



Northwood’s 4th of July celebration of 250 years
Northwood celebrated the Fourth of July holiday with a variety of events and activities. As seen above, some of those events included the annual Independence Day parade, a pedal pull and fireworks. The beverage garden and bands entertained in the evenings, along with a variety of other celebrations of the holiday. Pictured at the pedal pull are Northwood-Kensett FFA advisor Christian Miller, FFA member Lauren Heiken and Breckynnn Madson on the pedal tractor. Dustin and Jaime Fricke drove their monster trucks through the parade. Pictured on the right is Dustin and their little boys Deegan and Ivan being pulled behind their monster truck in the Army tank, which launched candy throughout the parade. See more elsewhere in this issue and in next week’s Anchor.

Briefs

Declaration read today

The Declaration of Independence will be read aloud on the steps of the Worth County Courthouse tonight, 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 four days later, at noon at three designated locations, in Trenton, New Jersey, Easton, Pennsylvania; and in Philadelphia.

That historical event will be commemorated with simultaneous readings in locations throughout the country this July 8, including the one at the Worth County Courthouse.

The Declaration is printed on page 3 of this week’s Anchor

‘Bring in the Backup’ Triathlon set for Saturday, 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 First Responders “Bring in the Backup”

Triathlon represents all branches of the military, firefighters, nurses, EMS, dispatchers, corrections, and law enforcement. The First Responders will lead off the race, followed
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City Council approves new water rates

The Northwood city council discussed and ultimately approved new water rates at its regular meeting on June 8.

At its previous meetings in May, the council, with some members absent, discussed an increase in water rates. The increase was first

defeated and then a first reading was approved.

The increase was presented as a way to cover increasing water system operating expenses, and other costs associating with running water service in Northwood. That includes the monitoring system, a

portion of city equipment used to maintain water systems, replacing outdated water meters and setting aside funds for water tower painting and maintenance in the future.

The increase would be \$3.04 on the base water use
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Grafton Turkey Days events set for July 17-19

The community of Grafton will hold its annual celebration July 17-19, with a full weekend of events, activities and celebrations.

Turkey Day activities begin on Friday, July 17, with the beer garden opening at 7 p.m. The evening will include a live band

with karaoke starting at 8 p.m.

Events continue on Saturday morning, July 18, with two events.

A 10U baseball tournament starts at 8 a.m.

The annual Turkey Trot events begin with line up at 8 a.m. for a 5K run/walk, beginning at the Grafton

Library. A Tot Trot and Kids Trot for the littlest runners begins at the Shelter House at 9 a.m.

Also starting at 8 a.m. is registration for the Turkey Days Auto Show. Entry is \$10 and the show is open to all vehicles. There will be awards for the top entries.

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July Jubilee set for this weekend

The annual summer celebration in Lake Mills will begin this weekend, with the July Jubilee, set for Friday through Sunday, July 10-12.

Below is a schedule of July Jubilee events and activities.

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



The Week’s WEATHER From National Weather Service Information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. June 29	81	67	1.37
Tues. June 30	92	78	T
Wed. July 1	90	73	
Thurs. July 2	85	69	0.13
Fri. July 3	77	67	2.10
Sat. July 4	83	66	0.25
Sun. July 5	81	64	0.58



2026 Misters and Misses Northwood crowned

The annual Fourth of July festivities once again included the naming of the young people selected as Little, Junior and Miss and Mr. Northwood. The Little Miss and Mr. were chosen as last year’s Little Miss drew their names from a hat. The Junior and Miss and Mr. Northwoods were chosen by out of town judges. Chosen this year were (from left) Junior Miss Northwood Piper Brunsvold, Little Miss Northwood Kinslee Wallin, Miss Northwood Camryn Rheingans, Mr. Northwood Weston Willand, Little Mr. Northwood Jackson Morgan and Junior Mr. Northwood Gabriel Hulshizer.

Flippin’ Flamingo Breast Cancer event set for July 25

On Saturday, July 25, the ninth annual Flippin’ Flamingo Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament will be held. The shotgun start will be 9:03 a.m.

Those interested may sign up at the Northwood Country Club or by calling the club at 641-324-1662. Anyone needing to rent a cart needs to let the club know and they will put their name on the list.

The entry fee is \$150 entry fee per 3-person team
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Coloring the curbs
The Northwood public works crew recently repainted downtown curbs. Northwood City worker Logan Butler is pictured painting yellow “no parking” stripes in downtown Northwood. Other no parking areas near turns and alleys were also repainted in the process.

Some county roads to remain at 55 mph for now

At the June 29 supervisors meeting, county engineer Rich Brumm provided an update on the process of increasing speed limits on county roads.

State laws had been updated so that roads controlled by the State and counties would have speed limits increase from 55 mph to 60 mph, unless otherwise adjusted by local government action.

Brumm said that it wasn't as simple as placing stickers or replacing signs. He said that the increased speed also impacts other signage and no passing zones, amongst other road safety concerns.

Brumm said that the State had set the new

speed limits to begin on July 1, but had not given counties enough time to evaluate the other signs and safety measures impacted by the higher speeds.

Brumm said that they just received the equipment and guidance necessary to adjust the no passing zones, and other signs, and that there isn't the staff in place to make all the changes quickly. He said that Worth and many other counties would not be ready as of July 1.

With that in mind, Brumm said that the guidance for drivers is to follow the speed limits as signed, including those that remain at 55 mph for now.

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rate on all city property that pays utility fees. That would increase water rates to \$16.04 for the minimum use charge, and would increase the total minimum monthly City fees to \$81. The water rate has not increased since 2019.

The increase was initially discussed at the first May meeting. At that meeting, two members of the council were in favor, Dan Reeder and Teresa George-Zenz. Mike Bode said that he would like to see the costs paid through property taxes and voted against the increase.

An increase in rates requires votes in favor by at least three council members, and so did not proceed initially.

The water rate increase was revisited at the May 26 council meeting.

This time, Reeder, George-Zenz and Annika Schreiber voted in favor and Bode against, with a first reading of the ordinance held.

The second reading took

place at the June 8 council meeting. The council also voted to waive a third reading and adopt the rate increase. Council members Reeder, George-Zenz, Schreiber and Steve Peterson voted in favor and Bode against.

The new water rates were set to be in effect with the billing cycle in July.

In other business at the June 8 council meeting, Worth County Sheriff's deputy Katrina Neve shared that she had applied for and received a community impact grant from POET. The grant will provide for stuffed animals to be given to comfort children when deputies perform death notifications, domestic calls, car accidents or other situations where they may need something to help comfort them.

The grant will also be used to purchase a tent for the sheriff's office to use at community events, like a National Night Out event planned for August.

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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.

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by all other race participants as 'backup' to support the first responders.

The event is held to support several non-profit causes, as well as the Worth County Sheriff's Office and the Northwood Fire & EMS company and a Future First Responders Scholarship fund for Northwood-Kensett students.

Two families of first responders will also be honored with donations from this year's triathlon. That includes Marine Lance Corporal C.J. Miller, of Greenfield, Iowa, who was killed by an IED in Iraq on December 11, 2006. Also

honored will be Urbandale police officer Justin Martin, who died when a subject approached his vehicle and opened fire on November 2, 2016.

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.

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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Voting will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and awards will be announced at 1 p.m. Those with questions may call 507-438-3440.

The Turkey Days Co-ed Volleyball Tournament will begin at approximately 9 a.m. with a \$75 entry fee and prize money to the top three teams. Teams may register by emailing turkeydayvolleyball@gmail.com.

The food stand opens at 9 a.m.

An encore music class begins at 9:30 a.m.

The beer garden opens at 10 a.m.

The Grafton Heritage Depot will also open at 10 a.m.

Power Wheel Races begin at 10 a.m. The Strider

Bike Course also opens at 10 a.m.

A silent auction opens in the gym at 11 a.m. The auction will close at 8 p.m.

Chalking in the park will begin at 11 a.m.

Char's Band will perform starting at 12 noon.

Registration for the Little Mr. and Little Miss Grafton contest begins at 12 noon at the Grafton Depot, with the Grafton namesakes chosen at 12:30 p.m. The contest is open to any child ages 5-7. Winners will be chosen randomly and will be invited to help at the car show and ride in the parade.

There will be jigsaw puzzle races in the gym starting at 1 p.m.

Bingo will be called at

the shelter house from 1-3 p.m.

Children's music with Mrs. Erica will be held at 3:30 p.m.

The Grafton Turkey Days parade will begin at 5 p.m. The theme of this year's parade is “Through the Decades.” Businesses, organizations and families are encouraged to join the parade by decorating a float, vehicle or group to represent memories of the past or the present. Parade entries should line up at the elevator between 4:30-4:45 p.m.

Live music will begin at 5:15 p.m., with a performance by McClane Powell.

A kids pedal pull will begin at 6 p.m., with registration at 5:30 p.m.

A stein holding and frozen T-shirt competition will be held at 8:30 p.m.

The Faster Horses band will perform starting at 9 p.m.

Turkey Day events begin on Sunday, July 19, with a bike ride beginning at 10 a.m.

The beer garden opens at 12 noon.

A bloody Mary contest will begin at 1 p.m.

A cornhole tournament also begins at 1 p.m.

A trivia contest will begin at 3 p.m.

More information on events planned for Turkey Days, including how to register for tournaments and competitions, can be found on the Grafton Community Action Facebook page.

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Declaration of Independence

In Congress, July 4, 1776
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of

immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by

a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned

them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



A flag flying high
As the Fourth of July approached, patriotic decorations and celebrations of the nation's 250th birthday could be seen throughout the area. That included this flag, suspended along Highway 65 over the weekend.

Feds pull Iowa's 'healthy food' SNAP waiver

By Cami Koons
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

A federal waiver allowing Iowa to restrict the types of food that can be purchased with federal nutrition assistance has been vacated, according to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

The action follows a federal court ruling that the waivers, aimed at restricting the purchase of sugary drinks and sweets, violated the federal definition of food.

Iowa HHS wrote in a news release that it had directed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers to update their systems to allow SNAP participants to again use their funds to purchase foods within the federal guidelines.

Iowa's waiver request was approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in May 2025 and implemented Jan. 1, 2026. SNAP recipients, under the waiver, could not use their benefits on foods that are eligible for sales tax. This

excluded things like candy and soft drinks, but also had some gray areas around items like granola bars and prepared foods, which led some groups to argue the waiver was confusing to retailers and program participants.

The HHS news release said the federal changes will also impact the SUN Bucks program – a federal nutrition program that distributes electronic benefit transfer, or EBT, funds to SNAP participating households with children during the summer months.

Iowa opted out of the program the past two summers, in favor of its own pilot program that focused on giving eligible households boxes of healthy food. Reynolds chose to participate in the federal program this summer, under the condition that the benefits would also have to adhere to the healthy foods waiver.

HHS said in the news release that because SUN Bucks was underway when the updated rules took effect, “foods that were previously eligible before the waiver will be allowed under SUN Bucks.”

Flamingo
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and includes a sack lunch. Mulligans will also be available for \$5 per person.

The event includes raffle prizes and prizes at the holes. Those that would like to donate a prize may contact a committee member or comment on the event's Facebook page.

The event also includes a costume contest, with teams encouraged to try for the best dressed awards.

Funds raised at the annual event are split and donated to area families undergoing cancer treatments.

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NORTHWOOD’S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



Beyond the screen: Navigate the complex world of modern gaming with Smart Parenting

While 82% of American families report playing digital games with their children at home, many parents find themselves increasingly frustrated by a gaming landscape that feels vastly different from the one they grew up with. To address these challenges, The Science of Parenting podcast recently hosted a special three-part series featuring Soyoung Park, an Iowa State University doctoral student specializing in digital game culture and family life.

The series aims to help parents move from a place of confusion and control to one of connection and guidance by understanding the “living environments” that

modern games have become, said Mackenzie Schelling, a health and human sciences educator with ISU Extension and Outreach.

A new era: ‘Gaming as a service’

Parents often remember games with a clear finish line — once you beat the game, you were done. Today, however, games operate as gaming as a service, meaning they are designed to never truly end, Park explained. These platforms constantly update with new seasons, events and limited-time rewards that create a powerful sense of fear of missing out — often referred to as FOMO.

Furthermore, the social

structure of gaming has shifted. Children are often part of online teams or guilds where other players depend on them.

“When a parent demands that a child turn the game off, the child may keep it on. To the parent, keeping the game on seems like defiance. However, to the child, turning it off can feel like a breach of social commitment,” Park said.

The ‘amusement park’ monetization model

One of the most confusing aspects for modern parents is the monetization of free-to-play games. Park compares these systems to an amusement park: “You can enter for free, but once

you’re inside, almost everything requires extra payment.” These microtransactions — small, frequent purchases for items like skins or battle passes — can quickly add up to significant monthly totals.

A critical gap for parents is that traditional rating systems, such as the ESRB (Everyone, Teen, Mature), primarily evaluate content like violence or language, but they do not evaluate systems.

“For example, parents may believe that a game like Roblox is a creative, child-friendly platform. However, it is actually a complex digital marketplace and social network with its own virtual econo-

my, which may include risks of exposure to strangers,” Park said.

Smart parenting strategies: Connection over control

Rather than relying solely on strict rules or surveillance, the research suggests that parents take an authoritative parenting approach — balancing clear boundaries with warmth and support.

“Game literacy doesn’t mean parents have to become gaming experts,” Park noted. “Instead, it involves asking key questions about the game’s systems: Does it have virtual currency? Can the child chat with strangers? Can

the game be paused?”

Practical tips for reducing household tension include:

Shifting the Lens: Move from asking “Is gaming good or bad?” to “How does this game work?”

The 10-Minute Rule: Spend just 10 minutes watching your child play or asking them to explain what makes the game fun for them.

Natural Break Points: Instead of a random cutoff time, set boundaries around natural break points, such as “finish this match” or “stop at the next save point.”

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Calendar of Events for July 2026

Thursday, July 9—Livestock Judging Practice held at Worth County Extension Room, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 14—Livestock Judging Practice held at Worth County Extension Office, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14—Library Program, 10:30-11:30am at the Northwood Library

Wednesday, July 15—Clover Kids Amazing Inventions Camp, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office

Tuesday, July 21—Library Program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Northwood Library

Tuesday, July 21—Livestock Judging Practice held at Worth County Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23—Livestock Judging Practice held at Worth County Extension Office, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28—Livestock Judging Practice held at Worth County Extension Office, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 30—Livestock Judging Practice held at Worth County Extension Office, TBD

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Paying a parade visit
Northwood's celebration of the Fourth of July once again featured its annual parade. Included in the parade entries was a number of neighboring communities' fire departments, including this group from the Lake Mills Fire Department.



Exploring art
The Lake Mills Library recently hosted an Art Exploration event. Young people took part in a variety of artistic techniques and methods. The art activities were led by Edie from the Charles H. MacNider Art Museum in Mason City, Brook Christianson from Lake Mill High School and Melanie Dauplaise.



Planting seeds of reading
The Lake Mills Library recently held a Nature Art activity. The young artists created projects using seeds, sticks, leaves, pine cones and other elements found in nature to create artistic results.



Lake Mills Historical Society wine/hor d'oeuvres event July 10

The Lake Mills Area Historical Society will hold a wine tasting and hor d'oeuvres fundraiser this Friday, July 10, from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and include live music, wine samplings, hor d'oeuvres and a commemorative wine glass.

The event will be held at the 1901 Victorian House and Gardens, at 308 S. Lincoln Street.

Blood drive set for July 16 in Lake Mills

While we're all busy with summer fun and activities, hospitals never get a holiday from needing blood. In fact, summer is one of the most challenging times of the year to maintain an adequate blood supply.

"You never know who might need a blood transfusion. It could be a neighbor undergoing cancer treatment, a local child facing a serious illness, a grandparent having heart surgery, someone involved

in a car accident on their way home from the lake or the person who thought lighting three fireworks at once was a great idea. (It wasn't.)"

"By donating your helping ensure blood is available when neighbors, friends, family members and coworkers need it most."

A community blood drive is set for Thursday, July 16, from 1-6 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church.

Lake Mills News Sports



Bulldog Mason Helgeson with the backhanded stop during Tuesday night's conference game against North Iowa.



Bulldog Asher Reese fields the ball during Tuesday night's game against North Iowa.

Bulldogs baseball moves on

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills baseball team traveled to Bancroft on Monday, June 29, to take on North Union in a conference game and won 3-0, scoring one run in the second and two in the fourth.

Mason Gaetzke led the team with a single, a double and a stolen base. Leif Rogne had a double, one RBI and a stolen base and Lane Sprecher had a single and one RBI. Mason Helgeson and Asher Reese each had a single and stole one base and Stephen Brandenburg and Zach Stene each had a single. Nash Delger earned an RBI and Knute Rogne stole base twice.

The Bulldogs scored three runs on eight hits, earned three RBIs, walked three times, were hit by the pitcher once and struck out five times.

L. Rogne pitched six innings facing 22 batters throwing 98 pitches. He allied no runs on four hits while walking one and striking out 12. Braylon Hanson pitched one inning facing three batters throwing 11 pitches, striking out one.

On Tuesday, June 30, the Bulldogs hosted North Iowa and won 17-1.

The Bison scored one run in the third and the Bulldogs scored one in the first inning and 16 in the third.

Delger led the team with two singles, a double, two



Bulldog Kaeden Dagestad for the out at first base on Tuesday night in Lake Mills.

RBIs and a stolen base. Brandenburg had two singles and three RBIs and Reese had a single, a double, two RBIs and two stolen bases. Kaeden Dagestad had a single and two RBIs and L. Rogne had a double and four RBIs. Gaetzke had one RBI and stole base three times, Stene earned one RBI and Sprecher earned one RBI and stole base twice.

The Bulldogs scored 17 runs on nine hits and earned 16 RBIs. They walked seven times, were hit by the pitcher four times and struck out once.

Joseph Charlson pitched two innings facing 11 batters throwing 40 pitches. He allowed one run on one hit, walked two, hit one batter and struck out two. Grayson Peterson pitched two innings facing seven batters throwing 27 pitches. He allowed no runs on one hit, walked one, hit one batter and struck out three.

On Friday, July 3, the

Bulldogs hosted the West Bend Mallard Wolverines in a Class 1A Substate 2 post-season game and won 3-0, scoring two in the third and one in the fifth.

Delger and Reese led the team with two singles each and Stene and Gaetzke each had a single and one RBI. L. Rogne, Brandenburg and Sprecher each had a single.

Lake Mills scored three runs on nine hits, earned two RBIs, walked three times and struck out six times.

Korbin Abele pitched six innings facing 23 batters throwing 55 pitches. He allowed no runs on four hits, walked one and struck out three. Lucas Helgeland pitched one inning facing four batters throwing 21 pitches. He allowed no runs and no hits while walking one and striking put two.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Bishop Garrigan on Tuesday, July 7. See next week's issue for results.



Bulldog Hillary Hanson slides safely into home plate during Tuesday night's conference game at home.



Bulldog Betsy Byars for the out at first during Tuesday's game against North Iowa.

Bulldogs defeat Bison

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs softball team traveled to North Union on Monday, June 29, for a conference game with the Warriors and lost 9-1.

Lake Mills scored one run



Bulldog Cora Sauer fields the ball and makes the throw for an out during conference action in Lake Mills on Tuesday night.

in the fourth and North Union scored two in the second, four in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Afton Dean led the team with two singles and one RBI. Hillary Hanson, Reagan Ham, Cora Sauer and Mya Peterson all had a single and Camilla Langfald stole one base.

The Bulldogs scored one run on six hits, had one RBI and struck out 11 times.

Mya Anderson pitched 4.2 innings facing 28 batters. She allowed nine runs on 11 hits, walked three and struck out two.

On Tuesday, June 30, the Bulldogs hosted North Iowa in a conference game and won 9-2.

The Bison scored two runs in the sixth inning and the Bulldogs scored two in the first, two in the third, one in the fourth and fifth innings and three in the sixth.

Dean led the team with two singles and four RBIs and

Ham had a single, a triple, two RBIs and a stolen base. Hanson had a triple and one RBI and Taryn Wempen had a single, one RBI and a stolen base. Betsy Byars had a double, Emma Menke had a single as did Peterson. Sauer stole three bases and Kenlie Greenfield stole one base.

Lake Mills scored nine runs on nine hits and earned eight RBIs. They were walked five times, hit by the pitcher once and struck out three times.

Anderson pitched seven innings facing 25 batters. She allowed two runs on three hits, walked three, hit one batter and struck out five.

The Bulldogs finished their regular season with a 3-12 conference record and a 4-17 overall record.

Post-season play was scheduled to begin on Monday, July 6, in Riceville against the Wildcats (9-22).



Worth County Tractor Tour
Several evenings of entertainment traveled through Worth County recently, carried to each destination on a tractor. Worth County Tractor Tour began on June 23 in Fertile and traveled to Manly, Kensett, Bolan and ended at Art Farm Iowa near Northwood on June 27. Each stop brought performances by Dan Bern, along with other musicians and speakers sharing stories and information on their artistic endeavors.

Faithful appeal to Rome as Archdiocese of Dubuque restructuring strips weekend Mass from dozens of churches

From Save Our Churches
Catholics from affected parishes across the Archdiocese of Dubuque are urging public scrutiny of the archdiocese's restructuring plan announced April 11, 2026, warning that the reorganization of approximately 160 parishes into 24 pastorates will deprive 84 churches of a regular weekend Mass and destabilizing parish life beginning July 14, 2026. The faithful raising these concerns say the public announcement highlighted structural change, while a related decree reshaping parish pastoral and finance council governance received far less direct notice despite its profound implications for how parishes are governed and how decisions may be made about their future.

The faithful challenging the decree argue that it does not merely adjust administration; they say it restructures Catholic parish life in ways that conflict with canon law, weaken the authority proper to pastors and parishes, and place enduring local communities at greater risk of marginalization or eventual closure.

1. The decree assigns pastoral leadership at the pastorate level rather than clearly preserving the canonical structure of a pastor appointed to a parish.

2. The archdiocese is said to be centralizing control over weekend Mass scheduling in ways the appellants believe exceed proper authority.

3. The archdiocese is said to be centralizing decisions about the use of parish churches, raising concerns about parish identity and local governance.

4. The creation of a pastorate-level finance structure is described by appellants as a shadow finance council that may conflict with the distinct role of parish finance councils.

The restructuring process has involved outside consulting support from Catholic Leadership Institute. Dan Cellucci, CEO of Catholic

Leadership Institute, continues to lead an organization that assists with the coordination and implementation of mergers and closures even while acknowledging that, by his own account, 40-percent stop attending rather than continue elsewhere when church buildings close or local worship life is dismantled. Concerned Catholics argue that proceeding with mergers and closures despite understanding those consequences makes the loss of weekend Mass at local churches a matter of grave pastoral and moral responsibility, not merely administrative strategy.

According to the appellants, parishes representing roughly 20% of the archdiocese submitted appeals to Archbishop Thomas Zinkula and received no response. Those appeals have now been directed to the Dicastery for the Clergy in Rome. With assistance from the St. Joseph Foundation, the faithful involved say they are seeking urgent interven-

tion before the restructuring causes deeper spiritual, canonical, and communal harm across the archdiocese.

“Faithful Catholics are appealing to Rome because they believe the law of the Church exists to protect souls, preserve parish life, and prevent the top-down dismantling of local communities under the guise of restructuring.”

Save Our Churches, Save Our Communities is an advocacy effort made up of faithful Catholics and supporters committed to preserving parish life, defending the rights of the faithful under canon law, and protecting local Catholic communities from unjust closures, mergers, and the loss of regular sacramental life. The group works to raise public awareness, support affected parishioners, and encourage accountable, lawful, and pastorally responsible decision-making within the Church.

Iowa's 99 county statewide Bible reading marathon, July 14 at 7:14 a.m.

By Sharyl Ferley
Because all 99 counties do not do this (about 40 do this year), Iowans now read on July 14 at 7:14 a.m. in each county in Iowa so that the entire Bible is read by every county. Worth County's portion is Deuteronomy 16-27. Meet us at the courthouse at 7 a.m. that morning to read. God bless America.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Saturday, Bethlehem Fellowship Hall in use; Sunday, BLC Congregational Meeting after Worship; Monday, Riverside VBS Day Camp at Bethlehem, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Martha Circle Picnic, 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Riverside VBS Day Camp at Bethlehem, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.

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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, B Share Shoppe, 9 a.m. - Noon; Sunday, Bethany Joint Worship, 9 a.m.; Monday, Manna, 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Bethany Council, 9:30 a.m.

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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Wednesday, VBS Leader/Helper Meeting, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., VBS Leader/Helper meeting at Bolan, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Bethel Classic Car Cruise-in, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Food Pantry

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Pizza with the Pastor at The Slice, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellowship Time Grothe's Diner, 10 a.m., Asbury AdCo, 6:30 p.m.

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Lifest Begins, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service FLC - Gary, Service DCV - Clara, 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m., Lifest Ends; 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

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Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor

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www.sacredheartmanly.org

Faith Lutheran Church, London
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Pastor Kent Otterman

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

Pastor Theodore Gullixson

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God is One and His Essence is Love

There is but one God, and that God is self-sufficient and the creator of everything. All that lives and breathes owes its existence to God. We are infinitesimal specks in the infinite flow of time and space. What came before us is infinite and what comes after us is infinite as well. God does not sleep nor slumber and all is within the power of God. Therefore, things are surely unfolding as God directs, and thus we have no need to worry. When we worry, we demonstrate a lack of trust in God and we thereby show that we fail to recognize that everything depends on God, and ultimately, that everything belongs to God. When we give to others, we should think of this as simply being a deliverer of God's gifts, and His love. God loves not as we love, but as an emerald is green, that is, God is essentially love. Another way to think of God's love is that God cannot hate His creation, or any of its creatures, any more than a mother can hate the child in her womb, or the child that she has borne. – Christopher Simon

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” – 1 John 4:16 NIV

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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

My love of vintage recipe books is almost lifelong. I began collecting cookbooks at age 15 (back in the dark ages) because of a gift from my mother. I grew up in the restaurant business so I was surrounded by food 24/7. I have noticed, however, that many old church or community-style cookbooks don't give detailed information about the organization that compiled the collection. When these books were published, they were generally sold or gifted in one area when everyone knew the name of a church, club or school and where it was located. Marysville Band 1976 Bicentennial Cookbook gives no clue where Marysville is but we do know this was a cookbook celebrating America's 200th birthday. In this year of 2026 when we are celebrating 250 years of independence in America, including the right to cook whatever we enjoy, this book fits right in! Thanks to the Marysville School Band for passing these recipes along to us 50 years later.

Creamy Cheese Potatoes
(Nancy Price)

2 tablespoons real butter
1/4 cup water
4 cups thinly sliced raw peeled potatoes
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup diced yellow onion
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
1/4 pound shredded Cheddar
3/4 cup evaporated milk

NOTE: shred your own Cheddar; it melts much more easily than the packaged kind which has an anti-clumping agent added.

In a large heavy skillet, melt the butter. Add the potatoes, onion, green pepper, water and spices. Cover and cook on low heat until the potatoes are tender. Stir gently, if necessary, so the bottom doesn't stick or add another bit of water. Don't let it boil. Stir in the milk and cheese, replace the cover and cook until the cheese melts. Top with paprika or parsley flakes for color. OPTION-AL: Use an oven safe skillet and when the dish is cooked as directed, top with additional cheese, place under the broiler for a few minutes to brown the top. Serves 4-6.

Mock Sukiyaki
(Mrs. John E. Andreas)

1 pound round steak, cut into thin strips
1/2 cup sliced green onions
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
1 can (10 oz.) beef broth
1 1/2 cups sliced celery
1 tablespoons soy sauce
1 medium green pepper, cut into strips
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1/4 cup water

In a large, heavy skillet, brown the steak strips in the oil. Add the broth, vegetables and soy sauce. Cover and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes or until tender, stirring often. Combine water and cornstarch into a slurry. Stir this into the skillet and continue to cook until the sauce is thickened. Serve over hot cooked rice. Serves 4.

Cracker Jack Cookies
(Robin Frances)

1 cup real butter
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup white sugar
2 cups regular oatmeal
2 large eggs
1 cup flaked coconut
2 teaspoons real vanilla extract
2 cup Rice-Krispies®
1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

With an electric mixer, cream the butter well and blend in the two types of sugar. Beat in the eggs; add the vanilla. Sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and mix into the wet mixture. Stir in the oatmeal and coconut until well blended. Stir in the Rice Krispies gently. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Drop by teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until nicely browned.

Many years ago I visited the museum on Ellis Island. One exhibit that has remained in my memory was a display of steamer trunks brought to America by the immigrants of many countries. Each trunk showed replicas of what that person took on the journey to a strange place knowing they would probably never see their homeland again. Men brought the tools needed to forge a new life. Women brought their cookbooks and recipe boxes. Over the past 250 years, cooking has brought people together and kept memories alive. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor

Society



Schaub home has Curb Appeal

The Green Thumb Garden Club is once again highlighting the landscaping and home beautification efforts in Northwood. This week's home with Curb Appeal belongs to Curt and Julie Schaub. The Schaub's are pictured above with granddaughter Mia and Green Thumb Club member Julie Hagen Robb. "This week's Yard of the Week" is a celebration of both gardening and rural heritage. Bursting with colorful flowers, the property features an eye-catching collection of unique planters that add personality and beauty around every corner. What makes this yard special is the creative touch of bringing a bit of the farm to town. An antique wagon, vintage plow and rustic screen door have been thoughtfully incorporated into the landscape, creating a fun display that blends history with colorful blooms. Congratulations to this week's Yard of the Week winners for creating such a beautiful and welcoming outdoor space that brightens the neighborhood for everyone to enjoy!"

Helen Hinman Dwelle DAR

Chapter celebrating America 250

By Colleen Lawler

On Monday afternoon, June 22, 2026, the Helen Hinman Dwelle ISDAR Chapter met at Gerry Arnold's home. The meeting was called to order by Colleen Lawler, Chapter Regent, opening with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Daughter's Creed, The American's Creed, and The Preamble to the Constitution, a prayer, and old and new business.

Carol Abbey, Chapter Registrar, reported our successful meeting with the Worth County Supervisors who signed a Worth County proclamation celebrating America 250! We were also given permission by the supervisors to use the south courthouse steps for our upcoming community event.

Our Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter in conjunction with Daughters of the American Revolution across the country, is now especially looking forward to celebrating America 250! locally, by reading the Declaration of Independence at the Worth County Courthouse on Wednesday, July

8 at 5 p.m. This is one of many events promoting Iowa 250! under Governor Kim Reynold's Executive Order #16.

Last week, June 15-21, we were at the Worth County Fair. The Worth County Historical Society was gracious in allowing us to be with them in their booth where we presented various flags in addition to the historical society displaying their crocheted flag that had flown in Washington, D.C. in 1976.

We also spoke about the \$500 DAR grant that we applied for to use in our events. Our chapter has purchased small hand held flags, children's books, coloring pages and commemorative stickers which we shared during the fair. We had a drawing and gave away one of our children's books at the fair, the winner was Dawn Haake.

We approved doing a table display highlighting America 250! celebration information featuring semiquincentennial booklets of the Declaration of Independence during the

4th of July activities in Scarville, Iowa. Carol Abbey will make contact with Scarville's mayor, Cory Mathahs.

On Friday July 3, Colleen Lawler will be reading a children's book at the Northwood Public Library during story hour. The book we have selected is about Sybil Ludington and her ride during the American Revolutionary War.

We also spoke about upcoming national and state DAR activities with NS-DAR Continental Congress meeting June 23-27. Our own Iowa Society DAR will be dedicating a plaque at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in August as well as participating in the Iowa State Fair Parade.

Carol was excited to report that she had received several inquiries about DAR membership and will be following up on those with the application process.

The meeting concluded with coffee, pie and goodies and hugs.

Joice Public Library

receives accreditation

from State Library of Iowa

The State Library of Iowa announced that the Joice Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition."

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Joice Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status begins on July 1, 2026 and is valid through June 30, 2029.

"This achievement reflects the Joice Library's dedication to providing exceptional service and resources to its community," said State Librarian Brenda Hall. "Accreditation is a testament to the library's commitment to meeting the highest standards in library service and continuing to grow and adapt to the needs of Iowans."

Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 416 – including the Joice Library – are accredited. Iowa's accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Almost two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards.

Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research legal information, access government information, and

more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library's Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Chris Cournoyer, State Librarian Brenda Hall, and Director of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services Mark Campbell.

More information on the State Library's accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards are available by going to Standards & Accreditation.

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Savvy Senior

How to make sure your end-of-life wishes are followed

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

I had a living will/advance directive prepared about 10 years ago documenting my end-of-life medical wishes, but I've read that these documents are often ignored. What can you tell me about this?

--Troubled Tina

Dear Tina,

Yes, unfortunately, that can happen. Living wills aren't always followed in practice, most often because the document isn't available when it's needed or never reaches the right people in time. They can also fall short because they aren't medical orders, and the language may be too vague to guide doctors in an emergency. That doesn't mean your wishes won't be honored, but it does mean a little extra planning can help prevent confusion later.

Here's how to make sure your wishes are followed.

Advance directive + POLST

About 40 percent of older Americans have an advance directive. This typically includes a living will that spells out the care you want if you become incapacitated, and a health care power of attorney (or proxy) who is authorized to make decisions on your behalf.

To strengthen those instructions, talk with your doctor about completing a POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) – sometimes called MOLST or POST depending on your state. Unlike a living will, this is a doctor-signed medical order that must be followed by EMTs and hospital staff. It translates your wishes into clear instructions for treatments such as CPR, breathing machines, and feeding tubes.

These interventions can save lives but may also cause harm if you are very ill or frail. Discussing them ahead of time helps you weigh the trade-offs and makes it easier for your family to understand your choices, easing stress if decisions must be made quickly.

Even if you already have an advance directive, adding a POLST can make your wishes clearer. Without one, first responders are generally required to attempt resuscitation and transport you to a hospital, where doctors may pursue aggressive treatment if your living will isn't available or specific enough.

Once your POLST is completed, make sure it is easy to find. Keep a copy on the refrigerator, carry one in your wallet, and save a photo on your phone. Share copies with your health care proxy, family members, and physicians so everyone is aligned.

It's also wise to ask your providers to add the form to your electronic health record, since medical information isn't always shared between hospitals and care facilities. These steps can make a real difference in helping ensure your wishes are followed.

If discussing these issues with family feels difficult, websites like The Conversation Project (theconversationproject.org) and Prepare for Your Care (prepareforyourcare.org) offer helpful guidance.

One final note: if you're planning surgery, you may want to temporarily suspend your POLST in case your heart stops briefly during the procedure.

And if you haven't yet created an advance directive, you can do so for free at caringinfo.org or mydirectives.com, or for a small fee – \$5 to \$7.50 – at fivewishes.org. Taking these steps now can help ensure your wishes are followed and ease the burden on your loved ones later.

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

Weasel thinks he's royalty.

What gave him that idea?

He ate at a Burger King, drank a Royal Crown Cola, went on a Princess Cruise, bought Duke's Mayonnaise, and ate at a Dairy Queen in just two weeks.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Most people around me had those "Been there, done that" expressions, but others ran the gamut from boredom to panic. I heard uncontrolled sobbing as I made my way through the TSA line at the airport. I reckoned it was coming from the spirits of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the brothers credited with flying the first successful airplane. They were crying to see what their invention had given rise to. It could have been worse. They could have invented the leaf blower. Once I had cleared security, I was hiking around the Atlanta airport when a couple walking ahead of me had some travel papers drop from their satchel. I picked them up, caught up with them, and said, "I think you dropped these." They didn't thank me, but the man said, "You're not from Alabama, are you?" I had no idea what that meant—and I was OK with that.

A roundabout to Timbuktu

A friend told me she needed to see her doctor. The fly in the ointment was that the physician had moved his office. She discovered there were three roundabouts on the road to the new location. She took the wrong exit and ended up in Timbuktu. I told her that was a lucky break. Timbuktu is beautiful at this time of the year. I guessed. I've not been there. She was on time for her appointment because she'd left enough wiggle room, but

she didn't enjoy being honked at by drivers who knew where they were going. Those other people were happy to have a reason to honk, toot or beep their horns. I can't remember the last time I honked my horn at another living being.

At the Polite Coffee Shop

Everyone says, "Hot enough for you?" I said, "Do the uncomfortable temperatures meet your approval?"

I loitered while waiting for my wife to get a cup of coffee. A kind woman asked, "Are you in line?"

I replied, "I'm not, sorry."

I apologized for not being in line.

I've learned

Store eggs with the pointed end down.

The combined auto insurance and fuel costs as a share of household income is highest in Louisiana, followed by Mississippi and Florida. Residents of New Hampshire pay the lowest, slightly lower than in Massachusetts. Iowa is the 30th lowest, and Minnesota 38th.

<https://www.moneygeek.com/insurance/auto/gas-and-car-insurance-cost-burden-by-state/>

You have too many photos on your phone.

Jerry "The Beaver" Mathers, the star of "Leave It to Beaver," was born in Sioux City, Iowa.

Bad jokes department

At a man's funeral, his widow asked if anyone would like to say a word.

It was a literal crowd, so the first guy stood up and said, "Plethora."

The widow said, "Thank you. That means a lot."

The next person said, "Earth."

The widow replied, "Thank you. That means the world to me."

The next fellow said, "Watering hole."

The widow responded, "Thank you. I know you meant well."

Another individual uttered, "Bargain."

The widow countered with, "Thank you. That means a great deal."

A man added, "Worcestershire."

The widow said, "Thank you. I know that was hard for you to say."

The final speaker said, "Defibrillator"

"Thanks. It's what he would have wanted," said the deceased's wife.

Nature notes

The minimum temperature for honeybee flight is 54°. The optimum temperature for flight activity is 72-77°, but activity continues up to about 100° before declining. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension found that bumblebees fly in adverse weather conditions: temperatures lower than 55°, light rain, cloudy or foggy conditions, wind speeds higher than 15 mph, and poor light conditions.

Wild parsnip is an invasive plant that could cause painful skin burns when its sap comes into contact with skin exposed to sunlight. It's a member of the carrot family with yellow, flat-topped flower clusters. It thrives in open, disturbed areas like roadsides and pastures.

Opossums don't spend lengthy periods hanging by their tails or sleep while hanging by their tails. It's a common misconception perpetuated in cartoons. Their tails aren't strong enough to support their weight for more than a moment. Young opossums could hang in there, but not for long, because they don't have the muscle structure necessary to hold the position. Opossums can use their prehensile tails like a fifth limb to aid in climbing trees and other structures, or for carrying bedding materials.

Meeting adjourned

"Never lose a chance of saying a kind word."—William Makepeace Thackeray.

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Fit to print...

While Americans celebrated their nation's founding on July 4, Canadians have held their own celebration at the start of July.

Canadians celebrate the creation of Canada each year on July 1. Canada Day commemorates the union of the territories of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick into the Dominion of Canada. As Canadians prepare to celebrate Canada Day this July, they can consider the history of this beloved holiday.

- The British North America Act, 1867 is passed: Known today as the Constitution Act, 1867, this historic act created Canada and declared that the union it created would commence on July 1.

- Lord Monck asks all to celebrate, 1868: Lord Charles Stanley Monck was the last Governor-General of the Province of Canada and the first Governor General of Canada. The Government of Canada notes that Lord Monck signed a proclamation on June 20, 1868, requesting that all subjects of Her Majesty Queen Victoria celebrate the creation of Canada on July 1.

- Canada Day is formalized as a holiday, 1879: While many celebrated the creation of Canada upon Lord Monck's request in 1868, July 1 was not established as a statutory holiday until May 15, 1879. That day was initially designated as Dominion Day, which alluded to the characterization of the country as a dominion in the British North America Act, 1867.

- Canadian confederation is celebrated in grand style, 1967: The 100th anniversary of Confederation was celebrated with Parliament Hill as the backdrop in grand fashion on July 1, 1967. Among those in attendance is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who also attends the festivities 43 years later with His

Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh by her side.

- The holiday gets a new name, 1982: Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau wanted to change the name of Dominion Day to Canada Day after patriating the Canadian Constitution on April 17, 1982. While Trudeau was unable to pull that off before July 1, it wasn't long before he got his wish. Nine days after celebrating Dominion Day on July 1, 1982, a measure to change the name made it through the House of Commons, and Trudeau announced the new name to cheers of applause that evening.

Canada Day is a day to celebrate Canadian culture and the nation as a whole. Such celebrations may be even more meaningful for those aware of the history of this beloved holiday.

5 unique facts about Canada

Canada Day is a federal holiday celebrated annually on July 1. Canadians have much to celebrate come the first of July, and these are five things that make the Great White North unique.

1. Canada is the second largest country in the world, with a total area of more than 9.9 million square kilometers. In fact, according to Worldometer, Canada takes up 6.1 percent of the world's land mass, making it just one of six countries across the globe to count more than 5 percent of the global land mass as its own.

2. Canadians love their maple syrup, and perhaps some love it a tad too much. The first season of the Netflix documentary series "Dirty Money" included an episode about the Great Canadian Maple Syrup Heist. That theft, during which 3,300 short tons of maple syrup valued at nearly \$18 million CAD were stolen from a storage facility over 2011 and 2012, is the

Notable moments in the history of Canada Day

most significant heist in Canadian history. The heist was discovered during an inventory of the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers' strategic reserve. During the inspection, an investigator realized several barrels at the facility were empty, prompting a wider investigation and realization of the scope of the crime. Various individuals were ultimately found responsible for the theft and sentenced to prison.

3. Canada is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Arctic Ocean to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the west. That undoubtedly contributes to Canada having the longest coastline in the world. According to the World Population Review, Canadian coastline stretches more than 202,000 kilometers, which easily bests Indonesia, which has the second longest coastline at roughly 99,000 kilometers.

4. Though it's the second largest country in the world, Canada is the twelfth least densely populated nation across the globe. Estimates indicate that Canada's population stood at around 41 million people in 2024. By comparison, the Japanese city of Tokyo is estimated to have more than 37 million people living in its metro area in 2024.

5. Roughly two-thirds of the world's polar bears call Canada home. According to Polar Bears in Canada, the global population of polar bears is divided into 19 sub-populations, and 13 of those are managed or co-managed by Canada. All told, roughly 16,000 polar bears reside in Canada, with just 10,000 residing beyond Canadian borders.

Canada Day is an annual celebration of the Great White North and a great time to consider the many things that make this beautiful nation so unique.

Northwood Anchor

100 years ago

July 1, 1926
The big Legion Fourth of July celebration will open in Northwood with a crowd estimated at from 5,000-6,000, when Colonel Smith W. Brookhart will speak before the amphitheater in the fairgrounds. Everything is ready for the two day celebration. Other attractions are music by the Northwood and Hanlontown bands; a kittenball game; a skill-in-driving contest; baseball games; greased pig and pole contests; oldest Ford; Ford bringing the largest family; bicycle and horse races; fat men's and boy's races; push

75 years ago

July 5, 1951
Neighbors and friends have been helping out at the O.S. Butler farm in recent weeks during the illness and death of Mr. Butler. Last Friday a large group spent the day haying on the farm, using two balers and putting up 860 bales of hay. The women served a fried chicken dinner. In the haying crew were Albert Linter, Milo Pangburn, Kenneth Fredrickson, Clarence Gabriel, Hartwick Gabriel, Orble Godfrey, Alden James, Lester Gullickson, Louie Flatness, Bruce

50 years ago

July 1, 1976
Four summer recreation children- Jeff Bakken, Jeff Johnson, Mike Kragenbrink and Steven Julson, under the supervision of Pat Jones, have just completed painting the first hydrant on main street. Other children will help with the others.
The N-K boys won two NIC games this season, defeating Lake Mills 8-7 and Buffalo Center 14-5. They lost to Osage 11-5. Kevin Reeder and Curt Enerson shared mound duties in the Lake Mills game while

25 years ago

July 4, 2001
Worth County farmers and businesses – and some proud parents, grandparents and friends – paid \$29,870 at the Worth County junior ribbon sale last Monday. Kyle Waller, son of Brian and Sue Waller of rural Northwood, took top dollar in the auction when Worth Mutual Insurance paid \$350 for his grand champion market steer ribbon.
Rebecca Tenold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tenold, Northwood, has been named to Northland College, Ashland, Wis., dean's honor scholastic list for the spring

10 years ago

July 6, 2016
Beautification committee members Dennis Johnson and Myra Harris join fair board president Chad Nelson in breaking ground for the building that will house new Extension, fair and community spaces.
The community of Northwood once again celebrated Independence Day. The festivities included the naming of Mr. and Miss Northwood, as well as their "junior" and "il" counterparts. This year's winners include Lil' Miss Northwood Harley Logeman, Lil' Mr. Northwood Josh Leerar, Junior Miss

mobile races; bowery dances; and fireworks.
William Phalen, Lake Mills marshal and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Trustem of this city, was taken to the hospital with a gunshot wound in the shoulder following an encounter with four chicken thieves in two Buick cars at Lake Mills.
John Carlson was a passenger for Minneapolis, making the trip to be present at the exercises in honor of the Crown Prince of Sweden in that city.
Myrtle item- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wahlers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schuhmacher, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tews, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buth, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Buntrock and family all motored to Northwood to help Otto Buth

Odden, Leif Odden, Kenneth Gullickson, Hamlin Burtness, Bob Thompto, Sidney Harmon, Harry Thompto, Tennis Gabriel, Linn Pixley and Bob Butler.
L.R. Falk, St. Ansgar, was awarded the contract for graveling Worth County roads this summer last Thursday. Falk bid \$68,480 for placing 65,000 yards of gravel on county roads at 98 cents per yard and for stockpiling 12,000 cubic feet of gravel at 48 cents a yard.
Wallace Coleman, owner and operator of the Kensett Elevator, was announced this week an instructor of the second FI farm training class at Northwood. Walter Hugerford of Manly has the other local class. He has in-

Tom Midtgaard and Kevin Reeder pitched in the Osage game.
Vandals damaged two overhead doors late Sunday night at the vocational building of N-K schools. Police chief Harold Quisley said the vandals apparently drove the car or truck into the door breaking panels, glass and hardware. The Northwood Police Department is investigating.
Wendy Clagett, Kensett, a Junior Nursing student at the University of Iowa, has been named to the second semester Dean's List for superior grades.
This new 60-foot flagpole was installed earlier this week in Central Park

term. She is a first-year student majoring in natural resources and biology.
Nicole Meyer of Northwood is the recipient of a \$1,000 NIACC Bookstore Scholarship to attend North Iowa Area Community College in the fall. Meyer, daughter of Russ and Kirsten Meyer, is a 1999 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School.
Diane and Hal Johnson last Friday congratulated Kay Moretnson on her retirement following 34 years as a medical assistant here. Beginning in 1967, she worked as Dr. B.H. Osten's assistant for 25 years and spent the past nine years in that capacity at the Northwood Clinic-Mayo Health Systems.
The Northwood-Kensett

Northwood Hallie Varner, Junior Mr. Northwood Collin Kilbourn, Miss Northwood Kailey Eskildsen and Mr. Northwood Scott Hengesteg.
The downtown stop lights received a fresh coat of paint, and a new color. A crew from Marsh Painting in Grafton spent last Monday repainting the stoplights from their previous yellow to black. The change came as a recommendation by a group working to beauty downtown Northwood.
Diamond Jo Casino held its annual family picnic at the Worth County Fairgrounds. The employees and their families were treated with a meal, lots of activities, Diamond Jo Casino celebrated its 10th year this year.
Graduates from the Uni-

celebrate his birthday.
Lightning set fire and totally destroyed a barn and a schoolhouse in Hartland Township. The barn was on the farm of Martin O. Johnson five miles northwest of Northwood and the school was No. 5 of Hartland Township, known as the Iver Iverson school.
O.A. Bosserman, implement dealer in Northwood since 1915 and prominent in church and community affairs, has severed his connections with the firm of Eckert Bosserman and will take a position with the Bailor Cultivator company of Atchinson, Kansas. He will have charge of territory including most of the state of Iowa.

structed GI farm training in the Northwood area for four years.
Geneva Fay McQuatters, a Lieutenant Colonel in the WAC reserve was recalled to active duty with the U.S. Army. She is the first of her rank to be recalled under the current army expansion program. She will be stationed in the office of the director, Women's Army Corps, in the Pentagon as technical information officer. She is a native of Northwood and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.E. McQuatters and a longtime resident of Ontario, California. She served in the WAC in WW-II and was a member of the second officer candidate class at Ft. Des Moines.

as a Northwood Jaycee Bicentennial project. Interstate Power Company donated equipment, and Jaycee members assisted in the construction of the base and raising of the flagpole.
Buffalo Center fell to the Viking girls' softball team 15-2 last week with Carol Hogen pitching a no hitter and striking out 10 hitters. Colleen Otis had a home run, Julie Hagen a triple and Wendy Willand, Julie Hagen, Colleen Otis, Nancy Hage, and Kathy Bloomingdale each and two hits. The Bison won the B game 12-6 with Julie Block on the mound Carla Anderson had two hits and Cindy Logeman had a triple.

Vikings played on even terms with the No. 1-rated baseball team in Class 1A here last Thursday. But top-rated Newman Catholic scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull away to an 8-3 non-conference victory over the Vikings. The Knights returned to Mason City with a 30-2 record. The loss dropped the Vikings to 4-20 on the season.
Basic life support/automated external defibrillator instructor JoAnne Martin used a mannequin to show Worth County Sheriff Dave Gentz and sheriff's deputies Jim O'Keefe and Chris Boyden how to attach electronic heart defibrillator cables to a patient during a recent training session at the courthouse in Northwood.

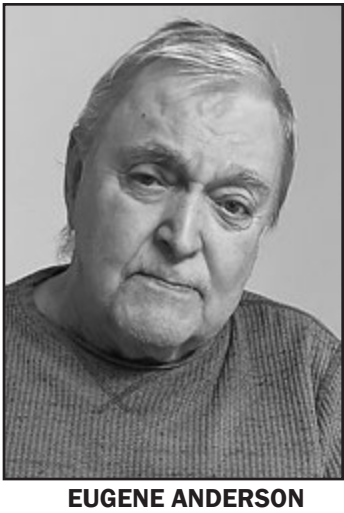
versity of Iowa at the close of the spring 2016 semester included Carolyn Stoneking of Northwood, who received a PHR-Pharmacy with High Distinction.
The 2016 RMW scholarship golf tournament champions are Bryan Christianson, Gordon Wilder and Bradley Christianson.
Despite starting every game in the toughest position on the field, N-K catcher Hayden Halbach has had an outstanding season behind the plate. The talented junior has committed just seven errors in 152 total chances, giving him a team leading .954 fielding percentage on a team with an .853 average. Halbach was also .193 at the plate with 11 hits and five RBIs.

Fun at the 2026 Worth County Fair!



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Obituaries



EUGENE ANDERSON

Eugene Anderson

Eugene Darrell Anderson, 82, of Carpenter, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.
A private family graveside service will be held at Deer Creek Lutheran Cemetery, rural Carpenter, Iowa. Hoff Celebrations – Sites Memorial Chapel of Northwood is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.hoffcelebrations.com.

N-K Vikings softball ends regular season play

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings softball team hosted Central Springs on Monday, June 29, in a Top of Iowa Conference game and lost 12-2.

The Vikings scored two runs in the fourth and the Panthers scored one in the first inning, seven in the third, one in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Viking Logan Manning led the team with a double and Chloe Woods and Brianna Perkins each had a single.

The Vikings scored two runs on three hits and struck out three times.

Piper Brunsvold pitched three innings facing 15 batters. She allowed eight runs in seven hits, walked three, hit three batters and struck

out three. Kenly Solberg pitched two innings and faced 10 batters and allowed four runs on three hits, walked one and struck out two.

On Tuesday, June 30, the Vikings hosted St. Ansgar in a conference game and lost 16-2.

The Vikings scored their two runs in the first inning and the Saints scored six in the first inning, six in the second, one in the third and three in the fourth.

Avery Grunhovd led the team with two doubles and Perkins had two singles and one RBI. Lauren Heiken had a single and one RBI and Manning and Brunsvold each had a single.

The Vikings scored two runs on seven hits, had two RBIs and struck out twice.

Brunsvold pitched two innings facing 15 batters. She allowed 12 runs in seven hits, walked four and hit one batter. Solberg pitched two innings facing 11 batters. She allowed four runs on six hits, walked one and hit one batter.

On Wednesday, July 1, the Vikings hosted Osage in a TIC game and lost 21-5.

The Vikings scored all five of their runs in the first inning while the Green Devils scored six in the first, two in the second, 12 in the third and one in the fourth.

Manning led the team with two singles and one RBI. Brunsvold had a single and two RBIs and Perkins had a single and one RBI. True Hackenmiller, Grunhovd and Heiken each had a single and Solberg

had one RBI.

The Vikings scored five runs on seven hits, earned five RBIs, walked twice and struck out five times.

Brunsvold pitched 2.2 innings and faced 22 batters. She allowed 20 runs on 12 hits, walked five and struck out one. Solberg pitched 1.1 innings facing six batters. She allowed one run on three hits, hit one batter and struck out one.

The Vikings end the regular season schedule with a conference record of 0-14 and an overall record of 1-22.

Post-season play was scheduled to begin on Monday, July 6, when they traveled to Rockford to take on the Lady Warriors (9-13).



Viking shortstop Chloe Woods collides with Panther Lyla Paulus, who stole second base.



Viking Casey Gentz fouls off a pitch during Monday night's game against Central Springs.

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
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Executor of the Estate

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Attorney for Executor

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

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N-K School Salaries

Northwood-Kensett Community School District Salaries	
Salaries listed do not necessarily reflect contract terms	
7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026	
Employee Name	Earnings Amount
Abbas, Emily	54,983.88
Alverio-Kapka, Matthew	45,868.30
Amundson, Chelsea	38,869.10
ANDERSON, JOHN	4,446.00
Anderson, Kaitlyn	42,451.00
Aswegan, Bruce	14,219.04
Aswegan, Joann	21,356.49
Barnes, Jared	10,778.40
Beck, Richard	37,509.82
Block, Dan	5,541.25
Bloomington, Mary	5,298.75
Bowman, Kelly	54,803.40
Breitsprecher, Jennifer	18,793.78
Brunsvold, Jo Ann	585.00
Butler, Elizabeth	83,719.53
Butler, Steven	59,410.50
Byrne, Cynthia	4,445.00
Capitani, Dave	18,603.78
Carrott, Susan	6,743.00
Cheney, Chloe	50,619.40
Christianson, Jennifer	21,008.59
Clark, Allison	10,285.60
Conlin, Diane	20,202.42
Costello, Brian	117,313.00
Cotter, Martin	230.00
Craig, Kristin	3,767.40
Cronbaugh, Rebecca	66,365.70
Crozier, Michael	0.00
Davey, Renee	3,042.40
Davidson, Preston	47,150.35
Davis, Clifton	15.00
Davis, Tyler	18,136.13
DeArmoun, Monte	83,972.00
DeArmoun, Ross	650.00
DeArmoun-Moretz, Paige	560.00
Dodd, Ronnie	4,407.50
Ehlenfeldt, Denise	11,427.87
Einertson, Josie	54,348.20
Einertson, Troy	70,497.00
Eskildsen, Stephanie	62,186.65
Fassbinder, Constance	552.50
Fausnaugh, Brian	7,918.01

Ferley, Sharyl	15,214.50
Flattum, Wade	696.00
Fredericks, Robin	374.40
Fredericks, Rosemary	1,431.50
Fritz, Keith	121,935.00
Frost, Leo	10,875.80
Gordon, Tiffany	64,241.00
Gore, Jewell	108.50
Haenel, Edith	483.00
Hagen, Lisa	74,336.00
Halbach, Marisa	1,006.35
Hall, Katherine	53,799.00
Hanna, Alyssa	61,666.70
Hansen, Elaine	76,318.29
Hansen, Joleen	79,882.95
Hanson, Jacob	17,394.18
Hanson, Rose	19,982.04
Hanson, Tami	27,847.14
Hartman, Lisa	5,885.00
Hartman, Steve	33,694.10
Haxton, Ashley	65,650.33
Heiken, Sarah	13,006.50
Helgeson, Alexandra	19,999.98
Helgeson, Kim	22,890.33
Hemann, Samantha	54,314.30
Hengesteg, Cade	58,651.68
Hengesteg, Kim	68,610.00
Hengesteg, Rebecca	1,802.50
Hennigar, Amy	35,889.86
Hiatt, Tony	193,089.83
Hopperstad, Justice	18,087.80
Hovey, Larry	6,451.92
Hrubetz, Jean	8,625.00
Hunt, Samantha	55,630.40
Hunt, Trevor	60,672.50
Imus, Valinda	689.07
Johnson Krotzer, Jennifer	7,027.50
Johnson, Morgan	52,475.60
Johnson, Tina	32,973.84
Katcher, Deanna	29,897.51
Kessel, Michael	11,741.80
Kilborn, Jodi	2,315.00
Kliment, Darrin	15,470.88
Kroneman, Mari Ann	73,086.00
Lander, Lauren	45,298.70
Liddle, Megan	7,916.70
Logeman, Emma	357.50
Loken, Jacob	60.00
Love, Daryl	7,644.25
Low, Holly	11,029.91
Lund, Brian	1,984.50
Maki, Caitlyn	47,150.35
Maroo, Mackensie	56,634.00
Martin, Stacy	60,445.90

McClure, Kevin	1,386.00
Michels, Noah	44,078.50
Mickelson, Riki	19,990.74
Miller, Christian	64,989.20
Mix, Loraine	76,755.05
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O'Connor, Karyl	17,491.24
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Schrader, Jon	5,303.00
Schrapp, Nancy	4,025.00
Schultz, Samantha	6,414.19
Schulz, Kierra Lynn	11,759.50
Smalley, Jordan	61,333.00
Strouth, Beth	247.50
Tabbert, Gretchen	42,838.70
Thofson, Melissa	9,363.39
Thompson, Camden	19,449.20
Thorson, Megan	9,518.40
Tiedemann, Tiffany	23,078.52
Tolzmann, Jami	47,271.00
Ubben, Paul	15,163.00
Urbatsch, Jacob	74,374.00
Varner, Derek	37,238.24
Vorland, Joan	420.00
Wagner, Carrie	73,086.00
Waller, Addison	4,615.20
Wangness, Barry	61,220.25
WELCH, ETHAN	3,164.00
Welch, Ryan	63,343.00
Wheeler, Jayne	24,323.90
Williamson, Nichol	2,415.57
Yezek, Jeff	5,913.00



Viking third baseman Logan Manning makes a back handed catch in a pick off attempt during Monday night's game against Central Springs.

Bolan

Those able to take part in the Bible reading marathon at the Worth County Court House over the Fourth weekend from Bolan Trinity UM Church were Lori Willert and Lin-

da Nydegger.

Coming up next week with be Ecumenical Vacation Bible School in Bolan from 9 a.m. until Noon. The Theme this year is "RAINFOREST FALLS Ex-

ploring the Nature of God." Registrations are still being taken at bolaniowa.com or contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472.

City of Joice

Unapproved minutes
Joice City Council Special Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
Joice City Hall
CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Rebecca Martinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and established there was a quorum present.
ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH OF QUORUM
Council Members present: Terry Anonson, Judy Sell, Brady Heigel
Absent: Paul Anderson and Tyler Swenson
Employees present: City Treasurer: Wendy Luning
City Clerk: Amy Wilhelm
Maintenance Supervisor : Doug Potter
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
With a motion from Heigel and a second from Anonson the agenda was approved. Motion carried unanimously.
PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT
A motion to open the public

hearing was made by Anonson with a second from Sell to review the approval of the current budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. The hearing was opened at 6:05 pm.

There was a discussion and review of the expenses and budget.

With a motion from Sell and a second from Heigel the public hearing was closed at 6:07 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

With a motion from Sell and a second from Heigel the current budget amendment was approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The council reviewed the water contract for Doug Bacon. With a motion from Anonson and a second from Heigel the contract was approved. Motion carried unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm by Anonson and a second by Heigel. Motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Martinson, Mayor
Attest:
Amy Wilhelm, City Clerk

Supervisors

June 29, 2026
Twenty-seventh Day
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.
Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to amend agenda to add discussion regarding Worthwhile Solar with Kate Millar and Jeff Gorbail. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's amended agenda and June 22, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve work orders per the following schedule. Motion carried.
• DD #11-F, submitted by Dennis Meyer
• DD #11-F, submitted by Steve Arnold
• DD #11-F, submitted by Bruce Sawin
• DD #11-F, submitted by Kathleen Gentz
• DD #11-F/Lat 38, submitted by Bruce Sawin
• DD #49, submitted by Harlan Slaichert
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of \$26,727.10 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Agvantage Fs Inc,
Fuel-Eng

1,745.20	Supplies-Eng
213.88	Jeff Greve, Mileage-Aty
88.16	Kimberly Bode, Reimb-Eng
1,160.27	Knudtson Automotive Service, Service-Eng
1,322.60	North Central Occupational Med, Service-Eng & Con
440.20	Northwood Electric Inc, Service-Eng
65.72	Plunkett's Pest Control Inc, Service-Gsr
26,727.10	Vestis, Service-Eng
71.10	Wageworks, Inc., Service-Ndp
83.35	World County Sheriff, Service-Juj
709.19	Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng
26,727.10	Grand Total
	Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-22 Establishing New Fund. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at the auditor's office).
	Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-22 – 2025/2026 Interfund Transfer Resolution. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at the auditor's office).
	Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-23 A Resolution Directing Administrative Action Regarding Ordinance #2019.09.30. Roll call vote: Aye: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at the auditor's office).
	Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the 2026 Homestead and Military Disallowances. Motion carried.
	Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:25 A.M. Motion carried.
	Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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