

Briefs

Calling all veterans and active military

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

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

Veterans that would like to take part may call Deanna at 641-425-3482 or Paul at 641-390-0009.

NKCEF golf tournament Friday, July 3

The Northwood-Kensett Community Educational Foundation will hold its annual golf tournament this Friday, July 3.

The tournament will be held at the Northwood Country Club, starting at 2 p.m. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$200 per team or \$50 per person.

The tournament is a four person team best shot event.

Sandwiches and chips will be available with a free will donation. There will also be raffle prizes.

Those interested in taking part should contact the country club at 641-324-1662 or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/NKCEFGolf26>.

Fireworks fundraising continues

With the Fourth of July festivities this weekend, 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.



| The Week's WEATHER                        |    |    |       |
|-------------------------------------------|----|----|-------|
| From National Weather Service Information |    |    |       |
| Date                                      | Hi | Lo | Prec. |
| Mon. June 22                              | 70 | 52 |       |
| Tues. June 23                             | 80 | 52 |       |
| Wed. June 24                              | 82 | 61 | 0.46  |
| Thurs. June 25                            | 82 | 57 |       |
| Fri. June 26                              | 79 | 58 |       |
| Sat. June 27                              | 79 | 58 |       |
| Sun. June 28                              | 78 | 61 |       |



**Dillon Clock under repairs**

One of Northwood's downtown landmarks, the L.T. Dillon Clock, was removed last week to be refurbished and repaired. The clock was originally installed in downtown Northwood by jeweler and band leader L.T. Dillon. The clock has been a longtime historic landmark in Northwood. The clock was removed last week. The restoration project will include new hands, refurbished exterior elements and repairs to get the clock working again. The repairs are being paid by the Swensrud Fund.



N-K board discusses plans for school learning environment, classroom culture

At the monthly regular meeting of the Northwood-Kensett school board in June, continuing efforts to address parental concerns were discussed.

At the school board's meeting in April, two parents had addressed the board with their concerns about responses to student behaviors. At that meeting, the parents had shared anonymous teacher comments and concerns. The parents worried that student behavior issues were having a negative impact on the classroom learning environment.

One of the ways that the district works with parents, students and the community to address similar and other concerns, is with the School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC).

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Northwood Council discusses law enforcement agreement, pool slides, dollar lot program

The Northwood City Council, at its June 22 meeting, discussed and ultimately approved a new agreement for law enforcement in the city. They also discussed potential needs for new infrastructure to accompany the agreement.

The discussion of a new law enforcement agreement began during budget discussions in December 2025, which included how much



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 tomorrow, 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. The Hall of Fame event begins at 5 p.m.

Friday, July 3, begins with the annual N-K Community Education Foundation's golf tournament, with registration at 1

p.m. and tee time at 2 p.m.

Friday's events also include a party at the Northwood Swimming Pool, for kids in grades K-12 and their accompanying adults. The party will be held from 5-7 p.m. and will include music, games and food.

The first night of the Fourth of July weekend beverage garden opens at 7

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Evenings of entertainment set for Fourth festivities

This week's Fourth of July festivities will include two nights of entertainment hosted in the city of Northwood.

That starts on Friday, July 3, with the band Decoy performing in the beverage garden at the fairgrounds, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Decoy has roots from across the country, now based in Des Moines. The band brings a variety of melodies, with jazz, blues, rock and funk amongst their influences and sounds.

Fourth weekend entertainment continues on Saturday, July 4, with the

Hepperly Band starting at 8:30 p.m. in the beverage garden.

The Hepperly Band is a three-generation family band based out of Clear Lake that has played over a span of four decades and performed for almost every

4th weekend, see Page 2

July Jubilee set for July 10-12

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

Below is a schedule of July Jubilee events and activities.

**July 10**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - MBT Community Jubilee, see Page 2

Athletic Hall of Fame auction/fundraiser tomorrow

The Northwood-Kensett Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will hold 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 Blooming-Fame, see Page 3

Public health adds Kindness Kove in downtown Northwood

The Kindness Kove is designed to be a welcoming resource for those in need in the community, and for those that would like to leave items for others' benefit. Thanks to the efforts of Worth County Public Health, people in the community in the need of essential items now have a place to turn 24/7, decorated with artistic efforts designed to be welcoming and friendly.

The Kindness Kove was decorated and painted by Worth County Public Health nurse Morgan Jellinger, Peyton Lichman and Liam Burnes.

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p.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds on July 3.

That evening's entertainment will be the band Decoy, performing from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Fourth of July festivities begin with a pancake breakfast at the VFW, from 6:30-9 a.m.

Registration for a 5K Run/Walk begins at the Timbers at 8:30 a.m., with a start time of 9 a.m.

The annual Fourth of July parade begins at 11 a.m., departing from the fairgrounds and traveling through the community before returning to the fairgrounds.

Activities and food options will follow at the fairgrounds.

Registration for a Fourth of July pedal pull will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the pulling getting underway at 1 p.m. at the shelter house.

The Northwood Lions Club will pluck winning ducks starting at 1:30 p.m.

Starting at 2 p.m. at the shelter house, awards will be announced, recognizing citizens for their efforts to make the community a better place.

That will be followed by the naming of the young people selected as Junior, Little and Miss and Mr.

Northwood.

The beverage garden will open again at 7 p.m. on the Fourth of July. The Hepperly Band will be the evening's entertainment, performing from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

The Fourth of July fireworks will begin at 10 p.m., with a July 5 rain date.

Events at Art Farm Iowa will begin on July 3 and continue through July 5, including art exhibitions, crafts, storytelling, food and music. See more at artfarmiowa.com.

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3

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

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

5-7 p.m. - Pool Party! K-12, music, games and food

7 p.m. - Beverage garden opens at Worth County Fairgrounds, food being served includes Sticky Bees and 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

11 a.m. - Parade

After Parade at the Worth County Fairgrounds: Signatures, Mini Donuts of Northwood and Sticky Bees

12:30 p.m. - Registration for pedal pull in Shelter House

1 p.m. - Pedal pull begins

1:30 p.m. - Lions Club Duck Pluck at Worth County Fairgrounds

2 p.m. - Royalty and Citizen Awards in the Shelter House at Worth County Fairgrounds

7 p.m. - Food being served at beverage garden: Sticky Bees and 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)

July 3-July 5

Art Farm Iowa - Art, Music, Food & Vendors. Check [www.artfarmiowa.com](http://www.artfarmiowa.com) for Details

Council  
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unchanged, with differences addressing leftover terms from agreements that started when Worth County began providing law enforcement in the city in 2013, and had been renewed since.

In the previous agreements, the City of Northwood was required to own two of the vehicles that sheriff deputies would use in the city. The new agreement eliminates that requirement. The City will continue to own the vehicles that were purchased under the old agreement. When those vehicles are replaced, the city will receive a credit for the trade in value and the County will own the vehicles used in the city going forward.

The previous agreement also required that, in the event of the end of an agreement between the City and County, the City would offer employment to four deputies designated to city law enforcement.

Under the new agreement, the City would no longer be obligated to offer jobs to deputies, nor would the County have to designate specific deputies to city service. The agreement provides for 24/7 service in Northwood, but does not specify how the Sheriff's Office staffs that service.

Another matter that was at issue in discussions this year was the cost of the agreement.

For the County, uncertainty amidst deputy union negotiations meant that the potential cost of wages in coming years might have made the cost of a longer term agreement unpredictable.

An agreement for deputy wages has since been approved by the County for the next three years, and the terms and wages portion of the agreement are more certain.

Based on that, the agreement between the City and County would be for three years, with fees paid by the City of \$463,542 starting on July 1; \$488,776 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2027; and \$517,802 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2028.

The costs also include administrative, vehicles, equipment, uniforms and

other associated costs involved in providing law enforcement in the city.

The city council discussed the agreement at a special meeting on June 11, asking for some changes to the terms.

Under the initial draft of the agreement, the City was committed to offering the downtown corner building for the use by the sheriff's office for the length of the agreement. A proposed change allows the City to put the building up for other use if the Sheriff's office moves to another space before three years.

As new facilities for other County departments are under construction or consideration, there has been discussion of potential reuse of existing County facilities or spaces added in new county buildings.

The supervisors agreed to the changes requested by the City and approved the law enforcement agreement at their regular meeting on June 15. At their meeting on June 22, the Northwood city council approved the agreement.

With both local government bodies' approval, the agreement went into effect on July 1.

At the June 22 meeting, the council discussed one term of the agreement that may mean expanding new equipment or working with the County.

Part of the agreement has the City of Northwood providing fuel for vehicles used for law enforcement in the city.

City superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk said that the current fuel tanks used for city vehicles, 500 gallon tanks, may need to be replaced with more fuel storage to accommodate the deputies' fuel usage.

Van Ryswyk suggested that the cost of 2,000 gallon tanks would be \$4,500, but would need new containment for potential spills. The cost of concrete containment would be \$20,000. Van Ryswyk said that being able to increase the size of fuel orders would mean a savings to the City that would eventually pay for the cost of the new tanks and containment.

Something else that would

have to be addressed is that the switch to use the City's fuel tanks is located inside City buildings, and would only be accessible during the work day, without a new system being put in place.

City council member Mike Bode, who also works for the County, said that the County currently provides the school with fuel, and then charges them for how much they use. That will be a part of the new secondary roads facilities being built in Northwood as well. He suggested that including Northwood deputies and sending the bill to the City could be an option.

Sheriff Jesse Luther said that something similar could be done with existing County fuel pumps.

The council agreed they would prefer to work with the county and have the cost of fuel passed on to the City for now, allowing time to see how much fuel the City would need to have available to cover deputy vehicle use.

In other business at the council meeting, Van Ryswyk told the council that the smaller slides at the pool are no longer in use due to their age and condition. He said that they will remain through the season, but will be taken out after the pool closes for the season. He said the council will need to discuss options to remove or replace the slides, potentially for a WCDA grant project.

Other potential grant projects discussed included requests from citizens for lighting or fencing for the Swensrud Park pickle ball court.

Mayor Doug Moehle also asked the council if they would be in favor of altering the City's dollar lot program and work with the City's economic development committee and contractors to encourage the construction of duplexes. That could include removing the residence requirement part of the program to allow contractors to build there and sell homes.

Moehle noted not only the benefit of having new homes in the city, but also eliminating the ongoing expense for the City to mow and otherwise maintain the properties.

4th weekend  
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type of event and venue, including their hometown Surf Ballroom, casinos, festivals, fairs and street dances, as well as other parties, weddings and more.

The Hepperly Band performs a variety of music for all ages, including favorite #1 hits from the past and the present.

Fourth of July entertainment will also include the annual fireworks display, at 10 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

Other entertainment will also be found throughout the weekend at Art Farm Iowa. See more under the events link at [artfarmiowa.com](http://artfarmiowa.com).



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The SIAC consists of school stakeholders, including school staff, students, parents and community members.

Superintendent Tony Hiatt shared the results of the May 26 SIAC meeting at the June school board meeting.

Amongst the recommendations from the SIAC meeting were individual goal-setting and feedback for students. That included expanded communication with parents.

Another recommendation focused on smoothing the transition between fifth and sixth grades, with particular attention on math.

The SIAC advocated for more strict and consistent enforcement of the student handbook, as well as

increased administrative visibility in the school buildings. The SIAC also encouraged more formalized student leadership training.

The council also emphasized looking for ways to foster respect between students and between students and staff, celebrating student growth publicly and community partnerships for parenting classes or reviving a parent teacher organization.

The SIAC is required to meet once per year at Iowa schools. The local council requested more meetings during the school year to check in on progress on their goals and recommendations.

In other efforts to improve the school and learning environments, at the mid-

dle/high school principal Keith Fritz reported that he would be working with teacher Beth Butler on the Character Strong program. The program provides a focus on different positive character traits throughout the school year. It has been in place at the elementary and middle schools in the past year, and will expand to the high school this year.

Fritz shared that he and Butler would work on improving student and staff experiences with social-emotional learning and culture and climate at the building day-to-day through the Character Strong program.

Staff in grades 6-12 will lead small groups of students in a weekly 9 period day format around the Character Strong lessons.

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Appreciation Cook Out, at MBT Bank

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - FTSB Ice Cream Float Party

12 noon - 5 p.m. - July Jubilee 5K early registration, Lake Mills Physical Therapy

6-9 p.m. - Community Night, Downtown Lake Mills, free family fun with inflatable jump houses, yard games, face painting, music and more

6-9 p.m. - live music by Mia Lillian at 5 Alarm Brewing Co.

6:30 p.m. - Little Mr. and Ms. July Jubilee Contest, Downtown Lake Mills

9 p.m. - Community DJ Dance Party with Dietrich Entertainment

**Saturday, July 11**

7:30 a.m. - July Jubilee 5K, Lake Mills Physical Therapy, registration at 6:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - July Jubilee Parade, with a theme of "Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the USA"

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Parents for D.C. picnic fundraiser, Oakwood Park, including free entertainment for kids

12 noon- 4 p.m. - Fun in the park, Oakwood Park, Beep-Beep motorized cars, bouncy house inflatables, balloon animals and live music with Holy Coyote

12 noon - Men's Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, Leonard Fjelstad Sports Complex

1 p.m. - Burnap Country

School House Museum Open

3:15 p.m. - registration and 3:30 p.m. start time for a Kid Power Pedal Pull, Oakwood Park

8 p.m. Downtown concert with Damon Dotson

**Sunday, July 12**

8 a.m. - American Legion breakfast fundraiser, Ole's Office

9 a.m. - Men's Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

12 noon - Java and Jesus Community Worship Service, Oakwood Park

3 p.m. - Free popcorn and pop at 'The Mills' Theater

See more details and updates on events at the Lake Mills July Jubilee website, online at [www.lakemillsjulyjubilee.com](http://www.lakemillsjulyjubilee.com).

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# Sheriff's Office partners with Iowa Department of Revenue for underage alcohol compliance tests

The Worth County Sheriffs Office has partnered with the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) to conduct underage alcohol compliance checks to reduce and deter underage alcohol sales.

The Iowa Underage Alcohol Enforcement Program is a joint effort between IDR and Worth County Sheriff's Office to combat underage alcohol sales by holding employees and liquor-licensed establishments accountable for selling alcohol to someone underage. This program will encourage responsible sales of alcohol by liquor-licensed establishments. Compliance checks ensure that alcohol is not sold to underage persons, reducing the risk of underage drinking and its potential consequences, like impaired driving and accidents.

When bars and restaurants follow the rules, like not serving overly intoxicated patrons, the likelihood of impaired driving decreases, which can reduce traffic accidents and fatalities caused by drunk drivers. By ensuring that alcohol is sold in a regulated manner, the compliance checks promote responsible drinking.

This can help reduce incidents of violence, injuries and traffic accidents that are often linked to the overconsumption of alcohol.

Worth County deputies will be conducting underage alcohol compliance checks at liquor-licensed establishments. Underage customers, under the supervision of law enforcement officials, will enter establishments and attempt to buy alcohol products. Employees who make the illegal sale will be cited.

Compliance checks serve as a reminder to businesses of the importance of following the law. When business-

es know they will be checked, they are more likely to train staff properly and take their responsibilities seriously, which leads to safer environments for customers and the public.

Criminal penalties for an employee selling alcohol to someone underage is \$645 and \$1,925, if the illegal sale is by the licensee or permittee.

IDR offers the Iowa Program for Alcohol Compliance Training (I-PACT). This free training is available for those employed at a liquor-licensed location. The overall goal of I-PACT is increased voluntary compliance with the state's alcohol laws through education and enforcement. The core objective of I-PACT is the prevention of illegal sales of alcohol by educating alcohol

sellers/servers and increasing awareness of changes in Iowa's liquor laws.

I-PACT certification allows the liquor-licensed establishment to use an affirmative defense against a civil penalty, if the employee sells or serves alcohol to someone underage.

Sheriff Jesse Luther said, "The training also assists retailers to ensure they maintain a compliant and responsible establishment."

"By partnering with the IDR, we hope to educate liquor-licensed employees and maintain a compliant retail environment in our community," Sheriff Luther said. "Our agency is committed to keeping alcohol products out of the hands of underage persons in Iowa."



Kindness Kove  
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The Kindness Kove is a pantry box that is in place outside the Public Health office in Northwood, at 95 Ninth Street North.

WCPH administrator Shana Butler and nurse Jill Schutz were able to fill the pantry with funds from donations and grants.

The Kindness Kove is designed to be a welcoming resource for those in need in the community, and for those that would like to leave items for others' benefit.

"The Kindness Kove was created with the hope that everyone in our community has access to life's basic necessities, and we are excited to share that we hope to open another pantry somewhere in Worth County later this year!"

Non-perishable donations are accepted anytime in the Kindness Kove. WCPH asks those that can benefit from items and that donate items will help keeping it clean and tidy.

"Together, we can make a difference—one act of kindness at a time."



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dale 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 ath-

letes and coaches like coaches Maynard Midtgaard and RJ Weselmann AND 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.



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# Northwood Anchor Northwood

## U of I announces 2026 Spring President's and Dean's list

The following students were named to the President's List at Iowa State University. Students achieving this prestigious designation have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Local students include Marli Ann Backhaus, Elementary Education, B.S. of Kensett; Cecelia Susan Hill, Kinesiology and Health, B.S. of Manly, and Kenneth Timothy Conlin, Electrical Engineering, B.S., Emma L. Davidson, Agronomy, B.S., Madalynn Hanson, Elementary Education, B.S., Peyton Elizabeth Shoger, Dietetics, B.S. (HHSCI) of Northwood.

More than 11,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2026 spring semester Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local students on the

Dean's List include Ryan Gene Bailey, Agricultural Studies, B.S. of Fertile; Kamryn M Backhaus, Elementary Education, B.S., Marli Ann Backhaus, Elementary Education, B.S., Jady Beland, Animal Science, B.S., Natalya Amaya Griffin, Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Ecology, B.S. of Kensett; Blake William Keller Barker, Aerospace Engineering, B.S., Cecelia Susan Hill, Kinesiology and Health, B.S., Carter James Lanphere, Mechanical Engineering, B.S., Hannah Lanphere, Veterinary Medicine, D.V.M., Noah W OConnell, Software Engineering, B.S., Sydney Schilling, Agricultural Studies, B.S. of Manly; Kenneth Timothy Conlin, Electrical Engineering, B.S., Emma L. Davidson, Agronomy, B.S., Madalynn Hanson, Elementary Education, B.S., Megan G Ocel, Biology, B.S. (LAS), Peyton Elizabeth Shoger, Dietetics, B.S. (HHSCI) of Northwood; and Seth Pistek, Chemistry, B.S. of Plymouth.

## Extreme Makeover: Win a free year of college at NIACC

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) invites adults ages 23 and up to apply for Extreme Makeover: College Edition - a unique makeover that changes lives. NIACC has been providing adult students with this opportunity to return to college at no cost for 20 years.

Extreme Makeover: College Edition is a contest where two deserving winners receive an entire year of free tuition, textbooks, and more. Three other finalists will win half-price tuition to NIACC for the 2026-27 academic year.

"For 20 years, Extreme Makeover: College Edition has helped adult learners transform their lives through education," said Anne Boyer, Director of Admissions at NIACC. "Whether you're looking to start a new career, finish a degree you began years ago, or discover new opportunities, this could be the year that changes everything."

"Winning the Extreme Makeover contest in 2021 was life-changing for me," said past Extreme Makeover winner Oscar Madong. "At the time, I thought it was like any other scholarship, but it opened up opportunities I never imagined. Winning the prestigious national Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship that is

enabling me to complete both my undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering and pursue a graduate degree of my choice, all fully funded, I was truly made over by winning the contest in 2021."

"Receiving the NIACC Extreme Makeover: College Edition scholarship in 2020 was such an incredible blessing to my family and me," said Lydia Thompson, a past Extreme Makeover winner. "That scholarship allowed me to graduate college debt free and gave me the opportunity to pursue a dream I had put off for many years. It truly showed me that it is never too late to decide what you want to be when you grow up!"

To enter this year's contest, simply fill out the online form and tell us why you need or deserve an educational makeover. If you're at least 23 years old and haven't taken a NIACC credit class in the past three years, you're eligible to apply for Extreme Makeover: College Edition.

For contest rules and to enter Extreme Makeover: College Edition, call 1-888-GO NIACC or visit [www.niacc.edu/admissions/extreme-makeover](http://www.niacc.edu/admissions/extreme-makeover).

Entries must be received by July 1.



## Bubbles at the public library

As a part of its summer reading program, the Northwood Public Library welcomed Absolute Science's bubble display. With stations set up around Central Park, young people and adults with them could use bubble wands in a variety of shapes to create bubbles.

## Iowans consider what the Declaration asks of them 250 years later

As the United States approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Iowans are gathering in libraries and community spaces to consider what the document meant in 1776 and what its ideals ask of citizens today.

The gatherings are part of "What Do We Stand For?: The Declaration of Independence on Its 250th Anniversary," a statewide series led by Scott Samuelson, a professor of practice with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development and the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

The Iowa series is part of BythePeople: Conversations Beyond 250, a national initiative developed by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage to support community-driven programs across the country.

Iowans participating in the series have repeatedly returned to a common idea: Responding to polarization

and strengthening civic life begin with talking to neighbors, participating in local government and gathering face to face.

At each gathering, Samuelson begins by asking participants what they believe America stands for. After hearing a range of answers, he turns to the Declaration and asks what it says the country stands for.

"This country was founded by farmers who studied philosophy," Samuelson said. "I'm happy bringing philosophy and farmers, and all other Iowans, together again."

Samuelson discusses the Declaration's history and philosophical background before inviting participants to consider whether its principles remain worth standing for, what it means to uphold them and how people might approach current disagreements in their spirit.

"I don't want us to get into a political battle about a certain issue, but I do want us to think a little bit about what it would mean to approach those issues in

the spirit of these things, if we still indeed believe in these things," Samuelson said.

Participants often lament the country's polarization, Samuelson said. At the same time, their conversations reveal how much they share and how strongly the Declaration's central principles continue to resonate when people take time to examine what those values mean.

"I've been struck by how, even though I don't push this, people's conversation tends to go to the idea that the best way to fix this stuff is at the local level," Samuelson said. "We can't wait around for the macro stuff to just change on its own."

Iowans have discussed learning more about history and civics, becoming involved in local government and politics, talking with neighbors, and creating opportunities for people to gather around shared interests.

Since the series began in March, Samuelson has led discussions in public libraries and community spaces

around the state, including events in Jesup, Johnston, Clarinda and Des Moines.

Libraries have proved to be particularly fitting settings for the conversations.

"They have been a really wonderful meeting place for people," Samuelson said. "You really see how important they are for the life of a community."

Samuelson has also worked with the Lyceum Movement, a Des Moines nonprofit inspired by the historic American lyceum tradition, to offer discussions in Des Moines.

Samuelson developed "What Do We Stand For?" in partnership with Humanities Iowa with support from a By the People grant.

For Samuelson, the discussions are successful when the ideas considered in the room continue into community life.

"I see it as a big success when participants leave with that kind of renewed sense of civic engagement," he said.

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# NORTHWOOD-KENSETT SPORTS



Northwood baseball held Youth Recognition night last week, giving the young Vikings a chance to run out onto the field with the varsity boys.



Viking Hayzin Jacobson fires a pitch during Thursday night's game in Lake Mills. Photos courtesy of Chet Yost Photography.



Viking catcher Brady Tufte ready for the throw to home as Bulldog Leif Rogne crosses the plate.

## Vikings score 16 in win over GTRA

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings baseball team hosted Belmond-Klemme in a non-conference game on Tuesday, June 23 and won 5-0, scoring one in the first, two in the second and one in the third and fifth innings.

Bowan Behne led the team with a single, a double and two RBIs. Carston Tufte had a single and Aydan Schutz had a single and one RBI. Brady Tufte had one RBI and Brayden Katcher stole one base.

Behne pitched 6.1 innings

facing 23 batters throwing 111 pitches. He allowed no runs on one hit, walked three and struck out 12. Hayzin Jacobson pitched a portion of an inning facing two batters and threw four pitches. He allowed no run, no hits and struck out one.

On Thursday, June 25, the Vikings traveled to Lake Mills for non-conference action and fell 6-0.

B. Tufte led the team with a double, and Behne and Schutz each had a single.

The Vikings scored no

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

Jacobson pitched six innings facing 31 batters throwing 105 pitches. He allowed six runs on four hits, walked five, hit one batter and struck out six.

On Friday, June 26, the Vikings hosted GTRA in a non-conference game and won 16-1, scoring three in the first, three in the third and 10 in the fourth.

Quinton Butler led the team with a double and two RBIs and Bryck Abrams

had a single and three RBIs. C. Tufte had a single and two RBIs and Behne had one RBI and a stolen base. Oliver Bice had two RBIs and Schutz had one RBI. Katcher had one RBI and a stolen base twice.

Schutz pitched four innings facing 18 batters throwing 65 pitches. He allowed one run on three hits, walked two and struck out six.

The Vikings are 1-11 in conference play and 5-14 overall.



Viking Quinton Butler fields the ball during Thursday's game in Lake Mills. Photos courtesy of Chet Yost.



Viking Piper Brunsvold fires a pitch during Thursday night's non-conference action in Lake Mills.



Viking Porschea Madden makes an incredible catch in the outfield during Thursday's game against Lake Mills. Photo courtesy of Chet Yost Photography.



Viking Avery Grunhovd tags the Lake Mills runner during action on Thursday evening.



Viking Brianna Perkins runs the base path during action in Lake Mills on Thursday night.

## Vikings softball battles with Newman

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings softball team hosted Belmond-Klemme in a non-conference game on Tuesday, June 23, and fell 17-0.

True Hackenmiller had a single and a stolen base and Chloe Woods had a single.

The Vikings scored no runs on two hits, walked once and struck out five times.

Piper Brunsvold pitched four innings facing 27 batters. She allowed 17 runs on eight hits, walked four, hit five batters and struck out four.

On Thursday, June 25, the Vikings traveled to Lake Mills for a non-conference game and lost 9-1.

Northwood scored one run in the fourth and Lake Mills scored six in the first inning, two in the third and one in the fourth.

Hackenmiller led the team with two singles and a stolen base. Brianna Perkins had two singles and Brunsvold had a double and one RBI. Avery Grunhovd added a single.

The Vikings scored one run on six hits, earned one RBI and struck out seven times.

Brunsvold pitched four innings facing 23 batters, she allowed nine runs on 11 hits, walked two and struck out one.

On Friday, the girls traveled to Mason City to take on Class 1A no. 5 Newman in a conference game and

lost 3-1.

The Knights scored one run in the third and two in the sixth while the Vikings scored one in the fifth.

Brunsvold and Kenly Solberg each had a single, Casey Gentz had an RBI and Lauren Heiken stole one base.

The Vikings scored one run on two hits and earned one RBI. They were hit by pitch once and struck out 16 times.

Brunsvold pitched six innings facing 28 batters. She allowed three runs on eight hits, walked two and struck out four.

The Vikings are 1-19 overall and 0-11 in the Top of Iowa Conference.

## N-K VOLLEYBALL CAMP



The Northwood-Kensett Vikings volleyball girls have been working hard and enjoyed some sand volleyball while gym floors were being waxed.



The Vikings volleyball high school team spent a couple days with Waldorf volleyball Coach Bri visiting the gym this last week.



Viking middle school volleyball players were coached up by Waldorf volleyball Coach Bri in the afternoon and high school players worked with her in the morning.

## Tractor Ride in Bolan on Friday, June 26



Pictured on the Dan Bern Tractor Tour on a windmill road south of Bolan are (from left) Adam Powers (from New York City), Steve Hanson, David Powers (Adam's dad from Nassau, New York) with Loren Nydegger, Merle Hanson, Brian Kenison with Warren Westcott, Dan Bern and Bob Hall. Photographer Lori Willert rode with Adam



Warren Westcott documenting Elisha Marin on stage.



Dan Bern



Dan Bern performing



Steve Hanson, director of Art Farm Iowa, addressing the full house in Bolan.

## Northwood Church

### Fertile Lutheran Church

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

### Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, Kids with Christ at Bethlehem, 10 a.m. - Noon; Thursday, Kids with Christ at Bethlehem, 10 a.m. - Noon, BLC WELCA Board, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Outdoor Worship at Bethlehem with Potluck Following, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Lydia Circle, 1:30 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

### Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Bethany Joint Worship & Communion, 9 a.m.; Monday, Manna, 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Elk Creek Council, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

### Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship Services & Communion, 9:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, VBS Meeting at Trinity Church Basement, 6 p.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.; Tuesday, Pastor at Care Center, 10 a.m.

### Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellowship Time Grothe's Diner, 10 a.m.

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### One In Christ Lutheran Parish

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### "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish."

Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366; 9 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills.

### First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Special Joint Worship Service FLC - DCV - Gray/Clara, 10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

### Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

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

Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

### Sacred Heart Church, Manly

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

Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor

Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor

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### Faith Lutheran Church, London

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

Pastor Kent Otterman

### First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood

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

Pastor Theodore Gullixson

### Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills

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

Pastor Mark Decker

## Vacation Bible School in Bolan July 13-17

Local churches are inviting families to get ready for "RAINFOREST FALLS, Exploring the Nature of God" to be held in Bolan Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17.

A free-will supper and program will be held on Friday, July 17, at 6 p.m.

"Vacation Bible School will be filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch!" Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help

faith flow into real life.

"We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Your kids will participate in a mission project as well."

VBS is for pre-schoolers through completion of 5th grade. Anyone older is welcome to participate as a volunteer.

While this is free, orga-



nizers still need all participants to pre-register, so they know amounts to or-

## Gallery 818 Presents "Fields of Memory: Artwork by Marlyn Ashland" July 4

Gallery 818 will host the opening of "Fields of Memory: Artwork by Marlyn Ashland," a new exhibition celebrating the career of former Northwood resident Marlyn Ashland.

An opening reception will be held this Saturday, July 4, from 3-5 p.m. at Gallery 818 in downtown Northwood. While the artist originally had hoped he would make it, he will be unable.

In Fields of Memory, Marlyn Ashland presents a collection of past and new work inspired by the places that shape our identities. Drawing from the landscapes of Iowa where he grew up, Ashland's work reflects on memory, heritage and the enduring connection between people and the land. His paintings and drawings capture the physical beauty of fields, farms and open

skies.

"We're excited to again welcome Marlyn Ashland to Gallery 818. Marlyn's story is inspiring," said Steve Hanson of Art Farm Iowa. "His work beautifully captures the spirit of rural America while reminding us that our memories of place become part of who we are. This exhibition is a wonderful addition to Northwood's Independence Day celebra-

tion."

The opening reception is free and open to the public. Guests will have the opportunity to view the exhibition as part of the community's Fourth of July festivities.

For more information about the exhibition, contact Steve Hanson with Art Farm Iowa at 602-430-7246 or Jane Podgorniak at 641-390-0003.

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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](mailto:midwestfoodie@gmail.com)

I scored an old cookbook from the First Baptist Church of Clark's Grove, Minnesota. It was hiding on a shelf in a thrift shop and called my name as I sat near the bookcase. There is no publication date indicated but the flyleaf tells us the recipes were compiled by the Senior High Baptist Youth Fellowship. Printing was done by Walter's Publishing in Waseca, Minnesota. An unusual feature is a chapter in the back of the book titled "Quick Crafts." It has instructions for several projects. Things to do when you are done cooking! That's all we know at this point but we'll soon see if the good people in Clark's Grove could cook. I have little doubt since their names are on the recipes and we know what that means! The following recipes were adapted from the originals.

### Succulent Roast Beef (Warren Jensen)

1 rolled rump roast, USDA choice if possible, 4-5 pounds  
1 Can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted  
1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
1/2 cup sherry wine  
1/2 cup water  
1 large clove fresh garlic, diced  
3 bay leaves  
1 can (4oz) mushroom bits and pieces  
1 tablespoon dry parsley flakes

Rub the roast all over with the onion soup mix and place into a large plastic roasting bag. Place the roast, in the bag, into a large roaster pan. Mix all the remaining ingredients together and pour into the bag, over and around the roast. Tie the cooking bag at the top. Make two 1/4" holes or slits in the bag to release steam. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees F. Cook the roast for 5-6 hours. Be sure the temperature of the roast at the end of the cooking time is at least 190 degrees F. Remove the roast from the bag and pour all the ingredients and juices from inside the bag into a saucepan. This will make a wonderful gravy. Remove the bay leaves before slicing and serving. Serves 10-12.

### Barbequed Meatballs

### (Mary Peterson)

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef  
3/4 cup rolled oats  
1 cup milk  
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper.

Sauce:  
1 tablespoons vinegar  
4 tablespoons brown sugar  
3/4 cup ketchup  
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon yellow mustard  
1/2 cup water  
Chopped onion, amount as desired or optional

Make the meat mixture into balls and dredge in flour. Brown in a heavy skillet in some hot oil. You are just browning them, not cooking them through. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all the sauce ingredients, combining well. Add the meatballs and gently stir to cover them. Place the meatballs and sauce into a baking pan and bake for 30-40 minutes.

### Sauerkraut Hog Dish (Julie Stoneking)

1 12 oz. package medium egg noodles, cooked and drained  
1 pound lean ground beef  
1 medium yellow onion, diced  
1 large can sauerkraut with its juice  
2 can's cream of mushroom soup.

In a large heavy skillet, brown the ground beef and onion; use a little oil if the meat is very lean. Place all the remaining ingredients into a large mixing bowl and add the beef and onion mixture. Stir well to combine and make sure there are no large lumps of meat. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Pour the combined mixture into a lightly greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Bake, uncovered, for 1 hour. SANDY'S NOTE: The name of this dish is confusing as there is no pork in it and it sounds too tasty to feed to hogs!

Time and time again these vintage church and community cookbooks remind us that love of food never goes out of style. Various diets come and go. Health advice changes over the years (remember when we were told not to eat eggs!) But good cooks and their enjoyment in feeding friends and family never age out. And...that's all she wrote.

# Northwood Anchor

# Society



Pictured at a ceremony to donate funds to support cancer patients and their families at MercyOne North Iowa Cancer Center are (from left) local riders in the Snowball Cancer Challenge Mike King, Hayden Olson, Gary Schotanus, Russ Olson, MercyOne North Iowa Foundation Executive Director Josh Guyer, MercyOne North Iowa Cancer Center director Cindy Schriever, and local riders Tim Charlson and Mike Peterson.

## Local snowmobilers bring home support for cancer patients, families

A group of local snowmobile riders taking part in an annual event to support those with cancer were on hand recently to see the results of their fundraising efforts.

Each February the annual Snowball Cancer Challenge is held. The event was founded by Nick Keller, a record-setting snowmobile rider. Keller started his efforts to ride in support of those that are fighting cancer after he lost his mother at age 56.

Keller set records and began a legacy of raising funds to support those battling cancer that became the annual Snowball Cancer Ride. The ride raises funds, which are provided to support cancer patients with the essentials involved in seeking care.

Keller passed away in October 2025, bringing special meaning to the 2026 ride.

The Worth County representation on the ride began after Gary Schotanus, a member of the local Fence Stretchers Snowmobile Club, shared

his stories of the first trip.

In the following years, inspired by the good time Schotanus shared and by the cause of the ride, other members of the club, including Tim Charlson, Scott Wilde, Russ Olson, Hayden Olson, Mike King and Mike Peterson were set to ride or support in 2024, when the weather was too warm. Instead they rode in 2025 and again this year.

This year's ride is even more special as funds raised were designated for use close to him.

For the local group, that means supporting the facility that one of their own has received treatment at. Tim Charlson has battled cancer himself, and received treatment at MercyOne in Mason City.

On Saturday, June 20, Charlson, along with Russ Olson, Hayden Olson, Mike King, Gary Schotanus and Mike Peterson joined representatives of the Keller Family Community Foundation at the MercyOne North Iowa Cancer to make a donation to support local cancer patients.

The donations presented that day totaled \$82,500. That includes \$75,000 dedicated to establishing a perpetual endowment fund. The fund ensures a lasting source of support for local cancer patients and their families. The other portion, \$7,500, was made available for immediate use to start helping patients more immediately.

"We know that fighting cancer is an exhausting battle, and the hidden costs like fuel, lodging and travel expenses should never stand in the way of life-saving care. These combined funds are specifically dedicated to lifting that burden, helping local families cover travel-related expenses so they can focus entirely on getting to and from their treatments and getting well," said Snowball Cancer organizers about the MercyOne donations.

More information about the Snowball Cancer ride and how to donate can be found online at [donate.snowballcancer.org/donation.html](https://donate.snowballcancer.org/donation.html).

## Baby Contest correction

Last week's Northwood Anchor featured the results of the annual Worth County Fair Baby Contest.

In the caption for the

picture of two generations of cutest eyes winners, one of the names was listed incorrectly. The picture and corrected caption are below.



### 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 Morgan (Wilde) Snyder, who had the prettiest eyes at the 1991 contest.

## Worth reading of Declaration set for July 8

The Declaration of Independence will be read aloud on the steps of the Worth County Courthouse on Wednesday, July 8, at 5 p.m.

The reading commemorates the date the Declaration of Independence was first publicly read aloud.

July 4 celebrates the date that the Declaration was adopted unanimously by the Second Continental Congress. It was first read aloud at noon at three designated locations, in Trenton, New Jersey, Easton, Pennsylvania; and in Philadelphia.

That event will be commemorated with simultaneous readings in locations throughout the country, including the one in Worth County.

## Bible reading at courthouse finale

By Sharyl Ferley

We would like to see as many people who can gather in front of the courthouse at 6 p.m. on the Fourth of July to read aloud some favorite Bible verses.

There is a Bible on the courthouse steps. Please stop and read a few verses or a chapter or more and sign your name in the notebook. We hope to get 250 readers to mark this historic birthday of the U.S.A. God bless America!

## 'Bring in the Backup' Triathlon set for July 25

On Saturday, July 25, people will swim, bike and run through Northwood as they take part in the sixth "Bring in the Backup" Triathlon.

The event is held to support, or "back up" the community's first responders, with funds raised going to support several non-profit causes, as well as the Worth County Sheriff's Office and the Northwood Fire & EMS company.

The event includes a three stage race involving swimming for 150 meters, riding a bike for 10.4 miles and then running a 5K.

The triathlon begins at the Northwood swimming pool at 9 a.m. followed by a bike ride outside of town and back before the run portion, following a path



around Northwood, ending back at the pool for the finishing line.

Those taking part can do so as individuals or as part of a 2-3 person relay. There are also options to take part in the aquabike (swim and bike ride) or a duathlon (a one mile run before the bike ride and 5K).

Registration for the event is currently underway.

Those interested or who would like to donate without participating in a race may find more information online at [www.trisignup.com/Race/IA/Northwood/NorthwoodTriathlonDuathlonAquabike](https://www.trisignup.com/Race/IA/Northwood/NorthwoodTriathlonDuathlonAquabike).

For those not taking part, drivers are asked to be aware if traveling the route of the event on July 25.

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# Opinion

## Savvy Senior

What to do when medical bills pile up

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

I'm 63 and recently had a hospital stay that left me with bills I can't afford to pay. I had Affordable Care Act health insurance, but after my premiums went up in January, I had to drop my coverage. Now I'm overwhelmed by medical bills. What can I do?

--Struggling Patient

Dear Struggling,

You're definitely not alone. Medical debt is very common. About 1 in 12 Americans are dealing with it, and many had insurance when the bills started piling up. The good news is there are ways to reduce what you owe and make it more manageable. Here are some steps that can help.

### Check your bills

Medical billing errors are more common than you might think, so start by taking a close look at every bill and explanation of benefits you receive. Watch for duplicate charges, services you did not receive or prices that seem off.

If something does not look right, call your provider's billing office and ask for an itemized bill. Do not be shy about asking questions. Even small mistakes can add up.

### Ask about help

Most hospitals, especially nonprofit ones, are required to offer financial assistance programs, often called charity care. Depending on your income, you may qualify to have part or even all of your bill forgiven.

Call the hospital billing office and ask specifically about financial assistance. You can also visit DollarFor.org, a nonprofit that helps patients apply for charity care programs at no cost.

### Negotiate costs

If you do not qualify for assistance, you still have options. Many hospitals and doctors are willing to work with patients, especially if you reach out early.

Ask if they can lower the bill or offer a discount if you can pay something upfront. You can also request a no interest payment plan to spread the cost out over time. If this feels overwhelming, a medical billing advocate can help. The Alliance of Professional Health Advocates, at aphadvocates.org, can connect you with professionals who review bills and negotiate on your behalf.

### Find programs

Since you recently lost coverage, it is also worth checking whether you qualify for Medicaid, especially if your income has dropped. You can apply through Healthcare.gov or your state Medicaid office.

Another helpful tool is BenefitsCheckUp.org, from the National Council on Aging, which can point you to programs that help lower health care and prescription costs.

### Get support

You do not have to handle this on your own. There are several trusted organizations that offer free or low-cost help. The Patient Advocate Foundation (patientadvocate.org) provides case management services and can help you find financial assistance. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org) offers nonprofit credit counseling and guidance on managing debt. You can also visit NeedyMeds.org to locate programs that can help lower the cost of prescriptions and other medical expenses.

The most important thing is to act sooner rather than later. Ignoring medical bills can lead to collections and added stress, but many providers are willing to work with you if you reach out.

Start by reviewing your bills, then explore assistance programs and payment options. With some persistence, you can often lower what you owe and set up a plan that fits your budget. Medical debt is common, even among people who had insurance, but it is often negotiable, and there are real resources available to help you through it.

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

The city says I have seven outstanding parking tickets.

Do you really?

I don't know, but it was nice of the city to say that.

## Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was in Nimrod. I know what you're thinking. Sometimes the world makes sense—a nimrod in Nimrod. Nimrod is a city in Wadena County and is named after the biblical figure Nimrod, a skillful and mighty hunter. The high school teams in Watersmeet, Michigan, are nicknamed the Nimrods. The name took a detour after a 1948 "Looney Tunes" cartoon in which Daffy Duck called Elmer Fudd a "nimrod." The Nimrod Gnats play baseball there. Dick Stigman pitched for Nimrod and in the majors for seven years (including with the Twins).

Back in medieval times, a friend gave me a Lincoln Continental to drive while he was out of the state for a few months. He wanted me to drive his land yacht occasionally to keep it in prime condition. I didn't drive it as often as I should have. It was too nice. I was used to driving a junkyard on wheels, the kind that used a windshield wiper as an oil dipstick. Each drive was like running with an egg in each hand. Wrestling the steering wheel of one of those contraptions gave me plenty of upper-body exercise. I tithed to keep those cars on the road. Discussions with other drivers in the same predicament would begin with, "How many miles do you get to the quart?" I always carried a sandwich with me. It gave me something to do during breakdowns

after I'd found a safe landing spot. I remember talking to a neighbor who had an old car that he kept in prime condition. It was an antique. I questioned him, "You mean you drive an old car because you want to?"

## Father's Day

On a day long ago, in a land not far away, I stood beside my father's grave on a windswept prairie, regretting those things I'd left unsaid, and questions that went unasked. He'd given me his ears and his time. I heard a western meadowlark call from a pasture near the cemetery. It brought precious memories of my wonderful father, the farmer, and of our many talks. I know the bird was proclaiming territory, but sometimes, a bird sings when I need to hear it.

## I've learned

The states with the highest personal income are Virginia, New York and New Jersey. Minnesota is 8th and Iowa 32nd. West Virginia is the lowest, just behind New Mexico and Mississippi. <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-where-people-have-the-highest-income/136995>

If you don't think you'll like a food, eat it deep-fried.

## Bad jokes department

My neighbors listened to some loud music last night until they asked me to turn it down.

Alice saw the northern lights but was unimpressed. You might say it was the Aurora boring Alice.

How many soccer players does it take to change a lightbulb? I don't know, but it'd be quicker if they could use their hands.

## Nature notes

A friend, Kim Eckert of Duluth, suggested a general rule of thumb that any

meadowlark seen west of a north-south line from the city of Warroad in Roseau County south to the city of Fairmont in Martin County was a western meadowlark. East of this line, however, both the western meadowlark and the eastern meadowlark species are seen.

A group of dragonflies is called a flight, swarm, cluster or wing.

"What do skunks have that no other animal has?" Baby skunks.

A woman on the Pelican Breeze asked why there were more cliff swallow nests on the west side of the highway bridge than on the east side. Concrete bridges and overpasses caused cliff swallows to abandon nesting on loose, crumbly cliffs of sandstone or limestone in favor of firm structures that offered overhangs sheltering the birds from the elements. Their densely packed nests extend over lengthy sections of buildings, dams, culverts and bridges. Cliff swallows require freshwater to construct their gourd-shaped nests, each made of 900–1,200 individual mud pellets collected in their bills. I suspect cliff swallows might build more nests on the west side of a bridge than on the east side due to the direction of the sun's path and the resulting temperature differences. The west side of a bridge receives more direct sunlight later in the day, which can lead to warmer temperatures overnight. The warmer temperature could benefit a nestling by regulating its body temperature and potentially providing a more comfortable environment. Baby birds lacking feathers are more vulnerable to cold than to heat.

## Meeting adjourned

"Judge nothing, you will be happy. Forgive everything, you will be happier. Love everything, you will be happiest." - Sri Chinmoy.

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# Fit to print...

A story of fondness for flags and the Fourth and getting to know the Declaration

## Inheriting a fondness for flags and the Fourth

By JoAnn Lower

The Fourth of July at Grandpa and Grandma's house began with my brothers and I forming a porch brigade. Armed with paint scrapers and buckets of sudsy water we scraped peeling paint from the curvy columns and scrubbed the squeaky floor, all the while giggling and splashing each other with soapy bubbles. Our job was an important one – to get the porch ready for Dad to repaint it to its original glory.

Grandma said after she and Grandpa moved to town they had become "front porch people." She said the front porch was a meeting place for neighbors to set a while, a platform to watch teenagers cruise main street on Saturday night, a secret place for a goodnight kiss. But more importantly it was the backdrop for Grandpa's flags – flags he'd been collecting for years.

Grandpa lived all year for the Fourth. With the porch finished, his attention turned to trimming the hedge and making sure the front steps were properly swept. With his help, we placed flag after flag around the lawn, solidly pushing each stake into the soil, making sure the flag itself didn't touch the ground. Stick flags were the last to be added, each one placed along the sidewalk where lily of the valley grew. The largest flag proudly flying under the porch light all evening.

Watching the town's parade from the front porch was always a summertime treat. With Grandma's fresh lemonade and sugar cookies ready for company to stop by and Grandpa proudly wearing his Lion's Club vest, we'd stand to salute the flag as it went by.

Grandpa passed away, but his patriotism lives on. Somehow, in the pain of losing him, his box of flags was misplaced. It wasn't until helping clean the house after Grandma passed that I noticed the familiar corner of an old box forgotten in a closet. Inside lay Grandpa's flags – some tattered, some like new – each preserved for a future generation.

Lifting two of the flags from the

crumpled box, memories of standing with my grandparents on their front porch came flooding back. The sound of drums. The high school band about to round the corner.

Jolted from my reverie, I scurry out to my front lawn with Grandpa's flags, solidly pushing the stakes into the soil, making sure the flags don't touch the ground.

Back on my front porch, I stand to salute as the flag goes by. It's the Fourth of July.

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## Getting to know the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence served as the signatory colonies' statement that they were now "free and independent States." It is a vital document in American history.

On July 1, 1776, delegates from the original 13 colonies met in Philadelphia to vote on Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. After some deliberation, ultimately 12 of the 13 delegates voted in favor. In recognition of those 12 delegates, here are 12 facts regarding the Declaration of Independence.

1. The drafted document was officially adopted on July 4, 1776, two days after freedom from Britain was approved. However, most delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, while others signed on a later date. John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston never signed the Declaration of Independence.

2. John Dunlap was the official printer of Congress at the time. He worked all night and into the morning of July 5 to produce the large, single-sided sheet, known as a broadside. About 200 copies of Dunlap's broadside were made.

3. The University of Virginia owns two copies of a rare early printing of the Declaration. It is believed the copy once belonged to George Washington.

4. Benjamin Franklin, George Read, Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, George Clymer, and James Wilson signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

5. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were hidden at Fort Knox during World War II, two weeks after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

6. Despite what the movie "National Treasure" will have one believe, the message on the back of the document is visible and reads "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."

7. Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, was a signer of the Declaration who later recanted his support of the American revolution. He subsequently swore his allegiance to King George III after being captured by the British.

8. In 1989, an original Dunlap Broadside was found hidden behind a picture a Philadelphia man bought at a flea market for \$4. It later sold for \$8.1 million. Ultimately, 26 copies of the original prints have been found.

9. The United States celebrates Independence Day on July 4th, even though independence was accepted on July 2nd.

10. Early on, not everyone in America was supportive of the Declaration of Independence. Partisan politics led to discord. Federalist John Adams was feuding with Republicans and Thomas Jefferson. The anniversary date of the signing was not widely celebrated until the Federalists were no longer involved in politics.

11. The one-year anniversary of Independence Day and the celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence slipped the minds of Congress in 1777. When they remembered it was July 3rd, they planned a last-minute celebration on July 4th, and each year thereafter.

12. John Trumbull's painting "Declaration of Independence," which was made into a lithograph replica by Ralph Trembly, hangs in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. It is a fictional depiction of the five-man drafting committee presenting their draft to Congress, and not the signing. The painting shows 42 of the 56 signees, since Trumbull couldn't get likenesses of all involved. The men featured in the painting were never all in the room at the same time during the Declaration's debate and signing.

# Northwood Anchor

# Early Files

## 100 years ago

**June 24, 1926**  
The Legion Auxiliary will serve light refreshments in the Legion rooms during band concerts each Wednesday evening. The public is welcome.  
A family reunion was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. E.O. Pederson at Forest City last Sunday. The Rev. Pedersen sustained a broken hip from a fall on the ice last winter and is still confined to his wheelchair. The venerable gentleman is 85 years of age. The family is well known in this vicinity.  
Yesterday at the Lutheran parsonage in Lake Mills, Mr. Vernon Nystuen and

## 75 years ago

**June 28, 1951**  
Fourteen Northwood Boy Scouts and their leader, Frank Nelson, had a lot of fun at Camp Roosevelt, Clear Lake, last week, swimming, marksmanship, archery, boating, handicrafts, nature study, etc., were on the program. One group of Scouts included Paul Olson, Harvey Patterson, Mace Reyerson and Gary Lee all of Northwood and Terry Schinnow, Kensett.  
A Palomino yearling filly,

## 50 years ago

**June 24, 1976**  
Northwood Girl Scouts and Brownies had a lesson in building a teepee type fire during the annual day camp held in Swensrud Park this week. About 50 girls participated in the activity.  
Ken Logemann was named an alternate delegate from the Third District to attend the National Republican Convention in Kansas City in August. Logemann, a supporter of Ronald Reagan, has served as campaign manager in Iowa for Reagan since the beginning of the year.  
The Northwood city council

## 25 years ago

**June 27, 2001**  
Northwood 15-year-old Kyle Waller isn't about to pull a John Elway and retire now that he's grabbed the brass ring for the second year in a row. In Waller's case, the "brass ring" is the grand champion market beef ribbon, which is the most coveted purple ribbon at this year's – or any year's – Worth County Fair.  
Seven donors contributed a total of \$365 to the Northwood Fireworks Fund last week, raising the amount in hand for next Wednesday's Fourth

## 10 years ago

**June 29, 2016**  
Mary Reyerson, president of Waking Miss Winifred, explained the plans to renovate Hotel Winifred into a historic boutique hotel to Governor Terry Branstad during Friday's visit to Northwood.  
N-K FFA officers include Jade Stubbe, secretary; Matt Parcher, president; Tegan Cotter, vice president; Colton Moretz, sentinel; Calli Christiansen, treasurer, and Morgan Johnson, reporter.  
Last week the front of the Stromstein building in downtown Northwood received a few coats of paint on the upper levels and the building's

Miss Jeanne Esther Bjelland were united in marriage by Rev. Slattum, pastor of the church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bjelland, prominent farmers east of Lake Mills, and is highly spoken of by all who know her. Mr. Nystuen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Knut Nystuen, residents of Silver Lake for many years, a well-known and respected family.  
The first of the season's regular mid-week band concerts by the Northwood band under the leadership of L.T. Dillon was given last evening in Central Park. In spite of the fact that the event had not been widely advertised and that the weather was rather chilly, a large crowd was on hand for the opening concert. The concerts of the Northwood band have come to be an expected part of the

owned by Roger Oleson of Kensett, took first prize in the yearling filly class and also won the reserve championship among Palomino mares in the Midwestern States Palomino horse show at New Ulm, Minn. On Sunday. About 250 horses from seven states were entered in the show. Mr. and Mrs. Oleson attended the show at New Ulm and brought back ribbons and two large trophies, which are on display in the Anchor window.  
Maynard Jaspers has broken ground for a new residence to be erected on lots just west of his implement business and present home on Highway 105 in east

reviewed wages at the regular meeting Tuesday night and increased the part time rate from \$2.75 to \$3 an hour. The city superintendents' rate was set at \$4.25 per hour, the assistant city superintendent at \$4 an hour; the cemetery sexton at \$3.75 an hour and other salaries ranged from \$3.25 to \$3.50 an hour.  
Three area men enlisted in the United State Army during the period of May 24 through June 4. They are Russell A. Butler and Harold E. Naugle, Jr., Northwood and Jerry W. Adams, Lake Mills.  
Four Northwood students attended a girls basketball camp on the Upper Iowa University campus, Fayette, last week. They are Marcia Fricke, Debbie Hulshiser, Tracy Miner and Marcia Wilder. Miss

of July finale here to \$870. That leaves the fund \$2,130 short of its \$3,000 goal with only seven days remaining before the big event.  
Nigel Millard and Jessica Vansteenburgh, Northwood, sophomores at Luther College, were named to the dean's honor scholastic list for the spring quarter.  
Judge Kathy Johnson looks over "Minco," a female Mini-Rex rabbit exhibited by Erik Reyerson as Erik's sister Leah looks on during the Worth County air 4-H pet show last Wednesday afternoon in the fairgrounds shelter house. Erik, a member of the Hartland Achievers 4-H Club, won a red ribbon

facade.  
With the only other senior on the team emerging as one of the top three pitchers in the TIC East, it has fallen to Chloe Breitsprecher to make on the majority of the catching duties this season. At the plate Breitsprecher has struck out just five times in 71 plate appearances, but it's behind the plate where the talented senior has excelled, committing just four errors in 40 chances, catching 12 runners stealing and with a .900 fielding percentage.  
Just recently seeing more varsity playing time sophomore Paige DeArmoun makes a spectacular back-handed grab in last Friday night's 1-0 eight-inning loss to Forest City. DeArmoun has made the most of her six starts,

summer activities of this community and will no doubt be even more popular this year than ever before.  
Twenty-eight visiting Master Masons from 11 lodges representing three states joined with the members of Northern Light Lodge last evening at the local temple in an event that was unique in the history of the Northwood brotherhood and most likely in the state. Following a six o'clock banquet enjoyed by more than one hundred Masons in the dining room of the Temple, Dow Simmonds, of this city, was presented with a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Iowa as a memorial of his more than 50 years of Masonic affiliation. A wonderful cake, two feet square, had been baked for the occasion by C.J. Magnuson.

Northwood. The Jaspers family includes Mr. and Mrs. Jaspers and their twin sons, Donald and Ronald.  
J.L. Taylor, Northwood, has purchased the 100-acre Tollef Christianson farm in Hartland township and will take possession next March. Mr. and Mrs. Christianson, aged m87 and 84, respectively, expect to move to Glenville where a new home will be erected for them in the next few months.  
The government loan rate on the 1951 oats crop will be 70 cents a bushel in Worth and adjoining counties, Harold Mueller, county PMA chairman announced today.

Miner was recognized as an outstanding forward.  
The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly was the scene of a wedding Saturday, June 12, when Bonnie Gae Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lane, Manly, became the bride of Michael Hagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Hagen, rural Hanlontown. The Rev. Alvin Jenkins officiated at the 6:30 p.m. service. Rhonda Wenger was organist and Don Meyer, soloist.  
Ruth Lestrud, Northwood and Selmer Lestrud, Kensett, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christine, to Marving Thorson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Thorson of Northwood. A July 3 wedding is planned at the Zion Annex, Northwood.

in the senior doe competition and Leah, a member of the Green Shamrocks 4-H Club, won a blue in the senior mixed-breed rabbit division. They are the children of Gary and Elke Reyerson of Northwood.  
First runner-up Ashley Dierenfeld and "Miss Congeniality" Laura Vance flank Anneke Reeder, who was crowned "Miss Worth County" last Wednesday night during the annual fair queen pageant in the shelter house at the Worth County Fairgrounds.  
Ben Schipull of the Grove Progressive Farmers showed the champion rate of gain individual and won intermediate showmanship honors Sunday in the junior sheep show.

committing just two errors playing left-field.  
Co-captains of Worth County's Relay for Life Team Adams were jubilant when the final tally for donations raised through their efforts were totaled recently. A lot of hard work and dedication from each and every Team Adams member resulted in a grand total of \$6,216.38 raised for Worth County's Relay For Life. The six from Team Adams are co-captain, with their mother are Kim Marsh, Patti Solsaa-Marsh Heinold, Connie Marsh Jennings, Delores Adams Marsh, Susan Marsh Solsaa, Cheryl Marsh West, and Sandra Marsh Fitzlaff.  
Marty Cotter has been the FFA advisor at Northwood-Kensett for 25 years.

## Northwood Public Library

**By Emily Tufte  
Northwood Public Library Director**  
Summer is here and we're in the middle of our Summer Reading Program! Our Summer Reading Program donation letters were sent out and twelve amazing local businesses responded (I posted those in the last couple newsletters), and the Northwood Public Library would also like to thank Viking Nutrition!  
Our theme for this Summer is "Plant a Seed, Read!" Stop by and see our full calendar of events, but here are some of the July highlights that anyone can come and enjoy.  
• Story Time with the local DAR group on July 3 at 10 a.m.  
• Friday, July 11, Chloe's Critters is coming to the library from 10-11 a.m.  
• Tuesday, July 7, 14, and 21 Molly Benson from the Extension Office will be coming to do some fun activities with kids from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Kensett Public Library

**By Lisa Lestrud  
Kensett Library Director**  
Greetings from the Kensett Library. Summer is upon us and we had a busy month of June. We have had so much fun with the kids coming for our summer reading program we did fun crafts and lots of story reading we will finishes up the last Tuesday with a day at the park with the "Imagination Playground," sponsored by FUNK and the Kensett Library. The kids can enjoy building with the foam blocks, playing games and a picnic. The reading challenge continues through the month of July.  
We have a very important and informative program that the public is invited to on Monday, July 6, starting at 9 a.m. You can save a life, with this training you will learn how to use Narcan to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, and receive your own Narcan nasal spray kit. This program is sponsored by Worth County Public Health. Please call 641-845-2222 or stop into the library to sign up for this class.  
On Saturday, July 18, from 10-11:30 a.m. join us for the "Smurfs" movie, rated PG. We will have a snack too.  
Be sure to mark your calendar for another very informative program on Saturday, August 3, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Jarrod Blakenship with "Your Other Grandson," Scam Prevention Seminar. He will also talk about "Miles for Minds 5K & Literacy Quest." Please join us, refreshments will be served.  
Look forward to seeing you at the library.

• Friday, July 17 and 24 will be a Story Time at 10 a.m.  
• Our final Summer Reading Program event is a party at the Northwood Movie Theater! Kids (and their families) that have turned in at least one book-mark are invited to attend.  
If you want have kids or grandkids that you might bring to the library for the Summer Reading Program, join our Facebook page to follow along! [www.facebook.com/groups/278686796498248](https://www.facebook.com/groups/278686796498248).  
The library will be closed on Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day.  
The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to reach out at the library for more information!  
Here are new books coming to the library sometime during the month of June:  
Adult Fiction books: "Love You More" by Emily

Giffen, "The Country Road Murders" by James Patterson, "This Changes Everything" by Lisa Unger, "The Romance Revival" by Christina Lauren, "Ransom" by Daniel Silva, "Not What It Seems" by Lisa Jackson, "Until Midnight" by Luanne Rice, and lots more.  
Large Print Fiction: "A Life So True" by Tracie Peterson, "The Lumber Baron's Wife" by Lynn Austin, "Summer State of Mind" by Kristy Woodson Harvey, "Chance for Kallie Mae" by Ann H. Gabhart, and more  
I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have by emailing us at [librarian@northwoodia.org](mailto:librarian@northwoodia.org) or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!



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# Miss/Mr. Northwood Contestants

Queen/King crowned on July 4 at 2 p.m.

at the Worth County Fairgrounds



**CAMRYN RHEINGANS**  
Daughter of  
Tory & Heather Rheingans



**SOPHIE RYE**  
Daughter of  
Carl & Janet Rye



**ASHLYN SKELLENGER**  
Daughter of  
Mark & Jenny Skellenger



**SOPHIA BUTLER**  
Daughter of  
Teresa & Steve Butler



**ARIAH BODE**  
Daughter of  
Michael &  
Kimberly Bode



**WESTON WILLAND**  
Son of Wayde & Jill Willand



**ALEX TIEDEMANN**  
Son of  
Chad & Tiffany Tiedemann



**KALE BODE**  
Son of  
Michael &  
Kimberly Bode

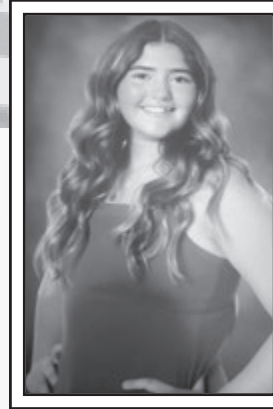
## Jr. Miss/Mr. Northwood Contestants



**PIPER BRUNSVOLD**  
Daughter of  
Bradley & Shana  
Brunsvold



**GABRIEL HULSHIZER**  
Son of Ryan & Kate  
Hulshizer



**HEATHER PERRY**  
Daughter of  
Nicholas Perry &  
Shelby Stumo

## Lil' Miss/Mr. Northwood Contestants



**BRANTLEE MORGAN**  
Son of Aaron & Cassandra  
Morgan



**BRAYDEN HECK**  
Son of John Heck &  
Lindsey Sailor



**MABLE HORNING**  
Daughter of Daniel &  
Hayle Horning



**KINSLEE WALLIN**  
Daughter of Brian &  
Kelli Wallin



**JACKSON MORGAN**  
Son of  
Aaron & Cassandra  
Morgan



**ZAELEE JULSETH**  
Daughter of Nate Julseth  
& Andi Huse



**NOLAN STIRLING**  
Son of Jesse & Tara  
Stirling



**CHANDLER  
HULSHIZER**  
Son of Ryan & Katie  
Hulshizer



**MACKENZIE MUNSON**  
Daughter of James &  
Grace Munson



**XAVIER ROSSITER**  
Son of Gunner  
Bransfield & Jenna  
Weitzel



**EXMERELLA YEZEK**  
Daughter of Jeffrey &  
Lindsey Yezek



**AVA WURTZEL**  
Daughter of  
Chad & Alli Wurtzel



**KENNEDY SCHULZ**  
Daughter of Sawyer &  
Michelle Schulz



**PAISLEY MAHER**  
Daughter of Blane &  
Hayley Maher



**HUNTLEY IVERSON**  
Son of Isaiah &  
Meredith Iverson



**PARKER WURTZEL**  
Daughter of Chad & Alli  
Wurtzel



**KAYDEN LAPPOINT**  
Son of Shelby  
& Ashley LaPoint

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The Ag Learning Center in the Donnie Moretz Memorial Kid-die Barn offered visitors at the Worth County Fair a chance to interact with farm animals, receive temporary tattoos and spin to win prizes after answering trivia questions.



## Supervisors

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| <b>June 22, 2026</b><br><b>Twenty-sixth Day</b><br>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.<br>Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.<br>Motion Smeby/Second Stone to amend agenda to add discussion regarding Worthwhile Solar with Kate Millar and Jeff Gorbail. Motion carried.<br>Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's amended agenda and June 15, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.<br>Motion Smeby/Second Stone to accept the Engineer's Report for DD 6/Lat 7 as presented by Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, Inc. Motion carried.<br>Motion Stone/Second Smeby to accept the Engineer's Report for DD 11-New Lateral as presented by Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk, Inc. Motion carried.<br>Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve work orders for DD 10 and DD 23 Main as suggested by Frank Salvator who found the damage when he was spraying the district. Motion carried.<br>Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of \$1,974,400.53 per the following schedule. Motion carried.<br>Alliant Energy<br>Service-Gsr..... 4,136.63<br>Amazon Capital Services<br>Supplies..... 785.82<br>Barbara J. Smith<br>Election-Aud..... 251.10 | Bauer Built Tire Inc<br>Service-Eng..... 409.56<br>Belinda Borchardt<br>Election-Aud..... 246.73<br>Bmc Aggregates Llc<br>Rock-Eng..... 199.17<br>Bolton & Menk Inc<br>Service-Con..... 16,830.00<br>Bomgaars Supply, Inc<br>Supplies-Con..... 8.98<br>Brian Lund, Reserve-Shf..... 1.00<br>Bryn Pangburn<br>Election-Aud..... 267.65<br>Centurylink, Service-Eng.. 182.39<br>Certified Laboratories<br>Supplies-Eng..... 497.95<br>City Of Joice, Service-Eng. 169.97<br>City Of Kensett<br>Service-Eng..... 92.62<br>Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio<br>Service-911..... 285.84<br>Connie Estes<br>Election-Aud..... 252.25<br>Connie J. Rosenberg<br>Election-Aud..... 246.36<br>Connie Sue Moretz<br>Election-Aud..... 269.50<br>Connie Taylor<br>Election-Aud..... 289.10<br>Core & Main Lp<br>Supplies-Eng..... 680.00<br>Croell, Inc.<br>Service-Eng..... 1,769,433.47<br>Culligan Of Mason City<br>Service-Shf..... 57.80<br>Cynthia Haugsdal<br>Election-Aud..... 279.70<br>D & L Equipment<br>Supplies-Con..... 32.25<br>Debra Cleveland<br>Election-Aud..... 223.55<br>Debra L. Mackin<br>Election-Aud..... 231.90<br>Department Of Inspections, Ap-peals & Licensing<br>Service-Eng..... 230.00 |
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| Dick's Petroleum Company<br>Service-Cap..... 50,000.00<br>Eiln S. Miner, Election-Aud220.65<br>Electric Pump Inc<br>Service-Wat..... 5,860.00<br>Electronic Engineering<br>Supplies-911..... 2,584.50<br>Eurofins Test America<br>Service-San..... 272.00<br>Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 2,939.95<br>Fallgatter's Market Inc<br>Supplies-Con..... 7.70<br>Forest City Ford, Inc<br>Service-Shf..... 68.78<br>Forest City Veterinary Clinic, Llc<br>Service-Shf..... 40.11<br>Gail Read<br>Election-Aud..... 273.73<br>Galls, Llc<br>Supplies-Shf..... 120.17<br>Geocomm, Inc.<br>Service-911..... 7,282.15<br>Gierke Robinson Company, Inc.<br>Supplies-Eng..... 459.09<br>Grafton Welding<br>Service-Eng..... 290.00<br>Groce Enterprises, Inc., Tile And Supplies, Supplies-Eng..... 134.22<br>Grp & Associates Inc<br>Service-Phd..... 58.00<br>Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals<br>Supplies-Eng..... 909.50<br>Heartland Asphalt Inc<br>Supplies-Eng..... 4,582.04<br>Heartland Business Systems, Llc<br>Service-Dap..... 1,794.78<br>Hovey's Lawn & Garden<br>Service-Con..... 3,500.00<br>Ia Dept Of Public Safety<br>Service-Shf..... 1,609.50<br>Ia Secretary Of State<br>Service-Aud..... 38.64<br>Ip Pathways<br>Service-Dap..... 873.69<br>Janet Fellin<br>Election-Aud..... 246.75 | Jay Heims, Reimb-Asr..... 75.87<br>Jenny McIntyre<br>Service-San..... 467.50<br>Jj's Hardware<br>Supplies-Con..... 231.20<br>Joe's Collision & Performance Inc<br>Service-Shf..... 205.84<br>John Deere Financial<br>Supplies..... 54.94<br>John Wonsmos<br>Election-Aud..... 240.60<br>Johnson County Medical Examiner Dept, Service-Mex..... 319.91<br>Judy Wonsmos<br>Election-Aud..... 214.50<br>Julie Tweeten<br>Election-Aud..... 263.50<br>Karen Abrahams<br>Election-Aud..... 84.00<br>Kathryn Brodersen<br>Election-Aud..... 234.80<br>Kensett Cemetery<br>Service-Vaf..... 624.00<br>Kim Severson<br>Election-Aud..... 248.58<br>Kirsten J. Meyer<br>Election-Aud..... 235.45<br>Kruger Electric Llc<br>Service-Wwt..... 490.00<br>Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc<br>Service-Shf..... 993.76<br>Lawson Products Inc<br>Supplies-Supplies..... 47.07<br>Lexisnexis<br>Service-Aty..... 244.00<br>Manly Junction Signal<br>Service-Sup & Aud..... 650.15<br>Mardene S. Lien<br>Election-Aud..... 257.10<br>Marilyn Holt<br>Election-Aud..... 156.30<br>Mediacom, Service-Gsr..... 294.90<br>Melinda Holden<br>Election-Aud..... 246.95<br>Menards Inc, Supplies-Wat 234.09<br>Mercery North Iowa Occupation- |
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| al Health, Service-Eng..... 48.00<br>Mitchell Co Sheriff<br>Service-Shf..... 2,600.00<br>Napa Auto Parts<br>Supplies-Eng..... 79.45<br>Neapolitan Labs Llc<br>Service-Dap..... 4,000.00<br>Nelson Septic Services Llc<br>Service-Con..... 150.00<br>Nexus Cooperative<br>Supplies-Con..... 755.12<br>North Central International<br>Service-Eng..... 4,645.58<br>Northwood Anchor Inc<br>Service-Sup & Aud..... 1,026.15<br>Olson Insurance Inc<br>Renewal-Ins..... 144.00<br>Otis Elevator Company<br>Service-Gsr..... 1,044.12<br>Owen Barrack<br>Reimb-Con..... 103.71<br>Penguin Management, Inc.<br>Service-911..... 4,104.00<br>Penny Miller, Election-Aud268.58<br>Pictometry International Corp<br>Service-Dap..... 28,079.34<br>Plunkett's Pest Control Inc<br>Service-Gsr..... 54.08<br>Pria, Dues-Rec..... 60.00<br>Ranae Steene<br>Election-Aud..... 235.85<br>Rebecca Lynne Martinson<br>Election-Aud..... 227.18<br>Richard Brumm, Edu-Eng.. 25.00<br>Ronald D. Miller<br>Election-Aud..... 214.50<br>Rosemary Fredericks<br>Election-Aud..... 228.95<br>S&H Environmental Services Llc<br>Service-Wat & Wwt..... 20,218.34<br>Shalmarie Zillgitt<br>Election-Aud..... 263.98<br>Shane Batton<br>Service-Gsr..... 260.00<br>Sharyl Deanne Ferley<br>Election-Aud..... 80.18 | Sue E. Trebil, Election-Aud295.60<br>Sue Hartwig, Election-Aud 235.85<br>Thomas Reid, Reimb-Vaf 1,806.60<br>Trading Post, Supplies-Eng. 37.00<br>Vanguard Appraisals Inc<br>Service-Asr..... 4,205.00<br>Verizon Wireless<br>Service-It/Gis & Eng..... 193.89<br>Vestis, Service-Eng..... 18.82<br>Visa, Service-Eng..... 6,281.36<br>Waste Management Of Iowa Inc<br>Service-Sdp..... 1,750.00<br>Worth County Clerk Of Court<br>Service-Sup..... 110.00<br>Worth County Engineer<br>Service-Sdp..... 156.45<br>Worth County Fair<br>Booth-Shf..... 150.00<br>Worth County P H Petty Cash<br>Reimb-Phd..... 187.03<br>Wyatt Quam, Reserve-Shf..... 1.00<br>Ziegler Inc, Supplies-Eng 2,183.57<br>Grand Total..... 1,974,400.53<br>Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve payroll eligibility verification for Missy Dagestad at \$45,508/year as submitted by the treasurer. Motion carried.<br>Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-20 A Resolution Designating the Official Physical Posting Location for Public Meetings and Agendas Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21 and House File 2490. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution is available in auditor's office).<br>Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:15 A.M. Motion carried.<br>Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor<br>Enos Loberg, Chairperson |
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2017 Buick Encore Preferred II AWD, 76k..... \$12,900  
2016 Subaru Outback Limited, 75k..... \$16,900  
2016 GMC Terrain SLT AWD, 87k..... \$12,900  
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2014 Buick Encore Leather AWD, 91k..... \$10,900  
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**The City of Lake Mills is accepting applications for certified Journeyman Lineman**  
  
The line crew is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the overhead and underground distribution, as well as assist in the generation plant as needed. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Class B CDL within 6 months, CPR Certified preferred, and able to work week-end rotation. Pre-employment drug test and background check are required. Salary range is \$35-\$42, dependent upon qualifications and experience. Benefit package including insurance, retirement, paid leave, and holidays.  
  
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**POSITION OPENING**  
  
**The City of Lake Mills is accepting applications for a Deputy City Clerk**  
  
This position requires accounting experience, strong computer skills, and excellent public relations skills. Responsibilities include accounts payable, payroll, and general clerical duties. The salary range is \$30–\$34 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. The benefits package includes insurance, retirement, paid leave, and holidays.  
  
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# Bolan

What a fun night hosting the “Inaugural Worth County Tractor Tour” singer-songwriter, Dan Bern at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Friday evening, June 26. The Tour began on Tuesday, June 23 stopping at Fertile’s Rhodes Mill Park. Then Wednesday at Kaleidoscopes to You in Manly; Thursday at the Kensett Community Center and Friday at BSCC. The group met at the Joe Nydegger farm late afternoon Friday for a “mini” tractor tour around the area. The fel-

las from New York enjoyed their first ride on a tractor and then actually driving one with an experienced tractor driver with them. Afterwards they ate supper at the Nydegger home before heading to the School for the concert. Opening up the performance was Elisha Marin from Albert Lea. What a fantastic voice he had! Lori Willert welcomed the everyone to the historic 1923 Barton No. 2 building, followed by Mary Wendt reading a poem “A Pump, A Tree, and A Mem-

ory” written by Norma Berg in 1982 to honor 1944-52 teacher Bernice Huus. Then Dan’s concert which received a standing ovation from the packed house. The final concert was held at Art Farm Iowa on Saturday evening in conjunction of the “Rust and Roots Antique Tractor and Equipment Show.”

Lori Willert and Joe and Linda and Joe Nydegger attended a couples baby shower brunch in honor of Tanner and Jenna (Koppen) Holmes on Saturday

morning at the Creekside Pavilion in Clive, Iowa. It was good to gather together for this happy occasion with other Koppen and Holmes family members. Baby girl Holmes is expected to arrive on September 17!

Keep in mind that Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be starting in Bolan on July 13 -17 from 9 a.m. – Noon. Registrations are available at bolaniowa.com.

## City of Lake Mills

### LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**June 23, 2026**  
A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa, was held in the Council Chambers at the Lake Mills City Hall on the 23rd day of June 2026, at 5:00 PM.  
Present: Mayor Bruce Helgeson; Council Members Rob Hughes, Nathan Ostrander (arrived late), Kristin Peters, Mark Peterson (attended by conference call), and Bob Storby; Interim City Clerk Paula Hanson; and Director of Public Works Brad Wempen.  
Absent: Police Chief Matt Levine (not required)

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Lake Mills City Hall on June 22, 2026. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Helgeson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call taken and quorum declared.

Mayor Helgeson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Storby, seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda as written. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storby, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Forum: None

Storby introduced and Peterson seconded, approving the consent agenda with item h) Resolution No. 26-30 authorizing the transfer of funds from Local Option Sales Tax Fund to General Fund moved to discussion. Consent agenda items included approval of: June 15, 2026, meeting minutes; end of fiscal year claims totaling \$1,632,964.66; Resolution No. 26-25 authorizing transfer of funds from Employee Benefits Fund to General Fund; Resolution No. 26-26 authorizing transfer of funds from N 3rd Ave/Winnebago Street Cash Account to General Fund Cash Account; Resolution No. 26-27 authorizing transfer of funds from Tax Increment Finance Fund to General Fund; Resolution No. 26-28 authorizing transfer of funds from Local Option Sales Tax Cash Account to General Fund; and Resolution No. 26-29 approving Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads Be-

tween the Iowa DOT and City of Lake Mills. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Storby, Peterson, Hughes, Peters. Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the consent agenda adopted.  
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING LMPL COPIER CONTRACT..... 127.25  
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES TESTING..... 436.15  
AMARIL UNIFORM CO CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....79.99  
AMAZON, SUPPLIES .... 1,650.55  
ATURA ARCHITECTURE WELLNESS CTR FEAS STUDY..... 5,000.00  
BRADY SCHMIDT UMPIRE..... 420.00  
BSN SPORTS LLC SUPPLIES..... 697.60  
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, LMPL BOOKS..... 299.64  
COMPUTER SYSTEMS UNLIMITED SERVICES..... 330.00  
DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE FUEL..... 353.49  
DAVIDS FOODS SUPPLIES..... 455.72  
ELI MENKE, UMPIRE..... 360.00  
FLETCHER REINHARDT CO SUPPLIES..... 3,305.88  
GREAT LAWN SERVICES LLC SERVICES..... 429.00  
HAROLD K. SCHOLZ, CO REPLACE RELAYS..... 82,000.00  
HAWKINS INC CHEMICALS..... 10.00  
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LMPL BOOKS..... 207.58  
IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL LMPL SUBSCRIPTION..... 19.95  
JOSEPH YOUNG UMPIRE..... 120.00  
LAKE MILLS LUMBER CO SUPPLIES..... 440.00  
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC LMFD VEHICLE REPAIRS..... 1,344.02  
MARKETPLACE ON MILL STREET BB/SB T-SHIRTS..... 1,831.00  
MBT-VISA, SUPPLIES 11,168.52  
MED COMPASS HEARING TESTS..... 395.00  
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL, METERS..... 23,418.14  
NAPA AUTO PARTS SUPPLIES..... 448.44  
PETTY CASH - GEN ADMIN

POSTAGE..... 19.40  
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY LMPL SUPPLIES..... 13.95  
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC LMPL SUPPLIES..... 844.87  
PREMIER CONCRETE LLC SERVICES..... 7,970.10  
PREMIER POLYSTEEL SUPPLIES..... 3,464.52  
SINGELSTAD HARDWARE SUPPLIES..... 3,760.69  
STAPLES, SUPPLIES..... 239.96  
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT LMFD SUPPLIES..... 363.60  
THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE SUPPLIES..... 1,924.52  
TRITON RECOVERY LLC KOEPPEN CUSTOM CONCRETE..... 20,925.00  
TURF TRIMMERS PLUS SERVICES..... 349.00  
WAGNER TIRE SERVICE SUPPLIES..... 170.00  
YOUNG PLUMBING AND HEATING, SERVICES..... 8,383.11  
PETERSON CONSTRUCTION WWTF PROJECT..... 1,354,522.55  
PAYROLL..... 94,665.47  
TOTAL..... 1,632,964.66  
FUND TOTALS  
001 GENERAL FUND..... 84,074.58  
110 ROAD USE TAX FUND..... 7,743.75  
318 CIVIC CTR PROJ..... 8,923.02  
600 WATER FUND..... 10,494.15  
610 SEWER FUND..... 1,359,804.52  
630 ELECTRIC FUND 139,088.96  
740 STORM WATER..... 26,052.92  
890 PAYROLL..... 3,217.24  
\*\*\*\*TOTAL..... 1,632,964.66  
Council Member Ostrander joined the meeting.

Resolution No. 26-30 authorizing the transfer of funds from Local Option Sales Tax Fund to General Fund was withdrawn by request of Interim City Clerk Paula Hanson.

Hughes made a motion, seconded by Storby, to adopt Resolution No. 26-24 appointing and fixing compensation for the City Clerk / Treasurer with the appointing of Deputy City Clerk Paula Hanson to fill the position effective Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hughes, Storby, Ostrander, Peters. Nays: None. Peterson abstained. Resolution adopted.

Discussion and posting of Deputy City Clerk position was held with Peterson making a motion to start the hiring process until

the position is filled with a salary range of \$30-34, seconded by Hughes. Roll call vote: Ayes: Peterson, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters, Storby. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Peterson left the meeting.

Ostrander made a motion, seconded by Peters to hire Mark Peterson as contract labor on an as needed basis for information technology at a rate of \$125 per hour, not to exceed \$6000 per year with a signed non-disclosure agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ostrander, Peters, Hughes, Storby. Nays: None. Peterson not present for vote. Motion carried.

Council Member Peterson rejoined the meeting.  
Brad Wempen, Director of Public Works, discussed the Dairyland power tie replacement requiring a scheduled power outage occurring Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 5:30 AM for approximately 2 hours.

Storby made a motion, seconded by Ostrander, to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. There being no further discussion, roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bruce Helgeson, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
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 23, 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.  
Paula S. Hanson  
Interim City Clerk

QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL SERVICES..... 4,048.53  
\*\*\*\*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  
ATTEST:  
Paula S. Hanson  
Interim City Clerk

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Paula S. Hanson  
Interim City Clerk

# Northwood Anchor

# Legal

## People’s Right To Know

### Notice

#### IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY PROBATE NO. ESPR009508

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. BRUNS, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of David A. Bruns, Deceased, who died on or about the 10th day of April, 2026.

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of April, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of David A. Bruns, deceased, bearing the date of August 29, 1995, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Dwight Bruns was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2026.

Dwight Bruns  
521 Highway 9  
Hanlontown, IA 50444  
Executor of the Estate

Jeremy J. Gray  
Newman Thompson  
& Gray, PC  
36131 Highway 69  
Forest City, IA 50436  
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 8th day of July, 2026.

### Notice

#### Notice of Amendment to Section IX, Worth County Iowa Zoning Ordinance

On the 30th Day of September 2019, following prior approved public readings as prescribed by law, the Worth County Board of Supervisors adopted amendment 2019.09.30 to the Worth County Iowa Zoning Ordinance summarized as follows:

Under Section IX, Use Regulation For ‘A-1’ Agricultural District, Paragraph F. Conditional Uses:

Item 19. Commercial and Private Solar Generators

Item 20. Commercial and Private Battery Storage Systems

First Reading Passed: September 30, 2019

Second Reading Passed: Waived September 30, 2019

Third Reading Passed: Waived September 30, 2019

Full text of the ordinance is available on the Worth County website and is further available for review and or copy at the Worth County Auditor’s Office, 1000 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA 50459. This Ordinance Becomes Effective Upon Publication. This Summary Is Published Pursuant To Iowa Code Chapter 331.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor  
1000 Central Ave,  
Northwood, Iowa

## City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on June 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following Under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026; Work Session Minutes of June 11, 2026; Approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit Renewals- Casey’s, Dollar General, Fallgatter’s, Northwood Tobacco, R80, Shade Tree Liquors. Unam.

Motion to approve the 28E Agreement with Worth County for Law Enforcement Services for 2026-2029. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.  
Doug Moehle, Mayor  
Amber Julseth  
City Administrator/Clerk

## City of Lake Mills

### LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL AMENDED - REGULAR MEETING

**June 15, 2026**  
Amended version to change date of meeting posted above.

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, LMCD 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 LMFD 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 LMFD 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 MART FUEL..... 3,081.51  
FALKSTONE LLC BLACK DIRT..... 281.21  
FLETCHER REINHARDT CO SUPPLIES..... 951.64  
GALLS, LLC LMFD 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 LMFD TIRES..... 1,104.00  
HIRSHFIELDS SUPPLIES..... 1,519.75  
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LMPL BOOKS..... 841.71  
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LMFD COMPUTERS..... 300.00  
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY LMFD 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 LMFD 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, LMFD 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

137,740.00  
138,943.88  
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 110 ROAD USE TAX FUND..... 28,542.00  
112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND..... 5,468.74  
119 EMERGENCY FUND 125 TIF FUND..... 38,612.54  
178 REVOLVING LOAN FUND..... 2,333.40  
180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND..... 1,361.00  
600 WATER FUND..... 36,569.86  
610 SEWER FUND..... 36,917.96  
630 ELECTRIC FUND 177,871.26  
740 STORM WATER FUND.....

4,048.53  
\*\*\*\*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  
ATTEST:  
Paula S. Hanson  
Interim City Clerk

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## PROFESSIONAL CARD

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Northwood, IA 50459

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John Midtgaard, Agent

91 9th St. S., Northwood, IA

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### Preschool/ daycare at the Lake Mills Library

The Lake Mills Library has welcomed young visitors from the Lake Mills Community Preschool and Daycare. The four year old preschoolers walk to the library for Storytime with Mr. Angel on Fridays. They enjoy the stories, games, activities and crafts as a part of their weekly visits.



### Being corny at the Lake Mills Library

The Lake Mills Library's Summer Reading Program continued recently, with a visit from the Iowa Corn Growers Association. Mike with the ICGA brought the interactive Iowa Corn Tractor. The program visitors also took part in crafts using corn in their creations. And they got the chance to play in a corn pit. The event was sponsored by Five Star Cooperative.



## Reprinted from the Lake Mills Graphic, June 30, 1976

### Bells to ring for Bicentennial

## Area church bells to ring on nation's 200th birthday

Winnebago County's bells will chime in unison with the Liberty Bell and all the nation's other bells that will sound for freedom come July 4. They will also herald America's entry into Century III of nationhood.

According to John W. Warner, National Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, the Liberty Bell, amplified electronically because of its crack, will ring at precisely 2 p.m. EDT. For two minutes, one for each century of America's independence, it will lead the country's bells in a crashing 'tribute to the spirit of freedom.

Winnebago County's bells will ring at 1 p.m. CDST. Its towns and villages will mark that moment, two hundred years ago, when Philadelphians in Independence Square, waiting hours to learn if their representatives would declare independence from Great Britain, knew that they had. For two hours, this bell proclaimed freedom to the colonies.

Rep. Terry Branstad, commander of the American Legion Post, has

pledged full cooperation here at Lake Mills. He has contacted pastors of all Lake Mills Churches and "we will get every working bell in town going," he said.

According to Mrs. Charles DeVries of Buffalo Center, the entire town Bicentennial Committee will gather to ring the town's church bells. At 7:30, all churches join in a common Independence Day observance at the football field.

Frank Myers will coordinate efforts at Thompson and Rake. He indicated that two Rake churches and three Thompson belfries would chime. A check with Walter R. Olson, pastor of Thompson's Bethany Lutheran Church, brought this reaction: "We just replaced a worn bearing in our bell, and two minutes won't try out our work. We intend to ring our bell an hour."

The two smallest communities in Winnebago County have the most extensive and carefully worked out Independence Day programs. Leland's Mrs. Truman Haugen has arranged outdoor worship services at 11:00, followed by a park picnic. At 1:00,

the only activity will be Our Savior's church bell. A parade is scheduled at 1:30; later the new park shelter house will be dedicated, the park will be officially named, and American and state flags dedicated. Old-time contests will be followed by a watermelon feed.

Scarville has also used the occasion for extensive civic improvements, according to Sandra Eschrich, representing her town and making things happen. She said that both churches would have early services emphasizing patriotic themes, followed by a 10:30 parade and a potluck picnic at the playground-park. Both churches will ring their bells at 1:00 three new flags and the new park facilities will be dedicated, followed by games, refreshments and evening fireworks.

Forest City will play it by ear. Pastor Ole Winter said, "I'll make a note of it and get Immanuel's bell in action." United Methodist's Gordon Packard said, "We'll get those electronic chimes going and, for good measure, will play sacred music from our belfry following.

## Greater Des Moines Watershed Program announces enhanced cover crop cost-share

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recently announced the launch of the Greater Des Moines Watershed Program, a targeted initiative to accelerate and scale up the use of conservation practices across 22 counties upstream from the Des Moines metro. The program was created as part of the Farm to Faucet water quality package signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds on June 1. It will support a series of conservation incentives, cost-share and targeted investments to improve water quality upstream and downstream.

The first phase of the program enhances cover crop incentives for farmers and landowners in the Greater Des Moines watershed, increasing cost-share payments for both new and existing cover crop users to \$25 per acre and increasing the maximum eligible acreage to 500 acres per farmer or landowner. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is investing an additional \$2.5 million in this program with the goal of doubling cover crop adoption across the watershed. Counties with the expanded cost-share include Audubon, Boone, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Clay, Dallas, Dickinson, Emmet, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Sac, Webster, Winnebago and Wright.

The recent announcement is the first of several conservation initiatives that will be rolled out through the Greater Des Moines Watershed Program

in the coming weeks.

"Improving water quality requires a system-wide approach from the farm to the faucet, and farmers continue to step up by implementing proven conservation practices on their farms. Cover crops are one of the most effective tools we have to keep soil and nutrients in the field, improve soil health, and protect water quality. That's why we're increasing incentives and making it easier for farmers and landowners to participate," said Secretary Naig. "This is the first of several conservation investments that will be announced through the Greater Des Moines Watershed Program in the weeks ahead. These targeted conservation efforts upstream complement the infrastructure investments that are also being made downstream. Farmers and landowners can get signed up now by stopping in their USDA Service Center, or they can learn more at CleanWaterIowa.org."

As part of the program, both new and existing cover crop users within the eligible counties may receive cost-share assistance of up to \$25 per acre and enroll up to 500 acres. Cover crops are one of Iowa's most effective conservation practices for improving water quality while also delivering agroeconomic benefits to farmers. They help reduce soil erosion, improve water infiltration, build soil organic matter, suppress weeds, provide livestock forage opportunities, and keep nutrients in the field and out of nearby waterways.

Implementing the Iowa Nutrient Reduction

Strategy

Farmers are using proven conservation practices outlined in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, including cover crops and wetlands, to prevent soil erosion, filter nitrates and improve water quality. It is part of their commitment to using responsible farming practices to benefit their communities and the environment. There's more work to do but Iowa farmers are accelerating the pace at which they're adopting conservation practices.

The State of Iowa invests nearly \$100 million annually towards improving water quality, with an additional \$500 million coming from the federal government each year.

In 2024, Iowa farmers planted nearly 4 million acres of cover crops, up from fewer than 400,000 just a decade ago. Farmers are also building more water quality wetlands, which capture water as it leaves the field, reducing nitrate runoff by up to 90 percent. Over 150 wetlands have been constructed statewide, and the pace is accelerating; nearly three times as many wetlands have been built in the past four years compared to the previous two decades.

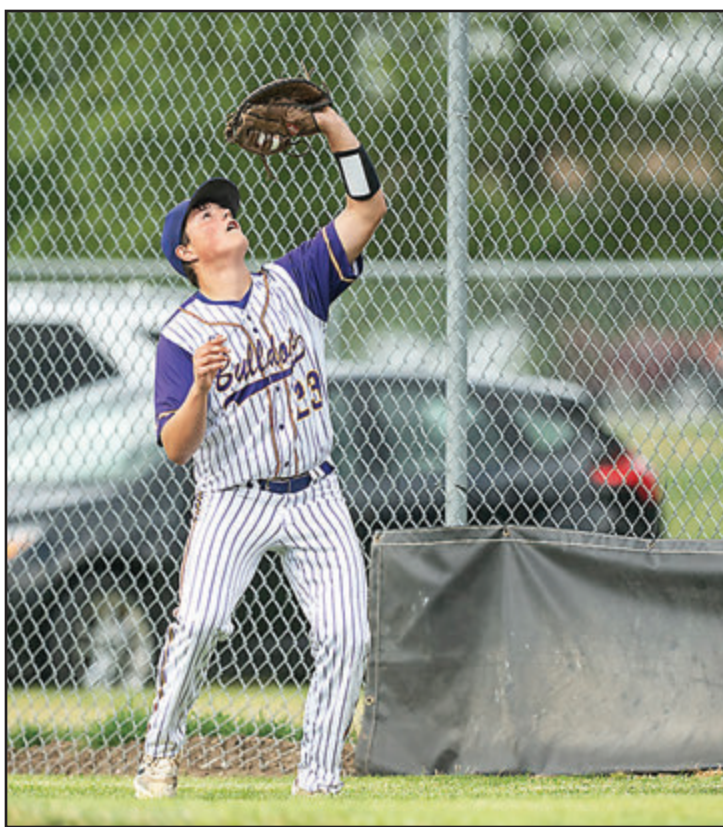
In addition, farmers have installed nearly 500 nitrate-filtering buffers along field edges, all of which capture and treat water before it reaches streams, and these practices have been installed about five times faster in the past four years than in the previous decade.

# Lake Mills

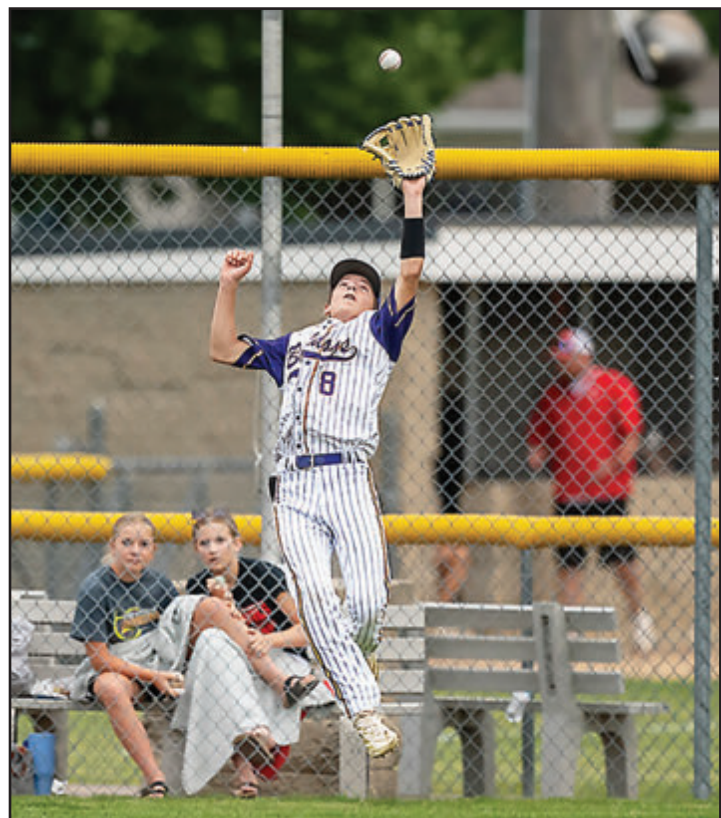
## Sports



Bulldog Corbin Abele fires a pitch during Friday night's conference game against Garner.



Bulldog Mason Gaetzke makes a clean catch during Thursday night's game against Northwood.



Bulldog Sawyer Schipper makes an incredible catch in the outfield on Friday evening during conference play against the Cardinals.

## Bulldogs baseball gets win over Vikings

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs baseball team traveled to Eagle Grove for a conference game and fell 11-1.

Lake Mills scored one run in the fourth and Eagle Grove scored four in the first and second innings, one in the third and two in the fourth.

Stephen Brandenburg led the team with two singles and one RBI. Leif Rogne had a double and Mason Gaetzke had a single and stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored one run on four hits, earned

one RBI and struck out two times.

Tucker Koch pitched 1.1 innings facing 15 batters throwing 58 pitches. He allowed eight runs on five hits, walked four, hit one batter and struck out three. Lucas Helgeland pitched two innings facing 13 batters throwing 38 pitches. He allowed three runs on three hits and walked three. Braylon Hanson pitched a portion of an inning facing one batter and threw one pitch.

On Thursday, June 25, the Bulldogs hosted the Northwood-Kensett Vikings

in a non-conference game and won 6-0, scoring two in the third, one in the fourth and fifth innings and two in the sixth.

Zach Stene led the team with a single and two stolen bases. Lane Sprecher and Brandenburg each had a single and Gaetzke had a single and one RBI. Royce Peterson had a single, one RBI and a stolen base and Asher Reese had one RBI. Nash Delger stole base twice, Rogne stole base once and Sawyer Schipper stole base once.

The Bulldogs scored six runs on five hits and earned

three RBIs. They walked five times, were hit by the pitcher once and struck out five times.

Brandenburg pitched four innings facing 16 batters throwing 63 pitches. He allowed no runs on one hit, walked two and struck out seven. Kaeden Dages-tad pitched one inning facing three batters, throwing 11 pitches, striking out one. Korbin Abele pitched one inning facing four batters, throwing 10 pitches allowing one hit. Sprecher pitched one inning facing five bat-ters, he threw 20 pitches,

walking two and striking out one.

On Friday, June 26, the Bulldogs hosted Garner-Hayfield/Ventura in a TIC game and fell to the Cardinals 3-2.

GHV scored two in the second and one in the fifth and Lake Mills scored two in the sixth.

L. Rogne had two singles and one RBI and Brandenburg had a single and a double. Stene had a triple and Gaetzke had a single and one RBI. Braylon Hanson and Delger each had a single.

The Bulldogs scored two runs on eight hits, earned two RBIs, walked once and struck out five times.

Abele pitched five innings facing 20 batters throwing 84 pitches. He allowed three runs on two hits, walked one, hit one batter and struck out five. Helgeland pitched two innings facing eight batters throwing 31 pitches. He allowed no runs on two hits and struck out two.

Lake Mills is 8-5 in conference play and 11-7 overall.



Bulldog Cora Sauer slides into base during conference action against Garner on Friday night in Lake Mills.

## Bulldogs defeat Vikings

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs softball team traveled to Eagle Grove on Wednesday, June 24, for a Top of Iowa Conference west game and lost 10-2.

Lake Mills scored one run in the second and third innings and Eagle Grove scored six in the second and four in the fourth.

Cora Sauer led the team with two singles and a stolen base and Reagan Ham had two singles. Liz Oldenkamp had a single and one RBI and Hillary Hanson had a single.

The Bulldogs scored two runs on seven hits, earned one RBI and struck out five times.

Betsy Byars pitched 2.2 innings facing 16 batters, and allowed 10 runs on seven hits, walked four, hit one batter and struck out four. Mya Anderson pitched 1.1 innings facing six batters, she allowed no runs on one hit and struck out one.

On Thursday, June 25, the Bulldogs hosted Northwood-Kensett from the TIC east and defeated them 9-1.

The Vikings scored one run in the fourth inning

and the Bulldogs scored six in the first, two in the third and one in the fourth.

Taryn Wempen had a single, a triple and one RBI and Ham had a single, a double, one RBI and stole one base. Reese Delger had a double and three RBIs and Byars had a single and one RBI. Sauer had a single and stole three bases and Hanson had a single and one RBI. Oldenkamp and Mya Peterson each had a single and Amelia Thompson had one RBI.

The Bulldogs scored nine runs on 10 hits, earned eight RBIs, walked twice and struck out once.

Anderson pitched five innings facing 22 batters, she allowed one run on six hits and struck out seven.

On Friday, June 26, the Bulldogs hosted Garner-Hayfield/Ventura in a conference game and lost 13-3.

The Bulldogs scored two runs in the first inning and one in the fourth, and the Cardinals scored 12 in the



Bulldog Reese Delger with a catch for an out during Friday night's game against Garner.

a single, a homerun and two RBIs. Byars had two singles and a stolen base and Wempen had a double and a stolen base. Brandenburg had one RBI.

The Bulldogs scored three runs on seven hits, earned three RBIs and walked once.

Anderson pitched 3.2 in-

hits, walked six, hit two batters and struck out one. Byars pitched a portion of an inning facing three batters, and allowed four runs on two hits, walked two and hit one batter.

Lake Mills is 2-11 in conference play and 3-16 overall.



Bulldog Betsy Byars fires a pitch on Friday night during action against Garner.

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