

Briefs

WCPH flu clinics continue

Worth County Public Health is holding a walk-in flu clinic today, with another clinic set for Friday, October 9.

Today, Wednesday, September 30, a walk-in flu clinic is being held at the WCPH office in Northwood. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., those interested in receiving a flu vaccine may walk in or call to make an appointment, or ask for a WCPH nurse to come to their home.

Another flu shot clinic is also scheduled for Friday, October 9, from 1-2 p.m. at the Reconnect 720 Senior Center in Northwood.

Those coming to flu clinics should bring an ID and their insurance card. WCPH will bill most insurance companies. Farm families also qualify for free flu shots.

More information about flu and other vaccines is available by calling the WCPH office at 641-324-1741.

Pancakes, Pumpkins and Pumpkin Pie in Bolan Oct. 10

The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center will be hosting its “Pancakes, Pumpkins & Pumpkin Pie” event on Saturday, October 10, from 9–11 a.m.

For a free-will donation, visitors can enjoy hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, sausage, banana, pumpkin pie, coffee, milk and orange juice. They can also find gourds and pumpkins to take home. Funds will go toward expenses for the 1923 Barton No. 2 School.

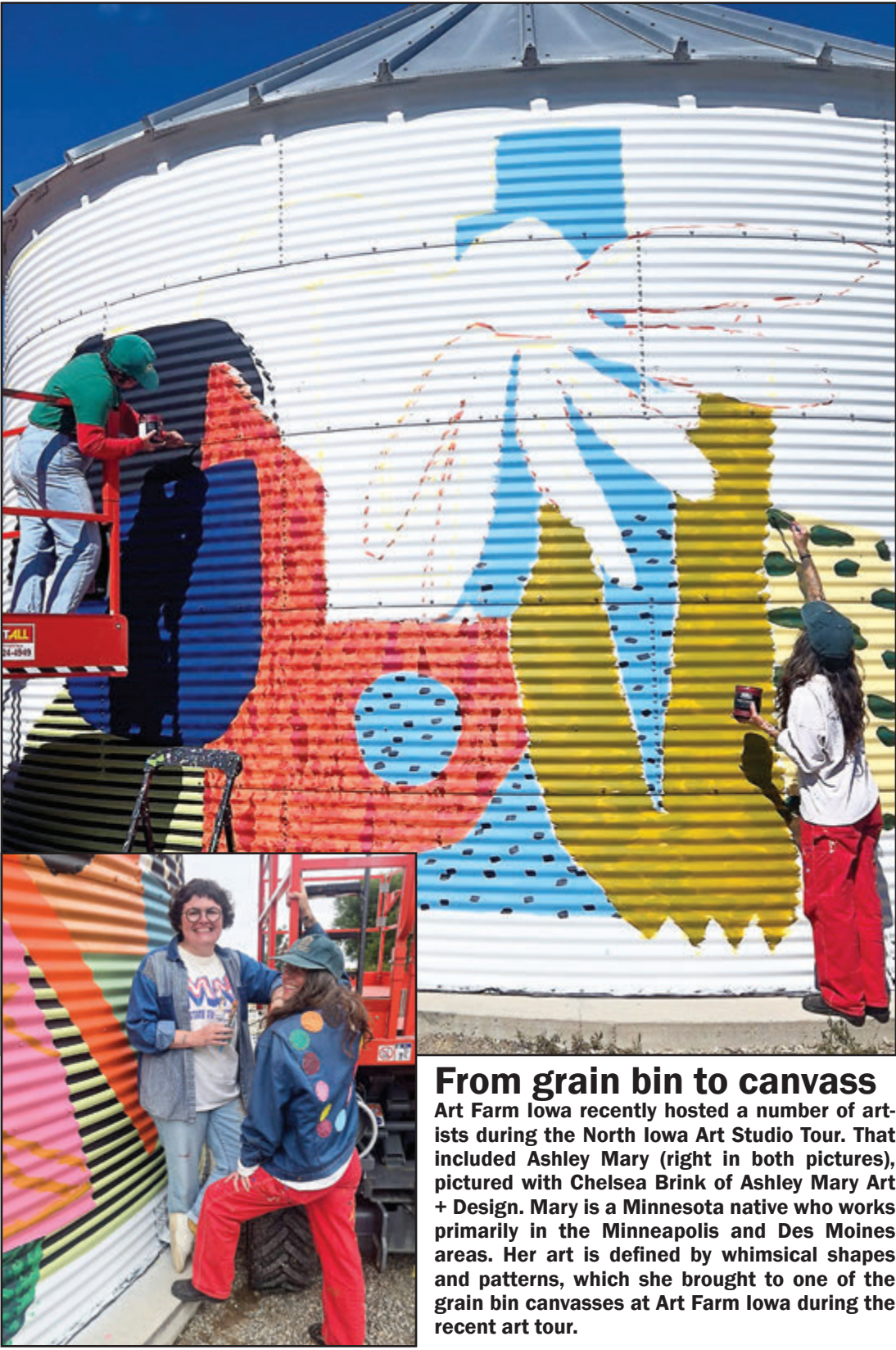
“Come on out to Bolan, Saturday, October 10, to pick out some pumpkins, fill up on pancakes, sausage, and pie! DRIVE-UP, TAKE-OUT available too!!”



One of the pumpkins that can be found in Bolan October 10.

The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information			
Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. Sept. 21	60	51	0.61
Tues. Sept. 22	61	51	0.02
Wed. Sept. 23	71	42	
Thurs. Sept. 24	66	51	0.04
Fri. Sept. 25	68	57	
Sat. Sept. 26	62	57	0.46
Sun. Sept. 27	64	57	0.24



From grain bin to canvass
Art Farm Iowa recently hosted a number of artists during the North Iowa Art Studio Tour. That included Ashley Mary (right in both pictures), pictured with Chelsea Brink of Ashley Mary Art + Design. Mary is a Minnesota native who works primarily in the Minneapolis and Des Moines areas. Her art is defined by whimsical shapes and patterns, which she brought to one of the grain bin canvasses at Art Farm Iowa during the recent art tour.

Ruglands celebrate over 150 years on family farm

Each year, during the Iowa State Fair, the Iowa Century and Heritage Farm are recognized for how long they've remained in the same family.

At this year's event, the Rugland family was recognized for 150 years with the Iowa Heritage Farm award.

By JoAnn Lower

“My great-grandfather, Gulbrand Gulbranson Rugland was born in 1820 in Eggedal, Norway,” said Arlow Rugland. “He married a local gal, Sigri, and they moved to the U.S. from Norway in 1857, applied for citizenship and two years later became naturalized

citizens. After applying for a land grant from President Buchanan, he cleared the land and built a house. Two years later, according to the Homestead Act of 1862, his land was homesteaded.”

“Neither of my great-grandparents could read or write. They signed the land documents with an X, while witnesses looked on.”

“One of Gulbrand’s children, Halvor, my grandfather, married Anna Tenold and had five sons and one daughter. I cannot imagine all those people living in that little three-room house with no electricity and no running water. In 1912 my

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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig (left) and Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Brent Johnson (right) presented the Rugland family with the Iowa Heritage Farm award at a ceremony on August 20 during the Iowa State Fair.

Bolan mural on track to celebrate railroad origins

A new project is in the works in Bolan, adding artwork with a look back at the small town’s rail history.

According to community organizer Lori Willert, the idea to have a mural painted in Bolan first began around three years ago, when she met artist Lucretia Torva at Art Farm Iowa, near Northwood.

Torva grew up in Scotland and France, and developed her passion for art with childhood travels across Europe.

She has lived in Phoenix since 1997, and officially became a full time artist in 2000, sharing her painting skills in a variety of forms, including making a name for herself with murals throughout that city at civic landmarks, festivals and



others. Torva has also been invited to share her art with

murals at a variety of international locations.

Torva has also found a new favorite spot to share

her artwork, at Art Farm Iowa, and will soon add Bolan to the many locations that are blessed with her skills.

“The idea of having Lucretia paint a life-size train themed mural on the side of a 120’ steel quonset was pitched. Lucretia took the time to come out to Bolan and look it over. She said it could be done!”

The inspiration for the mural can be traced back to Bolan’s railroad origins.

Bolan was platted in 1886 and named after railroad roadmaster Matt Bolan. The trains stopped coming to town and the rails were pulled up in the 1980s.

“The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center board members discussed the

Mural, see Page 6

Fall Clean up begins today

The annual fall clean up in Northwood begins today, Wednesday, September 30, and continues on Thursday, October 1. The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some fall cleaning.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular

day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes and cardboard.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Wednesday, September 30, and Thursday, October 1, from 7

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Oct. 19 voters pre-registration deadline

This Tuesday, November 3, Iowa voters will choose who will represent them at the federal, county and state levels, as well as voting on a state constitutional amendment.

Mail in absentee ballot requests and voter registration deadlines are approaching.

Absentee ballots will be

ready on October 14. That is also the first day that ballots may be voted in the auditor’s office.

The deadline to pre-register to vote in the election is Monday, October 19, at 5 p.m. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked on or before October 19.

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Pictured are Halvor and Anna Rugland's children in 1912, (from left) John, Gilbert, Henry, Elvin, Sena and Alfred.



Pictured is the Rugland farm. The little house in the back was where Halvor and Anna raised five children. The large house was built in 1912.

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grandfather built the house that is there today and is now home to my son Kris, wife Addie, and children Amaya and Max.”

“One of the stories I've been told is about an old school bell on top of a shed. Grandma would ring the bell when dinner was ready so Grandpa and his boys would come in from the field. They farmed wit-

horses, and when one of their horses heard the bell, it would turn around immediately and head back to the house. It didn't matter how close he was to the end of the row, he'd stop, turn around, and go home.”

“My wife Julie's ancestors (the Holstads) also immigrated from Norway, a small village named Vik, on the south shore of the

Sognefjorden. In 2005 over 20 family members made the trip to Vik and visited the Holstad farm that is still owned by relatives. Julie's parents (Virgil and Helen Holstad) said they wished to have some of their ashes brought back to the Norway family farm. In the summer of 2025, over 25 family and friends made the trip back to Vik and spread

some of her parent's ashes on the old private Viking burial mound at the Holstad farm.”

“My family came from Eggedal, near Oslo and we are planning to travel there in 2027. I found a valley there called Rugland.

Hopefully we'll find interesting stories from my Norske relatives.”

“My great-grandfather, as well as those who came after him, considered the land their legacy. That's also the way I look at things. My land will never be sold;

it will be handed down. My land is my legacy.”

“I hope the Iowa State Fair presentation inspires others to look back and see where we are today and how we all got here.”

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a.m. to 7 p.m.

More information is available by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up week may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

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Those that have voted recently are most likely registered already. People who have moved or changed names should update their registration.

October 19 is also the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

The deadline to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the auditor's office is Monday, November 2.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

County offices appearing on ballots in Worth County will include Jake Hanson for treasurer; Jolene Hickle for recorder; and Dexter Banks and Jeffrey H Greve for attorney.

Two supervisor seats will also be chosen. Appearing as the candi-

dates for District 1 will be Marena Henkle and Amy Jorgensen. Appearing on ballots for District 3 supervisor will be Mike Hanson.

Other offices appearing on ballots will include, for two Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner seats, Russell Olson and Cary Van Veldhuizen; for five positions on the County Agricultural Extension Council, Jennifer Klooster, Wayne Willand, Sarah Hagen, Sarah Stevens and Ann Heggstad. That is in addition to a number of township clerk and trustee positions.

County candidates and offices in Winnebago County include Julie A. Swenson for country treasurer; Shanna Eastvold for county recorder; Kelsey A. Beenken for county attorney; Terry Durby for

District 1 supervisor; and Brent Swenson for District 3 supervisor.

Other candidates and offices include Lori Betram and Paul Bartelt for two Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners; and six candidates, Lori Dontje, MacKenzie Ree, Allison Greenfield, Robin Kettwick, Katie Bosma and Tiffany Olson for five County Agricultural Extension Council positions.

More information on Worth County elections, can be found at the Worth County Auditor's office or online at elections.worth-countyiowa.gov.

More information on Winnebago County elections can be found online at www.winnebago-countyiowa.gov/auditor/elections.



A festive 5K

Worth Brewing Company hosted its Oktoberfest event this past weekend. Amongst the activities held was a 5K run. As they completed the course, the runners raised a keg to celebrate their efforts. Pictured are gold place finisher Ryan Hulshizer, silver place Zach Peterson and bronze finisher Dana Nelson.

NIACC presents the musical 'Waitress' on October 8

The hit Broadway musical “Waitress” will be presented at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8. Please note the updated performance time of 7:30 p.m. This presentation is part of the 2026-2027 NIACC Performing Arts & Leadership Series.

Meet Jenna, a waitress and expert pie-maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. Pouring her heart into her pies, she crafts desserts that mirror her topsy-turvy life such as “The Key (Lime) to Happiness Pie” and “Betrayed by My Eggs Pie.” When a

baking contest in a nearby county — and a satisfying encounter with someone new — show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Change is on the menu, as long as Jenna can write her own perfectly personal recipe for happiness.

Brought to life by a groundbreaking creative team, this hilarious hit Broadway musical features original music and lyrics by Grammy® Award winner Sara Bareilles (“Brave,” “Love Song”), a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson (“I Am Sam”), original choreography by Lorin Latarro (“Mrs.

Doubtfire,” “Chess”) and original direction by Tony Award® winner Diane Paulus (“1776,” “Jagged Little Pill,” “Pippin”).

“WAITRESS is a little slice of heaven!” said Entertainment Weekly, and is “sweet, sassy and passionate,” according to New York Magazine.

"It's an empowering musical of the highest order!" raves the Chicago Tribune. To learn more about this performance, visit www.WaitressOnTour.com.

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Memorial Vietnam Wall travels through Worth
Last Wednesday, September 23, the Moving Wall, a mobile recreation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, passed through Worth County along Highway 65, as it made its way to the North Iowa Fairgrounds, as a part of the Veteran Stand Down event. The Wall's escort included members of the American Legion Riders of Manly. Along the way, veterans, fire departments and law enforcement lined the route to pay tribute, including in Northwood, as pictured here.

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Art tour comes to the Farm

This past weekend the North Iowa Art Studio Tour was held. One of the stops on the tour was Art Farm Iowa, where several area artists spent time showing their work, as well as demonstrating their talents. Pictured at right with one of his kaleidoscopes is Karl Schilling. Pictured below is Carolyn Reeder, as she demonstrates her talent for painting. At bottom left is 10-year-old artist Ayila McAlister, who shared some of her paintings. At bottom right is Chad Heggen with some of his artwork.



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News from N-K: Sixth Grade Basecamp: Foundations for success

By Beth Butler
Language arts teacher

Sixth grade marks a year of transition for students at Northwood-Kensett Schools. Students leave behind the familiar elementary school building and begin their journey in the secondary school building. It often feels daunting and scary for both students and parents; though most dis-

cover within the first days and weeks that students are ready for the change and are prepared to endeavor into middle school. As part of this change, sixth grade students are all enrolled in a course called "Basecamp" that helps them adjust to the new expectations and environment.

During Basecamp, stu-

dents work on life skills like organization, time management and prioritizing tasks. A structured study hall on some days, students are able to work on homework or study with the guidance of their basecamp teacher, Mrs. Butler. Part of Basecamp includes weekly check-ins with students to review grades while discussing individual strengths

and areas for growth and improvement. Students are encouraged to use the support to develop habits that allow them to be more independent, responsible and accountable for their learning. This class time also allows for extra curriculum mandated by the state and guest programming from Worth County Extension and Worth County Public

Health.

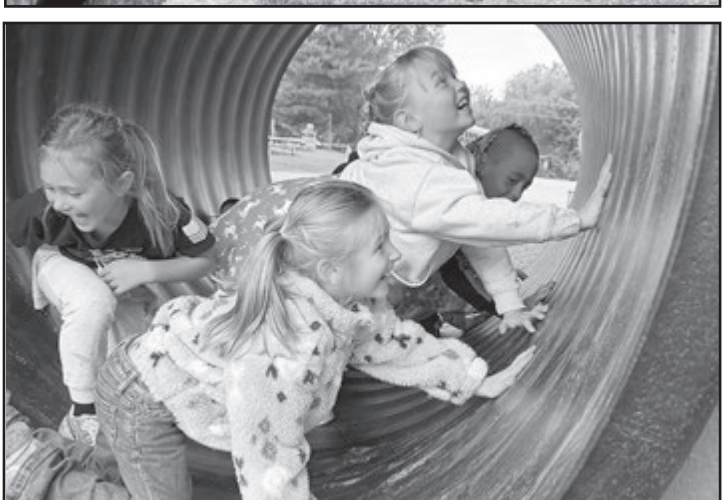
To begin the school year, 6-12 Guidance Counselor Amy Hansen worked with sixth grade students exploring careers. Students participated in activities and lessons through a tool called Xello that helped students discover more about themselves based on their current interests and strengths, and ultimately matched

students with potential careers they could explore. Students then shared this information with their families and were encouraged to discuss what they learned throughout the career exploration.

Sixth grade is off to a great start at Northwood-Kensett!

From the classroom to the orchard

Northwood-Kensett first graders traveled to Otter Creek Orchard, near St. Ansgar. The trip was organized with Worth County Farm Bureau's ag in the classroom program. While there the students learned about the orchard operations, including how they grow, maintain and harvest apples, pumpkins, sunflowers, corn and more. The orchard visit included an introduction and information from owner Dallas Hendrikson, before he took them on a wagon ride around the orchard. The students also got a chance to enjoy the orchard's fun activities. They enjoyed apple donuts for dessert with lunch and left with an apple on their way back to school.



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Viking Lexi McHenry passes the ball during Thursday night's game against Lake Mills.

Vikings 5-13 overall

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett volleyball team started their week with a 3-0 forfeit win over Valley Lutheran on Monday, September 25.

On Tuesday, September 22, the Vikings traveled to Britt to take on West Hancock and lost in straight sets, 25-21, 25-14 and 25-18.

Mia Fierova led the team

with seven kills, one dig, two blocks and 5-6 serving. Avarie Skellenger had two kills and was 5-6 serving, and Hallie Hanson had one kill. True Hackenmiller had one kill, five assists, two digs, one block and was 4-5 serving, and Lilly Strand had one kills, one assist and was 9-12 serving with three ace serves. Ashlyn Skell-

enger had four assists, one dig and was 11-14 serving with two ace serves and Lexi McHenry had three digs. Kenly Solberg had six digs and was 4-5 serving with one ace, Chloe Woods was 2-3 serving, and Avery Grunhovd was 2-2 serving with one ace.

The Vikings had 12 kills, 10 assists, three blocks, 13



The Vikings celebrate consecutive ace serves during set two on Thursday night against Lake Mills.

digs and were 42-53 serving with seven ace serves.

On Thursday, September 24, the Vikings hosted the Class 2A no. 13 Lake Mills Bulldogs and were defeated in straight sets, 25-8, 25-14 and 25-10.

Avarie S. had four kills, two digs and was 4-4 serving, and Hackenmiller had two kills, four assists, nine

digs and was 3-3 serving. Hanson had one kill, one dig, one block and was 5-5 serving, and Ashlyn S. had one kill, five assists, three digs, one block and was 11-11 serving with three ace serves. Fierova had one kill and two digs, and Strand had one kill, two digs and was 4-6 serving with one ace. Woods had

eight digs, and Solberg had eight digs and was 4-4 serving.

The Vikings as a team tallied 10 kills, nine assists, two blocks, 35 digs and were 31-33 serving with four ace serves.

The Vikings are 0-4 in conference play and 5-13 overall.

Northwood-Kensett XC: Gratitude

By Troy Einertson

Northwood-Kensett cross country coach

What a crazy week our XC runners had last week. We were supposed to run two races this week, but because of this Pacific Northwest weather we have been getting, we were only able to get one race in.

The race In Manly on Thursday has been circled on our calendar since early summer because the girls were going to be running against the #1 ranked girls team in 2A in Forest City, and the defending state champions, and current #3 1A team South Winn. The #7 girls team in 3A was later added to the schedule when Clear Lake jumped in at the last minute.

We have never been in this position before of being able to compete as a team, and to think that we are even able to compete at the level this is, is just crazy! With that said, I switched a lot of stuff around in the early part of the week trying to get the boys and girls ready to roll against some very good competition. We worked extremely hard on Monday and Tuesday and I was just hoping that their legs would be ready to roll.

When we pulled up to the Town and Country Golf course and let the kids out, a steady mist had started, so the running conditions were not going to be the greatest.

Kids warmed up as nor-

mal, and Lola was the first to get after it. Lola's plan was easy, we were going after everyone in this race. She came through the first mile in 6 minutes and finished the 2 mile course in a new PR of 12:12. She won the girls race, and finished 4th overall! Just an amazing race for Lola.

When the girls toed the line shortly after Lola's finish our plan was simple. We needed to get out with the South Winn girls, and run with them. They are terrific pack runners, and with the number of girls they have, this works to their advantage. Our goal was to try and beat as many of them as we could, hoping that when the race was finished we would be in a great place to either beat them, or gain some ground on them.

Ivy and Liv got out fast, with Charlotte right behind them. Maddie, Maggie and Hadley were way under at the quarter mile, and Kaylee was running great. Lola and I sprinted to the mile mark, and everything was falling in place. Ivy and Liv were up front, Charlotte was ahead of her South Winn group and Maddie, Hadley and Maggie were with theirs.

At mile 2 the pack running of South Winn kind of got us. Ivy and Liv were still up front, but Charlotte had been engulfed by the 3 top South Winn girls, and Maddie, Hadley, Maggie and Kaylee had lost their pack.



Pack running is a great advantage if you have girls who are all about the same, they run together for as long as they can, and this pushes them tremendously!

I couldn't get to the finish, so I sent Lola on the trek for me, so I could holler a couple more instructions to Hadley, Maggie and Kaylee. When I turned around to look, Manly is a great course where you can see everything unfolding. I saw Liv up front, with Ivy right behind her. This is how they finished. Liv ran a huge PR of 18:58 for the first place finish with Ivy going 19:14 for the second place finish. Charlotte wasn't far behind running 21:27 and finishing 15th! This was a 1 minute PR for Charlotte! Maddie came in 47th with a time of 23:43) Another PR), Hadley in only her 2nd ever 5K finished in 53rd place in a time of

24:22(another PR), Maggie came through in 25:22(PR) and Kaylee in 27:44.

As a team we finished in 4th place. Forest City won with 49, South Winn was 2nd with 79, Clear Lake 3rd with 83 and we were 4th with 98 points. The girls are getting there!

After Kaylee crossed the line I had to get to the boys for their start, and I didn't make it. I hate this! I needed to give some last minute instructions to them, but they needed to keep everything going, so they started a little early.

Ethan, Saxon and JJ all looked really chill when I caught up to them at a half mile. Ethan and Saxon were together, while JJ was just behind them. At about the 2000 mark Ethan started making a move and Saxon went with. Both of them had goals of going around 21:00

for the race, and they were right on pace. When they passed me at 2 miles Ethan had moved ahead of Saxon, and JJ was just a little back.

I raced to the 3 mile mark just in time to see Ethan surging towards the finish line. He finished in 21:57 for a new PR, Saxon came through in 23:03 a PR and JJ in 24:07 which was his season's best. They ran in a steady mist the entire time, and it was just an amazing run by all 3 of them!

Once again as I was running around the course like a crazy coach screaming encouragement to our kids the light bulb came on in my brain, and the word gratitude was the thought. I have a lot to be grateful for, I get to teach and coach in a wonderful school, I have a wonderful family who puts up with me during XC and track, and there are a ton of people in our community who come out and support our team at every race, but on this day all that I could think of was how grateful I am to get to coach the Urbatsch sisters!

I have written about a lot of our runners this year, but these two sometimes come in under the radar, not with their finishes, but with the accolades they receive. When we were talking at the beginning of the race, Ivy turned to Olivia and said,"We will pack run today. Just stay with me!" There was more that was said, but this is what stuck out. She led Olivia

through the mess at the start, and they went stride for stride till about 2.5 miles when Olivia separated a little bit. Ivy kept pushing, and came in just behind her sister.

Ivy is the true leader of our team. She works hard, the others see it, and it is just amazing to watch them in practice everyday. The amount of growth that she has shown in just her second year of cross country is amazing, and all of the other kids feed off of her.

Olivia is the silent one of the two. She goes about her business, takes everything in stride, and just goes out there and slays it everyday! Olivia is only an eighth grader, but she runs like she has been doing it for years. She takes everything in, adjusts when things are not the best and goes out there every day and gives it 110%.

With these two leading our girls team for the next two years the sky is the limit to how good we can be! So, thank you Ivy and Olivia for making all of us better. I am grateful for all that you do, not only for our XC team but for our school and community as well.

This week the boys run in Garner on Monday, and the girls will be in Charles City on Thursday. This is all contingent of our Pacific Northwest weather moving out, and some nice Midwest weather moving back in!



The Viking defense awaits the snap of the ball during a recent game against Riceville.

Anchor Sports

Vikings lose on the road to the Bison

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings football team traveled to Buffalo Center to take on the North Iowa Bison in a district game and were defeated 41-12 after trailing 34-12 at the half.

Aydan Schutz was 4-12 passing, he threw for 68 yards, and Henry Hanson was 2-3 passing, he threw for 21 yards.

Jaxon Reyerson had four receptions for 47 yards, Tegan Trenhails had one for 12 yards, and Brady Tufte had one for 30 yards.

Leading the ground game was Schutz with 25 carries for 110 yards and one touchdown. B. Tufte had nine carries for 29 yards and a touchdown. Trenhaile had six carries for six yards and Hanson had three carries for negative four yards.

The defense was led by Tyce Helgeson with six solo tackles. B. Tufte had five solo tackles and an interception with a 14 yard return. Schutz had four solo tackles, two for a loss and an interception with an eight yard return. Carson Tufte had four solo tackles, one for a loss, and Trenhaile had four solo tackles. Max Johnson had 3.5 tackles, three solo and Bryck Abrams had 1.5

tackles with one being solo. Weston Heims had 1.5 tackles, one solo, and Gabriel Aleman had one tackle. Brekken Haberman and Keenan Davidson-Jacobs each had one solo tackle, and Reyerson received a tackle assist.

The Vikings are 0-3 in district play and 2-3 overall. Northwood-Kensett travels to West Bend Mallard on Friday, October 2.

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Mural
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mural idea, and got 'onboard,'" Willert said. An agreement was drawn up for the BSCC to lease the exterior wall of the quonset for the artwork, and fundraising began.

"Dave Delgehausen, who married Bolan girl Lory Weineth 60 years ago, heard about the project at the 2025 annual Bolan Fall Event and put up the first \$100. Grants were written, with the first support coming from the Jaspers Family Fund of Worth County for \$1,460 to go towards 'prepping the canvas.' In 2026, other significant contributions followed from Worth County Development Authority, Janssen Family Charitable Trust Fund, Hanson Foundation, Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation and

Farrer Endowment Foundation; along with 17 local individuals and families 'stoking the engine.' In-kind contributions have come from Klapperich Farm Systems, American Power Washing, Marsh Painting, S&L Masonry and Bolan Rentals."

The train-themed mural will continue a theme of other endeavors in the community.

There is a train-themed park that local high school industrial arts students from four neighboring school districts have built and installed for visitors to enjoy.

Torva has been in Bolan since August 28, staying at the Bolan Postal Cottage and painting between rains.

Fundraising for the mural remains underway, just about \$3,000 from its goal.



Pictured at a recent BSCC meeting with the artist Lucretia Torva are (front row, from left) Jeff Greve, Brian Kenison, Joe Nydegger, Phyllis Young, (back row) Lori Willert, Mary Wendt and Lucretia Torva.

Names of donors will appear on the train's boxcar about the project or donations may contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472. Those with questions



Dave Delgehausen having Bolan's UWF lunch with the artist in Bolan this past weekend in the schoolhouse.



Lucretia has artwork for sale in the schoolhouse, with half of sales benefitting the Schoolhouse. Contact Willert for an appointment to view.

More from the Bolan Fall Event



Kenison Boys: Danny, Kris, Dick, Brian and Dennis in the Bolan area for the annual Kenison Reunion.



Three generations working together: Lori Willert, Linda Nydegger and Kelsie Drenth.



The pumpkin pickers are Koen and Kai, children of Holly (Bruesewitz) and Jake Kopriva.



Bolan residents helping serve up pie and ice cream: Ryan Bull and Katlyn Tonn



Randy Mogk family participating in the Bolan Bike Ride: Randy, Lilly, Reese, Leah and Raedel.



Great Pumpkins
Bolan has three of these pumpkins in the patch! Whomever finds them first, can lift them, may take them home (for a donation to the Bolan Schoolhouse). Watch for the next fundraiser "Pancakes, Pumpkins and Pumpkin Pie on October 10 to start searching.

Northwood Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Bethlehem WELCA Breakfast Bazaar, 8:30 - 11 a.m., Grace Quilting, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 8 a.m., Grace Worship, 9 a.m., Sunday School at Bethlehem, 10:15 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at Bethlehem, 10:15 a.m.; Monday, Lydia Circle, 1:30 p.m., Martha Circle, 6:30 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

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

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., World Wide Sunday, Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Bible Study, 10 a.m., Worship on Wednesday; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.

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One In Christ Lutheran Parish

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Faith Lutheran Church, London

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First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood

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

Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills

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

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Getting Out of God's Way

The late writer Flannery O'Connor kept a devotional journal when she was in her twenties and a student at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. It has recently been published under the title A Prayer Journal. O'Connor was a fervent Catholic and her journal is filled with interesting reflections on spirituality, as well as writing, which she saw as a way to express her spirituality and hopefully lead others to God. She laments early on that "I do not know you God because I am in the way. Please help me to push myself aside." Throughout the journal we witness an earnest young woman struggling heroically to be more pious, and striving to get out of God's way, i.e., how to get rid of the ego and let God fill up the space. Her simultaneous struggle to destroy the ego while seeking literary fame is sometimes the focus of her reflections, as when she says "Don't let me ever think, dear God, that I was anything but the instrument for Your story, just like the typewriter was mine." God desires to work through all of us, through our words and our deeds, if we can only get our egos out of His way. - Christopher Simon



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- Ephesians 2:10

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by Sandy Olson



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

It's no secret I love Italian food; I was raised on it. Whenever I find an old cook-book with these flavorful recipes it comes home with me. This one is a true vintage edition and is so old the price marked on the cover is \$1.95! "Wonderful Ways To Prepare Italian Food" by Jo Ann Shirley (1978, Playmore Inc, NYC) is a large paperback book just stuffed with great-sounding dishes. Actually, stuffed is the right term as Italians stuff many types of foods: pastas, veggies, meat rolls and more. Here are some of them. I've adapted the instructions or ingredients when necessary.

Stuffed Mushrooms (Funghi Rapiene)

1 pound large white button mushrooms
2/3 cup bread crumbs, the dry kind with Italian seasoning
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese (you can use the green can this time!)
1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Wipe the mushrooms clean with a damp cloth; don't soak them in water. Cut off the stems and hollow out each mushroom a bit if the gills are tightly packed. Place them, round side down, in a shallow baking dish. Mix together the bread crumbs, Italian seasoning, Parmesan plus salt and pepper to taste. Stuff this mixture into the mushroom caps, filling as much as possible. Drizzle the olive oil lightly over each mushroom. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the mushrooms are cooked through. Serve warm. SANDY'S NOTE: When I make stuffed mushrooms, I add about ¼ pound of cooked Italian sausage to the stuffing mixture. It makes them a bit

heartier and adds a load of flavor. You can also dice the stems and add those to the stuffing. If you can find loose mushrooms in the grocery store, where you pick out your own from a bin, you can choose the large ones needed for this recipe. Much easier to stuff.

Rolled Meat Loaf (Polpettone)

2 pounds lean ground beef
4 oz. sliced mozzarella
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
4 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon garlic salt
8 oz. tomato paste
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 cup water

4 slices deli ham
1 bay leaf
1 cup warm leftover mashed potatoes. NOTE: you can make these fresh if you desire, using instant mashed potatoes or refrigerated style.
In a large mixing bowl, combine the meat, parsley, garlic salt and pepper using your hands and being gentle. Turn this mixture out onto a floured piece of waxed paper and form into a rectangle. Lay the ham slices on the meat. Carefully spread the mashed potatoes on top of the ham and lay the sliced mozzarella on top of the potatoes. Slowly roll the meat up like a jelly roll, using the waxed paper to lift it up as you roll. Heat two tablespoons of the olive oil in a large, heavy skillet. Place the stuffed meat loaf into the pan and pour the remaining oil over it. Cover the skillet, turn down the heat and simmer for about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, mix the tomato paste with the water and add the bay leaf. Pour this over the meatloaf, replace the cover and continue to simmer for about an hour. Carefully remove the meatloaf from the pan to a serving platter, tent with a piece of foil and let it rest for about 10 minutes before slicing to serve.

Duck Stuffed with Sausage (Anitra Imbottita)

NOTE: If you are not a fan of duck, use a whole chicken.
1 duck, about 4 pounds
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
1/2 pound mild Italian sausage
1 large egg, beaten
1 cup cooked white rice
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
NOTE: Don't use instant rice; boil regular rice and let it cool to room temperature. If it sticks together, mix in a few drops of olive oil, not much. You don't want it to be oily.

Wash the duck (or chicken) with cold water and pat dry with paper towels. Make sure you remove the neck etc. that might be packaged inside the bird. If you purchased link sausage, remove it from the casing and break it into small pieces. Mix together the sausage, rice, egg, bread crumbs and parsley. Stuff the duck with this mixture, using it all. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F, and place the bird in a roasting pan. Bake for about 1 ½ hours, basting occasionally with any drippings. If using a chicken, you won't have many drippings so basting with some chicken broth works too. Test for internal temperature of 165 degrees F.

I have a great recipe for stuffed manicotti but no room to add it here. I'll save it for one of the weeks when I just write my own recipes instead of using a cookbook. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Feeding farmers

Starting earlier in September, the Worth County Extension Office has been serving field meals every Thursday, "feeding those who feed us." Pictured are the volunteers who helped cook and prepare the meals on September 24. Meals continue through October 22, with menus posted on the Worth County ISU Extension & 4-H Facebook page. Those who would like a meal are asked to RSVP by 10 a.m. the day before by calling the office at 641-324-1531 or emailing kenesk@iastate.edu. Meals will be available to those that have RSVPed from 5-7 p.m. on Thursdays.



Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte Library Director

Mark your calendars: the Northwood Public Library will be hosting our annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 10:30-12:30 p.m. We're going to have bingo, eyeball races, candy corn bowling and more! Wear your costume and get a free book to keep!

We have our Preschool Story Times on Fridays from 10-11 a.m. Our dates for October are Friday the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Preschool Story Time is geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too!

The library has two dif-

ferent 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 September:

Adult Fiction books: "The Witch" by Freida McFadden, "Partita" by Barbara Kingsolver, "The Memory of Borrowed Books" by Meg Anderson, "Life Out of Order" by Audrey Niffenegger, "Bound/Unbound" by Ali Hazelwood, "Adam and Eve" by Jeffrey Archer, "Samantha: the Next Chapter" by Fiona Davis, "Peck & Peck" by Bonnie Garmus, "The Family Cross" by James Patterson, "Royal Witch" by Phillipa Gregory, "Queen of Lombard Street" by Lisa Kleypas, "Miss Wilcott's Ghost" by Louise Pen-

ny, "The Hollow" by Michael Connelly, "The Girl in the Lake" by James Patterson, and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: "A Season of Secrets" by Fern Michaels, "The Forbidden Caller" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "A Castle of Sand" by Wanda Brunstetter, "Ruthless" by Danielle Steel, "The Windsor Affair" by Melanie Benjamin, "Three Steps Behind" by Dani Pettrey 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 or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

Baby girl declared Safe Haven in September

Through the Safe Haven Law, a baby girl, born September 8 is now in the care and custody of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and will be placed with a foster family until permanent placement is determined. This brings the overall total to 82 infants since the law went into effect more than

two decades ago.

Iowa's Safe Haven Act is an option for parents in crisis who determine they cannot care for an infant up to 90 days old. Designated safe havens are locations like hospitals and police and fire stations. Iowa HHS then works to place infants in an approved foster home while awaiting permanent

adoption.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, visit iowa-fosterandadoption.org to learn more about becoming an approved foster or adoptive family. For more information on Iowa's Safe Haven, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/CPS/safe-haven>.



Harvest craft at Reconnect 720

Patti Brekken led a craft for interested seniors at Reconnect 720 (Northwood Senior Center) on Wednesday, September 23. Using corn and beans they crafted a Harvest magnet, pin or ornament for the tree.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I got great news from the IRS in the mail. Are you getting a refund? No, I'm getting an Audi. Let me see that letter. You are getting audited.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. "Another day," I thought. I'd nailed it. It was another day. My rain gauge drowned as Minnesota tried to become the Land of 20,000 Lakes. Mother Nature's cloud storage was full, and we were not properly hydrated, so she gave us a firehose of rain. The traditional English

idiom "It never rains, but it pours" appeared in print as early as 1772. In 1914, the Morton Salt Company adopted the ad slogan, "When it rains, it pours." My heart went out to those affected by the overly generous supply of water. Nine inches of rain fell in such a short period in New Richland that it seemed like 90 inches. Rising waters flooded houses and businesses. Then they came. They looked like normal people, but they were exceptional people. Fred Rogers, AKA Mr. Rogers, said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" Those helpers in New Richland are a special kind of good. What an amazing difference they made. THANK YOU! It cleared up with a dry drizzle. Soon, it was a

bright and shiny morning whether or not the sun was shining. It was a bright and shiny morning because of those helpers.

I've learned

As a young man, I worked at a smelly turkey processing plant. A coworker wore Vicks VapoRub every day, not because he was ailing, but so he didn't have to smell anything else. Vicks says it's the third most recognized scent in the world behind peanut butter and coffee. I stopped at the Salvation Army Store and the Library Bookstore to visit my old stuff. The good news was that I resisted the temptation to buy back any of my donations. If you ever get the feeling that everybody knows something that you don't, you're right. I've been telling stories at a good number of senior

living communities. I never leave one without feeling enhanced and enlightened. I've discovered that the word "nothing" is a palindrome. Backwards it spells "gnihton," which also means nothing.

Bad jokes department

Due to the economy, the actor Vin Diesel changed his name to Vin Regular Unleaded. A city cut coroners by eliminating one of its two medical examiners. Naming a town is easy—just go with the name that is on the water tower. Picasso's home was burgled and he was asked to draw pictures of the suspects. The police searched for a goat and two bullheads.

Nature notes

LaVonne Kalke of New Richland asked why there

are so few birds in her yard in early fall. The multicolored Asian lady beetles ate them all. That's not true. I kid because I love. Many birds follow their food and migrate. The populations of insect-reliant species like warblers, vireos and flycatchers have been reduced. Many songbirds migrate at night to avoid predators and take advantage of cooler, calmer air. Some species of birds that migrate during the day include pelicans, hawks, falcons, hummingbirds, swifts and swallows. Natural food sources like berries, seeds and late-season insects are abundant, so birds don't need to rely on feeders. Resident birds become less vocal with no need to attract a mate or defend a territory. Hardy birds like chickadees, juncos, goldfinches, cardinals, blue jays, nuthatches and woodpeckers will become more active at feeders as the weather gets colder. Many birds around the world are starting their days earlier than ever, because of unnaturally bright skies caused by light pollution. They vocalize about 20 minutes earlier in the morning

and stop vocalizing about 30 minutes later in the evening, according to Neil Gilbert, a wildlife ecologist with Oklahoma State University. Gilbert and Brent Pease of Southern Illinois University analyzed millions of recordings of birdsong to determine their findings. I was invited to the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. I appreciated being invited, but I'll be hunting with a camera. I delight in taking photos of nature's stunners. A wild turkey's snood is the fleshy flap that dangles down over the beak, and the wattle is the loose skin that hangs under the chin. Thank you for listening and watching KMSU Radio and KEYC TV.

Meeting adjourned

One of my favorite writers died recently—Annie Dillard. She wrote this: "We are here to bring to consciousness the beauty and power that are around us and to praise the people who are here with us."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, This November's gubernatorial election is giving me pause. While Kim Reynolds is not perfect (as no politicians are) she has been a steady, conservative and mostly common sense leader for years. Now we are faced with replacing her with two candidates that are pretty much unknown to me. Democrat Rob Sand has worked in state government for many years so he knows the ropes and he knows people in office. He comes across as a true blue Iowan who wants to put families, children and communities first but....one of his first acts according to one of his interviews is that he will legalize recreational marijuana. He announces the "possible" revenue this will provide for Iowa's sinking (in his opinion) economy because of the taxes, fees, licenses etc. that will come into play if cannabis becomes a cash crop and a popular sales product. He makes no mention, however, of the costs of this decision. The social costs to families, the costs of law enforce-

ment to develop, enforce and implement laws, limits and the like with regard to the use of yet another mind-altering substance. The medical costs for addiction treatment, the costs to families (yes, Rob, and children) who suffer if someone in the household becomes addicted or even just spends household money on pot instead of necessities. His statement in an interview on TV channel 6 indicated he "would treat it just as we treat alcohol" implying the same age limits, driving limits, location limits of use etc. What has this man not learned by seeing how Iowa "treats alcohol"? Look at or read any of the local news sources to inform yourself about the deaths and injuries from drunk driving, the kids detained for underage drinking, the families who are affected daily by someone they love drinking too much, becoming violent in some cases or simply not being a responsible husband, wife, mom or dad. It was the nail in his political coffin with regard to my vote that he values money in

the state coffers over possible impact on Iowa's residents. Then, we have Zach Lahn. Although born and raised in Iowa, he has spent the majority of his adult life in Kansas, so we are told (by Mr. Sand) the he has no real connection to his home state and will remain emotionally tied to Kansas. He has children who live in Kansas so he makes numerous trips there to see them and be a father. That doesn't disqualify someone from holding office but...where will his focus be and his time and energy spent? In the above-mentioned television interview he came across as steady and fairly conservative. He does not support the legalized recreational cannabis issue. He has returned to live in his former home town of Belle Plaine but what ties does he still have there? He and his current family live on his family farm; is that it? He is little known in Iowa, even in his current community if one can believe a television commercial where a longtime Belle Plain resident says he has never seen Zach Lahn anywhere in town and has lived there all his life.

In my years of working in mental health and school counseling, I have seen a lot of pain and grief among adults and teens. I feel strongly about the causes of some of this that is under our control to mitigate. For that reason I will vote Republican and take my chances with the unknown entity verses the known results of another substance that can wreak havoc on people.

Sandy Olson
Northwood

Dear Editor,
As a 70-year-old, sec-

ond generation American, the writer of this opinion article has never before seriously entertained the thought that a coup 'd état in the United States could be a reasonable and warranted undertaking. However, as we approach the November midterm elections, the mood concerning our billionaire Executive Branch has soured and the warning signs that Trump intends to interfere with our free and fair elections are glaringly evident. One need not have a Political Science degree to understand Donald Trump's rhetoric over the last decade. He has no respect for our democratic system. He has no respect for the electorate, or the good folks who dutifully tabulate the votes. For his own motives, he loudly cries fraud before, during and after an election, even when he wins. He wants us to believe that in any precinct where he loses, it's obviously fraud. Trump's tendency to promote political corruption knows no bounds. The only reason he hasn't been convicted and sentenced for such acts is because he was re-elected; the evidence of his guilt is overwhelming. Never forget the 2015 campaign; "Russia, if you're listening...", well, they were. They interfered on his behalf. Read the Mueller Report. Almost 80% of the heavily redacted report concerned grand jury and ongoing investigations. Well golly! Whose name do you suppose is in those redactions? Never, ever forget January 6, 2020! Trump instigated a violent insurrection intended to overthrow the election. They hunted for vice-president Pence; "hang Mike Pence," they chanted.

They hunted for Nancy Pelosi. They were going to hold hostages in our Capitol Building. Blood shed. Death. Endless pizza delivery. Trump reveled in it and pardoned all participants. Treason? Not by definition. Unpatriotic, un-American, profoundly immoral? For sure. Take Trump's words seriously, as he's not hiding his intentions. With a supremely corrupt Supreme Court behind him, he can, and will, do anything to stay in power. Remember the, "I can shoot someone on 5th Avenue..." statement? It's proven to be true. The "Trump Company" has been using our country as an unlimited cash machine, while unleashing onto our streets an unrelenting brutality that would make Putin blush. They are literally murdering American citizens in cold blood. They're beating, gassing, abducting, terrorizing and jailing innocent people. They've constructed CAFOs to house human beings. Is that you? Saying and doing nothing makes one complicit. Does it have to be your son, delivering Door Dash, who gets shot in the back and thrown to a cell floor? Does it have to be your child jumping ship, losing a limb or dying for nothing before the human emotion of empathy kicks in? Is it okay with you that the Trump Company billionaires have destroyed our economy, alienated all of our trusted allies, torn down part of the White House while defacing the interior and exterior? Some of us have sat in the Kennedy Center with amazement of its beauty, gazed into the reflection pool and stood marveled at the Smithsonian; they

threaten to destroy all of it. Is that okay with you? Is it okay to place snipers and killer drones overlooking Washington DC? Renaming bodies of water? What's next, North Trump America / South Trump America? What about the Epstein Files? It's pretty obvious whose name they are protecting. If we only knew the truth about that! One last thing. Our want-to-be dictator has been harping for months about how "our country will not be taken over by communism or socialists." He's deflecting us away from the word "fascist," which is what he is / they are. The hunt is on for Antifa, which is short for antifascist. Antifa is not a gang, mob, club, and is certainly isn't ICE. One doesn't join Antifa. One is Antifa by virtue of being a patriotic American citizen! I'm Antifa, my parents were, my entire family is, all my friends are, our government and military are (or supposed to be), I presume all my neighbors are and also includes all races, colors, creeds and religious groups who regard themselves as Americans. The 230 or so WWII veterans I accompanied on the Honor Flight to DC were Antifa. So let's get real! At the very least, vote correctly, or don't vote at all. Don't let Don Jr. be our next life president. Quit voting for someone worse than the one already representing you. Forget about your personal grievances, we all have them. But try to picture the future, should this fascism continue. The Company is running us into the ground and stealing our freedom as we sleepwalk to the polls. John Podgorniak
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Obituaries

100 years ago

September 23, 1926

A small opening day crowd passed through the gates of the Worth County Fair Wednesday to view one of the best exhibits of livestock, farm machinery and farm products ever shown on the local grounds. This week subscribers to the Northwood exchange of the Western Electric telephone System have received a supplementary list of numbers, which is to be used in connection with the regular phone book on account of the new telephones installed and the old ones with changed numbers. Before calling

numbers, it would be well for the telephone user to consult the supplementary. Alternating dark and light streaks or spots in butter are caused by uneven distribution of salt and can be prevented by one proper salting and working of the butter. A.O. Gilbertson of St. Ansgar has 60 acres in ginseng, which is said to be the largest field in the world. He stated that the gross returns from four acres of ginseng, dug and sold in 1922-23-24 were \$90,109. Including the seed. In a very short time the remarking of the primary and county roads system of Iowa to conform to the new federal road marking that is being put into effect throughout the country, will be accomplished. Un-

der the new plan is the Jefferson Highway. Running north and south through the county and now known as primary road No. 1, will lose its identity as a state road and will be known as U.S. No. 65. Leonard Tews, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Tews, south of Myrtle, is in the hospital at Albert Lea with a fractured thigh bone as a result of a fall from a silo. Silo filling was on at the farm of his uncle, Arthur Tews. As the children came home from school. Leonard climbed part way up the outside of the silo, lost his hold in some manner and fell without any of the men who were about knowing anything of the accident until they heard the cries of the little fellow.

Anna Sanderson, Fertile; and Mrs. Ina Berg and Mrs. Gena Bratrud of Kensett. Seven women from the Worth County area took the three-day course for Red Cross first aid instructors offered Monday through Wednesday in Northwood by a representative of the St. Louis Red Cross office. Taking the course were Mrs. Harold Hagen, Mrs. Walter Noe and Mrs. Alfred Swanson, Northwood; Mrs. George Davis Carpenter; Mrs. John Tietz, Manly; and Mrs. Peder Skram, Kensett and Mrs. Fred Logemann, Meltonville. Until now, Oren Igou, Meltonville, county first aid chairman, has been the only holder of a Red Cross instructors certificate in Worth County.

auction Wednesday was attended by about 1,000 people, the largest attendance at a farm sale in the Worth County area in many years. Gross for the sales was about \$23,000. Proceeds go to the estate of Mr. Jacobson, who with his wife and two of their children were killed in a train car crash in Northwood on July 10. The milk cow belonging to Lawrence Troe of Carpenter was so badly injured by dogs, who attacked her in the barn yard, Monday night, that she had to be sold to market on Tuesday. Four local teachers are among 63 enrolled in the adult teacher education night classes at Mason City Junior College. They are Mr. Cecile Neale, Northwood; Mrs.

Donald Nappe was given the oath of office as a new board member who replaces Otto Ostby, who did not seek reelection. The N-K Cross Country team won their first Invitational of the 1976 season by placing #2, 5, 7, 13 and 21 for 48 points at the Luther Cross Country Invitational. The individual winner of the B/C division was Leland Moore of Kee High in 10:51, followed by Viking runner Chad Sietsema #2 (11:04), Robert Aamodt #5 (11:17), Elton Butler #7 (11:39), Ron Stricker #13 (11:59), and Larry Porter #21 (12:17). N-K junior high seventh grade girls lost to John Adams, Mason City, 24-14 in basketball. Sheryl Schlatter had eight points and Mary

through the farm he shares with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sorbo, last Thursday afternoon. The dented roof (in foreground) of the Sorbo's 1994 Mercury Sable is an indication of the hailstorm, which shattered the vehicle's back window, spider-webbed its windshield, and dented its trunk and hood. Northwood-Kensett High School seniors Deena Witte and Brian Klitzke reigned over N-K homecoming festivities following their coronation last Thursday night in the high school auditorium. Northwood Lions Club member Doyle Boutelle looked on as his daughter Lonnie Forland happily accepted a \$500 check from

Lions Club treasurer Russell Herberg and president Bill Imlau last Monday night during the Lion's meeting at Wesley Hall in the United Methodist Church. Forland and her husband Steve will forward and check to the Children's Cancer and Blood Disorder Fund at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. The Northwood Lions used the proceeds of their annual Worth County Fair root beer float stand to fund the donation. Gus and Diane Hagen are parents of a baby boy, Blake Thomas. He was born Sept. 10 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. He joins sisters Sam, 8, Shelby 4, and brother, Brent 6.

complete with seating areas, were funded by the Worth County Development Authority (WCDA) and built by Schmidt Construction of Kensett. As N-K once again celebrated its homecoming, two N-K seniors were crowned homecoming royalty last Thursday evening. Crowned King was Matthew Parcher. Emily Christianson was crowned queen. Members of the Northwood-Kensett Class of 1976 met for their 40th reunion on Saturday, September 10. A bus load of Norwegian tourists from the area of Voss, Norway, visited Northwood on Thursday. Members of the group are relatives to Worth County natives Bertrum and

Alan Stevens

Alan Livingston Stevens quit raising hogs for good on September 24, 2026. Services will be held 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 308 Fourth Ave, Grafton. He will be laid to rest at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services. Alan was born on a farm 13 miles northwest of Verdigre, Nebraska, on October 23, 1934, to L.G. and Elaine Swoboda Stevens. He moved with his family to northern Worth County, Iowa, in 1937. He attended a Barton Township school for four years, Carpenter School for four years and Northwood High School, graduating in 1952. During elementary and high school, Alan was a very active 4-H member and loved working with animal projects, especially beef and hogs for the Worth County Fair. He was also a very active FFA member, receiving the FFA Iowa Farmer Degree.

After graduating from high school, Alan attended Iowa State College from 1952 until 1954. He spent one summer as the Youth Assistant for the Wright County Extension, working mostly with 4-H youth. He really enjoyed the time he spent there. He then volunteered for the draft and joined the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, serving most of this time at a base near Fairbanks, Alaska, in an armored artillery unit, C Battery 274, AFA. After discharge from the Army, Alan returned to



ALAN STEVENS

Iowa. He married his high school sweetheart, Mavis Elaine Olson, on September 1, 1956. They returned to Ames, where Mavis worked as a registered nurse and Alan received his Bachelor of Science degree. Their son Mike was born in Ames. In 1958, Alan, Mavis, and Mike started farming southeast of Northwood and later moved to their Deer Creek Township farm, where they raised corn, soybeans, cattle for a while, and had a large hog operation for that time period. More family was added: daughters Susan and Jill, and later a son, Tom. Alan was a community-minded person and served on many boards, often in leadership roles. He served on the Lutheran Retirement Home Board for 18 years, serving as treasurer for much of that time. He was also involved with his church, Farm Bureau, Extension, the 4-H County Committee, Watershed, Pork Producers and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine. Alan was always very interested in the crops he grew and watched over them carefully. He installed miles of tile to control the soil for better crops.

He was well known for the quality of hogs he raised and showed some of the best at local, state and national shows. Alan was always ready to help a 4-H member with their hog projects, selling quality show pigs at a very reasonable price. In later years, he let some use his facilities and equipment for their projects. Alan enjoyed working with wood and made many things for family and friends, including many picture frames for Mavis's paintings. In later years, Alan liked to write and had books printed about his and Mavis's life, Mavis's watercolors, a book about his dad's life and a book of stories—some true, others not. Alan was honored with the Iowa Pork Producer Award, the Iowa Master Farmer Award and was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. Alan's children are Michael (Judy) Stevens, Susan (Steve) Pederson, Jill Fristo and Thomas (Amber) Stevens. He has nine grandchildren, Kelsi Pederson Garrison, Israel Pederson, Drew Pederson, Aaron Stevens, the late Lauren Stevens, Skylar Beresford, Joshua Stevens, Eathen Fristo, Mcayla Fristo and Shelby Fristo. Alan has 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Siblings include David (Anne) Stevens and Lois (Clyde) Hill. Alan was preceded in death by his parents, L.G (Elaine) Stevens; his mother- and father-in-law, Oscar (Mildred) Olson; his granddaughter, Lauren Elaine Stevens; and his brother, George Stevens.

50 years ago

September 23, 1976

Jim Trainer, Deer Creek farmer, was re-elected president of the Worth County Farm Bureau at its annual meeting. The meeting was held at the Elk Creek Lutheran Church. Bill Imlau was re-elected vice president; Harold Hanson, secretary and Bob Sawin, treasurer. Mrs. Beverly Pangburn was elected president of the N-K board of education at the regular board meeting Monday. Other officers are Lloyd Madson, vice president; Alice Whitcome, secretary; and Otto Brunsvold, treasurer.

25 years ago

September 26, 2001

This year's official enrollment at Northwood-Kensett Community Schools is 40 students less than last year's. Northwood-Kensett teachers and administrators counted 535 students in grades K-12 here last Friday when the Iowa Department of Education took its official statewide school census. Silver Lake Township resident Gaylord Sorbo displays three large hailstones he's keeping in his freezer as a reminder of the storm that ripped

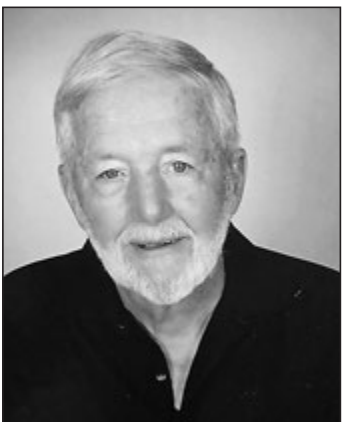
10 years ago

September 28, 2016

Following the recent rain-falls, three Worth County parks have been closed by Worth County Conservation due to flooding. Ochee Yahola, Silver Lake and Kuennen's Quarry parks are currently closed as high water levels created hazards for those traveling into the parks. The lucky kids of Kensett have been given a very thoughtful gift - sheeted bus stops - one east and one west of Highway 65. The brainchild of Kensett's city council, these low-maintenance, solidly built shelters,

Jay Gullickson

Jay Edward Gullickson was born on August 5, 1939, in Mason City, Iowa, and passed away on September 3, 2026, at his home surrounded by family. Jay grew up in Iowa, graduating from Northwood High School and then enlisted in the United States Army, serving his country from 1957 – 1960. After his service he returned to Northwood, Iowa, and was united in marriage to Iva Leegaard on October 10, 1964. The couple lived in Northwood after their marriage for a short time and then followed Iva's parents to Minnesota. Jay and Iva farmed in the Donnelly/Herman area where they started their family. Then in the late 1960s bought a farm in Ben Wade Township, which they still have. Jay and Iva were blessed with almost 62 years of marriage. Throughout those years they enjoyed traveling on motorcycle



JAY GULLICKSON

throughout the United States, wintering in Mission, Texas, and for the past 50 years Jay enjoyed going for his annual fishing trip to Canada. Jay will be remembered as a quiet man who didn't want a lot of attention, he had a great sense of humor and would laugh and joke with the best of them. He is survived by his wife, Iva; son, Jodean (Jill); daughters, Judi (Mark) Femrite and Jennifer (Tom) Hayes; seven grand-

children, Haley, Elizabeth, Derek, Ethan, Samuel, Nelsen and Joseph; eight great-grandchildren, Mad-die, Nash, Braxton, Emerson, George, Crue, Carter and Ava; brother, Arlen (Janet); and sister, JoAnn Alexander. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Marcella Gullickson; brother, Robert; niece, Kim; father and mother-in-law, Ingvold and Thelma Leegaard; son-in-law Rick; brothers-in-law, Jerry and Bill; and sister-in-law, Sheryl. Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 4 – 7 p.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home. Visitation continued on Thursday, September 10, 2026, 10 – 11 a.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home with a funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial was at St. Paul's Cemetery in Lowry. Memorials are preferred to Vivie Hospice.

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Kinley Thompson

Kinley Jean Thompson, 12, of Northwood, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, surrounded by her parents and family.

Services were at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026, at First Lutheran Church in Northwood with Reverend Becky Sogge officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood. In true Kinley fashion, the family asks that you wear your brightest, most fun attire, N-K Pride or Strikers attire. She wouldn't want to see us in something sad and dark.

Visitation and viewing were from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at First Lutheran Church and continued one hour prior to the service on Monday.

The funeral service will be livestreamed through the church for those unable to attend. <https://www.facebook.com/flcnwdsunday-school/>

Kinley was born on February 8, 2014, in Mason City, Iowa, the beloved daughter of Matt Charles and Ashley Jean (Hillman) Thompson. She grew up in Northwood and was a seventh-grade student at Northwood-Kensett.

Kinley was a spitfire from the very beginning. She could light up a room with her smile, her laughter, and a personality that was nearly impossible to miss. Quiet usually did not last very long when Kinley was around. She was outgoing, curious, adventurous and always ready to try something new. She had a way of talking to just about anyone and seemed to make friends everywhere she went.

At school, Kinley could often be found making her way down the hallway giving high fives and visiting with friends. She knew so many people, and so many people knew her. Her friendships were important to her, and she loved spending time with her classmates, teammates and friends. She was also incredibly curious and loved to learn, although she certainly enjoyed getting out of school and heading off on an adventure whenever the opportunity presented itself.

There were countless little things that made Kinley happy. She loved dancing, singing and doing cartwheels. She loved having her hair done, wearing makeup and going shopping, especially trips to the Dollar Store, Five Below, Ulta and Sephora. She enjoyed swimming and smores by the campfire, and she was always ready to go somewhere or visit someone. If there was something happening, Kinley wanted to be part of it.

She had been involved in Girl Scouts since kindergarten and, over the years, tried her hand at just about anything that caught her



KINLEY THOMPSON

interest. She danced, played basketball for a short time, wrestled and participated in softball, volleyball and gymnastics. She was a member of the Green Shamrocks 4-H Club and spent a year playing flute in band. More recently, Kinley was part of the Strikers, where she found another group of teammates and friends who became an important part of her life. And if Kinley wasn't in the sport, she loved cheering for her team.

Kinley especially loved being outdoors and sharing adventures with her dad. She went hunting with him and got her first deer just two years ago. She enjoyed fishing, four-wheeler and Ranger rides, and Jeep rides with Dad, particularly when those rides ended with ice cream. The two also had plenty of fun making TikTok videos together. Some of Kinley's favorite memories did not need to be complicated. She simply loved being together, going somewhere and seeing what kind of fun they could find. Kinley always knew how to get Dad to say yes to something on Amazon.

Kinley and her mom were quite the pair, too. Ashley was there for the hair, makeup, shopping, talking, laughing and all of the everyday moments in between. She knew firsthand how determined her daughter could be when she had her mind made up. Their relationship was full of personality, conversation and a whole lot of love. Kinley loved to make mom do all of the funny TikTok trends. She was always coming up with new ideas of things to try, even if it meant a trip to the store. Kinley would always want to be with Mom while she was at work, which led to hours of face-time. Mom could never tell Kinley "no." Kinley loved to go flower shopping with Mom, and they always ended up with way more flowers than they needed! She had a way of getting Mom to try and do anything Kinley wanted.

Time spent with her grandparents was equally special. Kinley loved going to garage sales with them and spending time with Grandma. Her cousins were an important part of her world as well, and family gatherings gave Kinley exactly what she loved most: people to visit with, things to do, and another opportunity to have fun.

And wherever life took

her, Kinley was usually happiest when there was an animal nearby. She especially loved her goldendoodle, Jett, who held a very special place in her heart.

Kinley had an extraordinary ability to take people into her world. She could talk to anyone about nearly anything, and her enthusiasm was contagious. She wanted to experience things for herself, whether that meant joining a new activity, heading out on a ride, learning something new, making another friend or simply seeing where the day might take her. She did not just sit on the sidelines. Kinley wanted to be part of it.

Throughout her time at Mayo Clinic, Kinley also formed special connections with the nurses and caregivers who cared for her. Their kindness, patience and friendship meant so much to Kinley and her family, with a particularly special place in Kinley's heart for Maddie and Amanda. Even in circumstances no 12-year-old should have had to face, Kinley continued to share the smiles, laughter and personality that made her so deeply loved.

Kinley leaves behind an enormous circle of people who loved her, including her parents, Matt and Ashley Thompson; beloved dog, Jett; her grandparents, Christine Thompson, Carol and Arlington "Jr." Hillman; her aunts and uncles, Tracy Hawk, Dawn (Keith) Thompson-Julius, Zeke Thompson, Luke (Sarah) Thompson, Arlington (Lori) Hillman and Lonnie (Jennifer) Hillman; and her beloved cousins, Kyle (Winona), Baby Mason, Jessica, Callie, Taylor (Abby), Madison, Hunter, Landon, Jewel, Bailey, Jonah, Bradon, Journey, David, Harper, Payton, Ella and Bentley. She had extra love for her Jamie, Mama May and grandma Cindy Wurtzel; as well as extended family members, classmates, teammates and friends.

Kinley was preceded in death by her grandpa, Steven Thompson; her uncle, Shawn Thompson; great-grandparents, Betty and Vern Jackson, Mary Behr and Arlington and Alberta Hillman.

Twelve years could never have been enough time for everyone who loved Kinley. Yet within those years, she filled an incredible amount of life. Kinley was funny, social, adventurous and wonderfully full of life. Most of all, she loved people, and she had a way of making sure the people around her knew she was there.

The hallways will be quieter without her high fives, the adventures will feel different without her along for the ride, and there will forever be a Kinley-sized space in the lives of the many people who were fortunate enough to love her.



Kensett Public Library

By Lisa Lestrud
Library Director

Greetings from the Kensett Library. It feels like fall, the crisp air and rainy days are upon us. What better time to be checking out a book, DVD or puzzle for a cozy day inside. Come see what we have.

We have some fun things happening in October, please join us.

Starting on Tuesday, October 6, from 2 - 3 p.m. and every Tuesday in October. We will be showing the "Grow Young Fitness" Chair Workouts for Seniors, DVD series exercise class. There is no cost to join us. Limit of 10 people and this is an adult only class. Please sign up at library or call 641-845-2222.

On Saturday, October 10, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. we will recognize "National Farmers Day" with a very special guest, JoAnn Lower, to read her book, "Li'l Elmer & Archie," a story about a mouse and a farmer. We will also do a craft, and have a snack. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, October 24, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. let's celebrate "National Food Day," with a kid friendly cooking class, easy and fun. Please RSVP for this event by signing up at the library or by calling 641-845-2222. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, October 31, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. join us for a Halloween Party, story, games, craft and snacks. Wear your costume and get a prize. Everyone is welcome.

I also wanted to share that we now have



two early childhood learning kits available to check out- Color & Shape Connection Kit and On the Farm Kit. These are wonderful learning sets for ages two years and up. These can be checked out by an adult (18) cardholder and can be kept for a two week period. These are available at our service desk.

I look forward to seeing you at the library.

Bolan

Members of the Bolan Trinity United Women in Faith met Nancy Jewell, who is in charge of the Beacon House, at a Mason City restaurant on Wednesday for lunch to discuss how we ladies could help with making necessary purchases, offering help where needed or a money donation to help keep her mission operating.

Pastor Cory was taking part in a "Pastor Swap" Sunday. She was at the Wesley and Grace UM Churches in Mason City and giving the message at Trinity was Rev. Lumiere Kapend, who is the pastor at Plymouth, Rock Falle, Nora Springs and Rudd.

The Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center will be

having their annual "Pumpkins, Pancakes & Pumpkin Pie" event on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 9 until 11 a.m. You can pick your own pumpkins or gourds from the patch, have all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausages at the school with a Free Will Donation.

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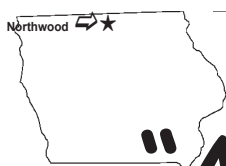
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The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, present. Enos Loberg, absent. All members voting “AYE” unless noted.
Meeting called to order by Stone, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and September 14, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-29 to provide for a notice of hearing and letting on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Administration Office Building Project. Roll

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The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, will meet on October 12, 2026, at the Board of Supervisors' Room, Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of undertaking the Coun-

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An Ordinance granting Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a
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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, as follows:
FRANCHISE GRANTED
The City of Lake Mills, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), hereby grants a non-exclusive franchise to Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, a Delaware limited liability corporation (hereinafter called "Grantee"), its lessees, successors and assigns. Grantee is hereby granted the right, privilege, franchise, permission and authority to lay, construct, install, maintain, operate and extend in, along, over, above or across the present and future streets, alleys, avenues, bridges, public rights-of-way and public easements as are now within the present or future limits of said Grantor, a natural gas distribution system and all facilities necessary for the purpose of supplying natural gas or processed gas and other operations connected therewith or incident thereto for all purposes to the inhabitants of said Grantor and consumers in the vicinity thereof, and for the distribution of natural gas from or through said Grantor to points beyond the limits thereof. Such facilities shall include, but not be limited to, all mains, services, pipes, poles, communication devices, conduits and all other apparatus and appliances necessary or convenient for transporting, distributing and supplying natural gas for all purposes for which it may be used, and to do all other things necessary and proper in providing natural gas service to the inhabitants of Grantor and in carrying on such business.

TERM
The rights and privileges granted hereunder shall remain in effect for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the effective date of this Ordinance.
FRANCHISE FEES OR TAXES
Grantor may, during the term of this franchise, in its discretion, in compliance with and as authorized by state law, after public hearing and upon a majority vote of a majority of the members of the Grantor's City Council then present, pass an ordinance imposing a franchise fee on Grantee's customers located within Grantor's corporate limits; provided, however, that the franchise fee shall not be effective, and Grantee shall not be obligated to collect and pay same, unless and until: (1) it is satisfactory to Grantee with respect to its compatibility with Grantee's billing system; (2) the form of assessment and collection of the franchise fee is based on either: (a) a percentage of Grantee's gross receipts of regulated sales or transportation revenues collected from Grantee's customers within Grantor's corporate limits; (b) a volumetric fee based upon Grant-

call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone. Absent: Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the sheriff's monthly report. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve payroll eligibility verification for Cameron Cline at \$50,000/year as submitted by conservation and Pat McNally at \$16.00/hour as submitted by public health. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-27 interfund transfer resolution. Roll call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone. Absent: Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).
Motion Smeby/Second Stone

ty Administration Building Project, an urban renewal project of the County authorized by action of the Board of Supervisors on September 28, 2026.
The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into, and bonds will be issued thereunder, pursuant to authority contained in Section 331.402 and Section 331.441(2)(b)(14) of the Code of Iowa. The Loan Agreement and the bonds will constitute a general obligation of the County.
It is estimated the annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from the County entering into the Loan Agreement will be \$61.39, however the Board of Supervisors may determine for any fiscal year while the Loan Agreement is outstanding to budget other available revenues to the payment of some or all of the debt service

ee's delivery of energy within Grantor's corporate limits; or (c) a flat fee collected on a non-discriminatory basis from each of Grantee's customers within Grantor's corporate limits; and (3) Grantor has imposed a franchise fee on all other parties supplying energy within Grantor's corporate limits, calculated in the same manner as the franchise fee imposed on Grantee's customers.
GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS
The franchise granted hereunder is subject to all conditions, limitations and immunities now provided for, or as hereafter amended, and applicable to the operations of a public utility, by state or federal law. The rates to be charged by Grantee for service within the present or future corporate limits of Grantor and the rules and regulations regarding the character, quality and standards of service to be furnished by Grantee, shall be under the jurisdiction and control of such regulatory body or bodies as may, from time to time, be vested by law with authority and jurisdiction over the rates, regulations and quality and standards of service to be supplied by Grantee. Provided however, should any judicial, regulatory or legislative body having proper jurisdiction take any action that precludes Grantee from recovering from its customers any cost associated with services provided hereunder, then Grantee and Grantor shall renegotiate the terms of this Ordinance in accordance with the action taken. In determining the rights and duties of the Grantee, the terms of this Ordinance shall take precedence over any conflicting terms or requirements contained in any other ordinance enacted by the Grantor.

PROVISION FOR INADEQUATE ENERGY SUPPLIES
If an energy supplier is unable to furnish an adequate supply of energy due to an emergency, an order or decision of a public regulatory body, or other acts beyond the control of the Grantee, then the Grantee shall have the right and authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations limiting, curtailing or allocating extensions of service or supply of energy to any customers or prospective customers, and withholding the supply of energy to new customers, provided that such rules and regulations shall be uniform as applied to each class of customers or prospective customers, and shall be non-discriminatory as between communities receiving service from the Grantee.
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF GRANT-EE'S FACILITIES
Any pavements, sidewalks or curbing taken up and any and all excavations made shall be done in such a manner as to cause only such inconvenience to the inhabitants of Grantor and the general public as is reasonably necessary, and repairs and replacements shall be made promptly by Grantee, leaving such properties in as good as condition as existed immediately prior to excavation.
Grantee agrees that for the term of this franchise, it will use its best efforts to maintain its facilities and equipment in a condition sufficient to meet the current and future energy requirements of Grantor, its inhabitants and industries. While maintaining its facilities

to approve Resolution 2026-28 interfund transfer resolution. Roll call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone. Absent: Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the engagement letter between Worth County, Iowa and Northland Securities, Inc. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for E & F Site/Summit Pork III, LP #63402. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to adjourn at 8:52 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Vice-Chairperson
coming due thereunder.
At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.
At any time before the date fixed for taking action to enter into the Loan Agreement, a petition may be filed with the County Auditor asking that the question of entering into the Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.441(2)(b)(14) of the Code of Iowa.
By order of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa.
Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

and equipment, Grantee shall obtain permits as required by ordinance and will fix its excavations within a commercially reasonable time period, except that in emergency situations Grantee shall take such immediate unilateral actions as it determines are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; in which case, Grantee shall notify Grantor as soon as reasonably possible. Within a reasonable time thereafter, Grantee shall request and Grantor shall issue any permits or authorizations required by Grantor for the actions conducted by Grantee during the emergency situation.
Grantor will give Grantee reasonable notice of plans for street improvements where paving or resurfacing of a permanent nature is involved that affects Grantee's facilities. The notice shall contain the nature and character of the improvements, the rights-of-way upon which the improvements are to be made, the extent of the improvements, and the time when the Grantor will start the work, and, if more than one right-of-way is involved, the order in which the work is to proceed. The notice shall be given to the Grantee as soon as practical in advance of the actual commencement of the work, considering seasonable working conditions, to permit the Grantee to make any additions, alterations, or repairs to its facilities.
EXTENSION OF GRANT-EE'S FACILITIES
Upon receipt and acceptance of a valid application for service, Grantee shall, subject to its own economic feasibility criteria as approved by the Iowa Utilities Board make reasonable extensions of its distribution facilities to serve customers located within the current or future corporate limits of Grantor.
RELOCATION OF GRANTEE'S FACILITIES
If Grantor elects to change the grade of or otherwise alter any street, alley, avenue, bridge, public right-of-way or public place for a public purpose, unless otherwise reimbursed by federal, state or local legislative act or governmental agency, Grantee, upon reasonable notice from Grantor, shall remove and relocate its facilities or equipment situated in the public rights-of-way, at the cost and expense of Grantee, if such removal is necessary to prevent interference with Grantor's facilities.
If Grantor orders or requests Grantee to relocate its facilities or equipment for the primary benefit of a commercial or private project, or as a result of the initial request of a commercial or private developer or other non-public entity, and such removal is necessary to prevent interference with such project, then Grantee shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its facilities or equipment.

Grantor shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects and exercising its authority under this section so as not to arbitrarily cause Grantee unreasonable additional expense. If alternative public right-of-way space is available, Grantor shall also provide a reasonable alternative location for Grantee's facilities. Grantor shall give Grantee written notice of an order or request to vacate a public right-of-way;
provided, however, that its receipt of such notice shall not deprive Grantee of its right to operate and maintain its existing facilities in such public right-of-way until it (a) if applicable, receives the reasonable cost of relocating the same and (b) obtains a reasonable public right-of-way, dedicated utility easement, or private easement alternative location for such facilities.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
Grantor acknowledges that certain information it might request from Grantee pursuant to this Ordinance may be of a proprietary and confidential nature, and that such requests may be subject to the Homeland Security Act or other confidentiality protections under state or federal law. If Grantee requests that any information provided by Grantee to Grantor be kept confidential due to its proprietary or commercial value, Grantor and its employees, agents and representatives shall maintain the confidentiality of such information, to the extent allowed by law. If Grantor is requested or required by legal or administrative process to disclose any such proprietary or confidential information, Grantor shall promptly notify Grantee of such request or requirement so that Grantee may seek an appropriate protective order or other relief.
FORCE MAJEURE
It shall not be a breach or default under this Ordinance if either party fails to perform its obligations hereunder due to force majeure. Force majeure shall include, but not be limited to, the following: 1) physical events such as acts of God, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, freezing, storms, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident or necessity of repairs to machinery, equipment or distribution or transmission lines; 2) acts of others such as strikes, work-force stoppages, riots, sabotage, insurrections or wars; 3) governmental actions such as necessity for compliance with any court order, law, statute, ordinance, executive order, or regulation promulgated by a governmental authority having jurisdiction; and 4) any other causes, whether of the kind herein enumerated or otherwise not reasonably within the control of the affected party to prevent or overcome. Each party shall make reasonable efforts to avoid force majeure and to resolve such event as promptly as reasonably possible once it occurs in order to resume performance of its obligations hereunder; provided, however, that this provision shall not obligate a party to settle any labor strike.

Notice

**THE IOWA DISTRICT
COURT FOR WORTH
COUNTY**
Case No. ESPR009526
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALDREN H. CHARLSON, Deceased
To all persons interested in the Estate of Waldren H. Charlson, Deceased, who died on or about September 1, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on September 16, 2026, the Undersigned was appointed Executor of the estate.

Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 304
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MILLS, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO NO PARKING
BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa:
SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:
69.08 **NO PARKING ZONES.** No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following specifically designated no parking zones except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a peace officer or traffic control signal.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236(1))
1. Lincoln Street, on the west side, student drop-off zone – no unattended vehicles from South Fourth Avenue to the swimming pool;

provided, however, that its receipt of such notice shall not deprive Grantee of its right to operate and maintain its existing facilities in such public right-of-way until it (a) if applicable, receives the reasonable cost of relocating the same and (b) obtains a reasonable public right-of-way, dedicated utility easement, or private easement alternative location for such facilities.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
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FORCE MAJEURE
It shall not be a breach or default under this Ordinance if either party fails to perform its obligations hereunder due to force majeure. Force majeure shall include, but not be limited to, the following: 1) physical events such as acts of God, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, freezing, storms, floods, washouts, explosions, breakage or accident or necessity of repairs to machinery, equipment or distribution or transmission lines; 2) acts of others such as strikes, work-force stoppages, riots, sabotage, insurrections or wars; 3) governmental actions such as necessity for compliance with any court order, law, statute, ordinance, executive order, or regulation promulgated by a governmental authority having jurisdiction; and 4) any other causes, whether of the kind herein enumerated or otherwise not reasonably within the control of the affected party to prevent or overcome. Each party shall make reasonable efforts to avoid force majeure and to resolve such event as promptly as reasonably possible once it occurs in order to resume performance of its obligations hereunder; provided, however, that this provision shall not obligate a party to settle any labor strike.
HOLD HARMLESS
Grantee, during the term of this Ordinance, agrees to save harmless Grantor from and against all claims, demands, losses and expenses arising directly out of the negligence of Grantee, its employees or agents, in constructing, operating, and maintaining its distribution and transmission facilities or equipment; provided, however, that Grantee need not save Grantor harmless from claims, demands, losses and expenses arising out of the negligence of Grantor, its employees or agents.
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
All rights, privileges and authority granted to Grantee hereunder shall inure to the

Notice is hereby 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.

2. North Lake Street, from Main Street to the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad tracks;
3. North Mill Street, on the east side, from Second Avenue North to Third Avenue North;
4. North Second Avenue, on both sides, from Mill Street to North Park Street;
5. North Third Avenue East, on north side, from Lake Street to 100 feet east to “No Parking Sign.”
6. North Third Avenue, on both sides, from Lake Street to Washington Street.
7. South Fifth Avenue West, between South Washington and Lake Street.
8. South Fourth Avenue, on the south side, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from Lake Street to Lincoln Street;
9. South Fourth Avenue, on the south side, from Lake Street to Mill Street;
10. South Lake Street, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (school hours), from South Fourth Avenue to South Sixth Avenue;
11. South Second Avenue

benefit of Grantee's lessees, successors and assigns, subject to the terms, provisions and conditions herein contained, and all obligations imposed upon Grantee hereunder shall be binding upon Grantee's lessees, successors and assigns.
NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES
This Ordinance constitutes a franchise agreement between the Grantor and Grantee. No provision of this Ordinance shall inure to the benefit of any third person, including the public at large, so as to constitute any such person as a third-party beneficiary of the agreement or of any one or more of the terms hereof, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action for any person not a party hereto.
SEVERABILITY
If any clause, sentence or section of this Ordinance is deemed invalid by any judicial, regulatory or legislative body having proper jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.
NON-WAIVER
Any waiver of any obligation or default under this Ordinance shall not be construed as a waiver of any future defaults, whether of like or different character.
REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES
This Ordinance, when accepted by Grantee as provided below, shall constitute the entire agreement between the Grantor and the Grantee relating to the franchise granted by Grantor hereunder, and the same shall supersede all prior ordinances relating thereto, and any terms and conditions of such prior ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Ordinance No. 113 of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, is hereby repealed as of the effective date hereof.
EFFECT AND INTERPRETATION OF ORDINANCE
The captions that precede each section of this Ordinance are for convenience and/or reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance.
EFFECTIVE DATE AND ACCEPTANCE
This Ordinance shall become effective and be a binding contract between the Grantor and Grantee upon its final passage and approval by Grantor, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and upon Grantee's acceptance by written instrument, within sixty (60) days of passage by the city council, and filing with the Clerk of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa. The Clerk of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa shall sign and affix the community seal to acknowledge receipt of such acceptance, and return one copy to Grantee. If Grantee does not, within sixty (60) days following passage of this Ordinance, either express in writing its objections to any terms or provisions contained therein, or reject this Ordinance in its entirety, Grantee shall be deemed to have accepted this Ordinance and all of its terms and conditions.
Passed and approved by the city council of the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, this 21st day of September, 2026.
Bruce Helgeson
Attest:
Clerk of City of Lake Mills, Iowa

Dated on September 11, 2026.
Marlys P. Charlson
Executor
770 410th Street
Kensett, IA 50448-7584
Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0008531
Attorney for the Executor
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459-0200
Date of second publication the 30th day of September, 2026.
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East, on the south side, from Lake Street to Grant Street;
12. South Winnebago Street, on the east side, from East Main Street to South Tenth Avenue;
13. South Winnebago Street, on the west side, from South Eighth Avenue to South Tenth Avenue;
14. Tenth Avenue, on the south side, from Lake Street to Winnebago Street;
SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.
Passed and approved by the Council the 21st day of September, 2026.
Bruce Helgeson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Paula S. Hanson, City Clerk
First Reading: 09-21-2026
Second Reading: waived
Third Reading: waived
I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 304 on the 30th day of September, 2026.
City Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
On Friday, October 2, 2026, the Worth County Auditor's Office will conduct a public test of voting equipment to be used in the upcoming General Election to be held on November 3, 2026. This is in compliance with 52.35-Iowa Code. The test will commence at 9:00 a.m. and proceed until completed in the Auditor's Office on the first floor of the courthouse. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration. For further information, contact the Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 or jacki.backhaus@worthcountyiowa.gov

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Business Announcements

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Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.
Clinic: 324-1084
Home: 324-1147

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Glenville-Emmons School Homecoming



G-E Football

Members of the Glenville-Emmons 2026 football team are (from left) Jayce Simmons, Alex Nelson, Lucas Bermudez, Jared Hall, Tommy Nelson and Ryker Madsen.



2026 G-E Homecoming Court

The annual Glenville-Emmons Homecoming festivities will start on Wednesday, October 7, at 2:20 p.m. at the G-E High School gymnasium with the crowning of the Homecoming royalty. Pictured are the members of the homecoming court, including (in front, from left) Lindsey Ladwig, Hannah Wadding, Ava Heggstad, Claire Bottelson, (in back) Levi Hughes, Gaige Schewe-Placek, Steven Cole and Gabe McBeain.

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G-E Varsity Volleyball

Members of the Glenville-Emmons 2026 varsity volleyball team include (from left) Morgan Wallin, Ashytn Jensen, Akaylah Flatness, Lily Robertson, Claire Bottelson, Lindsey Ladwig, Raegan Webb, Kinzley Nelson, Averie Grove and Ava Williamson.

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Legal People's Right To Know

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT FOR WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
At a Board of Supervisors meeting starting at 8:30 A.M. on the 19th day of October 2026, the Board of Supervisors of said County will, in said Board of Supervisors Chambers, hold a Public Hearing and said Board of Supervisors proposes to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT.
At said hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project, the same now being on file in the office of the County Auditor, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete description of the proposed improvements, and at said time

and place the said Board will also receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications and form of contract or to the estimated cost of said improvements made by any interested party.
The location and description of the work to be done and the kinds and sizes of materials proposed to be used are as follows:
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT
The Project is located south of 1st Avenue North, east of 10th Street North, west of 11th Street North and north of Central Avenue.
The Project includes all labor, materials and equipment necessary to construct a new administrative office building, new PCC parking lot paving and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup.
The method of construction of all improvements shall be by contract in accordance with the plans and specifications and general stipulations for said improvements approved by the Board of Supervisors.
Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by VEEN-

STRA & KIMM, INC. of Mason City, Iowa, said plans and specifications and the prior proceedings of the Board of Supervisors referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of this notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith.
Copies of said plans and specifications and form of contract are now on file in the office of the County Auditor and may be examined at the Worth County Court House. The ENGINEER shall make available and distribute plans and specifications in accordance with Code of Iowa. Complete sets of the plans, specifications, and bidding documents may be obtained from ENGINEER at the ENGINEER'S office located at 2800 Fourth Street SW, Suite 9, Mason City, Iowa 50401 upon request and payment or electronically in pdf format.
This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa.
WORTH COUNTY
Mark Smeby, Chairperson
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA M. KING, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR009528
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Linda M. King, Deceased, who died on or about August 29, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on September 22, 2026, the undersigned was appointed executor of the estate.
Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on September 24, 2026.
Debbie King
Executor of Estate
131 Niagara Drive
Waterloo, IA 50701

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mary K. Jorgensen, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR009529
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary K. Jorgensen, Deceased, who died on or about July 13, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on September 23, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on September 24, 2026
Scott K. Pals,
Administrator of the Estate

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Case No. ESPR009525
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONITA GAYLE TURVOLD NORLANDER, Deceased
To all persons interested in the Estate of Bonita Gayle Turvold Norlander, Deceased, who died on or about October 1, 2023:
You are hereby notified that on September 10, 2026, the Undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby 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 on September 8, 2026.
Wallace William Norlander
Administrator of the Estate
5250 Vernon Avenue, Apt. 206
Edina, MN 55436

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY JUVENILE DIVISION NOTICE
TO: Any putative father of H.W. (DOB 07/27/2019)
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THERE is an ongoing Child in Need of Assistance case in the Juvenile Court for Worth County, Iowa, case no. JVJV001042.

You are further notified that Adjudication hearing on the CINA petition has been set in the Courtroom of the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, on the 12th day of October, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
You are further notified that you have the right to be represented at the hearing by counsel and appear in person; in the event you are financially unable to employ counsel, the

Court will, upon application, appoint counsel for you.
If you believe you are the father of this child, please contact the Worth County Attorney's Office.
Jeffrey H. Greve
Worth County Attorney
Telephone: 641-324-1291
Email: attorney@worthcounty.org 37-3t

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
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City of Lake Mills

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR
REGULAR MEETING
LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL
September 21, 2026

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 21st day of September 2026, at 7:00 PM. Notice of the meeting was posted at Lake Mills City Hall on September 18, 2026, and was open to the public.

Present: Mayor Bruce Helgeson; Council Members Rob Hughes, Nathan Ostrander, Kristin Peters, Mark Peterson, and Bob Storby; City Clerk Paula Hanson; Director of Public Works Brad Wempen; and Chief of Police Matt Levine.

Absent: None
Mayor Helgeson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Mayor Helgeson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Storby moved, seconded by Ostrander, to approve the agenda as written. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Forum: No comments were received.

Reports were presented by the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, City Clerk, Library Director, LMCD Director, and the Mayor.

Motion made by Peters, seconded by Ostrander, to approve the consent agenda including: August 17, 2026, meeting minutes; monthly claims, warrants and financial reports totaling \$822,063.66; application for Class C Retail Alcohol License to Iron Post Brewing, LLC, formerly 5 Alarm Brewing Co.; 2026 Concrete Bid to Larson Contracting for \$31,434; Light Plant #6 Air Compressor Quote for \$11,367; City of Lake Mills Share of 2025 UMMEG STS Additions Authorization for Payment; Roadway Maintenance Agreement with Winnebago County; and Library Grants to W.D. Ley Foundation, Lake Mills Foundation, and WCDA. After due consideration thereof by the Council and the roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Peters, Ostrander, Hughes, Peterson, Storby. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Reports: AMANDA POLEY OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 290.42
AMANDA POLEY METER DEPOSIT REFUND..... 15.58
AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 2637.63
ASHLEI SMITH METER DEPOSIT REFUND187
AT&T MOBILITY LMPD CAR COMPUTERS..... 128.31
AVESIS, VISION INS..... 459.94
BLACK HILLS ENERGY NATURAL GAS SERVICE..... 3144.08
CHAD STERRENBERG OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND233
CITY OF LAKE MILLS ELECTRIC SERVICE.... 4470.63

DELTA DENTAL DENTAL INS 1277.22
JULIE CORY OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND178
LMCDC, FUNDING 4713.33
PETERSON SANITATION GARBAGE SERVICE 10787
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS LIFE-LT DIS INS 766.83
SALES TAX PROCESSING SALES & EXCISE TAX. 9792.37
UNITED HEALTHCARE HEALTH INS..... 47980.31
USE TAX PROCESSING USE TAX 25.57
3E CUSTOM STEEL & FABRI-CATION SUPPLIES..... 725.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING COPIER CONTRACT 127.25
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES TESTING..... 2,213.10
AMARIL UNIFORM CO CLOTHING ALLOWANCE79.99
AMAZON, SUPPLIES..... 556.46
AMIRALYS MARRERO OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 135.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY NATURAL GAS SERVICE..... 489.26
BMC AGGREGATES LC SUPPLIES..... 118.85
BRAD WEMPEN CLOTHING ALLOWANCE..... 230.85
BRICK GENTRY PC LEGAL..... 940.00
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT LMPL BOOKS..... 598.68
CENTRAL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES-VEH MAINT 363.84
CINTAS, SUPPLIES..... 56.98
CLEAR LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT POOL CHEMICAL TESTING.... 44.00
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS SUPPLIES..... 1,303.00
DAIRYLAND POWER INC PURCHASE CURRENT..... 92,504.32
DAVE'S AUTO SERVICE FUEL..... 1,451.09
DAVIDS FOODS SUPPLIES..... 37.76
DONS MOTOR MART FUEL..... 3,036.56
EMILY PAYNE HANGAR LEASE REFUND 1,000.00
ENNI FUENMAYOR OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 105.00
ERICA KINGLAND OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 150.00
FLETCHER REINHARDT CO SUPPLIES..... 1,912.84
FOREST CITY FORD SERVICES-VEH MAINT 314.79
GALLS, LLC LMPD CLOTHING 134.30
GORDON FLESCH CO COPIER CONTRACT 82.05
HAWKINS INC CHEMICALS..... 80.00
HEARTLAND ASPHALT SUPPLIES..... 492.74
HEARTLAND POWER COOP ELECTRIC SERVICE..... 89.79
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LMPL-BOOKS 429.70
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES SUBSCRIPTION..... 100.00

IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES..... 9.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES SIGNS..... 949.08
JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ OR CITYLM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 167.00
KRYSTLE FOLEY OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 174.00
LAKE MILLS ENTERTAINMENT LMPL-PRIZES 50.00
LAKE MILLS LUMBER CO SUPPLIES..... 95.05
LAKE MILLS POSTMASTER POSTAGE..... 473.54
LAKE MILLS PUMP SERVICE SERVICES..... 345.00
LAURYN HERSHEY METER DEPOSIT REFUND 12.99
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP LMCD-LOSAP GRANT15,333.33
LUIS RODRIGUEZ METER DEPOSIT REFUND 50.00
LUZ ALVAREZ FUENTES OR CITYLM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 241.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC LMFD-PARTS 72.50
MATT LEVINE REIMBURSE DOG KENNEL.... 300.00
MBT-VISA, SUPPLIES..... 1,558.60
MED COMPASS TESTING..... 2,775.00
MIKE VRIEZE OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 133.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS SUPPLIES..... 1,154.43
NGT, LMPD-OFFICE 365. 120.75
NICOLE EIDE OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 130.00
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR PUBLICATION..... 516.22
OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF MC SERVICES-REPAIRS... 4,968.04
PETTY CASH - GENERAL ADMIN POSTAGE..... 22.71
PETTY CASH - LIBRARY SUPPLIES..... 15.34
RISKIEL LEON OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 151.00
SANCO EQUIPMENT LLC SUPPLIES..... 368.38
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO SUPPLIES..... 184.14
SIEGRIST & JONES, LLP LMPD-LEGAL..... 192.50
SINGELSTAD HARDWARE SUPPLIES..... 1,772.20
SOUTHERN LOCK & GLASS REPAIRS..... 249.90
STAPLES, SUPPLIES..... 132.76
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT LMPD-AMMUNITION ... 911.10
TASC, FEE..... 86.06
THE DES MOINES REGISTER LMPL-SUBSCRIPTION . 389.03
THOMPSON SANITATION RECYCLING SERVICE6,642.59
THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE SUPPLIES..... 62.00
TIM MAUNTTLER OR CITY LM METER DEPOSIT REFUND 260.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES..... 1,160.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE CONVERSION.....

8,742.50
UMMEG PURCHASE CURRENT..... 21,602.68
USA BLUE BOOK W & WW - SUPPLIES..... 552.18
WADE THOMPSON TRUCK-ING-REPAIR LMFD - REPAIRS..... 336.00
WCTA TELECOM SERVICES. 1,088.46
WINNEBAGO CO ENVIR HEALTH POOL - INSPECTION 418.00
YOUNG PLUMBING AND HEATING, SERVICES..... 455.00
TASC, FEE..... 86.06
IA DOT VEH REGISTRATION 10.00
PETERSON CONSTRUCTION WWTFF PROJECT 401,580.00
PAYROLL..... 147,974.12
TOTAL..... 822,063.66
FUND TOTALS 001 GENERAL FUND..... 138,499.07
007 K9 POLICE DEPT..... 300.00
110 ROAD USE TAX FUND 15,482.59
125 TIF FUND 4,713.33
180 TRUST & AGENCY FUND... 1,423.94
600 WATER FUND..... 27,710.61
610 SEWER FUND..... 420,041.25
630 ELECTRIC FUND 213,511.03
890 PAYROLL..... 381.84
*****TOTAL..... 822,063.66
Drew Sweets, V&K Engineering, reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Facility project and presented Pay Estimate No. 7. Motion made by Storby, seconded by Hughes, to approve payment of Pay Estimate No. 7 for Peterson Construction for \$646,502.25. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Storby made a motion to open the public hearing published in the Northwood Anchor on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, to consider approval of Ordinance 303, Black Hills Franchise Agreement, seconded by Ostrander. Roll call: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Elree Canty, Operations Supervisor, was here to represent Black Hills Energy. City Clerk Hanson stated no written or verbal objections had been received. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Storby, seconded by Ostrander, to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Storby moved, seconded by Hughes, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 303, Black Hills Franchise Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Storby then moved, seconded by Hughes, to waive the second and third readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried, and Ordinance No. 303 was adopted.
Peterson moved, seconded by Storby, to approve Resolution No. 26-33, dispensing with the special election requirement on the mat-

ter of granting a gas franchise to Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy. Roll call vote: Ayes: Peterson, Storby, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Ostrander made a motion to open the public hearing published in the Northwood Anchor on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, to consider approval of Ordinance 304, South Winnebago Street west-side parking from 4th Avenue to 8th Avenue, seconded by Peters. Roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Peters, Hughes, Peterson, Storby. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Clerk Hanson stated no written or verbal objections had been received. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Storby, to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ostrander, Storby, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Storby made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 304, South Winnebago Street west-side parking from 4th Avenue to 8th Avenue, seconded by Ostrander. Roll Call: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Storby made a motion, seconded by Ostrander, to waive the second and third readings. Roll Call: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried, and Ordinance No. 304 was adopted.
Peterson presented an amended version of Ordinance 197, Chapter 69.11 Parking: Weather-Related Parking Ban, with revisions to the effective dates, responsibilities, and public notice provisions.
Motion made by Storby, seconded by Peterson, to set the public hearing for the amendment to Ordinance 197, Chapter 69.11, Parking: Weather-Related Parking Ban for the next regular council meeting on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Peterson, Hughes, Ostrander, Peters. Nays: None. Motion carried.
The Council discussed DGR Engineering's proposed \$11,000 financial analysis rate study. Ostrander moved to approve Scopes 1 and 2 of the rate study. The motion died for lack of a second, and the Council tabled further discussion until the next regular council meeting.
Peters moved, seconded by Ostrander, to accept the Delta Dental insurance renewal effective December 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Peters, Ostrander, Storby. Nays: Peterson. Abstained: Hughes. Motion carried.
Mayor Helgeson summarized the Economic Development Committee meeting held at City Hall on Thursday, September 10, 2026, concerning the closures of Lunds & Byerlys and Winnebago Industries. No formal action was taken.
Storby moved, seconded by Ostrander, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Roll call vote: Ayes: Storby, Ostrander, Hughes, Peters, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bruce Helgeson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Paula S. Hanson, City Clerk
SEAL
I, the undersigned 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 September 21, 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, City Clerk

Notice

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You are further notified that Adjudication hearing on the CINA petition has been set in the Courtroom of the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, on the 12th day of October, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

You are further notified that you have the right to be represented at the hearing by counsel and appear in person; in the event you are financially unable to employ counsel, the Court will, upon application, appoint counsel for you.

If you believe you are the father of this child, please contact the Worth County Attorney's Office.

Jeffrey H. Greve
Worth County Attorney
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Survey finds Iowa pheasant population second highest in a decade

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources annual August statewide pheasant survey averaged 23 birds per route this year, which is the second highest count in more than a decade, behind only the 2025 survey. Iowa pheasant hunters should expect to have a pretty good season.

“Weather likely played a role in the lower counts this year, but 23 birds per route is the second highest average since 2015,” said Todd Bogenschutz, upland game biologist with the Iowa DNR.

The combination of weather and habitat are two main drivers of Iowa’s pheasant population and last year, most of the state experienced a normal winter, followed by a wetter and warmer than normal spring.

“We had good counts come in from across the state where we had good habitat and good winter and spring conditions,” Bogenschutz said.

Hunters in the Northeast Region will likely see the biggest decrease, he said, but populations in Northwest, North-Central and West Central regions should be comparable to 2025.

The annual August roadside survey of upland game occurs between Aug. 1-15 each year, following the same

225 30-mile long routes. Staff with the Iowa DNR count pheasants, bobwhite quail, gray partridge, cottontail rabbits and white-tailed jack-rabbits. Counts conducted on cool mornings when the sun is shining, with heavy dew and no wind produce the most consistent results.

Iowa’s bobwhite quail index was down statewide by 21 percent, but is right at the 10-year average. Southwest, South-Central and West-Central regions had the highest quail counts.

Gray partridge were most abundant in the North-Central, Central, Northwest and East-Central regions, which aligns with their preferred habitat of wide-open and treeless agricultural lands.

The survey found Iowa’s cottontail rabbit population at its highest level since 2014, 30 percent above the 10-year average, with the South-Central and Southeast regions leading the way. “This is another good year for cottontails. Our rabbit numbers have been very good over the past two years,” he said.

Survey conditions weren’t ideal after Aug. 5, Bogenschutz said, when the weather was more overcast, rainy and foggy.



Lake Mills Bulldogs Homecoming Court

The Homecoming festivities will include the crowning of the Homecoming royalty. Pictured are the members of the Bulldogs homecoming court, including (from left to right) Korbin Abele, Jacky Gallardo, Case Caspersen, Cora Sauer, Kendall Leonardi, Lucas Helgeland, Reese Delger and Calvin Rognes.

Lake Mills celebrates Bulldog pride

Lake Mills is celebrating its Homecoming this week with a number of events and activities to celebrate school spirit.

Throughout the week, students and staff are taking part in dress up days. That includes ‘Merica Monday, Country vs. Country Club Tuesday,

Barbie vs. Ken on Wednesday, PJ Day on Thursday and School Spirit Day on Friday.

The school’s Homecoming dance was held on Saturday, with a theme of “Dancing Under the Stars.”

Car painting took place on Sunday. Paw print painting and

poster painting took place on Monday.

The Powderpuff football game took place during the school day on Tuesday.

A Homecoming event took place during the school day on Wednesday.

Mightyman Volleyball is set for tomorrow, Thursday. Friday’s school day will

end with a pep rally, and the coronation of the Homecoming king and queen.

The Homecoming Football game vs. the AGSWR Cougars will kick off at 7 p.m.

ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND GRAIN BINS DON'T MIX!

Please contact your local electric cooperative/utility if you plan to build a grain bin in the vicinity of an electric distribution line or electric transmission line.

Dairyland Power Cooperative owns and operates transmission lines in Northeastern Iowa, which provide electrical energy to local rural electric cooperatives and municipalities. Those transmission lines are operated at voltages that greatly exceed local distribution and service lines that may be located on your property. Dairyland will provide assistance in planning the placement of the grain bin near our transmission line to provide a safe environment for everyone working and living around grain bins.

The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors and elevators. The drawings show specific clearances required for each scenario.

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Permanently Installed Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Source: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2023
"National Electrical Safety Code," Rule F-234-4(a)

Legend
P = Probe clearance 18 ft. (5.5 m) required by Rule 234F1a
H = Horizontal clearance 15 ft. (4.6 m) required by Rule 234F1a
T = Transition clearance
V₁ = Vertical clearance above a building required by Rule 234C (Table 234-1)
V₂ = Vertical clearance required by Rule 232B (Table 232-1 or Table 232-2)

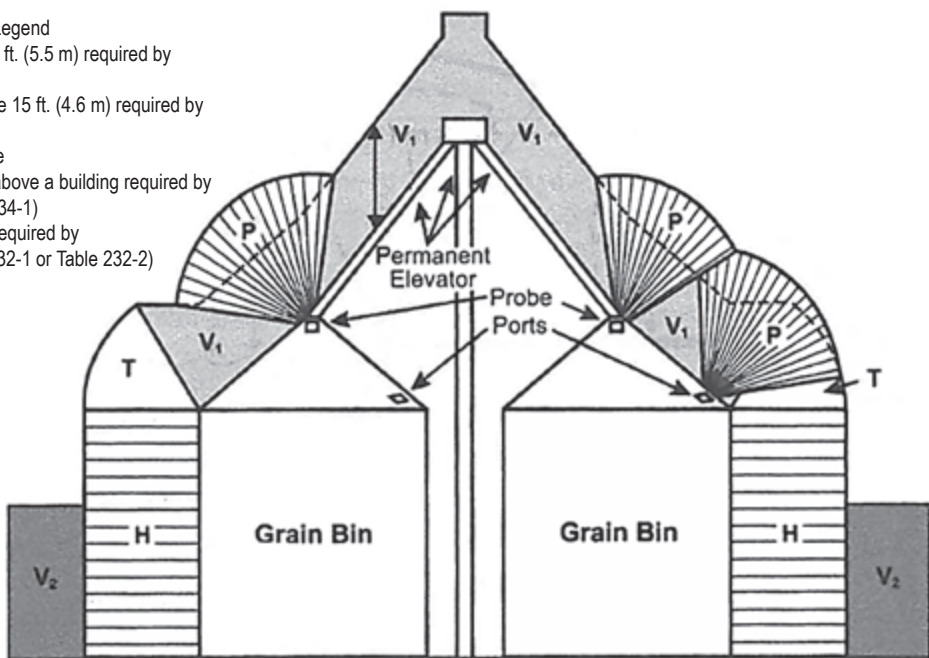


Figure 234-4(a) – Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevators

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Portable Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Source: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2023
"National Electrical Safety Code," Rule F-234-4(a)

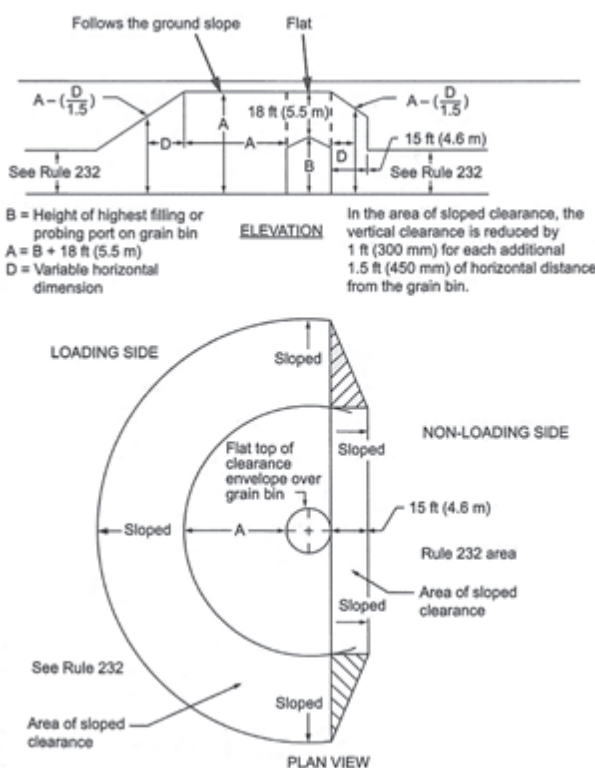


Figure 234-4(b) – Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators

According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 – 25.2(3)b., your local electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by The American National Standards Institutes (ANSI)C2-2023 “National Electrical Safety Code,” Rule 234F. This Paragraph “b” shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Commission)

Dairyland Power Cooperative is required by the Iowa Utilities Commission to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning clearance regulations, please call our Real Estate and Right of Way Department, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm, at 608-788-4000. You may also write to us at the following address: DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE, Attn: Real Estate Dept., 3200 East Avenue South, P.O. Box 817, La Crosse, WI 54602-0817.





Learning to ride safely

Lake Mills sixth graders recently took part in an ATV safety presentation from Iowa Health Care, and Stead Family Children's Hospital. They learned essential rules for staying safe on off-road vehicles. The students, like Brantley Dagestad pictured here, also got some hands-on experience with an ATV simulator.



LM FFA Research Farm

Earlier in September a group of freshmen and sophomore members of the Lake Mills FFA chapter visited the ISU Northern Research Farm in Kanawha. While there they took part in the Harvest Your Future Event. They took part in seven different stations, which highlighted different agricultural careers. They also got the chance to talk to different colleges about agriculture courses.

Rygh and Renneker lead Bulldogs

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs cross country teams traveled to Mason City on Tuesday, Sept. 22, for the Riverhawk Invitational.

Lane Rygh led the boys with a time of 17:32, followed by Carson Christianson with a 19:23, and Kaden Lee with a time of 19:34. Caleb Skogen finished with a time of 19:36 and Aiden Reese had a time of 19:43. Wyatt Hansen had a time of 20:17 and Micah Skogen had a time of 20:45. Jesse Rygh finished with a 21:14, Conner Van Roekel had a 21:49 and Case Casperson finished with a time of 24:23.

Kara Renneker led the

girls with a 22:09, and Kaylie Sylvara had a 22:34. Lillian Young finished with a time of 24:13, and Tori Holtan had a time of 24:28. Katie Machin finished in 24:55, Laylah Ingledue had a 29:16, and Kylie Schulz finished in 29:40.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the Bulldog runners traveled to Manly for the Central Springs Invitational.

L. Rygh led the boys once again with a 10th place finish and a time of 17:08. Christianson was 32nd with a time of 18:46, and C. Skogen was 35th with a time of 19:00. Kaden Lee was 42nd with a 19:16 and Reese was 45th with a time of 19:20. M. Skogen was 59th with a time

of 19:52 and Conner Helgeson was 61st with a time of 20:06. J. Rygh was 73rd with a time of 20:29 and Van Roekel was 97th with a time of 21:37. Brayden Eden was 105th with a time of 21:50, and Casperson was 133rd with a time of 23:34.

Renneker finished 18th with a time of 21:44, and Sylvara was 24th with a time of 22:09. Young finished 41st with a time of 23:19, and Holtan was 48th with a time of 23:48. Machin was 62nd with a time of 24:58, and Jaselyn Islas was 80th with a time of 26:27. Ingledue was 97th with a time of 29:52, and Schulz was 99th with a time of 30:04.



Bulldog senior Caleb Skogen finished 35th at the Central Springs Invitational on Thursday evening.



Bulldog runners Kylie Schulz and Laylah Ingledue keep pace together at the Central Springs Invitational on Thursday afternoon.



Bulldog runners Connor Van Roekel and Case Casperson run together in the early stages of the Central Springs Invitational on Thursday.



Bulldog Kara Renneker led the girls team at the Central Springs Invitational with an 18th place finish.

Lake Mills

News Sports



Bulldog Regan Eastvold bumps the ball back onto the court during action in Northwood on Thursday night.

Bulldogs stay undefeated in TIC

By Julie Salisbury

The Class 2A no. 13 Lake Mills volleyball team is 4-0 in the Top of Iowa Conference west and 21-4 overall.

At the Forest City tournament on Saturday, Sept. 19, the Bulldogs went 4-0. They defeated Clear Lake 21-19 and 21-15, defeated Decorah 21-13 and 21-13, defeated Webster City 21-11 and 21-16, and defeated Forest City 21-19 and 21-8.

Mackenzie Budach led the team with 28 kills, 23 digs, two assists and 21-23 serving. Ari Stensrud had 22 kills, four blocks, 12 digs and was 20-22 serving with one ace, and Betsy Byars had 21 kills, one assist, four blocks, 17 digs and was 28-29 serving with one ace. Regan Eastvold had four kills, 74 assists, four blocks, 14 digs and was 30-35 serving with seven ace serves, and Afton Dean had 10 kills and six blocks. Tori Sterrenburg had four kills, three digs and four blocks, and Cora Sauer had one kill, four assists, 29 digs and was 29-30 serving with two ace serves. Liz Oldenkamp had one assist, one dig and was 23-26 serving with one ace, and Hayden Wempen had two kills and five blocks.

As a team, the Bulldogs had 92 kills, 84 assists, 28 blocks, 99 digs and were 151-



Bulldog Betsy Byars goes up for one of her seven kills on the night against Northwood.

165 serving with 12 ace serves.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the Bulldogs traveled to Northwood to take on the Vikings in a non-conference game and won in straight sets, 25-8, 25-14, and 25-10.

Byars led the team with 12 kills, one assist, two digs, one block and 9-11 serving with one ace. Stensrud had nine kills, one block, four digs and was 12-13 serving with three ace serves, and Budach had eight kills, two assists, six digs and 6-7 serving. Eastvold had three kills, 27 serves, eight digs and was 19-21 serving with five ace serves,

and Dean had three kills and one block. Sauer had five assists, seven digs and was 11-12 serving with three ace serves and Sterrenburg had two kills and three blocks. Wempen had two digs and was a perfect 9-9 serving with two ace serves, and Oldenkamp was 1-1 serving.

The Bulldogs had 38 kills, 35 assists, seven blocks, 28 digs and were 67-74 serving with 14 ace serves.

The Bulldogs traveled to Nevada on Saturday, Sept. 26, for tournament action, see next week's paper for the results.

Bulldogs fall to West Hancock on the road

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills football team traveled to Britt on Friday, Sept. 24, for a district game with the 3-1 Eagles and were defeated 57-20 after trailing 42-6 at the half.

Quarterback Asher Stensrud was 7-9 passing, he threw for 57 yards and had six carries for 19 yards. He also had a solo tackle on defense.

Mason Helgeson had three receptions for 17 yards, 16 carries for 98 yards and a touchdown, and five kick returns for 93 yards. On the defensive side of the ball, Helgeson had 5.5 tackles, five solo and forced two fumbles.

Braylon Hanson had two receptions for 21 yards, and kicked off four times for 72 yards.

Carter Ham had two receptions for 19 yards, and had 2.5 tackles with two being solo.

Berkeley Dean had six carries for 78 yards and a touchdown, and a kick return for 12 yards.

Sawyer Schipper had seven carries for 59 yards and a touchdown, he had a two point conversion and two kick returns for 24 yards. He also got credit for a tackle assist

on defense.

Cruz Flugum had one carry for two yards and a solo tackle.

Lane Sprecher led the defense with 6.5 tackles, six solo and Gavin Levorson had 4.5 tackles, four solo. Calvin Rognes had 3.5 tackles, three

solo and Leif Rogne had three solo tackles and punted the ball twice for 46 yards. Elliott Horton had 1.5 tackles, one solo as did Andreas Aragon.

The Bulldogs are 0-3 in district play and 0-5 overall. Lake Mills will host AGWSR (0-5) on Friday, Oct. 2.

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Lake Mills Homecoming



Lake Mills Varsity Football team

Member of Bulldogs Varsity football team include (front row, from left) Easton Gassman, Lane Sprecher, Calvin Rognes, Asher Stensrud, Kaiden Machin, Leif Rogne, (second row) Sawyer Schipper, Berkeley Dean, Logan Whitner, Braylon Hanson, Mason Helgeson, Carter Ham, Jaeron Bendickson, (third row) Alex Reupke, Elliott Horton, Elijah Stene, Gavin Levorson, Finn Ritter, Cruz Flugum, Caleb King, (back row) coaches Zach Throne, Chris Budach, Brady Kurtz, Alex Martinson and Rod Norris. (Photo courtesy of Lory Groe)



Lake Mills Boys Cross Country

Members of the Lake Mills boys cross country team include (front row, from left) Jesse Rygh, Conner Helgeson, Wyatt Hansen, Carson Christianson, (middle row) Aiden Reese, Conner Van Roekel, Brayden Eden, Micah Skogen, Kaden Lee, (back row) manager Mya Thompson, asst. Coach Grant Dieken, Case Casperson, Lane Rygh, Caleb Skogen, head coach Beth Van Roekel, manager Delaney Imler and manager Brianna Thompson. (Photo courtesy of Lory Groe)



Lake Mills Cheerleaders

Members of the Lake Mills football cheerleaders are (front row, from left) Hadlee Thompson, Josephine Islas, Reese Delger, Kaylie Sylvara, (back row) Molly Sandquist, Bella Sivard, Bailey Welter, Adeline Sletten, Mya Anderson, Emily Charlson, Pearl Imler and Brynna Mannes. (Photo courtesy of Lory Groe)



Lake Mills Varsity Volleyball team

Members of the Bulldogs varsity volleyball team are (front row, from left) Kenlie Greenfield, Liz Oldenkamp, Halle Peterson, Faith Stene, (middle row) Mackenzie Budach, Tori Sterrenburg, Hayden Wempen, Cora Sauer, Regan Eastvold, (back row) Betsy Byars, Afton Dean, Ari Stensrud and Alana Throne. (Photo courtesy of Julie Helgeson)



Lake Mills Girls Cross Country

Members of the Lake Mills girls cross country team include (front row, from left) Paige Frenette, Kylie Schulz, Katie Machin, Tori Holtan, Jaselyn Islas, (middle row) manager Mya Thompson, manager Delaney Imler, manager Brianna Thompson, (back row) asst. Coach Grant Dieken, Kara Renneker, Lily Young, Laylah Ingledue, Kaylie Sylvara and head coach Beth Van Roekel. (Photo courtesy of Lory Groe)

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