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Fourth of July brings three days of festive events and activities

The annual celebration of America's independence, and the 250th anniversary, will once again include several days of events and activities in Northwood, as well as nearby at Art Farm Iowa.

Events begin on Thursday, July 2, at Worth Brewing Company, with the Northwood-Kensett Athletic Hall of Fame fundraiser and silent auction. The event will include "celebrity bartenders," auction items from professional and college teams and items from Hall of Fame members, along with other items.

Friday, July 3, begins with the annual N-K Community Education Foundation's golf tournament and also includes a pool party and the first night of the beverage gar-



den at the Worth County Fairgrounds, with the band Decoy performing.

Fourth of July festivities begin with a pancake breakfast at the VFW. Other events will include a 5K run/walk starting at the Timbers.

The Fourth of July parade begins at 11 a.m.

Following the parade, at the fairgrounds, there will be food, a pedal pull and the Lions Club Duck Pluck.

Lil, Jr. and Miss and 4th of July, see Page 2

The 2026 Worth County Fair officially got underway today (Wednesday), with the start of six days of fun, competition, entertainment and more.

More information on other fair events and activities is available in the Worth County Fair Book sent to homes in May, also available online at <http://nwdanchor.com/worth-county-fair-book-2024>. Information is also available at the Worth County Fair website, online at worthcountyfair.com.

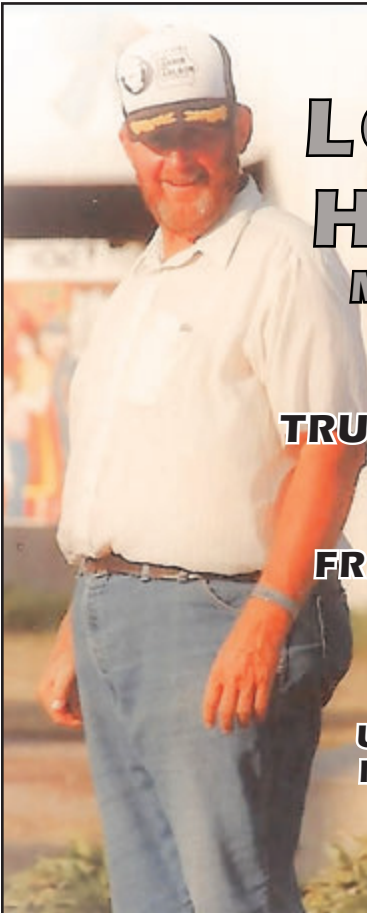
Following is a schedule of events for this week's fair festivities:

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 House6:30 p.m.
Mutton Busting.....
Grandstand7 p.m.
Registration.....4-6 p.m.
Glow Foam Party9 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.
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148th Worth County Fair begins today!



LONNIE HARRIS MEMORIAL

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FRIDAY, JUNE 19 7 P.M.

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Dan Bern Tractor Tour travels Worth County June 23-27

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Dan Bern will take to the backroads of Worth County this June 23-27 for a unique musical journey unlike any other. Traveling by tractor from town to town, Bern will present a series of free community concerts as part of the inaugural Worth County Tractor Tour, bringing live music directly to rural communities across the county.

The tour will visit five Worth County communities over five consecutive evenings, with each performance beginning at 7 p.m. Residents are encouraged to join the experience by driving their own tractors to one or all of the performances. Tractor parking will be available at every



DAN BERN

and continue on Wednesday, June 24, in Manly at Kaleidoscopes to You; Thursday, June 25, at the Kensett Community Center; Friday, June 26, at the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center; and on Saturday, June 27, at Art Farm Iowa north of Northwood.

All performances begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

The tour will culminate at Art Farm Iowa in Northwood during the first Rust & Roots Antique Tractor & Equipment Show, a weekend celebration of agricultural heritage, rural ingenuity, and community. Bern's final Tractor Tour performance will take place

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location.

The Worth County Tractor Tour will begin on Tuesday, June 23, in Fertile's Rhodes Mill Park



Fun in the sun

With summer break arrived, the Northwood Swimming Pool is once again a favorite destination for kids and adults to beat the summer heat. That included these kids playing in the pool last Friday.

2026 N-K Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Spotlight: Hattie Davidson

Rewriting the N-K girls athletic record books while leading Viking teams to new heights

Few athletes in Northwood-Kensett history have left a mark as deep and wide ranging as Hattie Davidson, whose five year varsity career spanned volleyball, basketball and track—plus an early debut in softball as an eighth grader. From the moment she stepped onto a field or court, Davidson proved to be a generational talent whose name now fills the Vikings' record books.

A varsity debut as an eighth grader
Davidson's first varsity

action came in the summer of 2012, when she earned a spot on the N-K softball team as an eighth grader. She immediately led the Vikings in batting average and on-base percentage, offering an early preview of the athletic dominance to come.

Volleyball: A four year run of excellence

As a freshman in fall 2012, Davidson helped lead N-K to its first ever 16-win volleyball season, advancing to the regional semifinals. She led the team in kills, aces and blocks, earning First Team All Corn Bowl



HATTIE DAVIDSON

Conference and Team MVP honors.

Her sophomore season
Davidson, see Page 3

City/County discuss new law enforcement agreement

With just over two weeks before the end of the current agreement, the Northwood city council and Worth County supervisors have discussed a new agreement for law enforcement services in the city.

Starting in December 2025, as the council and supervisors prepared budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, they began reviewing the agreement in place that

has the County providing for law enforcement in Northwood. The current agreement will end on June 30.

Over the course of several meetings, the potential future of an agreement between the two entities was in question. At one point, when it seemed like the City would be looking for other options, the Northwood community called for the

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The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information

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Mon. June 8	82	69	0.02
Tues. June 9	81	64	T
Wed. June 10	88	65	
Thurs. June 11	88	60	0.02
Fri. June 12	83	59	
Sat. June 13	84	58	
Sun. June 14	79	55	



Fire department prepares for fair
Northwood Fire & EMS once again tested out its water pumping engines and equipment as the department helped clean the fair buildings to prepare for this week's Worth County Fair. Conner Harris and Isaac Renteria are pictured as they helped washed the floor in the bingo stand

Briefs



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. Donations to the fireworks fund may also be dropped off as Farmers State Bank in Northwood.

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 to contact any committee member or reach out directly to Chuck Alexander at 952-221-8315.

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City and County to work together on a solution, including a petition with over 700 signatures circulated to the supervisors in March, after it seemed as though the County may opt out of an agreement. In April, the supervisors reached out to legal counsel to help prepare a new agreement with the City with terms and prices that would cover the costs and the needs of the Worth County Sheriff's Office, which will provide law enforcement. That agreement arrived Monday last week, and officials began plans to implement it before the current agreement expires. At the Worth County supervisors meeting on June 9, City representatives were on hand to inquire about the status of an agreement. Supervisor Enos Loberg said that the agreement had been sent to the supervisors the day before and that it would be sent to the City for review. City administrator Amber Julseth noted that the Northwood council had just one more regular meeting in June to discuss and potentially approve an agreement. The supervisors planned to review and potentially approve the agreement at its meeting this past Monday, June 15.

Moehle asked, if the City needed, would the County extend the current agreement past the current June 30 end date. The supervisors agreed. In order to expedite the process, the Northwood city council held a special meeting on June 11 to discuss the agreement as presented by the County. The new agreement continues the law enforcement services in Northwood largely unchanged. The biggest differences come in the cost for service, vehicle expenses and employment status. Early in the year, a preliminary price to extend the current agreement was presented by the County at

\$459,796 for the fiscal year beginning on July 1. That price was based on an agreement with a sheriff's employee union that included deputies that serve in Northwood. That agreement has since been negotiated for three years with higher wages for the deputies involved, as the County works to increase pay to comply with state legislation. Based on that, the proposed agreement between the City and County would be for three years, with fees paid by the City of \$463,542 starting on July 1; \$488,776 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2027; and \$517,802 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2028. The new agreement continues 24/7 law enforcement coverage provided by the Worth County Sheriff's Office, with the same duties and services as currently provided. Under the previous agreement, the City of Northwood retained ownership of two vehicles used by deputies in the city. The City would have to pay to replace those vehicles as well under the expiring agreement. Under the new agreement, when the two vehicles still owned by the City are put out of service, the County will credit the City for the trade in value and the County will own vehicles used in Northwood after that. The City of Northwood will have to provide the gas for the vehicles being used in town or for City purposes. The old agreement, as written in 2013, when the County first began providing law enforcement and the City ended its own police department, initially provided job security for deputies hired to serve the city. The agreements between the County and City, as had been extended, required that the City would attempt to offer jobs and take on the employment of deputies designated for the City. The new agreement does

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Farm Bureau Farm Operator Contest..... 4 p.m. Registration..... 3:30 p.m. Pee Wee Rabbit Show Rabbit building..... 4 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.	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.	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
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.	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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Mr. Northwood will be chosen and awards for citizen service will be announced that afternoon. The beverage garden will be open again that evening with the Hepperly Band for the evening's entertainment. The Fourth of July fireworks will begin at 10 p.m., with a July 5 rain date. Events at Art Farm Iowa will begin on July 3 and continue through July 5, including art exhibitions, crafts, storytelling, food and music. See more at artfarmiowa.com. See more information on July 4 activities in future issues of the Northwood Anchor.

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on Saturday evening at Art Farm Iowa. Why a Tractor Tour? The Worth County Tractor Tour draws inspiration from a rich American tradition of bringing arts and culture directly to communities. During the Great Depression, the Federal Music Project (1935–1943), a New Deal initiative under the Works Progress Administration, employed thousands of musicians as performers and teachers while providing free and affordable concerts to the public. The program left a lasting legacy on American music education and appreciation. The project also echoes the spirit of folk legend Woody Guthrie's Columbia River Collection, during which Guthrie famously wrote 26 songs in just 30 days while traveling and documenting the people and places he encountered. Like those historic efforts, the Worth County Tractor Tour seeks to connect people through music while celebrating the character and culture of rural communities. "The Tractor Tour brings live music directly to our communities, reaching people where they live and gather," said Steve Hanson, founder of Art Farm Iowa. "It's a celebration of small-town life, connection and the belief that creativity thrives even in small communities." Known for his insightful songwriting, humor and captivating live performances, Dan Bern has built a devoted following through decades of touring and recording. The Tractor Tour offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience Bern's music in intimate community settings while celebrating Worth County's agricultural roots. Community members are invited to attend, bring a lawn chair and, if they choose, arrive by tractor to become part of the journey. For more information about the Worth County Tractor Tour and the Rust & Roots Antique Tractor & Equipment Show, visit Art Farm Iowa or follow Art Farm Iowa on social media and online at artfarmiowa.com/events.



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mirrored that success: another 16 wins, another trip to the regional semifinals and another year leading the Vikings in kills and blocks, along with another First Team All Corn Bowl selection.

As a junior, Davidson again powered the Vikings to 16 wins, earning First Team All Corn Bowl, IGCA Class 1A Northeast District Team and continued statistical leadership across the board.

Her senior season elevated her into elite company. Davidson surpassed 1,000 career kills, and N-K posted 18 wins before falling in the regional semifinals to Tripoli. Her senior year honors included IBCA Academic All State, Albert Lea Tribune All Area First Team, First Team All Top of Iowa Conference, Top of Iowa Conference Elite Team and Team MVP.

Basketball: Record setting career and a new all time scoring leader

Winter brought Davidson to the basketball court, where she became one of the most decorated players in NK history.

As a freshman in 2013, she helped lead the Vikings to 17 wins and a trip to the district finals. She earned Unanimous First Team All Corn Bowl, First Team All District, and Albert Lea Tribune All Area Second Team honors. She finished second in the conference in scoring and first in rebounds and blocked shots—as a freshman.

Her sophomore season brought more accolades: Unanimous First Team AllCorn Bowl, Team MVP, Globe Gazette All Area

Team, INA Class 1A Third Team All State, IGCA Class 1A All North Central District, Albert Lea Tribune First Team All Area and IBCA All Region Team.

As a junior, Davidson averaged 20 points per game, leading the Corn Bowl Conference in scoring. She earned Unanimous First Team All Corn Bowl, First Team All District, First Team All Region, Globe Gazette All Area Team, INA Second Team All State, Albert Lea Tribune First Team All Area and Player of the Year, Casey's Class 1A First Team All State and Team MVP.

The Vikings finished 195 and reached the regional semifinals. Davidson became just the second Viking female to surpass 1,000 career points, posted the second highest single-season scoring total in school history (485 points), and moved to second all time in rebounds.

Her senior season cemented her legacy. Davidson shattered the all-time N-K scoring record, climbed to second all-time in assists, and led the Vikings to another 195 season before falling to undefeated Turkey Valley. Her senior honors included First Team All State Academic, IGCA First Team North Central All District, Unanimous First Team Top of Iowa All Conference and Player of the Year, IBCA All State, Globe Gazette All Area Team, INA Class 1A Second Team All State, IGCA Class 1A First Team All State, Team MVP and a career high 44 point game vs. Lake Mills.

Track & Field: Records,

medals and State Meet success

Davidson's spring seasons were equally impressive.

As a freshman, she won Corn Bowl Conference titles in the high jump and 100M dash, qualified for the state meet and placed 14th in the 100M. She was named Team MVP.

Her sophomore year produced two school records that still stand today, in the 200M – 25.94 seconds and 400M – 60.08 seconds.

She won the 200M and high jump at the conference meet, placed second in the 400M and swept the 200M and 400M at the district meet. At state, she finished third in the 200M, fifth in the 400M, 12th in the high jump and helped the Sprint Medley Relay place ninth.

As a junior, she returned to state in the 400M, 200M, 800M relay and 1600M relay, placing eighth in the 400M.

Her senior year added another historic mark: she anchored the fastest 1600M relay in N-K girls' history, finishing fifth at state. She also qualified for state in the 200M, 400M and 800M relay, and placed second in the 400M, third in the 200M and second in the 1600M relay at the TIC Conference meet. She earned Team MVP honors as a freshman, sophomore and senior.

Life today

Hattie and her finance, Drew Anderson, are starting their own chiropractic office here in Northwood - Anderson Chiropractic & Wellness. They live outside of Northwood with their golden retriever, Chesney.



Just a gentle giant appreciating the little things
Casey, a five-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, took a moment to stop and smell the bright pink peonies while on a walk with his mom and dad, Jane and John Podgorniak of Northwood.

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 guest 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 start 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



River walking

Many young animals are spotted traveling through the area at this time of year. Usually that can be seen in area fields and roads. In this case, pictured are a deer and fawn crossing the Shell Rock River east of Manly.

Lights flashing? move over when passing

The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is partnering with the Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force (CITSTF), and law enforcement across Iowa June 8-12, for the second annual statewide Move Over enforcement project. Expect to see extra law enforcement on the roads watching for violations and educating drivers about the importance of yielding to all vehicles on the shoulder displaying flashing lights.

While Iowa's Move-Over Law has been in effect since 2002, there have been numerous fatalities in Iowa and nationwide resulting from a driv-

er not moving over. Whether it's emergency responders, Highway Helpers, tow operators, or a fellow motorist, everyone needs space to stay safe.

Iowa's Move Over Law requires motorists to change lanes or slow down if changing lanes is not possible when approaching a vehicle on the shoulder displaying flashing lights. This includes emergency vehicles, tow trucks, commercial trucks, and passenger vehicles with flashing lights or hazard lights illuminated.

Penalties for violating this law (Iowa Code 321.323A/Iowa Code 321.324) include a fine of \$210.25 and can include

suspension of driver's license privileges ranging from 90 days to one year in cases of property damage, bodily injury, or death.

If you see flashing lights on the side of the road, it doesn't matter the color- Move over. By enforcing this law, CITSTF and GTSB hope to save lives and increase safety on Iowa roads.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau works with city, county, state, and local organizations to develop and implement strategies to reduce death and injury on Iowa roads using federally funded grants.



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BVU announces 2026 Spring Dean's list

Buena Vista University has announced the more than 520 students who were named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Named to the list was Caiden Jones of Fertile.

South Dakota State announces Spring 2026 Dean's list

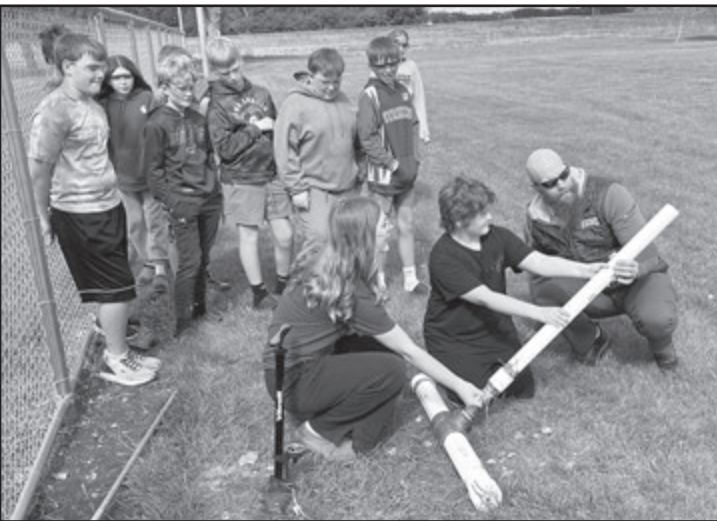
More than 3,900 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the spring 2026 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Overall, 3,941 students from 38 states and 29 foreign nations are on the list. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars

on earning this academic achievement.

Local students named to the list include Ryan Hackbart of Grafton, in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; Madison Levine of Lake Mills, in SDSU's College of Nursing; Sydnee Lindeman of Lake Mills in SDSU's College of Nursing; Weston Anderson of Glenville, Minnesota, in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; Zoe Kokot of Glenville, Minnesota, in SDSU's College of Nursing.



Propelling potatoes
Before the end of the school year, students in the sixth grade at Northwood-Kensett took time with an applied physics lesson. Science teacher Ms. Martin visit the classroom with the potato launcher that her physic class made. Martin explained the physics involved in building and releasing pressure to launch a potato. The students then put what they learned into practice, launching potatoes behind the school.



Strikers present Thompson with signed ball
The Strikers baseball team held a scrimmage in Carpenter on Sunday against the Cedar River Bandits where they presented Kinley Thompson with a signed game ball. Pictured are (front row, from right) Ethan Binnebose, Kinley Thompson, Ryder Duvall, Kash Hickie, (middle row) Lawson Perkins, Beau Anderson, Baylor Abrams, Tucker Janssen, Callan Brunsvold, (back row) Hudson Ziebell, Austin Schutz and Myles Renteria.

NIACC Pathways to Success honored 56 student leaders

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

Honorees were nominated by NIACC faculty and staff for their academic achievement, positive attitude, character, teamwork and ability to inspire others.

The event also featured addresses by 2026 Outstanding Alumnus and Mason City native, Gilman "Gil" Anderson, class of 1978; Philip "Phil" Johnson, class of 1964; and Anthony "Tony" Coloff, class of 1962, who were awarded the 2026 Distinguished Alumnus awards.

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

develop what was described as a "factory of the future."

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

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

path.

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

Tony Coloff, a 1962 graduate of Mason City Junior College, was also honored as a Distinguished Alumnus for his career in broadcasting and his longstanding support of NIACC. Coloff and his wife, Sue, founded KIOW-FM in Forest City in 1978, which grew into Coloff Media, a network of fifteen radio stations serving communities across Iowa. Coloff has served on the

NIACC Alumni Association Advisory Board since 2004 and has been a strong advocate for NIACC students and programs. His contributions to broadcasting have earned numerous honors, including Iowa Broadcaster of the Year and induction into the Iowa Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Students honored at the event included:

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

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

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

'My Fair Lady' closes out ACT's 60th anniversary season

The final show in Albert Lea Community Theatre's (ACT) 60th anniversary season, "Lerner & Lowe's My Fair Lady" will open on Thursday, June 18, at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center. The show runs through June 28.

The beloved musical enchants with its unforgettable characters, dazzling costumes, and one of the most beloved scores in musical theatre history, featuring iconic songs like "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?", "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "The Rain in Spain."

The cast is led by Rachel Cole as Eliza Doolittle, Tony Huizinga as Henry Higgins and Phil Hanson

as Colonel Pickering. Other cast members include Karen Bartley, Axel Calderon, Jon Cochran, Erin Lowe, Connor Hanson, Hosanna Liskey, Isaac Lowe, Amber Mattson, Brian Mattson, Stuart Ness, Travis Ness, Madeline Russell, Brady Schlaak, Ella Schlaak, Maddie Schlaak, Katelyn Schmidt, Lawson

Schmidt and Sue Wiersma. The show is directed by Gordy Handeland with musical director Aaron Bartz and choreographer Bridget Halvorson.

Tickets are available online at actonbroadway.com and at Othe Marion Ross Box Office.

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Supervisors

June 9, 2026
Twenty-fourth Day
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

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

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and June 2, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to award DD #46 Bid to A1 Excavating & Drainage Inc. This was for \$86,740.00 and was the only bid received. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of \$548,341.64 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Access Systems Leasing

Service-Dap, Eng & Asr.....

1,071.07

Activated Insights

Service-Phd.....

197.88

Agvantage Fs Inc

Fuel-Eng.....

36,947.14

Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

Service-Shf & Sup.....

5,642.00

Albert Lea Seed House Inc

Supplies-Con.....

834.00

All Flags, Llc, Supplies-Vaf. 71.79

Amazon Capital Services

Supplies.....

723.27

At&T Mobility, Service-Shf889.41

Bauer Built Tire Inc

Service-Eng.....

1,185.91

Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr... 190.37

Black Hills Energy Inc

Service-Eng.....

350.38

Bmc Aggregates Llc

Rock-Eng.....

21,067.53

Brett Backhaus

Reimb-Con.....

350.00

Brian M. Kuchay, Md

Ems Contract.....

100.00

Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd.....

3,518.44

C J Cooper & Associates Inc

Service-Eng.....

55.00

Carquest Auto Parts Inc

Supplies-Eng.....

1,019.28

City Of Carpenter

Rutf-Eng.....

30.63

City Of Fertile

Rutf-Eng.....

2,004.62

City Of Grafton

Rutf-Eng.....

1,145.56

City Of Hanlontown

Rutf-Eng.....

499.32

City Of Joice, Rutf-Eng... 1,362.77

City Of Kensett, Rutf-Eng. 636.66

City Of Manly

Service-Eng.....

59.85

City Of Northwood

Service-Gsr.....

490.61

Core & Main Lp

Supplies-Eng.....

2,167.84

Crazy Clean, Service-Gsr 2,625.00

Cresco Building Services, Inc.

Service-Cap.....

266,325.14

Culligan Of Mason City

Service-Gsr.....

151.45

Dave Syverson Inc

Parts-Eng.....

306.05

Electric Pump Inc

Service-Wat & Wwt.....

2,682.00

Enos Loberg, Mileage-Sup. 550.65

Eurofins Test America

Service-San.....

984.00

Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 2,526.98

Forest City Veterinary Clinic, Llc

Service-Shf.....

107.63

Frank Stearns

Service-Mex.....

450.00

Freeborn County Coop Oil

Fuel-Eng.....

6,538.07

Greve Law Office

Rent & Payroll.....

7,305.33

Guardian Rfid

Service-Shf.....

2,175.00

Heartland Asphalt Inc

Supplies-Eng.....

881.89

Heartland Business Systems, Llc

Service-Dap.....

16,708.12

Heartland Power Coop

Service-Wwt.....

2,568.31

Huber Supply Co Inc

Supplies-Eng.....

336.55

I35/105 Welcome Center Inc.

Fy26 April H/M Tax-Ndp. 746.34

Ia Prison Industries

Supplies-Eng.....

224.07

Imwca

Wk Comp Prem-Ins.....

24,136.00

Institute Of Ia Cert Assessors

Edu-Asr.....

585.00

Iowa Communications Network

Service-Dap.....

807.75

Ip Pathways

Service-Dap.....

899.36

Isac, Edu-Rec.....

550.00

Kaseya Us Llc

Service-Dap.....

24.33

Kubert Appraisal Group, Pc

Service-Asr.....

22,000.00

Kuppingier Concrete & Construc-

tion, Service-Wat.....

4,248.00

Lawson Products Inc

Supplies-Eng.....

824.95

Luckason Tractor Repair

Supplies-Eng.....

1,420.00

Madsen Construction

Service-Cap.....

11,179.85

Manly Cemetery Assn./City Of

Manly, Service-Vaf.....

1,050.00

Mark Tomlinson

Reimb-Ema.....

337.50

Nelson Family Trust

Rent-Shf.....

300.00

Niacog, Service-Tra.....

567.86

North Iowa Custom Seamless

Guttering, Service-Gsr....

6,287.66

Northwood Anchor Inc

Renewal-Aty.....

82.00

Northwood Sanitation Llc

Service-Gsr.....

401.50

Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc

Supplies-Eng.....

331.69

Overhead Door Co Of Mason City

Service-Eng.....

696.40

Plunkett's Pest Control Inc

Service-Con.....

65.72

Powerplan, Service.....

704.50

Rockmount Resrch & Alloys Inc

Supplies-Eng.....

979.22

Schneider Geospatial, Llc

Service-Asr.....

6,969.00

Singelstad's Hardware

Supplies-Eng.....

192.58

Teresa Olson, Service-Rec... 86.12

T-Mobile, Service-Shf.....

1,494.57

Truck Center Companies

Supplies-Eng.....

1,832.21

U S Postal Service

Postage-Rec.....

487.00

Vanguard Appraisals Inc

Service-Asr.....

14,650.00

Veenstra & Kimm, Inc

Service-Cap.....

23,084.15

Vestis, Service-Eng.....

146.67

Wageworks, Inc.

Service-Ndp.....

71.10

Wex Bank, Service-Tra... 2,369.55

Whks & Co, Service-Eng.... 790.00

Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn

Service-Gsr.....

3,747.49

Winn-Worth Betco

Fy26 April H/M Tax-Ndp.....

1,119.50

Worth Co Historical Society

Fy26 April H/M Tax-Ndp. 746.34

Worth County Engineer

Fuel-Shf.....

9,518.19

Worth County Fair

Fy26 April H/M Tax-Ndp.....

1,119.50

Worth Lumber Co

Supplies-Eng.....

50.61

Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng.....

4,528.91

548,341.64

Motion Stone/Second Smeby

to approve the sheriff & clerk of

court's monthly reports. Motion

carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to

approve the payroll eligibility ver-

ification for Carol Mens at \$20.16/

hour as submitted by the sheriff.

Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to

approve the Class "C" Retail Alcoh-

ol License renewal for The Stock

Tank LLC. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to

acknowledge and place on file the

manure management plan update

for Dalluge Turkey Farm #14345.

Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone

to approve Resolution 2026-14

Setting Forth Percentage of Fund-

ing for Property Tax Credits &

Exemptions for Assessment Year

2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Sme-

by, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried.

(Full text of resolution available in

auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby

to approve Resolution 2026-15

Approve Collective Bargaining

Agreement with AFSCME. Roll

call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone,

Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text

of resolution available in auditor's

office).

Motion Smeby/Second Stone

to approve the request to use the

courthouse grounds from June

26 – July 5 for the 11th Annual

99 County Bible Reading. Motion

carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone

to approve the proclamation recog-

nizing the 2026 Semi quincen-

tennial (250th Anniversary of the

signing of the Declaration of Inde-

pendence as presented by the Hel-

en Hinman Chapter of the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution.

Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby

to approve the request to use the

front steps of the Worth County

Courthouse as a place to observe

the 250th anniversary of the read-

ing of the Declaration of Indepen-

dence. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg recessed

the regular session at 8:58 A.M.

Chairperson Loberg recon-

vened the regular session at 9:00

A.M.

The 2026 Worth County Pri-

mary Election Canvass was con-

ducted at 9:00 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby

to approve Resolution 2026-16 Cer-

tification (Canvass) of Worth Coun-

ty Election Results, Primary Elec-

tion. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby,

Stone, Loberg. Motion carried.

(Full text of resolution available in

auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby

to acknowledge the Post-election

Audit Report/Auditor Certification

for the 2026 Worth County Prima-

ry Election. Motion carried.

Green Thumb Garden Club

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Robb. Theresa Cooper, President, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and the conservation pledge.

Thirteen members were present and answered the roll call question “What’s blooming in your garden right now?”. Penny Robb made and discussed an arrangement suitable for the Functional Tray for One as the meditation/arrangement. Penny, Secretary, read the April minutes. Karen Davidson moved the minutes be approved as read, Peter Julseth seconded and all approved. Julie, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer’s report.

Club members volunteered to clean and tidy up the Julseth Garden, for staging the Floral Hall on Saturday prior to the Worth County Fair and for accepting possible entries Tuesday morning June 16 as mistakenly listed in the Fair Book.

There was no unfinished business. For new business Theresa provided details regarding a flower show at Reiman Gardens in Ames on June 27. The only other piece of new business was Theresa reminded members to make an arrangement and take to a Northwood business to promote National Garden Club

Week June 7-13.

Penny moved the meeting be adjourned, Mary Low seconded, all approved.

Jean VanVeldhuizen had a program on birds and Julie provided a delicious afternoon snack.

There will not be a June meeting as everyone will be busy with the flower show. The next meeting will be Monday, July 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Retirement Home. Club members should bring bars or cookies and flowers from our gardens to help residents make arrangements for their rooms.

Regards,
Penny Robb, secretary



Students wish Parks happy retirement
Before he ended his last school year as a teacher at Northwood-Kensett, Greg Parks’ students and co-workers Mrs. Katcher and Mrs. Rollene surprised him with a classroom retirement party. The students wore crowns with Parks’ pictures, in the classroom decorated with more pictures and they enjoyed a popcorn and treat bar as they wished Parks happy retirement after 34 years at N-K.



Pre-summer Olympics at N-K

Northwood-Kensett fifth and sixth graders took part in a first time competition towards the end of the school year. The first Summer Olympic event had the students compete in a variety of events, competitions and activities, as teams and individuals. High school students assisted with the competitions. After combining points, winners were chosen. In first place was Michel’s Pumbas (Mr. Michel’s fifth grade class). Second place went to The Looney Tunes (Mrs. Patterson’s second period science class).

Northwood Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, Grace Circle, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Outdoor Worship at Bethlehem with Meal to Follow, 5 p.m.; Monday, WIC at Bethlehem, 9 a.m. - Noon, Nurturing Committee at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., EC Share Shoppe, 1-4 p.m.; Sunday, EC Joint Worship, 9 a.m.; Monday, Manna, 10 a.m. - Noon

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Thursday, United Women in Faith, held at Trinity UMC basement, Hostess: Mary Wendt, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Thursday, Trinity UWF, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Circuit Meeting, 1 p.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Joint Worship Service at Worth County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish

Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at “One in Christ

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

First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, No Worship Service, County Fair Worship, 9 a.m., LRH Pastor Presthold-Johnson, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study following service.

Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Manly

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

Fr. Dave O’Connor, Pastor

Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor

www.sacredheartmanly.org

Faith Lutheran Church, London

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

Pastor Kent Otterman

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood

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

Pastor Theodore Gullixson

Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills

Sunday, Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday School and fellowship following

Pastor Mark Decker

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“The Widows Mite”
The gospels of Mark and Luke both tell the story of the poor widow who gives two small copper coins to the temple treasury. This would have been the rough equivalent of putting in two pennies, but Jesus tells his disciples that she has actually given more than all the others. They have given from their abundance while she has given from what she had to live on. With income inequality growing in many countries we have a much larger number of both impoverished and wealthy people and consequently a “hollowing out” of the middle class. In the United States, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that 15.9 per cent, 48.5 million Americans, fell below the poverty line in 2011, while the Wall Street Journal reports that the wealthiest 1% of Americans saw their income increase by 275% over the last three decades. What income growth there has been in the United States during the last few years has been reaped mostly by the wealthiest of us. The poor are indeed getting poorer, the rich are getting richer, and more middle class folks are falling into poverty. It is certainly nice when the wealthy share their riches, but when billionaires donate a million dollars they are literally giving one thousandth of their wealth away. When someone living below the poverty line, whose net worth may be less than zero, gives a single dollar, they are literally giving of their very life. How many of us, whether rich or poor, can actually heed the call of the gospels to give of our substance, not just our abundance? – Christopher Simon
“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had.”
– Luke 21:3-4

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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

Way back in the day, like during the last century, major appliances often came with a recipe booklet. It would instruct the owner of the new item the best way to use and enjoy their purchase. In this case it was a Hotpoint refrigerator. There is no indication of the date of publication by Hotpoint, Inc, but the address in Chicago shows it was before the USPS began zip codes! The pictures inside show it was also manufactured before top freezer compartments so the only place for those ice cube trays was in the little freezer section inside the main body of the refrigerator. The recipes, however, are just as delicious sounding as what we make today in our super-fancy, computer loaded three door beauties. The following are for cold summer desserts.

Chilled Cheese Pie

4 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1/3 cup white sugar
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 cups scalded milk
2 large egg whites, beaten stiff
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1 9-inch graham cracker crust

Mix the cornstarch, sugar and salt in a heavy saucepan. Add the milk slowly. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. In a separate bowl, mash up the softened cream cheese until no big lumps are present. Gradually add the hot milk mixture, stirring until smooth. Fold in the beaten egg whites until combined. Pour into the pie chill. Chill until firm. Can be served with fruit topping or with extra graham cracker crumbs sprinkled on top. SANDY'S NOTE: Since this pie is not baked, you might consider pasteurized eggs as a safety measure unless you have your own chickens so you know the raw egg white is safe. Also, as I've mentioned many times, "Philly" cream cheese is the smoothest to use in this type of recipe.

Lemon Chiffon Pie

4 large eggs, separated
1/4 cup cold water
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon find
3/4 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
1 9-inch graham cracker crust
In a heavy saucepan, combine the egg yolks, lemon juice, 1/4 cup of the sugar and the salt. Cook over low heat until the mixture thickens. Soften the gelatin in the cold water for 5 minutes. Add to the heated lemon mixture and stir until completely dissolved. Add the grated lemon rind and chill. When it is thick and almost set, use an electric mixer on low and beat the mixture. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy. Gradually add the remaining 1/2 cup of sugar and continue to beat. When they are firm, fold them into the lemon mixture, gently combining. Fill the pie crust and chill thoroughly. ANOTHER NOTE: Once again, there are raw egg whites in this recipe so use caution for safe eating if necessary.

Rhubarb-Banana Compote

1 pound fresh rhubarb
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup white sugar
2 medium ripe but firm bananas
Wash the rhubarb and cut into 1-inch pieces. Place in a heavy saucepan with the water. Cook until the fruit is tender, watching that it doesn't burn on the bottom. If extra water is needed, add 1 tablespoon at a time as you don't want it too thin. Add the sugar. Chill this well. Just before serving time slice the bananas into individual serving dishes and top with the rhubarb sauce. SANDY'S NOTE: Depending upon the type and age of your rhubarb, you might need more sugar. Taste before chilling and add what you think is necessary. A 1/2 teaspoon of real vanilla extract is also a nice touch.

Today's appliances come with an app, or a website with instructions and sometimes glossy, full-color cookbooks. You can buy a fridge that has a built-in computer to tell you what you have inside and how to use it! It will also talk to you if you ask it nicely. Seriously, that's creepy IMHO! The women (in those days, usually the women picked out the appliances; the men paid for them) who delighted in this new Hotpoint model would never ever have considered the pleasure in having an automatic ice maker; a fridge in various colors or stainless steel or a huge bottom drawer freezer large enough for 1/2 a beef! Now we can get all that and probably more if we have the money. And... that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor

Society



Attending members include (in front, from left) Joanne Steinmetz, Sharyl Ferley, Mary Reyer-son-Low, Julia Weigle, Carolyn Reeder, Theresa Cooper, Michelle Davidson, Emma Davidson; (back row) Anneke Urbatsch, Sheri McNutt, Debra Nagle, Jane Podgorniak and Lori Willert.

McNutt celebrates 50 years with P.E.O.

The P.E.O. Chapter ES of Northwood, met at the home of Carolyn Reeder on June 9, to celebrate Sheri McNutt's 50 years with the sisterhood.

The Philanthropic Edu-

cational Organization was founded in 1869 on the Iowa Wesleyan campus. It is a sisterhood based on the principles of friendship and loyalty, whose purposes are

charitable and educational outreach to women worldwide.

Northwood Chapter ES organized on April 30, 1915.

2026 Iowa 99 county Bible reading marathon

By Sharyl Ferley

Worth County will be taking part in the 11th Bible Reading Marathon at our courthouse lawn in Northwood on June 26-July 5.

Volunteers of all ages, from anywhere, are welcome. This is the 250th year of the USA and we hope to have 250 readers! There will be a Bible located in a tote on the steps of the courthouse. Please stop and read your favorite verses or chapters and sign your

name.

Those who will commit to reading a book or books of the Bible, please call Sharyl Ferley or text her at 641-390-0194. Ask family and or friends to join you!

You are welcome to bring a lawn chair or sit in your car or golf cart. You may read any day or time that suits you best. You don't have to let Sharyl know the day or time. Read aloud if possible.

Gov. Kim Reynold, once

Leave wildlife babies where they belong - In the wild

It's as predictable as May flowers - from border to border, the Wildlife Baby Season has arrived in Iowa. From now until at least mid-June, DNR field offices across the state will be inundated with phone calls and scores of deliveries regarding "orphaned wildlife."

Most calls begin with something like, "We were walking in the park when . . .," or "I looked out my window and saw. . ." In nearly every instance, the scenario ends with something [or several somethings] being rescued from their mother.

During a typical season, the species people call about will range all the way from baby robins and squirrels to spindly-legged white-tailed fawns. At this time of the year it is not at all uncommon for biologists to discover that complete litters of baby raccoons, foxes, or even skunks have mysteriously appeared on their doorsteps.

Why this happens is no real mystery. From fuzzy yellow ducklings to tiny baby bunnies, nothing appears more cute and cuddly than a wildlife baby. But in reality, most of the wildlife reported to DNR field offices are not really orphaned at all. And while the people who attempt to "rescue" these babies have the best of intentions, they are in fact dooming the very creatures they intend to help.

The babies of most wildlife species leave their nests or dens well in advance of being able to care for themselves. Although broods or litters may become widely scattered during this fledgling period, they still remain under the direct care and feeding of their parents.

For many songbirds, the transition to independence comes quickly and may take as little as four or five days. For other species such as Canada geese, kestrels, or great horned owls, the young and parents may stay in contact for weeks -- even months.

At the beginning of the fledgling period, young birds appear clumsy, dull-witted, and vulnerable. The reason for this is because they really are clumsy, dull-witted, and vulnerable. But as the education process continues, the survivors smarten up fast, while slow learners quickly fade from the scene. Most birds have less than a 20 percent chance of surviving their first year. While this seems unfortunate or cruel, this is a normal occurrence in nature. In the real out-of-doors, it's just the way things are.

Most mammals employ a slightly different strategy when it comes to caring for their adolescents. Since most mammals are largely nocturnal, the mother usually finds a safe daytime hideout for her

young while she sleeps or looks for food. Consequently, it is perfectly normal for the young to be alone or unattended during the daylight hours.

Nevertheless, whenever a newborn fawn or a nest full of baby cottontails or raccoons is discovered by a human, it quite often is assumed that the animals are orphaned. The youngster's fate is usually sealed when it is promptly "rescued from the wild."

Many wildlife babies die soon after capture from the stress of being handled, talked to, and placed into the unfamiliar surroundings of a slick sided cardboard box. Should the animal have the misfortune of surviving this trauma, they often succumb more slowly to starvation from improper nourishment, pneumonia, or other human caused sicknesses.

Whether they are adults or young, all species of wildlife have highly specific needs for survival. "Rescuing a baby from its mother" not only shows bad judgment, it also is illegal.

Observing wildlife in its natural habitat is always a unique privilege. Taking a good photo or two provides an even more lasting memory. But once you've done that, let well enough alone. Leave wildlife babies where they belong - in the wild.

Summer nutrition programs offer free meals to Iowa children and teens

More than 530 meal sites across Iowa are serving students healthy meals and snacks this summer, including two in Worth County.

The Iowa Department of Education recently announced more than 530 sites across Iowa are serving free, nutritious meals and snacks to children through the Seamless Summer Option and Summer Food Service Program, known together as SUN Meals.

These federally funded programs, which first began as a pilot program in 1968, are open to all children ages 18 and under in a variety of convenient locations across the state, including schools, churches, community centers, parks, libraries and camps. Meal sites offer either on-site dining or to-go meals and snacks. To-go meals are limited to rural locations only.

Families can find their local summer meal site through the following options:

Phone: 2-1-1;

1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479), English; or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273), Spanish
Text: "Summer Meals" to 914-342-7744

Online: www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder

Students at Worth County schools can access meals from Northwood-Kensett at First Lutheran Church while the elementary roof is under construction. Meals are available Monday through Friday, from 11-11:45 a.m. through July 10.

Meals-to-go are available at the Central Springs High School in Manly through June 25. Breakfasts are available from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and lunch meals are available from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and meals for Fridays are available to take home on Thursdays.

The Department administers the summer nutrition programs to maintain children's access to healthy meals during out-of-school months. The programs work

as companion services to the SUN Bucks program, managed by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. The SUN Bucks program, also referred to as Summer EBT, provides \$120 in grocery benefits per eligible child over the summer months. Eligible children can receive both SUN Bucks and SUN Meals or SUN Meals To-Go.

"For nearly 60 years, Iowa has provided access to nutritious meals and snacks during the summer months for kids in need," said Kala Shipley, chief of the Department's Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services. "Children and teens who rely on school meals during the school year will continue to have access to meals, snacks and other partner resources this summer, ensuring they are nourished, supported and poised for success."

Additional information for the Summer Food Service Program and Summer Seamless Option are found on the Department's website. More information on the SUN Bucks program can be found on the Iowa Health and Human Services website.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to save on prescription eyeglasses
By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you recommend for finding affordable prescription eyeglasses? I currently have vision coverage through my employer's insurance plan but will lose it when I retire in a few months and sign up for Medicare.

--Nearsighted Nancy

Dear Nancy,

You're wise to plan ahead. Eyeglasses can be expensive. A basic pair often runs \$150 to \$300, and bifocals or progressive lenses can easily double or triple that. The good news is that with a few strategies, you can keep costs manageable once you retire and transition to Medicare.

Medicare & insurance

Original Medicare and Medigap plans generally do not cover routine eye exams or eyeglasses, except after cataract surgery, when Part B helps pay for corrective lenses. But many Medicare Advantage plans, also called Part C, do include vision benefits. These plans, offered by private insurers, must cover everything original Medicare does and often include extras like dental, hearing and prescription drug coverage.

That said, I would not choose a Medicare Advantage plan just for vision coverage alone, but it is worth understanding what is available. To compare plans in your area, visit [medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) or call 800-633-4227. Be sure to check the details to confirm coverage for routine eye exams, frames and lenses.

You can also buy a stand-alone vision insurance plan. Major carriers like Humana, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna and UnitedHealthcare, along with specialty providers like VSP and EyeMed, offer plans with premiums typically ranging from about \$10 to \$30 per month. Before enrolling, compare the costs and benefits to make sure the savings on exams and glasses outweigh the premiums and copays.

Discount stores

Buying glasses from discount retailers can save you a substantial amount. Warehouse clubs like Costco Optical and Sam's Club Optical offer eye exams typically ranging from \$80 to \$130 depending on location, with basic prescription glasses starting around \$120. You will need a membership, but the savings can often justify the cost.

Other good options include Walmart Vision Center, Target Optical and independent optical shops. Prices vary, so it pays to shop around and ask about package deals or seasonal promotions. An AARP membership can also provide discounts at retailers like LensCrafters, Target Optical and Visionworks.

Buy online

Ordering glasses online is another excellent way to save, often cutting costs significantly compared to traditional retailers. Reputable sites like Warby Parker, EyeBuyDirect and GlassesUSA offer single vision glasses starting around \$70, with progressive lenses typically ranging from \$120 to \$200 depending on features.

You will need a current prescription and your pupillary distance, which may be included on your prescription or can be measured by your provider or even at home. Many online retailers offer virtual try on tools so you can see how frames will look before you buy.

Also pay attention to lens options such as anti-reflective coating, scratch resistant coating and blue light filtering. For most people, a basic pair with durable coatings is usually sufficient.

Low-income assistance

If your income is limited, local clinics may offer free or reduced cost eye exams and eyeglasses. Your local Lions Club is another excellent resource. Many chapters sponsor vision programs or can direct you to nearby services. You can find your local club at [lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/club-locator](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/club-locator).

The nonprofit New Eyes also provides eyeglasses through a voucher program for people in financial need, working with participating providers to supply frames and lenses at little or no cost.

With a little planning, you can keep your vision sharp without overspending. Between Medicare options, discount retailers, online shopping and community programs, there are plenty of ways to find quality eyeglasses at a price you can afford.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My nephew borrowed my lawn mower and made a lot of money. He mowed a lot of lawns, huh? No, he sold my mower.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The neighbors' rooster crowed. In many traditions, the crowing of a rooster at dawn signifies victory over darkness and the triumph of light. In some cultures, it's believed evil spirits flee at its sound. I enjoyed a glass of Adam's ale—plain old water—as I'd watched fireflies the night before. It was good to see someone using their blinkers. Each day is a new road. My thoughts tend toward the bittersweet when I see the orphan lilacs, left behind after the people and houses had left. Their blooming season is too short. So was the company of the people.

I'm not mature enough to drink coffee, but I might need to take it up. I've had late nights recently thanks to being entertained by a family of eastern screech-owls in the yard. They are the cutest little things—all feathers and eyes. They are about the size of a 12-ounce pop can. It's called "pop" here. I hear it called soda or soft drink, and on my first visit to the Deep South, I was asked what kind of coke I wanted. I asked the server what kind she had. The waitress told me she had Coca-Cola, Dr Pepper and root beer.

When I was a child, the nearest town was Bath. It had a population of two or three, depending on which day of the week you counted the people. It had a school once, but everyone became too

smart and they had to close it. It had a Catholic Church, a cemetery, a creamery and a general store where a boy could play checkers. Bath was known locally as Poptown. Why? Because you could get pop there. I reckon we could get pop anywhere. Pop wasn't an important thing in our household. My parents drank storytelling coffee, milk and water. The kids drank mostly milk and water. We also slurped down nectar procured from the traveling Watkins man, Tang and, of course, Kool-Aid. None any better for us than pop.

Quicksand

A listener to my radio show asked if there is quicksand here? I watched jungle and cowboy movies where quicksand dispatched people. I didn't worry about diseases or accidents because I knew quicksand would get me. Quicksand exists in Minnesota and Iowa. It's not the life-threatening, bottomless pit depicted in films, but a natural phenomenon occurring when loose sand is saturated with water and agitated by upward-flowing groundwater. You're likely to encounter it along the muddy, sandy banks of major waterways in areas that have underground springs. Areas with high water tables—spring-water quarries or marshes—can host quicksand. Don't panic. Quicksand has a higher density than the human body, making it impossible to sink completely. The dangers would be exposure, dehydration or exhaustion from struggling to free yourself from being stuck in quicksand.

Bad jokes department

I won \$10 million in the lottery and donated a quarter of it to charity. I don't know what I'll do with the other \$9,999,999.75.

When the yoga teacher quit, it left

me in a difficult position.

Nature notes

I find awe in the company of a gray catbird. It joins me at dawn, jazz singing outside my bedroom window. Catbirds actively sing before sunrise and after sunset. They mimic other birds but add their own interpretations. Their songs are long but would be even longer if they played guitars. Catbirds are friendly birds that visit feeders to eat grape jelly, suet, sunflower hearts and raisins. I don't need a field guide to identify a catbird. I have a feel guide to help me enjoy my sidekick.

Birdsfoot trefoil blankets the roadsides. It's a legume identified by its low-growing, small yellow pea-shaped flowers and seed pods resembling a bird's foot.

A red-eyed vireo sang, "Look at me... Way up high...Over here...In a tree... Here I am...In a tree...Where are you? Can't see me." It sounds as if the bird is counting the leaves on the tree or asking questions and then answering them. In 1948, Music Digest estimated that Bing Crosby's recordings filled more than half of the weekly hours allocated to recorded radio music in America. The red-eyed vireo is trying to match that. Its marathon singing has earned it the nickname of the "preacher bird."

Skippers look like something between butterflies and moths. They are small butterflies that visit flowers and, when perched, evoke the shape of a fighter jet.

Meeting adjourned

A kind word costs us nothing, but it might be worth a fortune to another.

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Fit to print...

The Iowa Newspaper Association is presenting a monthly feature in Iowa's newspapers, inviting political leaders of each party to offer perspectives on different subjects. This month's topic: "Eminent Domain & Property Rights - How should Iowa balance private property rights with economic development, infrastructure expansion, and energy projects?"

Iowa Republicans failed to deliver on eminent domain

By Iowa Democratic Party Chair Rita Hart

Kim Reynolds vetoed a bipartisan eminent domain bill in 2025 after a private company tried to use eminent domain to take over private land in Iowa, leaving Republicans unable to agree on how to protect Iowa landowners from private corporations that stand to profit from the taking of private land.

Republicans at the statehouse spent the 2026 legislative session divided on the issue. Despite the imminent threat and Republicans' promise to deliver some protection to landowners, no bills were moved this year.

Let me be clear: Eminent domain for private gain hurts farmers and landowners and is against our democratic principles.

What can eminent domain be used for? The short answer is it's complicated.

Under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, private property can only be taken if it serves a "public use," but what the word "use" means has been up for debate for years.

Eminent domain has been a particularly hot-button issue since 2005, when a case called Kelo v. the City of New London redefined eminent domain. The case was brought before the United States Supreme Court when city planners in New London, Connecticut, tried to transfer land to the New London Development Corporation. The land would ultimately be used for a new facility for the biopharmaceutical company Pfizer.

A handful of property owners refused to give up their land for the

project and argued the city's actions were unconstitutional since the city sold their land to private developers rather than for "public use."

The Supreme Court decided the city had the right to seize private land for an economic development plan, but it wasn't a unanimous decision. In her dissent, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote that "all private property is now vulnerable to being taken and transferred to another private owner, so long as it might be upgraded."

In the end, after the property in New London was taken from landowners and the homes were bulldozed, the project never actually became reality because the facility was never built.

While eminent domain will continue to be debated at the national level, Iowa lawmakers have a chance to reform our eminent domain process to widen the corridors and change the rules around when developers can start talking to landowners so developers and landowners have more of a chance to work together.

Lawmakers can also ensure that if big building projects like the pipeline, which can require 2-million man-hours or more, move forward, they are built by Iowans and come with good-paying union jobs.

But, between legislators who are beholden to special interest groups and all of the infighting between members in the majority party, Republicans are clearly unable to lead on this and many other issues.

Failed leadership has not only left Iowa landowners worrying about whether a private corporation could swoop in and take their land – it has left Iowa with an economy moving in the wrong direction, new cancer rates rising faster than any other state, hospitals closing, our public schools declining in national rankings, and our farmers struggling to make a profit.

Iowans deserve so much better.

This November, Iowans will have a chance to make their voices heard at the ballot box. If you don't like that Republicans' inability to lead has left them hamstrung and you're ready for some real change in our state, take a

Strengthening Iowa's Voice: Eminent Domain and Property Rights

close look at who you have running for state house and senate in your district and think long and hard about what their leadership has done to help you and your family, friends and neighbors. Perhaps it is time to vote for someone new.

This year, you will find Iowa Democrats are running candidates who actually live in the state and understand Iowans because they are land owners themselves, small business owners, teachers and parents who are just trying to make the state they live, work and are raising a family in a better place.

They are ready to lead on issues that will protect property owners from corporations, bring down costs for everyone, ensure access to affordable, quality health care, and put our public schools first.

Protecting Iowa Landowners is a Fundamental Conservative Principle

By Pat Grassley, Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives

The very first bill passed by the Iowa House in the 2026 Legislative Session sent a clear message - private property rights must be protected from eminent domain abuse. No issue has generated more passionate feedback from my constituents than this one. The connection Iowans have to their land runs deep.

For several years, the debate surrounding eminent domain and carbon capture pipelines has been at the forefront of state politics. Under my leadership, House Republicans have never wavered. We have tried various legislative avenues to protect your private property rights. This year, we got back to basics. House File 2104 explicitly stated that eminent domain cannot be used for the construction of carbon capture pipelines.

Let me be clear: our position is not anti-pipeline. Property rights do work both ways and there many landowners who do want to see this pipeline built, citing the potential economic development and the expansion of the corn market that these pipelines could bring as reasons for their support. As a corn farmer myself, I understand the importance of opening new markets

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100 years ago

June 10, 1926

William F. Watkins of Ames was selected by the Farm Bureau board of directors as the new county agent for Worth County. Mr. Watkins is a native of Ohio and is at present a student at Iowa State. He will graduate from the farm crops department in June. He comes at a salary of \$2,000 a year and will receive a mileage expense of seven cents a mile for the entire year.

Officers for the Northwood Farmers elevator were re-elected for another year; E.E. Been, president; David Davidson, vice president; G.F.

75 years ago

June 14, 1951

Queen candidates from Worth County who rode in the North Iowa Band Festival Parade in Mason City Saturday were Marlene Ruechel, Carpenter; Margie Nystuen, Kensett; Phyliss Trettin, Grafton; Jean Beyer, Hanlontown; Mary Lou Elthon, Fertile; and Marcile Kuhlmann, Northwood. A crowd estimated at 35,000 viewed the gigantic parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Groe spent last week at Wichita, Kansas, where Mr. Groe attended a special sales and engineering

50 years ago

June 10, 1976

Lytle Low was hired as acting city superintendent and Lee Severson was hired on a part time temporary consulting basis by the city of Northwood at the regular city council meeting Tuesday night.

The N-K instrumental music department is represented at the junior high Dorian Music Camp at Luther College, Decorah, this week by Suzan Harris and Julie Gangstad. Suzan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Harris and Julie's parents are the Lowell Gangstads. Both will enter eighth grade in the fall.

25 years ago

June 13, 2001

When Jerry McIntire cleans the last errant paper clip out of his desk this week, it will mark the final day of his 10 year as superintendent of the Northwood-Kensett Community Schools. The 64-year-old Fairfield native moved here in 1991 from Dows, where he served one year as grades 7-12 principal, one year as K-12 principal and five years as superintendent of schools.

Northwood's Fourth of July Fireworks Fund received \$375 in donations from four couples and one individual last week, ac-

10 years ago

June 15, 2016

A garage sale event spanning final local communities will take place this weekend with the second annual Highway 65 Garage Sale, set for Friday, June 17, and Saturday, June 18.

The annual Worth County 4-H and FFA Livestock Ribbon Sale will be held on Monday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Worth County Fair Livestock Show Arena at the Worth County Fairgrounds.

Wartburg College has recognized 427 students who were named to the 2016 Winter/May Term Dean's

Scott, secretary; and W.H. Pixley, treasurer. Directors are Mack Gullickson, Iver Iverson, Carl R. Rone, Elmer Spilde and Ed Wright.

Mrs. Mary White of Osage came from Seattle for a visit of several weeks with her daughters, Mrs. H.H. Douglass and Mrs. S.A. Pangburn, and families. Mrs. White had spent the winter with Seattle with another daughter, Mrs. O.S. Penny and family.

Mrs. W.W. Hunter left for California for a two months visit, expecting to spend most of the time in the home of her brother, Aleck Moir, at Alhambra.

Ed Wright, east of town, met with an accident that is keeping him from work for a few days. His foot twisted and sprained in some way by

school for Coleman Company dealers. Mr. Groe was one of 46 dealers selected to attend the clinic. The Groes lived at Wichita for eight years and Mrs. Groe visited friends in that city while her husband was attending the clinic.

Richard Arlen Torgeson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Torgeson, Plymouth, enlisted in the United States Navy at Des Moines on June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Collins, Orosi, California, are expected Friday for a visit in the home of Mrs. Collins' sister, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, and with other relatives and friends here. The Collins have recently returned from a motor trip through the east where they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sanford of Ce-

Suzan plays the trumpet, and Julie, the flute.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tilson, Northwood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jean Annette, to John Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkins, Runnells. An August 7 wedding is planned at the Northwood United Methodist Church.

The N-K girls lost 15-2 to Corwith-Wesley at the Clear Lake tournament last Thursday. Carol and Wendy Hogen and Nancy Hagen were the pitchers. On June 3 Forest City downed the Viking girls 5-3 in the A game and 33-3 in the B squad game. Carol Hogen pitched the A game and Wendy Willand had two hits. Carmel Otis pithed the B squad game.

cording to TUNE treasurer Nan Martin. This year's Fireworks Fund goal is \$3,000, according to JC Dawald of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company.

Caleb Ingersoll, Northwood, was among those recognized at Northwestern College's year-end Honors Convocation recently. Ingersoll, a junior biology-health professions major, received the Undergraduate Award for Achievement in Organic Chemistry.

Matt Hernes of Kensett received the bachelor of arts degree in computer science from Luther College on May 20. Hernes is the son of Selmer and Janet Hernes of Kensett.

The N-K boys varsity baseball team claimed its first win of the season here Saturday, downing SCNT

List. Those honored included Shayne Olson, Nikola Werner and Zachary Marpe, all of Northwood.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company held a controlled burn on the 1400 block of Central Avenue in Northwood on Friday night. The house and property were recently purchased by the City of Northwood under their lot program, which sells for \$1 to people who wish to build a new home at that location.

Britney Low, of Northwood, was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Coe College on May 8. Low, a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, is the daughter of Connie Low.

The Beehive Ballroom,

being caught in the stirrup of a two row corn plow.

Joice item- Rev. And Mrs. L.E. Kleppe left Saturday for Northfield to attend the commencement exercises. Miss Lydia is a member of the graduating class at St. Olaf this year. Misses Virginia and Eileen Kleppe left Monday for Northfield.

All the cars winning who participated in the 500 mile Indianapolis race on Decoration Day were equipped with balloon tires, according to Mr. Maverick of the Northwood Tire Shop, in commenting on the remarkable showing of all the cars in this famous race. Frank Lockhart, who won this year's race, averaged 95.99 mph for the 402 1/2 miles when the race was called on account of rain.

dar Rapids. Mrs. Sanford is a sister of Mr. Collin.

Roy Harris and daughter, Mrs. Robert Ingersoll and her son, Michael, left last week for Buffalo, New York, taking Mrs. Walter Richter, the former Neva Harris, to her home in that city after she had spent several months here. Mr. Richter has recently been discharged from the U.S. Navy, in which he was recalled to service as a reserve officer.

Editorial: Heard it said that the reason the Tama Indian, the old one, knew it was going to be a heavy snow last winter was easy to figure out. He watched the white men putting up more snow fences than customary. From the Montezuma Republican.

Three Worth County students received degrees from Iowa State University, Ames, at commencement exercises May 28. Lawrence D. Wong, Manly, received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering; Dennis C. Knudtson, Joice, a bachelor of science degree in engineering; and Edward E. Olson, also of Joice, a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural mechanization.

Phyllis Erickson and Jim Tanner are charter members of the newly-formed Northern Trails Career Education Council (NTCEC). The NTCEC is comprised of 11 members involved in schools in the nine-county Area. Ms. Erickson teaches sixth grade and Tanner is high school principal at N-K schools.

3-2 in the consolation game of the Viking baseball tournament. All five runs were scored in the first inning.

The N-K varsity softball team fell one run short last Wednesday as Osage rallied in the seventh inning to claim a 3-2 North Iowa Conference victory. The Vikings outhit the Green Devils 9-3, as senior pitcher Shana Mathahs struck out three and issued only two walks in her seven innings on the mound.

A team of N-K freshman and sophomore boys attended the UNI basketball camp in Cedar Falls on June 2-3. The N-K team included Joe Bedford, Joe Fierova, Mitch Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Jason Johnson, Lee Nelson, Eric Parker, Nathan Peterson and Tyson Robb.

located on the second story of Worth Brewing Company, held its grand opening on Saturday, June 11. The event was a fundraiser for Hotel Winifred. The semi-formal event attracted quite a few masked patrons, who danced to live music, drank Worth Brewing Company beer and ate savory and sweet hors d'oeuvres. The event, which included a silent auction, raised \$1,200 to purchase and install a new heating system for the hotel.

N-K Garrett Thompson delivers a pitch last Monday night in Manly. Thompson surrendered eight runs on five hits in the 8-2 loss but still leads the team with a 3.00 ERA and 17 strikeouts in 16.1 innings of work this season.

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Bradley 'Brad' Flo

Bradley “Brad” Ronald Flo, 75, of Kensett, Iowa, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Brad was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota on December 16th, 1950, to Beverly (Sorenson) and Ronald Flo. He was raised in Rake, Iowa until he moved to Kensett at the age of five where he called home the remainder of his life. He graduated in 1969 from Northwood-Kensett High School before obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree from Mankato State College in 1974. He was united in marriage to Vickie Mogk on June 4, 1977, and together they raised two daughters, Amber and Abby.

Brad worked for Water-tower Paint and Repair and later Central Tank Coating painting and repairing water towers. Brad was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett Lions Club, and Kensett Fire Department for



BRADLEY FLO

wife, Vickie; his daughters, Amber (Dan) Deyle and Abby (Tracy) Patterson; grandchildren, Jackson Deyle, Maisey Patterson, Chase Deyle, and Gage Patterson; sister, Kar-en Schneider; along with aunts, an uncle, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Brad was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald and Beverly Flo; brother, Jon Flo; and brother-in-law, Steve Schneider.

JoAnn Peterson

JoAnn Ruth Peterson 88, of Northwood, Iowa (Emmons, Minnesota-on the Iowa side), passed away peacefully at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills, Iowa on Thursday, June 4, 2026 after a courageous journey with Alzheimer's disease, leaving behind a legacy of love, creativity, and devotion to family.

Visitation for JoAnn was held from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Emmons Lutheran Church, in the fellowship hall. Cake and coffee was provided during this time.

A memorial service began at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Emmons Lutheran Church in the sanctuary, with Pastor Mark Decker officiating. Burial of the urn followed at the Sion Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Lake Mills, Iowa.

If you are unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed on the Emmons Lutheran Church Facebook Page.

JoAnn was born on March 9, 1938, the first of 9 children, to parents Reuben and June (Beighley) Dahle at Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She attended Lime Creek Lutheran school and graduated from Emmons Public High School in 1956. JoAnn was united in marriage to Gene A. Peterson on July 15, 1956 at Lime Creek Synod Lutheran Church. She worked in accounting at UCI in Albert Lea, Minnesota and then at Fleet-guard/Cummins in Lake Mills, Iowa until her retirement. She was a member of Emmons Lutheran Church

Obituaries

The family appreciates the staff at Fresenius Kidney Care in Mason City for the great care they provided over the past two years.

A funeral service for Brad will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026 at, Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett, Iowa. Visitation will take place on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Hoff Celebrations-Sites Memorial Chapel of Northwood from 4 - 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will take place following the service at Kensett Cemetery in Kensett, Iowa. Memorials are preferred to the Lions Club of Kensett, Kensett Fire Department or Bethany Lutheran Church of Kensett. Hoff Celebrations-Sites Memorial Chapel of Northwood is assisting the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.hoffcelebrations.com.



JOANN PETERSON

and a member of the Lydia Circle.

JoAnn enjoyed sewing, serving, and singing (except some of the notes were hard to hit). She could sew anything, taught many to sew, and sewed blankets for the needy and quilts for family and charity (ALS foundation). She served in bible study and performed skits at WELCA meetings. Playing cards, including in Bridge and 500 card clubs, was a favorite. The creativeness that showed up in her sewing projects extended to painting as well. As a gifted watercolor artist, she found beauty in the world around her and shared that beauty through her paintings. Her artwork reflected the gentleness, patience, and creativity that defined her life. Even when Alzheimer's had advanced almost to the point of needing full time care, JoAnn would say, while driving around State Line Lake, "I should paint those birds". JoAnn and Gene's round kitchen table was well known as a place for gatherings, celebrations, haircuts, and perms. JoAnn's advice given most often around that

table was, "This too, shall pass," a soothing balm for the soul. One thing that family and friends of JoAnn will always remember about her, is her command for picture taking. It was never "Smile!", it was always "Say Whiskey!". Another thing that her loved ones will remember is her referring to herself as the "old one." (Being the oldest of 9 gave her that right!) Many referred to JoAnn as their second Mom, a true testament to JoAnn's loving and giving heart.

Though Alzheimer's gradually took many of her memories, it never diminished the love she gave or the impact she made on those fortunate enough to know her.

JoAnn is survived by daughters, Peggy (Steve Labno) Peterson, Penny (James) Twedt; granddaughters, Emily (Jeff) Schmidt, Betsy (Bobby) Fraser, Katie Jo (Ben) Trunel; great-granddaughters, Caroline Jo, Charlotte, and Claire Fraser, Lennie Schmidt, Hadley Jo Trunel, and great-grandson, Baby Schmidt, arriving in two months; sisters, Louise (James) Noethe, Linda (Allan) Larson, Ruby (Don) Guhlke, Rachel Iverson; brothers, Raymond (Terry) Dahle, Mark Dahle, and Peter Dahle; sisters-in-law, Kathryn (Kitty) Sandmark, Betty Peterson, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years in 2023; daughter, Amy Jo Peterson; her parents, and brother, Kenneth Dahle.

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A healthy camp

Worth County Public Health recently held its day camp. Young people took place in a variety of crafts and games. They took healthy walks, visited Worth County Lake as they learned about healthy habits, good nutrition and other ways to play and stay healthy.



New toolkit highlights Iowa libraries' role in supporting community food access

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has released “Nourishing Communities: Strategies for Food and Nutrition Access in Iowa Public Libraries.” The new publication from Farm, Food and Enterprise Development showcases how libraries are advancing food access and nutrition support in communities across Iowa.

The publication was developed in partnership with Iowa State’s LEAP initiative—Leveraging Activities and Partnerships to Address Obesity in Iowa. LEAP works with community leaders and organizations to expand access to nutritious food and promote safe, welcoming spaces for physical activity. Through this work, libraries emerged as important partners, inspiring deeper research into practical strategies they can implement to support healthy food access and overall community well-being.

According to Food Bank of Iowa, nearly 385,130 Iowans experience food insecurity. As trusted and accessible hubs, libraries in both urban and rural areas are positioned to play a critical role in providing food-related resources, education and programming to communities.

The toolkit presents 10 adaptable strategies that illustrate the many ways libraries can improve access to food and nutrition through community-based initiatives. Designed for Iowa libraries and their collaborators, it supports organizations working to improve food access, including food-focused nonprofits, local businesses, extension, state universities, community colleges and other community stakeholders. Findings from a statewide survey and insights from library directors and staff provided a deeper understanding of local challenges and opportunities and



played a key role in developing the resource.

“The goal was to create a resource that meets libraries where they are,” said Krista Smith, an extension education specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “Because no two Iowa communities are the same, ‘Nourishing Communities’ shares real-world, scalable strategies for libraries of all sizes and shows how community partners and support organizations can work alongside them to move efforts forward together.”

The publication outlines

best practices and key impacts to help libraries envision the benefits these strategies can bring to their communities. Spotlight stories from eight Iowa libraries showcase creative approaches to expanding food and nutrition access while strengthening local food systems.

Supporting entities can use the toolkit to better understand the role of libraries in food and nutrition access efforts and identify how to assist through partnerships, program development, resource sharing and outreach.

Opening doors to the future: How AEA career supports connect students to life

By Sarah Nelson
Central Rivers AEA

What if school didn't just prepare students for tests, but for life?

Across our communities, that question is turning into action. Through work-based learning opportunities supported by Central Rivers AEA, students are stepping beyond the classroom and into the workforce. What they are discovering is transforming their futures.

Central Rivers AEA partners with 30 school districts to help students explore careers through job shadows, internships and work experience. These aren't just “extras” — they are essential experiences that help students answer the big question: “What comes next?”

Think about a high school student walking into a hospital for the first time, shadowing a nurse. Or a student spending part of their week at a local manufacturing plant, learning how things are built and shipped. Or another working alongside a small business owner, seeing firsthand what it takes to run a company.

Now imagine the impact.

Learning by Doing

Take Kayla, a senior at Grundy Center. Kayla knew she had a creative streak but wasn't sure where it fit until she stepped into The Mercantile Barber Salon. Mentored by Karlie Koonce, Kayla didn't just watch; she dove into the technical side of hair, even inviting her father to the salon for some hands-on learning.

“I learned that certain skills, such as highlights, are more creative than strict,” Kayla shared. “Working in the salon has made me more confident... This class allowed me to explore a career in cosmetology before committing to schooling.”

But her journey didn't stop there. After meeting Kiah Wilson during a job shadow at Polished Nails & Spa, Kayla's interests expanded. She recently began a new internship with Kiah at Essentials by Kiah. Now, she isn't just learning the technical skills of a nail technician, she is getting a front-row seat to what it takes to start and run a small business.

Finding a Calling

For other students, these opportunities provide the

“aha!” moment that defines a career. Kali, also a senior at Grundy Center, spent her year rotating through different elementary classrooms. She moved from second grade to first, and finally to third, learning everything from classroom management to how “decoding” helps a child learn to read.

“Going into my senior year, I had absolutely no clue what I wanted to do,” Kali admitted. “Now I feel like this is a really good option for me. I love being around the kids, and I realize how rewarding it is when I am able to help someone.”

These moments matter. They turn abstract ideas about “jobs” into real possibilities. Sometimes, like with Kali, they confirm a passion. Other times, they help a student realize a path isn't the right fit — which is just as valuable for their future.

But the benefits do not stop with students.

Our local businesses gain just as much. When a business opens its doors, they are investing in their own future workforce. They are building a pipeline of talent and helping young people see a future for themselves right here at home.

At Central Rivers AEA, we see incredible potential in expanding these partnerships. The more businesses that step forward, the more doors we can open.

If you are a local business owner or community partner, we invite you to join us. Whether you can offer a single job shadow or a semester-long internship, your impact is lasting.

Let's work through this together. To learn more about how you can support a student's journey, please reach out to Sarah Nelson, Director of IT & Special Programs at Central Rivers AEA. Your partnership could be the moment a student like Kayla or Kali discovers their path.

Sarah Nelson is the Director of IT & Special Programs with Central Rivers Area Education Agency based out of Cedar Falls. She can be reached at snelson@central-riversaea.org. Central Rivers AEA helps over 5,000 K-12 teachers in 18 counties of north central Iowa improve results for over 60,000 students. Learn more at www.centralriversaea.org.

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and supporting agricultural innovation. But, in my opinion, economic potential doesn't justify the erosion of constitutional rights. Eminent domain must be exceedingly rare, reserved strictly for the true public good. Our goal has never been to tell these companies they cannot build in Iowa, but instead to say they must negotiate fairly with landowners, rather than relying on the heavy hand of government to seize what they want.

The party of big government—AKA the Democrats—talks out of both sides of their mouths on this issue. That's easy to do when you sit squarely in the minority and bear no responsibility for actual governing. Seeing how clearly Iowans value their property rights, many Democrats have suddenly latched onto our ideas. But a look at their actual track record exposes the hypocrisy.

Historically, Democrats have never been the defenders of the American landowner. Where were Iowa Democrats when the Obama administration weaponized the Clean Water Act through the overreaching “Waters of

the United States” (WOTUS) rule? Democrats cheered as Washington bureaucrats tried to claim jurisdiction over simple ditches and dry creek beds on Iowa farms.

When conservation regulations are used to restrict how farmers can manage their own fields, Democrats consistently side with the regulatory state over the individual. Their political philosophy is rooted in the belief that government knows how to manage your land better than you do.

The fierce debates over the CO2 pipeline have taught us valuable lessons, and House Republicans applied that knowledge directly this session as we navigated the emerging hydrogen market. Under previous law, there were no landowner protections for hydrogen production. Your neighbor could drill and find hydrogen under your land and never even alert you, let alone pay you. Senate File 2490 establishes a 25% pooling standard. If your land is part of a production unit, you are legally entitled to your fair share of royalties—even if the physical well is on a neighbor's property. SF 2490 also

mandates surface damage agreements, ensuring farmers have a say in where equipment goes and how their soil is protected.

When the original bill arrived in the Iowa House, our caucus insisted on expanding these protections based directly on the feedback we received during the pipeline debate. We added robust amendments to ensure that once a landowner says “no,” a company cannot continue to harass them. Crucially, we also guaranteed that no corporate entity can set foot on your property to survey or drill without explicit permission.

I am proud to say that this legislation, reinforced by House Republicans to put landowners first, has been signed into law by Governor Reynolds. Whether dealing with established energy projects or emerging markets, so long as I am Speaker of the Iowa House, we will continue to fight for your private property rights. I look forward to working with my fellow Republicans in the Senate on this issue further.

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on June 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unanim.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
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Iowa Finance Authority
Sewer GO Bond Payment..... \$202,730.00
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Services-pw..... \$50.00
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Services-pw..... \$76.24
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CarQuest, Supplies \$51.33
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Supplies-pw \$370.71
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Services-pw..... \$3,040.00
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Cylinder Rental..... \$60.45
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Services..... \$60.00
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Materials \$114.17
Chloe's Critters, LLC
Program \$173.00
Ingram Library Services
Materials \$1,016.34
Marco, Services \$90.72
Summary of May 2026 receipts by fund type: General - \$79,571.53; Special Revenue-\$62,355.48; Debt Service-\$228,243.71; Capital Projects-\$0; Enterprise- \$100,506.75; Trust & Agency - \$0.
Summary of May 2026 disbursements by fund type: General - \$86,238.78; Special Revenue-\$13,594.38; Debt Service-\$225,000.00; Capital Projects-\$0; Enterprise- \$86,757.13; Trust & Agency- \$0.
Roll was called and the following voted aye: George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.
Motion to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 204 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder. Nay: Bode. Motion passed.
Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 204 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder. Nay: Bode. Motion passed.
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2606-10 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from 28E Casino to General Fund. Unanim.
Motion to adjourn. Unanim.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk



Making magic at the musical

Lake Mills middle school students shared their performing prowess towards the end of the school year with the Middle School Variety Show. The students shared their talents with Disney classics, radio hits and other displays. Students shared their talents and efforts with performances on stage and working as stagehand and crew members as well.



Lake Mills band at Adventureland

The Lake Mills band travels to Adventureland each year to celebrate their achievements. Pictured above are band members on this year's day of fun.



For the birds

The Lake Mills Library hosted a Build your own Birdhouse event on June 12. Thanks to Wilkinson Tool & Die as sponsor, the library visitors assembled and decorated the homes for visiting birds.



Lake Mills FFA succeeds at State event

Students in the Lake Mills FFA Chapter took part in the State Food Science Career Development Event on June 11. Pictured after earning a Silver rating and 10th place finish in the first time in the event are Halle, Lana, Faith and Tori.

Lake Mills News

Local author Hansen to hold book signing at LMPL on June 23

Sherrie Hansen local resident and author will be visiting the Lake Mills Public Library on Tuesday, June 23 from 4-5:30 p.m. for an author talk/book signing.

Sherrie Hansen's highly acclaimed novels are set both close to home and abroad. Her Wildflowers of Scotland novels, Highland Homecoming mysteries, and new taste of Tuscany series set in Italy, Ireland, Denmark, Italy, France, Czechia, the Midwest, and Florida, are full of quirky characters and local color. The recipes in The Blue



SHERRIE HANSEN

Belle Inn B&B and Tea House Cookbook are her legacy.

Sherrie Hansen and her husband live in Northern

Iowa. Sherrie's husband is the pastor of Sion Lutheran Church in rural Lake Mills. Sherrie enjoys hosting Farm Table Tasting Menus, photographing sunsets at Elk Creek Marsh, quilting, crafting, painting, playing the piano at Sion on Sunday mornings, and planning her next European adventure. Sherrie and her husband just returned from Italy, where they attended a Story Telling and Song Writing Retreat at a 12th Century Tuscan Farm and Tower House.

July Jubilee set for July 10-12

Lake Mills will hold its annual summer celebration with the July Jubilee, set for July 10-12.

Events planned begin on Friday, July 10, with a community appreciation lunch sponsored by MBT Bank, FTSB community ice cream floats and a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres at the Victorian House and Garden.

July 10 will also bring the free Lake Mills Community Night, including Little Mr. and Miss July Jubilee contest, inflatables,

kids activities, local food, drinks and fun, including a DJ dance party, all in downtown Lake Mills.

Events continue on Saturday, July 11, with the July Jubilee 5K run/walk and parade. A number of events are also planned for Oakwood Park, including a community picnic, a kid power pedal pull, free entertainment and live music.

Other events on July 11 include softball and cornhole tournaments, the Burnap Country School House Museum tours and

Damon Dotson performing at the July Jubilee downtown concern.

July Jubilee events end on Sunday, July 12, with the American Legion breakfast, Community Java and Jesus in Oakwood Park and a matinee movie at The Mills Theater.

See more details in next week's Northwood Anchor and updates on events at the Lake Mills July Jubilee website, online at www.lakemillsjulyjubilee.com.



LM Library Theatre

The Summer Reading Program at the Lake Mills Library kicked off recently. It began with a visit from Jon and Val from Climb Theater. The performers shared a production of "Once Upon a Beanstalk," teaching kids about self-regulation and friendship. In addition to watching the story of the beanstalk, they planted their own beans.



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Bulldog Asher Reese gets ahold of a pitch for a single during Monday night's game against North Union.

Lake Mills Sports



Bulldog Nash Delger dives safely back to the base during Monday night's conference game.

Lake Mills baseball battles in the seventh inning for win

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills baseball team was on the road at Crestwood on Saturday, June 6, and lost a nine inning battle 5-4.

The Bulldogs scored one run in the first, third, sixth and seventh innings and the Cadets scored one in the first, second, third, fourth and ninth innings.

Stephen Brandenburg led the team with two singles, a double, one RBI and a stolen base. Kaeden Dagestad had two singles and two RBIs and Nash Delger had a double and stole base twice. Leif Rogne had a single and stole base twice, Asher Reese had a single and Joseph Carlson stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored four runs on eight hits and had three RBIs. They walked three times, were hit by pitch once and struck out five times.

Brandenburg pitched five innings facing 24 batters throwing 73 pitches. He allowed one run on four hits, walked two, hit one batter and struck out five. Reese pitched three innings facing 14 batters throwing 55 pitches. He allowed

three runs on three hits, walked two and struck out two.

On Monday, June 8, the Lake Mills baseball team hosted North Union in a Top of Iowa Conference game and battled back in the bottom of the seventh to win 11-10.

North Union scored one in the first and second innings, two in the third, four in the fourth and three in the seventh. Lake Mills plated two in the second, third and fourth innings, one in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Zach Stene led the team with two singles, one RBI and four stolen bases. Delger had two singles and two stolen bases and Rogne had a double and three RBIs. Brandenburg had one single and three RBIs and Sawyer Schipper had a single, one RBI and two stolen bases. Mason Gaetzke had a single, one RBI and two stolen bases and Reese had a single and one RBI.

The Bulldogs scored 11 runs on nine hits, had 10 RBIs, walked seven times and struck out four times.

Korbin Abele pitched five innings facing 19 bat-

ters throwing 89 pitches. He allowed six runs on seven hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out two. Braylon Hanson pitched one inning facing six batters and threw 19 pitches. He allowed two runs on two hits and struck out two. Charlson pitched one inning facing six batters and threw 20 pitches. He allowed two runs on one hit and walked one.

On Tuesday, June 9, the Bulldogs traveled to St. Ansgar for a TIC crossover game and fell 5-0.

Delger, Brandenburg and Reese all had singles.

Lake Mills scored no runs on three hits, they were hit by the pitcher once and struck out eight times.

Rogne pitched seven innings facing 29 batters throwing 88 pitches. He allowed five runs on three hits while walking three, hitting two batters and striking out three.

On Wednesday, June 10, the Bulldogs traveled to North Iowa for a TIC game and won 14-7.

The Bison scored three in the second and two in the fourth and fifth innings. The Bulldogs scored five in

the second, one in the third, seven in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Rogne led the team with four singles, four RBIs and a stolen base. Mason Helgeson had three singles, one triple, three RBIs and two stolen bases and Brandenburg had a single, a double, one RBI and two stolen bases. Schipper had a single, two RBIs and one stolen base and Delger had a double. Stene had a single and a stolen base and Gaetzke had a single and one RBI. Lucas Helgeland had a double and two RBIs, Reese had a single and Dagestad had one RBI.

The Bulldogs scored 14 runs on 16 hits and had 14 RBIs. They were walked four times, hit by the pitcher two times and struck out six times.

Helgeland pitched 3.2 innings facing 24 batters and throwing 86 pitches. He allowed five runs on four hits, walked five and struck out four. Hanson pitched 3.1 innings facing 16 batters throwing 52 pitches. He allowed one run on one hit, walked five and struck out three.

On Friday, June 12, the



Bulldog Royce Peterson frames the pitch for a called strike during Monday night's conference game against North Union.

Bulldogs hosted the conference leading Forest City Indians in a showdown and lost 11-10.

The Bulldogs scored six in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the seventh and the Indians scored one in the fifth, nine in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Brandenburg led the team with two singles and one RBI and L. Rogne had a single, one RBI and one stolen base. Stene and Delger each had a single and stole base twice and Helgeson had a single and three RBIs. Dagestad and Reese

each had one RBI.

The Bulldogs scored 10 runs on six hits, had seven RBIs, walked four times and struck out five times.

Abele pitched 29 batters throwing 96 pitches. He allowed nine runs on nine hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out five. Tucker Koch pitched 1.2 innings facing 10 batters throwing 43 pitches. He allowed two runs on one hit, walked one, hit one batter and struck out four.

The Bulldogs are 5-3 in conference play and 6-5 overall.



Bulldog Hillary Hanson makes a beautiful catch in the outfield for an out during Monday night's game.



Bulldog Gabby Brandenburg throws the ball to the infield during Monday night's conference game against North Union.



Bulldog Reagan Ham fires the ball home during conference play on Monday night in Lake Mills.

Photos by Chet Yost Photography

Lake Mills softball gets win over North Iowa

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills softball team hosted North Union on Monday, June 8, in a conference game and lost 16-2.

The Bulldogs scored two runs in the sixth inning and the Warriors scored five in the second, one in the third and 10 in the sixth.

Mya Peterson led the team with a double. Afton Dean had a single and one RBI, Reese Delger had a single and Gabby Brandenburg had one RBI.

Lake Mills scored two runs on three hits and earned two RBIs. They walked four times, were hit by pitch once and struck out 10 times.

Betsy Byars pitched 5.1 innings facing 24 batters throwing 131 pitches. She allowed 13 runs on 11 hits, walked seven, hit two batters and struck out six. Mya Anderson faced four batters throwing 34 pitches. She allowed three runs on two hits, walked three and struck out one.

On Tuesday, June 9, the Bulldogs traveled to take on Columbus Catholic in a

non-conference game and lost 10-2.

The Sailors scored two in the first inning, one in the second, two in the third, two in the fourth, two in the fifth and one in the sixth. The Bulldogs scored two in the third.

Reagan Ham led the team with a double and one RBI and Hillary Hanson had a single and one RBI. Dean had a double and Liz Oldenkamp had a single.

The Bulldogs scored two runs on four hits, earned two RBIs and struck out

six times.

Anderson pitched 5.2 innings facing 26 batters throwing 103 pitches. She allowed 10 runs on 10 hits, walked four, hit three batters and struck out three.

On Wednesday, June 10, the Bulldogs traveled to Buffalo Center for a conference game and won 15-7. Lake Mills scored three in the first, four in the third, three in the fourth and five in the fifth. The Bison scored three in the first, three in the second and one in the fifth.

Kenlie Greenfield led

the team with two singles, a double and a stolen base. Delger had three singles, two RBIs and two stolen bases and Autumn Askildson had a single, a double and two RBIs. Ham had two doubles and a stolen base and Cora Sauer had two singles, two RBIs and two stolen bases. Hanson had a single and a double and Oldenkamp had a single and a stolen base. Peterson had a single and three RBIs and Camilla Langfeld stole one base.

Anderson pitched five innings facing 26 batters

throwing 75 pitches. She allowed seven runs on seven hits, walked one, hit two batters and struck out four.

On Friday, June 11, the Bulldogs hosted the Forest City Indians and lost 15-0. Sauer had the only hit for the Bulldogs, she had a double and stole one base.

Anderson pitched two innings and Lila Pederson pitched two innings. No other stats were available.

The Bulldogs are 1-7 in conference play and 1-12 overall.

Bring a tropical touch to Iowa gardens with tender perennials

Iowa gardeners looking to add bright foliage, bold flowers and a tropical feel can turn to tender perennials for fast-growing seasonal impact.

Tender perennials live for multiple years in warm climates but are not reliably winter hardy in Iowa, meaning they must be overwintered indoors and replanted each spring. These plants grow quickly in summer and provide dramatic color and texture in landscapes and containers.

“Tender perennials let Iowa gardeners experiment with plants that look right at home in a tropical garden,” said Aaron Steil,



consumer horticulture extension specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “They

grow fast once the weather warms and deliver a big visual payoff in a relatively short season.”

Choose tender perennials that perform well in Iowa

Tender perennials that perform well in Iowa include cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, tuberous begonias, caladiums and calla lilies. These plants are valued for their showy flowers, striking foliage or both, and often work best as focal points in garden beds or as bold accents in large containers.

“Plants like cannas and caladiums can completely change the feel of a space,”

Steil said. “They add height, bold texture, and color in ways that many traditional annuals can’t.”

Start tender perennials indoors for an earlier display

Gardeners looking to get an early start can plant tender perennials indoors in late winter. Their underground structures, including tubers, rhizomes and corms, are potted and kept warm until growth begins. As shoots emerge, plants should be moved to bright light and gradually acclimated to outdoor conditions before planting outside.

“Starting them indoors isn’t required, but it can

give gardeners a jump on the season,” added Steil.

Plant tender perennials outdoors after frost danger passes

Tender perennials should be planted outdoors after the danger of frost has passed and soils have warmed, typically in mid-to late May across much of Iowa. Those not started indoors can be planted directly in the garden at that time and will still grow rapidly. Choose sunny locations with well-drained soil and plant at the proper depth, often around two to six inches, depending on the species.

Provide water and fer-

tilizer for strong summer growth

During the growing season, consistent watering and regular fertilization are key. Most tender perennials are not drought-tolerant and dry out quickly in containers.

“To get the most growth and flowers out of these plants, they need regular water and fertilizer,” Steil said. “A little extra care goes a long way.”

With proper planting and seasonal care, tender perennials give Iowa gardeners an easy way to enjoy tropical-looking plants all summer long.

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Viking third baseman Bryck Abrams gets under a high pop-up for an out on Monday night in Manly.



Viking senior Bowan Behne fires a pitch during the seventh inning of Monday night's game in Manly.



Viking Aydan Schutz fields a bunt during conference action in Manly on Monday night.

Vikings baseball defeat Osage in conference play

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings baseball team traveled to Manly on Monday, June 8, for a conference game against the Panthers and fell 4-3.

The Vikings scored two in the first and one in the sixth and the Panthers scored three in the third and one in the seventh.

Bowan Behne led the team with a single, a double and four stolen bases. Oliver Bice had a single and one RBI, Bryck Abrams had one RBI and Carson Tufte stole one base.

The Vikings scored three runs on three hits, had two RBIs, walked five times, were hit by pitch four times and struck out eight times.

Aydan Schutz pitched

6.2 innings facing 28 batters throwing 89 pitches and Behne pitched to one batter throwing one pitch.

On Tuesday, June 9, the Vikings traveled to Garner to take on the GHV Cardinals in a non-conference game and lost 13-7.

The Cardinal scored two in the first, two in the second, three in the fourth, two in the fifth and four in the sixth and the Vikings scored one run in the first, second, third and fourth innings, two in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Hayzin Jacobsen led the team with a single, a double, two RBIs and a stolen base. Abrams had a single, a double and one RBI and Brady Tufte had a single, two RBIs and a stolen base.

C. Tufte had a single and one RBI and Behne had a single and a stolen base. Quinton Butler and Bice each had a single.

The Vikings scored seven runs on nine hits and had six RBIs. They walked four times, were hit by pitch once and struck out six times.

Behne pitched 4.2 innings facing 30 batters throwing 112 pitches. He allowed nine runs on eight hits, walked six, hit three batters and struck out six. Brady Tufte pitched 1.1 innings facing 10 batters throwing 41 pitches. He allowed four runs on five hits, walked three and struck out one.

On Friday, June 12, the Vikings traveled to Osage

for a conference game with the Green Devils and won 8-5.

The Green Devils scored one run in the first and third innings, two in the fourth and one in the sixth. The Vikings scored one in the first, two in the third, four in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Behne led the team with a double, a triple, one RBI and five stolen bases. Schutz had a double, two RBIs and stole base twice and Abrams had two singles. Butler had a single and two RBIs and Jacobson had one RBI and a stolen base. C. Tufte had a single and Brayden Katcher stole base twice.

The Vikings scored eight runs on eight hits, earned



Viking Hayzin Jacobsen lays out to attempt a catch in shallow center field during Monday night's game against Central Springs.

seven RBIs, walked seven times, were hit by pitch twice and struck out 10 times.

Schutz pitched six innings facing 26 batters throwing 93 pitches. He allowed five runs on six hits, walked one and struck out 12. Jacobson pitched one

inning facing five batters throwing 18 pitches. He allowed no runs, no hits, hit one batter and struck out two.

The Vikings are 1-8 in conference play and 3-9 overall.



Viking True Hackenmiller fouls off a pitch during Monday night's game in Manly against the Panthers.



Viking Avery Grunhvd fouls off a pitch during conference action in Manly on Monday evening.



Viking third baseman Logan Manning gets under a pop-up for an out during action in Manly on Monday night.

Viking girls score 10 in loss to GHV

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett softball team traveled to Manly on Monday, June 8, for a Top of Iowa Conference game with Central Springs and lost 13-0.

Avery Grunhvd recorded the only hit for the Vikings, it being a single.

The Vikings scored no runs on one hit, walked three times and struck out four times.

Kenly Solberg pitched 2.2 innings facing 14 batters throwing 60 pitches. She allowed five runs on six hits, walked three, hit two batters and struck out two. Piper Brunsvold pitched a portion of an inning facing four batters throwing 32 pitches. She allowed eight

runs on three hits, walked three and hit two batters.

On Tuesday, June 9, the Vikings traveled to Garner to take on the GHV Cardinals in a non-conference game and lost 13-10.

True Hackenmiller led the team with two singles, a double and three RBIs. Hixton Krambeer and Lauren Heiken each had two singles and two RBIs and Logan Manning had a single. Brunsvold and Solberg each had a single, Chloe Woods had one RBI and Grunhvd stole one base.

Heiken pitched six innings facing 34 batters throwing 93 pitches. She allowed 13 runs on 12 hits, hit one batter and struck out two.

On Thursday, June 11, the Vikings returned to Riceville to resume a game that was postponed on June 4. The Vikings fell 4-1 in the non-conference game against the Wildcats.

Krambeer, Manning and Brunsvold all had two singles. Hackenmiller, Grunhvd, Woods and Brianna Perkins each had a single.

The Vikings scored one run on 10 hits and struck out seven times.

Solberg pitched four innings facing 17 batters throwing 74 pitches. She allowed three runs on three hits, walked one and struck out one. Brunsvold pitched two innings facing six batters throwing 20 pitches. She allowed one run on

no hits, hit one batter and struck out one.

On Friday, June 12, the Vikings traveled to take on Osage in a conference game and lost 12-0.

Grunhvd and Manning each had a single.

The Viking scored no runs on two hits and struck out eight times.

Brunsvold pitched three innings facing 18 batters throwing 94 pitches. She allowed 12 runs on six hits while walking three, hitting three batters and struck out one.

The Vikings are 0-7 in conference play and 0-11 overall.



Viking Porschea Madden gets a lead off of second base during Monday night's game in Manly.

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Also, please join the 4-H'ers at the various livestock shows throughout the week, grab a bite to eat at the 4-H Food Stand, be an audience member at their Educational Presentations (Friday, June 19, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Fairgrounds Community Room), participate in Working Exhibits (Friday, June 19, at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building), or watch their Style Show and Awards Program (Saturday, June 20, at 6 p.m. in the Shelter House). This year's 4-H/FFA Livestock Ribbon Auction will be held at a new time, on Sunday, June 21, at 2 p.m. Those that want to support exhibitors in the sale may do so starting on June 18, at the fair office.

The fair activities will end with the 4-H'ers invited to take part in the annual 4-H Dance, which will start at 8 p.m., on Sunday, June 21, in the Shelter House.

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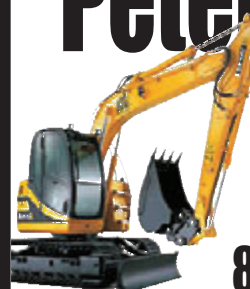



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Henry Horning, Clover Kids, with a completed Lego creation. All Clover Kids projects can be viewed in the 4-H Static Exhibits Building starting on Wednesday, June 17.



Kinslie Shoars, Clover Kid, blow drying a heifer. Clover Kid members can take place in the Bucket/Bottle Calf Show that takes place following the Beef Show.



Xander Gentz, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers, working on his upcoming Static Project made out of turkey feathers that he harvested this fall.



Presley Rollene, Green Shamrocks, staining wood rounds that will be used for her upcoming static project. Check out the finished project in the 4-H Exhibit Building!



Harper Haxton, Natalie Patterson and Hilde Butler, all members of the Deer Creek Wohelo 4-H Club working on their fairy gardens at a "Sprout and Sparkle" workshop.



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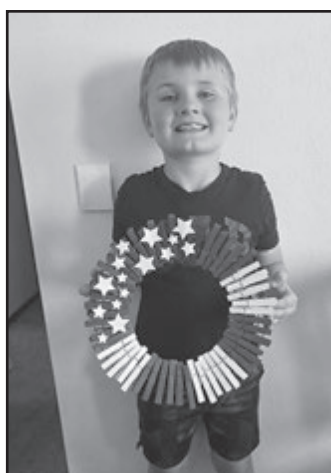
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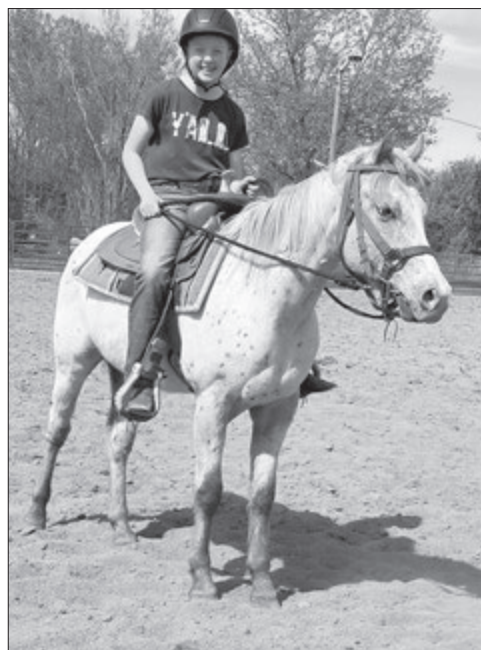
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Tinley Lund, Green Shamrocks 4-H Club showing her Chicken and goat button art.



Bauer Akemann, Worth County Clover Kid member, with his completed clothes pin 4th of July wreath.



Natalie Eilertson, Hoofprints, is getting her horse, Ace, ready for the upcoming fair. Wednesday you can catch the Halter and Pleasure Classes, and Friday will be the Games show.



Deer Creek Ribbon Takers member Logan Trenhaile spending quality time with his prospect heifer.

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Caysen Chodur, Northwood-Kensett FFA, walking his pure-bred gilt.



Veda Waller, Deer Creek Wohelo 4-H Club, making a fabric flag. This is Veda's first year in 4-H.



Tegan Trenhaile, a member of the Deer Creek Ribbon Takers, spending time with his prospect heifer.



Clover Kids member Henry Horning, with one of his completed Lego sets.

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LAYLA SCARLETT
Hartland Achievers

Layla is the daughter of Amy Scarlett and the late Linca Scarlett Jr. She is a student at Northwood-Kensett High School.

Layla's school activities include band, volleyball, FFA and wrestling manager.

Layla's community activities include 4-H, County Council, 4-H Fire-Up, FFA Ag Day, Worth County Cattlemen, livestock judging, youth wrestling events worker, Inspire, Band Fest, Memorial Day band performances, Worth County Museum cleaning, holiday parades, Vacation Bible School helper, Ag Learning Center volunteer, Lutheran Retirement Home volunteer and Nights in Northwood.

Layla's honors received in school and/or the community are Junior Miss Northwood 2024, Top Intermediate Total Award points winner two times, National 4-H Congress trip, Award Winner and State Fair qualifier in Extemporaneous Speech.

Layla's hobbies include volleyball, wrestling, singing, livestock judging, meeting/helping others, baking and working with animals.

Layla's plans for the future are to attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science and minor in Ag Business or Communications.



TORI BEAVER

Tori is the daughter of Becky Beaver and Bob Beaver. She is a student at St. Ansgar High School.

Tori's school activities include cheerleading, trap shooting, drama, choir (honors) and Student Council.

Tori's community activities include volunteer work for Turkey Days, cleaning the Community Center gym, working at a dog kennel, scare acting and face painting for Town & County Days.

Tori's honors received in the school and/or community are varsity cheer team two times, state cheer qualifying two times and honor choir.

Tori's hobbies include cheerleading, trapshooting, roller skating, spending time with friends and family, scare acting and working with dogs.

Tori's plans for the future are to attend and cheer at NIACC for health science, then attend an undecided university and become a phlebotomist.



KENDAL KRUGER
Golden Banner

Kendal is the daughter of Justin and Katie Kruger. She is a student at Central Springs High School.

Kendal's school activities include FFA, golf, yearbook, Student Council, wrestling manager and cross country manager.

Kendal's community activities include attending youth group, working at Vacation Bible School, volunteering for Worth County Ag Safety Days and church activities.

Kendal's honors received in school and/or the community are Vice President for FFA, Secretary for Student Council and an FFA Blue and Gold Award.

Kendal's hobbies include hanging out with friends, shopping, going for drives and golfing.

Kendal's plans for the future are to attend an undecided community college for nursing.

Queen Candidates



ADY PETERSEN
Golden Banner

Ady is the daughter of Mark and Erin Petersen. She is a student at Central Springs High School.

Ady's school activities include basketball, track, volleyball, Student Council, National Honor Society, FFA and Yearbook.

Lauren's community activities include Adopt A Highway volunteer, Toys for Tots toy sorter, Salvation Army bell ringing, Ag Learning Center volunteer and school blood drive volunteer.

Ady's honors received in the school and/or the community are A Honor Roll for three years, National 4-H Conference recipient (2025), National 4-H Congress recipient (2025), 4-H State Poultry Award recipient (2024), 4-H State Beef Award recipient (2025), 4-H State Swine Award recipient (2026) and nominated for 2026 FFA District Treasurer.

Ady's hobbies include baking, reading, spending time with her animals and hanging out with family and friends.

Ady's plans for the future are to attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science with hopes to attend Veterinary School.



EMERSYN WAHL

Emersyn is the daughter of Jennifer and Ryan Wahl. She is a student at Northwood-Kensett High School.

Emersyn's school activities include FFA, volleyball, golf, cheer, basketball and choir.

Sophia's community activities include Meals on Wheels and Day camp.

Emersyn's honors received in school and/or the community are academic letter, volleyball letter, cheer letter and third place at State Cheer two times.

Emersyn's hobbies include scrap booking and jewelry making.

Emersyn's plans for the future are to attend La'James in Mason City for Cosmetology and eventually open her own salon.



Justin Shoars, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers, working to prepare for the upcoming 4-H/FFA Beef Show.



Hoofprints 4-H Club member Natalie Eilertson is getting her bunnies ready for the Rabbit Show on Thursday, June 18.



Mary Toresdahl, Green Shamrocks, and Ruby Hanson, Deer Creek Wohelo, working on a sewing project. Check out their finished projects during the upcoming Worth County Fair!

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Logan Trenhaile, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers 4-H Club, spending time with his prospect that will be featured in the upcoming 4-H/FFA Beef Show on Saturday, June 20.



Ivy Toresdahl, Green Shamrocks 4-H Club, posing with the heifer she will be featuring in the Beef show on Saturday, June 20.



Deer Creek Ribbon Takers 4-H member Xander Gentz has been working hard with his show pigs in preparation for the upcoming Swine show.



Hartland Achievers member Ayden Woodside weighing his purebred derby barrow project. The Swine show will kick off on Friday, June 19, at 9 a.m.

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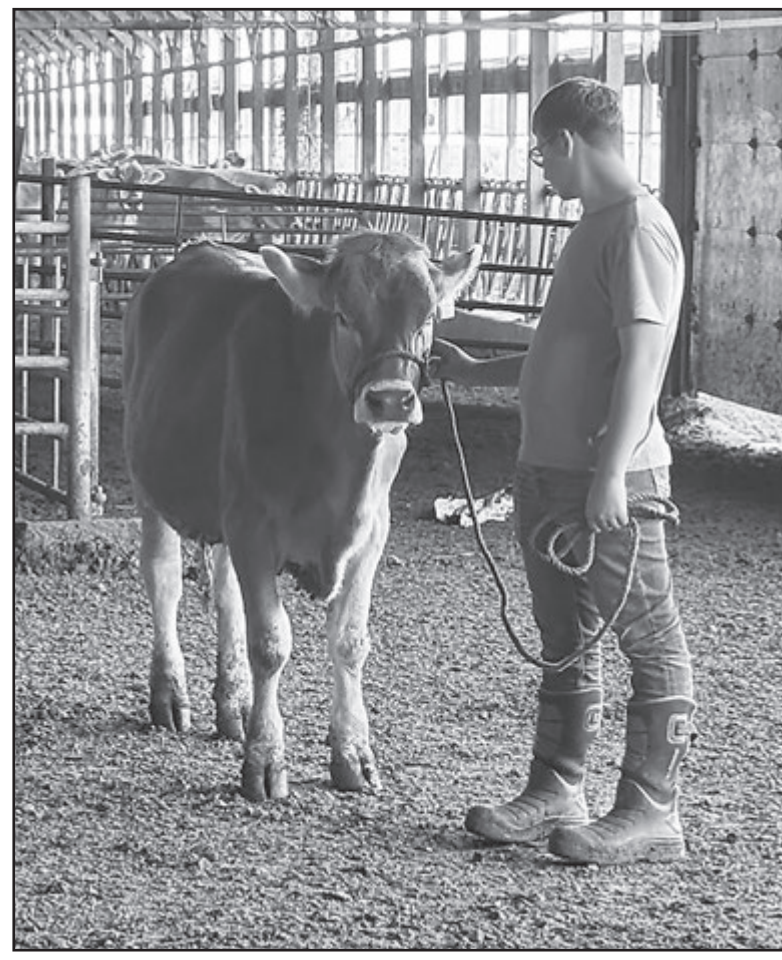
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Clover Kids member Mable Horning, showcasing the completed stepping stone she made with her dad.



Isabel Butler, of the Green Shamrocks 4-H Club, cutting a piece of fabric for her sewing and needle arts project.



Keegan Lund, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers 4-H Club working with his dairy cow for the upcoming dairy show this coming Saturday, June 20 at 2:30 p.m.

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Keegan Lund, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers 4-H Club, painting the base of his milk can seat.



Tinzley Robb and Brinlee Haberman, of the Green Shamrocks 4-H Club, and Veda Waller, Deer Creek Wohelo, working with their goat livestock projects.

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