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Briefs

N-K FFA Harvest Breakfast Saturday

The Northwood-Kensett FFA Chapter will serve a harvest breakfast this Saturday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The breakfast menu includes an egg bake of hashbrowns, eggs and sausage; eggs; bacon; pancakes; white toast; and apple or orange juice or chocolate or white milk.

The breakfast will be served in the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room.

Breakfasts will also be delivered to tractors for those in the midst of the harvest. Call 641-390-2773 or 641-425-6919 to order a breakfast in the field.

Breakfasts are available with a free will donation.

Bolan offers pancakes, pumpkins Saturday

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

The event will include a breakfast for a free-will donation, including pancakes, sausage, banana, pumpkin pie, coffee, milk and orange juice. Gourds and pumpkins will also be available to take home. Funds will go toward expenses for the 1923 Barton No. 2 School.

Drive up and take out options are available.

KFD hosts open house Oct. 18

The Kensett Fire Department will host an open house on Sunday, October 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kensett Fire Station.

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October 4-10

The Week's
WEATHER
From
National Weather Service
Information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. Sept. 28	64	57	0.04
Tues. Sept. 29	72	54	
Wed. Sept. 30	69	54	0.13
Thurs. Oct. 1	73	62	0.35
Fri. Oct. 2	65	43	T
Sat. Oct. 3	67	43	
Sun. Oct. 4	74	45	



Harvest has started

Local farmers were finally able to get in the fields after all of the rain. This past Sunday afternoon west of Northwood the VanVeldhuziens were in the fields harvesting their soybean crops. Pictured in the combine is Jean VanVeldhuzien starting to combine one of their fields. She and her son Cary VanVeldhuzien were combining as her grandson Justin Peterson was hauling the beans to the elevator.

'Charge into fire safety' during Fire Prevention Week

The theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 4–10, is “Charge into Fire Safety, Safe Charging Is a Superpower.”

Area fire departments are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to support Fire Prevention Week. This year’s FPW theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower,” focuses on the simple steps people can take to recharge safely. Safe charging means making smart choices every time people plug in.

Many devices used in daily life - phones, tablets, laptops, tools, toys, e-bikes and scooters—run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. If they are



damaged or charged the wrong way, they can overheat, start a fire or even explode.

“The way you charge your lithium-ion battery devices can make a difference in helping prevent home fires. It comes down to using simple habits each time you plug in.”

Use the cord and charger that came with the device or one approved by the manufacturer.

Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

Charge devices on a table, desk or other hard, flat surface. Do not charge them on beds, couches or under pillows. Devices and chargers produce heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause

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Absentee voting begins Oct. 14

On 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.

Absentee ballots will be ready next Wednesday, 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.

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 candidates for 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 candidates for District 1 will be Marena Henkle and Amy Jorgensen. Appearing on ballots for

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Supervisors set hearing on \$6 million borrowing for admin building

At their regular meeting on September 28, the Worth County supervisors set a hearing for plans to borrow up to \$6 million for a new administration office building.

The County is working on plans to build the administration building on the existing courthouse property.

The building would be constructed on the northeast corner property, where offices in the courthouse and in other buildings in Northwood would be relocated. That includes the

treasurer’s office, relocating from downtown and a new office for the Worth County attorney, as that becomes a full time position in 2027.

The Worth County engineer/secondary roads offices will be relocated to a new building that is nearing completion in the northeast corner of Northwood, east of the railroad tracks. Once that move is complete, the current engineer offices, above garages near the courthouse, will be demolished as a part of the administration construction.

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Zoning board discusses County RV park, administration projects

With two projects in the works by the Worth County supervisors, the process of securing a funding source comes under the review of the county’s zoning commission.

The Worth County supervisors are in the process of setting funding in place for two large scale projects, including an RV Park near the casino and a new building to house county offices.

The supervisors plan to use TIF (tax increment financing) as a funding sources.

That involves borrowing against future property tax increases in set areas of the county, primarily completed wind turbine projects.

Before the County can use TIF on the projects,

they have to add the property where they plan to spend TIF dollars to what is known as the County’s Urban Renewal Plan.

A hearing was held to discuss that action at the October 5 supervisors meeting.

As a part of the process, the Worth County zoning commission reviewed the URP updates and provided their input or recommendations on the plans.

They commission met on October 1 to discuss their official opinion on the proposed URP changes.

Their discussion largely focused on the primary purpose of the portion of Iowa code that establishes URP areas in counties, which is renewing blighted or slum

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Famous in a Small Town

With the new school year underway for several weeks, Northwood-Kensett students have found themselves appearing in the pages of the Northwood Anchor on many occasions. And each time they do, they also find those photos highlighted on a collage inside each school building’s entrance, surrounding the words “Famous in a small town.” Pictured here is the collection at the elementary school. By the end of the school year, the wall will be filled with a school year’s worth of memories.



Fire at funeral home

In April 1999, the Conner Colonial Chapel funeral home in Northwood caught fire. The home was replaced with a new building where Conner Colonial is still located today. These pictures were shared by Tom Stevens on the “Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures and Thoughts” Facebook page.

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the battery to overheat.

- Stop using a device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking or has a strange smell. These are warning signs that the battery may be damaged or failing.

- Unplug a device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long

can increase heat and stress on the battery.

- Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters and power tools outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.

- When on a plane, keep a device where you can see it while charging. Do

not charge devices in overhead compartments. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on a plane. If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to respond quickly.

Fire departments in Worth County take part in activities in and around Fire Prevention Week. In Manly and Northwood, fire departments will visit ele-

mentary classrooms to teach them about fire safety and about the methods and equipment used by fire fighters. Others, like the Kensett Fire Department, will host its annual open house on October 18.

To learn more about lithium-ion battery safety, visit fpw.org.

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The projected construction cost of the project is \$4.99 million. That does not include engineering and design fees.

At the hearing at the October 12 meeting, the supervisors will accept comments from the public about plans to borrow up to \$6 million for the administration office building project.

The supervisors plan to borrow against future property tax increases on wind turbines, as a part of TIF (tax increment financing). The process allows the County to utilize tax revenue generated by property tax value increases on designated areas.

After the hearing, the

County can proceed with the borrowing process to set the funds in place for the project.

The supervisors plan to consider bids for the administration office project at their meeting on October 19.

Preliminary construction could begin this year. The construction is expected to be complete in the spring of 2028.

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District 3 supervisor will be Mike Hanson.

More information on candidates in contested races and answer to questions submitted by the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal will appear in next week's issues.

County candidates and offices in Winnebago County include Julie A. Swenson for county 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.

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.winnebagoountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections.

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areas with new developments, housing, public spaces or business areas.

That Iowa code does also allow for projects that would support economic development.

Commission members Todd Rothove and Jeff Gorboll said that these areas are not blighted or slum properties and so that portion of the urban renewal code does not fit either project.

Gorboll did suggest that an RV park could be a fit for

urban renewal, as it will have economic development aspects.

Commission member Kathy Meyer agreed, noting the revenue it would generate.

Commission member Justin Faber said that the RV park makes sense, as it will bring people into the county and will generate revenue for the County.

However, the commission members said that a new administrative office building would not fit goals of

urban renewal. The area is not blighted or in need of renewal. It also would not be an area of economic development, according to the commission members.

The commission decided to consider the URP updates separately for each project.

When it comes to the RV project, the commission voted 3-1, with Rothove opposed, to endorse updating the URP.

As for the administration office building, the commission unanimously opposed

that update to the URP.

The commission made it clear that they were not necessarily opposed to either project, just whether or not they fit the purposes of an urban renewal plan.

The zoning commission acts in an advisory role for the supervisors when it comes to the URP. Their determinations are meant for the supervisors' consideration, but have no authority over the supervisors' ultimate action on the URP.

Boos, Booze & Bingo October 31

The Relay For Life of Worth County will hold its annual Boos, Booze & Bingo event on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the

Nordic Lanes in Northwood.

The event will include games of bingo with 50/50 cash and other special donated prizes; as well as a bloody Mary bar, bake sale,

costume contest, raffle, burger or chicken strip baskets and silent auction.

Those that have donations for prizes or auction items may contact Kris

Woltzen at Olson Insurance.

Funds raised support the Relay For Life of Worth County.

Bethel chili cinnamon roll supper Oct. 20

Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly will offer its homemade chili and cinnamon roll supper to go on Tuesday, October 20.

The meal will be served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or until gone.

The meal is available for a free will donation.

Grafton trick or treat Oct. 25

Grafton will host a Trick or Treat event on Sunday, October 25.

The event begins with trunk or treat on Main Street, with people decorating the trunk of their vehicles and offering a treat for visitors. This will be held from 4-6 p.m.

The Reptile Zoo will also be at the Grafton Heritage Depot at the same time.

Citywide trick or treating will be held that night from 5-7 p.m.



Bet they had some fun

Lutheran Retirement Home residents took a fun trip out to the Diamond Jo casino on September 18. Those taking part in the fun included (in front, from left) Allen Nybrotten and Lolita Hammes, (second row) Dale Schultz, Jean Nelson, Gene Rose, Tom Toye, (back row) Alyssa White, Suzy Nissen, Monica Meyer, Abigail Meincke and Katelyn Thofson.



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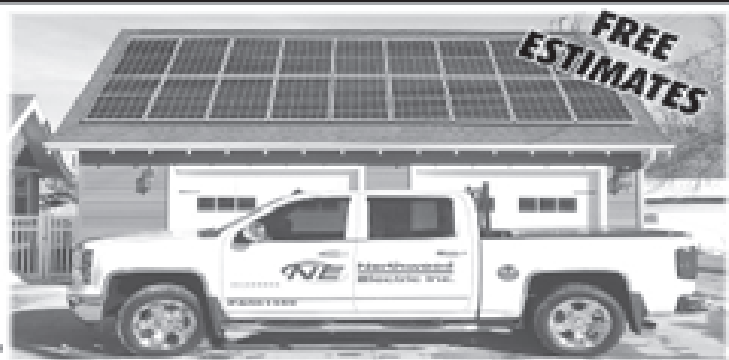
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'Cancer in Worth' program offers info, resources and recommendations

A program was held last week, offering participants a chance to learn more about cancer's impact in Worth County, along with ways to reduce risks and resources for more information.

"Cancer in Worth County" was presented by the Iowa Cancer Registry, hosted at Worth County Public Health.

Taking in the presentation were a number of local officials, and interested members of the community.

The presentation was led by Amanda Kahl and Audrey Gronemeyer of the Iowa Cancer Registry (ICR).

The goal of the Iowa Cancer Registry is to assemble and report data on cancers, deaths and survival; respond to data requests; and support studies for cancer prevention, research and education.

They began with some

statistics about how Iowa compares to other states in cancer rates.

Iowa has the second highest rate of new cancers in the U.S. The state's rate is 13% higher than the U.S. rate.

Iowa has the 23rd highest rate of cancer deaths in the U.S., and Iowa's cancer death rate is 7% higher than the rest of the U.S.

Of Iowa's 99 counties, 64 have cancer incidence rates over the national average and the remaining 35 counties are similar to the national average.

Worth is one of the counties that has a rate similar to the national average. No Iowa counties are below the national average.

Based on those rates, the Iowa Cancer Registry began a project to examine rates by county and to provide information to Iowa residents.

The goal was to enhance community engagement and education around cancer prevention and control across all counties.

One of the comparisons between Iowa and the rest of the country showed that rates of cancer in young people are comparable between birth and age 19. However, rates in Iowans ages 20-39 are higher than in the rest of the country.

Each year in Worth County, there are 55 new cancer diagnoses, which is similar to the national average.

Each year, there are 17 cancer deaths in Worth County, also similar to the national average.

The top cancers occurring in Worth County are prostate cancer (#36 amongst Iowa counties), female breast cancer (#48), lung cancer (#50), melanoma or skin cancer (#11) and colorectal cancer (#66).

Each year, in Worth County there are nine new cases of prostate cancer. Deaths to the cancer are less than six, which is the lower end of reportable figures.

Screening is recommended for men 55-69 with a PSA blood test. In Iowa and the U.S., 76% of prostate cancers are found at an early stage.

Seven new cases of female breast cancer are found each year in Worth County, with less than six deaths.

Women ages 40-74 should screen with a mammogram every two years.

In Worth County, 41% of female breast cancer cases are found at a late stage, higher than the state and national rates.

In Worth County, seven new cases of lung cancer are found every year, with less than six reported deaths.

Lung cancer screening includes a low-dose CT scan for those that have smoked within 15 years and are between the ages of 50-80, and speaking with a doctor.

Worth County, like Iowa, and the U.S., showed that lung cancer diagnosis typically takes place at late stages, with 79% amongst those in the county.

The report also noted that smoking is not the only lung cancer risk. Radon is the second leading cause and a combination of the two increases cancer risk 10 to 20 times.

In Worth County, there are less than six new cases of melanoma in Worth County each year, but, on an age and per capita adjusted rate, Worth is higher than the state and national rates.

Melanoma can be screened with self examinations. When discovered,

it is usually at an early stage.

Melanoma can be prevented by wearing broad spectrum SPF 30 sunscreen, avoiding being in the sun between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and wearing long sleeves and hats and staying in the shade while outdoors.

Another significant risk factor is tanning beds. One session increases melanoma risk by 20%. Those that use a tanning bed before age 35 have an increased risk of 75%. And tanning bed users are more likely to have multiple melanomas.

Worth County has higher rates of new cases of colorectal cancer each year than the state and U.S., with less than six new cases each year and less than six deaths to the cancer.

Screening is recommended for those ages 45-75 with either at home samples or colonoscopies.

When discovered, amongst Worth County cases, 52% were at a late stage, while 62% in Iowa were at a late stage.

General ways to reduce cancer include avoiding smoking or contact with smoke, limiting alcohol consumption, reducing air pollution, eating healthy diets, being physically active, decreasing excess weight, avoiding sun and using sun protection, being vaccinated against cancer causing viruses and getting appropriate screenings.

Several cancer resources are and have been made available locally at Worth County Public Health thanks to funds and partnerships for cancer detection and prevention. That includes free radon testing kits, making sunscreen available at Worth County pools this past summer, well and rural water testing and WCPH will also be taking part in a colorectal screening program.

Most of the cancer-related programs are provided at no or little cost.

More information can be found in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal, on the WCPH Facebook page or by calling WCPH at 641-324-1741.

Other cancer resources can be found at www.iowa-cancerregistry.org/99. More information, including the full slides of the Worth County presentation, can also be found at that website.



Getting fired up

The annual 4-H Fire-Up was held on October 4. Young people and their families interested in joining 4-H learned more about all that Worth County has to offer. County 4-H members, leaders and volunteers were on hand to talk about their clubs, give examples of 4-H activities and answer any questions about 4-H opportunities. More information about Worth County 4-H clubs and opportunities is available by contacting the ISU Extension and Outreach in Worth County at 641-324-1051.

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Vikings 0-3 on the week

By Julie Salisbury

The Vikings volleyball team had a busy week with four matches taking place.

On Tuesday, September 29, the girls hosted North Union for a non-conference match and lost in three sets, 25-18, 25-18 and 25-17.

Leading the Vikings in kills was Avarie Skellenger with four, she also had five digs and was 5-7 serving. True Hackenmiller had three kills, five assists, three digs and was 7-9 serving with one ace serve. Ashlyn Skellenger had

three kills, 11 assists, eight digs and was 10-11 serving with one ace, and Hallie Hanson had three kills, four digs and was 3-3 serving. Mia Fierova had one kill and three digs, and Lilly Strand had two kills, four digs and was 9-12 serving with two ace serves. Chloe Woods had one assist and three digs, Kenly Solberg had two kills, one assist, 14 digs and was 10-12 serving with two ace serves, and Lexi McHenry had four digs.

The Vikings had 18 kills, 18 assists, 48 digs, and were 44-54 serving with six ace serves.

On Thursday, October 1, the Vikings hosted Class 2A no. 14 and undefeated Garner-Hayfield/Ventura and Central Springs in a triangular.

The Vikings faced off against GHV first and lost 25-7 and 25-11.

Hanson led the team with four kills, three blocks and 2-3 serving. Ashlyn S. had two kills, one assist, one block, one dig and was 3-3 serving, and Hackenmiller had two assists, one block, one dig and was 1-2 serving. Strand had one kill, one assist, two blocks and was 3-4 serving with one ace, and Woods had one assist. Solberg had one kill, three assists, seven

digs and was 3-5 serving, and Avarie S. had one kill, two blocks, two digs and was 0-2 serving. Fierova had three blocks, one dig and was 1-1 serving, and McHenry had one dig.

The Vikings had nine kills, eight assists, 12 blocks, 13 digs and were 13-20 serving with one ace.

Against the Central Springs Panthers, the Vikings lost in straight sets 25-15 and 25-22.

Hanson had two kills, two digs and was 6-6 serving with one ace. Ashlyn S. had one kill, two assists, five digs and was 5-7 serving with one ace, and Hackenmiller had three assists, one kill, six digs and was 4-4 serving with one ace. Fierova had two kills, one assist and five digs, and Strand had two kills, three digs and was 2-3 serving with one ace. Solberg had one assist, 10 digs and was 3-3 serving, and McHenry had two digs. Avarie S. had three digs and was 6-8 serving with three aces, and Woods was 5-6 serving with one ace.

The Vikings had eight kills, seven assists, 36 digs and was 31-37 serving with eight ace serves.

Northwood-Kensett is 0-5 in conference play and 5-16 overall.



Viking Avarie Skellenger bumps the ball back to her teammates during Thursday night's game against Central Springs.



Viking Lilly Strand gets ready to serve the ball during action against Central Springs.

Vikings fall to CAM Cougars at home

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings football team was granted another home football game this season by Mother Nature. The Vikings had the opportunity to host the CAM Cougars on Friday, October 2, instead of having to make the long trip themselves due to wet field conditions. Unfortunately, the Cougars picked up a 54-14 victory over the Vikings after leading 40-8 at the half.

Tegan Trenhaile with 24 carries for 138 yards. His longest run was 64 yards, he had a five yard reception and had one touchdown on the night. Brady Tufte carried the ball 12 times for 65 yards and had a 13 yard reception. Aydan Schutz was 3-7 passing, he threw for 27 yards. He also had a 19 yard reception, and 16 carries for 33 yards and a touchdown. Owen Binnebose had one pass for 19 yards and Jaxon Reyerson had a nine yard

reception and a two point conversion.

Tyce Helgeson had three kick returns for 51 yards and Aidan Ouverson had one for six yards.

Binnebose punted twice for 41 yards, Reyerson kicked off twice for 65 yards, and B. Tufte kicked off once for 41 yards.

Weston Heims led the defense with four tackles, Gabriel Aleman had 3.5 tackles and Trenhaile had three tackles. Schutz and Carson Tufte each had 2.5

tackles and B. Tufte had two. Helgeson had 1.5 tackles and Reyerson had one.

The Vikings are 1-3 in district play and 3-4 overall. They will be on the road on Friday, October 9, traveling to Bishop Garrigan for a district game before returning home for their final regular season game on Friday, October 16, when they host North Union in a district game.



The Northwood-Kensett Vikings defense works together to take down the Cougar ball carrier during Friday night's game.



Viking Brady Tufte tries to outrun the Cougar defense during Friday night's game against CAM.



The Northwood student section is always lively and fun to photograph.



Viking sophomore Tyce Helgeson takes off with the ball during action Friday night in Northwood.

Iowa State University Extension Worth County Office 641-324-1531 Calendar of Events for October 2026

October 5-9: National 4-H Week

Tuesday, October 6: Seed Art Workshop, 5:30-7:30 PM, Worth County Extension Office

Tuesday, October 6: Livestock Judging Practice at N-K Highschool 7:30 AM

Wednesday October 7: Master Gardener Training 6 PM in Worth

Thursday, October 8: Livestock Judging Practice at N-K Highschool 7:30 AM

Thursday, October 8: N-K Busy Bees 3:30-4:30 PM

Thursday, October 8: Field Meals 5-7 PM

October 12-13: Youth Fest in Ames

Tuesday, October 14: Livestock Judging Practice at N-K Highschool 7:30 AM

Thursday, October 15: Field Meals 5-7 PM

Thursday, October 15: Extension Council Meeting 7 PM

Friday, October 16: MN Beef Expo Judging Contest

Sunday, October 18: Green Shamrock Spaghetti Supper 5-7 PM, Elk Creek Lutheran Church

Tuesday, October 20: Sew & Style Club 6:30-8 PM

Wednesday, October 21: Manly Clover Kids 3:15-4:30

Wednesday, October 21: Forest, Aquatic and Right-of-Way Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course, 9 AM

Thursday, October 22: Field Meals 5-7 PM

Sunday, October 25: Youth County Council Meeting 6 PM

Tuesday, October 28: Master Gardener Training Session in Floyd County

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NORTHWOOD-KENSETT FALL SPORTS



N-K Cross Country
Members of the Northwood-Kensett 2026 varsity cross country team include (from left) Mr. Urbatsch, Maddie Christianson, Ivy Urbatsch, Saxon Penfold, Wesley Ballantyne, Olivia Urbatsch, Maggie Rye, coach Troy Einertson, (not pictured) Charlotte Cooper, Hadley Anderson, Ethan Franck and Kaylee Franck.



Middle School Cross Country
Members of the Northwood-Kensett middle school cross country team include Lola Cronbaugh and Jared Magritz.

N-K Cross Country - Garner

By Troy Einertson
Cross Country Coach

What a crazy wet last two weeks we have had! It seemed that there was rain in the forecast everyday, and we were just lucky that everything cleared, and the boys were able to get in a race last Monday!

Ethan, Saxon, Wes and JJ all made the trip for the high school runners, while Jared Magritz was running his first ever race for the middle school. The course was in great shape even with all the rain, and the boys were fired up to get after it!

Jared was the first to run, and I do not know who was more nervous, him or myself! We hadn't worked a lot on running with a big group of kids, and I was extremely nervous that he would try and run with the kids up front, and not stay with the pace we had talked about. So, we talked again, he got warmed up and I left him to get to my spot. Well my nerves were

right because Jared came by the quarter mile mark in about 1:30 and he was up front with the leaders. We were looking at him coming by me at around 2:10, so he was running a little faster than we had planned. I slowed him down, and he ended up coming through the first mile in 8:00, which was over a minute and a half faster than what he had been training for. He kept up the pace, and finished his first race in an amazing time of 16:27 for the 2 mile course. Not a bad way to start our day!

The boys were next and just before they were to start the sun came out, and so did all the bugs! The gnats and those crazy little black bugs decided to wait to attack everyone right before the race was to begin. It did help us a little bit because it kept our boys moving, and made them stretch just a little more!

Ethan, Saxon Wes and JJ hadn't all run together for a couple weeks, and it

was good seeing all of them getting ready to get after it! Ethan took off first with Saxon, JJ and Wes not far behind. They were all very close to each other and were all on pace for a great race at mile 1. Once they got past me at mile 1, the legs looked a little heavy, and I could tell it was going to be a battle for JJ, Saxon and Wes. All three of them had been battling colds and you could tell they were not feeling the best.

At mile 2 Ethan was still running very well, and JJ had passed Saxon while Wes was still getting after it a little behind. This is how they finished. Ethan came through just a little over his PR in 22:04, JJ finished in 26:50, Saxon in 28:56 and Wes in 31:15. The course ended up being a little softer, and this really affected everyone's legs and times.

Overall though I think the boys ran very well, and I was glad they got in a race.



Boys getting ready at Garner: Picture courtesy of Nancy Schrupp

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The Northwood Anchor

Northwood-Kensett Elementary recognizes student behavior with Character Strong assemblies

Each month throughout the school year, students at Northwood-Kensett schools focus on a trait that makes their characters strong. At the elementary school, each month ends with a recognition of students that have modeled that trait, and an activity.

The first recognition of the school year came on the September 25 with the first Character Strong assembly of the school year.

The character trait for the start of the school year was respect. As the students learned, behaviors that display respect include giving people full attention without interrupting; using manners by saying please and thank you and greeting others by name; treating everyone with dignity and kindness, regardless of differences; cleaning up after themselves and respecting property and equipment; and practicing empathy by acknowledging other people's feelings and seeing things from other perspectives.

Throughout each month, teachers are asked to submit shout outs to students they have seen demonstrating the monthly trait. Then, at the monthly assembly, students in each grade are randomly selected for recognition.

Four fifth grade students are also chosen to help lead the character assemblies. The fifth graders choose and organize a game for the students that have shown character to play, and help counselor Kelly Bowman during the assembly.

The fifth grade ambassadors at the September assembly included Briley Madson, Grady Walk, Sophia Hulshizer and Walter Schroeder.

Students displaying respect that were chosen for the September 25 assembly included Deegan Fricke, Ava Wurtzel, Kolt Nitcher, Huntley Iverson, Sadie Johnson, Iver Butler, Adalyn Starbuck, Clay Bauers, Raven Flatness, Jack Davidson, Hudson Berhow, Marjorie Martinez and Lidia Hanson.

Bowman shared what their teachers said about their displays of respect:

"Deegan F. patiently

waited to talk to his teacher while she was talking with another teacher. Deegan did not interrupt, he waited quietly."

"Ava W. is such a good, respectful listener all the time!"

"Kolt N. follows school and classroom rules. I can always count on him to be a role model!"

"Huntley I. listens to others, uses kind words, and makes good choices. Way to be a great role model. Keep it up!"

"Sadie J. consistently uses her manners throughout the school and keeps our classroom clean even if it's not her mess. She is a positive leader daily!"

"Iver B. treats others the way he wants to be treated."

"Adalyn S. treats everyone with kindness. She is a wonderful example of what it means to show respect every day!"

"Clay B. always includes

others and uses respectful language in the classroom."

"Raven F. is one of the first students to always step in to help and support her classmates."

"Jack D. is a great listener and always shows respect by following classroom expectations."

"Hudson B. always raises her hand in class and follows all of our Viking Pride rules!"

"Marjorie A.M. shows respect every time the teacher is talking by sitting quietly with her eyes on the teacher."

"Lidia H. gives her full attention to whomever is talking in class. She has done a great job of showing she cares about everyone's opinions. Good job, Lidia!"

The fifth grade ambassadors joined the students that displayed respect as

they all played a game called banana tag. The students that are it tag students, who then turn into bananas by freezing and

holding their hands overhead. The other students can peel the students and unfreeze them.



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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

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Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

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Northwood United Methodist Church

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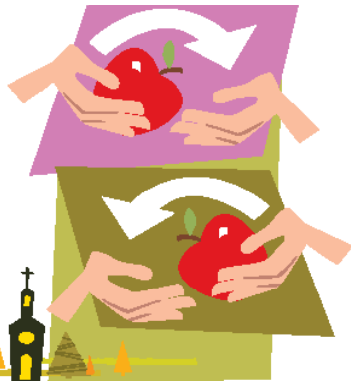
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Rules of reciprocity are universal. Every society has both implicit and explicit rules about giving back to those who have given to us. We don't usually notice these rules until we encounter different rules from other cultures, or when someone violates the rules. The duty to reciprocate explains why we feel uncomfortable at Christmas if someone has given us a gift and we don't have one for them. We're likely to go out and buy something for them in this case.



Rules of reciprocity apply also to justice in punishment, and the lex talionis or "eye for an eye" rule was probably instituted as an attempt to limit our murderous impulses for revenge. We shouldn't always demand justice; sometimes mercy is the more loving response. We also shouldn't expect reciprocity in giving in many cases as well. Parents give to their young children knowing that their children don't have the wherewithal to reciprocate and sometimes we give anonymously knowing that the other person would feel uncomfortably indebted if they knew who gave to them. So, we should give generously, especially to those in need, keeping in mind how our gift is likely to make the other person feel. - Christopher Simon

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

- Luke 6: 31

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by Sandy Olson



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

Home Interiors and Gifts was a direct sales company that would ask people to host parties in their homes for sales to family and friends. The host would get benefits or discounts for holding the party. They went out of business around 2008 according to Mr. Google who knows everything! Based in Dallas, they published a cookbook titled Cooking With Love and Butter (or sometimes diet margarine). The name Mary C. Crawley appears throughout the book so I assume she was the CEO or another executive with this home decorating company. No date is indicated on the book but Mary's picture shows a very definite 70s hairstyle! The following recipes are adapted from those submitted by women who hosted the in-home demonstrations.

Chili Con Queso Dip (Doris Stark)

- 2-3 ripe fresh tomatoes, chopped
- 1 pound Velveeta® cheese
- 1 can (4 oz.) diced green chilis
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can (4 oz.) diced red chilis

NOTE: use Roma tomatoes as they have less juice and use either mild or hot chilies depending upon your preference and heat tolerance.

Sauté the chopped onions and tomatoes in a heavy saucepan with a small amount of olive oil. When they are tender, add the two cans of drained chilies. Cut the cheese into small cubes and add this to the pan. Cook over low heat, stirring until the cheese has melted. Allow the dip to cool and rest 2-4 hours in the refrigerator. Warm up in a small crock pot to serve with tortilla chips.

Chick and Chips (Irma Holzworth)

- 1 can cream of chicken soup

- 1 1/4 cups crushed potato chips
- 1 cup cooked, cubed chicken*
- 1 cup frozen green peas, cooked
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- *You can use 2 cans chicken instead
- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Empty the soup into a 1-quart casserole dish and add the milk. Mix well. Stir in the chicken and 1 cup of the crushed potato chips. Sprinkle the remaining chips on top. Bake for 25 minutes. NOTE: you can use tuna instead of chicken.

Broccoli Casserole (Billie Ramsey)

- 2 packages (10 oz. each) chopped broccoli
- 1 large jar Cheez Whiz®
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 1/2 cups cooked rice
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Cook the frozen broccoli according to package instructions; drain. Add the Worcester, cheese, rice and one can of the chicken soup. Mix well. Place in a casserole dish and spread the second can of soup over the top. Bake for 30 minutes.

I never attended a Home Interiors party but they are probably first cousins to Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Salad Master and other home parties so we all know how they are structured. You see demos, presentations and mandatory order blanks for the latest and greatest products of their ilk. They are fun, entertaining and usually have tasty refreshments but attendees feel pressure to buy something whether they need it or not. I don't think the concept is as popular now as it was back in the day because you can get anything your heart desires, or not, on Amazon! And....that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Dahlby – Cooper wed on June 27

Casey Wayne Dahlby and Samantha Jo Cooper of Northwood were married on June 27, 2026, at their home in an outdoor wedding. A reception followed on the farm.

Bradley Dietrich of Kensett, Iowa officiated the wedding.

Samantha is the daughter of Scott Cooper and Cristy Schmidt, maternal grandparents are the late Carroll and Wanda Schmidt, and paternal grandparents are Anne Cooper and the late Jim Cooper.

Sam graduated from North Central and is a Product Education Specialist for Station South Collective.

Casey is the son of Darin and Teri Dahlby, maternal grandparents are Arthur Moretz and the late Sharon Moretz, and paternal grandparents are Roger Dahlby and the late Janet Dahlby.

Casey graduated from Northwood-Kensett and is



SAMANTHA AND CASEY DAHLBY

farming. Gus Mason and Rex Mason were ring bearers and Cove Dahlby was the flower girl.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets July 20

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Retirement Home. Theresa Cooper, President, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and the conservation pledge.

Eight members were present and answered the roll call question "What propagation method do you use most often?" Mary Low read the May minutes. Jean VanVeldhuizen moved the minutes be approved as read, Riki Mickelsen seconded and all approved. Julie Robb, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's report.

Theresa asked if the club wanted to take on more responsibility for the Julseth garden at the Worth County Fairgrounds. After discussion it was decided to wait and further discuss

if the fair board made a request. Other unfinished business included sign up for Meals on Wheels and Yard of the Week selection.

New business included a discussion on moving meetings to 9:00AM on Saturdays which was tabled for further discussion. Other new business was presenting Mary with a Circle of Roses pin. Myra Harris made a motion to award Louise Philipp a life membership, Julie seconded, all approved. Thersa will plan a celebration of Louise's lifetime membership and acknowledge both Mary and Penny Robb's Circle of Roses awards.

The Flower Show Committee discussed the likes and dislikes of the 2026 Flower Show. The committee asked for members to bring ideas on themes for 2027 to the August meet-

ing. Some ideas raised were to have backgrounds for pedestals, add a horticulture and a youth People's Choice Award, use tape to secure entry tags on the bottom of horticulture specimens instead of string, and add a petite design for the youth section.

Cheryl Nitcher moved the meeting be adjourned, Myra seconded, all approved.

Lutheran Retirement Home residents put together flower arrangements with flowers and assistance from garden club members. Members also brought treats from their kitchens.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 24, at 5:30 p.m. Louise is Hostess, Julie will provide the meditation or arrangement and Angie has the program.



Farmers fed again

With harvest in full swing, the field meals being served by Worth County Extension are continuing. During the recent meals, the servers had some help with some young assistants. See more information on the field meals in the ad on page 3.



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er topics including business growth, leadership and team development, artificial intelligence and innovation, funding and resources, succession planning, employee wellness, agriculture, tourism and economic development.

The day will also feature keynote speaker Dima Ghawi, who uses stories and lessons from her global leadership experience to inspire individuals to build

confidence, embrace change and grow personally and professionally.

The Rural Development Conference is open to everyone, whether you work for a business or organization, are an entrepreneur, work in agriculture, are involved in your community or simply want to learn something new.

Registration is \$29 and includes lunch, all conference sessions, the keynote

presentation and a closing ice cream social. The registration deadline is October 21.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I broke 60 on the golf course last week.
Wow!
Yeah, those golf carts really move.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It's the launch of the "lower our expectations weather" season. I stopped at a rural cemetery to honor a lost loved one. A lofty wind turbine spun nearby. Wind turbines are like lutefisk; people either value them or

detest them. Some say they are defacing the Earth, and others say they are saving it. A friend considers them turn-and-earn. Even gradual change is right quick. There are days when they seem to be everywhere. We have inherited the wind.

I find them astonishing. It's my job. Mary Oliver wrote, "Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work, which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished."

It reminds me of this astonishing conversation: "Look at that flock of cows."

"Herd of cows," came the correction at a gallop.

"Of course, I've

heard of cows. That's why I'm pointing out that flock of them to you."

We had Holstein cattle that were recognizable by their distinctive black-and-white markings, which were as unique as human fingerprints. The cows had names. One coworker/cow was called Montana because she had a marking that looked like Montana, only much smaller than the actual state. We had another cow that was named Bob. It's an odd appellation for a cow. Visitors asked why a cow (not a bull) was named Bob, and whether it was short for Roberta or Bobby. I told them a story. A neighbor named Bob went to the junkyard. He was supposed to be throwing things away, but part of going to the landfill is picking things up. He did that, but there was free junk available to grab, and he picked up a lamp. It was a dirty lamp, so he took out his red hand-

kerchief and shined it up a bit. There was a "poof," as a genie appeared from the lamp and offered Bob one wish. The standard offer used to be three wishes, but budget cuts had reduced it to one. Bob was stumped and asked for a few days to decide. The genie said he was a busy genie and required a prompt answer. He offered Bob a helpful suggestion. "People always want to be who they aren't. You can become anything you want, but it must be something you can see from here. You stand there for a minute and then give me your wish. Think long and hard before deciding. Bob was concentrating when he heard a cow moo. He turned to look. Surprised to see a bovine there, he said, "A cow!" That's how Bob became a Holstein cow.

I've learned

If I could get all these multicolored lady beetles to pay rent, I'd

be sitting pretty.

I am one of the few people who keep gloves in the glove compartment.

The first 3 letters of "Sweden" and "Denmark" spell out "Sweden." The remaining letters spell out "Denmark."

To all those wonderful classmates who wrote "Stay cool" in my high school yearbook, I'm sorry to disappoint.

Bad jokes depart- ment

Hamburger Helper works only if the hamburger is ready to accept that it needs help.

I made a belt out of old watches. My wife called it a waist of time.

I'll never forget the last thing Grandpa said before he kicked the bucket. "Let's see how far I can kick this bucket."

Nature notes

Jerry Viktora of Ellendale, wrote, "Al. We have had a screech owl making lots of racket the last few early mornings. Starts talking about 3 until the sun rises. Hollers about every 2-3 minutes steady. Would think it would get hoarse and slow down after a while. Noisy, yes, but cool. Thoughts."

Eastern screech owls are socially monogamous and generally stay with the same partner for life, with some exceptions, usually involving the need for divorce lawyers. Pairs often use the same tree cavity, old woodpecker hole or nest box for consecutive breeding seasons. Adult screech owls call in the fall to defend territories and to reconnect with mates. Autumn is a secondary peak period for their vocalization when both adult and young owls stake out and defend their home ranges before the harsh winter weather hits. Mated pairs use smooth tremolo "bounce songs" to stay connected, reinforce pair bonds, and confirm boundary ownership. Descending whinnies and barks warn off rivals or intruders encroaching on established territories. Hatch-ear owls are learning the ropes. Their calls can sound unprofessional as they practice becoming professional owls.

Meeting adjourned

"I've been searching for ways to heal myself, and I've found that kindness is the best way."—Lady Gaga.

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Letter to the Editor

Worth County District One Voters:

I am writing on behalf of District 1 Supervisor candidate, Amy Jorgensen.

I have known Amy for 25 years. I worked with her in the Worth County Treasurer's office for 19 of those years. The position I held when Amy started at the Treasurer's office was Deputy Treasurer. When I accepted that position, I was the only Deputy in the office, the rest of the staff were clerks. Jake Hanson was just elected to replace Helen Senne as Treasurer. The Deputy position was a position that I did not want, but Helen Senne really wanted me to accept the position, to be Jake's "right hand" so to speak. I agreed to do it, with the understanding that it would be temporary as I knew what responsibilities the job entailed and I had two small children at home and this was not what I wanted at that point in my life.

Fast forward one year. Amy got hired as a clerk. I quickly recognized her ability to handle multiple tasks, her talent for understanding new and different software programs. She understood budgeting, how the tax-

es were levied and allocated. She was always willing to take on new challenges. She also demonstrated excellent customer service skills. I thought to myself (selfishly) this is my out! I went to Jake with my idea to step down and have Amy assume the position as Deputy Treasurer. Jake also recognized that she had what it took to succeed in the position and didn't hesitate to move forward with the change.

Amy, also having two young children at home, accepted the position with no hesitation. That is just who she is, in her job and in life. She takes the bull by the horns, so to speak, and while she may be afraid of doing so, somehow, she conquers those fears and succeeds in everything she does.

A vote for Amy is a vote for integrity, honesty and especially a commitment to serving all of Worth County. Amy does not claim to know all of what it takes to fulfill the commitment of District One Supervisor, but there is no one that will work harder to learn, listen and research before making decisions that affect Worth County.

Respectfully
Stephanie Hengesteg

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Fit to print...

By Kris Kenison Former reporter

With an election on the way, the issues of the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal have been featuring letters to the editor from local readers about candidates and concerns as November 3 approaches.

At the same time, as I was looking through a few old issues recently, I stumbled upon a column I wrote nearly 21 years ago, featuring some letters that were far less worthy of serious consideration, as they were entirely fictitious.

Much of the content of the column is just as avoidably irrelevant today as it was back then.

The only major change is my title. At the time I was the Anchor reporter, and not even two years at the job at that point. Today, my title, by default and not necessarily by achievement, is editor or publisher.

Read on for "Letters to the Reporter," originally published in the November 9, 2005, Northwood Anchor.

As a frequent, occasional or, at the very least, current reader of the Northwood Anchor, you are no doubt aware that this paper regularly features letters directed to the editor. What you may not be aware of is the "fact" that many readers also direct correspondence to the reporter.

Unfortunately these letters to the reporter are far too numerous and/or fictitious to answer on an individual basis.

Instead I have chosen to respond to a few highlights and some questions that are asked by many readers.

Dear Reporter,

A recent archeological dig unearthed stone tablets containing your name alongside a mummified bag of "movie theater style" microwave popcorn. These discov-

eries have led the Egyptian people to name you as their new Pharaoh.

We would like to fly you in for the necessary rituals allowing you to ascend the throne. Unfortunately the Egyptian government's money is in an American bank. We will need to use your social security number and financial information to access it.

In accordance with prophecy,
Kamrar Truro
Minister of Archeological
Affairs

P.S. This is NOT a scam.

Mr. Truro,

I can't say this comes as a surprise, as I've always suspected that I was destined to rule. The information you requested is in the mail.

Dear Mr. Reporter,

As part of your job, you regularly attend and report on all manner of governmental meetings. I was just wondering which of these was your favorite to attend?

With much admonished affection,
Mrs. Alexander Popejoy

Dear Mrs. Popejoy,

That's a tough choice. As a reporter, I'm trained not to pick favorites or choose sides in any way. As such, I technically shouldn't answer this.

That being said, I could be persuaded to pick, should I find the proper "motivation." For instance, if the school were to decide to designate a "Kris Kenison Pre-Memorial Gymnasium," that would help. Being awarded a key to the city could also do the trick. I would certainly consider the supervisors to be more super if they allowed me to appoint village idiots. I have a few people in mind.

Dear Mr. Kenison,
In regards to your earlier inqui-

Revisiting Letters to the Reporter

ry, there are no impeachment proceedings established in the by-laws of the Henry Winkler Fan Club. Furthermore, there are no provisions for a runoff election. We would also like to point out that the most recent restraining order Mr. Winkler has taken out against you would suggest that you are unfit for participation in the club. May we direct you to the Ron Howard Fan Club, which currently has no president nor any members.

With deepest apathy,
Gilbert Kelly
Secretary,
Henry Winkler Fan Club

(Reporter's note: I don't know how that one got included. Please disregard that letter and read on.)

To the reporter,

It seems that the nature of politics and the media today has become increasingly divisive. This includes a number of issues, including just about every government action even remotely political and remotely possible. As a reporter who sometimes covers divisive issues, I'd like to know what you consider to be the best breakfast cereal.

Radcliffe Ellsworth III

Dear Mr. III,

As I mentioned earlier, a reporter should not publicly state or even form an opinion on divisive matters, lest a bias be formed. However, I will go out on a limb, risk my professional integrity and tell you that I prefer Lucky Charms. My stance on this issue is: "magically delicious."

Dear Anchor Reporter,
Do you like us? Circle one- Yes or no?

Sincerely,
Various Readers of the
Norhtwood Anchor

Dear Readers,
That is a very good question.

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Early Files

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Obituaries

100 years ago

September 30, 1926

Besides being mayor of Northwood, E.M. Sabin is almost the undisputed chess champion of northern Iowa, for at the regular meeting of the Northern Iowa Chess Association held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at Mason City, he defeated eight opponents and was held to a draw by one.

The heavy rains of the past few weeks put some water in the Shell Rock River- if that is any consolation to those who have grown tired of viewing the old shoes, automobile tires, pieces of wagon wheels

and other trash which has taken the place of water in that part of the river which formerly flowed through Northwood's Crescent Park.

Yesterday the writer saw F.W. Schmidt carrying a more or less bulky package from the post office and our curiosity being aroused that friend Frank was the recipient of a fine crate of cantaloupe from his brother, A.F. Schmidt, of Preston, Iowa, who grows the fruit in large quantities. We were told that the quality was of the best and we can now vouchsafe for the truth of the claim.

Arthur Butler, southwest of town, left for Chicago with a load of baby beeves belonging to the club boys and girls who had exhibited them

at the Worth County Fair. These were sold at weekly auction held at the Chicago yards each Tuesday. The cattle association.

Mrs. Helen D. Wright passed away at her home in east Northwood after an illness of two years. She was born in 1842 in Westra, Orkney Isles, Scotland. Her parents, James Donaldson Rendall, and Jean, his wife, who were staunch members of the United Presbyterian church, schooled her in the Bible catechism and Psalms. In 1858, the family came to Iowa and settled in Silver Lake. In 1862 she was married to Chester Wright, who died in 1900. She is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Jean Hagen

Jean Ardis Hagen passed away peacefully on October 3, 2026, with her family by her side.

She was born on July 25, 1941, to parents Arthur and Rosecelia (Branstad) Knudtson. A lifelong resident of the Lake Mills area, Jean was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend who was truly loved by everyone who knew her.

Jean is survived by her devoted husband of 67 years, Gordon Wayne Hagen. Jean and Gordon celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on August 1, 2026. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, friendship, travel, and treasured memories.

Jean was the proud mother of four sons, Jim, Jeffrey, Rodney and Steven, who passed away in 1987. She is survived by Jim and his wife, Christy, of Lake Mills; Rodney and his wife, Samantha, of Lake Mills; and Jeffrey and his wife, Mary Beth, of Johnston, Iowa.

Jean was blessed with nine grandchildren—Staci, Andrew, Eric, Kendall, Cameron, Clint, Natalie, Clay and Sydney—and eleven great-grandchildren: Mitchell, Aiden, Harper, Juniper, Maeve, Cora, Arthur, Taylor, Briar, Halle and Sonia. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her tremendous joy and pride, and she cherished the time she spent with them.

Family was central to Jean's life. She was the one who organized and scheduled family activities, made sure everyone knew what



JEAN HAGEN

was happening, and somehow kept everyone connected. If there was a family gathering or event, Jean was usually the one behind the scenes making it happen. She was truly the heart of her family.

Jean was a partner in G Hagen Enterprises, where she served as managing partner. She cared deeply for the people who worked for her and was known for taking care of them. She was also famous for keeping everyone well fed—many of those who worked for Jean could probably credit her for a few extra pounds. Her kitchen and her generosity were hard to resist.

Jean graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1959 after transferring from Scarville. She quickly became part of the Lake Mills community and was named Homecoming Queen. As the youngest of her siblings, Jean was also known as the wildest, a spirited and independent personality that she carried throughout her life.

Jean and Gordon traveled extensively together, seeing over 80 countries throughout their lifetime, all while sharing adventures and making memo-

ries around the world. But wherever they went, her greatest joy remained her family and the people she loved.

Jean was preceded in death by her son, Steven; her parents, Arthur and Rosecelia Knudtson; and her siblings, Mavis, Dorothy, Truman and Arlene.

Jean will be remembered for her big heart, strong personality, wonderful sense of humor, generosity, and ability to make everyone feel welcome. She had a special way of bringing people together and making sure everyone was taken care of.

Jean was loved by everyone. Her laughter, stories, kindness, and unmistakable personality will live on in her family and in the countless lives she touched.

A visitation for Jean will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the Schott Funeral Home - Mittelstadt Chapel in Lake Mills, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Sion Lutheran Church, rural Lake Mills, Iowa, with Pastor Mark Decker officiating. There will be a time of visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at the Sion Church Cemetery.

If you are unable to attend the service, it will be livestreamed through the Sion Lutheran Church Facebook and YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@SionLutheranChurchIA

She will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever cherished by the family she devoted her life to.

75 years ago

October 4, 1951

Members of the 1951 Viking football team include Richard Low, DeWayne Patterson, Bruce Bliton, Billy Pangburn, Russell Wignes, Charles Johnson, Danny Pangburn, Richard Johnson, Alan Stevens, Jack Farrell, Don Harmon, Carroll Schmidt, Orlin Horgen, Robert Cleveland, Richard Hagen, Philip Beal, Richard Hanson, David Johnson, Knute Russell, Gaylord Anderson and David Stevens. Glenn Wistey is the coach.

The Hanlontown volunteer fire department was

called to the Rollin Sharrott farm south of town when the barn caught fire. The barn burned to the ground as it had gained too much headway before the Hanlontown and Clear Lake fire trucks could get to it.

Cpl. Dick Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall of Kensett, is stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany. Dick was recently in Berlin with the 2nd Armored Division on honor guard duty. He has been overseas for two months.

Leonard Midlang purchased the Art Suby house at 204 Fourth Street North last week. Midlang purchased the house as an investment and plans to rent it. The Subys' plans are indefinite although they are

considering moving to Des Moines.

Lee Walswick, Navy electronic technician third class, received his Navy discharge and immediately re-enlisted at the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, N.J., according to the Northwood draft board. Mr. Walswick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walswick, first enlisted in the Navy Sept. 21, 1948.

Pvt. William Nack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Nack, Grafton, is serving as a clerk in the Judge Advocates section of the central command at Yokohama, Japan. He finished clerical school at Fort Riley, Kans., and was stationed at a camp in Washington before going overseas.

50 years ago

September 30, 1976

Gary Carlson, 33, grandson of Mrs. Maria Carlson of Northwood, was one of 15 airmen killed when an Air Force KC 135 crashed Sunday morning near Alpena, Mich. There were five survivors from the crash, which killed two majors, nine captains, two lieutenants and two sergeants.

On Sept. 26, the N-K cross country team won a hard-fought battle for second place at Cresco. The team standings were Decorah, N-K, North High, Crestwood, Turkey Valley,

Osage and Oelwein. "This meet was our third highlight of this season. Even though we had won the B/C division at the Luther Invitational, Crestwood beat us in the other standings," said coach Craig Lease.

Two local youths won first in the sectional Punt Pass and Kick contest at Britt Saturday afternoon. Mike Lee, Manly, won first in the eight-year-old class and Rick Perry first in the nine-year-old class. In addition, Randy Severson won second in the 12-year-old class and Peter Selvig third as an 11-year-old.

The N-K freshman-sophomore team won their second game of the season Monday night, defeating Garner 14-8. Previously the

team won over Forst City and lost to Osage. On Monday night the team travels to Lake Mills.

John Orth, a senior at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orth, Northwood, is a member of the school soccer team. The Cornell Rams are in the 11-team Midwest Conference, including schools in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Two new commercial projects in Northwood at the present time include the new addition to the Viking Café and Restaurant on Highway 65 North and the new building being constructed by Dr. Hal Johnson on the corner of 9th Street North and 1st Avenue North.

25 years ago

October 3, 2001

Northwood Ag Products owner Mark Fett took advantage of warm, dry, blue-sky conditions to get his 2001 soybean harvest underway last Thursday morning in the field between the Northwood municipal airport and the Northwood Cooperative Elevator. Fett was one of the first Northwood-area crop producers to roll into the field, but he was joined by many more over the weekend and the annual autumn ritual is expected to shift into high gear by today.

Worth County Extension education director Dennis Johnson figured safe and proper lawnmower operation was a good place to start while discussing farm safety with Northwood-Kensett Elementary School third- and fourth-grade last Wednesday morning.

Karen J. Anderson and Dale Dewayne Arhart were married August 25, 2001, at the Swensrud Park gazebo in Northwood with the Rev Paul Homer officiating.

Twenties Club member Shirley Swenson accepted a \$967.50 check for the Northwood New Christmas Lights Fund recently from Lutheran Brotherhood Chapter 8686 treasurer Bill Alexander and Northwood Lions Club president

Bill Imlau. The Lions Club-Lutheran Brotherhood donation means that the Twenties Club and the Northwood Craft and Garden Club now have a total of \$17,880.96 to spend on their joint project to bring new holiday decorations to downtown Northwood.

Duane Holstad of Kensett has earned recognition by Latham Seed Company for his 20 years of service as a dealer in the Kensett area.

Northwood-Kensett junior Dustin Wagner powered into the end zone for the final score in N-K's 56-6 win here Friday night, and classmate Kyle Hanson caught the scoring pass at right to give N-K a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

students took a trip to Winnebago Industries in Forest City. Lowell Solberg gave them a tour and shared how mathematics is used in "Big Bertha," the largest production facility in the world, and in "Stitchcraft," where the soft goods are made.

With all of the star power in the conference this season a lot of highly talented kids can get overlooked by the media, but not this paper. Case in point is the play of N-K's Calli Christansen, who contributing to the team can't really be counted on a stat sheet. Christansen did get four kills, three digs and four blocks last week against Saint Ansgar, none of which could the team have done without and still competitive.

For the year her numbers are 25 kills, three assists, 27 digs and nine blocks.

The Vikings' Marquise Berry cuts back against AG-WSR defers in last Friday's night's 24-16 loss in Ackley. Berry led the Vikings with 76 rushing yards and scored on a 57 yard run late in the game.

Seven members of the Northwood-Kensett High School graduating class of 1964 had the opportunity for a get together in Owatonna last Friday on the occasion of Ardis Holstad Cox visiting from Austin, Texas. The 1964 class has get togethers throughout the year in order to stay in touch and keep up with the recent events in their classmates' lives.

Online course provides skills for enhancing local food systems

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Food Systems Team is accepting registrations for Virtual Local Food Leader 101, an online course designed to help participants develop knowledge, skills and connections for effective contribution to community food systems initiatives.

Through five learning modules, participants develop a foundation for local food systems work by exploring structure and common language, understanding dignity and involvement in food systems and building skills in facilitation, leadership, planning and evaluation.

The course will run from Sept. 30 to Dec. 16 and combines self-paced, online learning with five virtual learning circles that provide opportunities for discussion, reflection and peer connection.

Beginning food systems practitioners and experienced professionals are welcome to participate, as well as community volunteers, nonprofit professionals, educators, local government representatives, producers and residents interested in strengthening local and regional food systems.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate of completion and become eligible for more advanced training through Local Food Leader 201.

Registration is \$200 per participant. Additional course information, including registration details and the live learning circle



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schedule, is available on the Food Systems Certifications webpage.

Local Food Leader 101 can be offered as a dedicated cohort for organizations, coalitions, food policy councils and other community-based groups to apply

course concepts directly to their own work and community priorities.

More information or to inquire about a group training is available by contacting Krista Smith at kristasm@iastate.edu or 515-450-0556.

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National 4-H Week: October 4-10

Millions of youth, parents, volunteers, Extension and Outreach staff, and Extension council members join across the nation to celebrate National 4-H Week.

This year's National theme is "Beyond Ready"! Building a ready generation in a world of change, 4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Becoming Beyond Ready encompasses opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves.

4-H, the nation's largest youth development organization, grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for careers tomorrow. 4-H programs reach nearly six million young people across the U.S. through

experiences that develop critical life skills. Through the Beyond Ready national initiative, 4-H aims to increase that number to ten million youth annually by 2030. 4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System and USDA and serves every county and parish in the U.S. through a network of 110 public universities and more than 3,000 local Extension offices. Globally, 4-H collaborates with independent programs to empower one million youth in 50 countries. The research-backed 4-H experience grows young people who are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to have the goal of being a leader; two times for likely to report living life with intentionality and

purpose; and three times more likely to participate in community service.

Worth County 4-H Celebrates National 4-H Week by engaging 4-H youth in conversation and presentations at schools encouraging youth to join 4-H, interviewing youth for Worth County Youth Council, 4-H Fire-Up, and kicking off Clover Kid programming. In addition, special pages in the Northwood Anchor and the Manly Junction Signal newspapers, highlighting Worth County 4-H.

Youth in Worth County 4-H have opportunities to take part in a host of learning endeavors, such as... communication and leadership skills, community service, completing projects in a variety of interest areas, keeping records of 4-H projects, trips to the Iowa

State Capital, applying for state awards that include an application and interview process, Iowa State Fair Share the Fun and many more fun areas!

It's never too late to discover 4-H and all the opportunities 4-H can provide the youth of our county. 4-H Club membership is open to youth grades 4th – 12th, and Clover Kids for youth grades Kindergarten – 3rd grade.

Call the Worth County Extension and Outreach Office at 641-324-1531, Emma Wagner – Office Manager, Teresa Butler – County Youth Coordinator, Kennedy Eskildsen – Program Coordinator, and Molly Benson – Clover Kid Coordinator with questions.



Celebrating 4-H and 4-H'ers

Worth County 4-H recognized its members and leaders with the annual 4-H banquet held earlier this month. Pictured are the 4-H'ers, leaders and Extension staff that took part in the awards.



Worth County 4-H members at the 2026 4-H Youth Conference in June.



Lynn and Mindy Tenold were the latest supporters of Worth County 4-H to be inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.



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Anyone interested in learning more about the Worth County 4-H program or enrolling as a member is encouraged to call the **Worth County Extension Office at 324-1531 or email Teresa Butler at butlert@iastate.edu**

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Worth County 4-H had five teams with 18 youth taking part in the livestock judging at the Worth County Fair.



A new 4-H Club, Sew & Style, was formed to encourage fashionable skills of its members.



The 4-H County Council supports and organizes events throughout the school year. They also enjoyed a Friendsgiving gathering last November.



Worth County 4-H'ers earned their way to take part in a number of events at the Iowa State Fair.

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An apple this day
The Lake Mills Library program for young people, the Little Learners, recently taught them about apples. Activities included reading a book, they could make apple paintings and play with apple pie Play Doh.



Bulldog senior Regan Eastvold reached the 500 career assists mark at Tuesday night's game at West Hancock. (photos courtesy of Julie Helgeson)



Bulldogs senior Mackenzie Budach reached the 500 career kill mark at Tuesday night's game at West Hancock.

Budach and Eastvold reach 500 milestones

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills Bulldogs traveled to West Hancock on Tuesday, Sept. 29, for a Top of Iowa Conference game and won in straight sets 25-10, 25-14 and 25-12.

Ari Stensrud had nine kills, one assist, one block and was 15-16 serving with six ace serves on the night and Mackenzie Budach had nine kills, one assist, five digs and was 5-6 serving. Regan Eastvold had 23 assists, two kills, seven digs and was 4-7 serving and Tori Sterrenburg had two kills, one dig and one block. Cora Sauer had five assists, nine digs and was 7-9 serving and Afton Dean had six kills. Hayden Wempen had one kill and was 3-5 serving and Betsy Byars had five kills, one assist, three digs and was 27-30 serving with a team high nine ace serves.

As a team, the Bulldogs

had 34 kills, 31 assists, 25 digs, two blocks and were 61-73 serving with 15 ace serves.

Two milestones were met in West Hancock, Budach put down her 500th career kill and about three points later Eastvold handed out her 500th career assist. Congratulations to Mackenzie and Regan.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the Bulldogs traveled to Nevada for tournament action and finished 3-1 on the day.

The Bulldogs defeated Des Moines Lincoln 21-10 and 21-13, they defeated Class 4A no. 8 Bondurant-Farrar 21-18 and 21-19, they defeated Nevada 21-19 and 21-12, and fell to Lewis Central 21-15, 20-22, 7-15.

Budach had 32 kills, 27 digs, one assist, one block and was a perfect 24-24 serving on the day. Stensrud had 30

kills, 13 digs, three assists, one block and was 22-25 serving with one ace, and Byars had 14 kills, 19 digs, one block, and was 31-36 serving with one ace. Eastvold had 10 kills, 66 assists, 27 digs and was a perfect 34-34 serving with six ace serves, and Sauer had eight assists, 51 digs and was 38-40 serving with two ace serves. Dean had six kills, one dig and one block, and Wempen had one kill and was 6-7 serving. Halle Peterson had two digs and was 3-3 serving and Faith Stene was 0-2 serving. Sterrenburg had five kills, one block and one dig and Liz Oldenkamp had one dig and was 3-3 serving.

On the day, the Bulldogs had 99 kills, 91 assists, 142 digs, six blocks and were 161-174 serving with 10 ace serves.

Bulldogs fall to Cougars on homecoming

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills football team hosted the AGWSR Cougars Friday night for their homecoming game and were defeated 45-0.

Offense was a hard thing to find for the Bulldogs as they only had three yards by air. Mason Helgeson had a three yard reception thrown by Asher Stensrud. Helgeson also had 12 carries for 48 yards and one kick return for 32 yards, and Stensrud had eight carries for 15 yards. Sawyer Schipper had one carry for three yards and five kick returns for 62 yards. Cruz Flugum had one carry for negative four yards and Carter Ham had one for negative six yards.

Braylon Hanson had one kickoff for six yards and Leif Rogne had four punts for 109 yards.

Lane Sprecher led the defense with 10.5 tackles, nine solo. Calvin Rogne had five tackles, four solo and Berkley Dean and Easton Gassman each had 3.5 tackles, three solo. Helgeson had three tackles, two solo and Andreas Argon and Gavin Levorson each had 2.5 tackles, two solo. Schipper had two tackles, one solo and L. Rogne had two solo. Flugum had one solo and Hanson had a tackle assist.

The Bulldogs are 0-6 on the season and will travel to play Newman on Friday, Oct. 6.



Bulldog Berkley Dean works to tackle the AGWSR ball carrier during Friday night's homecoming game. Photo courtesy of Chet Yost.

Rygh, Renneker and Young medal at GHV Invitational

By Julie Salisbury

The Lake Mills cross country teams traveled to Garner on Monday, Sept. 28, for the GHV Invitational and were led by Lane Rygh who placed third and medaled with a season best time of 17:01.

Carson Christianson was 23rd with a time of 19:13, and Wyatt Hansen was 25th with a time of 19:28. Kaden Lee was 26th with a time of 19:29, and Aiden Reese was 27th

with a time of 19:36. Conner Helgeson was 37th with a time of 20:16, and Brayden Eden was 49th with a personal best time of 21:10. Jesse Rygh was 54th with a time of 21:41. Conner Van Roekel was 59th with a time of 21:58, and Case Casperson was 83rd with a time of 23:59.

Leading the girls was Kara Renneker who placed seventh

with a time of 22:32, and Lily Young who placed 15th with a time of 23:31, both girls earned medals. Tori Holtan was 22nd with a time of 24:55. Katie Machin was 34th with a time of 26:30, and Jaselyn Islas was 37th with a time of 26:53. Kaylie Sylvara was 51st with a time of 28:58, and Kylie Schulz was 57th with a time of 30:51.



Bulldog Tori Holtan runs along the trail at a recent cross country meet in Manly.



Bulldog senior Kaylie Sylvara keeps a steady pace during a recent meet in Manly.



Bulldog senior Lane Rygh rounds a corner during the recent Panther Invitational in Manly.

Lake Mills

News Sports

Lake Mills Homecoming Royalty

Last week Lake Mills schools celebrated Homecoming with a variety of events and activities to celebrate Bulldogs pride. That included the naming of Homecoming Royalty. Crowned king was Lucas Helgeland, son of Adam and Kendra Helgeland. Crownee Homecoming Queen was Kendall Leonhardi, daughter of Ryan and Jennifer Leonhardi.



LM Public Library hosts author Jeff Sauve

The Lake Mills Public Library will welcome author Jeffrey M. Sauve on Friday, October 30, for an author talk beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sauve will present on his new truecrime history, *Wheels of Murder: The 1896 Bank Robbery That Shocked a Small Prairie Town*, which recounts the dramatic exploits of the Kelliham brothers of Rock Rapids, Iowa.

On October 7, 1896, the quiet town of Sherburn, Minnesota, was forever changed when Hans and Lew Kelliham rolled into infamy, committing a daring bank robbery that became the world's first heist executed on bicycles. *Wheels of Murder* unravels their illfated getaway—a swift, wheeled escape



JEFF SAUVE

that sparked an intense 150 mile manhunt across southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.

Lake Mills played a pivotal role in that pursuit. As the brothers split and fled across the region, Lew Kelliham's trail led directly into Lake Mills, where local lawmen and citizens became part of the fastmov-

ing chase.

Sauve is an award-winning Minnesota writer and historian whose work has appeared in regional magazines, historical society publications, and museum programs. A former archivist at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, he is the author of several books, including *Murder at Minnesota Point* (North Star Editions, 2022), winner of a bronze IPPY Award for Midwest nonfiction and a gold Northeast Minnesota Book Award.

The author talk at the Lake Mills Public Library is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact the Lake Mills Public Library or visit the library's website for event updates.



Making pumpkins

At the Fall Festival in Lake Mills, the Library offered an autumnal craft. Using beads and pipe cleaners, young people were able to make pumpkins.



Halloween decoration contest Oct. 11

The fifth annual Halloween House and Yard Decoration contest will be held again this year in Lake Mills.

Registrations for the contest are due on Monday, October 11, at 5 p.m. Online voting will begin on October 17 and continue through Halloween.

There will be prizes for the top 3 entries.

More information and ways to register can be found by contacting the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation, or on the Chamber's Facebook page.

LM Chamber Open House Oct. 27

The Lake Mill Chamber and Development Corp. will hold a fall open house on Tuesday, October 27.

The open house will offer a chance to meet the chamber's new director and board. The open house will be held from 4-6 p.m., with a Community Visioning Presentation at 6 p.m.

The open house will be held at the Truman Helgeson Community Center in Lake Mills.

Lake Mills Public Library

The Lake Mills Public Library October events includes.

- October 7, 14, 21, 28 – Little Learners, 10:30 - 11 a.m.
- October 7, 14, 21, 28 – ATLAS, 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
- October 20 – Book Delivery for Homebound
- October 30 – Lunch & Learn - Jeff Sauve, Author,

Wheels of Murder, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- October 31 – Halloween at LMPL, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us at the library 102 S. Lake St., Lake Mills, IA 50450. Call us 641-592-0092, email kim.brackey@lakemillsiowa.gov. Like us on Facebook.

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Bolan

On Wednesday, Joe and Linda Nydegger drove over to Arnolds Park to visit Linda's brother and sister-in law, Dale and Sandy Koppen.

Coming up on Saturday in Bolan will be Pancakes, Pumpkins and Pumpkin Pie. This event will be held in the Bolan Schoolhouse

Notice

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
CITY OF LAKE MILLS,
IOWA**
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 197, CHAPTER 69.11, PARKING: WEATHER-RELATED PARKING BAN TO THE RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS OF LAKE MILLS, IOWA,
You are hereby notified that the Lake Mills City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM local time in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 N 1st Ave West, Lake

Supervisors

**September 28, 2026
Fortieth Day**
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.
Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and September 21, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the work order for DD 11 E/34 as submitted by John Patterson. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the claims in the amount of \$246,419.34 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
A1 Excavating & Drainage Inc
Service-Eng 10,950.00
Active 911, Inc.
Service-Dap 1,971.00
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 8,774.53
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.
Service-Eng 627.50
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Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr 8,278.03
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Service-Eng 436.20
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 343.33
Bauer Built Tire Inc
Service-Eng 869.48
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng 87.28
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 1,766.07
Bongaars Supply, Inc
Supplies-Con 56.97
Cemstone Concrete Materials, Llc
Supplies-Eng 12,090.00
Central Ia Distributing Inc
Supplies-Gsr 366.00
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Supplies-Eng 1,256.00
Cintas Corporation
Supplies-Eng 357.40
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Mileage-It/Gis & Reimb-Dap 100.48
Corwyn Lee Pulju
Service-Eng 600.00
Croell, Inc., Supplies-Eng1,861.75
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Sdp 15.12
D & L Equipment
Parts-Con 8,723.30
Daniel Horning
Reimb-Eng 139.95

and Cultural Center from 9 – 11 a.m. For a free will donation, you can enjoy all you can eat pancakes, sausages and pie. Also available for a donation are gourds and various size pumpkins in the patch and also some beautiful mums. Drive up take-outs are also available.

Mills, Iowa. The hearing concerns a proposed amendment to an ordinance governing weather-related parking bans. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available for review at Lake Mills City Hall. For more information about the public hearing or proposed ordinance, contact the City Clerk at City Hall or call (641) 592-3251 during regular business hours, 7:30 AM–4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and offer comments. Written comments may be submitted in either of two

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Service-Gsr 40.00
Eurofins Test America
Service-San 164.00
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng 142.39
Fallgatter's Market Inc
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Gordy's Repair & Implement, Ltd
Parts-Eng 1,871.64
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
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Hm Cragg, Service-Ema 3,067.00
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Ia Dept Of Natural Resources
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Icit, Dues-It/Gis 50.00
Isac, Edu-Eng 2,050.00
Isaca, Edu-Aud 275.00
Iscta, Dues-Trs 350.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf 1,440.27
John Deere Financial
Supplies 1,116.30
Lawson Products Inc
Parts-Eng 261.10
Lexisnexis
Service-Aty 244.00
Linn County Sheriff's Office
Service-Juj 44.66
Mason City Red Power, Inc.
Parts-Eng 4,963.25
Mediacom
Service-Gsr 294.90
Menards Inc
Supplies-Gsr 27.74
Metal Culverts Inc
Supplies-Eng 30,976.00
Mid-American Research Chemical
Supplies-Gsr 587.37
Naco, Dues-Org 450.00
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Eng 160.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng 44.10
Otis Elevator Company
Service-Gsr 3,200.00
Owen Burrack
Reimb-Con 134.97
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
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Professional Office Services
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State Line Works Llc
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State Medical Examiners Office
Service-Mex 2,467.00
Teresa Olson
Reimb-Rec 90.51
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Notice

CER Holdings, LLC plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under an NPDES General Permit No.1 – Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity.
The storm water discharge will be from CER Holdings, LLC engaged in the shredding and recycling of wind turbine blades located at NE, 34, 98N, 22W, Worth County.
ways: they may be received by the City Clerk at City Hall no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2026, or they may be delivered or presented before the public hearing is closed.
This notice is published at the direction of the Lake Mills City Council.
Bruce Helgeson, Mayor
Attest: Paula Hanson, City Clerk
Posted on Friday, October 2, 2026, at City Hall and on the City Website.
Published on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, in the Northwood Anchor.

Truck Center Companies
Parts-Eng 173.59
Ulland Brothers Inc
Rock-Eng 91,438.02
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Cap 19,503.49
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis & Eng 193.93
Visa, Service-Shf 6,095.79
Wageworks, Inc.
Service-Ndp 71.10
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp 2,266.25
Willson & Pechacek P.L.C.
Service-Asr 1,407.90
Ziegler Inc
Service-Eng 565.65
..... 246,419.34
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve salary changes for Marilyn Stayner at \$33.21/hour effective September 25, 2026; Dave Ryerson at \$93,411.60/year effective September 28, 2026; and Lisa Boeckholt at \$28.16/hour effective October 19, 2026 as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-32 – Resolution to fix a date for public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder. Roll call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for Indigo Family Farms #59283. Motion carried.
Chairperson Loberg recessed the regular session at 8:47 A.M.
Chairperson Loberg reconvened the regular session at 9:00 A.M.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2026-30 – Appointment of Interim County Recorder. Roll call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-31 – Deputy Recorder Appointment. Roll call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:04 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source and will be discharged to an Unnamed Drainage Ditch to the Winnebago River.
Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E

Notice

**DORSEY & WHITNEY
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DES MOINES, IOWA
NOTICE OF PROPOSED
ACTION TO INSTITUTE
PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE INCURRENCE OF
NONCURRENT DEBT IN
A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000
(NONCURRENT DEBT)**
The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, will meet on October 19, 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 incur noncurrent debt (the "Noncurrent Debt") in a principal amount not to exceed \$700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the RV Park Project. The RV Park Project is being undertaken as an urban renewal project in the Worth County

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

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
Attorney for the Executor
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459

Date of second publication the 7th day of October, 2026. 39-2t

9th St, Des Moines IA 50319. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Consolidated Urban Renewal Area.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to incur the Noncurrent Debt. After receiving objections, the County may determine to incur the Noncurrent Debt.

The Noncurrent Debt will be in the form of an internal advance of funds from the County's HWY 105 Fund for the payment of costs of the Project and shall be repaid in one or more installments on or before June 1, 2028. The Noncurrent Debt will be incurred pursuant to authority contained in Chapter 403 and in Section 331.478 and Section 331.479 of the Code of Iowa.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa.

Jacki Backhaus
County Auditor

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

John P. Lander,
ICIS#: AT0004583
Attorney for the Administrator
Brown, Kinsey, Funkhouser & Lander, P.L.C.
214 North Adams
P.O. Box 679
Mason City, IA 50402-0679

Date of second publication the 7th day of October, 2026. 39-2t

Notice

**October 1, 2026
Special Meeting**
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met in quorum on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. at the courthouse for a Special Board meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chair Enos Loberg. There was a roll call of members with Mark Smeby and Enos Loberg present. Jolene Hickle, recorder and Jacki Backhaus, auditor also present. Supervisor AJ Stone present via telephone.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve salary changes for Jolene Hickle at \$72,122/year and Sara Christianson at \$57,942/year. Motion carried.
A.J. Stone left the meeting at 10:28 A.M.
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adjourn at 11:03 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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certified Journeyman Lineman

The line crew is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the overhead and underground distribution, as well as assist in the generation plant as needed. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Class B CDL within 6 months, CPR Certified preferred, and able to work week-end rotation. Pre-employment drug test and background check are required. Salary range is \$35-\$42, dependent upon qualifications and experience. Benefit package including insurance, retirement, paid leave, and holidays.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
A job description and application may be picked up at the
Lake Mills City Hall
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In 2023 NVFC created an ambulance service, which covers 6 townships and 2 communities.

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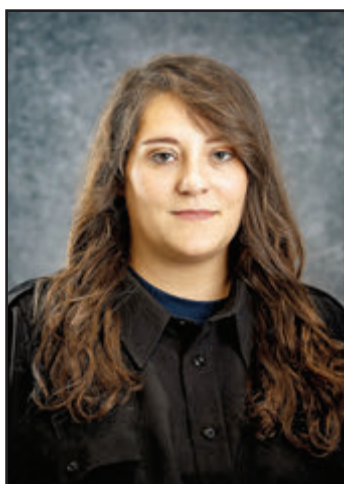
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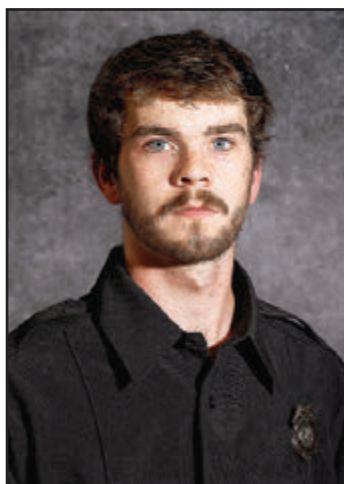
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