

Briefs

Benefit set for tornado recovery Sunday

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

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

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

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

Fireworks fundraising continues

The Fourth of July festivities will take place next weekend and 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 at Farmers State Bank in Northwood.

Bible reading marathon

The annual reading of the Bible on the Worth County courthouse lawn will begin this Friday, June 26, through July 5.

Readers are asked to choose which book or books of the Bible they would like to read and call Sharyl Ferley at 641-390-0194 to let her know.

"Until I come give attention to the public reading of scripture, exhortation and teaching." I Timothy 4:13

Relay honorees share messages of early detection, advocacy and hope

The Relay For Life once again included two special speakers, sharing their stories of surviving cancer, Ken Estes and Daryl Love.

Estes and Love have a few things in common. They have both spent years dedicated to careers in education. Estes is the longtime high school principal at Central Springs in Manly. Love is retired from a career as a transportation director and coach at Northwood-Kensett.

Another thing they have in common is they are survivors of prostate cancer. They shared their stories at this year's Relay Birthday Party event.

Estes began with sharing his tale of cancer survival, emphasizing three crucial keys for his story: early detection, being one's own advocate and always having hope.

Estes mentioned that for him, early detection began with the common and easy method of prostate cancer detection used today. The PSA (prostate-specific anti-



KEN ESTES

gen) is done with a simple blood test, and looks for proteins produced by the prostate, which may indicate prostate health concerns, including cancer.

For Estes, his tests began well within normal ranges, but increased with each time he took the tests.

While his general practitioner was comfortable with the numbers, Estes was concerned that they were increasing and so mentioned it to a specialist, who agreed that they should be investigated further.



DARYL LOVE

The result was the discovery that Estes did in fact have the early stages of prostate cancer, and that he should begin treatments.

Estes noted that if he had not been his own advocate, and not pushed for more attention to his concerns, his cancer may not have been discovered until it had grown worse and/or spread.

He said that being his own advocate had led to early detection and that

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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 garden 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.

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Tractor Tour travels through Worth County this week

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Dan Bern is taking to the backroads of Worth County this week, June 23-27, for a unique musical journey, 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.

The tour is visiting 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

location.

The Worth County Tractor Tour began on Tuesday, June 23, in Fertile's Rhodes Mill Park. The tour continues today, Wednesday, June 24, in Manly at Kaleidoscopes to You; tomorrow, Thursday, June 25, at the Kensett Community Center; on 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

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Queen for a fair

The opening night of the Worth County Fair once again included the annual Worth County Fair Queen finals. The ceremony was organized and hosted by Patti Trenhaile, who invited the candidates on stage before asking them fun questions. The fair queen candidates spoke with judges before the fair and were selected for queen and princess. The candidates voted on who would be named Miss Congeniality. Pictured are (from left) Emersyn Wahl, 2026 Miss Congeniality Kendal Kruger, 2026 Worth County Fair Queen Layla Scarlett, 2026 Fair Princess Ady Petersen and Tori Beaver. As fair royalty, Kruger, Petersen and Scarlett assisted at various events throughout fair week. See more fair results and pictures in future issues.

2026 NK Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Spotlight: Coach Dave Capitani

The architect of the legendary Viking football success

When head coach Dave Capitani walked off the gridiron for the final time in 2022, he left behind a legacy that permanently reshaped high school football in North Iowa.

Across 33 seasons at the helm of the Northwood-Kensett, Capitani transformed the Vikings football program into a perennial powerhouse. His journey from a multi-sport assistant to an Iowa Football Coaches Association (IFCA) Hall of

Fame inductee is a master class in coaching longevity, tactical adaptation and player development.

Building the foundation: 210 wins and 33 seasons

Capitani initially arrived at Northwood-Kensett as an assistant coach in 1983. In 1989, he accepted the head football coaching position—a role he would hold for over three decades. By the time he retired at the end of the 2021–2022 academic calendar year, Capitani had amassed 210 career victories. He hit his monumen-



COACH DAVE CAPITANI

tal 200th career win during the pandemic-shortened 2020 football season, cementing his place among

Iowa's elite high school coaches.

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N-K Athletic Hall of Fame event July 2

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

In addition to celebrity bartenders like Hattie Davidson, Bob Bloomingdale and Dave Capitani, the evening's auction options continue to grow, including signed items from professional and college teams including the Vikings, Twins tickets, UNI, ISU, and the U of Iowa. Also available will be items donated or signed by N-K Hall of Fame and other athletes and coaches like

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The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information			
Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. June 15	72	49	
Tues. June 16	81	51	
Wed. June 17	75	55	0.14
Thurs. June 18	78	56	0.05
Fri. June 19	76	51	
Sat. June 20	73	51	0.03
Sun. June 21	78	53	

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Postseason powerhouse:
state appearances and
semifinals

Under Capitani's guidance, Late October and November football became a seasonal tradition for the Vikings. He led Northwood-Kensett to 18 total state playoff appearances, commanding respect across multiple decades.

His playoff qualifications spanned generations of athletes:

- The 1990s: 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
- The 2000s: 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009
- The 2010s: 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2020 and 2021

The pinnacle of his postseason success came in the form of three separate trips to the State Semifinals (1998, 2004 and 2008), leading his rosters onto the turf at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls for final-four showcases.

Championship pedigree
and tactical adaptation

Capitani's consistency was highlighted by capturing six District Championship titles (1996, 1998, 2001, 2008, 2010 and 2018). In addition to his district titles, Capitani guided the Vikings to multiple Conference Championships, creating a culture where winning the league was the baseline expectation.

Perhaps his greatest coaching feat was his tactical versatility. As school enrollments shifted,

Capitani masterfully transitioned the Vikings from a traditional 11-man powerhouse into a high-octane 8-man football team. Instead of faltering during the structural change, Capitani thrived, in the 8-man format and ensured the Vikings remained a perennial power in the state playoff bracket.

Developing elite talent:
over 40 All-State players

You cannot win over 200 games without elite execution, and Capitani's coaching system produced more than 40 All-State selections throughout his career. He was highly regarded for turning disciplined and tough kids into dominant, all-state caliber athletes.

While dozens of his players earned prestigious recognition, the list of N-K All-State selections is staggering.

N-K players named 1st Team All-State includes Brian Morteze (2), Josh Dodd, Ryan Meyer, Jake Stotts, Jack Johnson, Richie Davis, Josh Holt, David Reyerson, Nathan Loberg (2), Blake Palmer, Brian Klitzke, Lee Nelson, Kelvin Hendrickson, Justin Peterson (2), Tyson Werner, Spencer Capitani, Brandon Brockman, Mason Olson, Gavin Varner and Caden Schrage.

Other 2nd and 3rd Team All-State Selections for the Vikings included Daryl Woodward, Steve Helgerson, Cory Mills, Adam Ingersoll,

Dave Follmuth, Nick Lupkes, Danny Varner, Brent Schaub, James Erickson, Joe Fierova, Eric Butler, Nick Hovey, Eric Parker, Cory Hagen, Brad Haberman, Preston Davidson, Ryan Weisert, Matt Hengesteg, Jake Weisert, Dan Horning, Phillip Fierova, Shayne Olson, Gabe Kramer, Tom Yezek and Coleby Bratrud.

Not just a football leader

Capitani was also at the helm of five other sports programs during his tenure with the Vikings, both as a head coach and assistant coach. Capitani's expertise helped lead success with N-K's boys baseball, boys and girls track and boys wrestling programs while also leading junior wrestling up until his retirement.

A Hall of Fame legacy

In 2016, the football community recognized his decades of dedication by officially inducting Coach Dave Capitani into the IFCA Hall of Fame, where he joined his father Ralph, who coached over three decades at Knoxville and was also a legendary icon.

"Coach Cap" engineered a multi-generational culture of excellence at Northwood-Kensett that will be remembered by Viking enthusiasts long after his whistle has gone silent.

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was another key.

The other key was to have hope.

Estes said that any cancer diagnosis can leave people feeling worried and concerned, and that is to be expected, but that people can't give up hope.

Estes credited always believing that treatments would benefit him and that he would get through it made an impact on his mental health, and potentially on how his body responded to treatment.

Estes credited his wife, Connie, as being the one he would always turn to when he saw the glass half empty, saying she was always there to look at things as half full.

Estes also talked about how important it was to never go through it alone. He said that of himself, and of others he also knew while they were battling cancer.

Estes talked about just being present for others while they were struggling, even if he didn't know what to say.

Estes said he knew how beneficial that was, both as someone who needed a positive presence, and when he could be there for someone else.

For Love, his story of surviving cancer was similar.

Love first began having his PSA tested at the urging of Emerlee Stilley, formerly of the medical clinic in Northwood.

Love said that Stilley kept insisting that he should have his numbers tested. When he did, the results showed elevated levels that only increased with further testing, with greater concern as the levels rose.

Additional other tests showed that Love had prostate cancer and he began treatment.

At the Relay, Love joked that amongst those treatments was the hormone therapy that gave him increased empathy for the women in his life and particularly the struggles of the experience of hot flashes.

Like his comments of his own story, Love also noted the importance of being there, having hope and being positive for those dealing with cancer.

Love shared how his own experience was made better by being a positive presence for other patients. No one that knows Love would be surprised that he always spent time talking with other



patients, sharing in their struggles and doing his best to brighten the mood.

That even included one visit where Love arrived to an appointment dressed as Elvis. He shared that the smiles and positivity that inspired amongst others in the waiting room and for the staff treating them was just as special for him.

Love also shared the experience of being there for his friend Ron Parker, as he struggled with cancer in the days before he passed.

Love said that he didn't

know what he would say before he visited. But once there he knew that for both Parker and himself the chance to share in the conversation and the time together was valuable.

Noting that there weren't as many men present at the Relay event, Love asked the women to be the ones to make the push and encouragement for any men in their lives, like the push Love received, to have their PSA tested, noting it could be the thing that gives them more years with the ones they love.

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coaches Maynard Midtgaard and RJ Weselmann, athlete Heather Amundson-Musich. Items up for auction will include several game used and retired uniforms from N-K volleyball, softball, basketball, football and baseball

teams. 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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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.

Speed limits to increase July 1 in Iowa

On July 1, speed limits on state and rural highways and roadways will increase. That will mean faster travel, along with the need for state and county road departments to update or replace signage.

New legislation signed into law by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds on June 1 increases the speed limit from 55 mph to 60 mph on state and rural two lane highways.

Under current state law, the default speed limit is 55 mph, unless otherwise designated by city laws, school zones and other places where speed limits are modified.

The new legislation raises the default speed limit to 60 mph on highways. This includes those operated by the State of Iowa and by counties in rural areas.

The legislation does not change the speed limits of interstates and in areas where other speed limits have been set by the State or by local governments, including in city limits or for school, turning or other

safety zones.

The legislation allows the DOT, for primary roads, and Iowa counties, in charge of secondary roads, to place overlays on existing signs to denote the increase, until or unless speed limits signs are due for replacement.

According to the Legislative Services Agency there are 1,794 DOT 55 mph speed limit signs in the state. Costs for overlays was estimated at \$75 and replacement at \$171.

The LSA estimated there are 3,465 speed limit signs under the jurisdiction of Iowa counties. The cost of replacement of those signs was estimated at \$111 each.

The estimated cost of overlays and replacement of DOT signs was \$442,000. The estimated cost of replacing county signs was \$383,000. That would be a total cost of \$825,000.

Locally, Worth County engineer Rich Brumm said that they are currently reviewing signage. Brumm said that it will involve more than just installing stickers or placing new

signs. Brumm said that other signs and road safety features will need to be evaluated based on the faster speeds on rural roads. That will include stop ahead and reduced speed signs, along with rumble strips, no passing zones, curve radises, shoulder width, clear zones and others.

Brumm and other county engineers are working with the Iowa County Engineers Association, Iowa Local Technical Assistance Program and the Iowa DOT on guidelines.

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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 on Saturday evening at Art Farm Iowa.

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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Art Farm Iowa hosts tractor show this weekend

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

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

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

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

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

iron.”

Those that would like to bring their tractors and equipment to the event may currently do so. All equipment must be at Art Farm Iowa by 7 p.m. this 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. this 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. this 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.



Downtown Northwood in 1878

This picture was shared on the Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures, and Thoughts. The image shows a scene from downtown Northwood in 1878. The picture shows the view from where the current post office drive up mail box is located, looking to the northwest. The building on the north, facing south, reads “J.M. Gordon, Agricultural Warehouse.” The building to its left is the current Tequila’s Mexican Bar & Grill location.

Iowa Grazing Academy offers online sessions and in-person field days

Livestock producers and land managers interested in learning more about pasture productivity and grazing management practices are invited to participate in the Iowa Grazing Academy this July and August. The Iowa Grazing Academy consists of online sessions and in-person field days that provide practical skills and strategies for improving grazing practices.

The online sessions will be held July 13–22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Participants can join all sessions or choose those that fit their schedule. All sessions will be recorded and available for later viewing.

Topics that will be covered include forage growth and species selection, animal nutrition and health, rotational stocking, alternative forages, pasture infrastructure, enterprise budgets, weed management and grazing technology.

Following the online sessions, participants are encouraged to attend one of three beef-focused field days held in different parts of Iowa. The field days will provide a hands-on opportunity to learn about summer annual integration and rotational stocking and grazing management in cool-season pastures.



Field day locations and dates are:

East Central Iowa: Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, July 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Southeast Iowa: K7 Herford, Lockridge, July 28, from 3 to 8 p.m.

Central Iowa: 2XL Cattle Company, Boone, August 4, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Online participation is offered at no cost, while in-person field day registration is \$20 per person. Online sessions are option-

al but highly recommended for those planning to attend a field day.

Participants can register online for the virtual sessions and in-person field days.

For those planning to participate in the online

sessions, register at least two days in advance, as the link to join will be sent the day before each session. Only register once for the online sessions. For the field days, pre-registration is encouraged to help organizers plan meals; however, on-site registrations will be accepted.

The Iowa Grazing Academy is funded by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

For more information, contact Shelby Gruss, forage extension specialist, at sgruss@iastate.edu or 515-294-3832.



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5 p.m. N-K Athletic Hall of Fame Fundraiser & Silent Auction at Worth Brewing Company

★ *Friday, July 3* ★

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Farm Iowa - Art, Food & Vendors. Check www.artfarmiowa.com for details

1 p.m. Registration of NKCEF Annual Golf Tournament at Northwood Country Club

2 p.m. Tee Time - NKCEF Annual Golf Tournament at Northwood Country Club

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7 p.m. Beverage Garden Opens at Worth County Fairgrounds (Main (South) Gate & West Gate are Open Only)

7 p.m. Food being served at Beverage Garden at Worth county Fairgrounds Sticky Bees & Hot Mess Express

8:30 - 11:30 p.m. “Decoy” in the Beverage Garden

★ *Saturday, July 4* ★

6:30 - 9 a.m. VFW Pancake Breakfast

8:30 a.m. 5K Run/Walk Registration at The Timbers

9 a.m. Start Time for 5K Run/Walk

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Art Farm Iowa - Art, Music, Food & Vendors

11 a.m. Check www.artfarmiowa.com for details

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Pedal Pull in Shelter House at Worth County Fairgrounds

Lions Club Duck Pluck at Worth County Fairgrounds

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Food being served at Beverage Garden at Worth County Fairgrounds: Sticky Bees & Smokin’ Mana’s

8:30 - 11:30 p.m. “Hepperly Band” in the Beverage Garden

10 p.m. Fireworks at the Airport (Rain date is Sunday, July 5)

★ *Sunday, July 5* ★

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Local students graduated from ISU

Nearly 4,900 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this spring. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held May 14-16.

Following are local graduates:

Mallory Suzanne Wilhelm, of Joice, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, D.V.M.;

Marli Ann Backhaus, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, B.S., Summa Cum Laude; Jadyn Beland, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, B.S., Magna Cum Laude; and

Natalya Amaya Griffin, Bachelor of Science, Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Ecology, B.S., Magna Cum Laude; all of Kensett;

Cecelia Susan Hill of Manly, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology and Health, B.S., Summa Cum Laude, University Honors Program (HHSCI);

Emma L. Davidson of Northwood, Bachelor of Science, Agronomy, B.S., Summa Cum Laude; and

Seth Pistek of Plymouth, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, B.S.

Riverland announces Dean's list for 2026 Spring semester

Riverland Community College has announced the students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2026 Spring president's and dean's lists.

To be eligible for the dean's list students must have completed six credits per semester and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.74 on a 4.00 scale.

Earning Dean's List honors were Raven Hanson of Joice and Jacob Klemm of Northwood.

Wartburg College 2026 winter Dean's List

Wartburg College has recognized 507 students who were named the 2026 Winter/May Term Dean's List.

Those earning Dean's List honors included Kyle Buehrer and Lindsey Moore, both of Northwood.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Winter Term, which runs from January through April, and one course during the one-month May Term.



Learning about and amongst the past

As the end of the school year approached, students in Northwood-Kensett's third grade classrooms learned about how students of the past would have spent their days. Thanks to collaborative effort between Cerro Gordo and Worth County Conservation departments, led by Heather Hucka from Cerro Gordo County, N-K was one of five schools that traveled to the Worth County Historical Society Creamery and Pixley Log Cabin museums. They learned about the life of families traveling westward to settle in areas like Northwood. They also practiced making butter in jars, cleaning clothes on washboards, grinding grain, sewing, sawing and traded tablet computers for chalkboard tablets to take notes and do schoolwork.

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Ending the year with breakfast in the classroom
Sixth grade students at Northwood-Kensett ended their school year with a special breakfast in their classroom.

NIACC Pappajohn Center establishes Venture Launch Lab

The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center recently launched Venture Launch Lab (VLL), a new entrepreneurial incubator program designed to help aspiring and early-stage business owners build the knowledge, systems, and confidence needed to successfully launch and grow a sustainable business.

Venture Launch Lab was developed through funding provided by a USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) and was created to fill a critical gap in entrepreneurial programming across North Iowa. While many entrepreneurs receive assistance validating a business idea or developing a business concept, Venture Launch Lab focuses on helping business owners build the operational foundation necessary to successfully launch, manage, and grow their ventures.

The comprehensive, hands-on program guides participants through seven core pillars essential to building a strong business foundation: Legal Foundations, Operations, Human Resources and Leadership, Marketing Strategy, Financial and Tax Essentials, Strategy and Growth, and Funding. Through expert-led instruction, practical tools, guided implementation, and real-world application, participants make meaningful progress on their businesses while gaining the structure and support needed to move forward with confidence.

"Venture Launch Lab was intentionally designed to bridge the gap between

business planning and business execution," said Dr. Candi Karsjens, Executive Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at NIACC. "Entrepreneurs need more than an idea to succeed. They need strong systems, sound financial practices, effective marketing strategies, and a clear roadmap for growth. This program helps them build that foundation."

The first cohort brought together 11 businesses and 14 entrepreneurs from across North Iowa who are committed to building sustainable businesses that contribute to the economic vitality of their communities. Upon completion of the program, participants leave with stronger operational systems, improved decision-making confidence, a defined growth strategy, and a customized roadmap for future success.

Spring 2026 Venture Launch Lab Participants

Beach Buddies, Sherri Stensrude & Bridget Herrick, Mason City

CaptuRE Recycling, Shaden Tweeten, Forest City

Cliff's Place, Lauren Jeperson, Charles City

Georgette, Hallie Erdahl, Clear Lake

Grant Harvester, Caleb Renner, Forest City

Hertel Custom Builders, Jackson Hertel, Northwood

Mags & Lu Pet Services, Mary Jo Vrba, Mason City

SnapCache, Ryan Tostenson, Mason City

Stone Heritage, Cait Dillavou, Clear Lake

Swarty's, Josh & Shawna Swartwood, Clear Lake

Swift Lift Logistics,

Luke & Starr Benjamin, Clear Lake

The Venture Launch Lab cohort celebrated the completion of the program with a pitch competition. seven teams opted to compete before a panel of judges on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. The following prizes were awarded:

First Prize (\$1000) - Beach Buddies, Sherri Stensrude & Bridget Herrick, Mason City

Second Prize (\$750) - Stone Heritage, Cait Dillavou, Clear Lake

Third Prize (\$500) - Cliff's Place, Lauren Jeperson, Charles City

Honorable Mention (\$250) - Grant Harvester, Caleb Renner, Forest City

Honorable Mention (\$250) - CaptuRE Recycling, Shaden Tweeten, Forest City

Honorable Mention (\$250) - Swarty's, Josh & Shawna Swartwood, Clear Lake

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The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center is North Iowa's hub for new business starts, innovation, and rural business success. From Main Street startups to industry leaders, we're building a stronger Iowa through hands-on advising, stakeholder-driven programs, and a commitment to entrepreneurial education, from the classroom to the boardroom. Contact the NIACC Pappajohn Center at 641-422-4111 or pappajohn@niacc.edu. Visit the NIACC Pappajohn Center online at www.pappajohn-center.com.



This highboy-type 360RAIN precision irrigator can also apply liquid manure, providing potential to expand the timing windows for manure application.

Project brings latest data to help producers gain value from manure

Livestock manure is a rich source of fertility, and Iowa has abundant supplies from about 8,200 livestock farms. About 20% of cropped acres across the state are estimated to receive manure.

"Farmers respect manure and want to get the most value from it, but that's not easy. Manure management is complicated," said Dan Andersen, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State University and known by many as "Dr. Manure."

As a result, manure is often underutilized as a resource to boost crop yields and soil health, according to Andersen. And when it is not managed well, manure can contribute to the state's water quality problems.

Studying multiverse of factors influencing management

"We have to develop modern strategies for smarter use to encourage farmers to recycle this resource. A main goal of mine is to help make sure producers have good data to inform their decisions," he said.

During presentations, Andersen reviews results from test plots in northeast and central Iowa, where he studies a multiverse of factors that impact manure management. These include balancing manure application and its variable nutrient levels with diverse soils, crop fertility needs that change over the growing season, water quality concerns and economics. Adding to the challenges are tight schedules for application to accommodate retail applicators' availability, regulations and uncertain weather.

His current research fo-

cuses on fine-tuning the timing of manure applications when used with cover crops to optimize nitrogen use efficiency, protect crop yields and minimize environmental impacts. Several graduate and undergraduate students are working with Andersen on the project, funded initially by the Iowa Pork Producers Association and now by the Iowa Nutrient Research Center (INRC).

More specifically, the project's multiple aspects include:

Evaluating the performance of cover crops when spring manure is applied, comparing results to data collected in previous studies for early fall and late fall manure applications.

Assessing the effectiveness of split manure applications, such as fall-applying 100 pounds of nitrogen from manure and side-dressing 50 pounds of UAN (urea-ammonium nitrate) synthetic fertilizer at spring planting.

Fine-tuning recommended best practices for using manure with perennial cover crops.

After the second year of the three-year project, the team's findings show that a cereal rye cover crop regularly boosts soybean yields by about 5% and often results in minimal or no yield drag for the following corn crop, depending largely on careful management of cover crop height in the spring. The early results for water quality have been mixed but are especially positive for the perennial ground cover treatments.

Exploring new tools, broader outreach

Andersen is also exploring the potential of precision agriculture tools to

enhance effective use of livestock waste. These include global positioning and row-guidance technologies that can create unique placement zones for a cash crop, fertilizer and a cover crop in strip-tillage systems.

"That's really promising," he says.

Working with a farmer in north central Iowa, Andersen is helping evaluate a new precision irrigator that could also apply liquid manure. The highboy-type 360RAIN equipment could expand timing windows for manure application. At this point, it requires too much water, even when used with manure, which could be a disadvantage when soils are already wet. It would need some adjustments, and it is not economically viable yet, he said, "but there's interest in its potential."

Always looking for creative ways to reach a wider group of farmers and ag retailers, Andersen hosts a monthly "Talkin' Crap" podcast featuring advanced manure management advice from experts across the country. The tone can be light, but the topics are far from trivial.

"I want to help farmers succeed in making use of their manure resources, ideally benefiting their bottom line and the environment," Andersen said.

"Manure is a critical resource for farmers in Iowa and improving management of manure has the potential to improve the bottom line for farmers and benefit the environment," said INRC Director Matt Helmers. "We are fortunate to have Dr. Andersen working on these opportunities."

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Prettiest Eyes
1991 and 2026
This year's Prettiest Eyes winner Sydney Snyder carried on a family tradition. Sydney is pictured in the lower picture above with her mother Sydney (Wilde) Snyder, who had the prettiest eyes at the 1991 contest.



Miss Sparkle
McKinley Michalek



Chubbiest Cheeks
Rulon Miller



Chubbiest Cheeks
Ruth Eastman

The power of the pause: Why productive struggle is key to math success

By Theresa Smith is a consultant for Educational Services with Central Rivers AEA

We all know the scene: the pencil pauses, the brow furrows, and a deep sigh escapes. Watching a student wrestle with a challenging math problem feels, to any caring adult, like an emergency. Our impulse is to intervene, hand over the answer, and end the suffering. But when it comes to mathematics, we must resist that urge. That very moment of uncertainty—the struggle—is not a sign of failure, but the birthplace of true learning.

Educators call this phenomenon “productive struggle”. It’s the critical, supported window of time when a student must genuinely grapple with a concept before a solution is given. It’s messy, involving erased pencil marks and perhaps some frustration, but this effort is precisely the sound of new connections being forged in



THERESA SMITH

the brain.

When we allow our students to navigate the challenging “I don’t get this” phase, the reward extends far beyond mastering a formula. They are building a fundamental toolkit for navigating life: persistence, the vital understanding that “difficult” does not equal “impossible”; confidence, gained from the incomparable high of cracking a code they thought they couldn’t solve; and genuine problem-solving skills, which foster a proactive search for

different angles rather than passive reliance on external instruction.

Of course, the goal is not to induce a meltdown, but to provide a healthy challenge. Teachers meticulously design tasks that are just stimulating enough to be interesting, yet sufficiently supported to be ultimately solvable.

As parents and educators, our greatest support often comes from doing less. Instead of immediately playing the rescuer, we should offer a strategic nudge. Replace the instant solution with generative questions like: “What have you tried so far?” or “Is there another way to look at this?”. A simple, “I like how you’re sticking with this—keep going,” can be the most powerful encouragement of all.

In the real world, from career changes to managing a household budget, the answers are never conveniently located in the back of the book. Equipping children with the resilience to stay

in the game when things get tough is one of the most invaluable skills we can impart. Math simply happens to be a superb gymnasium for practicing that resilience.

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Theresa Smith is a consultant for Educational Services with Central Rivers AEA, with offices in Cedar Falls, Clear Lake and Marshalltown. She can be reached at tsmith@centralriversaea.org. Central Rivers AEA serves over 5,000 K-12 educators in 18 counties of north central Iowa to improve outcomes for over 60,000 students. Learn more at www.centralriversaea.org.

Bolan

Mary Wendt was the hostess on Thursday, June 28, of the Trinity United Women in Faith. The meeting was held in the church basement. Lori Willert shared devotions.

Those United Women in Faith from Bolan Trinity able to visit Roger and June Erdmann at the Assisted Living in Northwood and bring cake and ice cream to celebrate June’s 92nd birthday were Pam Wirtjes, Mary Wendt, Lori Willert and Linda Nydegger.

As you read in last week’s Anchor, the Dan Bern Tractor Tour is traveling to four different communities. Bolan is one of them. In checking out some information on Dan Bern I found that for nearly 30 years Dan has established himself as a true songwriter’s songwriter whose ability to transform thoughts and

observations in poetry is unparalleled., and he was born in Mt. Vernon, Iowa! What a privilege to have him in the area sharing his music. He will be at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Friday, June 26 from 7 – 9 p.m. Also in attendance will be a singer-songwriter from Albert Lea, Elshia Marin, and Warren Westcott, creator of Tm Fretty’s Musical Museum documentary will be sharing some of Tom’s story. PLUS, there will be refreshments available including soft serve ice cream root beer and popcorn. How about driving your favorite tractor into town and enjoy the evening? Or, just come via car or pick up. If you are unable to get to Bolan, see him in Fertile, Manly or Kensett during the week.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, Assemble Newsletter, 9 a.m., Bethlehem WELCA Board, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Men’s Group Breakfast at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Mavis Olson Celebration of Life at Grace, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, Worship at Grace, 9 a.m., Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., MS Support Group at Bethlehem, 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Kids for Christ at Bethlehem, 10 a.m. - Noon

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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, EC Joint Worship, 9 a.m.; Monday, Manna, 10 a.m. - Noon

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

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m., Schilling Birthday Party

Northwood United Methodist Church
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service FLC - Gary, Service DCV - Clara, 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 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

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

Fr. Dave O’Connor, Pastor

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

Pastor Kent Otterman

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Compassion Fatigue

Compassion fatigue is a term that is often applied to people who work in the helping professions, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, and social workers, and refers to the gradual decrease of compassion which these people sometimes feel in response to others’ suffering. It may be that after seeing so much suffering we become desensitized to it. Indeed, there is some evidence that everyone may be prone to compassion fatigue through the media’s portrayal of suffering people. Hearing everyday about Syrian refugees or the homeless in America may make us less likely to respond compassionately than if we were hearing about these unfortunate souls less often. People who are experiencing high levels of stress and who have inadequate support networks are more likely to experience compassion fatigue, perhaps because they feel that no one is helping them with their problems and they feel like they have nothing left in their “bucket” to share. Since compassion is one of the essential callings of the faithful, we should do our best to prevent compassion fatigue by managing our own levels of stress and by ensuring that we have a good support network in place. And, we should remember that God is always there to back us up. - Christopher Simon



I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.
1 Corinthians 12:13

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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.
Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson



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

I know, I know, it's grilling season with all the fun and flavor that comes from charcoal, a smoker, a Komodo grill etc. But occasionally it's too hot to stand outside, or too windy, or raining or too many skepters. Those are the times I drag out my old workhorse, the G.F. Grilling Machine. I located the recipe booklet that came with this grill (it was published in 1996 by Salton Maxim Housewares, Inc. Mt. Prospect, Illinois) and remembered how easily it grills food when cooking outside isn't a good option. The grill was marketed as the "Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine" so the recipes feature healthier meals. Some of them also have titles that relate to boxing because G.F. was a star in the ring. I've adapted the recipes when necessary.

Uppercut Burger

1 pound ground sirloin, extra lean
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup dairy milk, any type
1/2 package dry onion soup mix
1/4 cup bread crumbs, any kind
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl, Mix well but don't overwork the meat because it will toughen the burgers. Preheat the grilling machine for 5 minutes. Form the meat into 4 equal-size patties of uniform thickness (about 1/2"). Close the lid and grill for 4-6 minutes or until the burger is cooked to your desired doneness. NOTE: George says that if you don't use lean sirloin, reduce the amount of oil to 1 tablespoon.

Neutral Corner Onions

6-8 medium onions, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons real butter, melted
Salt & pepper to taste
Pre-heat the grilling machine for 5 minutes. Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl, making sure the onions are well coated with the butter and oil. Spread

the onions in an even layer about 3/4" thick on the grill. Close the lid and grill for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Serve as a side dish with steak but it is also great to top burgers, chops etc.

Fried Spaghetti

SANDY'S NOTE: Here's one we wouldn't ordinarily do on an outside grill because it would fall through the grates!
1 pound cold, leftover spaghetti
3 tablespoons olive oil
3-4 large eggs, beaten
Grated parmesan to taste
1 cup yellow onions, sliced
Salt & pepper to taste
Catsup...optional
Pre-heat the grilling machine for 5 minutes. Chop up the pasta into 1-2" pieces and place in a medium bowl. Add the onion, olive oil, salt and pepper. Spread this mixture on the grill evenly. Close the lid and press down. Grill for 10-12 minutes. Open the lid and evenly pour the beaten eggs over the pasta. Close the lid and grill for another 2 minutes to set the eggs. Serve topped with parmesan and catsup, if desired.
ANOTHER SANDY NOTE: The grill is pretty flat so pouring the egg mixture over the grilled spaghetti could be tricky. I would use only 1-2 eggs, just enough to lightly cover the top of the grilled pasta. Saves a possible puddle to clean up.

The G.F. grilling machine is a piece of equipment I don't use regularly but when I need it, it stands ready to help create an "outdoor" meal in the kitchen. There is an adjustable heat setting and I usually keep it on maximum. I always use the little tray that fits under the front of the grill to catch drippings when grilling meat or especially with the spaghetti recipe above due to adding beaten eggs. Life is good when we have all our cooking helpers inside and out. And... that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor

Society



Second graders take field trip to Minnesota Zoo
Students in the second grade at Northwood-Kesnett took one last field trip before the school year ended. They traveled to Apple Valley, Minnesota, to visit and learn about a wide variety of animals that call the Minnesota Zoo home.



A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

It is amazing how America is getting into the celebration of its 250th birthday! There are celebrations, big and small, all across the country. At Reconnect 720, we are celebrating with a little "float" in the parade on July 4 so please watch for us. Actually, it's a golf cart but what better way to celebrate being a senior than by riding in one of the most popular means of transportation for our age group.
We have some old and some new activities this month. The men's coffee on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. and women's coffee at the same time on Tuesdays continue to be our most popular activity. Meet new friends; get caught up with friends you haven't seen in a while.
Also on Mondays we're doing a Bible reading that studies God's word using various themes. Join the group at 12:45 p.m. each week.
On Monday, July 6, The Northwood Bookworms will meet at the Public Library at 2 p.m. We read, we talk, we might have differing

opinions of a book but it's defiantly interesting. New members are always welcome; just show up.
Tuesdays are card and game days with different games played each week. Fun Bingo is scheduled for July 14 at 12:30 p.m. Free to play with prizes. Rats, Mexican Train, Tradition- al Bingo and more are also part of the fun each week.
Patty Brekken, our craft leader, will be doing two different projects this month.
On July 1, you can learn how to make a personal mosquito repellent from common ingredients at 1 pm. \$1 each.
On July 24 Patty demonstrates how to create adorable garden paver "animals" at 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 each.
Junk Journaling with Holly Adams continues on Thursdays, July 8 and 22 at 1 p.m.
On July 15 we'll learn more 'strange things' with Deanna at 11:30 a.m.
ALL July babies are invited to celebrate their birthdays with friends and cake/ice cream also on the 15th, at 2 p.m.

And...Fun with Holly Bell entertains everyone on the last Wednesday of July, the 29th at 12:45 p.m. This is always a surprise!
Bible Art Journaling with Deb Rohne will meet on two Thursdays, July 2 and 16 at 9 a.m.
On all the Thursdays of the month the Crochet Club will be working on projects and invites anyone who enjoys crochet or wants to learn to join them.
Chair exercise happens almost every Friday in July at 9:30 a.m.
Reconnect 720 and Congregate/Delivered meals will be CLOSED on Friday, July 3. There is a LOT going on at Reconnect 720 so please mark your calendars now and don't miss anything. Lunch is served Monday – Friday but it's necessary to reserve your meal by calling 641-324-1244 by 9 a.m. The suggested price per meal is \$7 but diners pay what they can afford.
We hope to see new and regular faces each week. It's one of Northwood's best kept secrets for anyone who hasn't been there recently.

10th annual Flippin Flamingo Golf tournament

The Flippin Flamingo Golf Tournament will be celebrating its 10th annual golf tournament on July 25 at the Northwood Country Club with a 9:03 tee off.
The entry fee is \$150 for a 3-person team and teams need to sign up at the country club or call 324-1662.
For the past 10 years, this event has brought the community together for one important purpose – supporting local cancer warriors.
The annual event has raised funds to help 87 cancer warriors over the last decade. The funds raised go directly to these individuals and families, and they are able to use the money however they choose – whether for medical expenses, travel, household bills or simply easing the burden during a difficult time.



"As we celebrate our 10th year, we would love your support once again."
Those that would like to help may sponsor a hole for \$200 or a half hole for \$100, donate a raffle prize or make a monetary donation in any amount. Other ways to contribute would be to purchase raffle tickets from any committee member, purchase a 50/50 "chance"

at the ball drop or a donation to earns a chance at a Yeti Camino bag.
"Every contribution – big or small – makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those fighting cancer in our community."
"Together, we can make this 10th annual tournament our most impactful yet. If you're not a golfer, join us in the club house for the announcement of winners and drawing of the raffle prizes. Hope to see you there."

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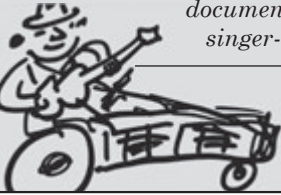
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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Should you get a heart calcium scan?

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

I just turned 58 and heart disease runs in my family. My cholesterol has been creeping up, and I've been hearing about a scan that can show your actual heart risk. Is that something I should look into?

--Heart Worried

Dear Worried,

You're smart to be thinking about this now. For years, cholesterol numbers have been the main way to estimate heart disease risk. But there's another tool gaining attention that can offer a more direct look: a coronary artery calcium scan, or CAC scan.

This quick, noninvasive test looks for actual plaque buildup in your heart's arteries, not just the risk of developing it.

Here's why that matters. High cholesterol suggests you might develop heart disease someday. But calcium in your arteries means some disease is already present. The higher your calcium score, the greater your risk of a future heart attack or stroke. That makes this test especially useful for people like you with a family history and borderline numbers.

How it works

A CAC scan is a specialized CT scan that takes about 10 minutes and doesn't require needles or dyes. You simply lie on a table while the scanner takes images of your heart. It uses a small amount of radiation, similar to a mammogram.

The result is a calcium score that reflects how much plaque is in your arteries:

- A score of zero means no detectable plaque.
- A score from 1 to 100 indicates mild plaque.
- A score from 100 to 299 suggests moderate buildup.
- A score of 300 or higher points to more serious disease.

This number gives you and your doctor something concrete to work with. Instead of guessing about your risk, you can make more confident decisions about whether to start a statin or focus on lifestyle changes alone.

Who needs it

Not everyone needs a CAC scan. It's most helpful for adults over 40 who have some risk factors, like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or a family history of heart disease, but aren't clearly high or low risk.

If your risk level is uncertain or you're hesitant about taking a statin, the scan can help break the tie. It can also be a strong wake-up call. Many people who see plaque on their scan are more motivated to take medication, improve their diet, lose weight, and stay active.

Getting one

CAC scans are widely available at hospitals and imaging centers that offer CT services. You'll usually need a doctor's order, but some centers offer self-pay screenings you can schedule yourself.

The scan typically costs about \$75 to \$200 out of pocket and usually isn't something you need to repeat very often. Results are often available quickly, sometimes within a day or two.

A couple of caveats: A score of zero doesn't mean you have no risk, and the test isn't meant for diagnosing symptoms like chest pain. It's just one piece of the puzzle and should be considered along with your overall health picture.

Given your age, family history, and slightly elevated cholesterol, a CAC scan could be a very useful next step. It's worth having a conversation with your doctor to see if it makes sense for you.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

You should cut back on the red meat and fried foods.

My aunt just celebrated her 106th birthday.

Did she do it by eating red meat and fried foods?

No, she did it by minding her own business.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I enjoyed a glass of Adam's ale—plain old water—as I watched fireflies. It was good to see someone using their blinkers. It's June. Time to start preparing for winter. I put the snow shovel away on June 15. I hope that wasn't a rash decision. To some folks, that means making winter reservations in Arizona. When I found myself in Surprise, Arizona, for a day years ago, I wasn't surprised.

You know about the Swiss Army Knife, but do you know about the Minnesota Army Knife? It's equipped with a snow shovel, a roll of duct tape, a windshield squeegee and jumper cables.

Minnesota to Alaska

A friend, Dave Olerud of Haines, Alaska, passed away not long ago. I miss his phone calls. Originally from Boyd, Minnesota, Dave got me involved with the American Bald Eagle Foundation in Haines. Dave was the founder of the ABEF. That led to many wonderful visits to Alaska for me. Dave told me I had caught the Alaska virus, which required me to return regularly.

A pinky swear

A pinky swear is a traditional gesture where two people hook their pinky fingers together to signify that a promise had been made. The pinky finger

might be the runt, but it contributes to our grip strength. The pinky toe's primary function is stability and balance, acting as an outrigger during walking and running. It cuts back on the swaying. Because it is on the outside of the foot, the pinky toe is susceptible to stubbing. Stubbing a pinky toe often results in a different kind of a pinky swear.

A wishing stone

Folklore says if you find a rock with a white line all the way around it, you have found a wishing stone. The stripe is usually a vein of quartz or calcite. A wishing stone is a stone that some people believe grants a wish or brings good luck. Hold the stone and close your eyes while making your wish. Speak the wish aloud or ponder it quietly in your mind. Carry the stone with you in your pocket or bag as a reminder of your wish. Place it under your pillow to invite dreams and insights related to your wish. I hope you find one and it brings you monumental good luck.

I've learned

The creation of the high-five is credited to Los Angeles Dodgers baseball players Glenn Burke and Dusty Baker in 1977. After Baker had hit a home run, Burke raised his hand in celebration, and Baker instinctively slapped it, creating the iconic celebratory gesture.

The states that spend the biggest share of their household incomes on fast food are Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia. The state spending the least is New Jersey. Iowans spend the 29th largest portion of their incomes and Minnesotans the 44th.

<https://wallethub.com/edu/states-where-people-spend-the-most-least-on-fast-food/146260>

Southdale Center, which opened in Edina, Minnesota, in 1956, was the first fully enclosed, climate-controlled shopping mall in the world.

"Hairbrained" is a common mis-

spelling, but the word is "harebrained," meaning "silly as a hare."

If it had not been for Thomas Edison, we'd be watching TV by candlelight.

Bad jokes department

How do chickens pick their noses? With their chicken fingers.

What rhymes with orange? No, it doesn't.

What is the closest thing to silver? The Lone Ranger's bottom.

Nature notes

A ginormous American robin splashed water out of the birdbath. A ginormous robin might weigh 3 ounces—less than a deck of cards.

Lemon-yellow goldfinches made me look. A blue-gray gnatcatcher, looking like a miniature mockingbird, produced buzzy, insect-like calls. I listened to a scarlet tanager near the city of Mabel. Or perhaps Mabel was near the scarlet tanager.

Foxtail barley is a common grass of the roadsides, often growing in saline soil. Even though it is considered a weedy species, the flowering spikes are attractive—silky and waving in the slightest breeze. It's known for its distinctive feathery seed heads that resemble a fox's tail.

Great crested flycatchers are known to include a shed snakeskin in their nests. They will use materials with similar characteristics, such as cellophane, plastic wrappers or onion skins. Research suggests the purpose might be to deter predators. A study found that nest boxes with snakeskins were less likely to be disturbed by predators.

Meeting adjourned

"Sometimes being kind allows others to see the goodness in humanity through you. Always be kinder than necessary." Germany Kent.

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Fit to print...

July 4, 1776, is an important date in American history that is widely considered the birthday of the United States of America.

The Declaration of Independence and July Fourth are indelibly linked. But you may need to be an American history buff to know that the link is less direct than it may seem.

The Continental Congress declared American independence on July 2, even though the final wording of the Declaration of Independence had yet to be approved. That approval came two days later, which is why American independence is celebrated on July 4.

Furthermore, the Declaration of Independence now on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., was not signed on July 4. The signatures on that document, which have been a source of pride for descendants of the signers for centuries, were written on August 2, a full month after the Congress declared its independence from Great Britain. And in a reflection of life in the 18th century, Great Britain did not even receive the declaration until November of 1776.

Some people argue that August 2 should actually be America's birthday, since that was when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The National Archives says that the Second Continental Congress adopted the United States Declaration of independence on July 4, 1776, formally severing ties with Britain. The approved Declaration was printed on July 5. On July 19, Congress ordered that the document be engrossed on parchment, which is a process of copying an official document in large hand.

It is surmised that the engrosser was Timothy Matlock, an assistant to Charles Thomson, secretary to the Congress. It was nearly a month after the Declaration

was adopted before the document began to be signed by delegates.

The signing of the Declaration of Independence occurred primarily on August 2, 1776, at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, a building later renamed Independence Hall.

John Hancock, who was the President of the Congress, was the first to sign the engrossed copy. Signatures were arranged by states from northernmost to southernmost. Fifty-six delegates eventually signed the document, although not all were present to sign on August 2. Some delegates never managed to sign the Declaration, including Robert R. Livingston of New York, who was a member of the Declaration's drafting committee.

While July 4 is just one of the dates associated with the Declaration of Independence, the date is also connected to other notable events.

Though July 4 has served as America's Independence Day for centuries, many other significant and memorable events have taken place on the fourth day of July.

1744: The Treaty of Lancaster is signed in Pennsylvania. The treaty dictates that the Iroquois will cede land between the Allegheny Mountains and the Ohio River to the British colonies.

1802: The United States Military Academy officially commences operations. Located in West Point, New York, the USMA is the oldest of the five American service academies.

1826: On the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Independence, the second and third presidents of the United States, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, respectively, pass away. Both men were instrumental to American success during the American Revolution.

1831: Samuel Francis Smith's

Other days of independence

"America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)" is performed in public for the first time. The performance took place during a children's Independence Day celebration in Boston.

• 1845: Naturalist and essayist Henry David Thoreau moves into a cabin on Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. His experiences there would later be detailed in "Walden Pond."

• 1913: President Woodrow Wilson addresses veterans of the American Civil War at a reunion marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. More than 50,000 veterans of the war, including roughly 9,000 Confederate veterans, attend the reunion.

• 1939: New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig announces his retirement to a crowd at Yankee Stadium, informing them he feels he is "the luckiest man on the face of the earth." Gehrig had recently been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease that would later be widely referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease."

1983: Twenty-four-year old New York Yankees left-hander Dave Righetti throws a no-hitter against the rival Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. Righetti struck seven of the first nine batters he faced and even overcame a delay in the eighth inning when umpire Steve Palermo suffered a knee injury. Outspoken Yankees owner George Steinbrenner did not attend the game, as he was in Florida celebrating his 53rd birthday with family.

• 2004: The cornerstone of the Freedom Tower is laid on the World Trade Center site in New York City. Now known as One World Trade Center, the building formally opened in November 2014.

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Obituaries

100 years ago

June 17, 1926
Word has been received from J. Wilhelm Ylvisaker of St. Paul by way of the Northwood and Shell Rock Norwegian Lutheran congregations that he has decided to accept the call as pastor to these charges. This call was given several weeks ago following the resignation of his brother, Rev. C.B. Ylvisaker, who is leaving the local pastorate to become a member of the faculty of Concordia college at Moorhead, Minn.
Northwood's 20th consecutive Chautauqua opened with the junior parade in

75 years ago

June 21, 1951
Several Northwood Girl Scouts will attend Camp Gaywood, the Girl Scout Camp at Clear Lake, according to Mrs. L.A. Baken, Girl Scout Commissioner. Two of the girls are at camp this week. They are Diane Halland and Barbara Neale. Four going next week are Suzanne Tenold, Beverly Kuhlmann, Cynthia Vold and Carol Hendrickson. Others may go on July 22.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gunderson and daughter Cher ami are expected today

50 years ago

June 17, 1976
Saturday evening's wind had no respect for the law, as is evident in the photo showing Sheriff Ike Davey's car beneath an uprooted tree. Northwood City workers were out the early part of the week helping haul away branches and debris left by the windstorm.
Kym Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Olson and a senior this fall at Northwood-Kensett High School, will leave Monday for Oslo, Norway, where she will make her home for the summer with the Sverre Tandberg

25 years ago

June 20, 2001
The Northwood city council approved a price increase on municipal garbage collection bags. The council raised the garbage bag prices in response to a Landfill of North Iowa dumping fee increase from \$23 per ton to \$25 a ton and rising fuel prices.
Lighted Christmas wreaths like those displayed here by Northwood Craft and Garden Club members Dee Bloomingdale, Irma Perkins, and Genie Foss will go on sale at the Worth County Fair today. The trio's club and members of the Green Thumb Garden Club made the decorations by add-

10 years ago

June 22, 2016
The opening night of the Worth County Fair once again included the annual Worth County Fair Queen finals. Six 4-H'ers took part. The ceremony was hosted by Tim Fleming, who invited the candidates on stage before asking them about their family and something unique about themselves. Fair princess Tayah Lande, 2016 Worth County Fair Queen Rylee Bowman, Miss Congeniality Terran Haberman and 2015 Fair Queen Kayley Eskildsen.
Visitors to Northwood seeking a place to spend

which a large number of the kiddies took part, walking, riding horseback and on floats.
Palmer Sime, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sime, west of town, had the small bone in his right wrist broken by the back firing of a Ford engine. He was driving the car of his brother, John Sime, and when it stopped for him he evidently tried to crank the engine without retarding the spark.
Grafton- At-last the long-debated question of the site for the new school-house has been decided by the purchase of three acres on the east end of the C.W. Paulus acreage, on Prairie Avenue. This is a fine location, and generous

from Fullerton, California, to again make their home in Northwood after living in California since last August. They will occupy their residence on east Central Avenue recently vacated by John Allen family. Mr. Gunderson, who sold his bicycle repair business in Fullerton, will be employed as book-keeper at the Worth County Implement Company.
Darwin Gullickson left to report to the Navy base at Norfolk, Virginia, after spending a leave of 15 days here with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Ruffridge. Archard Gullcikson, Minneapolis, was also home for a weekend visit with his mother and other home folks.
Five Northwood golfers

family under the Youth for Understanding program.
Students from Worth County named to the Dean's List at Augusta College, Sioux Falls, included Anne Bersagel, Northwood, Marla Anderson and Cindy Hanna, Joice.
Belmond outit the N-K Vikings to win 8-3 with the game called after five and one-half innings because of weather. Kevon Reeder and Robb Low shared mound duties.
Gail Walk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Walk, Northwood, became the bride of Marvin Wirtjes, Grafton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Erickson, Hampton, in a ceremony on June 12, at 2 p.m. in First Lutheran Church.
Howard Erdmann,

ing bows, tiny lights, and other embellishments to the Central Avenue holiday wreaths to be replaced by the Northwood Christmas Lights Fund, which will be the beneficiary of the five-day dale in the horticulture building at the fairgrounds.
Joseph Rosch of Northwood is the recipient of a \$500 President's Scholarship and \$1,000 Schaefer Building Trades Scholarship to attend NIACC. Rosch, son of Margie Rosch and the late Steven Rosch, is a 2001 graduate of Northwood-Kensett.
Worth County Historical Society members Bev and Stan Lucas of rural Kensett hold a plaque designating that the Kensett Church Museum is on the national Register of Historic Places.
Northwood resident Maxine

some time in a scenic park, playing disk golf, horse shoes, softball or baseball, or those looking for a good place for children to play or to enjoy a picnic, can find the perfect place in Swensrud and Hurd park. Now the signs at the entrances to those parks have received an update, thanks in part to the Swensrud Foundation, which contributed funds towards the new signs.
The Northwood-Kensett Trap Team had a rough start to the state tournament. The team dropped about 30 targets that put them behind the leader with little hope of making them up the next day. The N-K team finished 40th out of 73 schools in the high school championship with a score of 907 out of

acreage will provide ample room for sports, as well as growth of the school should extensions ever become necessary. With this matter decided, work will soon begin on the new building.
Today at high noon, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. O.V. Eckert, was solemnized the wedding of Miss Eleanor C. Bosserman and Mr. Leo Patterson Chapman of Omaha, Nebr. The beautiful ritual ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church was read by the Rev. Thomas Shaffer in the presence of about twenty guests. The bride bouquets of sweet peas and sunburst roses. The rooms were decorated with pink and white peonies and graceful ferns.

were entered in the Forest City invitational golf tournament Sunday. They were Harold Elwell, Dr. B.H. Osten, Russell Baker, Emery Boyette and Don Harris.
Robert Allen Hansen, 19, son of Christian Hansen of Silver Lake township, enlisted in the United States Marines at Des Moines.
Charles Kirsch, Mason City, a 1951 graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, has accepted a position as director of instrumental music in the Northwood schools next year. He played first chair cornet in the U. of M. band. He replaces Gordon McLean, director here the pat two years, who has resigned.

Northwood, was one of 42 Department of Transportation officers graduating from the Motor Vehicle Enforcement school in Des Moines on May 21. These officers are primarily concerned with enforcement of commercial vehicle laws. The group attended a three week course on criminal justice, law enforcement practices and procedures, legal concerns, and human behavior.
The Viking boys lost a close one June 9 to Buffalo Center 10-9. Coach Bob Wilder said, "It was a good game." The score was tied several times and the Bison got a few breaks and took advantage of several Viking errors. Gene Ouverson and Robb Low shared pitching honors.

Dodge and Bolan resident Doris Steiger recently received plaques commemorating their respective 39 and 35 years of volunteer service to the American Cancer Society. Worth County ACS unit president LaVon Lindflott made the presentations last Friday at Dodge's home.
The Northwood-Kensett girls picked up their third and fourth victories of the season, downing West Hancock 3-1 here and Corwith-Wesley-Luverne 11-1 in Britt. Senior pitcher Shana Mathahs and junior infielder Hailee Rustad led the Vikings to their first North Iowa Conference win of the season here. Mathahs struck out three E'Gals, walked three and gave up seven hits, while Rustad doubled to provide one of N-K's six hits.

1,000.
Jocelyn Klunder plays the hot corner to perfection, laying the tag on a Huskie base runner in last Wednesday night's 10-1 TIC win in Northwood. Klunder also had a nice night at the plate, going 2-4, adding to her .273 season average.
Improving, but still sitting on its only win of the season, an 11-7 victory over CAL, the Northwood-Kensett baseball team is at last playing up to its potential as it improved its season record to 4-12 last week with wins over North Butler, Nashua-Plainfield and West Hancock.
Senior Kail Christianson runs down a flyable last Friday night in Sheffield where the Vikings dropped both games of a twin bill.

Larry Botts

Larry Ray Botts passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family. Larry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, businessman and community leader whose life was defined by hard work, service and a deep love for his family and community.
Larry was born on April 18, 1937, in Hampton, Iowa, to John and Thelma Botts. He attended Hampton High School, where he was active in football, basketball, baseball and track, earning letters in each sport despite being one of the smallest athletes on the field. He also enjoyed theater productions, golf and proudly served two years in the National Guard based at the Hampton Armory.
While working for Anthony's Department Store in Perry, Iowa, Larry met the love of his life, Sandra Sue Johns. They were married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1960, beginning a partnership that would last more than 60 years. Together they welcomed two sons, Mitchell and Eric, and built a life centered on faith, family and community.
Larry spent much of his career as a successful business owner throughout northern Iowa. He and Sandy eventually made their home in Manly, Iowa, where they owned and operated several businesses and became deeply involved in the community. Larry was active in the Methodist Church, the Pioneer Country Club and Pool, local booster organizations and the Mason City Red Cross, where he helped provide relief to families affected by fires and tornadoes.
A lifelong sports enthusiast, Larry was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Iowa Hawkeyes. After moving to Macomb, Illinois, in

NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center to host IDEA Camp for middle school students

Registration is now open for the NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center's premiere youth program for North Iowa middle school students. IDEA Camp is designed for 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students, and will be held in Summer 2026 at locations in Clear Lake and Charles City, IA.
IDEA Camp helps students practice some of life's key components: innovation, discovery, entrepreneurship, and achievement. This hands-on program guides young innovators through the essential stages of business creation, from brainstorming ideas to crafting a solid business model. Whether students come with a business idea in mind or need help discovering one, our camp provides the tools and support needed to bring their entrepreneurial dreams to life.
IDEA Camp is for creative and ambitious middle school students who are eager to explore entrepreneurship, develop creative problem-solving skills, and build confidence in their ability to create and innovate. No prior experience is required—just curiosity and enthusiasm!
IDEA Camp Summer 2026 Dates and Locations:
• Tuesday, July 7 – NIACC Career Center, Charles City, Iowa, Sponsored by First Citizens Bank
• Thursday, July 9 – Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce,



LARRY BOTTS

1999, he also became a dedicated supporter of Western Illinois University athletics. He especially loved golf, fireworks and the annual Fourth of July celebrations in Manly, which he proudly helped support for many years.
More than anything, Larry loved his family. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and treasured every opportunity to spend time with them.
Larry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sandra Sue Botts; his parents, John and Thelma Botts; his sisters, Veloy (Don) Burke and Velma (David) Riggins; his brothers, Dean (Alice) Botts and Virgil (Dorothy) Botts; his sisters-in-law, Pat Meier, Doris Pantier, Vernas Shipley, Verna Martin and Norma Herridge; and his brothers-in-law, Donald Johns, George Johns, Jack Meier, Dale Shipley, Richard Herridge, Bill Martin, Jack Lientz and Virgil Pantier.
He is survived by his sons, Mitch (Cindy) Botts and Eric (Lori) Botts. He was a proud grandfather to Katie (Charlie) Whitaker, Tony (Jackie) Botts, Shelli Botts, Brad (Sydney) Botts,

Meghan (AJ) Shaw, Hayley (Blake) Nord, and Carly Botts. He was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Reese Mabrey, Addisyn Shaw, Ruby Shaw, Landon Shaw, Oliver Nord, Cal Botts and Macklin Botts.
Larry is also survived by sister-in-law, Linda (Bob) Olson and by his beloved nephew, Rhett Clayton, who held a special place in Larry and Sandy's hearts, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.
Visitation was held from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Perry Chapel. Funeral services began at 12 p.m., with burial to follow at Violet Hill Cemetery. Family and friends were invited to gather afterward at the Perry Country Club for a Celebration of Life luncheon, where stories, memories and the joy Larry brought to so many lives were shared as they honored and remembered a life well lived. In honor of Larry's lifelong love of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Minnesota Vikings, guests are welcome to wear Hawkeye black and gold or Vikings purple and gold attire to the Celebration of Life.
In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to Wesley Village in Macomb, Illinois, to be used for the benefit and support of the dedicated staff who provided Larry with such compassionate care. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.caldwellparrish.com.
Larry's legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the community he served, and the countless lives he touched with his generosity, determination and love.

Help slow the spread of invasive species in communities

From the Iowa DNR:

Invasive species, like emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, spongy moth and oriental bittersweet pose a serious threat to Iowa’s forests. They can destroy native trees, crowd out native plants, and reduce the healthy habitats that support Iowa’s wildlife.

Iowa woodlands, wild-

lands and waterways draw hundreds of thousands of tourists and recreational users each year. Much of the spread of invasive species comes from people simply enjoying nature. Uninvited guests can hitch a ride on outdoor gear, shoes and clothes, traveling hundreds of miles in a single day.

Take these easy steps to

reduce the spread of invasive species in your community.

Verify that the plants you buy for your yard or garden are not invasive. Many non-native plants can become invasive. Find quick ID photos and common management techniques to control 19 invasive trees, shrubs and plants on the DNR webpage at iowadnr.

gov/invasives.

Look for spongy moth egg masses on all outdoor equipment when traveling from a spongy moth quarantined area.

Clean your boots before and after you hike in a new area to avoid spreading seeds. This is a common way garlic mustard and other plants are spread.

Do not buy or sell fire-

wood from outside your county. Firewood can contain emerald ash borer, Sirex woodwasp, Asian longhorned beetle, oak wilt and many more pests. Plenty of firewood is available locally near state and county parks. Make sure to burn all of the firewood at the campsite and not leave it or transport to a new area.

Work with your private lands district forester for plans to make your forests more resilient to invasive species. Find contact information and forest landowner assistance resources online at iowadnr.gov/wood-land-owners.

Learn more about forest invasive species on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/foresthealth.

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cumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 6 Worth County, Iowa.
YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 6 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 6 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.
RECLASSIFICATION is shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification of benefits for each of the 40 acre tracts or other tracts in Drainage District No. 6. For a copy of the Reclassification Report please contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 or you can view the report online at <https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/>.
YOU ARE FUTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing,

TIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for AUGUST 3, 2026 AT 10:45 AM in the Magistrate Room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. If you cannot attend the hearing in person, you can join us via Zoom with the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88399908303?pwd=oPmC-TisDgoXbhoTgQfuYm8a7BH-JVeh.1>
YOU ARE FUTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Worth County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Worth County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the District, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing,

the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.
YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court.
THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 6.
FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at <https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage> or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

Chelsey Doty,
Worth County
Drainage Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
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YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa, acting in

behalf of Drainage District No. 6 Worth County, Iowa, have adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the annexation of additional lands to Drainage District No. 6 as provided by law.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Bolton & Menk a qualified engineer, to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No. 6 and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits received. Said report provides as follows:

PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR ANNEXATION			
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6			
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA			
Deedholder(s)	Parcel Number	Legal Description	Benefited Acres
BETZ, SHARON ANN	0121 3000 03	SECTION:21 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 SW SW SILVER LAKE	14.60
FORLAND, STEVEN L REVOCABLE TRUST	0114 3000 08	SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 GOV LOT 6 SILVER LAKE	31.64
FORLAND, STEVEN L REVOCABLE TRUST	0115 4000 09	SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 LOT 6 EX PAR SILVER LAKE	29.80
GASKILL, MARCUS JAMES	0503 2000 06	SECTION:03 TOWNSHIP:99 RANGE:22 FRL NW NE EX PT OF PAR "A" BRISTOL	16.90
HAGEN ENTERPRISES INC, GORDON	0133 4000 02	33 100 22 E. 10 A. NW SE	4.60
HAGEN, GORDON & GORDON, JEAN	0503 1000 03	3 99 22 SW NW	2.30
HAGEN, GORDON & JEAN	0502 2000 01	SECTION:02 TOWNSHIP:99 RANGE:22 FRL NW NE BRISTOL	1.50
HAGEN, GORDON & JEAN	0503 1000 01	3 99 22 FRL. NW NW	37.20
HELGESON, SCOTT N	0503 1000 08	3 99 22 E 700' FRL. NE NW	14.60
KINGLAND, DOUGLAS R REVOCABLE TRUST	0136 2000 06	SECTION:0036 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 S 10 A E 17 A N 1/2 NE NE SILVER LAKE	0.30
KINGLAND, EDWIN K RESIDUARY TRUST	0501 2000 04	1 99 22 PAR. IN SW NE	9.10
KINGLAND, JAMES	0136 2000 10	SECTION:36 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 SW NE SILVER LAKE	4.00
KINGLAND, JAMES	0501 2000 07	SECTION:01 TOWNSHIP:99 RANGE:22 SE NE EXC PAR BRISTOL	2.50

KNUDTSON, VICTOR D RESIDUARY TRUST	0121 1000 01	21-100-22 NW NW	6.60
KNUDTSON, VICTOR D RESIDUARY TRUST	0121 1000 03	21-100-22 SW NW	0.30
KNUDTSON, VICTOR D RESIDUARY TRUST	0121 1000 05	SECTION:21 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 NE NW EX PAR "A" SILVER LAKE	34.00
MERRITT, BRETT	0116 2000 06	SECTION:16 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 PAR "A" & "B" NE NE SILVER LAKE	1.90
NELSON, BRIAN & CRYSTAL	0136 2000 03	36 100 22 W. 3 A. N 1/2 NE NE	2.50
NELSON, BRIAN & CRYSTAL	0136 2000 05	36 100 22 PAR. IN N 1/2 NE NE	2.50
NELSON, KEVIN R	0124 3000 06	SECTION:24 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 SW SW EX PAR "G" SILVER LAKE	1.30
NELSON, KEVIN R	0125 2000 03	25-100-22 SW NE	3.30
ROGSTAD, DENNIS & DARLA	0116 2000 05	SECTION:16 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 NE NE EX PAR "A" & "B" SILVER LAKE	11.90
SAXERUD, WAYNE C REVOCABLE TRUST	0504 2000 04	4 99 22 SE NE	0.70
SORBO FARMS INC	0115 1000 05	SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:22 GOV'T LOT 3 E OF RD SILVER LAKE	1.80
WOGEN, ALLAN S & RHONDA L	0133 2000 06	33 100 22 PAR. IN SE NE	1.00
Total Recommended Worth County Annexation Area			236.84 Ac

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that said report has been filed with the County Auditor of Worth County, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for AUGUST 3, 2026 AT 10:30 AM in the Magistrate Room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. If you cannot attend the hearing in person you can join us via Zoom with the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88399908303?pwd=oPmC-TisDgoXbhoTgQfuYm8a7BH-JVeh.1>
At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No. 6 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER

NOTIFIED that all objections to the proposed annexation of said lands and any claim for damages must be in writing and filed with the County Auditor of Worth County at or before the time set for hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements of DD 6, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassi-

fy. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 6. At the time fixed for hearing, the Board shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.

FOR A COPY OF THE ANNEXATION REPORT please contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 or you can view the report online at <https://worth-countyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/>.

Chelsey Doty,
Worth County DrainageClerk



Butterflies and a portable playground

The Lake Mills Library's Summer Reading Program brought young people to the park to interact with interesting insects and a portable playground. The young people at the reading program took part in the Absolute Science Butterfly Encounter. The Fellowship for a United Northwood-Kensett (FUNK) also brought its Imagination Playground for the young people to enjoy.



Bulldog Reagan Ham scoops up the ball during Monday's action against the West Hancock Eagles.

Bulldog girls get conference win over Eagles

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills softball team hosted the West Hancock Eagles on Monday, June 15, in a Top of Iowa Conference game and got their second win of the season 9-8.

The Eagles scored four in the first inning, three in the third, and one in the fourth. The Bulldogs scored three in the first, four in the fourth, one in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Taryn Wempen led the team with two singles, three RBIs and a stolen base. Reese Delger had two singles and one RBI and Kenlie Greenfield had a double. Reagan Ham and Cora Sauer each had one RBI and a stolen base and Betsy Byars had one RBI.

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

Byars pitched seven innings facing 32 batters, she allowed eight runs on eight hits, walked four times, hit four batters and struck out 12.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Bulldogs traveled to Belmond-Klemme for a conference game and lost 13-0.

Hillary Hanson had the only single for the Bulldogs.

Lake Mills scored no runs on one hit, walked once and struck out nine times.

Byars pitched 1.1 innings facing nine batters and allowed eight runs on three hits, walked five, hit two batters and struck out one. Mya Anderson pitched 1.2 innings facing 10 batters and allowed five runs on five hits and walked two.

On Friday, June 19, the Bulldogs hosted Bishop Garing in a conference game and lost 23-15.

The Golden Bears scored seven in the second, one in the third and fourth innings, three in the fifth and sixth innings and eight in the seventh. The Bulldogs scored two in the first, one in the second, four in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Sauer led the team with four singles, a double, four RBIs and a stolen base. Peterson had a single, a homerun and five RBIs and Delger had two singles, one RBI and one stolen base. Greenfield had two singles and Ham had two singles, one RBI and

one stolen base. Hanson had a single and two RBIs, Liz Oldenkamp and Wempen each had a single.

The Bulldogs scored 15 runs on 16 hits and had 13 RBIs. They walked six times, were hit by the pitcher three times and struck out six times.

Byars pitched 6.2 innings facing 41 batters and allowed 22 runs on 17 hits, walked seven times, hit two batters and struck out two. Anderson pitched a portion of an inning facing three batters and allowed one run on one hit.

The Bulldogs are 2-9 in the TIC West and 2-14 overall.

Lake Mills News Sports

July Jubilee begins July 10

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'ouvres 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 activi-

ties, 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.lakemills-julyjubilee.com.



Bulldog first baseman Kaeden Dagestad makes the catch for an out during Monday night's game against West Hancock.



Bulldog Leif Rogne slides safely into home during Monday night's game against West Hancock.

Bulldogs baseball 4-0 on the week

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills baseball team had a fantastic week of baseball going 4-0 and improving their record to 8-3 in the Top of Iowa Conference west and 10-5 overall.

On Monday, June 15, the Bulldogs hosted West Hancock in a TIC game and won 6-5.

The Eagles scored one in the third, two in the fifth and one in the seventh and the Bulldogs scored one in the third, two in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Zach Stene had two singles and two RBIs. Stephen Brandenburg and Mason Helgeson each had a single and stole a base and Nash Delger had a single. Asher Reese and Mason Gaetzke each had a single, Sawyer Schipper had one RBI and Leif Rogne stole a base.

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

Lucas Helgeland pitched three innings facing 16 batters and threw 55 pitches. He allowed one run on three hits, walked two, hit two batters and struck out four. L. Rogne pitched four innings facing 24 batters throwing 73 pitches. He allowed three runs on three hits, walked one, hit four batters and struck out six.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Bulldogs traveled to Belmond for a conference game against the Broncos and won 10-7.

Belmond scored six runs in the second inning and one in the third and Lake Mills scored two in the first and eight in the fifth.

Gaetzke had a single and three RBIs and Delger had a single, two RBIs and stole base twice. Helgeson had a single and an RBI and Lane Sprecher and Brandenburg each had one RBI. Stene, Schipper and Knute Rogne each stole base one time.

The Bulldogs scored 10 runs on three hits and had eight RBIs. They walked 13 times, were hit by the pitcher twice and struck out nine times.

Joseph Charlson pitched two innings facing 14 batters throwing 55 pitches. He allowed six runs on three hits and walked five. Tucker Koch pitched three innings facing 11 batters throwing 50 pitches. He allowed no runs on three hits, walked two and struck out four. Braylon Hanson pitched two innings facing eight batters throwing 44 pitches. He allowed one run on three hits, walked two and struck out two.

On Thursday, June 18, the Bulldogs traveled to Clarion to take on the Cowboys and won 13-9 in 10 innings.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows scored six in the first inning, two in the second and one in the sixth and Lake Mills scored two in the second, one in the third, four in the fourth, one in the sixth and seventh innings and four in the 10th.

Gaetzke led the team with four singles, three RBIs and one stolen base. Delger had a double and a triple and Brandenburg had two singles and two RBIs. L. Rogne had a single and a triple and Dagestad had two singles. Reese had two singles and Helgeson had a single, an RBI and a stolen base. Stene had a single and one RBI, Knute Rogne stole a base and Grayson Peterson stole a base.

Brandenburg pitched four innings facing 25 batters

throwing 84 pitches. He allowed eight runs on eight hits, walked three, hit two batters and struck out three. Dagestad pitched two innings facing nine batters throwing 37 pitches. He allowed one hit and struck out four. Lucas Helgeland pitched 2.2 innings facing six batters and threw 24 pitches while striking out two. Korbin Abele pitched 1.1 innings facing seven batters and threw 24 pitches. He allowed one run on one hit and struck out two.

On Friday, June 19, the Bulldogs hosted Bishop Garing and won 3-2.

The Golden Bears scored one run in the fourth and seventh innings and the Bulldogs scored one run in the first, fifth and seventh innings.

Helgeson led the team with three singles, one RBI and a stolen base. Gaetzke had a single, a double and one RBI and Brandenburg had a single and an RBI. L. Rogne and Reese had a single and Delger stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored three runs on eight hits, and had three RBIs. They walked four times, were hit twice by the pitcher and struck out 10 times.

Abele pitched six innings facing 24 batters throwing 66 pitches. He allowed two runs on three hits, hit one batter and struck out two. Helgeland pitched one inning facing three batters and threw 15 pitches. He allowed no runs or hits and struck out two.

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Supervisors

June 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth 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 Loberg to approve today's agenda and June 9, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Stone to approve the 28E Law Enforcement Agreement between the County of Worth and the City of Northwood. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$165,923.31 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Agrivia PLLC, DD 10 Main Open Ditch, Prof Services..... 1,000.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 6 Main, Prof Services..... 2,520.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 6/Lat 7 & 7A, Prof Services..... 10,718.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 6/Lat 7 & 7A, Prof Services..... 4,333.50
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 7 Main, Prof Services..... 3,375.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Prof Services..... 2,227.50
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Prof Services..... 607.50

Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Prof Services..... 607.50
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 18 Main, Prof Services..... 2,032.50
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 46 Main Open Ditch, Prof Services..... 5,215.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 46 Main Open Ditch, Prof Services... 1,872.50
Dorothy A Weir Revocable Trust, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Damages..... 2,619.10
Dorothy A Weir Revocable Trust, DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Damages..... 714.30
Dorothy A Weir Revocable Trust, DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Damages..... 714.30
Dorothy A Weir Revocable Trust, DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Damages..... 714.30
Goodwin Law Office, PC, DD 72 Main Open Ditch, Prof Services..... 184.00
Keith Helgeland, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Damages..... 2,961.75
Keith Helgeland, DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Damages..... 807.75
Keith Helgeland, DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Damages..... 807.75
Keith Helgeland, DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Damages..... 807.75
Michael Stevens, DD 7 Main et al, Damages..... 150.00
Nathaniel Julseth DD 7 Main et al, Damages..... 150.00
Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Publication..... 36.58
Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Publication 9.98
Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Publication..... 9.98

Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Publication..... 9.98
Peterson Excavating & Drainage, DD 11 Main F/Lower Lat 48-A, Repairs..... 1,440.00
Peterson Excavating & Drainage, DD 17/Lat 2, Repairs.. 417.20
Popp Farm Drainage, DD 79 Main, Repairs..... 1,114.50
Reserve Account, DD 18 Main, Postage..... 29.28
Roger Dahlby, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Damages..... 340.45
Roger Dahlby, DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Damages..... 92.85
Roger Dahlby, DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Damages..... 92.85
Roger Dahlby, DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Damages..... 92.85
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Repairs . 64,069.11
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc, DD 14 Upper Main Tile, Repairs . 17,473.40
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc, DD 14/Lat 4 Tile, Repairs..... 17,473.40
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc, DD 14/Lat 5 Tile, Repairs..... 17,473.40
Grand Total..... 165,923.31
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve a work order for DD 11 – Main F as suggested by Frank Salvitor who found the damage when he was spraying in the district. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-17 Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-18 Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Interfund Operating Transfers. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-19 Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Salaries. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:39 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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City of Lake Mills

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2025
A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa, was held in the Council Chambers at the Lake Mills City Hall on the 15th day of June 2026, at 7:00 PM.
Present: Mayor Bruce Helgeson, Council Members: Rob Hughes, Nathan Ostrander, Kristin Peters, Mark Peterson, Bob Storby, Interim City Clerk Paula Hanson, Director of Public Works Brad Wempen, Chief of Police Matt Levine.
Absent: None
Notice of the meeting was posted at the Lake Mills City Hall on June 12, 2026. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.
Mayor Helgeson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call taken and a quorum declared.
Mayor Helgeson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion made by Ostrander, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda as written. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson, Storby. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Public Forum was held. Tim Gerdes expressed concern about allowing parking on South Winnebago Street between 4th and 8th Avenues, which was approved at the May regular meeting. Steve Eidness discussed his concerns with traffic speeds on North 3rd Avenue.
Department Heads, LMCDC and Mayor Reports presented.
Hughes introduced, and Ostrander seconded, approving the consent agenda. Consent agenda items included approval of: May 18, 2026, minutes; May 22, 2026, minutes; monthly financial reports totaling \$803,096.57; consultant Dorene Holstad: 2026/2027 equipment rates; FY 2025/2026 utility write-offs; workers' compensation coverage and payment; 2026/2027 cigarette permit applications for Casey's General Store, David's Foods, Don's Motor Mart, and Dollar General; Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal for Teluwut III LLC; Iowa DOT Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities; and crack filling bid summary to Kluesner Construction. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hughes, Ostrander, Peters, Peterson, Storby. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the consent agenda adopted.

AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 1,466.32
AT&T MOBILITY, LMPD CAR COMPUTERS. 125.31
AVESIS, VISION INS..... 450.29
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NATURAL GAS SERVICE. 896.91
BRITTANY BOLIE OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 217.00
CITY OF LAKE MILLS, ELECTRIC SERVICE..... 6,464.12
DELTA DENTAL, DENTAL INS..... 1,280.14
DUSTIN WEINKAUF OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 180.00
HANSON LP GAS, LLC, LP GAS..... 50.00
JOHN RILES, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 87.65
JOHN RILES OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 62.35
LMCDC, FUNDING..... 4,666.67
PETERSON SANITATION, GARBAGE SERVICE..... 10,821.50
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS, LIFE-LT DIS INS..... 610.21
SALES TAX PROCESSING, SALES & EXCISE TAX... 7,177.45
SHAELYNN BOERNER OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 281.00
TIARA WOOD OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 244.00
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS, HEALTH INS..... 45,732.12
USE TAX PROCESSING, USE TAX..... 81.19
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, LMPL COPIER CONTRACT..... 184.11
ADAM CLARK, REIMBURSE OVERPAYMENT... 106.50
ADAM MANNES OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 241.00
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES, TESTING..... 485.65
AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 379.28

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS MAG, LMPL SUBSCRIPTION..... 10.00
BMC AGGREGATES LC, ROADSTONE..... 4,343.68
BRAYDEN KLEIN OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 150.00
BRETT PETERSON OR CITY LM, METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 203.00
BRICK GENTRY PC, LEGAL..... 1,260.00
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, LMPL BOOK..... 329.75
CENTRAL AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, LMPL MAINTENANCE..... 52.64
CINTAS, SUPPLIES..... 55.14
COMPUTER SYSTEMS UNLIMITED, SERVICES..... 359.00
CORY HANNA, REIMBURSE PERMIT..... 100.00
CULLIGAN, POOL EQUIPMENT RENTAL..... 202.98
DAIRYLAND POWER, PURCHASE CURRENT 64,586.20
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, SUPPLIES..... 1,547.68
DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE, FUEL, FLAGS..... 2,103.82
DAVIDS FOODS, SUPPLIES..... 794.86
DONS MOTOR MAKT, FUEL..... 3,081.51
FALKSTONE LLC, BLACK DIRT..... 281.21
FLETCHER REINHARDT CO, SUPPLIES..... 951.64
GALLS, LLC, LMPL CLOTHING..... 93.67
GORDON FLESCH CO, COPIER CONTRACT..... 57.25
GREAT LAWN SERVICES, SERVICES..... 160.00
GROE ELECTRIC, SUPPLIES..... 942.00
HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS..... 9,574.38
HEARTLAND POWER COOP, ELECTRIC SERVICE AIRPORT... 82.16
HEARTLAND TIRE, LMPL TIRES..... 1,104.00
HIRSHFIELDS, SUPPLIES..... 1,519.75
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, LMPL BOOKS..... 841.71
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, LMPL COMPUTERS..... 300.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY,

LMPL TRAINING..... 5,200.00
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES..... 32.40
JOSH'S CONSTRUCTION, SERVICES..... 19,050.00
KATHLEEN GUZMAN OR CITY LM, PROJECT SHARE..... 50.00
KIRSCHBAUM ELEC & PLUMB, SERVICES..... 355.00
LMCDC, LMPL PRIZES..... 70.00
LMEI, LMPL PRIZES..... 25.00
LM FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC, CALLS, MTGS, TRAININGS..... 23,100.00
LM LUMBER CO, SUPPLIES..... 217.20
LM POSTMASTER, POSTAGE..... 435.75
LYNN CARD CO, LMPL BUSINESS CARDS..... 54.05
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LMFD GEAR..... 1,187.00
MANNES CONST AND ELEC, SERVICES..... 1,642.65
MASON CITY ROOFING, LIGHT PLANT REROOF..... 37,061.59
MBT - VISA, SUPPLIES..... 6,150.04
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL, METERS..... 58,391.00
MUNICIPAL ONE, WEBSITE LIC/SUB..... 4,600.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES..... 514.31
NELSON SEPTIC SERVICES, PORTABLE RESTROOMS..... 275.00
NGT, LMPL COMPUTERS..... 241.50
NORTH IOWA LIBRARIES COLL, LMPL ANNUAL SUPPORT..... 1,476.14
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR, PUBLICATION..... 1,155.68
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS, CHEMICALS..... 312.72
ONNA TROE OR CITY LM, PROJECT SHARE..... 50.00
PETTY CASH - GEN ADMIN, SUPPLIES..... 39.78
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY, SUPPLIES..... 127.06
PIONEER ATHLETICS, SUPPLIES..... 482.10
QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL, SERVICES..... 1,793.68
R & D APPLICATIONS, CHEMICALS..... 190.00
ROGNES BROTHERS

EXCAVATING, SERVICES..... 9,185.50
SIEGRIST & JONES, LLP, LMPL LEGAL..... 1,182.50
SINGELSTAD HARDWARE, SUPPLIES..... 1,813.08
STAPLES..... 87.98
STREICHER'S, LMPL CLOTHING..... 170.00
STUART C IRBY CO, SUPPLIES..... 1,731.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, LMPL SUPPLIES..... 799.40
TASC, ADMIN FEES..... 86.06
THE OPERA HOUSE, LLC, CATALYST GRANT... 100,000.00
THOMPSON SANITATION, RECYCLING SERVICE... 6,742.23
THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE, SUPPLIES..... 1,950.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SOFTWARE CONVERSION..... 3,770.00
UMMEG, PURCHASE CURRENT..... 12,867.27
VISU-SEWER, SERVICES..... 26,336.88
WASTE MANAGEMENT, SERVICES..... 1,768.82
WILLIAM RYGH, SERVICES..... 14,000.00
WCTA, TELECOM SERVICES... 1,064.02
WINN CO PUBLIC HEALTH, SERVICES..... 210.00
YOUNG PLUMBING AND HEATING, SERVICES..... 989.50
PETERSON CONSTRUCTION..... 137,740.00
PAYROL..... 138,943.88
TOTAL..... 803,096.57

FUND TOTALS
001 GENERAL FUND..... 258,937.96
002 LIBRARY SAVINGS..... 899.68
110 ROAD USE TAX FUND..... 15,986.43
125 TIF FUND..... 4,692.38
180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND..... 1,766.00
318 CIVIC CTR PROJ..... 4,211.84
600 WATER FUND..... 49,100.33
610 SEWER FUND..... 199,480.24
630 ELECTRIC FUND..... 260,135.90
740 STORM WATER..... 7,885.81
890 PAYROLL..... 0.00
****TOTAL..... 803,096.57

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MAY 2026

001 GENERAL FUND..... 219,311.48
002 LIBRARY SAVINGS & MEMORI..... 415.54
006 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX..... 24,946.68
007 K9 POLICE DEPT..... 28,542.00
110 ROAD USE TAX FUND..... 5,468.74
112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND..... 38,612.54
119 EMERGENCY FUND..... 2,333.40
125 TIF FUND..... 1,361.00
178 REVOLVING LOAN FUND..... 36,569.86
180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND..... 36,917.96
600 WATER FUND..... 177,871.26
610 SEWER FUND..... 4,048.53
630 ELECTRIC FUND..... 576,398.99
740 STORM WATER FUND..... 576,398.99

****TOTAL..... 576,398.99
Ostrander made a motion to approve WWTF Pay Estimate No. 4 for Peterson Construction, seconded by Storby. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Ostrander made a motion, seconded by Storby, to approve WWTF Improvement Project Change Order No. 2 for Peterson Construction. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kim Brackey, Library Director, presented the Library Annual Report.
Storby made a motion, seconded by Peterson, to adopt Resolution No. 26-23 authorizing internal advance funds for an urban renewal project. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Peterson, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Brad Wempen, Director of Public Works, informed the Mayor and Council that the upcoming Dairyland power tie replacement will require a planned power outage lasting approximately one hour.

Discussion was held regarding completion of the codification process and Council Members assisting with that process as needed.

Discussion was held regarding language and redundancy in the

Employee Handbook, including future changes to make it clearer and more concise.

Peters made a motion, seconded by Ostrander, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. There being no further discussion, roll call vote: Ayes: Peters, Ostrander, Hughes, Peterson, Storby. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bruce Helgeson Mayor
Paula S. Hanson Interim City Clerk

SEAL
I, the undersigned Interim City Clerk of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and City Council on June 15, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten business days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

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City of JOICE				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The City of JOICE will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 6/29/2026 06:00 PM		Contact: Wendy Lunning		Phone: (641) 588-3017
Meeting Location: Joice City Hall 102 N State Street Joice, IA 50446				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	138,780	0	138,780
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	138,780	0	138,780
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	78,742	4,668	83,410
Other City Taxes	6	33,931	0	33,931
Licenses & Permits	7	100	0	100
Use of Money & Property	8	19,043	0	19,043
Intergovernmental	9	61,494	0	61,494
Charges for Service	10	121,608	0	121,608
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	37,325	86,602	123,927
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	72,901	0	72,901
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	563,924	91,270	655,194
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	9,156	20,183	29,339
Public Works	17	90,673	0	90,673
Health and Social Services	18	60	302	362
Culture and Recreation	19	84,820	27,650	112,470
Community and Economic Development	20	6,284	5,445	11,729
General Government	21	80,943	111,067	192,010
Debt Service	22	95,900	0	95,900
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	367,836	164,647	532,483
Business Type/Enterprise	25	101,406	20,554	121,960
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	469,242	185,201	654,443
Transfers Out	27	72,901	0	72,901
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	542,143	185,201	727,344
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	21,781	-93,931	-72,150
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	30	640,352	0	640,352
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	31	662,133	-93,931	568,202

Real-World learning: How AEA partnerships are bridging the gap from classroom to career

**By Ryan Christoffer
Regional Administrator
with Central Rivers AEA**

What if finding a place in the workforce wasn't overwhelming, but an opportunity discovered while working on a flower arrangement? For students transitioning out of high school, the leap into the workforce can feel daunting. But in Iowa Falls, a partnership between Iowa Falls-Alden High School and Central Rivers Area Education Agency (CRAEA) is changing that, offering real-world experience one step at a time.

The program utilizes



RYAN CHRISTOFFER

a "continuum of opportunities," as described by CRAEA Work Experi-

ence Coordinator Dawn McCleish, meaning no two paths look the same. Students build foundational skills in familiar, low-pressure settings—like a school-run coffee shop or a mock flower shop—before stepping out into the community to work alongside professionals at local businesses like car shops and retail stores. The level of support adjusts as their confidence grows.

According to CRAEA Work-Based Learning Coordinator Mitzi Petersen, the results speak for themselves. This school year alone, six out of 16 student

interns were offered permanent positions at the businesses where they trained. That's not just a statistic; it's a young person building a life.

Consider Carly Hamilton, a junior at Iowa Falls-Alden, who interned at Bel Floral last fall. As Carly shared, the experience taught her that success "takes patience and you can't learn everything in one week. You have to be creative and you have to try." Shop owner Michelle Versteeg was impressed, noting Carly's "genuine interest in flowers" and her desire to learn and engage.

That kind of connection—between a student, a mentor, and a community—is the core mission of this program. Principal Kyle Hutchinson says the CRAEA collaboration "bridges the gap between the classroom and the local workforce, ensuring every student has the tools they need to find their path."

When students find their spot, families are stronger. Communities are stronger. And a young person who might have been overlooked gets to prove what they're capable of. That's worth investing in.

We invite local business-

es to join us! Your partnership could be the moment a student like Carly discovers their path. For more information, reach out to Dawn McCleish at dmcclleish@centralriversaea.org.

Ryan Christoffer is a Regional Administrator with Central Rivers Area Education Agency based out of Cedar Falls. He can be reached at rchristoffer@centralriversaea.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.

Albert Lea Community Theatre has announced the productions for its 2026-27 season

ACT will open its 61st season with the comedy "Marriage is Hazardous to Your Health," directed by Brian Mattson. Auditions will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, and Monday, Aug. 10, at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center. The show tells the story of Eddie's midlife crisis and his escape from his picture-perfect family to establish a swinging bachelor's pad in New York City. The comedy, with a cast of three women and two men, is about new and old relationships and

touches anyone who has ever fought and forgiven. Performances are Oct. 1-10, 2026.

The second show is "Disney's Frozen," running Dec. 3-12, 2026. Directed by Madie DenHerder, auditions will be Saturday, Sept. 19, and Sunday, Sept. 20. Based on the hit 2013 film of the same name, "Frozen" reveals how true love can take many forms and how the bond between sisters is truly special. With music by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, the fami-

ly show will be a way to celebrate the holiday season.

The drama "Inherit the Wind" is the third play of the season. Directed by Kris Bartley, the show is a fictionalized account of the 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial, which resulted in John T. Scopes' conviction for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in a high school science class, in violation of Tennessee state law. Performances are March 11-20, 2027. Auditions will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 and 12 at the Marion Ross Performing

Arts Center.

For its final production of the season, ACT will present the musical theater standard "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma!" The show revolutionized musical theater by fully integrating song, dance, and story, and its themes of community, romance, and American optimism made it an instant classic. Performances are June 17-26, 2027. This will be the third time ACT has featured the show in its season, first in 1975 and again in 2004. Audition dates will

be announced lat

Season tickets go on sale Aug. 1 and may be purchased online at actonbroadway.com, with no online service charges, or by filling out a season ticket brochure form. Brochures will be available at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center box office or the Albert Lea Convention and Visitors Bureau. The box office is open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. A season ticket is \$60 for all four shows, a savings of \$18 over individual tickets. In-

dividual show tickets go on sale on Sept. 1 and may be purchased online or at the box office.

ACT is a nonprofit organization featuring local actors, directors and stage crew who volunteer their time. All performances are at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway in downtown Albert Lea. For ticket prices and more information, go to actonbroadway.com or find ACT on Broadway on Facebook.

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Viking senior Logan Manning along with her mother, Amanda Hackbart were acknowledged at the end of Tuesday evening's game against North Iowa. Logan is the lone senior on the Viking softball team this season. Logan's future plans are to attend Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, and major in history and education to become a high school teacher.



Viking senior Quinton Butler is the son of Jeremy Butler. Quinton's future plans are to attend NIACC for sport's management.



Viking senior Bowan Behne and his parents, Jay and Terezia Behne. Bowan's future plans are to attend Riverland Community College to major in business and continue to play baseball.



Viking senior Hayzin Jacobson is the son of Averil Risvold. Hayzin's future plans are to attend NIACC for two years for secondary education and then transfer to UNI to finish his major.

Viking girls score 14 in win over North Iowa

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett girls traveled to Allison on Monday, June 15, for a Top of Iowa Conference game with Class 1A no. 13 North Butler, and lost 8-0.

True Hackenmiller and Brianna Perkins each had a single.

The Vikings scored no runs on two hits, walked twice and struck out nine times.

Kenly Solberg pitched 4.1 innings facing 23 batters and allowed eight runs on seven hits, hit one batter and struck out one.

On Tuesday, June 16, the Vikings hosted North Iowa in a non-conference game and won 14-10.

The Bison scored two in the first, one in the third, five in the fourth and two in the fifth while the Vikings scored one in the first, five in the second, one in the third and fourth innings, five in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Hackenmiller led the team with three singles, three RBIs and four stolen bases. Avery

Grunhoyd had two singles, a double, one RBI and three stolen bases and Perkins had two singles and a stolen base. Chloe Woods had two singles and two RBIs and Lauren Heiken had a single and one RBI. Solberg had a single and Logan Manning base once.

The Vikings scored 14 runs on 12 hits, had seven RBIs, walked eight times, were hit by the pitcher twice and struck out four times.

Piper Brunsvold pitched four innings facing 27 batters and allowed eight runs on nine hits, hit one batter and struck out four. Solberg pitched three innings facing 12 batters and allowed two runs on two hits, hit two batters and struck out three.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Vikings hosted the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies in a conference game and lost 19-0.

Hackenmiller had a double and Manning and Perkins each had a single.

The Vikings scored no



Viking eighth grader Brianna Perkins gets a lead off of second base during non-conference action in Northwood on Tuesday evening.

runs on three hits, walked once and struck out nine times.

Heiken pitched two innings facing 16 batters and allowed 11 runs in five hits and hit one batter. Brunsvold pitched 1.2 innings facing 10 batters and allowed four runs on four hits, walked one and struck out one. Solberg pitched a portion of an inning facing five batters and allowed four runs on four hits and walked two.

On Friday, June 19, the Vikings hosted West Fork in



Viking senior Logan Manning gets a lead off first base during Tuesday night's game against North Iowa.

a conference game and lost 14-0.

Hixton Krambeer had a triple and Manning and Perkins each had a single.

The Vikings scored no runs on three hits, walked once and struck out six times.

Brunsvold pitched three innings facing 25 batters and allowed 14 runs on 12 hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out two. Solberg pitched one inning facing three batters.

On Saturday, June 20, the Vikings traveled to Britt for



Vikings Chloe Woods and Kenly Solberg attempt to make a play at second during non-conference play against North Iowa.

tournament action and fell to the West Hancock Eagles 11-2.

The Vikings scored one run in the first and third innings and the Eagles scored one in the first and second innings, two in the third innings and seven in the fourth.

Manning led the team with a single, a double and two RBIs. Hackenmiller had a single and a stolen base and Brunsvold had a single.

The Vikings scored two runs on four hits, walked five

times and struck out three times.

Brunsvold pitched three innings facing 17 batters and allowed eight runs on six hits, walked three, hit one batter and struck out three times. Solberg pitched one inning facing four batters and allowed three runs on one hit, hit one batter and struck out two.

The Vikings are 0-10 in conference play and 1-14 overall.

Vikings baseball records 25 hits in last week's losses

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett baseball team was 0-4 last week, but in their losses they registered 25 hits including three homeruns.

On Monday, June 15, they traveled to Allison for a Top of Iowa Conference east game with the North Butler Bearcats and lost 16-5.

The Bearcats scored five in the first, three in the second, six in the third and two in the fourth and the Vikings scored two in the first and three in the fifth.

Aydan Schutz led the team with two doubles and three RBIs. Bryck Abrams had two singles and Bowan Behne had a single and stole base twice. Oliver Bice had a single and two RBIs, Brady Tufte had a double and stole one base and Carson Tufte had a single and stole one base.

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

Hayzin Jacobson pitched 2.2 innings facing 24 batters throwing 93 pitches. He allowed 14 runs on nine hits and walked six. Brayden



Viking third baseman Oliver Bice stretches out for an over-throw during Tuesday night's game in Northwood.

Katcher pitched one inning facing six batters and threw 18 pitches. He allowed two runs on three hits. Quinton Butler pitched a portion of an inning facing one batter, he threw seven pitches and registered a strike out.

On Tuesday, June 16, the Vikings hosted the North Iowa Bison in a non-conference game and lost 11-5.

The Bison scored one in the first, three in the second, two in the fifth and five in the seventh. The Vikings scored two in the third and three in the fifth.

Schutz led the team with a homerun and three RBIs. Behne had a double and stole base three times and Bice

had a double. B. Tufte had a double, Katcher had a single and stole one base and C. Tufte stole one base.

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

B. Tufte pitched 1.1 innings facing eight batters throwing 23 pitches. He allowed three runs on one hit, walked one and struck out two. Behne pitched 5.2 innings facing 31 batters throwing 111 pitches. He allowed eight runs on five hits, walked four, hit one batter and struck out nine.

On Wednesday, June 17,



Viking senior Bowan Behne steals third base during Tuesday's non-conference game against North Iowa.

the Vikings hosted Nashua-Plainfield in a conference game and lost 21-3.

The Huskies scored six in the first, five in the second, four in the third and six in the fourth and the Vikings scored two in the first and one in the third.

Behne led the team with a single, a homerun, one RBI and a stolen base. Bice and Schutz each had a single and one RBI and Katcher and C. Tufte each had a single.

The Vikings scored three runs on six hits, had three RBIs, walked four times and struck out once.

B. Tufte pitched 2.1 innings facing 21 batters



Viking Carson Tufte so close to tagging out the North Iowa base runner as he dives back to first.

throwing 69 pitches. He allowed 12 runs on six hits, walked four, hit one batter and struck out one. Butler pitched 1.2 innings facing 16 batters throwing 53 pitches. He allowed nine runs on six hits, walked three, hit one batter and struck out two.

On Friday, June 19, the Vikings hosted West Fork in a conference game and fell 18-7.

The Vikings scored six in the first and one in the sixth and the Warhawks scored one in the first, two in the second, five in the fifth and 10 in the sixth.

Behne led the team with his second homerun of the week and had one RBI. Butler, Bice, Schutz, and B. Tufte

each had a single, Katcher had a single and one RBI and Abrams and C. Tufte each had one RBI.

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

Schutz pitched 5.1 innings facing 28 batters throwing 110 pitches. He allowed eight runs on five hits, walked three, hit one batter and struck out eight. Bice pitched a portion of an inning facing 13 batters throwing 53 pitches. He allowed 10 runs on four hits, walked four, hit one batter and struck out one.

The Vikings are 1-11 in conference play and 3-13 overall.

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