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Briefs

Benefit set for tornado recovery June 28

A benefit will be held on Sunday, June 28, to support a couple whose home was lost in a tornado on Sunday, May 17.

Mark and Marilyn DeLawyer lost their home in the May 17 tornado.

A benefit will be held at the Joice Community Center on June 28, from 2-7:30 p.m.

The benefit will include a meal of pulled pork, salads and desserts.

Fireworks fundraising continues

With the Fourth of July just over a month away, organizers are currently preparing for and collecting donations for the annual fireworks display.

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.

Midtgaards celebrate 70 years on June 3

By JoAnn Lower

This is a love story that started one summer day in 1952 when a young man named Larry Purcell was headed to Forest City to watch his friend Maynard play in a Legion Baseball game. At the last minute, his sister Madelyn invited herself on the ride.

"I thought Maynard was pretty cute, and I wanted to meet him."

Maynard, however, had more serious things on his mind – like winning the game.

"Madelyn was so beautiful that it was about three years before I got brave enough to talk to her."

Finally, the day came. Gathering all of his courage, he asked her to the senior banquet at the Fertile High School, a day Madelyn will never forget.

"The day of the banquet I was working at my dad's restaurant. I was so excited to be going with Maynard that I dropped a pan of boiling water on myself and never got there."

After their high school graduations, Madelyn enrolled at what is now the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Maynard at Wartburg College in Waverly.

During the spring of his senior year, Maynard



MAYNARD AND MADELYN MIDTGAARD



signed up for the Naval Air Force but was denied entry. His blood pressure was too high – two points too high.

On June 3, 1956, the summer before Maynard's senior year, they were married at the Fertile Lutheran Church.

After graduation in 1957, Madelyn taught second grade in Waverly,

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Council discusses law enforcement, Dillon clock, sidewalks, student safety



At its May meetings, the Northwood city council discussed the pending new law enforcement agreement, sidewalks, the LT Dillon clock and an update on Northwood-Kensett's plans for safer school crossings.

At both May meetings, the council discussed the impending deadline to have a new law enforcement agreement in place.

The current agreement between the City of Northwood and Worth County has the Worth County Sheriff's Office provide law enforcement services in the city.

That agreement ends on June 30, and the council has two meetings left to discuss, consider and approve a new agreement.

As of the May 11 meeting, the City had not received word from the County about the terms of a new agreement.

Moehle said he would contact sheriff Jesse Luther to have an update at the next council meeting.

At the May 26 meeting,

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N-K Athletic Hall of Fame event July 2

The Northwood-Kensett Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is sharing new updates as preparations continue for the July 2 Fundraiser & Silent Auction at Worth Brewing Comp-any from 5 p.m. to close.

Silent Auction Preview

A growing lineup of items will be available for bidding, including:

• A signed Minnesota Vikings football from Isaiah Rodgers, current cornerback and safety

• Two sets of four tickets to a 2026 Minnesota Twins game of choice, featuring seats in the Thrivent Club — a private, premium-level experience at Target Field

• Autographed UNI basketball from the 2026 team

• Autographed ISU mini basketball signed by Cyclone legends Monte Morris, Curtis Stinson, and Jacy Holloway, plus additional ISU items

• Game-used and retired NorthwoodKensett uniforms from girls and boys volleyball, softball, basketball, football and baseball teams

• Bluetooth speakers for use with golf carts, tractors, vehicle or home

• Additional items arriving soon, including contributions from the Iowa Hawkeyes, St. Louis Cardinals and a few surprises

Support from local businesses

Local businesses interested in donating items for the silent auction are encouraged to contact any committee member or reach out directly to Chuck Alexander at 952-221-8315.

Committee members will be visiting the community in the coming weeks to promote the event.

"We look forward to connecting with you and seeing everyone on July 2 as we celebrate and support NorthwoodKensett athletics."

Relay party set for Saturday

The Relay For Life of Worth County will host a Birthday Party event this Saturday, June 6. The day includes bingo, cake and ice cream, a live auction and a recognition of those whose lives have been lost and impacted by cancer.

The annual Relay For Life birthday party celebrates all the birthdays that survivors have had since they were first diagnosed. The event also recognizes the caregivers providing survivors support. And those that have been lost to the disease are honored and remembered.

The Relay Birthday

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Worth County announces disaster assistance resources following severe weather

Following the severe weather that took place on May 17, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Worth County. This proclamation activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and the Disaster Case Advocacy Program.

Disaster Assistance for Residents Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program

• Grant amount: Qualifying households may receive up to $7,000.

• Eligibility: Grants are available to households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Household members are citizens or legally residing in the United States.

• Covered Expenses: Funds can be used for home or car repairs, replacement of personal property or food and temporary housing expenses that are not covered by insurance or met by an-

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The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. May 25	84	52	0.35
Tues. May 26	88	60	
Wed. May 27	90	61	0.41
Thurs. May 28	87	61	
Fri. May 29	84	60	
Sat. May 30	83	60	
Sun. May 31			

N-K Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Spotlight: Eric Parker

Eric Parker: A three time state champion who redefined N-K track & field excellence

Winning an Iowa High School state championship — in any event — is a dream many Northwood-Kensett Viking athletes grow up chasing. Eric Parker achieved that dream three times during his standout Track & Field career at NorthwoodKensett.

Parker became a back-to-back state champion in the 400 meter hurdles as a junior and senior, one of the most demanding events in the sport. He also captured the state long jump title as a junior on the Blue Oval in Des Moines.

Nearly two decades later, Parker still holds multiple N-K school records: the long jump (22'1"), 400 meter hurdles (50.18), 110/100 meter hurdles (14.37), and the 400 meter dash (50.18).

His résumé extends far beyond his three state titles. Parker was a three-time state runner up, a 13-time state qualifier and a seven-time state place winner. He earned Elite All State honors four times — awarded only to athletes who finish in the top four statewide regardless of class — and was selected to the Iowa All State Spotlight Team as a senior.

Parker qualified for the prestigious Drake Relays five times, including four individual appearances where he placed fourth, fifth (twice) and seventh against some of the nation's top hurdlers. He also holds a unique distinction in school history: he was the last N-K athlete

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ERIC PARKER

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while Maynard finished his college degree. They then moved to New Providence where he taught and coached. One year later they moved to Northwood.

Mayard joined the N-K staff in 1958, first teaching biology, then taking on the position of guidance counselor, along with coaching basketball, cross country, track and baseball.

"I was happy to be in a community that was supportive and education minded with outstanding workers, teachers and administrators. Our school provided excellent opportunities for our youth."

During his basketball coaching career, he compiled an impressive 32-year record of 420 wins and 251 losses. His teams captured ten North Iowa Conference Championships and four district titles. His squads made four appearances in the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament – in 1983, 1985, 1989 and 1990 – with the 1983 team earning a 4th place finish. He was named District Coach of the Year in both 1983 and 1985.

In 1984 Coach Midtgaard was honored with his selection as coach of the Iowa Dr. Pepper All-Star Team and in 1989 and 1990 coached his son Mark during the State Tournament appearances in 1989 and 1990. As a student athlete, he represented Fertile High School in the 1953 Iowa State Basketball Tournament. His lifelong dedication to the sport culminated in 1991 with the highest recognition – his induction into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2025 he was inducted into the N-K Athletic Hall of Fame.

In all his years coaching some remarkable athletes, Maynard also has memories of "the kids who never got into a game but were committed to be as good as they could be."

While Maynard was teaching and coaching, supermom Madelyn taught Children's Garden Preschool for 19 years, along with raising their five children. She smiles remembering,

"It was sometimes challenging to keep the kids quiet so their dad could take a short nap between school and coaching."

In 1958 the couple's first son John was born. John makes his home in Northwood and works in insurance. He has two sons and two grandchildren.

Their second son Tom graduated from the University of Iowa in Officers Candidate School and joined the Naval Air Force, fulfilling Maynard's naval obligation. Tom was a pilot with United Airlines for 25 years. His wife Ann, also a pilot, flew for American Airlines. The couple lives in Ft. Meyers, Florida.

Son David, an engineer with Winnebago Industries, graduated from Mankato State. He has a son and a grandson.

Daughter Mary graduated from the University of Iowa and worked in financial aid at NIACC for about 30 years. Married to Bob Bloomingdale, Mary has two children and four grandchildren.

Son Mark attended Waldorf followed by two years at Cedar Falls. He lives in Northwood and is employed at Winnebago.

James, the couple's fifth son, sadly passed away at age 2 1/2.

Midtgaard Kids' Memories:

"It's hard to put into words what our parents mean to us. We are so thankful for what they taught us, so grateful for their guidance, their love and support in everything we did. We didn't have a lot of material things; their focus was on faith, family and fun. We enjoyed going to Pilot Knob and learned so many outdoor activities."

"Mom and Dad taught us to be fair and competitive. It didn't matter if we won or lost but that we always did our best. They taught us to work hard and value education."

Mary, who was in the middle of the pack of three older brothers and two younger brothers, said, "We're different but in some ways alike because we all had them. Our parents were unique. They let us be who we were. They celebrated each one of us."

After retirement, the couple bought a fifth wheel and visited every state in the United States. These days you'll find them out exercising, including swim aerobics, golfing, attending church together and enjoying working in the community. And as always, it's their children and grandchildren who are the big part of their lives.

Madelyn and Maynard's advice to newlyweds: "Trust. When you're devoted to a person and can trust them, it's easy."



On the road again

Road construction in the city of Northwood began recently. Over the course of the past several years the City has undertaken road resurfacing projects on city streets. This summer's projects will resurface a few of the remaining roads that have not been repaired in the city, including this area near Clover Court Other areas to be resurfaced will include a portion of Eighth Avenue North, Second Avenue North and 17th and 18th Streets east of the railroad tracks, Atwood Road or Fourth Avenue South, and Partridge Avenue.

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deputy Katrina Neve said that the county supervisors had approved agreements for new deputy wages.

Neve and city administrator Amber Julseth said that she believed the supervisors were waiting on a legal review of a new contract before contacting the City.

At the May 11 meeting, he council was asked by Julseth how they wanted to proceed with sidewalk repairs in the city.

Since 2023, the City has been inspecting and requiring Northwood property owners to fix issues with sidewalks.

The process began in 2023, but was extended when the Iowa DOT resurfaced a portion of Highway 65 in the city, including replacing sidewalks along the route.

Since then the City has given residents with sidewalk issues additional time to conduct repairs, or arrange for the repairs to take place.

A change in state law has made the City liable if it does not require sidewalk repairs and enforce that requirement.

City officials plan to send certified letters to those need to repair their sidewalks. That will include the cost for the City to make the repairs, and a deadline for the property owner to take on the task themselves.

At the May 26 meeting, Jane Podgorniak approached the council for their support of repairs to the LT Dillon Clock.

The historic downtown landmark was originally built and placed outside the business of Northwood jeweler and band leader L.T. Dillon.

Besides his jewelry business, Dillon led a group of band students to a victory in a national band contest. Dillon also wrote the Northwood-Kensett fight song still performed today.

According to Podgorniak, amongst those performing in the national winning band was her mother, Alice (Barnes) Madson.

The clock was originally located across the street before being moved by another jeweler to be near his shop next to the building that is now the Anchor office.

When Dillon died, his daughter gifted the clock to the City. After that, the maintenance and preservation of the clock became a passion project for Alice, and one that Jane continues today.

That brought Podgorniak to the council on May 26. With support from the Swensrud Committee, plans are in the works to repair the clock and get it working again.

The project will involve the assistance of the Northwood Public Works crew, to potentially take down or access the clock to be repaired. Repairs will include new hands, removal of caulk used to seal it shut in the 1990s and other internal repairs.

Some of the metal on the clock has also corroded. Podgnorniak said that metal fabricators couldn't do the work, but was told to contact autobody businesses.

Podgorniak said that Jason Beenken of J&L Autobody had a solution.

Besides the update on the project, Podgorniak also asked the council to fund an initial down payment on the clock repairs, to be reimbursed by the Swensrud committee.

The council approved the request.

An update on a request from Northwood-Kensett students was also provided at the May 26 meeting.

At the April 13 meeting, a group of N-K students had approached the council to ask for help making crossing Seventh Street from the middle/high school building safer.

A proposed solution from the City would ask the school to extend portions of sidewalk adjacent to the student parking lot to connect to crosswalks and sidewalks on the other side.

At the May 26 meeting, the council learned that the school would install the sidewalk extensions. The City will paint the crosswalks before school starts in August.

In other business, council member Dan Reeder mentioned a neighbor's concerns about kids ringing doorbells late at night.

Deputy Katrina Neve said that when things like that happen, residents need to call the sheriff's office right away. She said that the department can't do much if they hear about things later.

Neve was also asked about vandalism and she said that the Worth County Fairgrounds bathrooms had been vandalized again recently.

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to win an individual North Iowa Conference championship and the first to win an individual Corn Bowl Conference title.

As a senior, he helped lead the Vikings to the 2005 Corn Bowl Conference team championship while breaking multiple conference records during his four year career.

Parker excelled in multiple sports. On the football field, he was a two-time All State selection, a three year starter and a member of a state semifinal team. He set the school record for the longest fumble recovery touchdown and, at graduation, shared the school record for most interceptions in a game (three). He was named Back MVP as a senior and earned Academic All District honors in 2003 and 2004. In basketball, he was a two-time All Conference selection, the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year and the 2005 team MVP.

After graduating from N-K, Parker continued his success at Iowa State University, where he became a four year letter winner for the Cyclones. His collegiate accomplishments include two Drake Relays championships, two selections to the Academic All Big 12 Team and All Big 12 honors in the 60 meter hurdles and the shuttle hurdle relay. In 2007, he was part of the fastest shuttle hurdle relay team in the nation — across both collegiate and professional levels.

Parker later transitioned into coaching, leading the Utica College men's and women's Track & Field and cross country programs for nine seasons. His tenure produced six Empire 8 Conference championship teams, 20 NCAA national qualifiers, 10 NCAA All Americans, four Empire 8 Newcomer of the Year honorees and four Athlete of the Year award winners. One of his athletes recorded the sixth longest triple jump in NCAA Division III women's outdoor history. In 2016, he coached the Atlantic Region Indoor Athlete of the Year and throughout his career he guided 16 All Academic honorees. His teams set 96 school records, and five of his athletes have since been inducted into the Utica Athletic Hall of Fame.

Parker also coached two Top 3 finishers at the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Trials.

Eric Parker and his wife, Jessica, reside in Glenville, New York, with their three sons — Jordan, Chase and Shane.

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Party begins at 1 p.m. with bingo until 3:15 p.m.

Survivors, caregivers and those lost to cancer will be recognized at 3:15 p.m. A lap honoring those affected by cancer will take place at 3:30 p.m., followed by cake and ice cream.

A live auction will begin at approximately 3:40 p.m.

All are invited to attend.

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other assistance program.

Disaster Case Advocacy Program

• Eligibility: There are no income requirements for this program, and no cost.

• Services: Case advocates work directly with residents to create personalized recovery plans and provide guidance and referrals to necessary services.

Residents can find applications for the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and further details on the Disaster Case Advocacy Program by visiting the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at Homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance.

For additional preparedness information and updates on disaster types in Iowa, visit ready.iowa.gov.

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A historic display of patriotism

This picture was shared on the Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures, and Thoughts Facebook page. The image is a scene of Northwood's downtown facing east. With flags lining the street and the recruiting station signs in place, the picture is believed to have been taken around Independence Day sometime during World War I.



Grassley visits railroad museum

Last Friday Iowa Senator Charles Grassley paid a visit to the Manly Jct. Railroad Museum on his annual tour of all 99 Iowa counties. Grassley toured the museum before taking questions from local economic development officials and members of the public. Grassley answered questions and heard comments on topics that include whistleblower protection, taxes, economic development, spending, partisanship, term limits, cancer research funding, tariffs, checks and balances and TSA worker funding.

Proposed new route for Summit pipeline would remove Worth County

By Clark Kauffman
Iowa Capital Dispatch
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Summit Carbon Solutions announced it is altering the route of its proposed pipeline across Iowa to help "accelerate progress" on the project.

In a filing submitted to the Iowa Utilities Commission for approval, the company indicates it intends to move segments of the pipeline's proposed route, which the company says will result in fewer miles of land, and fewer landowners, being affected by the project.

If approved, the changes would remove previously planned routes through Shelby, Pottawattamie, Montgomery, Adams, Page, Fremont, Mitchell and Worth counties, while also reducing the miles of pipeline running through Crawford, Floyd, Sioux and Dickinson counties...

Overall, Summit said, the changes would reduce by more than 400 the number of different landowners affected by the pipeline, and would reduce the overall scope of the project by approximately 200 miles.

In June 2024, the Iowa Utilities Commission approved a permit for Summit Carbon Solutions to build more than 600 miles of a carbon sequestration pipeline in Iowa, with the condition that the company gain permits in the Dakotas before beginning construction.

The Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club, along with several Iowa counties and individual landowners, sued, hoping to overturn the IUC's permit approval. Last fall, after South Dakota denied Summit a permit and passed a law barring the use of eminent domain for carbon pipelines, Summit filed a petition with the IUC to amend its approved permit by removing the condition that required approval in the Dakotas and by adding several modifications to the company's plans.

Jess Mazour, conservation coordinator for the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club, which has opposed the project due to environmental concerns, said that even with the announced changes, the project "is still a pipeline to nowhere," and said the alterations are a sign the project is in trouble.

"These significant changes show that Summit is struggling to make their project happen and trying to spin it as a win," Mazour said. "It's time Summit withdraws their application and accepts that Iowans do not want their carbon pipeline."...

Summit said that its pipeline project will remain tied to what it called "a strong core group of ethanol facilities," including 27 that are located in Iowa. As part of the proposed route restructuring, the company will no longer pursue routes to ethanol facilities tied to Absolute Energy, POET Corning, POET Hanlontown or Green Plains Shenandoah.

"We believe this is the right step for the project and the right step for the communities counting on new opportunities," Summit CEO Joe Griffin said. "Agriculture is facing real economic pressure right now. Farmers and ethanol producers need access to new markets and long-term growth opportunities, and there is urgency to getting infrastructure like this moving forward."

Griffin said the company's focus is on building the portions of the system that are economically positioned to move ahead now, while continuing to evaluate future opportunities for expansion.

"This allows us to focus on the core infrastructure that makes the most sense today and move through the process faster and more efficiently," Griffin said. "We are building this project for the long haul because strong infrastructure is critical to the future of agriculture, rural communities, and America's energy future. Even with these refinements, this remains the largest single private infrastructure investment in Iowa history."

Griffin said Summit sees "strong support from the majority of landowners and stakeholders across our project footprint," and said the pipeline is all about "creating durable economic prosperity, strengthening rural communities, supporting America's energy independence and national security interests, and helping ensure agriculture remains competitive for all future generations."

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Calendar of Events for June 2026

Wednesday, June 3 – Last Chance YQCA Training, 1 PM at the Worth County Community Room
Friday, June 5 – Style and Strategy Workshop, 10 AM-12 PM at Fringe and Lace
Saturday & Sunday, June 6-7–Region 4 Sleeping Bag Safari Trip
Monday, June 8 – Awardrobe, 10 AM-6 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett
Thursday, June 11 – Fairgrounds Clean Up Day, 5 pm at the Worth County Fairgrounds
Saturday, June 13 – Static Judging Day, 9 am-3:30 pm at the Worth County Fairgrounds
Tuesday, June 16 – Dog Show, 6 pm at the Livestock Show Arena
Wednesday, June 17 – 7:30-10 AM Livestock Weigh In; 11 AM Poultry Weigh In; 1 PM Halter Pleasure Horse Show; 3 PM Pee Wee Pet Show; 3:45 PM 4-H/FFA Pet Show
Thursday, June 18 – 9 AM Sheep & Goat Show; 1 PM Livestock Judging Registration and Contest; 4:15 PM Pee Wee Rabbit Show; 4:30 PM 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show; 4:30 PM Worth County Hoofprints Stick Horse Rodeo
Friday, June 19 – 9 AM Swine Show; 11 AM Education Presentations; 12 PM Games Horse Show; 2 PM Bacon Buddies Show–3 PM Pee Wee Poultry Show; 3:15 PM Poultry Show; 6:30 PM Working Exhibits
Saturday, June 20–8 AM Beef Show; 12:30 PM Bucket/Bottle Calf Show; 2:30 PM Dairy Show; 6 PM 4-H Style Show & Awards
Sunday, June 21 – 9 AM-3 PM Open Fun Horse Show Fundraiser; 11 AM 4-H Barn Interviews; 2 PM Ribbon Sale; 5 PM Static Projects Released; 6 PM Livestock Released; 8-10 PM 4-H Dance
Sunday, June 21 – Livestock Ribbon Sale, 2 pm at the Livestock Show Arena
June 23-25 – Youth Conference
Thursday, June 25 – Explore Iowa Trip
Thursday & Friday, June 25-26 – Office Closed

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Central College announces Spring Dean's list

Each semester, Central College recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement by naming them to the Dean's List.

This distinction is reserved for those who have earned a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 graded credit hours. The students exemplify academic excellence and a strong commitment to their education. We congratulate them on this well-deserved accomplishment.

Local students named to the Dean's list include Ezekiel Nelson and Jada Nelson of Hanlontown and Hayley Wallin of Northwood.

Gallery 818 presents Joice artist

Gallery 818 invites the public to an opening reception for "Rustik Charma", a new exhibition by Worth County artist Chad Heggen, on this Friday, June 5, from 5-7 p.m. at Gallery 818 in Northwood.

Known for his distinctive blend of rustic aesthetics and creative craftsmanship, Heggen's work celebrates the beauty of rural landscapes and the machines that shape them. Through high-dynamic-range (HDR) photography, Heggen documents barns, fields, skies and weathered textures with heightened clarity -- revealing details that often fade into the background of everyday life.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet Heggen, explore the exhibition and enjoy an evening of art and community. The event is free and open to the public.

Gallery 818 is located in downtown Northwood and is dedicated to showcasing regional artists and fostering creative engagement throughout the community.



Pride in N-K's track graduates

By Troy Einertson, N-K track coach

Last year I wrote an article about the state of Iowa Track and Field and specifically about one of the best runners we have in our state, Quentin Nauman. This year as the state track meet was winding down, I sat up at the top of section F listening to team scores and thinking about the pride I have not only in my girls, but in the school I teach and coach in and all of the kids who have blessed our halls, fields and gym floors.



Joshua Einertson and the Ankeny Hawks earned third place in 4A.

Three of those kids who once ran on our track, played on those floors and fields had a great weekend on the Blue Oval at the State Track Meet in Des Moines.

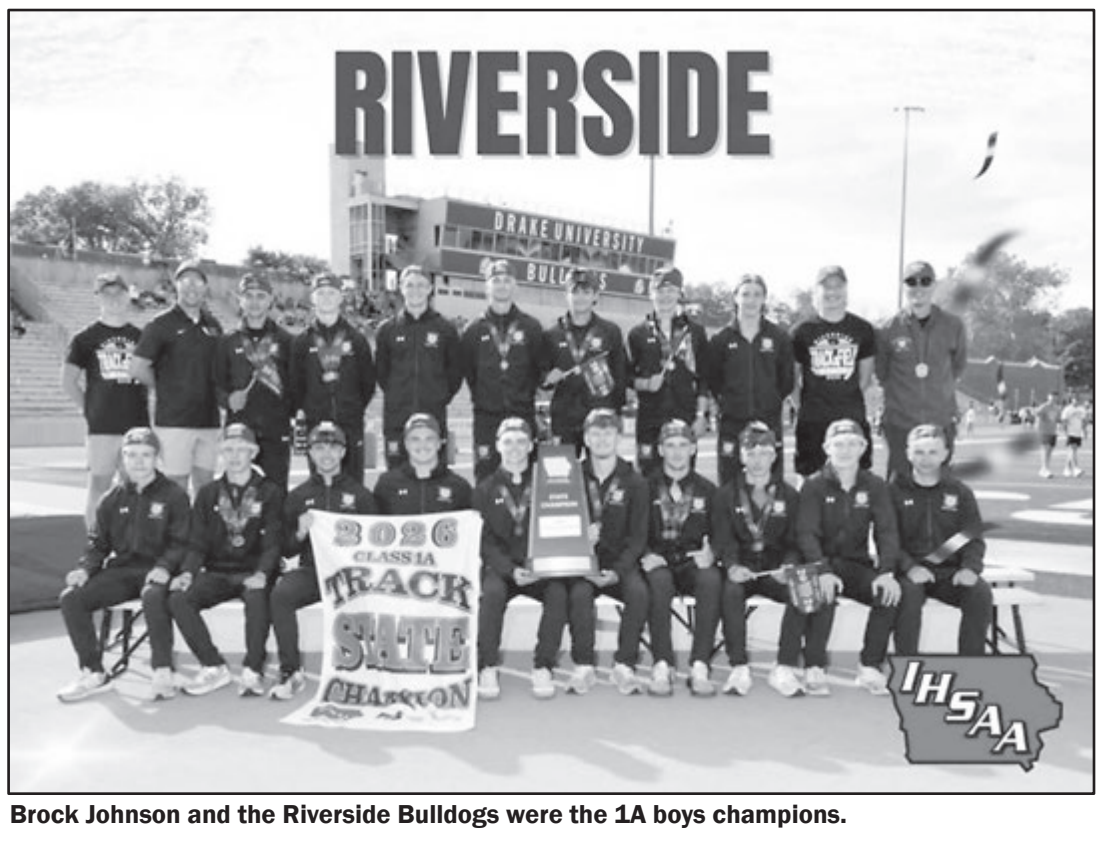
Brock Johnson coaches track and field and cross country at Riverside in Oakland, Iowa. Riverside is a 1A school about 35 miles east of Omaha, and to say that they have had a good year in XC and track would be an understatement.

The Riverside boys team won the state class 1A cross country team title this past fall, and came home with the state boys track title this spring. Not a bad year for the Bulldogs and Brock!

Steve Helgeson helps coach at Roland Story and I have been running into him a lot the past four years. He helps with the hurdlers there, and for the past four years we have been running against his hurdlers at South Hamilton.

This year Roland Story won the class 2A shuttle hurdle championship and his daughter Selah anchored them to the win!

Finally we have Josh Einertson. Now I am a little partial to Josh, but what the Jumpers, Josh and the other coaches have done at Ankeny High is nothing less than amazing.



Brock Johnson and the Riverside Bulldogs were the 1A boys champions.

Competing in 4A with schools like Waukee Northwest and Cedar Falls and doing what they did this weekend is just a testament to what kind of program they have.

They finished third in the team race, and in the process their distance medley team set an all time best time for the state of Iowa and the number two time in the country. The time of 3:55.44 was four seconds faster than the previous state record, and they won the race by almost seven seconds!

They also won and set the state record in the sprint medley with a time of 1:43.06. Just a crazy fast time from these four amazing runners!

Now these are only three of the amazing coaches that are out there who have ties to our school who were probably coaching at the state track meet, and I didn't know it.

All that I can say is how proud of them all I am. It is an honor coaching here at Northwood-Kensett alongside my daughter, who doesn't get enough credit in what she does, and being able to say what a great bunch of coaches our school has produced!

Till next year when I hope to see you all at Drake Stadium again, thank you for the memories!









On the cheep

In the weeks before school ended, students in Northwood-Kensett kindergarten classes welcomed some unusual visitors. Teresa Stehn, Worth County Farm Bureau Outreach Coordinator, visited the classrooms with six unhatched eggs. Three weeks later she returned for a birthday party for the chicks, who had hatched a few days earlier. The students told Stehn about the chicks, what they had learned and their names, among other fowl facts. The students then had a chance to play with the chicks one more time. Stehn left the students with a treat for the party.



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N-K seniors recognized during Senior Awards Night

Before they bid farewell to Northwood-Kensett, graduating seniors were recognized with scholarships and awards during Senior Awards Night.

Following are the awards and scholarships given out on Senior Awards Night 2026:

Aristocrats Car Club Scholarship ($750)- Cody Wunderlich

Bernie Saggau Award- Merrin Hanson

Coloff Media Scholarship ($500)- Sophia Butler

Wrestling Boosters Scholarship ($400)- Alex Tiedemann, Alec Ducommun, Linca Scarlett III, Weston Willand, Dagen Peterson, Merrin Hanson and Logan Manning

Polly Schiltz Memorial Scholarship ($500)- Logan Manning

Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever Scholarship ($500)- Ayden Clark, Merrin Hanson and Isaac Ludington

Esther E. Losee Memorial Scholarship ($1,500)- Kenedie Berry

Ernie & Erma Hanson Heritage Farm Scholarship ($1,000)- Taylor Foss, Merrin Hanson and Weston Willand

P.E.O. Chapter ES ($250)- Merrin Hanson

Lions Award Scholarship ($1,500)- Weston Willand

Glenn VanSabben Memorial Scholarship ($500)- Cody Wunderlich

Ryan Weisert Building Trades ($750)- Brady Christianson

Margaret Sigmond Music Scholarship ($1,000 renewable for four years)- Isaac Ludington

Gilbert Charles Stevens Music Scholarship ($2000 renewable for four years)- Zachary Heiken

Governor's Scholar Recognition Program- Dagen Peterson

Des Moines Register Academic All State- Weston Willand

Top of Iowa Conference All-Academic Team- (seniors who have participated in four years of a sport during one season and who have a cumulative 3.25 GPA at the end of the first semester of their senior year)- Kenedie Berry, Alec Ducommun, Merrin Hanson, Zach Heiken, Caden Helgeson, Dagen Peterson, Camryn Rheingans, Sophie Rye, Alex Tiedemann and Weston Willand

Top of Iowa Conference Academic Excellence Award- (Junior or senior who is enrolled in their home district, and has one of the top 5 ACT scores)- Alec Ducommun, Merrin Hanson, Isaac Ludington, Dagen Peterson and Lauren Petznick

Top of Iowa Conference Academic All Conference- Language Arts- Lauren Petznick, Mathematics- Alec Ducommun, Science- Merrin Hanson, Social Science- Dagen Peterson, Vocational Education- Weston Willand, Business- Bowan Behne, Music- Zach Heiken, Speech and Drama- Isaac Ludington and Visual Arts- Miley White

Mediacom World Class Scholars ($1,000)- Madison Espinosa

Worth County Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship ($500)- Merrin Hanson and Isaac Ludington

Northwood-Kensett FFA Alumni Association - ($1,250)- Taylor Foss, Lauren Petznick and Weston Willand; ($1,000)- Kenedie Berry and Emersyn Wahl; ($750)-Caden Helgeson

Lorena Schulte and Robert McFarland Scholarship Foundation- ($1,000)- Dagen Peterson

Olson Insurance/Grinnell Mutual Road to Success Scholarship ($1,000)- Lauren Petznick

Fence Stretchers Tom Coyle Memorial ($500)- Aiden Moretz and Weston Willand



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Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed bids by email no later than June 12, 2026, to amyhunz@iastate.edu. Please include your name, phone number, and bid amount with your submission.



The successful bidder will be responsible for arranging pickup in Northwood. Payment must be made by check before pickup, and the buyer is responsible for any title, registration, or transportation costs associated with the purchase.

Individuals interested in viewing the trailer or seeking additional information are encouraged to contact the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

The Worth County Agricultural Extension Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The successful bidder will be notified following council review.

PUBLIC NOTICE
RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
NOXIOUS WEEDS
2026 CROP YEAR

Be it resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Worth County, Iowa, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such time in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming into maturity and shall keep such lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, or otherwise destroyed.

Primary noxious weeds, which shall include: quack grass, bull thistle, perennial sow thistle, horse nettle, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, perennial pepper-grass, European morning glory or field bindweed, Russian knapweed, buckthorn, all other species of thistles belonging in the genera of Cirsium and Carduus and palmer amaranth

Secondary noxious weeds, which shall include: butterprint annual, wild carrot biennial, sour dock perennial, multiflora rose, teasel biennial, cocklebur annual, buckthorn perennial, smooth dock perennial, wild sunflower annual, shattercane annual, wild mustard annual, sheep sorrel, poison hemlock and puncture vine annual

2. That all weeds on county trunk and local county roads and between fence lines thereof will be taken care **of by the county**.

3. That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any lands in Worth County fail to comply with the forgoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and that the expense of said work, including costs of serving notices and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate.

4. That the county auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the forgoing order by publication in each of the official newspapers of the county by request of County Weed Commissioner, Mike Bode at 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA (641) 390-0268.

5. The Weed Commissioner be given full authority and power to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

Published upon order of the Worth County Board of Supervisors, Enos Loberg, Chair, this 2nd day of June 2026.

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Celebrating testing prowess

Northwood-Kensett students were rewarded for their efforts and results during testing in May. For the 10th grade class that meant a field trip to Pilot Knob State Park. The students enjoyed hiking and fishing on their field trip.

State 4-H Council launches hygiene drive to support Ronald McDonald House

Iowans are invited to join the Iowa 4-H State Council in a statewide effort to give back through a hygiene drive supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities. The drive will bring together 4-H clubs, families, counties and communities across Iowa to collect essential personal care items and make a meaningful difference for families in need.

The initiative, led by the Iowa 4-H State Council's service and outreach efforts, encourages donations of new, travel-size toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream and mouthwash. Items will be collected through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county offices through Monday, June 8.

Donations gathered during the drive will be assembled into hygiene kits by youth delegates at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference as part of a large-group service-learning experience. The completed kits will then be donated to families staying at Ronald McDonald Houses across Iowa, providing comfort and care during challenging times.

Members of the State 4-H Council identified this project as an opportunity to address a real and tangible need while engaging youth across the state in meaningful service. Through discussions at council meetings and retreats, members recognized that even small items can have a significant impact when communities come together.

"We were inspired to choose a hygiene drive as this year's service project because, as a committee, we wanted to choose something that can positively impact a variety of communities," said state 4-H council member Marli Vanlaningham from Polk County. "These travel-sized items might seem small to most, but to the people who stay at the Ronald McDonald house, they are pieces of normalcy in times of change. The people who will use these bags will be able to utilize these items to feel calmer; it gives them one less thing they have to worry about."

The council hopes to inspire strong participation across all counties and emphasizes that collective effort can lead to a meaningful statewide impact. Even small contributions, when multiplied across Iowa's 4-H clubs and communities, can result in hundreds of hygiene kits for families in need.

"This project is a great way for clubs to come together and give back in a simple but powerful way," said Anita Scholten, 4-H state council member from Warren County. "When each group contributes what they can, it adds up to something much bigger that supports families across Iowa."

"Sometimes when it comes to buying things, I have to remind myself how I could help with that money," Vanlaningham said. "Instead of a $7 drink, buy some travel-sized products. That drink will only last a few minutes, while the kindness of the donation will remain with the residents of the Ronald McDonald house."

"One of the things we focus on in 4-H is pledging our hands to larger service," said Emersen Gunzenhauser, 4-H state council member from Lucas County. "This is a great opportunity for young people to live out that pledge while providing essential items, comfort and support to families when they need it most."

The State 4-H Council is a group of 30 high school students who serve as ambassadors for the Iowa 4-H program. Council members plan the annual Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, participate in professional development opportunities, and lead service initiatives that benefit communities across the state through committees such as service and outreach.

"This project reflects Iowa 4-H's focus on service learning and developing compassionate, community-minded leaders," said Erica Holliday, 4-H youth program specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Donations should be new and travel-size and can be dropped off at county extension offices across the state. Community members, businesses and organizations are also encouraged to contribute.

For more information on participating in the statewide hygiene drive, visit the Iowa 4-H website. Visit the ISU Extension and Outreach website to find your ISU Extension and Outreach county office.



Five generation

The Earl and Judy Trenhaile family came together on Saturday, May 23, at the home of Amy Edwards in Plymouth, Iowa, and took a picture of five generations. The five generations included (from left) great-grandpa Steve Trenhaile of Plymouth, great-great-grandma Judy Trenhaile of Northwood, grandma Amy Marie Trenhaile Edwards of Plymouth, mother Madison Marie Edwards of Plymouth and baby Oaklyn Marie Wymore of Plymouth.

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

Bethel United Methodist Church
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Northwood United Methodist Church
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Joint Worship Service FLC with Meal afterwards/ Day Camp Update, 10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Church, Manly
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Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor
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www.sacredheartmanly.org

Faith Lutheran Church, London
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m. (Fall through Spring); Sunday, Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Kent Otterman

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

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Is Everything Permitted?



One clear message from the New Testament is that we are under a new covenant, that Jesus has changed the rules of the game. There is clearly a debate of sorts going on amongst the writers of the New Testament about adherence to the rules and laws of the Old Testament. This debate continues to rage even in our own times. Some churches advise strict adherence to dietary strictures and the rules of morality while some are a lot looser. It may be the case that everything under the sun has its proper use and thus that nothing is inherently "unclean" and yet common sense tells us that not everything is good for us. Many foods and drugs have their appropriate uses but are unhealthy or even deadly if misused. Perhaps everything is permitted in the narrow sense that nothing created by God is inherently bad, but it does not follow that its unrestricted use is advisable. Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should. Bacon may be okay in small amounts, just like morphine, but it will kill you if you consume too much of it. So we should consider carefully how we use nature's bounty.
– Christopher Simon

I have the right to do anything, you say, but not everything is beneficial.
– 1 Corinthians 6:12

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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

For many years, Mary Engelbreit's name has been associated with adorable décor, dishes, kitchen items and more. This time she has ventured into the world of cooking but…not personally, with the help of her friends, family and fans. Mary Engelbreit's Fan Fare Cookbook (2010, Andrews McMeel Publishing, LLC, Kansas City, Missouri) features slow-cooker recipes tried and true. They were created by her "support group" and tested in her professional kitchen. Since slow cookers are a lifesaver during hot weather (no need to light an oven or burner) we'll look at some of Mary's fan's idea of good cooking adapted from this book.

Barbecue Beef! (no grill needed)
Stephani Nelson, Olympia, Washington

1 cup sliced yellow onion
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon real butter
2 tablespoons Worcestershire
1 boneless beef roast, 3 1/2 pounds
1 teaspoon liquid smoke
1 1/2 cups catsup
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
10-12 sandwich buns
1/4 cup red vinegar

In a saucepan, over medium heat, melt the butter and sauté and stir the onion until nicely browned, about 15 minutes. Place the beef roast into a 6-quart slow cooker. Combine the catsup, brown sugar, vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire, liquid smoke and garlic powder in a large bowl. Stir in the caramelized onions. Pour this mixture over the roast. Cover and cook for 6-9 hours on LOW (or 3-4 hours on HIGH) until the meat is fork tender. Remove from the cooker and shred with a fork. Place the meat back into the cooker and stir to coat it well with the sauce. Spoon the meat onto the buns and top with some sauce if desired.

Applesauce Pork Chops
(Cheryl Goode-MacKinnon, Dearborn, MI)

6 thick-cut boneless pork chops
2 1/2 cups apple juice
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 jar (24 oz.) unsweetened applesauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon real butter

In a large heavy skillet, brown the chops in the vegetable oil, lightly on both sides. Place them into a 5-quart slow cooker. Mix the applesauce, apple juice and soy sauce in a bowl and pour this over the chops. Cover and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours. About 3/4 of the way through the cooking (like at the 4 1/2 hour mark) add the brown sugar and butter on top of the meat. Serve with hot cooked white rice and a vegetable. This tastes even better the next day.

Real Mac & Cheese: Not From The Blue Box
(Debbie Groff, Ankeny, Iowa)

8 oz. elbow macaroni, cooked and drained
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 cups milk, not skim
2 eggs, well beaten
3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
Softened butter
1 can (12oz.) evaporated milk

SANDY'S NOTE: Cook the macaroni al dente. Shred the Cheddar yourself; it melts much better than packaged shredded cheese.

Grease the inside of a 5-quart slow cooker with the butter. Combine all the ingredients except 1/2 cup of the cheese. Mix well and top with the reserved cheese. Cover and cook on LOW for 2-3 hours, stirring halfway through. You don't want the mac to get mushy so taste it along the way.

There is a quote from Mary E. in this book: "If my family had to depend on me for food, they would starve to death in a really cute kitchen." A slow cooker is a major work horse in anyone's kitchen no matter what the season. Not having to watch like a hawk while the food cooks is a plus in a cook's life. And…that's all she wrote.

Fair book at homes now

Schedule changes announced

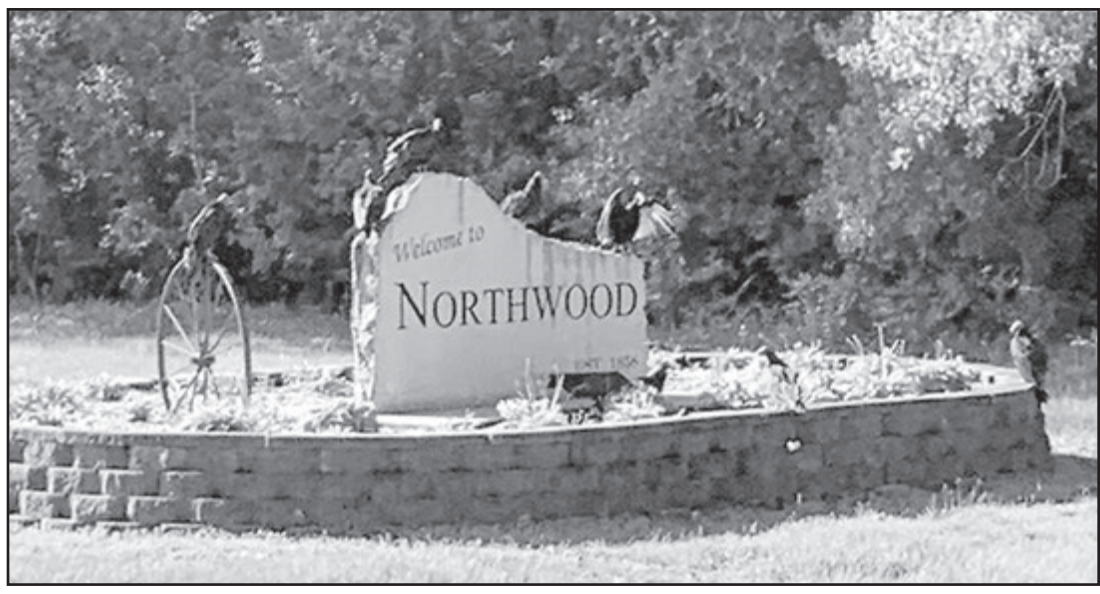
Last week the annual Worth County Fair book was sent to homes throughout Worth County and areas of southern Minnesota. There are some updates to the schedule as printed.

The times for two 4-H activities have changed. That includes the Working Exhibits on Friday, June 19, which will be held at 6 p.m. The 4-H Educational Presentations will be held on Friday, June 19, at 11 a.m. in the fairgrounds common room.

Also missing from the schedule is the first entry time for the Worth County Open Class Flower Show. The entry days will be held on Tuesday, June 16, from 4-8 p.m., and on Wednesday, June 17, from 8-10 a.m.



Northwood Anchor Society



Welcoming some feathered visitors

The picture above shares something of a contradiction, and was shared by Lynn Tenold, of Northwood. Tenold noticed the flock of turkey vultures perched on and around this Welcome to Northwood sign on the east side of the city. Tenold was amused that a sign designed to be welcoming to Northwood visitors was not so welcoming when surrounding by the foreboding birds.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

Summer is here and so is our Summer Reading Program! Our Summer Reading Program donation letters were sent out ten amazing local businesses responded (I posted those in last month's newsletter), and the Northwood Public Library would like to give a huge thank you to two more: Carpenter Coffee and Sugar Rush!

Our theme for this Summer is "Plant a Seed, Read!" We hope you can stop by and see our full calendar of events, but here are some of the highlights that anyone can come and enjoy.

• Our Kick-Off Party will be on June 9 and June 11 from 1-5 p.m. Come register the kids at this time!

• Mikayla Oz – Magician is here on Friday June 12 from 10-11 a.m.

• Friday, June 19 our Story Time will be at the Worth County Fair at 9:30 a.m. in the community room.

• Friday, June 26 we will have the Absolute Science Bubble Stations out behind the library at the basketball courts.

• Friday, July 11, Chloe's Critters is coming to the library from 10-11 a.m.

If you want have kids or grandkids that you might bring to the library for the Summer Reading Program, join our Facebook page to follow along! www.facebook.com/groups/278686796498248

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

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

Adult Fiction books: "Rocket's Red Glare" by James Patterson, "It Could Have Been Her" by Lisa Jewell, "The Hope Keeper" by Heather Webber, "Until Midnight" by Luanne Rice, "Road Trip" by Mary Kay Andrews, "Land" by Maggie O'Farrell, and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: "Whistler" by Ann Patchett, "Rainy Day Bookshop" by Raeanne Thayne, "Weddings" by Danielle Steel, "When You Loved Me" by Beatriz Williams, "With the Enduring Tides" by Jane Kirkpatrick, and more.

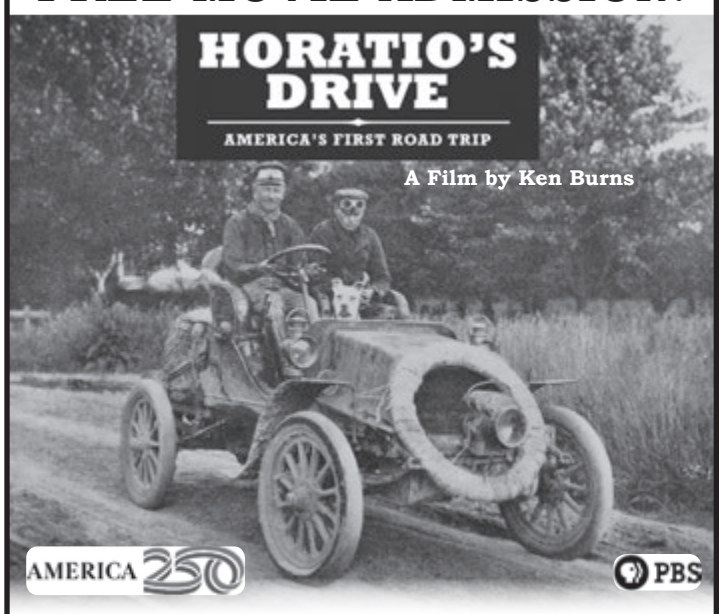
I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have by emailing us at librarian@northwoodia.org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



Finding fossils

Before the school year ended, sixth grade students at Northwood-Kensett traveled to the Fossil and Prairie Park Preserve at Rockford. The students practiced their paleontology skills while searching for fossils and also visited the nature center to learn more about the preserve.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

By Jim Miller

I have a will- Do I need a trust?

Dear Savvy Senior,

My wife and I were recently talking about updating our will and wondered if we should also set up a trust. How do we know if we need one?

--Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

That's an excellent question. A will is one of the most important tools in estate planning, but many people wonder if it's enough, or if adding a trust makes sense. The answer depends on your finances, your family situation, and what you want your plan to accomplish. Here's a simple way to think about it.

What a will does

A will spells out who gets your assets after you pass away. It also names an executor to carry out your wishes and can designate a guardian for minor children.

The downside is that a will must go through probate, which is the court process that validates it and oversees distribution. Probate can take months and, in many states, becomes part of the public record.

What a trust adds

A trust works a little differently. A revocable living trust holds your assets during your lifetime and directs how they'll be distributed after your death, without going through probate. Unlike a will, it stays private and lets a successor trustee step in immediately if you can't manage your finances, which is useful in cases of illness, injury, or dementia.

Trusts can also help with complicated family situations, like blended families or children with special needs, giving you more control over who gets what and when.

The biggest challenge is that you have to move your accounts and property into the trust yourself, which takes time and care. Most people who create a trust also keep a simple "pour-over will" to catch anything that wasn't transferred.

Because trusts are more complex, they usually cost more than a will. Attorneys typically charge $1,000 to $3,000 for a trust versus $300 to $1,200 for a will, although costs vary depending on the estate and location. You can use do-it-yourself options like Quicken WillMaker & Trust, Trust & Will or LegalZoom to save money, but they're generally best for simple situations. If your finances or family circumstances are more complicated, hiring an attorney is usually worth the cost.

When a trust makes sense

You might benefit from a trust if you own real estate – especially in more than one state – want to avoid the costs and delays of probate or prefer to keep your estate matters private. It's also helpful if you have a larger estate, a blended family, or want to ensure someone can manage your finances if you become incapacitated.

When a will may be enough

If your estate is relatively small, your family situation is simple, and most of your assets already have named beneficiaries – like life insurance, IRAs, or bank accounts with pay-on-death or transfer-on-death designations – a will may be all you need. Some states also offer simplified probate for small estates, which can make the process quicker and cheaper.

You don't need a trust just because you have a will. But if avoiding probate, protecting privacy, or managing assets during incapacity is important to you, a trust is worth considering. Even a modest estate can benefit from a clear plan.

Getting help

If you don't already have an attorney, a good estate-planning professional can help figure out what's right for you. Two trusted resources are the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (naepc.org), both of which let you search for local professionals.

Taking the time to put a plan in place, whether it's a will, a trust, or both, can protect your loved ones, ease stress, and give you peace of mind now and in the future.

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

You know what they say about getting older?

No, what?

I don't remember either.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I needed a good password. I always need one. I was trying to recall my maternal grandfather's third cousin's barber's nephew's stepdaughter's hyphenated name from her second marriage. I couldn't remember it. Pity. It would have made a dandy password.

I met him in Colorado at a 60th wedding anniversary for people whom I didn't know. It's a long story. I could tell that the guy liked parties as long as he could maintain a position near the potato chips. His fingers tapped an impatient message on the table as he waited for the chip bowl to be refilled. He wore a "Pretty good. Not bad. I can't complain." T-shirt. I smiled and told him I liked his shirt and that I was a big fan of that song and the singer, John Prine. He said he didn't know who that was and that he got the shirt at a thrift shop. Then the potato chip reinforcements arrived.

Aebleskiver

Aebleskiver are spherical Danish pancake balls. The name means "apple slices" in Danish, although slices of apples aren't ingredients in present-day versions. They are delicious. Please try them if you've never had the pleasure of having your pancake roll off the table.

How the lake got its name

I grew up along Mule Lake. The area had been settled by the Boardman brothers in 1857 and was called Le Sueur Lake. The lake was large then, and abundant in northern pike, wild rice and migrant ducks. The story goes that the Boardmans tried crossing the ice-covered lake with mules, but the ice was too thin, and a "fine span of mules" fell through and were drowned. Local folks called it Mule Lake after the incident. The lake was drained in 1914.

I've learned

Science fiction has become nonfiction.

If it tastes just like chicken, it's probably chicken.

The tallest buildings in Minnesota are all in Minneapolis. The Wells Fargo Center stands 775 feet high. The Capella Tower is a foot taller at 776 feet. The IDS Center is the tallest, adding equipment and antennas to its top to retain the title.

I miss video stores. There was drama in the aisles as families negotiated (argued).

I know members of a family that had 22 children—all single births. I don't know if the parents had difficulty remembering all the names, but I know that I'd have had trouble counting them all.

I remember when excessive screen time was a giant wall of TVs in a retail store, meant to showcase the picture quality of various televisions.

Bad jokes department

Did you ever knock on someone's door and then run away before they could answer? If so, UPS is hiring.

An alligator can live 50 years. There is a good chance that one will see you later.

Why is it spelled "camouflage" and not ?

What has 5 toes and is not your foot? My foot.

Nature notes

A gray catbird with a stubby tail fed on grape jelly, then did a jazz riff, and meowed like a cat before eating more. Why did it have a stubby tail? The bird didn't want to talk about it, but I'm guessing it was a stress molt, during which it shed tail feathers to escape a predator. Feathers re-grow rapidly when they've been pulled out. Tails are important but not critical. Tail-less birds can fly, avoid danger and feed themselves, but might have trouble getting a table in an upscale restaurant. It's better than losing a tail in the winter. Catbirds aren't here then, but nobody wants a cold rear end.

In many turtles, warm temperatures during incubation create females and cold temperatures produce males. A friend, Gina Kemper, told me, "It's hot chicks and cool dudes."

Common mallard nest predators include skunks, raccoons, coyotes, foxes, weasels, mink, snakes and large bird species. A nest success rate of 15% is a rule of thumb for maintaining a mallard population. Delta Waterfowl found that 90% of egg destruction is due to predation; the rest is because of weather events. Approximately 7.5% of eggs leave the nesting site as live ducks. The survival rate of those drakes is around 70% and about 60% for hens after one year.

Habitat loss is the most significant cause of declining songbird populations. A U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service report found that cats are the top human-related cause of bird deaths, with collisions with buildings/glass a distant second.

Meeting adjourned

Zig Ziglar said, "Don't judge me by my past. I don't live there anymore." Be kind.

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Fit to print...

Mabel

By JoAnn Lower

Maybe it was growing up on a farm that caused me to fall in love with animals, or maybe that's just how God made me. A dog, a cat, a lamb, a baby pig, a newborn calf – I loved them all – but not chickens.

"Gathering eggs" is what town folks call it. But it's really "picking eggs" and getting your hand out of the nest quick enough that you're not pecked by the hen.

No, I didn't like chickens. That is until a couple of years ago when I wandered into the chicken barn at the Worth County Fair. There, at the end of a long line of caged animals, proudly stood the grand champion – a buff brahma bantam.

Since I knew the owner's mom was my friend Amanda, I asked if I could possibly have one of this chicken's offspring when the time came.

Amanda remembered. Two years later, on a Thursday afternoon, she called. "My cousin has a baby chick, the only one to hatch out of a whole nest of eggs. He doesn't want just one. He's going to throw it out, but if you want it, he'll wait just a little while."

It was then I remembered what my mom always said, "Be careful what you wish for."

A couple hours later, Amanda and her son Martin were helping me set up the pack n' play on my porch for the tiny baby chick. "Since she's all alone, you might want to give her a stuffed animal," Amanda suggested. I did. A big, soft teddy bear.



By the next morning I'd fallen in love with this fluffy little chick, just as she had fallen in love with the teddy bear. Crawling under his neck to sleep, the teddy had become her mother.

A month passed with all going well until one day I was reminded of the town's "no-chicken" policy, which meant I had to find someone to take Mabel.

Several days of making one phone call after another, I finally remembered Joe and Linda, a farm couple near Bolan. With no hesitation, they graciously offered to take her.

It was a sad day putting little Mabel into someone else's hands for safekeeping, but it was the perfect match. Joe and Linda love chickens. They love them so much that Joe bought a few baby chicks to put in the barn with Mabel so she wouldn't be alone.

A phone call came from Linda one day. "We love that Mabel has been added to our flock. She is delightful. Not only do the other chickens look up to her as their leader, she's even taken a little blind chicken under her wing."

It's been several months now, and Mabel has grown into a beautiful gentle giant, the envy of neighborhood farmers.

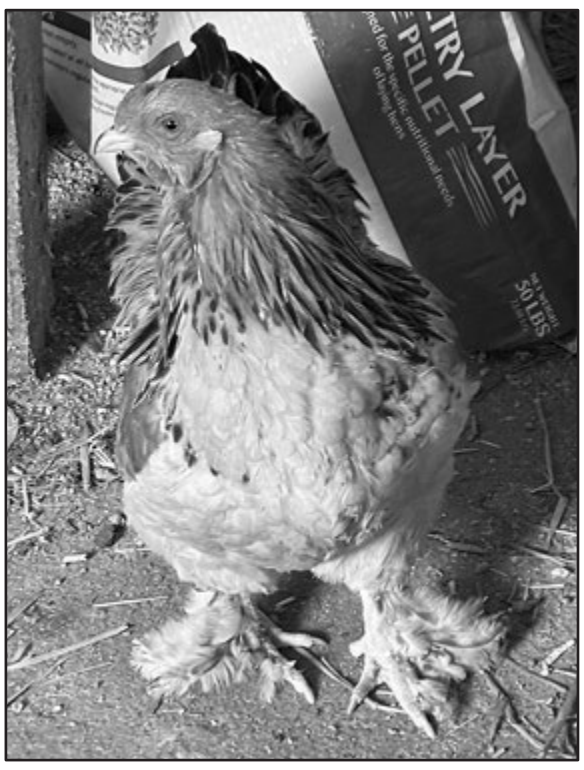
The Rest of the Story

A couple months ago I saw Joe at R80. "Have you heard about Mabel," he asked. My heart sank.

"I know you've been waiting for the day Mabel lays her first egg. She won't be laying eggs. She's practicing crowing. As it turns out, Mabel is a rooster. But we want you to know that we won't be changing her name. She will always be Mabel – Mr. Mabel," he chuckled.

I wish to thank Amanda Girouard and son her Martin for bringing Mabel to me, Lori Willert for her photography and Joe and Linda Nydegger for providing Mabel's forever home.

I also wish to thank Mabel for sharing her life with me. "You will forever be a large part of my heart."





Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

May 27, 1926

Dr. Geo F. Kay, dean of the Liberal Arts department of the state University of Iowa, will address the graduating class of the Northwood High School at the commencement in the Northwood Theatre. His subject will be "Education for Tomorrow."

Kensett items- Vernon Boutelle is driving a dandy new Studebaker Six Coach, which he purchased last week from the Underwood agency in Northwood. – E.G. Johnson has purchased the old printing office building. He is having the front torn out and will convert the front porch of the building into a garage for his trucks and will use the rear end for a machinery warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Dillon and children Hall and Jeanette plan to go to Fargo, North Dakota, in their car. They expect to spend about 10 days in the North Dakota city visiting relatives and assisting in closing the affairs of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, parents of Mrs. Dillon, both of whom died at Fargo during the past year.

Leslie Whipple of Mason City was a business caller in Northwood, also visiting a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U.G. Whipple.

The Worth County Bankers association held its annual meeting of Odd Fellows Hall in Northwood at which time 50 officers, directors and guests met for 6:30 dinner. Miss Alice Dahl furnished music during the supper hour and she and Miss Arlene Dwelle played for the group singing and the musical numbers which followed. Miss Clarice Hagen and Miss Katherine Krogness sang a vocal duet and A.S. Lund gave the address of welcome. Herman Vold played a saxophone solo and S.R. Torgerson gave the response to welcome. Officers were re-elected as follows: M.T. Rye, president, C.H. Dwelle, secretary, C.H. Thompson, treasurer, K.S. Paulson was elected vice president, succeeding Glen Reibesmen, who has moved from the county.

75 years ago

May 31, 1951

Colonel K.T. Brunsvold, who spent three years in Iran (Persia), one of the world political hot spots, has been assigned to the Jeffersonville, Ind., quartermaster depot and has taken up his duties as plans and policies officer. Col Brunsvold was born and reared at Kensett, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Brunsvold. His father operated the Kensett elevator, and his mother was the former Julia Gordon.

Sgt. 1st Class Adrian Watney arrived in the United States Saturday aboard the troop ship USNA Marine Adder, which docked at Seattle, Wash., on Saturday. He flew from Seattle to Minneapolis where he arrived Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Watney had been in Korea for nearly a year and returned under the Army rotation program. Following his 30-day furlough he will be stationed at an army camp in Illinois.

Editorial: "E" Bonds are being cashed in Iowa faster than bonds are being purchased The wise men at Washington better find some way to guarantee that the bonds with the one fourth gain in 10 years, will be worth in purchasing power as much as they are the day you purchase them.

Carl Mueller was elected president of the Northwood Lions Club at its regular meeting last week. He succeeds L.E. Whitcome in the office. William St. Clair is first vice president; John Mehaffy second vice president; Myrl Stahl third vice president; Russell Paker is secretary treasurer; M.A. Ruffridge is tail twister, Harold Elwell is lion tamer, and directors are L.E. Whitcome, Dr. B.H. Osten, Morris Bakketun, John Vander Linden and A.J. Heiny. Members made plans to attend the state Lions convention at Clear Lake next week.

50 years ago

May 27, 1976

The Northwood Municipal Swimming Pool opens for swimming on Saturday, May 29, according to Mayor Joseph Orth, and the city crew has been preparing for the opening all week.

Mrs. Agnes Iverson's first grade class received their first library cards last week from Mrs. Rachael Larson, libraries. Other classes also received library orientation and their new library cards.

A report on the recently completed Bridge-A-Rama was given by chairman Floyd Skellenger at the regular Lions Club meeting Monday. Winners were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson, Carroll Walker and Douglas Carnea. The project was netted at $225 for Lions Club charities.

Tod Rohlfsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rohlfsen, Grafton, has been named to attend American Legion Boys State at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, June 5-11. Todd is being sponsored by the Talbert Hollatx Post No. 616 of the American Legion, Grafton. A total of 832 boys from all parts of Iowa will attend Boys State this year.

Members of the Craft and Garden Ladies Garden Club were busy planting flowers at the Worth County Historical Society building early this week. The many planting activities will make the City of Northwood attractive for the Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frtiz Shulte, Kensett, will be honored at an open house reception to observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, May 30, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett.

Three Northwood students received degrees at Luther College graduation ceremonies May 23. Graduating from Northwood were Rebecca Bestul, David Halland and Gregory Hanson. Both Halland and Hanson completed their graduation requirements in January 1976.

25 years ago

May 30, 2001

Northwood "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 commander Russ Selvig presided over the Worth County Veterans Memorial dedication ceremonies Monday morning at Sunset Rest Cemetery. Members of the U.S. armed services assisted Northwood VFW members Gene Weitzel and Flip Lindflott during the raising of the armed forces flags and the raising of Old Glory and the POW-MIA flag. Approximately 500 Northwood residents, natives and visitors attended.

The Northwood City council agreed unanimously to contribute $1,500 to the Northwood Chamber of Commerce's Fourth of July celebration. The money will be used to provide entertainment for the planned events on July 4 and the weekend of July 6-8.

A former Northwood-Kensett High School musician will be the featured soloist at the 2001 North Iowa Band Festival. Kristin Davidson, a 1984 N-K grad, will perform a French horn recital at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 31, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Nathan Moretz and Michael Steiff sawed logs in record time when Worth County Naturalist Dan Block took the Northwood-Kensett fourth graders on a field trip to the log cabin. It took the winners only 11 seconds to saw this log in half with a two-man crosscut saw while their classmates cheered them on.

Northwood Volunteer Fire Company member Daryl Love and Northwood-Kensett Elementary School students Jamie Butler, Taylor Otis, Briar Tenold and Tori Harris admire the certificate of achievement the Iowa Farm Safety Council awarded N-K Elementary recently for placing fourth in a statewide fire safety education contest.

10 years ago

June 1, 2016

The Worth County Beautification Committee, Worth County Fair Board and Extension Council will conduct a groundbreaking during the Worth County Fair for their new proposed offices.

Northwood City works employee Mitch Hanson is seen above hanging a flower pot on a downtown streetlight. George Goeders is seen below giving a helping hand.

Students in the Northwood-Kensett kindergarten class traveled to the high school to the Ramsey Nature Center, on May 17, to watch and assist county naturalist Dan Block as he built new homes for birds living in the visiting the habitat.

With the fair on the way, and the school year ending, Northwood-Kensett sixth grade students traveled to the 4-H garden at the Worth County fairgrounds. They used wooden grids made by seventh grader Nathan Hanneman to complete the planting. The students planted onions, tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, beans and flowers. The students were assisted by sophomore Paige DeArmoun, Worth County Extension staff and area master gardeners. Since the 4-H garden was first installed at the fairgrounds, over 300 students have tested their green thumbs.

Maynard and Madelyn Midtgaard, Northwood, will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 3. Maynard and Madelyn were married on June 3, 1956, at Fertile Lutheran Church.

With a roster light on numbers and experience, the Northwood-Kensett baseball team will have to depend on its upperclassmen like never before. Responding to that challenge last week was senior Trevor Varner, who put in a more than impressive performance on the mound against North Iowa, despite the 2-1 loss. Varner went the distance for N-K versus the Bison, registering three strikeouts and starting the season with a 0.00 ERA.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Eugene 'Gene' Myhre

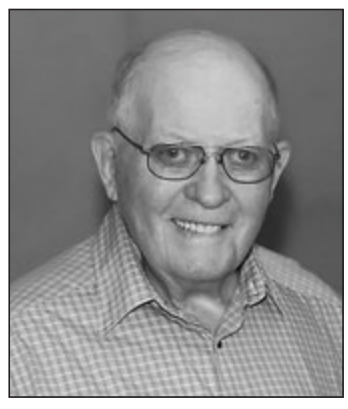
Eugene "Gene" Richard Myhre, 92, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2026, at Mitchell County Regional Health Center, surrounded by the love of his family.

Gene was born on June 6, 1933, at home on the Minnesota–Iowa border, the only son among four children. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lyle, where his lifelong faith was first nurtured.

Gene grew up working alongside his parents and sisters on a small family farm, learning early the values of hard work, humility and responsibility. He attended Lyle High School, where he was active in football, basketball and baseball, and graduated with the Class of 1951.

As a young man, Gene attended a Luther League meeting at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Toeterville, Iowa — a gathering that changed his life. There he met the love of his life, Audrey Bruggeman, and the two were married on September 11, 1955. Last fall, Gene and Audrey joyfully celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, a milestone that reflected a lifetime of devotion, partnership and steadfast love.

Gene and Audrey began their married life on an acreage near Toeterville. Gene worked nights at the Oliver plant in Charles City while building their small farm operation. They started with two dairy cows and a handful of sows, separating the milk and selling the cream while using the skim milk mixed with corn to feed the pigs. It was here that their two children, Kevin and Pam, were born.



EUGENE MYHRE

In 1962, the family moved to an acreage three miles south of Lyle, where Gene expanded his dairy herd and crop farmed. He served for many years as president of the Stacyville Dairy Board, earning the respect of fellow dairy farmers for his leadership and integrity.

Gene's hobbies reflected the simple joys he cherished: fishing, hunting and enjoying a cold Hamm's beer while listening to the Minnesota Twins on the radio during warm summer evenings. At age 65, Gene and Audrey purchased an acreage west of Mona, where Gene found great happiness tending his garden, raising pumpkins for his great-grandchildren, and watching wildlife wander through the yard. It was also there that he discovered a love for woodworking, creating treasured pieces that his family will hold dear for generations.

In the fall of 2020, Gene and Audrey moved to their home in Osage, Iowa, where they continued to enjoy visits from family and friends.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife, Audrey; his children, Kevin (Arlene) Myhre and Pam Perkins; and his grandchildren, Gina (Jeremy) Solberg, Laura (Nick) Kuennen, Heather (Tory) Rheingans, Jeff (Brittany) Myhre and Landon (Jess) Perkins. He is also lovingly remembered by his great-grandchildren, Mallory Rheingans, Leah Kuennen, Camryn Rheingans, Maci Myhre, Kenly Solberg, Brianna Perkins, Noah Kuennen, Logan Kuennen, Jordan Myhre, Lawson Perkins and Lukas Perkins.

Gene is further survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends who enriched his life and will forever cherish his memory.

Gene's life was defined by faith, family and the quiet strength of a man who worked hard, loved deeply and found joy in the everyday blessings of rural life. His legacy lives on in the generations who follow him, in the values he instilled and in the memories that will forever warm the hearts of those who loved him.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Lyle, Minnesota. The visitation took place at 9:30 a.m. at the church prior to the service. Burial was at Woodbury Cemetery, Lyle, Minnesota. Hoff Celebrations - Champion Chapel of Osage assisted the family with arrangements.

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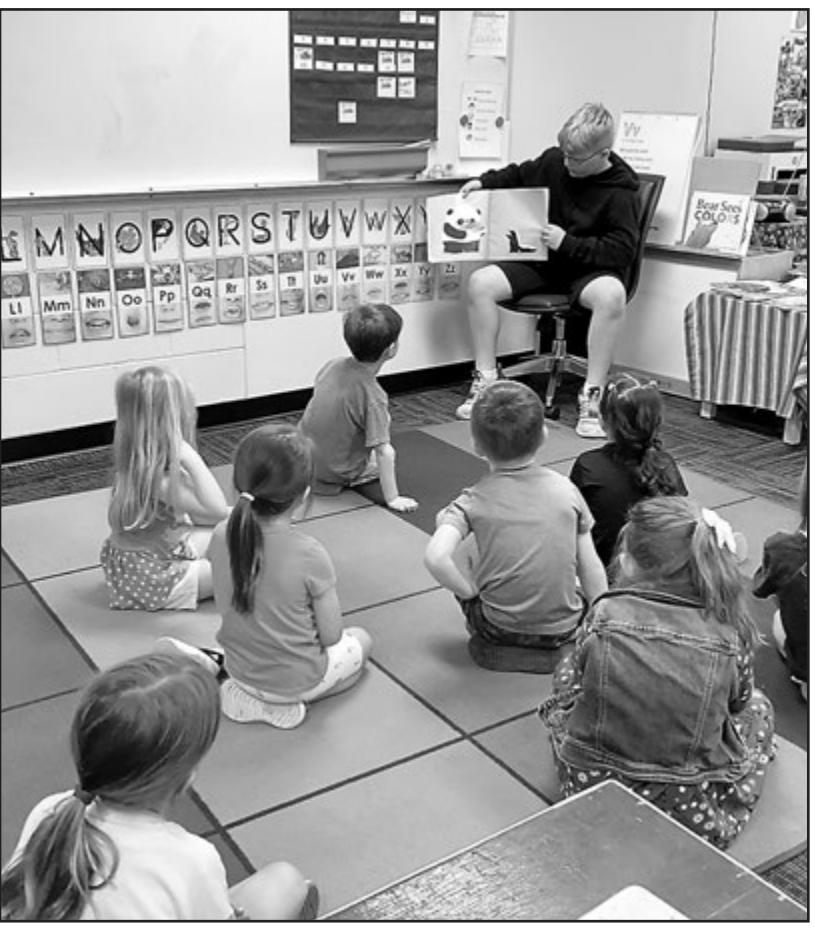
The Bolan Trinity United Women in Faith met at the home of Lori Willert on Thursday afternoon on May 21.

Linda Nydegger met her nephew, Derek Koppen, at the Maple Hill Cemetery near Lakota on Friday, May 22, to put decorations on family and friend's plots. They were able to meet up with Jim and Joyce Steenhard of Ledyard for lunch at the deli in Buffalo Center.





A great ATTITUDE becomes
a great Day
Which becomes a great YEAR







Student readers

Fifth grade students at N-K had the chance to spend time in preschool classrooms. The fifth grade students had a chance to sign up to visit the preschoolers to read them a book. The fifth graders enjoyed sharing stories and the preschoolers enjoyed having the fifth graders read to them.



Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH RANDALL HELGELAND, Deceased.
PROBATE NO: ESPR009512

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

To all persons interested in the estate of Keith Randall Helgeland, deceased, who died on or about January 17, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on May 26, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Keith Randall Helgeland, deceased, bearing the date of August 20, 2025 was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that the undersigned was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above 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 the surviving spouse and 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 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 26th day of May, 2026

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City of Lake Mills

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
May 22, 2026

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa, was held in the Council Chambers at the Lake Mills City Hall on the 22nd day of May 2026, at 3:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Bruce Helgeson, Council Members: Nathan Ostrander, Mark Peterson, Bob Storby, Rob Hughes, Kristin Peters, and Director of Public Works Brad Wempen.

Absent: City Clerk Diane Price, Chief of Police Matthew Levine (not required to attend)

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Lake Mills City Hall on May 21, 2026. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Helgeson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Mayor Helgeson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Kristin Peters joined the meeting on conference call.

Motion made by Peterson, seconded by Storby to approve the agenda as written. Roll call - Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Peterson, Hughes, Peters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Forum: None

Ostrander introduced and Storby seconded to approve the consent agenda item Park and Recreation Director request for Park Crawl Event/Prize. Roll call vote - Ayes: Peterson, Storby, Hughes, Peters, Ostrander. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Motion made by Ostrander and seconded by Storby to approve consent agenda item resignation of City Clerk Diane Price effective June 4, 2026. Roll call vote - Ayes: Peterson, Storby, Hughes, Peters, Ostrander. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding appointment/wage of Interim City Clerk effective June 4, 2026. Council Member Storby made a motion to appoint Deputy City Clerk Paula Hanson at the current City Clerk's wage, seconded by Council Member Ostrander. Roll call vote - Ayes: Storby, Hughes, Peters, Ostrander. Nays: None. Peterson abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrander to begin the hiring process and set the wage range of $36-$43 per hour for the position of City Clerk-Treasurer posted until the position is filled, seconded by Peters. Roll call vote - Ayes: Peterson, Storby, Hughes, Peters, Ostrander. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Storby, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn said meeting at 3:28 PM. There being no further discussion, roll call vote - Ayes: Peterson, Storby, Hughes, Ostrander. Nays: None. Peters not present for vote. Motion carried.

Bruce Helgeson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Paula Hanson, Deputy City Clerk

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on May 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Pro Tem Reeder presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Bode, Schreiber. Absent: Peterson.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2026; Nordic Lanes/Grunzke Entertainment – 5 day Liquor License (June 17-June 21) Worth Co. Fair; Nordic Lanes/Grunzke Entertainment – 5 day Liquor License (July 2- July 6) 4th of July Celebration at Fairgrounds. Unam.

Motion to support Jane Podgorniak's efforts to repair the Dillon Clock on Central Ave. The City will pay for expenses and be reimbursed by the Swensrud Fund when the project is complete. Unam.

Motion to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 204 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Aye: George-Zenz, Schreiber, Reeder. Nay: Bode. Motion passed.

Motion by George-Zenz, second by Bode to approve Resolution No. 2605-09 Approving Transfer from TIF Fund to Debt Service Fund. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Dan Reeder, Mayor Pro Tem
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

- PUBLIC HEARING -
City of Joice, Iowa

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Joice, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on the proposal to adopt the Joice Code of Ordinances 2026. A copy of the Joice Code of Ordinances 2026 is now on file at the Public Library and available for public inspection. Said hearing will be held June 8, 2026 at 6:05 P.M. at the Joice City Hall, Joice, Iowa, at which time, arguments for or against adopting said Code of Ordinances 2026 as proposed will be heard and considered.

Comments, oral, or written may be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the public hearings. Any comments received will be included in the minutes of the public hearing as part of the permanent record.

Supervisors

May 26, 2026
Twenty-second Day

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

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

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and May 18, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the proposed change order quotation #1 as presented on behalf of Cresco Building Service Inc. for the Secondary Roads Maintenance Facility. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $304,578.25 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 8,123.14
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
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Fy26 4th Qtr-Org 15,378.90
Worth Co Historical Society
Fy26 March H/M Tax-Ndp 1,942.93
Worth County Fair
Fy26 March H/M Tax-Ndp 3,064.40
Youth Shelter Care Of N Ia Inc
Service-Juj 2,095.65
Ziegler Inc, Service-Eng.. 4,291.67
Grand Total 304,578.25

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

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to acknowledge the receipt of the FY25 North Iowa Area Council of Governments audit. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the tax suspension request per Iowa Code 427.9 for Parcel #11-21-427-010 owned by Patricia J. & Leslie P. Ray. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the amended bid by North Iowa Custom Seamless Guttering to include $2,087.66 for the rental of a lift for a total of $6,287.66. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the landscape bids by Chad and Landen Nelson of $3,000.00 for the Public Health/EMA/VA Building rock removal and replacement and $275.00 for trimming and $200 for edging at the Courthouse. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg recessed the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to open the FY26 Budget Amendment Hearing at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried. Auditor Backhaus gave a summary of the amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to close the FY26 Budget Amendment Hearing at 9:02 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-12 Amend Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Worth County Budget. Roll call vote: AYE: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:03 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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Notice

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Case No. ESPR009501
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD ALLAN PRESTHOLT, Deceased

To: Vince Edward Prestholt, an Heir and Person Interested in the Estate of Donald Allan Prestholt, Deceased, who died on or about February 4, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Donald Allan Prestholt, deceased, bearing date of December 22, 2025, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jenifer Leann Harrison 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 the third publication of this notice to you as an heir of the decedent, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated May 4, 2026.

Jenifer Leann Harrison,
Executor of Estate

David A. Grooters,
ICIS#: A T0003058
Attorney for Executor
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Lake Mills News Sports











Aspiring architects

Students in the after school program at the Lake Mills Library recently had a chance to discuss architecture. They used what they learned to created their own rooms.



Thanked for their classroom connections

While many students said good bye to their classrooms at the end of the school year, three members of the Lake Mills staff also said good bye in retirement. The retirees were celebrated for all they gave to the district and its students. Pictured are Cindy Brandt, Teresa Midlang and Deb Sharar.







Potato artists

Second grade students at Lake Mills celebrated Potato Day with some creativity creations made from potatoes. The potatoes were reshaped and decorated to become potato pets. Then they wrote stories about their new pets.

LM acts of kindness include support for veteran looking for fresh start after service

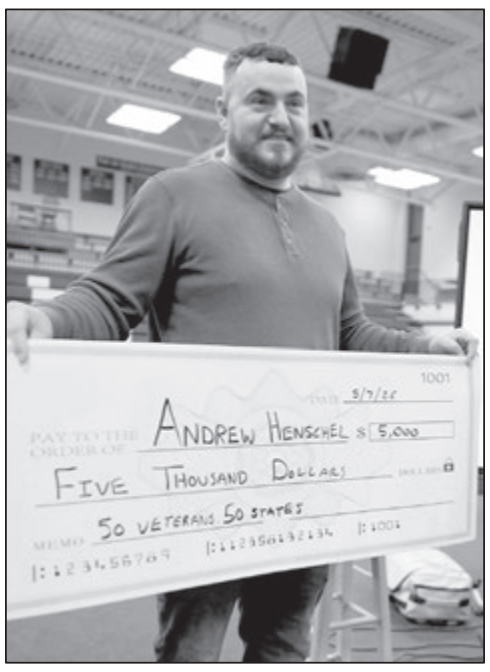
As a part of an evening of acts of kindness at Lake Mills Elementary, and working with two online influencers, one Lake Mills veteran and alum is being shown support for the beginning of a next chapter in his life.

On December 13, 2025, Sergeant Andrew Henschel, a 2016 Lake Mills High School graduate, was serving in Palmyra, Syria. U.S. troops were ambushed during a routine patrol, resulting in the death of two soldiers and an interpreter and injuries of three soldiers. Amongst those injured was Henschel, a combat medic. Even while injured and under fire, Henschel continued treating others.

Henschel was awarded the Combat Action Badge and the Purple Heart.

Henschel served with the 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division during the Inherent Resolve Mission, and has since returned home to Iowa while waiting on Veterans Affairs benefits. Henschel hopes to earn his pilot's license, move to Wyoming and start a family.

As a part of the second annual Character Education Night, Henschel's home school district kicked off an effort to support his goals.



Veteran and Lake Mills graduate Andrew Henschel received one of 1,089 acts of kindness, with funds towards a fresh start after his military service. This photo was shared by Samuel Weidenhofer, as he announced the GoFundMe to support Henschel.

On May 7, Lake Mills Elementary welcomed inspirational speaker and YouTube star Timmy the Dreamer as a part of the school's effort to complete 1,000 acts of kindness.

One of those acts of kindness was to provide funds for Henschel, and to kick off an online drive for more supportive efforts, raising funds for school, living expenses and a fresh start after his service.

Timmy the Dreamer is working with Samuel Weidenhofer, who has launched a campaign to support 50 veterans in 50 states in 50 days. Henschel was chosen as Iowa's veteran.

On May 7, as one of the 1,089 acts of kindness completed by the Lake Mills Elementary and community, Henschel received a hero's welcome.

Blindfolded, he was led into the school, where a gym full of elementary students with decorations, posters and cheers shouted surprise and chanted his name.

Henschel was presented with a check for $5,000 raised locally.

A GoFundMe page was also opened, with Timmy and Samuel Weidenhofer as sponsors, connecting their online follows to add to the support of his community. A goal of $20,000 has been set for the GoFundMe campaign. As of this writing, $13,667 had been raised. More information and ways to contribute can be found online at www.gofundme.com/f/fys-andrew-henschel.

Lake Mills Public Library

By Kim Brackey
Library Director

The Lake Mills Public Library June calendar of events.

June 10 - Clib Theatre presents Once Upon a Beanstalk at the Truman Helgeson Community Center, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

June 12 - SRP - Build your own birdhouse at LMPL, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

June 17 Absolute Science - Butterfly Encounter at Elevator Park, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

June 23 Pull Weeds & Plant Wildflower Seeds. Author talk & book signing with Sherrie Hansen, 4-5 p.m.

June 24 Iowa Corn Trailer & Imagination Playground at Elevator Park, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

June 26 SRP - Nature Art at LMPL, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the library, 102 Lake Street, Lake Mills Iowa, 641-592-0092.



DR. BAILEE BORTZ AND DR. GABE IRONS

Osage Veterinary Clinic adds two new vets

The Osage Veterinary Clinic has added two new veterinarians to their workforce.

Dr. Bailee Bortz recently graduated from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2026. Bailee, who grew up on her family farm north of Rudd, is excited to return to the north Iowa area to begin her veterinary career

Dr. Gabe Irons graduated from Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2026 and grew up near Lake Mills. He also is ready to build relationships in the area as he begins his veterinary career.

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Lake Mills recognized as top band, area students crowned royalty at Band Festival

The 87th North Iowa Band Festival included displays of musical talent and recognition of North Iowa student musicians. That included the Lake Mills band and Lake Mills and Central Springs students.

Area high school bands are invited to take part in the Band Festival parade. School bands are chosen for recognition of their talents. Lake Mills was chosen for two recognitions. The band was chosen as the top band in class 1A. The band was also recognized as the top band in the parade, with the Meredith Wilson Grand Champion Award.

Lake Mills was also represented as a member of the North Iowa Band Festival royalty. Lake Mills band queen Ava Menke was named North Iowa Band Festival Queen.



The 87th North Iowa Band Festival King was Jonah Carson of Central Springs and Band Queen was Ava Menke of Lake Mills.

Joining Menke was Central Springs band king Jonah Carson, who was named North Iowa Band Festival King.





Visiting history

The Lake Mills fifth grade students recently had a glimpse back in time. The classes traveled to Living History Farms, where they learned about Midwestern agriculture and how daily life has changed. They saw historical buildings and old-school techniques put to good use.





Bulldog Zach Stene gets ahold of a pitch during non-conference action against Central Springs on Thursday evening in Manly.



Bulldog Knute Rogne throws the ball in from right field during action in Manly on Thursday evening.

Bulldogs baseball 2-2 on the week

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs baseball team started their season off on the road at West Hancock for a Top of Iowa Conference game on Tuesday, May 26, and were defeated 2-1.

The Eagles scored one run in the fourth and fifth innings and the Bulldogs scored one in the sixth.

Leif Rogne led the team with two singles. Asher Reese had a single and an RBI and Nash Delger had a single and a stolen base.

The Bulldogs scored one run on four hits, had one RBI, walked twice and struck out 13 times.

Lucas Helgeland pitched 3.2 innings facing 14 batters throwing 55 pitches. He allowed one run on two hits and struck out eight. L. Rogne pitched 2.1 innings facing seven batters throwing 36 pitches. He allowed one run on four hits, walked one and struck out three.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Bulldogs hosted Belmond-Klemme in a TIC game and won 12-2.

Leading the Bulldogs was Mason Gaetzke with two singles and four RBIS. Zach Stene had a double and three RBIs and Delger had a single, one RBI and three stolen bases. Stephen Brandenburg had a triple, one RBI and one stolen base and Kaeden Dagestad had a single and one RBI. Joseph Charlson had a single, an RBI and a stolen base and Mason Helgeson stole one base.

Lake Mills scored 12 runs on seven hits and had 11 RBIs. They were walked 11 times, hit by the pitcher twice and struck out twice.

Korbin Abele pitched four innings facing 17 batters throwing 70 pitches. He allowed two runs on two hits while walking two and striking out six. Tucker Koch pitched one inning facing five batters and throwing 25 pitches. He allowed no runs, no hits while walking two and striking out two.



Bulldog Nash Delger slides safely under the tag during Thursday night-s game in Manly.

On Thursday, May 28, the Bulldogs traveled to Manly for a TIC crossover game with the Central Springs Panthers and picked up a win 7-1.

The Panthers scored one run in the first and the Bulldogs plated one in the first, second and third innings and four in the sixth.

Stene led the team with a double and two stolen bases. L. Rogne had a single and two RBIs and Delger had a single, an RBI and stole base twice. Brandenburg and Dagestad each had a single and an RBI, Sawyer Schipper stole base twice and Mason Gaetzke stole base once.

The Bulldogs scored seven runs on five hits and had five RBIs. They walked nine times, were hit by the pitcher three times and struck out five times.

Charlson pitched six innings facing 29 batters and throwing 91 pitches. He allowed one run on eight hits while walking two, hitting two batters and striking out two. Braylon Hanson pitched one inning facing four batters and threw 16 pitches. He allowed no runs on one hit and struck out one.

On Friday, May 29, the Bulldogs traveled to Algona to take on the Bishop Garrigan Golden Bears in a TIC game and were defeated 11-1.

Lake Mills scored one in the first and the Golden Bears scored six in the third, one in the fourth and four in the fifth.

Leading the Bulldogs at the plate was Asher Reese with two singles. L. Rogne had a single, Dagestad had an RBI and Delger stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored one run on three hits, had one RBI, they walked five times and struck out six times.

L. Rogne pitched three innings facing 16 batters throwing 60 pitches. He allowed six runs on four hits, walked three, hit one batter and struck out two. Lucas Helgeland pitched two innings facing 13 batters throwing 58 pitches. He allowed five runs on five hits, walked five and struck out two.

The Lake Mills Bulldogs are 2-2 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

Lake Mills softball underway

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills softball team traveled to Britt on Tuesday, May 26, for a Top of Iowa Conference game against the West Hancock Eagles, and lost 8-3.

The Bulldogs scored one run in the third, sixth and seventh innings while the Eagles scored three in the second, three in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Leading the Bulldogs at the plate was Kenlie Greenfield and Afton Dean, each had a single.

The Bulldogs scored three runs on two hits while being walked three times and striking out 11 times.

Mya Anderson pitched five innings facing 30 batters and threw 98 pitches. She allowed six runs on six hits while walking five and striking out three. Betsy Byars pitched one inning facing seven batters and threw 28 pitches. She allowed two runs on two hits while walking one and striking out one.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Bulldogs hosted the Belmond-Klemme Broncos in a TIC game and fell 8-0. The Broncos scored one run in the second inning, two in the third and five in the fourth.

Mya Peterson had a double and Hillary Hanson had a single and a stolen base. Reagan Ham and Byars each had a single and Reese Delger and Greenfield each stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored three runs on four hits, walked twice and struck out 11 times.

Anderson pitched all five innings facing 22 batters and threw 113 pitches. She allowed eight runs on seven hits, walked five and struck out four.

On Thursday, the girls traveled to Manly for a TIC crossover game with the Central Springs Panthers and were defeated 11-0.

Liz Oldencamp was the only Bulldog to get a hit, she had a single. Gabby Brandenburg and Taryn Wempen each stole a base.

The Bulldogs scored no runs on one hit, walked three times and struck out five times.

Lila Pederson pitched all three innings facing 24 batters and throwing 78 pitches. She allowed 11 runs on seven hits, walked five batters, hit one batter and struck out two.

On Friday, May 29, the Bulldogs traveled to Bishop Garrigan for a TIC game and lost 12-2. The Bears scored four in the first, two in the second, one in the third and five in the fourth and the Bulldogs scored one in the first and third innings.

Hanson led the team with a single and an RBI. Ham and Wempen each stole a base.

The Bulldogs scored two runs on one hit, had one RBI, walked three times and struck out once.

Anderson pitched two innings, faced 14 batters and threw 42 pitches. She allowed six runs on four hits, walked four and struck out one. Byars pitched 1.1 innings where she faced 11 batters and threw 49 pitches. She allowed six runs on one hit, walked four, hit two batters and struck out one.

The Lake Mills Bulldogs are 0-3 in the TIC West and 0-4 overall.



Bulldog Reese Delger fouls off a pitch during Thursday night's game against Central Springs.



Bulldog pitcher Lila Pederson delivers a pitch during Thursday night's game in Manly.



The Bulldogs having a bit of fun during the announcing of the starting lineup.

Kindergarteners spend a day on the farms

The Northwood-Kensett kindergarten students and chaperones took a trip to two farms on a field trip earlier in May, learning about two types of cattle raised locally. The day started at the Medlang dairy farm, where they toured the facilities and got to interact with some of the animals. Linda and Steven showed the students where the cows are milked, including the machinery used to collect and store the milk. Michelle introduced the students to some calves, and let them feed the calves as well. After the visit to the dairy farm, the students traveled to the beef cattle farm of the Wallin family. The visit began with a meal of burgers prepared and served by the Wallins and members of the Worth County Cattlemen. After lunch the students learned about tractors and farm machinery from Worth County Farm Bureau Outreach Coordinator Teresa Stehn and members of the Wallin family. Brian Wallin talked to the students about what is fed to the cattle on the farm and how they are identified and cared for on the farm.

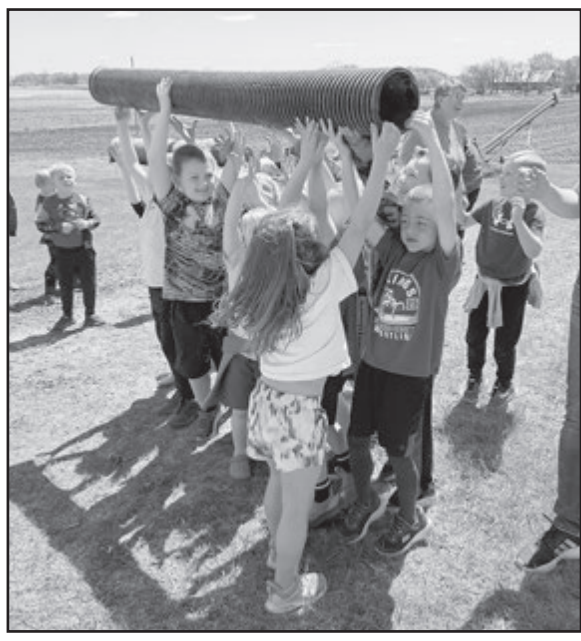


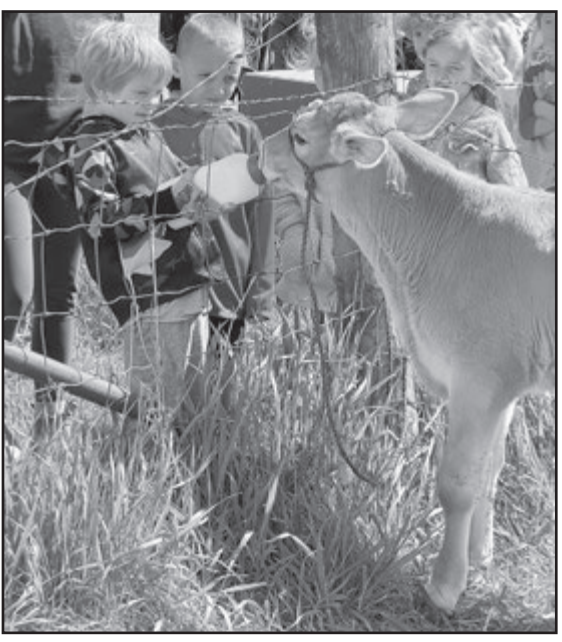








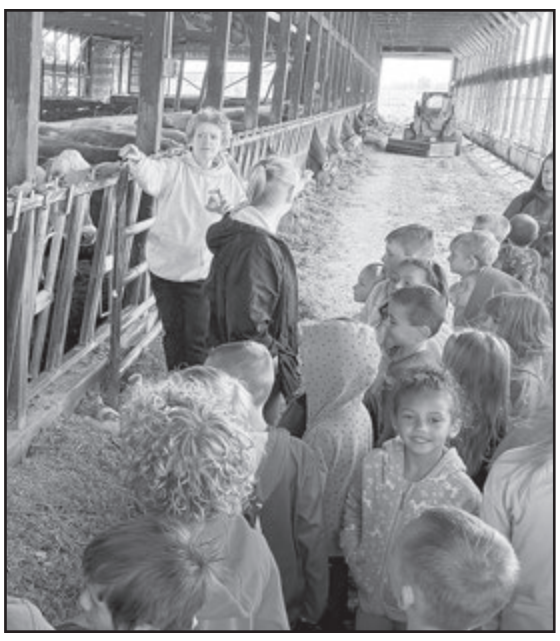


















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Bowan Behne hits two dingers against the Warhawks

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett baseball team hosted North Butler in a Top of Iowa Conference game on Monday, May 25, with the Bearcats coming out on top 4-0, after scoring one run in the first and third innings and two in the fifth.

Leading the Vikings was eighth grader Brayden Katcher who had the only hit of the game, a single and stole base twice.

The Vikings had no runs on one hit, walked twice and struck out 15 times.

Bowan Behne pitched 4.1 innings, throwing 89 pitches. He allowed four runs on one hit while walking seven and striking out five. Aydan Schutz pitched 2.2 innings allowing no runs on one hit and struck out seven.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Vikings traveled to Plainfield to take on the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies in a Top of Iowa Conference game and were defeated 12-5.

The Vikings scored one run in the second and four in the fifth while the Huskies plated one in the first, two in the third and nine in the fifth.

Brady Tufte led the team with two singles and a stolen base and Behne led the team in RBIs with three, he also had a single and stole base twice. Qinton Butler had a single and Schutz had a single, an RBI and a stolen base. Carson Tufte had one RBI and Hayzin Jacobsen stole base twice.

The Vikings scored five runs on five hits, had five RBIs, walked six times and struck out 12 times.

Schutz pitched 4.1 innings facing 22 batters and throwing 110 pitches. He allowed two runs on four hits while walking four, hitting two batters and striking out nine. Jacobsen pitched 1.1 innings facing eight batters and threw 33 pitches. He allowed one run on two hits while walking two and striking out two. Oliver Bice pitched a portion of an inning facing five batters and threw 23 pitches. He allowed four runs on one hit while walking three and striking out one. B. Tufte pitched a portion of an inning and faced four batters, throwing 20 pitches. He allowed four runs on one hit and walked three.



Viking Carson Tufte goes after a foul pop-up during a recent game against St. Ansgar.



Viking Oliver Bice makes the stop at third base during a recent game in St. Ansgar.

On Friday, May 29, the Vikings traveled to Sheffield to take on West Fork in a TIC game and fell 7-2. Northwood scored one run in the third and one in the fifth while the Warhawks scored two in the first, four in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Behne led the team at the plate with two home runs and two RBIs. Schutz had two singles and a stolen base and Katcher had two singles. C. Tufte and B. Tufte each had a single and a stolen base.

The Vikings scored two runs on eight hits and had two RBIs. They walked five times and struck out nine times.

Behne pitched 5.1 innings facing 28 batters and throwing 90 pitches. He allowed seven runs on no hits while walking four, hitting one batter and striking out six. B. Tufte pitched a portion of an inning facing four batters and threw 15 pitches. He allowed no runs on one hit while walking one and striking out one.

The Vikings are 1-5 overall and 0-5 in the TIC.



Vikings Logan Manning and True Hackenmiller during a recent game against St. Ansgar.



Viking first baseman Lauren Heiken down and ready during action recently in St. Ansgar.

Correction: Abrams pitching

Last week's Northwood Anchor story on the opening of the baseball season featured a pictured of Bryck Abrams pitching. Abrams name was misspelled in the caption. The Anchor apologizes for the error. The picture and correct cutline appear below.



Viking freshman Bryck Abrams fires a pitch during the season opener against St. Ansgar on Tuesday, May 19.

Lady Vikings fall to 0-5

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings softball team had a busy week, beginning on Monday, May 25, when they hosted North Butler in a Top of Iowa Conference game and fell 9-0.

Viking Avery Grunhovd led the team with a double and Logan Manning and Lauren Heiken each had a single on the night.

The Vikings scored zero runs on three hits, walked once and struck out 11 times.

Heiken pitched all five innings facing 25 batters and throwing 94 pitches. She allowed nine runs on 12 hits while walking three and striking out two.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Vikings traveled to Plainfield to take on the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies in a TIC game and lost 6-4.

Nashua scored five runs in the second inning and one in the fourth while the Vikings scored one in the third and fourth innings and two in the fifth.

Grunhovd had two singles and one RBI and Hixton Krambeer had two singles and stole base three times. Brianna Perkins had a single, a double, one RBI and one stolen base and Heiken had a single. Chloe Woods had a double and True Hackenmiller had a single and stole base twice.

The Vikings scored four runs on nine hits, had two RBIs, walked twice and struck out 13 times.

Piper Brunsvold pitched 3.1 innings facing 19 batters and throwing 64 pitches. She allowed six runs on eight hits while walking two and hitting one batter. Kenly Solberg pitched 2.2 innings facing nine batters and throwing 31 pitches. She allowed no runs on two hits, walked one and struck out one.

On Friday, May 29, the Vikings traveled to Sheffield to take on the West Fork Warhawks in a TIC game and lost 9-1.

Northwood scored one run in the first innings and West Fork scored four in the second, three in the third and two in the fifth.

Krambeer led the team with a single and a double. Manning had a single and one RBI and Woods had a single.

The Vikings scored one run on four hits, had one RBI, walked twice and struck out eight times.

Solberg pitched two innings facing 13 batters and threw 32 pitches. She allowed four runs on six hits. Heiken pitched two innings facing 12 batters and threw 29 pitches. She allowed three runs on six hits. Brunsvold pitched a portion of an inning facing three batters and threw seven pitches. She allowed two runs on three hits.

The Vikings are 0-4 in the TIC and 0-5 overall.



Track awards banquet

The Northwood-Kensett Girls Track and Field Team had their annual awards banquet on Tuesday, May 25. Earning awards for the Vikings were Merrin Hanson (Most Improved), Ivy Urbatsch (MVP) and Sophie Rye (Coaches Award).

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