team of C. Tufte, Zach Heiken, Peterson and Nelson placed third with a time of 9:21.01.

The sprint medley relay team of Franck, Hayzin Jacobson, Aleman and Ducommun placed sixth with a time of 1:47.70.

In the 1600 meter, Heiken placed fifth with a time of 5:10.54 and Jacobson was 12th with a time of 5:57.82.

Kolton Robinson was seventh in the 110-meter hurdles with a time 17.06 and B. Tufte was 11th with a time of 21.53.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of B. Tufte, Heims, Hanson and Robinson placed fourth with a time of 1:09.05.

Robinson was ninth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:06.25 and Heims was 12th with a time of 1:08.89.

Hanson finished 10th in the long jump with a distance of 16-4.25.

Tiedemann was 11th in the shotput with a throw of 34-7.5 and Max Johnson was 14th with a throw of 30-3.

On Thursday, May 7, the Vikings hosted the Top of Iowa East Conference meet.

In the 100-meter dash, Jacobson was 11th with a time of 12.63 and Duvall was 16th with a time of 13.47.

Robinson placed fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.42 and B. Tufte was 10th with a time of 18.05.

Franck finished 11th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.99 and Ducommun was 13th with a time of 25.48.

Hanson was seventh in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.45 and Peterson was ninth with a time of 57.04.

Robinson was 10th in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.86.

Peterson was ninth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:24.34 and Penfold was 13th with a time of 3:13.36.

Heiken was eighth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:04.20 and Penfold was 14th with a time of 7:06.16.

Tiedemann was 15th in the discus with a throw of 101-08 and Johnson was 16th with a throw of 99-07.

Jacobson placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 19-01 and Hanson was eighth with a distance of 17-09.

Tiedemann was eighth in the shotput with a throw of 38-10.25 and Johnson was 15th with a throw of 31-08.25.

The sprint medley team of Franck, Jacobson, Aleman and Ducommun placed sixth with a time of 1:46.43.

The distance medley team of Ducommun, Schutz, Jacobson and Carson Tufte placed sixth with a time of 4:08.21.

The 4x100 relay team of Tiedemann, Aleman, B. Tufte and Franck finished eighth with a time of 48.14.

The 4x200 relay team of Heims, Aleman, Nelson and Franck placed sixth with a time of 1:38.72.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of B. Tufte, Hanson, Heims and Robinson placed fourth with a time of 1:06.50.

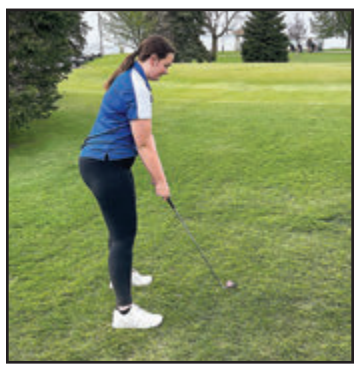
The 4x800 relay team of C. Tufte, Heiken, Nelson and Peterson placed third with a time of 8:47.76.



Viking Weston Heims clears a hurdle during the conference meet held in Northwood on Thursday evening.



AMAYA RUGLAND



CHLOE LEONARD

Viking golfers end regular season at home

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings golf teams ended their regular season schedule with a home meet against West Fork, Osage and Riceville on May 4.

The girls finished in third with a team score of 255. West Fork took first with a 214 and Osage was second with a 218.

Leading the girls was Kinley Stambaugh with 52 and a third place finish. Hallie Hanson shot a 67, for 13th. Quinn Schroeder and Chloe Leonard tied for 16th with scores of 68. Amaya Rugland was 19th with a 78.

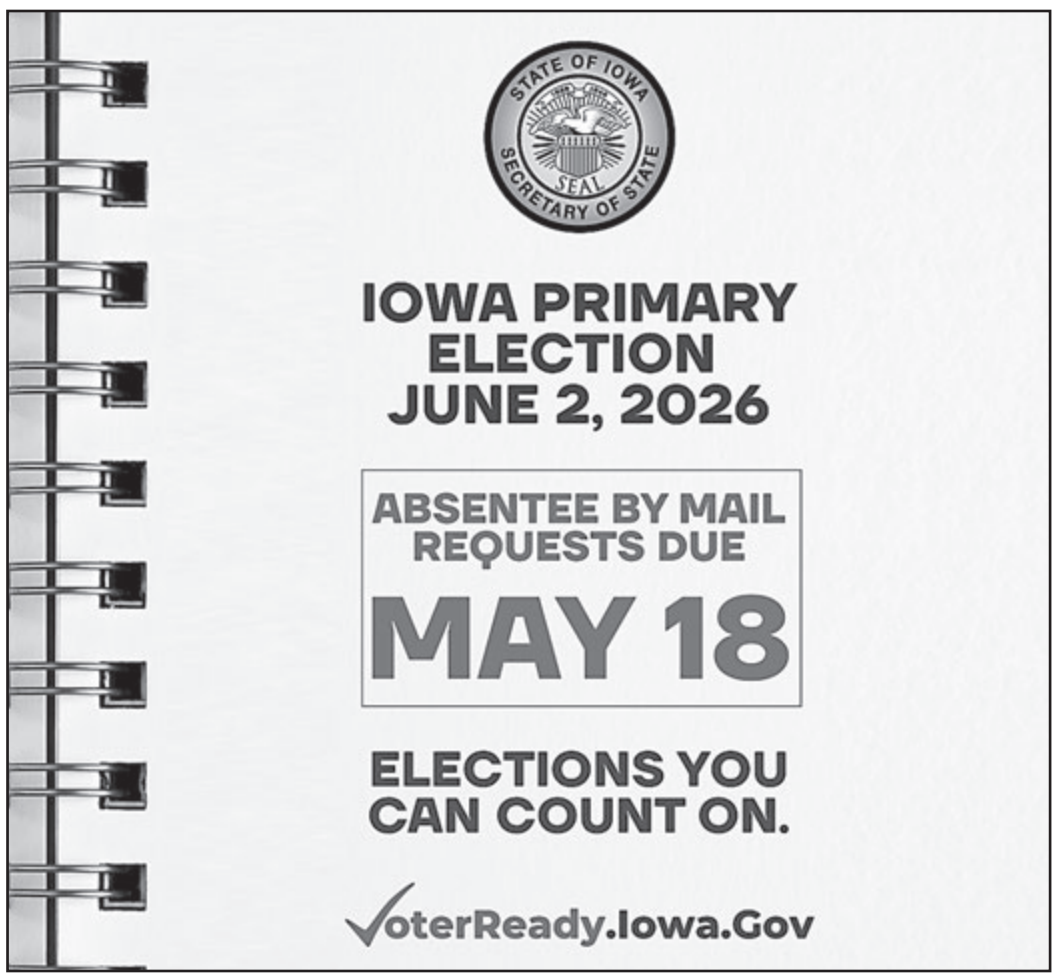
The boys team finished in first place with a score of 171, followed by West Fork with a 181, Osage 184 and Riceville 206.

Caden Helgeson led the Vikings as he earned another medal with a first place finish and a score of 37. Bowan Behne was third with 41. Tyce Helgeson was seventh with 46. Owen Binnebose tied for eighth with 47, Caysen Chodur tied for 15th with 50 and Weston Willand was 20th with a score of 56.

On May 1, the Vikings golfed at Highland Park Golf Course and finished in third place while St. Ansgar took first, Newman second and North Butler fourth.

C. Helgeson finished in third place with a score of 38. T. Helgeson tied for fifth with a 40. Behne was seventh with a score of 41. Chodur and Binnebose tied for 20th with rounds of 49. Willand was 22nd with a score of 50.

The Vikings golfed in the Top of Iowa Conference meet on Monday, May 11. The boys were set to travel to Pioneer Town & Country Club in Manly and the girls to travel to Ridge Stone Golf Course in Sheffield.





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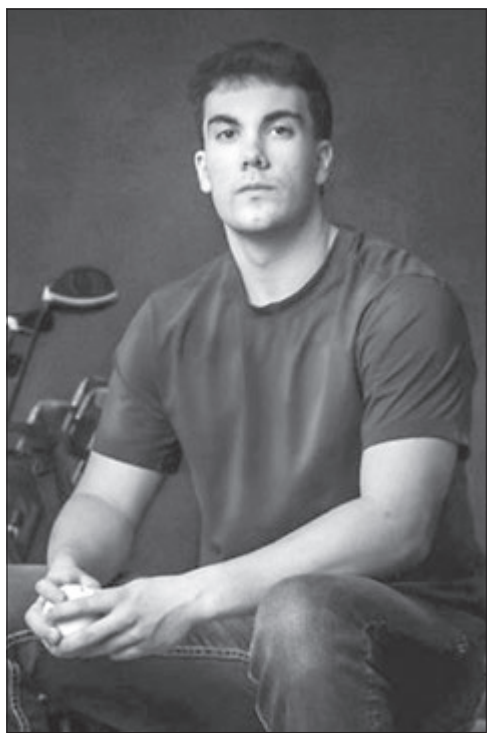
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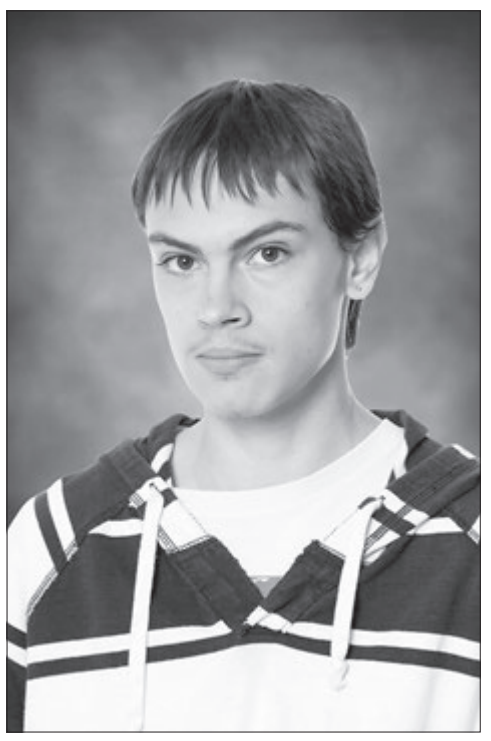
Bowan Jay Behne

Parents: Jay Behne and Terezia Behne
What is your pet peeve? People that speak big but don't live up to it.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My giraffe neck pillow
Favorite song: It's Time. By Imagine Dragons
Favorite TV show: Suits
Favorite childhood memory: Playing catch with my Grandpa
Favorite high school memory: Lifting in the weight room with the boys during Junior High
Favorite teacher: Mr Davidson
Favorite color: Blue
Advice to underclassmen: You determine your outcome by how much effort you put in whatever you do.
Plans after graduation: Attend Riverland CC and play baseball while majoring in Business. My goal is to open my own Real Estate Company.



Kenedie Claire Berry

Parents: Jessica and John Berry
Madison and Charlotte Berry
Siblings: Madison and Charlotte Berry
Work outside of school: I worked at the Lutheran Retirement Home for coming on 3 years.
What is your pet peeve: When people chew too loud.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My white baby blanket.
Favorite song: My favorite song is Peaches by In The Valley Below.
Favorite TV show: The Vampire Diaries
Favorite childhood memory: Going to my grandma's in the summer with all of my cousins, and playing outside for hours.
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Clark
Favorite color: Yellow
Advice to underclassmen: Never be too scared to fully be yourself. Even if that means you're a little loud.
Favorite high school memory: Bus rides before volleyball games.
Plans after graduation: To attend The University of Iowa and major in Kinesiology on a Pre-Physical Therapy track



Alex Cooper Bewley

Parents: Chris and Mandy Bewley
Siblings: Aleah Siahna and Braxton
Work outside of school: Cleaner
What is your pet peeve: Chewing with your mouth open
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Blanket
Favorite childhood memory: Just being at my grandparents house
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Clark
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite high school memory: Switching to alternative
Plans after graduation: College



Jackie Luann Budish

Parents: John & Nicole
Siblings: Johnny, Nic, Janie
What is your pet peeve: Unorganized anything/
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Blanket
Favorite song: Any
Favorite TV show: Bob's Burgers
Favorite childhood memory: My Grandpa.
Favorite teacher: Beth Butler
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite high school memory: Fridays.
Advice to underclassmen: Good things take time.
Plans after graduation: Finish my education in Early Childhood Education .

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Quinton James Butler

Parents: Jeremy Butler
What is your pet peeve? writing essays
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Sports Cards
Favorite childhood memory: Playing sports with my friends.
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Abbas
Favorite color: Purple
Advice to underclassmen: Get your work done and you don't need to worry
Favorite high school memory: doing things outside of school with my friends.
Plans after graduation: To go to college and study something to do with sports and maybe play baseball.



Sophia Charlotte Butler

Parents: Steve and Teresa Butler
Siblings: Isabel and Clayton
Work outside of school: Fridge and Lace by Brittany
What is your pet peeve: being asked what my pet peeve is
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: pink vtech camera
Favorite song: Take My Hand by 5 Seconds Of Summer
Favorite TV show: American Horror Story
Favorite childhood memory: playing talent show at daycare in the basement
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Crippin
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite high school memory: Forgetting I had my fake pregnant belly on in math and scooting my chair in and almost making all the desks fall over.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't let people try and make you feel bad for being happy.
Plans after graduation: Attend NIACC to finish my generals and study business marketing and music then transfer to UNI for Music Performing Arts Management.



Brady Adams Christianson

Parents: Bradley and Jennie Christianson
Siblings: Kennedy Christianson
Work outside of school: Construction
What is your pet peeve: People who chew with their mouth open
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My Grandpa's tackle box
Favorite song: Higher by Creed
Favorite TV show: The Sopranos
Favorite childhood memory: Going up north every summer.
Favorite teacher: Hartman
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: Senior year football season.
Advice to underclassmen: Play Sports.
Plans after graduation: Construction management at UNI.



Ayden Logan Clark

Parents: Matt and Allison Clark
Siblings: Penelope and Olive
Work outside of school: R80
What is your pet peeve: Other people walking on the left side of the hallway
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My Thomas the Train set
Favorite song: Wet sand- Red Hot Chili Peppers.
Favorite TV show: The Office
Favorite childhood memory: Swimming in a creek next to my grandma's house.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Frost
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: Throwing an apple and a banana in band class and having to pick it up after it split into pieces.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't worry about things too much, they will eventually work themselves out.
Plans after graduation: I will go to College to get a degree in Biology, or Fishery and Wildlife biology.



Annalisa Grace Coyle

Parents: Peggy Buchite and Joe Coyle
Work outside of school: Starbucks Barista
What is your pet peeve: People with no time management
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My teddy bear
Favorite song: Too many to name
Favorite TV show: Greys Anatomy
Favorite color: Sage green or Purple
Favorite high school memory: quite literally leaving.
Plans after graduation: Leave Northwood

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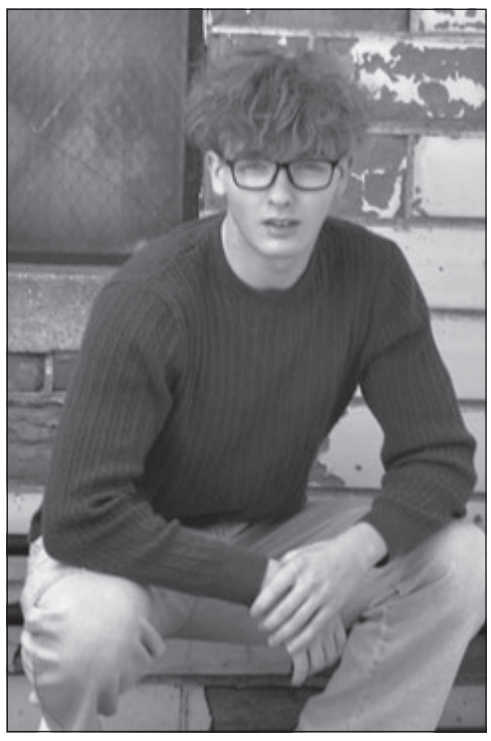
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Caden Joseph Davidson-Jacobs

Parents: Cathy Jacobs, Amy Davidson, Nicole Jacobs
Siblings: Keenan Davidson-Jacobs, Kendall Davidson-Jacobs
Work outside of school: Hy-Vee
What is your pet peeve: Ragebait
Favorite childhood possessions: Sports cards
Favorite song: Be Quiet and Drive- Deftones
Favorite TV show: Smallville
Favorite childhood memory: Fishing at my neighbor's house
Favorite teacher: Mr. Davidson
Favorite color: Green
Advice to underclassmen: Don't let your mistakes define you and keep your head up.
Favorite high school memory: Junior Year basketball season
Plans after graduation: Attend NIACC



Jace Allen Delle

Parents: Jillian Delle
Siblings: Jayda Delle
Work outside of school: R80, 43 North Iowa
What is your pet peeve: people picking on others, doing activities that are not enjoyable
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My Winnie the Pooh stuff animal
Favorite song: Compass by Mili
Favorite TV show: Gravity Falls
Favorite childhood memory: Going to the Renaissance Festival with my Family
Favorite teacher: Mr. Kessel the PE teacher
Favorite colors: Purple
Advice to underclassmen: Do your work and do it well!
Favorite high school memory: Junior Prom
Plans after graduation: To get a part-time job at R80



Alec Fritz Ducommun

Parents: Chad and Erin Ducommun
Siblings: Bronson Ducommun
What is your pet peeve: People talking to you while trying to work.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Blastoise Pokemon card collection
Favorite song: Floods by Pantera
Favorite TV show: A knight of the Seven Kingdoms
Favorite childhood memory: Fishing with my dad and brother.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Frost
Favorite color: Green
Favorite high school memory: Senior night wrestling.
Advice to underclassmen: You think you have more time than you actually do.
Plans after graduation: University of Iowa.



Jaylan Kaye-Katherine Enlow

Parents: Lacey & John Humphries (bio dad Gary Enlow)
Siblings: Jerrick Enlow, Zaxton Caron
Work outside of school: Walmart
What is your pet peeve: Bad chewers
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My stuffed animal
Favorite childhood memory: Learning how to skate.
Favorite teacher: The FACS teacher Mrs. A
Favorite color: Forest green
Favorite high school memory: School helped me find the passion of cooking
Advice to underclassmen: Focus on who you want to be, not who others want you too be. People from now till your older most likely won't be around don't build yourself around them.
Plans after graduation: Working eventually go off for college.



Madison Marie Lynn Espinosa

Parents: Katie Platts & Scott Platts.
Siblings: Logan Espinosa, Maci Platts
Work outside of school: Fallgatters
What is your pet peeve: People chewing obnoxiously
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: The candle I made with Dan Block and the rest of my class, that I still can't find today.
Favorite song: Twenty Twelve by Matt Maeson
Favorite TV show: Abbott Elementary on Hulu
Favorite childhood memory: When I was curious about my grandma's laundry shoot, I decided to go down it. My father caught me so I didn't fall.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Samson
Favorite color: Pastel green
Favorite high school memory: The time when my friends, and I played UNO in Mr. Samson's class while watching all of the Cars movies. That year I had the most arguments ever.
Advice to underclassmen: I promise you it's never that serious, just let it go.
Plans after graduation: To attend the University of Minnesota and get a degree in psychology & criminal justice.



Taylor Rae Foss

Parents: Eric and Val Foss
Siblings: Austin and Jackson Foss
Work outside of school: The Slice Pizzeria, and Weis Cattle
What is your pet peeve? Bad drivers
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My teddy bear
Favorite song: Wilder Days by Morgan Wade
Favorite TV show: The Summer I Turned Pretty
Favorite childhood memory: Freshman year welding with my friends.
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Clark
Favorite color: Navy Blue
Favorite high school memory: Becoming the all time leading scorer at N-K
Advice to underclassmen: Make the most of it while you're there.
Plans after graduation: Attend either South Dakota State or Iowa State and major in Agriculture.



Iver Mathias Girouard

Parents: Fred Girouard and Amanda Girouard
Siblings: Abner Girouard, Silas Girouard, Martin Girouard
Work outside of school: Curries Assa Abloy
What is your pet peeve: making false assumptions
Favorite song: Bleed the Freak by Alice in Chains
Favorite TV show: PD
Favorite childhood memory: fishing with my dad
Favorite teacher: classes with my friends
Favorite teacher: Mr. Cotter
Favorite color: blue
Advice to underclassmen: Don't skip school and stay on track
Plans after graduation: complete military training work and possibly go to EMT schooling



Kristin Lynn Hahn

Parents: Angel McElfish and Kevin McElfish
Siblings: Kelsey, Landon and Sarai McElfish
Work outside of school: Bowling alley cook and CNA Med
What is your pet peeve: People tapping pencils or clicking pens on the desks
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Zebra print blanket (I still own)
Favorite song: Revival by Zach Bryan
Favorite TV show: Stranger Things or The Good Doctor
Favorite childhood memory: Riding in the trailer while it was hooked to the back of the riding lawn mower and going around the back yard with my grandma to pickup sticks before she'd mow the lawn.
Favorite teachers: Mrs. Butler and Ms. Clark
Favorite color: Blue (lighter shade)
Favorite high school memory: The time me and a classmate were in Foods class together and spraying each other with the sink faucet when the teacher left the room and then having to mop because there was water everywhere.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't focus on what everyone else wants just to fit in or feel like you belong, there are going to be other people that have the same goals and interests as you.
Plans after graduation: College for ER Med



Merrin Rose Hanson

Parents: Jim and Becky Hanson
Siblings: Henry and Ruby Hanson
Work outside of school: I work as a waitress at Worth Brewing Co., and I have an internship as a naturalist for Cerro Gordo County Conservation.
What is your pet peeve: Self-unawareness (taking phone calls super loudly in public, chewing loud, not looking for people on sidewalks, etc.)
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: A grey stuffed alligator with a rose in its mouth.
Favorite song: At The Beach, In Every Life by Gigi Perez
Favorite TV show: Fallout
Favorite childhood memory: Qualifying for the TIC 2nd Team All-Conference my senior year of cross country.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Frost
Favorite color: Baby blue
Favorite high school memory: Seeing hard work pay off in many different ways.
Advice to underclassmen: Advocate for yourself.
Plans after graduation: I will continue running cross country and track and field at Upper Iowa, where I will be majoring in Environmental Science and All-Science. Following my college graduation, I will work as a high school life science teacher and then possibly switch to a career in the Department of Natural Resources.



Zachary George Heiken

Parents: Adam and Sarah Heiken
Siblings: Ariana Heiken, Jacob Heiken, Travis Heiken, Caleb Heiken
Work outside of school: D&L Equipment
What is your pet peeve: When I am trying to sleep but someone just won't stop talking to me.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My blue and yellow blankie
Favorite song: Stay by Sugarland
Favorite TV show: Murder, She Wrote
Favorite childhood memory: My favorite childhood memory is reenacting WWII with my brothers.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Barnes
Favorite color: Red
Favorite high school memory: My favorite high school memory is Cross Country.
Advice to underclassmen: It is very easy to get excited about what is next. But sometimes we spend too much time thinking about the future. Don't spend all your time planning your next step, enjoy the ones you are already taking, cause those ones are just as important.
Plans after graduation: After graduation I plan to attend Wartburg College to get my Bachelor of Arts in Music. Following my college graduation I plan to start my own piano tuning business.



Caden Andrew Helgeson

Parents: Andy, Amber
Siblings: Ryce, Mia
Work outside of school: Farm hand
What is your pet peeve: People chewing out loud
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My stuffed animal dog
Favorite song: Rollin by Limp Bizkit
Favorite TV show: Suits
Favorite childhood memory: Going golfing with my dad.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Capitani
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: Winning Conference Champion my junior year of golf.
Advice to underclassmen: Focus on yourself.
Plans after graduation: Attend NIACC for Agriculture and golf there as well.

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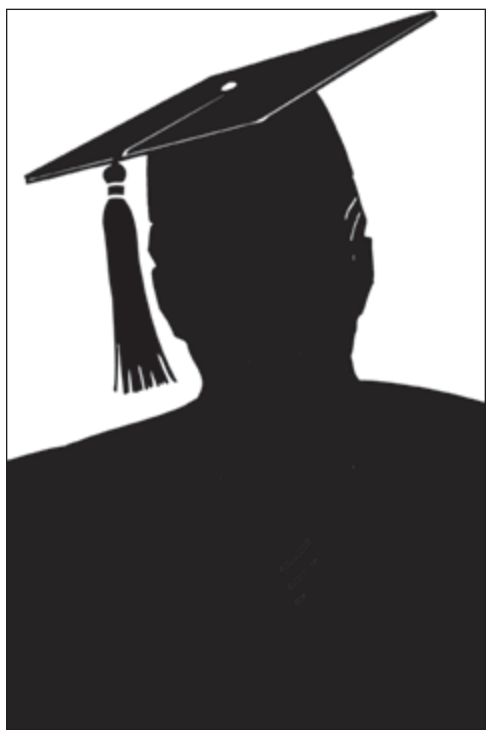
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Collin Andrew Houg

Parents: Andy Houg and Rebecca Houg
Siblings: Henry Houg
Work outside of school: Andy Houg Construction
What is your pet peeve: When someone tells me to shut up in the middle of my sentence.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My Blanket
Favorite song: Bartender by Lady A
Favorite TV show: Scooby-Doo
Favorite childhood memory: Hunting/fishing with my dad
Favorite teacher: Mr. Abbas
Favorite color: Orange
Favorite high school memory: Taylor Foss throwing a clay pot at me and hitting Hunter Janssen instead.
Advice to underclassmen: Be yourself.
Plans after graduation: Go to Iowa Lakes for construction.



Landon David Ingledue



Hayzin Noelan Jacobson

Parents: Aubrey Risvold and Chace Jacobson
Siblings: Rylann, Aaralyn, Brekkyn, Kyler, Rynlee
What is your pet peeve: Chewing with your mouth shut.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: NASCAR toy cars
Favorite song: Something In The Orange by Summer Rios
Favorite TV show: Invincible
Favorite childhood memory: Bike rides around town with my friends.
Favorite teacher: Mr. DeArmoun
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: Senior Year Homecoming
Advice to underclassmen: Play as much sports as you can.
Plans after graduation: Attend Iowa Central and major in broadcasting journalism and minor in education. Also play basketball.



Isaac Samuel Ludington

Parents: Allen Ludington and Joyanne Schnieder
Siblings: Atticus Ludington, Asher Ludington, Dinah Ludington, Peter Ludington and Olivia Ludington
Work outside of school: I work on my family's farm, mud puddle farms
What is your pet peeve: when someone clearly has a bias but claims they have none
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: spending recess with my friends, in Charles City
Favorite song: High Country by Brennen Leigh
Favorite TV show: The Good Place
Favorite childhood memory: my first time doing speech in 10th grade
Favorite teacher: I couldn't choose just one
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite high school memory: When Jackson Foss and I set the fire alarm off in Cotter's with a bag of popcorn
Advice to underclassmen: be prepared for your plans to change.
Plans after graduation: study environmental sciences at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



Logan Ann Skye Manning

Parents: Amanda Hackbart
Siblings: Malachi Peckham
Work outside of school: I do sports and help coach some younger teams
What is your pet peeve: Tall people in the front of the pit at concerts
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My rainbow blanket from my Great Grandma
Favorite song: Fake You Out by Twenty One Pilots
Favorite TV show: Malcom in the Middle
Favorite childhood memory: Being born
Favorite teacher: Cap
Favorite color: Olive Green
Favorite high school memory: Junior year track season with my favorite teammates and placing at districts for shot put
Advice to underclassmen: Steady yourself, don't take on too much work and extracurriculars
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Emporia State University and major in history and education, after I graduate I plan to stay in Kansas and teach at a high school.



Aiden Jeffrey Moretz

Parents: Michelle Moretz and Jeff Moretz
Siblings: Hallie, Kaitlyn, Derek
Work outside of school: Farming and Construction
What is your pet peeve: people chewing with their mouth open
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: All my farm toys
Favorite song: Need To by Gavin Adcock
Favorite TV show: Landman
Favorite childhood memory: going camping at Happy Times
Favorite teacher: Mr. Cotter
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: Metals class with Cotter
Advice to underclassmen: To get all of your classes done in the first 3 years so you don't have to do as many classes your senior year.
Plans after graduation: Go to NIACC to get my Agriculture diploma



Lexy Marie Mosher

Parents: Jacqueline Schmidt
Siblings: Marley and Asher Mosher
Work outside of school: Burger King
What is your pet peeve: Being mocked for existing, being a woman, or being "too quiet"
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: A pink, polka-dot blanket I got from my aunt, Jody.
Favorite song: Stoopid by Snot
Favorite TV show: House M.D.
Favorite childhood memory: Going on my grandpa's boat every summer
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Clark
Favorite color: Pink
Favorite high school memory: Going home at the end of the day.
Advice to underclassmen: No matter how you act or dress, there's always going to be someone who doesn't like you. So do whatever makes you feel like yourself.
Plans after graduation: Work full time.



Dagen Taylor Peterson

Parents: Steve and Alyssa Peterson
What is your pet peeve: People complaining a lot.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: When I was young I had a teddy bear named Teddy.
Favorite song: Born For This by The Score
Favorite TV show: Survivor
Favorite childhood memory: Playing with friends on my trampoline.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Frost
Favorite color: Red
Favorite high school memory: Sailing in high winds for Boy Scouts.
Advice to underclassmen: Be Disciplined. Choose not to be lazy. Choose not to eat that extra donut. Choose to be a kind person.
Plans after graduation: Attend the University of Iowa.



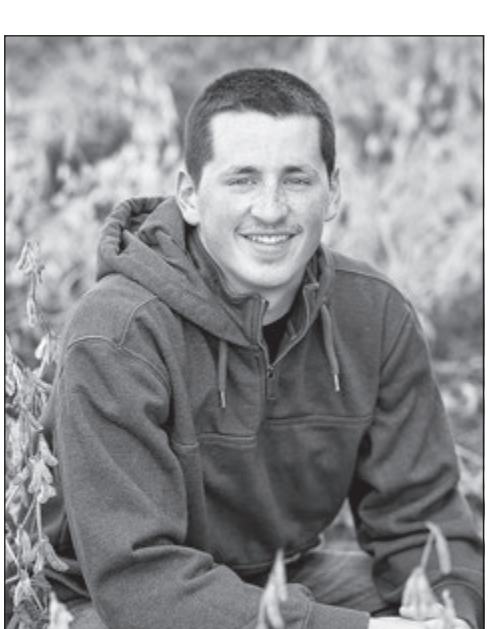
Lauren Renae Petznick

Parents: Kevin and Michelle Petznick
Siblings: Maeghan Petznick
What is your pet peeve: Repetitive sounds
Favorite song: Sports Car by Tate McRae
Favorite TV show: Grey's Anatomy
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My play kitchen
Favorite childhood memory: Spending Thanksgiving at the Wisconsin Dells, making our Thanksgiving meal in the condo and going go-karting and swimming all day.
Favorite teacher: All of my English teachers (English is my favorite subject)
Favorite color: Pink and Purple
Favorite high school memory: Visiting the preschool with my Child Development class
Advice to underclassmen: Focus on progress over perfection.
Plans after graduation: Attend NIACC to get my AA degree and then transfer to an accredited Sonography program to major in Sonography.



Camryn Jean Rheingans

Parents: Heather and Tory Rheingans
Siblings: Mallory Rheingans
Work outside of school: I nanny for Melissa Moretz in the summer.
What is your pet peeve: Rude people.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My stuffed animal named "Boppie".
Favorite song: Taste Back by Harry Styles.
Favorite TV show: The Vampire Diaries.
Favorite childhood memory: Spending the entire summer at Happy Times during COVID 19.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Frost
Favorite color: Pink/Yellow
Favorite high school memory: Getting homecoming queen.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't let people's opinions of you stop you from doing something.
Plans after graduation: Attend UNI and major in Pre- Professional Radiology to become an ultrasound tech.



Kolton Dale Robinson

Parents: Renee and Eric Loberg
Siblings: Bailee, Malia and Kylie
Work outside of school: Construction
What is your pet peeve: Wet arm sleeve
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My Nintendo DS
Favorite song: Black - Pearl Jam
Favorite TV show: Family Guy
Favorite childhood memory: Playing sports with my friends
Favorite teacher: Mr. Capitani
Favorite color: Green
Favorite high school memory: Senior football season
Advice to underclassmen: It's not that serious, don't overthink it.
Plans after graduation: Go to Hawkeye Community College Apprenticeship program to get my Journeyman's to be an electrician.

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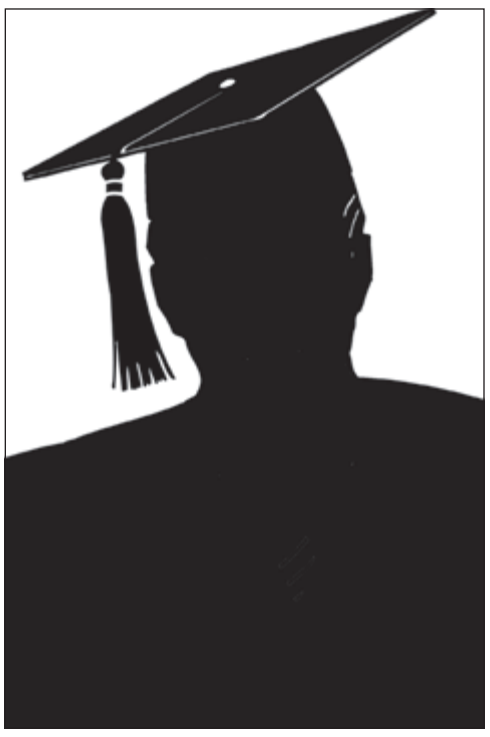
Sophie Ellen Rye

Parents: Carl & Janet Rye
Siblings: Maggie Rye
Work outside of school: I worked at Kum & Go and Walmart.
What is your pet peeve: Slow drivers
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Monster High dolls
Favorite song: Walls by the Lumineers
Favorite TV show: The Pitt
Favorite childhood memory: Sledding with my cousins at my grandparents
Favorite teacher: Mr. Urbatsch
Favorite color: Light Pink and Blue
Favorite high school memory: When I reached 104 career kills for volleyball
Advice to underclassmen: Try every sport and activity that comes your way so you don't regret not doing more later.
Plans after graduation: To go to the University of Iowa and study Radiology technology.



Linca Adlin Scarlett III

Parents: Linca Scarlett .Jr and Amy Scarlett
Siblings: Layla Scarlett
What is your pet peeve? Targeted disrespect
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Blanket
Favorite song: Dopamine by Kish
Favorite TV show: Jujutsu Kaisen
Favorite childhood memory: Going to an arcade with an old friend
Favorite teacher: Mr. Capitani
Favorite color: Orange
Favorite high school memory: Field trips with Dan Block
Advice to underclassmen: Stop being a passenger in your own life. Balance the rules with your impulse, choose your social circle by your values and actually flourish.
Plans after graduation: NIACC transferring on to Iowa State for Computer Science.



Nolan Zane Severin

Parents: Travis Severin, Jeniffer Severin
Siblings: Gavin
Work outside of school: ASAP Parts
What is your pet peeve: answering useless questions.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: I don't remember
Plans after graduation: College



Gabriel Everett Thompson

Parents: Ashley Thompson and Raymond Thompson II
Siblings: Alexis Rops, Raymond Thompson III and Charlotte Thompson
Work outside of school: I work at the burger joint, inside the Diamond Jo Casino.
What is your pet peeve: People chewing gum like cows chew grass.
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: The bicycle my mom got me.
Favorite song: So Far Away - Avenged Sevenfold
Favorite TV show: Family Guy
Favorite childhood memory: When I first learned how to ride a bicycle.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Davidson
Favorite color: Red
Favorite high school memory: When I was in Viking Café my junior year, we had a great time making dishes every week.
Advice to underclassmen: Get your work done before the due date, that way it doesn't cause a stressor.
Plans after graduation: I plan on taking a gap year to figure out what I really want to do, then I will decide if I want to go to college.



Alexander Joseph Tiedemann

Parents: Tiffany and Chad Tiedemann
Siblings: Drake Tiedemann, Trent Tiedemann, Taylor Kramer, Jason Tiedemann
Work outside of school: Central Gardens
What is your pet peeve: Not trying
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My Gorilla
Favorite song: Hooked on a Feeling
Favorite TV show: Invincible
Favorite childhood memory: Getting in fights with my brothers.
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Amundson
Favorite color: Green
Favorite high school memory: State Wrestling
Advice to underclassmen: Don't look back on everything and say "I wish I did that".
Plans after graduation: Get my Teaching degree, and end up being a teacher and coach.

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Emersyn Dustie Wahl

Parents: Ryan and Jennifer Wahl
Siblings: Reese Wahl and Sydney Reinartz
Work outside of school: The Slice Pizzeria
What is your pet peeve: Slow drivers
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My blanket
Favorite song: Anything Jessie Murph
Favorite TV show: Don't have one
Favorite childhood memory: Memorial Day hayrides and BBQs
Favorite teacher: Mr. Cotter
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: National convention
Advice to underclassmen: Be kind
Plans after graduation: Attend La James in Mason City until I become a licensed cosmetologist. Then attend NIACC to get my associates degree in business.



Miley Jo White

Parents: James White, Alyssa White/Josh Stone, Louise Stone
Siblings: Tayha, Alex, Landon, Liz, Jo, Stella, Josh, Addy, Luke
Work outside of school: Subway
What is your pet peeve: rude humans
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Miss Hippo
Favorite song: all of the Match Box 20 songs
Favorite TV show: How I Met Your Mother
Favorite childhood memory: all the times I sat on the floor of my grandma's TV room and drank hot coffee, I watched black & white reruns while my grandfather brushed out my hair.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Cotter
Favorite color: dark red
Favorite high school memory: all the silly things that happened in the art room. if ykyk
Advice to underclassmen: enjoy every single moment, push through the hard parts and NEVER settle for things you don't deserve.
Plans after graduation: We will have to see.



Weston David Willand

Parents: Wayde & Jill Willand
Siblings: Wyatt Willand
Work outside of school: Waiter at Signatures Supper Club
What is your pet peeve: People who walk on the left side of the hallway
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My stuffed animal, Kitty
Favorite song: All Too Well (10 minute version) By Taylor Swift
Favorite TV show: '9-1-1
Favorite childhood memory: Summers spent at the cabin
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hunt
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite high school memory: Senior night wrestling dual when Bronson got his first ever pin
Advice to underclassmen: Do the most that you can in high school, it will be a lot more fun.
Plans after graduation: To attend South Dakota State University and major in Ag Business.



Cody Brock Wunderlich

Parents: Justin and Tanya Wunderlich
Siblings: Tyler Wunderlich
Work outside of school: Working at a restaurant named Teluwut
What is your pet peeve: Getting frustrated fast
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: My traxxas RC car
Favorite song: Mr. Brightside by The Killers
Favorite TV show: Family Guy
Favorite childhood memory: Going to Wisconsin Dells as a kid.
Favorite teacher: Mr. Davidson
Favorite color: Lime green
Favorite high school memory: Costa Rica
Advice to underclassmen: Try to go to NIACC when you are a senior in high school.
Plans after graduation: Become an electrician apprentice.



Rebeka Zamudio

Parents: Jose Zamudio, Lizeth Horning
Sibling: David Zamudio, Areli Zamudio, Angel Zamudio, Ismael Zamudio, Niko Horning, Mary Horning, Rose Horning
What is your pet peeve: people who walk side by side in a hallway
Favorite childhood possessions that meant the most to you when you were little: Does my cat count?
Favorite song: Secret Door & Leave Before the Lights Come On - AM
Favorite TV show: Law and Order SVU
Favorite childhood memory: Sleepovers at Emma's house.
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Clark
Favorite color: Orange
Favorite high school memory: When Mrs. Butler's room smelt so bad of cologne, we had to evacuate the building.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't think peace means managing life perfectly, but instead rest in knowing that in your failure He is strong because His power is made perfect in our weakness.
Plans after graduation: Community College two years then transfer out of country to Université Grenoble or La Sorbonne.

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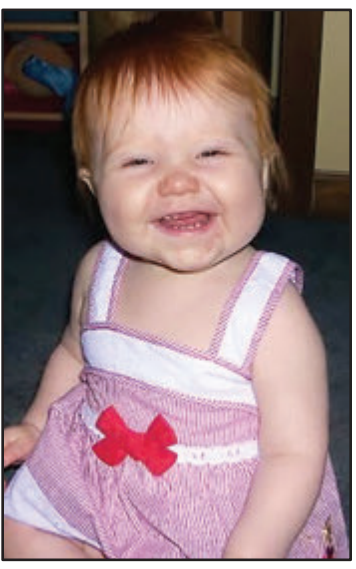












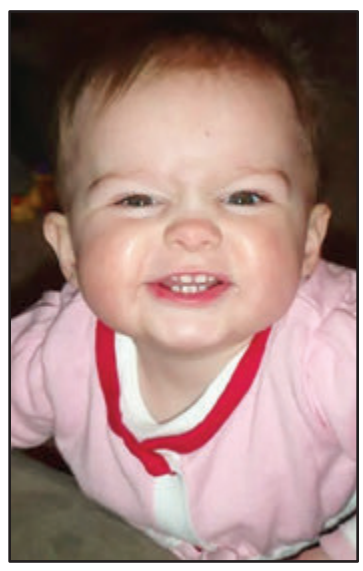
















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