

Briefs



NVFC BBQ set for Saturday

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company will hold a drive up to-go barbecue this Saturday, June 13, at the fire station.

The meal includes pulled pork, baked beans and chips. It is available with a free will donation.

The barbecue will be served from 4-7 p.m., or until the food is gone.

Funds raised will support fire protection, rescue and ambulance services.



Calling all veterans and active military

For the Fourth of July parade all branches of the military and veterans will be Grand Marshall to celebrate this 250th year of Independence.

The trailer will have plenty of seating for those who can't walk the route, but we do need a head count of all personnel to ensure the seats.

Call Deanna at 641-425-3482 or Paul at 641-390-0009. All are welcome.

Fireworks fundraising continues

With the Fourth of July on the way, organizers are 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.



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information			
Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. June 1	67	58	0.06
Tues. June 2	82	53	
Wed. June 3	81	54	
Thurs. June 4	84	57	
Fri. June 5	83	64	0.12
Sat. June 6	83	64	
Sun. June 7	86	65	



Day Camp at First Lutheran Church

Last week, First Lutheran Church in Northwood welcomed kids for a “Lava Lava Luau,” the theme of the annual Day Camp week. The week included singing, learning about the Bible, praying, classes for games and arts. The kids also enjoyed free meals at the church, provided by the Northwood-Kensett Summer Meal program. N-K is serving meals at the church this summer while the elementary roof is under construction.

Voters choose party candidates in primary election

On June 2, voters in Iowa chose who would represent the Republican and Democratic parties in the November general election. On ballots in the primary election were county, state and federal offices.

In Worth County, 1,086 out of 5,249 registered voters cast ballots in the primary election, for a voter turnout of 20.69%.

Of those voting in the primary in Worth County, 814, or 74.95% cast votes as Republicans. There were 272, or 25.05% that cast votes as Democrats.

In Winnebago County, 1,196 out of 7,489 registered voters cast ballots in the primary election, for a voter turnout of 15.97%.

Of those voting in the primary in Winnebago County, 768, or 73.49% cast votes as Republicans. There were 277, or 26.51% that cast votes as Democrats.

Worth County offices that appeared on primary election ballots included the attorney, recorder, treasurer and supervisors from District 1 and District 3.

Filing to be the party candidates and chosen in the primary for county attorney were incumbent attorney Jeffrey H. Greve, for the Republican nomination. Greve received 584 votes from registered

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Council discusses potential water rate increase

At its May meetings, the Northwood city council discussed adjusting water rates to offset expenses and future costs.

The council discussed a potential increase in water rates first at the regular meeting on May 11.

The agenda included a first reading of the change to the City's water rate ordinance.

Mayor Doug Moehle said that the increase is needed to cover expenses.

According to city administrator Amber Julseth, those expenses would include the cost of the water treatment's monitoring system, a portion of city equipment used to maintain water systems, replacing water meters that are aging out of use and setting aside funds for water tower painting. Those expenses would specifically include \$65,000

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N-K Athletic Hall of Fame event July 2

The Northwood-Kensett Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is preparing for a July 2 Fundraiser & Silent Auction at Worth Brewing Company from 5 p.m. to close.

The auction will include a number of signed professional and college sports memorabilia and experiences.

The auction will also include game-used and retired uniforms from N-K athletes.

Local businesses interested in donating items for the silent auction are encouraged

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2026 N-K Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Spotlight: Lee Nelson

The term natural athlete is often used loosely, but in the case of 2004 Northwood-Kensett graduate Lee Nelson, supernatural might be more fitting. Nelson became only the second known Viking to letter in five sports, matching 1970 graduate and N-K Hall of Famer Mark Knudtson, and he achieved the rare distinction of earning First Team All State honors in two sports — football and basketball.

Football excellence

Nelson's fall seasons were spent on the gridiron, where he made an immediate impact. As a sophomore, he started at safety on the 2002 undefeated regular season team, collecting



LEE NELSON

three interceptions before the Vikings fell in the sec-

ond round of the playoffs to Fredericksburg.

His junior year, Nelson stepped into a leadership role as both quarterback and defensive back, earning First Team All District honors on N-K's 7-2 squad. His senior season brought a cascade of accolades:

- First Team All State quarterback (Des Moines Register)
- Second Team All State quarter-

back (INA Writers)

Ribbon Sale set for Sunday, June 21

The Worth County Fair will once again include an opportunity to show support for the young people taking part in the annual livestock shows with the 45th Annual 4-H/FFA Livestock Ribbon Sale.

This year's Ribbon Sale will follow the same format as last year's event, with some changes.

This year's Ribbon Sale will be held on the Sunday of the Fair, on June 21.

The ribbon sale will once again follow the cumulative ribbon sale format introduced in recent years. The format allows multiple buyers to contribute toward an exhibitor's ribbon purchase, giving both businesses and individual donors the flexi-

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WC Fair entertains June 17-21

The Worth County Fair gets underway next week, June 17-21. With this year's fair festivities come a number of new and returning entertainment and activities, from the Grandstand to the shelter house and throughout the fairgrounds. And live music returns with this year's fair as well.

For this year's fair, all livestock will arrive on Wednesday, June 17, to accommodate a revised livestock show schedule, and to have animals present for Family Night.

The opening night of the fair begins with the crowning of the Worth County Fair Queen, at 6:30 p.m. in the shelter house. The fair queen and court will be seen hosting and helping at events throughout the week of the fair after she

is crowned Wednesday night.

The first night of the fair is Family Night, with free carnival rides from 5-9 p.m. and foam parties new this year at 5:30, 8 and 9 p.m.

Grandstand entertainment on the first night of the fair will have young people testing their riding skills on the back of sheep with Mutton Busting, which starts at 7 p.m.

Grandstand fun continues on Thursday night, June 18, at 7 p.m., with the rodeo, with Bulls, Barrels and Broncos.

The beverage garden returns to the fair this year with live music. That includes Mia Lillian from 9-11 p.m. on Thursday, June 18. Will Barnett will perform on Saturday, June 20, from

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- Albert Lea Tribune Football Player of the Year
- First Team AllDistrict
- District 3 AllAcademic
- Team MVP

He guided the Vikings to an 8-1 regular season and a 9-2 overall record, with the team's playoff run ending against Madrid.

Basketball stardom

One of the most prolific scorers ever to play in the N-K gymnasium, Nelson graduated as the Vikings' all-time leading scorer, a mark that stood until Colby Eskildsen surpassed it in 2025. Nelson returned to N-K to congratulate Eskildsen during a pregame ceremony.

His basketball résumé is

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FFA helps with storm clean up

Following the severe thunderstorms that swept through the area on May 17, many were left with damage to buildings, trees and other parts of their property. Members of the Northwood-Kensett FFA Chapter traveled to help clean up this rural property after the storms.



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for the replacement water meters and \$20,000 towards water tower painting in the coming year.

The meters are past their effective date and are increasingly in need of replacement.

The City is also putting aside funds for the next time the City will need to have a water tower painted. The painting process includes making sure the water tower is in good condition before the painting process. Similar projects in the area have cost several hundred thousand dollars.

Julseth explained that the water rate increase would be \$3.04, to \$16.04 for the minimum charge for all water users in the city. The water rate has not changed since 2019.

Combined with sewer rates, mosquito spraying and a portion of garbage collection, that would bring minimum city utility bills to \$81 per month.

City council member Mike Bode said that he was not in favor of increasing the water rates. He said that the City would have

raised the same amount of money if they had gone with a higher property tax rate discussed during council budget discussions.

Bode also suggested that the City should look at the possibility of lowering sewer rates if the City's solar system at the sewer plant was saving enough in energy costs.

Moehle said that city property taxes will already likely need to increase next year with expected increases in a pending agreement with Worth County for law enforcement services.

According to Julseth, the City had just a positive balance of \$7,870 at the end of the fiscal year that ended in June 2025. According to the amount calculated in the budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, if rates aren't increased, the City's water fund would end with a negative balance of \$29,000.

Julseth also said that the City could look at options like not setting money aside toward water tower painting, and taking on more of that cost when the time

comes.

Council member Dan Reeder said that he didn't have a problem with the \$3.04. He said that increasing the water rates to pay for water system needs was the more fair way of doing things. Reeder said that way those using the system are paying for its expenses. He said that using property taxes would put the cost on all property owners, regardless of whether they use the water system.

Mayor Doug Moehle said that increasing rates is inevitable. He said if the City does not do it now, the increases will need to be more significant down the line.

Reeder made a motion to introduce the ordinance and hold a first reading. With three council members at the meeting, also including Bode and Teresa George-Zenz, Reeder said that having a second reading at the next council meeting on May 26 would allow the other council members to weigh in.

George-Zenz seconded the motion.

When the vote came, Reeder and George-Zenz voted in favor and Bode voted against.

According to Iowa code, ordinances require votes in favor by a majority of all the city council, not just those in attendance. With only two of the five council members voting in support at the meeting, the ordinance was defeated.

Julseth asked how the council wanted to proceed.

Moehle said that the ordinance would be placed on the next council meeting agenda. City officials would look at whether the ordinance would need to be modified to be reconsidered by the full council.

At the May 26 meeting, four members of the council, with Annika Schreiber also in attendance, were present and the discussion continued. One council member, Steve Peterson, and mayor Moehle were not at that meeting.

Mayor pro-tem Dan Reeder opened up the discussion of water rates again.

Reeder said that he didn't think the \$3.04 increase

was out of line. He said that he still thought putting the increase on the water bill was the more fair way, charging users of the service for water system needs, and not all property owners in the city.

George-Zenz agreed, saying that they need to keep up with the needs of the system and to build some money for the costs of operating the system and for future maintenance needs and water system projects.

Bode remained opposed, saying that some of the fund purposes to be paid from water rate increases should come from property taxes.

Julseth said that the rate will help lessen the financial impact of the water painting and restoration, helping offset some of the potential amount the City may have to bond for.

Schreiber said that even if increased, Northwood's rate would be lower or comparable to other towns Northwood's size.

A vote was held on a first reading of the ordinance. Reeder, George-Zenz and Schreiber voted in favor.

Bode voted against.

The first reading was passed. A second reading was on the agenda for Monday's meeting, after the Anchor went to press.

The ordinance would need a second and third reading before passage. The council could opt to waive a third reading and pass the rate ordinance at the June 8 meeting.

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.

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stacked:

- Sophomore: Honorable Mention All State, First Team All District, NIC All Conference, All Area (Albert Lea Tribune)
- Junior: Third Team All State, First Team All District, All Corn Bowl, All Area (Albert Lea Tribune)
- Senior: First Team All State, McDonald's All American nominee, First Team All District, Corn Bowl All Conference, All Area (Albert Lea Tribune & Globe Gazette), Team MVP

Nelson's senior team finished 21-4 and captured the first Corn Bowl Conference championship in school history. He continued his career at Wartburg College, appearing in more than 93 games and averaging 10 points per game as a junior. He remains in the Knights' record book among the Top 10 in single season three pointers made.

Track & field and golf: A dual sport spring

From his sophomore through senior years, Nelson doubled up in the spring with both track and golf — and excelled in each.

Track & field highlights:

- Sophomore: second

place in the NIC high jump

- Junior: State qualifying 3200M relay; fourth in high jump at the Corn Bowl meet

- Senior: State qualifying 1600M medley and 1600M relay teams, finishing first and second at the Corn Bowl meet; second in the high jump

Golf achievements: Nelson was part of some of the strongest golf teams in N-K history.

- Freshman: District qualifier; shot a school record 33 for nine holes — a record that still stands

- Sophomore: fifth at the North Iowa Conference meet; First Team All Conference

- Junior: Tied for second at the Corn Bowl meet; First Team All Conference; second at Districts

- Senior: Helped lead N-K to the Corn Bowl Championship; eighth individually; First Team All Conference

He earned three Team MVP awards — freshman, junior, and senior seasons.

Baseball contributions

Baseball rounded out Nelson's five-sport career. He played three seasons,

taking his junior summer off to focus on basketball.

- Freshman: Pitcher
- Sophomore: Honorable Mention All Conference; led the team in batting average
- Senior: Team leader in innings pitched, fewest runs allowed and strikeouts

A coach's perspective
Baseball coach Lamont captured Nelson's impact in the Anchor on August 18, 2004:

"When I moved here two years ago, I heard all the talk about Lee. Now, having been fortunate enough to coach this young man, I can understand why. Lee Nelson is a leader with competitive fire that can drive an entire team. He is more than just statistics — he is the intangible that every coach loves. Thanks for the opportunity to coach you — you are an all star on and off the field."

Life today

Lee and his wife, Misty, live in Indianola, Iowa, with their three daughters — Ellison, Bennett and Sloane. He serves as the Middle School Athletics Director at Southview Middle School in Ankeny.

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bility to support local youth exhibitors at a contribution level that fits their budget.

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

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

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

Community members wishing to support exhibitors ahead of the live auction may begin placing bids on Thursday, June 18, at the Worth County Fair Office. Buyers may design

nate a specific dollar amount toward an exhibitor's ribbon sale. During the live auction, buyers will also be able to contribute by writing their bid amount and submitting it to an auctioneer or runner.

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

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

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

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

Those with questions about the 2026 Ribbon Sale may contact Kevin Braun at 641-390-0383 or Jayson Olson at 641-390-0344.

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Republicans. Dexter Banks,with 241 votes from registered Democrats, received the nomination.

Running unopposed and receiving the Republican party vote for county recorder was Jolene Hickle, with 712 votes.

Running unopposed and receiving the Republican party vote for treasurer was incumbent Jake Hanson, with 726.

Running unopposed and receiving the Republican candidate for District 1 supervisor was Marena Henkle, 150 votes in the district.

Also appearing on ballots in November for supervisor from District 1 will be Amy Jorgensen, who filed to appear on general election ballots with no party affiliation.

Running to be the Republican candidate for District 3 supervisor were Mike Hanson and Gary Hengesteg. Hanson was elected to be the Republican candidate with 172 votes, or 63.70%. Hengesteg received 97 votes.

Winnebago County offices appearing on ballots included Supervisor for District 1. Running for the Republican nomination were Terry Durby and Marvin Gudmonson. Durby received 104 votes, for 50.49%. Gudmonson received 102 votes.

Running to be the Republican candidate for District 3 supervisor were Bill Jensvold and Brent Swenson. Swenson received 155 votes, or 54.77% for the nomination. Jensvold received 128 votes.

Julie Swenson appeared unopposed to be the Republican candidate for county treasurer, with 687 votes.

Running unopposed for the Republican nomination for county recorder was Shanna Eastvold, with 684 votes.

Running unopposed for the Republican nomination for county attorney was Kelsey Beenken, with 672 votes.

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

One State legislative race was on ballots representing Worth County.

Running for the Republican nomination for House District 60 were incumbent Jane Bloomingdale and Dani Ollenburg. Ollenburg was chosen as the Republican candidate by district voters, with 57.75% of the vote. In Worth County, Ollenburg was the chosen candidate with 52.24%

Running unopposed for

the Democratic nomination was Alexander Schmidt.

Two State legislative races were on ballots representing Winnebago County.

That included Senator from Iowa's District 5. Running for the Republican nomination were Stacy Besch and Dave Rowley. Rowley received the majority of votes in the district, with 52.48%. In Winnebago County, Besch received a slim majority, 50.40%

Running unopposed for the Republican nomination for House District 9 was Henry Stone. No Democratic candidate appeared on primary ballots.

Other statewide offices appearing on ballots included Iowa Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Secretary of Agriculture, Attorney General and Treasurer.

Statewide, Iowans chose Zach Lahn as the Republican candidate for governor. In Worth and Winnebago counties, voters chose Randy Feenstra.

Rob Sand ran unopposed and was chosen as the Democratic candidate for Iowa governor.

For Secretary of State, Democrat Taylor Wettach and Republican Paul Pate were unopposed for their party's nominations.

For Auditor of State, Iowans chose Chris Cournoyer as the Republican candidate. In Winnebago and Worth counties, voters chose Abigail Maas.

Taylor Wettach ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination for Auditor of State.

Democrat Chris Jones and Republican Mike Naig ran unopposed for their party's nominations for Secretary of Agriculture.

Republican Brenna Bird and Democrat Nate Willems ran unopposed to be their party candidates for Attorney General.

Republican Roby Smith and Democrat John Norwood appeared unopposed on ballots for Treasurer of State.

One statewide federal office appeared on ballots.

Running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator were Jim Carlin and Ashley Hinson. Hinson received 74.02% statewide to take the nomination. In Worth County, Hinson received 74.23% of the vote. In Winnebago County, Hinson received 63.82%.

Appearing on ballots for the Democratic nomination were Josh Turek and Zach Wahls. Statewide, Turek was elected with 62.6%. Worth County voters chose Turek with 67.17% and Winnebago County voters chose Turek with 65.82%

Five candidates appeared

on ballots for U.S. Representative from District 2, including Worth County. Kathy Dolter, Lindsay James and Clint Twedt-Ball ran for the Democratic nomination. James was chosen by district voters with 57.76%. In Worth County, James was chosen with 63.12%.

Two candidates, Charlie McClintock and Joe Mitchell, ran for the Republican nomination. District 2 voters chose Mitchell with 61.35%. Worth County voters chose Mitchell with 58.96%

Four candidates appeared on ballots for U.S. Representative for District 4.

Chris McGowan ran unopposed for the Republican nomination.

Dave Dawson, Stephanie Steiner and Ashley WolfTornabane ran for the Democratic nomination. Dawson was chosen 39% by district voters. In Winnebago County, Steiner was chosen.

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9:30-11:30 p.m.

On Friday, June 20, the truck and tractor pull will be held, this year honoring a longtime fair volunteer and supporter.

The first annual Lonnie Harris Memorial NTPA Truck and Tractor Pull will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, June 22, the grandstand will play host to the demo derby Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Sunday begins with a community church service in the shelter house at 9 a.m.

That will be followed at 11 a.m. with the Baby Contest. Check-in starts at 10:30 a.m. This year's contest is now a Little Miss and Mister Firecracker Contest, to celebrate the 250th birthday of the U.S.

The last day of the fair ends with the Figure 8 races in the grandstand at 6 p.m.

Other entertainment will bring shows every day of the fair, located on the area north of the shelter house and livestock buildings.

That includes the Rock-N-Circus, a high energy circus stunt show.

Fisherman Dan's Off the Hook comedy stunt show will also offer stunt performances, with some laughs.

The Pretty Bird Paradise returns for this year's fair, offering the chance for fairgoers to interact with some fine feathered friends.

The Donnie Moretz Memorial Kiddie Barn will once again host an ag learning center that brings kids



Landscaping at Hotel Winifred

Landscaping work was done at Hotel Winifred last week. The volunteers cleared existing landscaping; leveled the soil; installed edging, landscape fabric and mulch; as well as trimmed hedges. People helping from the hotel committee were Mary Reyerson Low, Theresa Cooper, Jane Podgorniak, and Steve Hanson. Other volunteers were Lonnie Low, Roger Odeggaard, Tom and Joan Vorland, Carolyn Reeder and Bob Bloomingdale.

in contact with live animals and learning opportunities, including two visits every day with area farmers.

Fair favorite Nick's Kids Show returns with the interactive musical performances that kids take the stage to perform.

More information on other fair events and activities is available in the Worth County Fair Book sent to homes recently, also available online at nwdanchor.com/worth-county-fair-book-2026. Information is also available at the Worth County Fair website, online at worthcountyfair.com.

Monday, June 15
 Tuesday, June 16
 4-H/FFA Dog Show, Show Arena 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17
 I Met a Goat Farmer
 Ag Learning Center 11 a.m.
 Free Meal, Sponsored by Kibble Noon
 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Horse Arena 1 p.m.
 Halter & Pleasure Classes
 Wrist Band Sales Begin, Community Room 3 p.m.
 Pee Wee Pet Show Livestock Arena 3 p.m.
 4-H/FFA Pet Show Livestock Arena 3:45 p.m.
 Free Wrist Band Night 5-9 p.m.
 Carnival 4-10 p.m.
 Foam Party 5:30 p.m.
 Fair Queen Finals Shelter House 6:30 p.m.
 Mutton Busting Grandstand 7 p.m.
 Registration 4-6 p.m.
 Glow Foam Party 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 18
 4-H/FFA Sheep Show Livestock Arena 9 a.m.

Pee Wee Sheep Show
 Pee Wee Goat Show
 4-H/FFA Goat Show Livestock Arena 9 a.m.
 I Met a Dairy Farmer Ag Learning Center 11 a.m.
 Livestock Judging Contest Registration 1 p.m.
 Contest 1:30 p.m.
 Farm Bureau Farm Operator Contest 4 p.m.
 Registration 3:30 p.m.
 Pee Wee Rabbit Show Livestock Arena 4:15 p.m.
 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show 4:30 p.m.
 Stick Horse Rodeo 4:30 p.m.
 Pedal Pull Registration 4:30 p.m.
 Shelter House 5 p.m.
 Free Meal 5 p.m.
 Sponsored by Federal Foam Technologies
 I Met a Pig Farmer Ag Learning Center 5:30 p.m.
 Bulls, Barrels & Broncs Rodeo, Grandstand 7 p.m.
 Live Music: Mia Lillian Beverage Garden 9-11 p.m.

Friday, June 19
 4-H/FFA Swine ShowLivestock Arena 9 a.m.
 Library Story Hour Community Room 9:30 a.m.
 I Met a Beef Farmer Ag Learning Center 11 a.m.
 4-H Educational Presentations Community Room 11 a.m.
 Face Painting, Commercial Building 12-6 p.m.
 Free Lunch Shelter House Noon
 Sponsored by Farmers State Bank
 4-H/FFA Horse Show Games Horse Arena Noon
 Bacon Buddies 2 p.m.
 Pee Wee Poultry Show Poultry/Rabbit Barn 3 p.m.
 4-H/FFA Poultry Show 3 p.m.
 I Met a Bee Farmer Ag Learning Center 5:30 p.m.
 4-H Working Exhibits 6 p.m.
 Lonnie Harris Memorial NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull

Grandstand 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 20
 Senior Citizen Day & Veterans Day All Day
 4-H/FFA Beef Show Livestock Arena 8 a.m.
 I Met a Farmer Ag Learning Center 11 a.m.
 Face painting, Commercial Building 12 a.m.- 6 p.m.
 Free Lunch Shelter House Noon
 Sponsored by NSB Bank Bucket/Bottle Calf Show Livestock Arena 12:30 p.m.
 4-H/FFA Dairy Show Livestock Arena 2:30 p.m.
 I Met a Poultry Farmer Ag Learning Center 5:30 p.m.
 4-H Style Show & Awards, 4-H Award Program Shelter House (State Pictures following in 4-H Building) 6 p.m.
 Demo Derby Grandstand 7 p.m.
 Live Music: Will Barnett Beverage Garden 9:30-11:30

Sunday, June 21
 Church Service Shelter House 9 a.m.
 Open Fun Horse Show Registration 8 a.m.
 Pleasure Classes & Games 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Baby Contest, Shelter House Check-in 10:30 a.m.
 Baby Contest 11 a.m.
 Barn Interviews Livestock Arena Noon
 Face painting, Commercial Building Noon - 6 p.m.
 Worth County Cattlemen's Assoc. BBQ, Shelter House Noon
 4-H/FFA Livestock Ribbon Sale, Livestock Arena 2 p.m.
 Figure 8 Races Grandstand 6 p.m.
 4-H Teen Dance Shelter House 8-10 p.m.

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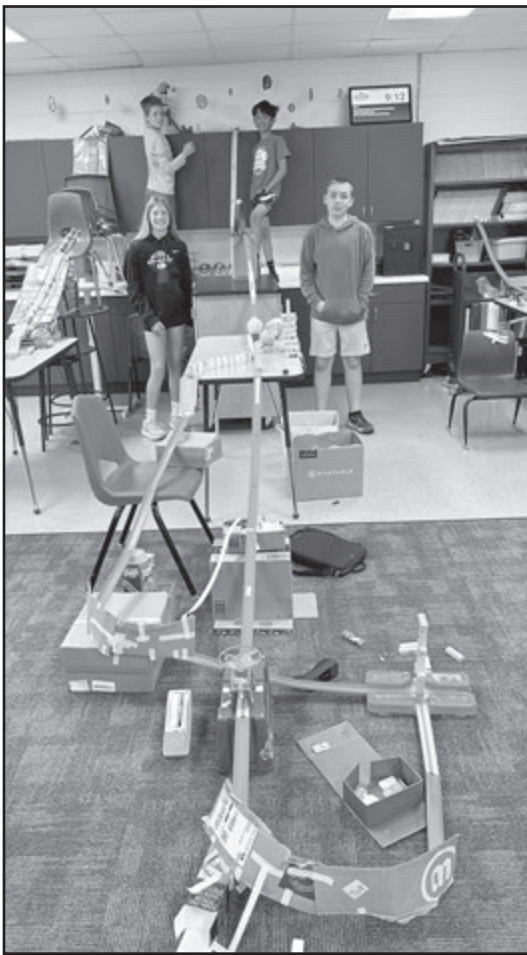
Serving: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans & Chips

Proceeds going to Fire & EMS Protection



Chalk on the walk

To help start the month of May, students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary took part in the Walk the Chalk event, to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month. The elementary students were joined by members of the National Honor Society. The older students helped guide the young students in drawing and writing positive and supportive messages on the elementary sidewalk. The NHS students also joined students in the classroom to read a few books.



Goldberg gadgetry

Students in Northwood-Kensett sixth grade classes spent time creating Rube Goldberg machines before the school year's end. The mechanisms are named for the artist who drew unnecessarily complicated machinery. For the students that meant combining a variety of simple machines, displays of physics and other scientific examples in their creations.

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Northwood-Kensett Middle School / High School

The students listed below have made the Honor Roll for the Second Semester of the 2025-2026 school year. To be eligible, students must have Honors of 3.6 or better for their subjects.

High Honors

9 Skellenger, Avarie
9 Urbatsch, Ivy
10 Fierova, Mia
10 Hanson, Hallie
10 Smith, Maci
10 Toresdahl, Ivy
11 Bode, Aariah
11 Bode, Kale
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11 Krauth, Joshua
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12 Willand, Weston

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9 Duvall, Tucker
9 Franck, Kaylee

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9 Hanson, Henry
9 Ludington, Atticus
9 Rugland, Amaya
9 Rye, Maggie
9 Schoon, Rylee
9 Solberg, Kenly
10 Block, Annamarie
10 Hackenmiller, True
10 Johnson, Maya
10 Kluver, Bria
10 Stricker, Kia
11 D'Heilly, Pauline
11 Ducommun, Bronson
11 McHenry, Lexis
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11 Tuftte, Carson
12 Behne, Bowan
12 Berry, Kenedie
12 Butler, Sophia
12 Ducommun, Alec
12 Helgeson, Caden
12 Ludington, Isaac
12 Rheingans, Camryn
12 Rye, Sophie

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6 Cronbaugh, Lola
6 Johnson, Aubrey
6 Thomas, Ali
7 Hulshizer, Gabriel
7 Krull, Kendall
7 Urbatsch, Olivia
8 Brunsvold, Piper

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6 Houg, Henry
6 Perkins, Lawson
6 Rops, Caitlyn
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N-K Baseball team
Members of the Northwood-Kensett 2026 baseball team include (sitting) Bryck Abrams, (kneeling, from left) Quinton Butler, Brayden Katcher, Brady Tufte, Joshua Leerar, Oliver Bice, (back row) Aydan Schutz, Hayzin Jacobson, Carson Tufte and Bowan Behne.



N-K Softball team
Members of the Northwood-Kensett 2026 softball team include (front row, from left) Kenly Solberg, Heather Perry, (second row) Brianna Perkins, Chloe Woods, Casey Gentz, Piper Brunsvold, Lauren Heiken, Hixton Krambeer, True Hackenmiller, (back row) coach Stacy Martin, Porschea Madden, Logan Manning, Avery Grunhvd and coach Lauren Lander.

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Field Day at N-K
Northwood-Kensett Elementary held a field day on May 12. Students from the school traveled to the Worth County Fairgrounds for a day of fund games, competitions and activities. The games included a potato sack relay, pool noodle javelin, a rubber chicken relay, a hula hoop bocce ball game, a wet sponge relay, a tug of war, a dance party and more. They also drew a chalk mural on a portion of the fairgrounds driveway.



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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
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ver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366; 9 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills.
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Pastor Kent Otterman
First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Theodore Gullixson
Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills
Sunday, Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday School and fellowship following
Pastor Mark Decker

Letter to the Editor

To the community of Northwood. I hope that by now this comes as no surprise to anyone. After 10 years of service, I am retiring from Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. On June 2nd 2016, I joined a volunteer fire department, and it changed my life. I was 24 years old and looking for a purpose. Let me tell you; purpose is what I received. In a very short ten years of volunteerism for this town; this company, and it's members have taught me so much knowledge that I have been able to apply to my life some way every day. Quickly falling into an unhealthy obsession with field medicine, I became an EMT under NVFC, and then onward into Paramedicine, turning this hobby into a career I could support a family with. While serving on NVFC, I have seen living people die; I have seen dead people become alive; and I have seen new life enter this world. I have stories that

will make you cry. I have stories that will make you laugh. Additionally, have stories that could make a sailor blush. All of that started right here on Northwood Fire, listening to the stories handed down by the generations before me. I am so proud to have been a small part of bringing the ambulance to fruition. Making advancements to caring for our community at the expense and sacrifice of the volunteers putting in the outstanding work. As it stands today, in 143 years of service, we continue with community donation funding and remain off taxation. We made that promise to the community when we started the ambulance, and I am glad to say that we have kept that. I am incredibly proud of everyone here on NVFC. Additionally, I want to thank the community that raised me for the incredible support and affirmation. I would like to use this letter as a "call to arms" to

my fellow community members. In the 250th anniversary of America, volunteerism is at its lowest. This town needs you. NVFC functions only because of its volunteers of community members. These hometown heroes are electricians, plumbers, farmers, storefront workers, and laborers. They are mothers, fathers, teachers, coaches, and students. They are soldiers, nurses, and law enforcement. They are the community. Under the work uniform is an NVFC uniform, and like Superman, can be displayed at will and in a moment's notice. The impression left on it's members is deep and moving, yet it is small in comparison to the lives of the patients that have been changed because these volunteers were there. You may think that you don't have the time, knowledge, or skill set to participate. I promise, young, old, large, small, experienced or not, there is a place here for you on Northwood Volunteer

Fire Company.
Respectfully Submitted,
Jacob Loken
Firefighter/Paramedic/
Volunteer – Northwood
Volunteer Fire Company

Bolan

It was a wonderful weekend in Bolan, Iowa. Kelsie Willert and Reese Drenth were united in marriage at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, June 6, 2026. The reception was held in the Village of Bolan under a very large white tent, with absolutely great food and an awesome band later in the evening; ending with fireworks. The rehearsal dinner was served on Friday evening at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center. This was a special time with a very fine meal and memories shared from their wedding attendants and best wishes given to the bride and groom to be.

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"I GOT YOU!"

There was a very uplifting story on National Public Radio a few months back about two soldiers who had been in Afghanistan and were unexpectedly reunited after more than ten years. The soldiers, Roy Wilkins and Keith Melick, were involved in an IED explosion which gravely injured Wilkins. Melick was the medic who pulled him from his badly damaged Humvee, saying "I got you" as he did so. The words "I got you" stuck with Wilkins and he finally had the chance to meet the man who helped save his life some ten years later, unexpectedly, at a gym in a VA center. What was most inspiring about this story, besides the providential way in which they were reunited, were those three simple words, "I got you." We have all been in situations where we are literally helpless, and having someone reach in and pull us from the wreckage, or at least lend us a hand, makes us feel a bit less alone and vulnerable in the world. We should try to be there for the helpless and vulnerable in our community, and remember that even when it seems that we are alone, God has our back. – Christopher Simon

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me. – Psalm 23:4

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Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson



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

Have you ever been told “Oh, just bring a pan of bars?” It seems that when we’re asked to provide treats for the workplace, church, club meetings, potlucks etc. bars are seen as an easy and popular way to meet the request. Bar Cookie Bonanza (1991, Reiman Publications, Milwaukee) might be just the resource needed in such instances. Reiman Publications, the company behind Taste of Home magazines and books, recruits their readers to provide the recipes that fill their pages. This little cookbook is part of their Taste of the Country series and the following bar recipes are adapted from that collection.

Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Bars (Alta Cole, Hickory, Kentucky)

- 1 package (18.5 oz) fudge cake mix
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, combine the cake mix, one of the eggs, and the oil. Mix with two forks until crumbly. Reserve one cup of the topping and pat the remaining mixture into an ungreased 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven but leave the oven on. In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and the other egg until light and smooth. Stir in the chocolate chips, blending well. Spread this over the baked layer. Sprinkle with the cup of reserved crumbs and return the pan to the oven. Bake for an additional 15 minutes. Cool before cutting. Makes about 36 bars depending upon how large you want to cut them.

Cherry Walnut Bars (Mrs. Lyle Wiebe, Whitewater, Kansas)

- 2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 cup real butter, softened
 - 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 - 2 large eggs, beaten
 - 1 jar (2oz) maraschino cherries
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- Frosting:
- 1 tablespoon real butter, softened
 - 1 cup confectioners' sugar
 - Reserved juice from the cherries
 - 1/2 cup flaked coconut (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Drain the cherries, reserving the juice. Combine the flour, white sugar and butter in a mixing bowl until crumbly. Press into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes and remove from the oven, leaving the oven on. While the crust is baking, blend together the eggs, brown sugar, salt, baking powder and vanilla. Chop the cherries and stir them, with the walnuts, into the batter. Spread this over the partially-baked crust and return to the oven for 25 minutes more. Cool completely before frosting. Make the frosting by combining the butter and confectioners' sugar. Add enough of the reserved cherry juice to make a good spreading consistency. Frost the cooled bars. Sprinkle with coconut if desired. Cut into 48 bars.

Chewy Caramel Bars (Elaine Dinslage, Clarkson, Nebraska)

- Crust:
 - 1 package (18.5 oz) chocolate cake mix with pudding in it
 - 1 cup flaked coconut
 - 1/4 cup real butter, cold
 - 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- Filling:
- 3/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
 - 1 large egg, beaten
 - 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup flaked coconut
 - 3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Make the crust by combining all the ingredients in a mixing bowl using an electric hand mixer on low speed. Reserve 2/3 cup of this mixture and press the rest of it into a lightly buttered 9x13-inch baking pan. Make the filling by combining the reserved crust crumbs, the ice cream topping, cream cheese and egg. Blend with the mixer on low speed. Stir in the coconut. Spread this mixture over the crust. Sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Bake for 30-40 minutes. Cool completely before cutting.

All three of these recipes are a nice alternative to the usual brownies that often show up on dessert tables when people are asked to bring bars. Nothing wrong with brownies; there are several different types including the blondies. But showing up with a new type of bar might get you some requests for the recipe. And...that’s all she wrote.

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Society



Lions scholar

This year's recipient of the Northwood Lions Club \$1,500 scholarship is N-K 2026 graduate Weston Willand. Willand is pictured above with Lion Norlyn Stowell. Willand is the son of Wayne and Jill Willand. A member of the National Honor Society, he participated in football, wrestling, track, golf and FFA. A 4-H member, he will be showing his four pigs at the upcoming Worth County Fair. Actively involved in youth group at First Lutheran Church, Weston is on the church council as a youth representative. He also works at Signature's and, when time, enjoys spending time at his grandparents' cabin. This fall he will attend South Dakota State University where he will major in AG business.

AEL open house events set

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

workforce training opportunities.

All events are held from 2 - 5:30 p.m.

Open house dates include:

- June 16 - Hampton Center 1
- June 22 - Osage Public Library
- June 23 - Northwood Public Library
- July 1- Belmond Public

Library

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

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

Art Farm Iowa hosts tractor show June 27-28

Art Farm Iowa will host a tractor show with vintage vehicles, local heritage and entertainment June 27-28.

During the Rust and Roots Antique Tractor Show event, visitors are invited to bring their own tractors or farm equipment, or to visit to see the visiting equipment.

The event will also include the chance for guests to stroll the Art Farm Iowa grounds, view demonstrations, meet collectors and storytellers and learn about North Iowa's agricultural history.

The event will include food and drinks with a food truck, photo opportunities and a chance to experience

Art Farm Iowa.

The Rust & Roots weekend is meant for lifelong farmers, collectors and those with nostalgia for “old iron.”

Those that would like to bring their tractors and equipment to the event may do so starting on Monday, June 22. All equipment must be at Art Farm Iowa by 7 p.m. on Friday, June 26. Tractors will stay at the farm until 3 p.m. on June 28.

The Rust & Roots show will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 27. Dan Bern's Worth County Tractor Tour performance will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The Rust & Roots show

will continue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 28.

Those that would like to have their tractors or equipment included in the show or who has a demonstration to share may contact Steve Hanson at artfarmiowa@gmail.com or 602-430-7246.

Worth County Historical Society meets on June 16

The Worth County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Northwood Museum.

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Roof work while school's out

As the school year ended, work began on replacement and repairs of the Northwood-Kensett Elementary roof. In the past school years, signs of damage to the roof have shown with a number of leaks into the school. After the roof was inspected, significant damage and water infiltration were discovered. The school district will have the roof repaired first in the summer. Before school resumes, solar panels will also be installed on the roof. While the construction is underway, the school buildings and playground will remain closed.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to use AI safely and protect yourself from scams

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

I keep hearing about AI in the news and how it's being used in scams. I'm not very tech savvy and find it confusing. What should I know to protect myself?

--Cautious Senior

Dear Cautious,

You're not alone. Many older adults are asking the same question. Artificial intelligence, or AI, is becoming part of everyday life, from smartphones and internet searches to banking and customer service. It's also making scams more convincing and harder to spot, which is why a basic understanding helps. The good news is you don't need to be a tech expert to use AI safely and with confidence.

Know the basics

AI is technology that can create and analyze information in ways that seem human. It can write emails, answer questions, recommend products, generate images and even mimic voices. While this can be helpful, it also means things you see or hear online may not always be accurate. If something seems unusual or too good to be true, take a closer look.

Use it wisely

A good way to get comfortable with AI is to start small. Many smartphones include voice assistants like Siri or Google Assistant that can set reminders, check the weather or answer questions. You can also try tools like ChatGPT or Claude to explain a news story, suggest recipes or help draft a message.

AI can also be useful for everyday tasks like comparing products, planning trips or organizing a to-do list. Think of it as a helpful assistant, not a decision-maker.

Keep in mind that AI isn't perfect. It can give answers that sound confident but may be outdated or incorrect. For important matters like your health, finances or legal issues, always double-check with a trusted source such as your doctor, bank or a government website.

Watch for scams

Scammers are using AI to make their schemes more convincing. You may receive an email that appears to be from your bank or Medicare or a phone call that sounds like a family member. Be especially wary of urgent messages that pressure you to act quickly or warn that your account will be closed.

Protect yourself

The most important habit for avoiding scams is to slow down. If you receive a suspicious call, text or email, stop and assess the message. Don't click links, download attachments or respond right away. Instead, contact the company or person directly using a phone number or website you trust – not the one provided in the message.

Scammers now use AI to mimic voices and write convincing messages. Even if something sounds like it's from a family member, friend or company, verify it another way before taking action.

Never share sensitive information like your Social Security number, bank details or passwords unless you initiated the contact and trust the source. Banks and government agencies, including Medicare and Social Security, will not ask for this information by phone or email. Urgent requests for payment by gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency are also red flags.

For added protection, use two-factor authentication, and keep your devices updated. You can even consider call-blocking services from your mobile service provider.

If something doesn't look right, take time to check it or ask a trusted friend or family member before responding.

Keep learning

Technology is always changing, but there are ways to stay informed. Many libraries and senior centers offer free classes on digital skills and online safety. Trusted resources like AARP's Fraud Watch Network (aarp.org/fraudwatch) and the Federal Trade Commission (consumer.ftc.gov) also provide up-to-date scam alerts and protection tips. In addition, internet and mobile provider Cox Mobile (cox.com/mobilesafety) offers a library of research, tips and online safety tools to keep you informed and secure online.

AI may seem complicated at first, but a little awareness goes a long way. By staying cautious and building a few smart habits, you can protect yourself and make this technology work for you.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

In hotdish architects.

Everyone is a celebrity.

In people who are skilled with a skillet.

It can hail cats and dogs.

I've learned

After Charles Boycott, an English land agent, tried to evict a number of his tenant farmers in 1880, locals in County Mayo, Ireland, fought back by ostracizing him—leading to the term “boycott.”

The best ability is availability.

If you want to feel like a kid again, look at a snow globe through a kaleidoscope.

Prices for the top 25 brand-name drugs increased by an average of 81% when they entered the U.S. market, according to a report from AARP's Public Policy Institute. In 19 other high-income countries, prices of those same drugs had fallen by an average of 13%.

The news from Hartland Harold

Buffet the Vampire Slayer opens to a hungry crowd.

Owner of a door company remembered fondly. “He could make an entrance.”

“We might have what you want, but I doubt it,” says the owner of the Disappointment Hardware.

Local dodgeball legend will be missed.

Bad jokes department

They told me I was gullible, and I believed them.

The nurse lost his job at the dermatology clinic for making too many rash decisions.

A friend had his name changed to Bjorn today. He wasn't Bjorn yesterday.

Genie: What is your final wish?

Boy: I wish I were you.

Genuie: Ut's weurd but alrught.

Naturally

The bluebird nestlings were becoming bluer, a fawn followed its mother

through the tall grass, indigo buntings sang “Fire, fire; where, where? Here, here; See it, see it?” incessantly, and spiderwort brightened the day. The deep-blue spiderwort flowers open in the morning and typically wilt by noon on hot days.

A catbird must have wanted me to see those things as it had begun singing outside my bedroom window before civil twilight began. How do catbirds produce their remarkable song? They have a voice box that's different from ours. It has two separate branches that are controlled independently, allowing the bird to make two distinct sounds at the same time. The catbird was singing a duet with itself. Town criers were responsible for making public announcements and acted as human loudspeakers when shouting things like, “12 o'clock and all is well,” to reassure the public. The catbird is my town crier.

Multicolored Asian lady beetles had become rare in the house, but some stubbornly overstayed their welcome. I watched cedar waxwings feed feverishly on midges in May. Midges are small flies that resemble mosquitoes. Midges don't bite or transmit disease, but they create obnoxious swarms. Often referred to as lake flies, they're frequently mistaken for mayflies, which are much larger.

Blue jays belong to the Corvidae family, which is considered among the most intelligent birds in the world. That family includes ravens, crows, jays and magpies. Blue jays would do better in school if they would just apply themselves, but other birds do copy from their papers. Their migration remains a mystery. They don't all migrate, and it hasn't been determined why those that migrate do so when they do.

Meeting adjourned

The kindest word in all the world is the unkind word gone unsaid.

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Fit to print...

When Americans celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States throughout 2026, names like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams are bound to come to mind when pondering the men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Some might be surprised to learn that various notable figures from the era were not among the 56 signers on the Declaration of Independence, a list that includes Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and George Washington. George Mason, another influential figure of the era, also decided against signing the Declaration of Independence, citing its lack of a “Bill of Rights” as motivation for keeping his pen to himself.

But what about the remaining lesser known signatories to the founding document of the United States? According to the National Archives, 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence, and even historians and armchair history buffs might be hard pressed to name all 56 signers of the pivotal document.

America's semiquincentennial is a great time to celebrate all who have helped make the country into what it is today, and that includes some of the Founding Fathers who have not become household names over the last 250 years.

- William Livingston: Born in Albany, New York, in 1723, William Livingston was a prominent attorney prior to the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War. The Historical Society of the New York Courts notes Livingston moved to Elizabethtown, New Jersey, in 1772. Within two years of that move, Livingston became New Jersey's representative to the Continental Congress. By June 1776, Livingston was appointed brigadier general of the New Jersey militia, a position he held until 1777, when he became the Governor of

New Jersey. Livingston was a target of British forces, who offered a reward for his capture. But Livingston remained Governor of New Jersey until his death in 1790, and even served as the New Jersey delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when he signed the United States Constitution adopted at that convention.

- William Hooper: William Hooper was born Boston in 1742, but he made his name as a Founding Father after relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina, as a young adult. The National Constitution Center notes Hooper, like Livingston, was a successful attorney. Hooper was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the North Carolina colony in 1770, and even supported the Royal Governor's efforts to suppress a taxation-related rebellion of North Carolina farmers during this pivotal period, when he was notably dragged through the streets by angry rioters. By the mid-1770s, Hooper had changed course, and was even among the three delegates chosen to represent North Carolina at the First Continental Congress in 1774. Prior to that conference, Hooper wrote to a friend that the colonies were destined to win independence from the Crown, an assertion that ultimately earned him the nickname the “Prophet of Independence.” Hooper signed the Declaration of Independence but illness forced him to retire from politics. He continued to support the war effort, donating much of his legal earnings to the colonists' cause, and was so reviled by the British that his home was burned down when Wilmington was taken by Crown forces in 1781.

- John Witherspoon: John Witherspoon was born in Scotland in 1723 and moved to what would become the United States in 1768. Witherspoon is unique among signatories of the Declaration of Independence because he is the only

Lesser known founding fathers of the United States

active clergyman and the only college president to sign the document. Witherspoon later signed the Articles of Confederation and supported the ratification of the Constitution. Witherspoon came to New Jersey to become president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), which educated many notable figures from the era, including James Madison and Aaron Burr. All told, 12 members of the Continental Congress studied at the school while Witherspoon was president. The Presbyterian Witherspoon supported colonial independence for various reasons, and was especially opposed to the Crown's attempt to appoint an American Anglican bishop, speaking out against British interference in colonial affairs in a sermon titled “The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men” during a 1776 sermon. Like Hooper, Witherspoon was convinced independence was the path forward for the colonies.

- Roger Sherman: Born in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1721, Roger Sherman was a multitalented Founding Father who began to study law in the mid-1750s after working as an author, general store owner, and surveyor, among other jobs. By 1766, Sherman was so established in the legal profession that he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. Though he initially expressed reservations regarding colonists' resistance to the Crown, by 1774 he agreed to serve as a Connecticut delegate to the First Continental Congress. Sherman joined the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence in mid-1776, and later represented Connecticut on the drafting committee of the Articles of Confederation. Sherman also holds the unique distinction of being the only person to sign the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Northwood Anchor

100 years ago

June 3, 1926

Erecting a flagpole at Sunset Rest Cemetery and furnishing a beautiful flag to be used there came as a result of the work of the Women’s Relief Corps this past year. Weather permitting, the flag will be raised each morning and lowered each night by P.J. Johnson, caretaker of the cemetery, who has kindly offered to care for the flag.

The town of Grafton voted \$28,000 bonds for the erection of a new school building, the vote being 82 for and 35 against. The building, which had been used for a number of years, was destroyed by

75 years ago

June 7, 1951

A group of about a dozen friends and neighbors gathered at the Ben Baken farm and picked about 30 acres of corn left last fall because it was too wet. Wives of the men served lunch. The corn was dry and in good shape.

Robert Mark of rural Northwood attended a reunion of former members of the St. Olaf College band at Northfield, last Sunday.

F.E. Morley, conservation officer, revealed this week that Rice Lake has received a stock of 1,000 northern pike

50 years ago

June 3, 1976

Thirty-two flags from the caskets of deceased veterans lined the east entrance to Sunset Rest Cemetery for Memorial Day services. A joint project of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and TUNE, the flags will be displayed on each patriotic holiday.

Thomas E. Witt, Northwood, will be the manager of Houk Drug Center and Ben Franklin in Northwood. The purchase was effective June 1 but prescription service will not begin until June 25.

This new 1,250 gallon per minute pumper unit was

25 years ago

June 6, 2001

The Northwood-Kensett school board took steps to fill four vacancies. Directors Lynn Tenold, Larry Hovey, Mike Dierenfeld, Kate Midtgaard and Keith Braun voted unanimously to offer the following positions: Secondary vocal music to David Kinzer, secondary mathematics to Carol Snook, and upper elementary teaching position to Lisa Hagen, whom also is the N-K’s assistant varsity softball coach.

Allix Tenold and Angie Sime, both sixth grade students at N-K, received merit certificates for their invention

10 years ago

June 8, 2016

As the school year ended four teachers at Northwood-Kensett schools bid farewell to their classrooms for the final time. Diane Hanson, Delores Knudson, Deb Nagle and Lee Okerlund, with a combined 132 years of teaching, retired at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

On Saturday, May 28, the Northwood-Kensett band one again joined other schools from the area as they marched through Mason City as a part of the 78th North Iowa Band Festival Parade. And, as has become

fire about a month ago.

Mrs. C. Thompson and sons, Melvin, Olaf and Ernest, attended the commencement exercises at Waldorf College, Forest City, their daughter and sister, Miss Luella, being a member of the graduation class.

E.E. Isaac, county agent in Worth County for the past two months, tendered his resignation to the Farm Bureau board of directors. He has been offered a position with the agricultural college of Montana.

Cash prizes amounting to 25 dollars were given by the Northwood Civic League to the high school pupils having the highest grades in their classes this year. Those getting the prizes were Agnes Butler, senior; Phyllis Pang-

fry this spring. Rice Lake froze out badly last winter and tests this spring reveal that there is a good seed stock of bull heads and minnows there now.

Hundreds of persons lined Central Avenue to see Northwood’s annual Memorial Day parade last Wednesday and then gathered in Sunset Rest Cemetery to honor the dead. The parade formation included Dean Thompson, Army veteran on horseback, as marshal, followed by a color guard of VFW and American Legion members. Then came the high school band, the speakers car, veterans and auxiliaries, Boy and Girl Scouts, gold star mothers and other citizens.

Mrs. Alma Appelgate

placed into service by the Northwood Fire Company. The new 265 horsepower diesel fire truck has five 2 1/2 inch discharge outlets, two 1 1/2 pre-connector lines and two-reel hoses. Cost of the unit was about \$65,000 and makes the local company one of the best equipped in Iowa.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones, who is retiring after 16 years as high school secretary, was honored at a reception at the N-K senior high school.

The N-K elementary band conducted the final concert of the school year with the other elementary classes as guests. Third and fourth grade students were invited to sit near the instrument of their choice in order to aid in the selection during the next two years. Mrs. Donna Angell

“Up-A-Daisy” at the 2001 Invent Iowa Convention on the ISU campus.

Helen Thompson, Northwood, an arts and science major at Des Moines Area Community College, has been named to the dean’s honor scholastic list for the spring semester.

Megan Myhre, daughter of Chuck and Linda Myhre, graduated cum laude from Wartburg College. She graduated with a double major in English writing and religion.

Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club president Nathan Loberg presents a \$3,000 check for new playground equipment to Northwood-Kensett Elementary School principal Julie Lines.

More than 60 people gathered in the student commons

a tradition, the N-K musicians came away winners. N-K took first place in Class 1A for marching bands. This is the fourth year in a row that N-K has received first place in its class.

Worth County naturalist Dan Block took six kids to the Ventura Grade on Clear Lake to fish last week as part of the Worth County Summer Naturalist program. According to Block the kids got three carp on the line and it took a half hour to reel them in. The biggest carp weighed 26 pounds.

Senior Trace Carman has been a steady and consistent bat in the Vikings’ lineup this season. Carman has hit safely now in five of six games this year, accumulat-

burn, junior; Marie Holland, sophomore; and Blanche Stehn, freshman.

Mrs. A.M. Blackmore, who has spent the winter at Manly in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Kelley and family came to spend the summer at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.W. Sanders and family.

The Good-fellowship club, composed of young business and professional women of the city, held its regular meeting in the form of a picnic at Crescent Park. This custom will be followed during the summer months.

Graveling operations on Primary Road No. 9 between Manly and Fertile are now in full swing, the gravel being taken from the county pit west of Hanlontown.

came last week from Los Angeles, California, to visit friends here and to look after her farm in Mitchell County. While in Northwood she is staying with Mrs. Albert Patterson. She expects to be here until Saturday.

Senator Leo Elthon, Fertile, who spoke at the annual mid summer Farm Bureau conference last week, is being considered as a possible candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The likable senator, veteran of 10 regular and four extra sessions and a contractor when he is not serving the people of the state, told friends during the recent legislative session, that he definitely will seek the party nomination for the post.

is the director.

Jeffrey L. Ihnen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ihnen received a Masters degree in biochemistry and Kimberly J. Ellingson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemoyne Ellingson, received a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Dana Bonker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bonker, Northwood, was one of 82 seniors at Wartburg College, Waverly, to graduate with honors. She earned Summa Cum Laude honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Drexell Estes announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Connie Joe, to Mr. Steven Reed Bakken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bakken, all of Northwood. A July 10 wedding is planned.

at Northwood-Kensett High School to give these five long-time N-K employees a rousing send-off to retirement: Vada Myli, who taught at N-K Elementary for 35 years; David Peterson, who taught 35 years at N-K High; Jan Wright, who served as N-K High School secretary for 25 years; Jerry McIntire, who served as superintendent of N-K Community Schools for 10 years; and Pat Smith, who served the past five years as N-K’s first full-time school nurse.

Army Pvt. Kevin J. Nelson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. He is the son of Korrine and Lynn Nelson, Manly, and is a 2000 graduate of North Central High School.

ing a .350 batting average with three runs scored and two runs batted in.

Despite seven strikeouts by pitchers Shelby Low (six strikeouts) and Laura Hopperstad the Lady Vikings of Northwood-Kensett were not able to subdue the Knights’ bats last Friday in Mason City as the home team stretched a three run fifth inning lead to a 12-6 Top of Iowa Conference East win.

The N-K trap team placed second at the Austin High Invitations. They were Tristan Rothove, Zach Oleson, Colton Moretz, Zack Hengesteg and Gavin Varner. The preliminary results for the state wide league states that out 107 teams, N-K is tied for 11th place.

Northwood Anchor

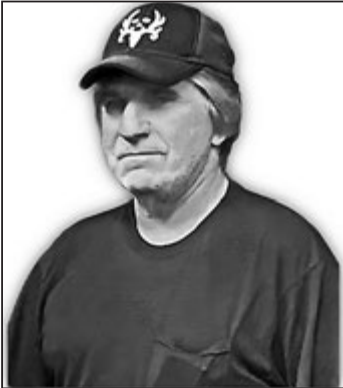
Craig Zipse

Craig Edward Zipse, 63, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at his home in Northwood, Iowa.

A celebration of his life was held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026, at Connor Colonial Chapel. According to his wishes, cremation will take place with inurnment at a later date.

Craig was born on September 18, 1962, in Mason City, Iowa, the son of John and Nalda Zipse. He grew up in Northwood, where he attended school and began to build his life. He was united in marriage to Mary Bachtle, and together they welcomed a daughter, Amanda (Mandy), in 1982. Craig was later united in marriage to Debbi Hansen, and together they welcomed a son, Logan, in 1997.

Over the years, Craig worked a variety of jobs and was known as a hardworking and dependable man. He could always be counted on, no matter the situation. He began his dedication of hard work at Thompson’s Sawmill, and later worked at Carroll George for almost 20 years as the Mainte-



CRAIG ZIPSE

nance Supervisor. After leaving Carroll George, he decided to open his own business, a tire repair shop in Carpenter, Iowa. He absolutely loved working on and fixing any kind of vehicle, and he was really good at it too! After several years at the shop, Craig decided to sell his business and he began working at Grain Millers in St. Ansgar, Iowa. After 12 years as a grain operator, Craig decided to obtain his CDL and he began working as a cement truck driver for Cemstone in Northwood, Iowa, where he was currently employed full-time.

In his free time, Craig enjoyed cooking/grilling, taking care of his vegetable garden, driving around

United States grilling fires peak during warmer months

Often considered the unofficial start of summer, Memorial Day kicked off a season of outdoor grilling and entertaining. But with the increase in grilling comes more home grilling fires. In fact, the latest data from the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) shows that July is the peak month for home grilling fires, followed by June, May and August.

“Outdoor grilling is a popular way to cook during the warmer months, but it does present the risk of fire and burns,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “We want to help ensure that the grilling season remains a safe one for everybody.”

Between 2020 and 2024, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 12,141 home fires involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues, including 6,110 structure fires and 6,031 outside or unclassified fires. These fires caused 15 civilian deaths, 171 reported civilian injuries and \$241 million in direct property damage; almost all the losses resulted from the structure fires.

Gas grills dominate the grilling fire problem:

- Seventy-six percent of home grilling fires involved grills fueled by gas while 13 percent used charcoal or other solid fuel.
- Gas grills were involved in an annual average of 9,235 home fires per year, including 4,662 structure fires and 4,573 outdoor fires.
- Six percent of gas grill structure fires and 13 percent of outside gas grill fires were caused by leaks or breaks.
- Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an average of 1,610 home fires per year, including 773 structure fires, and 837 outside fires.

Keeping grills clean is an important element of grilling safety. One-fifth (20 percent) of grilling fires were caused by grills that had not been cleaned, representing the leading contributing factor to ignition.

In addition, approximate-

ly one-quarter of the home structure fires involving grills started on an exterior balcony or open porch. In eight percent of these fires, the item first ignited was an outside wall; in another three percent, a struc-

tural member or framing was the item first ignited. These statistics reinforce the importance of keeping grills well away from anything that can burn.

“Knowing when and where grilling fires tend to happen helps people better understand where risks exist and how to reduce their likelihood,” said Carli.

Following are NFPA tips, recommendations, and resources for using outdoor grills safely:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks. (Watch NFPA’s video on how to check for leaks.)
- Keep the grill clean. Make sure to remove all grease and fat buildup from the grills and the trays below.
- Place the grill far from

in his new diesel truck, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed listening to old country music and jamming in the garage. Some of his greatest passions included hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his youngest grandson, Braxton, where they shared an unbreakable bond.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Mandy (Chris) Bewley, Logan Zipse, Nicole (Andrew) Ponce and Taylor (Kendall) Hansen; grandchildren, Dylan, Shiahna, Braxton, Alex, Aleah, Riley, Colton, Jolene and Blair; mother, Nalda Zipse; siblings, Cliff (Karen) Zipse, Melissa (Dan) Heiken, Brad Zipse and his special friend Jan-nie, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Craig is preceded in death by his father, John Zipse; grandparents, George and Angeline Zipse and Olga and Orville Schutz; sister-in-law, Jeanette Zipse; and several aunts and uncles, extended family members and friends.



the home, deck railings, eaves or overhanging branches.

• Before lighting the gas-powered grill, always make sure the lid is open.

• Keep children and pets at least three feet away from

the grilling area.

• If anyone uses starter fluid with charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire once it’s been lit. When finishing grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing them in a metal container.

• Never leave the grill unattended when in use.

For additional grilling safety information, check out the NFPA podcast episode, a blog post on fire code grill requirements or a video on some lesser-known grilling safety tips.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, visit the NFPA press room.



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Lake Mills Sports

Lake Mills softball

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills softball team hosted Eagle Grove on Wednesday, June 3, in a Top of Iowa Conference game and lost a close one 5-2.

The Eagles scored one run in the second, three in the fifth and one in the sixth while the Bulldogs pushed two across the plate in the fifth.

Hillary Hanson led the team at the plate with two singles and two RBIs. Afton Dean, Betsy Byars and Kenlie Greenfield all had singles.

The Bulldogs scored two runs on five hits, had two RBIs and walked twice and struck out four times.

Mya Anderson pitched all seven innings facing 32 batters and throwing 107 pitches. She allowed five runs on five hits while walking three, hitting one batter and striking out two.

On Thursday, June 4, the Bulldogs hosted the St. Ansgar Saints in a non-conference game and fell 17-5.

The Saints scored one in the first, eight in the second, four in the third and four in the fourth while the Bulldogs scored five in the second.

Hanson led the Bulldogs at the plate with a single and two RBIs. Reagan Ham had a single, one RBI and stole three bases and Liz Oldenkamp had a single, one RBI and one stolen base. Mya Peterson, Autumn Askildson and Delger all had singles.

The Bulldogs scored five runs on six hits, had four RBIs, were hit by the pitcher once and struck out six times.

Byars pitched two innings facing 12 batters. She allowed nine runs on four hits while walking five, hitting two batters and striking out one. Anderson pitched two innings facing 14 batters. She allowed seven runs on four hits, walked three and struck out two.

On Friday, June 5, Lake Mills traveled to Garner to take on the GHV Cardinals in a TIC game and fell 13-5.

The Cardinals scored three runs in the first, four in the second, one in the fourth, four in the fifth and one in the sixth. The Bulldogs scored four in the first and one in the fifth.

Peterson led the team with two singles and one RBI. Delger had a single and a stolen base and Oldenkamp had



Bulldog Mya Peterson gets a hold of a pitch during Wednesday's loss to Eagle Grove.

Photos by Chet Yost Photography



Betsy Byars fires a pitch during Thursday night's non-conference game against St. Ansgar.



Bulldog Camilla Langfeld fouls off a pitch during Wednesday's game with Eagle Grove.

a single and one RBI. Ham, Hanson and Taryn Wempen all stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored five runs on four hits, had two RBIs, walked seven times and struck out three times.

Anderson pitched five innings facing 32 batters. She allowed 12 runs on six hits, walked 10 batters, hit one

batter and struck out four. Byars pitched a portion of an inning facing four batters. She allowed one run, hit two batters and struck out two.

Lake Mills hosted their home tournament on Saturday, June 6. See next week's paper for those results.

The Bulldogs are 0-7 overall and 0-5 in conference play.

Bulldog baseball 4-2 overall

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs baseball team hosted Eagle Grove in a Top of Iowa Conference game on Wednesday, June 3, and broke up the 8-8 tie in the bottom of the sixth to win 11-8.

The Eagles scored three runs in the first inning, three in the second inning and two in the third. The Bulldogs plated three in the second, three in the third, two in the fourth and three in the sixth.

Stephen Brandenburg led the team with three singles, four RBIs and two stolen bases. Mason Gaetzke had two singles and three RBIs and Leif Rogne had two singles. Sawyer Schipper had a double, an RBI and stole base twice and Mason Helgeson had a single and stole base three times. Nash Delger and Zach Stene each had a single and each stole two bases and Asher Reese had one RBI.

The Bulldogs scored 11 runs on 11 hits, had nine RBIs, walked five times and struck out eight times.

Braylon Hanson pitched 1.2 innings facing 10 batters while throwing 39 pitches. He allowed three runs on two hits while walking three, hitting one batter and striking out one. Tucker Koch pitched 1.1 innings facing 11 batters and throwing 55 pitches. He allowed five runs on one hit, walked six, hit one batter and struck out three. Korbin Abele pitched three innings facing 13 batters and throwing 42 pitches. He allowed no runs, on no hits while walking one and striking out three.

On Friday, June 5, the Bulldogs traveled to Garner to take on the Cardinals in a TIC game and won 12-10.

The Cardinals scored three in the third, five in the fourth and two in the sixth and the Bulldogs scored five



Bulldog Asher Reese attempts to tag out the stealing runner during Wednesday's game against Eagle Grove.

Photos by Chet Yost Photography



Bulldog Sawyer Schipper gets a hold of a pitch for a double during Wednesday's conference game against Eagle Grove.

in the second, two in the fourth and five in the fifth.

Brandenburg led the team with three singles and a stolen base. Delger had a single, a double, two RBIs and a stolen base and L. Rogne had two singles, two RBIs and one stolen base. Schipper had a double and three RBIs and Reese and Hanson each had a single and one RBI. Joseph Charlson had a single and one RBI and Stene had a single. Lucas Helgeland had a single and Knute Rogne stole base twice. Kaeden Dagestad and Gaetzke each had one RBI.

Lake Mills scored 12 runs on 13 hits and earned 12 RBIs. They walked four times and struck out eight times.

Hanson pitched 2.1 innings facing 12 batters and throwing 44 pitches. He allowed two runs on one hit, walked one, hit three batters and struck out three.

Charlson pitched 2.1 innings facing 13 batters and throwing 39 pitches. He allowed four runs on three hits, hit three batters and struck out one. Helgeland pitched one inning facing eight batters and throwing 29 pitches. He allowed four runs on one hit and walked three.

The Bulldogs traveled to play Crestwood on Saturday, June 6, see next week's paper for results.

Lake Mills is 4-2 overall and 3-2 in conference play.



Bulldog Braylon Hanson fires a pitch during conference action against Eagle Grove on Wednesday.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL ROSEMARY KOSCHMEDER, Deceased.
PROBATE NO: ESPR009514

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

To all persons interested in the estate of Carol Rosemary Koschmeder, deceased, who died on or about May 5, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on May 29, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Carol Rosemary Koschmeder, deceased, bearing the date of November 22, 2013 was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Linda Kay Koschmeder 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.

Linda Kay Koschmeder
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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.

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June 2, 2026
Twenty-third 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 Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda and May 26, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the payroll eligibility verification for Peter Julseth at \$18.00/hour as submitted by secondary roads. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the Class "C" Retail Alcohol License renewal for Happy Time Resort LLC. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan updates for Corner View Crop & Livestock #69395, Craig Benjerges #60189, Engels Nursery 3 #69015, Ryan Site #69382 and Travis Site #69015. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-13 For the Destruction of Noxious Weeds. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 8:42 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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Viking eighth grade pitcher Piper Brunsvold fires a pitch during Friday night's game against Class 1A no. 3 Newman.



Viking eighth grade catcher Brianna Perkins frames the pitch for a strike during Friday night's game against Newman.

Young Viking softball team looking for first win

By Julie Salisbury

The Vikings softball team is still looking for their first win, but that isn't really all that surprising when the team is a majority of underclassmen.

The Vikings have one senior in Logan Manning, one junior in Lauren Heiken and one sophomore in True Hackenmiller. The other nine players on the roster consist of five eighth graders and four freshmen. These girls are young, playing against teams with a majority of upperclassmen, but they are battling and with time and growth I believe they will surprise some teams.

The Vikings hosted Rockford in a non-conference game on Tuesday, June 2, and were defeated 8-1.

Rockford scored two in the first, one in the third,

three in the fourth and two in the fifth while Northwood scored one in the first.

Eighth grader Avery Grunhovd led the team at the plate with a single, a double and one RBI. Freshman Hixton Krambeer had two singles. Eighth grader Brianna Perkins had a single and a stolen base and sophomore True Hackenmiller had a single and a stolen base.

The Vikings scored one run on six hits, earned one RBI while being walked once and striking out 11 times.

Eighth grader Piper Brunsvold pitched all seven innings facing 37 batters and throwing 115 pitches. She allowed eight runs on 13 hits while walking two and striking out seven.

On Friday, June 5, the Vikings hosted Class 1A no.



The Vikings take a timeout during conference action with Newman on Friday evening in Northwood.

3 Newman in a Top of Iowa Conference game and lost 13-4.

Newman scored one in the first, nine in the second, one in the third and two in the fourth, and the Vikings scored four in the fourth.

Krambeer had a single and two RBIs and Perkins had a single and one RBI. Lauren Heiken had a single and Brunsvold had one RBI.

Brunsvold pitched 1.1 innings facing nine batters and threw 50 pitches. She allowed nine runs in five hits while walking four. Heiken pitched 3.2 innings facing 13 batters and threw 61 pitches. She allowed four runs on four hits, she walked three and struck out one.

The Vikings are 0-7 overall and 0-5 in the TIC.

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Sports



At the May 30 State Shoot Aiden Moretz placed third, Ivy Toresdahl placed second and Charlotte Berry placed third.

N-K Trap team

By Rebecca Houg

The second half of the Northwood-Kensett Trap team's season was just as eventful as the first.

On Saturday, May 9, the N-K Trap team hosted the Viking Invitational in Austin, Minnesota, at the Cedar Valley Conservation Club.

Trinity Vandiver placed first with a score of 41 and Isabel Butler took fifth place with a 35 for the females.

The team also recognized the two seniors, Collin Houg and Aiden Moretz, and presented Dean Mueller, previous head coach of the team, an award to recognize his many years of dedication to the sport.

On Monday, May 11, at the Cardinal Classic at the Ventura Gun Club, Collin Houg placed second with a 49

after a five way tie breaking shoot-off for the males – one of which was teammate Aiden Moretz, who also shot a 49.

For the females, Trinity Vandiver placed first with a 48 after winning a two-way tie breaking shoot off. Ivy Toresdahl placed third with a 47.

On Saturday, May 16, at the Top of Iowa Conference at the Mitchell County Trap Range near Osage the student athletes shot 100 targets, twice as many as usual.

Aiden Moretz placed third with a 94 after winning a three-way tie breaking shoot off. Ivy Toresdahl placed fourth with a 86 after winning a two way tie breaking shoot off with teammate Trinity Vandiver.

On Saturday, May 23, St.



Former N-K trap head coach Dean Mueller was presented with an award for many years of dedication to the sport by Andrew Husske on May 9.



Two seniors, Aiden Moretz and Collin Houg, were recognized, May 9.

Ansgar hosted a shoot at the Mitchell County Trap Range, where Aiden placed first with a 49 after a three-way tie breaking shoot off.

As a team, N-K placed fourth with a score of 216 composed of Aiden Moretz 49, Trinity Vandiver 44, Isabel Butler 43, Ivy Toresdahl 40 and Brayden Jaeckels 40 (Keegan Lund also got a 40).

Saturday, May 30, was the Iowa High School Clay Target League State Shoot at the Stockdale Gun Club in Ackley, Iowa, where 230 student athletes from 14 schools gathered to compete in a 100 target trap shoot. Northwood-Kensett placed fifth as a team with a score of 464.

Individuals who won awards include Aiden Moretz – 98 earned him third place Varsity Male and third over-

all, Ivy Toresdahl – 96 earned her second place Varsity Female and Charlotte Berry – 69 earned third place Novice Female.

Other individuals of note from the shoot include Trinity Vandiver – 92 – fifth place Varsity Female, Isabel Butler – 91 – seventh Place Varsity Female and Olivia Willsher – 79 – sixth place Jr. Varsity Female.

Conference awards were also presented to individuals with the highest season averages. Aiden Moretz placed second for the males with an average of 24.2. Ivy Toresdahl earned second with 23.6 and Trinity Vandiver third place with 23.1 for the females. As a team, Northwood-Kensett placed second in the Class 1A Conference with a 423.



At the May 9 Viking Invitational, Trinity Vandiver placed first and Isabel Butler placed fifth.



On May 11, Trinity Vandiver (right) placed first and Ivy Toresdahl (left) placed third at the Cardinal Classic.



On May 11, Collin Houg (middle) place second at the Cardinal Classic.



On May 16 Aiden Moretz placed third and Ivy Toresdahl placed fourth at the Top of Iowa Conference.



Viking Aydan Schutz slides safely into third base during Friday night's game against Newman.



Viking Quinton Butler shows bunt during Friday night's conference game against Newman.



Viking Bowen Behne fouls off a pitch during conference action against the Knights on Friday evening.

Vikings defeat Warriors in non-conference action

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings hosted the Rockford Warriors in a non-conference game on Monday, June 2, and won 12-3.

The Warriors scored two runs in the fifth and one in the sixth and the Vikings scored one in the first, two in the third, one in the fifth and eight in the sixth.

Aydan Schutz led the team at the plate with three singles, one RBI and one stolen base. Carson Tufte had a single, a double, one RBI and one stolen base and Bowan Behne had a triple, three RBIs and four stolen bases. Brayden Katcher had a single, one RBI and three stolen bases and Bryck Abrams had a single. Brady Tufte had one RBI and stole base twice and Hayzin Jacobsen had one RBI.

The Vikings scored 12 runs on nine hits, and earned eight RBIs. They were walked five times, hit by the pitcher once and struck out 11 times.

Schutz pitched 6.1 innings facing 25 batters and throwing 109 pitches. He allowed three runs on five hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out 14. Jacobsen pitched a portion of an inning facing three batters and throwing six pitches.

On Friday, June 5, the Vikings hosted the Newman Knights in a Top of Iowa Conference doubleheader.

ference doubleheader.

In the first game of the night the Vikings were defeated 25-5. The Knights scored two in the first, six in the second, 14 in the third and three in the fourth while the Vikings scored two in the first, one in the third and two in the fourth.

Carson Tufte led the team with two singles and two RBIs and Bowan Behne had two singles, one RBI and two stolen bases. Oliver Bice had a single and a double and Brady Tufte had a double and one RBI. Aydan Schutz had two singles and one RBI and Brayden Katcher had one single.

The Vikings scored five runs on 10 hits and had five

RBIs while being walked twice and striking out six times.

B. Tufte pitched two innings facing 19 batters throwing 70 pitches. He allowed 10 runs on five hits, walked six, hit three batters and struck out one. Bryck Abrams pitched one inning facing 10 batters and threw 39 pitches. He allowed six runs on four hits while walking one and striking out one. Quinton Butler faced six batters and threw 18 pitches. He allowed one run on three hits and walked one and Hayzin Jacobson faced nine batters throwing 39 pitches while allowing eight runs on four hits, he walked four and hit one batter.



Viking Brady Tufte fires a pitch during the first game of the doubleheader against Newman on Friday evening in Northwood.

In the second game of the evening, the Knights won 24-5. Northwood scored five runs in the third inning and Newman scored two in the first, 21 in the second and one in the third.

Behne led the team with two singles and a stolen base and Katcher had two RBIs. Bice and C. Tufte each had a single and one RBI, B. Tufte had a single and a stolen base

and Butler had one RBI.

The Vikings scored five runs on five hits and earned five RBIs while being walked three times, being hit by pitch once and striking out three times.

Jacobson faced 15 batters throwing 70 pitches. He allowed nine runs on six hits while walking six and striking out one. Joshua Leerar faced seven batters throwing

27 pitches and allowed one run while walking four and striking out one. Bice faced 10 batters and threw 42 pitches, he allowed 10 runs on five hits and walked four. Butler faced eight batters throwing 35 pitches and allowed four runs on two hits while walking four and hitting one batter.

The Vikings are 2-7 overall and 0-7 in conference play.

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