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# Candidates vie for attorney, supervisor offices

Absentee voting has begun for the upcoming general election. On ballots in Worth County will be two offices presenting a choice between candidates. That includes attorney and District 1 supervisor.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. Absentee voting in person at the county auditor's office begins today, October 14. Absentee ballots will also be sent to those that had previously requested ballots by mail.

County offices and candidates appearing on ballots will include District 1 Supervisor, Republican Marena Henkle and Amy Jorgensen; District 3 supervisor, Republican Mike Hanson; treasurer, Republican Jake Hanson; recorder, Republican Jolene Hickle; and attorney, Democrat Dexter Banks and Republican Jeff Greves.

Below is information and answers to questions presented to the candidates in contested races, including District 1 supervisor and county attorney.

### County attorney

### Dexter Banks

Dexter Banks, from Albert Lea, moved to Northwood this summer, where she lives with her wife, Rylee Banks, husky Sage and cats Chunks, Mo and Panther.

Banks' law career has been in legal aid services since 2016. She currently works as a Hotline Attorney, where she advises clients on how to proceed with their cases if her organization cannot take them for representation. This year she has advised over 700 cases across state/federal benefits, housing law, family law, education law and immigration law.

Before her current positions, Banks worked with legal aid, practicing family law only for the four years prior with extremely complicated issues sometimes involving county interven-

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## Briefs

### Kensett Lions host chili/ soup supper Oct. 20

The Kensett Lions Club will hold its annual chili and soup supper on Tuesday, October 20, from 5-7:30 p.m.

The supper will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds are used to support activities in Kensett and other local projects.

### Grafton hosts trick/treating 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.



**The Week's WEATHER**
From National Weather Service information

| Date | Hi | Lo | Prec. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mon. Oct. 5 | 71 | 41 | |
| Tues. Oct. 6 | 74 | 41 | |
| Wed. Oct. 7 | 83 | 51 | |
| Thurs. Oct. 8 | 78 | 45 | |
| Fri. Oct. 9 | 78 | 46 | |
| Sat. Oct. 10 | 80 | 52 | |
| Sun. Oct. 11 | 88 | 55 | |

## N-K board discusses behavior policy, calendar update, sub pay

At their October 8 meeting, the Northwood-Kensett school board discussed behavior policies, adjusting the school calendar and increasing substitute pay.

Principals Brian Costello at the Elementary and Keith Fritz at the Secondary presented their building's policies for how students removed from classrooms due to their behavior could be readmitted.

The policies cover different approaches based on violent or non-violent disruptions. The policies were developed by the building principals, counselors and selected teachers.

In case of violent disruptions, at the elementary, students will have to calm down and have take park in "think sheets" until it is clear that they understand what they did wrong and how it impacts the classroom. They will have to complete any work missed while they have been out of the classroom.

At the middle/high school, students will have to have a conversation with the principal, to make it clear they understand what they did wrong and how they disrupted the class-

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## Absentee voting begins for general election

This Tuesday, November 3, Iowa voters will choose who will represent them at the federal, county and state levels, as well as voting on a state constitutional amendment. Mail in absentee ballot requests and voter registration deadlines are approaching.

Absentee ballots were to be ready today, 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 this 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

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## WCSO advises of potential vehicle damage following acid spill on Hwy 65

The Worth County Sheriff's Office is advising motorists of a hazardous materials incident that occurred during the evening hours of Thursday, October 8.

The incident involved a commercial motor vehicle transporting sulfuric acid that experienced a release of the chemical onto the roadway in the vicinity of Highway 65 and 380th Street north of Manly.

Sulfuric acid is a highly corrosive substance that can cause damage to vehicle paint, metal components, electrical systems and other materials. Some damage may not be immediately visible.

Anyone who traveled through the affected area during the evening of October 8, particularly before law enforcement established traffic restrictions, between 4:35 to 5 p.m., should be aware of the possibility of vehicle exposure.

Motorists who believe their vehicles may have

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## Northwood fire fighters visit N-K

**Last week was National Fire Prevention Week. Throughout the week, members of Northwood Fire & EMS paid visits to Northwood-Kensett Elementary classrooms. While there, they told the students about firefighting equipment, and how to stay safe in a fire. Kindergarten students also got the chance to ride on fire department vehicles to visit the station downtown.**
**See more pictures on page 14.**

## Supervisors discuss data centers, funding options for RV Park/administration building

At their regular meeting on October 5, the Worth County supervisors discussed data centers, flock cameras and approved a county plan that would allow for borrowing for two capital projects.

A concerned citizen, Jim Berge, asked the supervisors if the County had been approached about or discussed flock cameras or data centers in the county. He also asked if they would consider a moratorium on either.

Flock cameras refer to a combination of mounted cameras and AI software that can be used to collect information, intended to identify and track vehicles or potentially people when they are involved in criminal activity.

The supervisors said that flock cameras had not been discussed by the County.

The supervisors said there has been some preliminary discussion about data centers, mainly from developers who were looking at potential sites in the state or area.

The supervisors said that the data centers they had been approached about were a smaller scale and would not need the water usage that is a concern for larger centers.

As far as potential development or a moratorium is concerned, Supervisor AJ Stone said that the supervisors would need to learn more about any potential data centers. He did add that, as far as he was concerned, there should be no expectation that any center would be up for any kind of County incentives.

For supervisor Enos Loberg, he said it would come down to consideration of the water usage, electricity needs and potential noise disruption.

Supervisor Mark Smeby indicated that the supervisors should be looking at sensible regulations and not a moratori-

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tion. She is also currently shadowing the Winnebago County attorney when she can.

Banks graduated from Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup, Washington, in 2006. She attended Central Washington University that same year as a violin performance major (she has played in Carnegie Hall). She ended up changing her major to Law and Justice before graduating with her Bachelor of Arts in 2010. She attended Vermont Law School from 2013-2016 and graduated with her Juris Doctor. She holds bar licenses in Minnesota and with the Supreme Court of the United States, and is working on transferring her bar license to Iowa.

**Anchor**: Why are you running to serve as Worth County attorney?

**Banks:** For the past three years I have heard the community discuss their want to have a more involved county attorney. I gave my word that if the county attorney ever became full time that I would run for the position. While getting my signatures to get on the ballot, I had many people in the county tell me their stories of cases not being prosecuted for whatever reason. The overwhelming majority of those I have spoken to have said that it is time for a change, but there has been no one else to make that change. So, my wife and I packed up our belongings, bought a home in Northwood, and now I am making my run for county attorney.

**Anchor**: As the Worth County attorney becomes a full time position, what changes or opportunities do you foresee for the position in the future?

**Banks:** I have to be honest, either candidate will have a huge undertaking if elected as this has only been a part time position in the past. If done correctly, this will be a difficult job for the first year. This position will change in requiring the county attorney to more actively stay involved with the board of supervisors to navigate issues and get them worked out quickly. This is also an opportunity for the community to have more advocacy as the county attorney can now focus their entire attention to its constituents.

**Anchor**: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

**Banks:** I have practiced law in some capacity in several states. This means learning new jurisdictions, new judges/magistrates and new law every single time. While I have only practiced civil law as of current, I am learning a lot from shadowing the Winnebago County Attorney. I will be ready come January 1, 2027, to take this job if elected. There will be learning curves and there will be a lot of long nights, but that is to be expected if this position is done correctly. This community deserves their county attorney to show up every day and to advocate for them when needed. I would be honored to have that opportunity through your vote this November.

## Jeffrey Greve

Jeffrey Greve lives in Northwood with his wife, Beth Greve. They have three children and many grandchildren, including Jenny Skellenger (Mark) and their four children, Domanick Beresford (Sky) and their two children and Andrew Beresford (Cora) and their four children.

Greve has been the part-time Worth County Attorney for 24 years and through the end of this year he has run the Greve Law Office - where his father John Greve retired earlier this year after 64 years as an attorney in Northwood.

Greve graduated from high school from Northwood-Kensett and he has a bachelor and law degree from the University of Iowa.

Greve has served on many boards with the Northwood United Methodist Church and is currently a trustee with the church and also chair of the scholarship committee. Greve is also an original board member of the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center. He has had a number of positions with the Northwood Lions Club.

**Anchor**: Why are you running to serve as Worth County attorney?

**Greve:** I believe that I am the most qualified candidate, I enjoy the work and would appreciate the citizens of Worth County allowing me to be their county attorney for four more years.

**Anchor**: As the Worth County attorney becomes a full time position, what changes or opportunities do you foresee for the position in the future?

**Greve:** Currently the position takes about 75% of my time. The duties and responsibilities do not change between being full time and part-time and as always I will devote the time required to provide legal advise to all of the County's departments and employees and to prosecute crimes that occur in Worth County.

**Anchor**: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

**Greve:** Worth County residents deserve a county attorney that has experience and can do the job. I have 28 years experience as a county attorney, including the past 24 years in Worth County. I have prior experience as a defense attorney and have had over 100 jury trials and thousands of non-jury trials.

### County supervisor District 1

## Marena Henkle

Marena Henkle lives in rural Grafton with her husband Cody and their four young children, Flint, Beatrix, Cillian and Edith. They live on the farm across from where she grew up.

They own and operate a grain farm, trucking and drone business and music studio. They are a multi-generational farm family, meaning grandparents, aunts and uncles and their immediate family work together to get things done.

Henkle has worked in teaching positions at the St. Ansgar and Central Springs school districts, where she taught elementary general music and choir and assisted with musicals. In her time as a teacher she also served for four years as the North Central District Chair of the Iowa Choral Directors Association, coordinating honor choir events and working as liaison for local music teachers.

As her family grew, Henkle launched a business called Encore: Music for Families, teaching music in private lessons and early childhood group classes.

Henkle went to Iowa State University, where she completed a Bachelor of Science in Genetics with minors in Agronomy and Animal Science, as well as a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Music Education. She also spent time working on campus, singing in choir and cheering on the Cyclones.

In 2016, she was nominated by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences dean Wendy Wintersteen to serve as the ISU undergraduate representative in Washington, D.C., at the National Academy of Sciences, where she promoted experiential learning such as internships and apprenticeships for undergraduate students in agriculture.

After she graduated and began teaching, she completed a Biological Sciences endorsement through Buena Vista University.

Henkle serves as the primary organist and volunteers at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton, including singing in the choir since 2006 and teaching Sunday School since 2009 and leading Youth Worship for over 15 years. She has also been a preschool lead and worship Leader for the church's AWANA mid-week youth program.

Since 2011, Henkle has served on the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center board, including in the role of secretary.

Marena and Cody have served as Worth County Farm Bureau board members since 2018. They co-presented at Acres of Opportunity on Starting a Trucking Business, and in 2023 attended the American Farm Bureau Federation National Conference, where they participated in the National Discussion Meet Competition, finishing as Iowa's Top Individual the previous winter.

Henkle also attended the National Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., and visited with national legislators.

**Anchor**: Why are you running to serve as Worth County supervisor?

**Henkle:** When I heard of the chance to run, I was very thoughtful in my consideration. The decision to step up and commit to this opportunity is based on my desire to preserve and protect our way of life for future generations of Worth County residents. I am excited to be a first-time candidate, who can bring a fresh set of eyes to the Board of Supervisors.

**Anchor**: What issues or opportunities do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

**Henkle:** During my campaign, I have met with many county departments and individual residents. I have knocked on almost 500 doors so far in my effort to meet District 1 voters face to face, and I have attended over 20 community events since announcing my candidacy. Worth County is already a home to be proud of, a thought that has been echoed by many of the people I have visited with. Constituents have also shared valid concerns such as keeping our property taxes under control and being responsible about our development choices. Many of our local services are also under threat from state consolidation.

**Anchor**: How would you address those issues or opportunities?

**Henkle:** I know and trust our local township trustees with WCDA dollar disbursement, and will fight to keep them. I know and trust our local law enforcement, and will collaborate with them to find solutions for transporting and housing inmates. I know and trust our own community members who serve on the zoning commission to give us reasonable standards of safety for development projects in the county. I know and trust our other county departments to share their concerns while also working to find solutions for funding, staffing and maintaining Worth County as the great place in Iowa that it is.

**Anchor**: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

**Henkle:** My interest in local policy didn't start with the submission of my candidacy papers. Long before that and continually, I have shown my interest and support for Worth County. If elected to the Board of Supervisors, I will bring a new perspective to the courthouse, while continuing to be a visible and approachable community member. Thank you for your careful consideration; I would appreciate your vote. I am honored to serve you, Worth County.

## Amy Jorgensen

Amy Jorgensen lives with her fiance Bryce Peterson. Her daughter Jenna, a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, and husband Kolby Berg and their daughter Bryn live west of Osage. Her daughter Taylor Moore, working for the Iowa DNR, and husband Seth live in Madrida, Iowa, and are expecting their first child any day now. Amy is the daughter of Arlene Rosdahl, one of her biggest supporters, who lives with her partner Jim Tanner in Northwood.

Jorgensen worked for the Worth County Treasurer's Office for the past 20 years, 19 of those as Deputy Treasurer. She ended her career there this past July to focus on campaigning and other endeavors. She has also been working part time at the Sugar Rush ice cream shop in Northwood as well as accepting a temporary position at Milkhouse Candles in St. Ansgar.

Jorgensen graduated from St. Ansgar High School and then went on to Hamilton Business College with an Associates Degree in business.

Jorgensen was a very active 4-H parent and continues to volunteer with the Worth County Hoofprints. She said the Worth County 4-H program helped shape her daughters' lives and she wanted to continue to be involved with that.

**Anchor**: Why are you running to serve as Worth County supervisor?

**Jorgensen:** I am running for County Supervisor because I care deeply about the people who call Worth County home. I valued the opportunity to serve them while at the Treasurer's Office and have first hand knowledge of county operations, finances and the needs of the people I would serve. I believe good county government starts with good communication. I want the residents to feel heard as well as providing transparency on the goings on within the county. Public service comes with a great responsibility. I believe that the County should carefully manage taxpayer resources and be accountable to the people they serve.

**Anchor**: What issues or opportunities do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

**Jorgensen:** As I have been out visiting with residents, there have been a few issues that keep coming up: #1 wind energy and while I have done a lot of research and have visited with MANY people on this issue. I want to hear more from the residents. #2 ROADS and of course #3 Where are your tax dollars going?

I have questions on these topics as well! I want to be in the position to get the answers and to be able to share them with others. I want open communication and I want to make decisions based on what the people of Worth County want.

**Anchor**: How would you address those issues or opportunities?

**Jorgensen:** I am fortunate in a way that I have a lot of people in my corner that can help me get the answers I need. My time in County government has definitely opened up doors for me to gain the knowledge I need to serve the people. I may not know what being a County Supervisor all entails. However, I have been doing the research, having the discussions I need to have to help better educate me in what it takes. I do not shy away from doing the hard work... I welcome it. Just like I have always done.

**Anchor**: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

**Jorgensen:** I hope that if you live in District 1 you will consider voting for me this November. I have experience, I have the time, I have no agenda other than to do my best for the people of Worth County. I promise to have office hours and to be available to my constituents. I promise to be transparent and honest. I will do my best for you...I will fight for what's right and I will fight to make your hard working tax dollars work for YOU! I promise to take care of the County employees, because at the end of the day they work so hard to make sure that the County works efficiently and effectively. I welcome anyone that may have questions or concerns to reach out to me. I will treat your concerns with respect and will give it just as much attention as anyone else's. I would be so humbled and honored to receive your vote this November. Thank you!

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room. They will have to take part in a conference with parents, the teacher, counselor and principal. They will also have to complete any missed coursework before returning.

Depending on the nature of the disruption, they may have to sign a behavior contract, change schedules, become ineligible from extracurricular activities, be referred to outside services or law enforcement may be contacted.

The exceptions to the procedures mentioned are if violent behavior is directed at a teacher, in which case the teacher has to agree to the student being allowed back in a classroom.

At either school, a second violent disruption would be met with suspension.

At the elementary, for non-violent disruptions, students will complete a think sheet and have to be able to articulate what they did wrong and the impact on the classroom. They will have to complete missed coursework.

At the middle/high school, non-violent disruptions would bring a conversation with the principal, so that the student can say what they did and why it was disruptive. They must complete coursework missed. They may have to have a schedule change, be ineligible from extracurriculars, check in with the counselor, be referred to outside services or face other consequences based on the nature of the disruption.

At both schools, if a second nonviolent disruption occurs, students may have to take part in a conference with the parents, teacher, counselor and principal.

If a student's behavior is found to be bullying, then the district's bullying processes would be followed.

The school board discussed and approved changing the last day of the first semester, in order to accommodate a change in state law that would have cost the district as much as $8,000.

Each year, school districts in the state make an official count of its student population, a part of the process of determining how much state funds are available to those districts.

In past years, the official count would be undertaken in October, when those figures would be certified by the State.

A change in state law requires a second county, to adjust those numbers, to take place on January 15 each year.

Superintendent Tony Hiatt explained to the school board that a byproduct of that second count for many public school districts is that it takes place once the second semester has started. That means that any seniors graduating early, at the end of the first semester, would no longer be included in the official enrollment, and the district would lose state funding for those students as a result.

At N-K, the potential early graduations could cost the district up to $8,000 with the school year's calendar as it stands.

Hiatt proposed that the district adjust its calendar this year so that the second semester will end on January 15, 2027.

The first semester would have originally ended on January 8, with 85 days. The second semester would end on May 27, with 84 days. Based on the calendar, the change will shift the amount of days in the first semester to 90 and the second semester to 79.

Secondary principal Keith Fritz said that it wouldn't create many issues this year. Teachers will be given enough notice to add five more days to the current classes and make any potential adjustments to second semester courses.

With January 15 the annual date of the second official county, it was discussed that the district may have to look at adjusting the school year start date or school year breaks if they want to keep the number of days in each semester as equal as possible, if the State doesn't adjust the second count date.

Also discussed was the pay scale for substitute teachers in the district.

According to Hiatt, N-K has been one of the two districts, along with St. Ansgar, with the lowest sub pay in the area.

The districts had rates at $130 per day, not counting long term substitutes. That has remained unchanged for five years. Other area schools have pay set between $140 and $160 for subs.

The low pay has created some difficulty getting substitutes to come to N-K when they could choose a neighboring school.

A recommendation was made to increase substitute pay to $150 per day. The board approved the increase.

According to Hiatt, the cost this year would be an additional $7,744, based on the sub pay in the last school year.




## Meals on the field

**Worth County Extension continued its field meals service last week. Starting in September, and continuing with two more Thursdays, October 15 and October 22, the Extension office has been working with volunteers to prepare and serve meals to farmers in the field, "Feeding those who feed us." Pictured above are some of the farmers that enjoyed last week's meal in the field. Those that would like to take part in the Field Meals are asked to RSVP by 10 a.m. the Wednesday before, by calling 641-324-1531 or emailing kenesk@iastate.edu. Meals are available from 5-7 p.m.**

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um. He said that the County shouldn't be totally against a project, but that they should make sure that any development is done responsibly.

Stone said that data center rules should be included in the County's zoning ordinance. He suggested that they should ask the zoning commission to present some potential rules for those developments.

With no data center project making any official requests of the County, any other discussion would likely come after the end of Loberg and Stone's terms in December. Any new projects would come before Smeby and the supervisors elected in November, whose terms would begin in January.

The supervisors also held a hearing on changes to the County's urban renewal plan. That would include adding details for a new administration building on the courthouse property and the Monarch RV Park, at the Interstate 35/Highway 105 interchange, on County property located south of the casino.

Adding the two projects to the URP would allow, but not require, the county to use TIF (tax increment financing) to pay for some or all of the projects.

TIF refers to the process of borrowing against future property tax increases on designated property. In this case that would be wind turbine property taxes. A tax incentive allows the turbines to increase towards their full taxable value annually, and the County can use TIF to borrow against those increases.

The supervisors discussed the opinion supplied by the Worth County Zoning Commission. The board reviewed the changes to the URP and provided their recommendations to the supervisors.

The Commission had recommended that the RV Park would be a fit for the URP, as it would be an economic development project. The commission had voted that the administration building did not meet with URP goals, stating they did not see an economic development or property renewal benefit.

Loberg noted that he agreed with their considerations. However, Loberg said that many other counties have been using TIF to pay for county facilities and it is a tool that allows for the projects to be completed.

Loberg also said that the project is needed, based on the condition of the courthouse and the lack of space there. He noted the limited space for IT needs, the tight spaces for courthouse offices and the lack of a space for the supervisors to hold meetings with any more than a few members of the public.

Stone agreed. He said that using TIF is likely the only way projects like an RV park or a new administration building would happen, without otherwise directly increasing taxes. He noted that it wouldn't be possible with property tax levies and that he didn't think a bond would succeed.

The supervisors approved updating the URP to include the RV park and administration building. They noted that doing so does not commit them to borrowing, but does give them the authority.

Two more hearings were planned for following meetings. This past Monday, a hearing was set for the supervisors to borrow up to $6 million for the administration building. Next Monday, October 19, a hearing is set for 9 a.m. to borrow up to $700,000 from other County funds for the RV Park.

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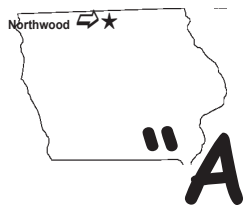
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# Northwood-Kensett cross country at Lake Mills

**By Troy Einertson**
**Northwood-Kensett cross country coach**

The weather finally straightened out, and we were able to get our Lake Mills race in on Monday, October 5.

It was an on again off again race because of all the rain we had been getting, and when coach VanRoekel finally sent me an email on that Sunday letting me know it was a go, I couldn't have been more excited. I had been bothering Mr. DeArmoun all week about trying to find more races for us, so I bet he was just as relieved as I was!

Rice Lake is a beautiful course to run on, and even though they had to switch things up a bit, it was still a great opportunity for our kids to run against a bunch of great competition.

Our middle school duo of Jared Magritz and Lola Cronbaugh got everything going when they lined up for the middle school race.

Jared has been getting more and more miles in every week, and he told me before the race he wanted to try and run a little faster today. As always, I tried to be a little conservative, and just told him to try and keep the paces we had been working on. Well that went in one ear and out the other because he came through the first mile in 7:00, which is about a minute and a half faster than what he normally goes. He gutted out the last mile, and finished in a PR of 16:06.

As for Lola, she ran a typical Lola race. FAST! The course was a little soft, and a little long, but that didn't stop Lola from getting after it. Lola won the girls race in impressive fashion winning by over a minute! Every race she has run in this year she goes after it and this race was just another example of how talented she is, and it is going to be fun watching her grow as a runner for the next five years!

The girls were up next, and we had a plan. We were going to see how close we could get to the Forest City girls team. They are one of the top rated teams in 2A in the state of Iowa, and our goal was to push them as much as we could. We got after it right from the start!

Ivy and Olivia Urbatsch took off in the lead, and Charlotte Cooper was to hang with Forest City's third runner. Maddie Christianson and Hadley Anderson were trying to get out in the first mile at around 7:30, and Kaylee Franck was shooting for around 8:30.

When they came through the first mile we were in a great position, and Ivy and Liv were pushing the pace! Charlotte was where we needed her, and Maddie and Hadley went through the first mile about 30 seconds under their pace and were in touch with their Forest City pack.

At mile 2 the Urbatsches and Charlotte were right where I thought they would be, but the early hard pace had kind of caught up to Maddie, Hadley and Kaylee and they had dropped a bit. We talked about this at the beginning of the race, but to be honest with everyone, when you are jacked up to run, it is hard to try and run a little slower than you want. Jared can vouch for that as well!

At the finish, Ivy pulled away from Olivia to finish 1st in a time of 19:13, while Liv came in a close second in a time of 19:14. Charlotte ran the race of the day sprinting past the 3rd runner from Forest city and finished 5th in 21:17.

I have said this a million times, but why not one more! Like Liv, she is only an eighth grader, and it is her first year ever running XC and the two of them run like they have been doing it for years. Neither one of them wants to lose, and their will to succeed is just crazy!

Maddie (23:51) and Hadley (25:32) both ran extremely well and finished in the top 30, and even though they were not happy with how they finished they both did extremely well. Sometimes when we go out too hard at the start, we cannot get it back at the end, so we know what we need to work on, and knowing these two, they are going to get to where they want to be.

Kaylee also ran a super race coming in at 27:46 which was just off her PR!

As a team, we finished second to Forest City, but only by 24 points, which is a huge accomplishment.

The boys then lined up for the last race of the day. The boys are a little banged up and I really didn't know what to expect from them. Ethan Franck was dealing with a foot issue, Saxon had a bad achilles and Wes was still dealing with an ankle and foot problem. You would have never guessed it by how all of them got out to start the race.

I am always at the quarter mile mark, and every one of them came through under their goal pace. After Wes cleared I ran to the mile marker to see how they were all doing, and once again, all of them were running a great race. The course is normally very fast, but the rain had really softened it up, so for them to come through the mile mark in the times they did was very impressive.



The best part of the race. Wes, Saxon and Ethan getting after it. Photo: Nancy Schrupp



The girls at the start. Charlotte, Liv and Ivy up front. Kaylee, Hadley and Maddie in the back. Photo by Nancy Schrupp

I continued to chase them around the course, and it was about at mile 2 that I could see that the pace of the race was starting to get to them. All three of them continued to battle, and all of them finished very strong.

Ethan came through in 22:08, Saxon in 23:13 and We in 27:48 which was a PR for him! Dealing with leg and foot issues as a runner isn't ideal, but the boys ran through their pains and all had tremendous races.

This week we have our conference race on Thursday in Manly. We have had this race circled on our calendars since early June and it is going to be a fun one to run! Our mantra this year has been, "There is No Finish Line!" As a team this means no matter how close we are to the end of the season we are going to continue to work hard because we are not finished yet! We have 3 races left this year so Let's Get After It! I hope everyone has a great week, and thanks again for all of your support for my kids! They are an amazing group of runners, and I am a very lucky coach!

# N-K Vikings host No. 5 Golden Bears

**By Julie Salisbury**

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings football team hosted no. 5 Algona, Bishop Gattigan in a district game on Friday, October 9, and fell 56-0 after trailing 42-0 at the half. Sometimes the writing is on the wall, Garrigan fields a roster of 45 kids, 10 seniors, while the Vikings field a roster of 20 kids, two seniors. It is very hard to compete when a majority of your players are playing both sides of the ball and other teams can almost efficiently run a defense and an offense without players doubling up.kick returns for 46 yards and Owen Binnebose had one for 12 yards. B

With that being said, the Vikings had a hard time getting anything going on offense. Henry Hanson was 0-5 passing and the ground game was just as tough. Brady Tufte led the team with 15 carries for 33 yards and Tegan Trenhaile had 12 carries for 12 yards. Hanson had four carries for seven negative yards and Aidan Ouverson and Ayden Schutz each had one carry for one yard.

Tyce Helgeson had seven kick returns for 46 yards and Owen Binnebose had one for 12 yards.

Jaxon Reyerson kicked off once for 26 yards and Binnebose punted nine times for 342 yards with his longest being 40 yards.

B. Tufte led the defense with 4.5 tackles, four solo and a tackle for a loss and Schutz had 4.5 tackles and four solo. Bryck Abrams had four tackles, three solo and Reyerson had 2.5 tackles, two solo. Helgeson had two solo tackles and Martin Girouard had two tackles, one solo. Carson Tufte and Trenhaile had 1.5 tackles and one solo each and Hanson had one solo.

The Vikings (3-5) overall will host no. 8 North Union (6-1) on Friday, October 16, in their final regular season game.

# Viking volleyball takes a set from North Iowa

**By Julie Salisbury**

The Vikings volleyball team traveled to Buffalo Center to take on North Iowa on Tuesday, October 6, and were able to win a set over the Bison. North Iowa won set one 11-25, the Vikings fought back in set two and won 25-23, and then lost in set three 25-17 and set four 25-15.

Avarie Skellenger had eight kills, five digs, one block and was 14-15 serving with one ace. Lilly Strand had seven kills, four digs and was 12-14 serving with three ace serves, and Hallie Hanson had four kills, three digs, three blocks and was a perfect 10-10 serving with one ace. True Hackenmiller had three kills, 10 assists, 14 digs, one block and was 16-18 serving, and Ashlyn Skellenger had one kill, 11 assists, 13 digs, two blocks and was 7-10 serving with one ace. Mia Fierova had two kills, four digs and two blocks, and Chloe Woods had one kill, three digs and was 0-1 serving. Kenly Solberg had four assists, 15 digs and was 6-9 serving, and Lexi McHenry had eight digs.




Vikings Mia Fierova and Ashlyn Skellenger have represented their volleyball team this season as the captains.

The Vikings had 25 kills, 25 assists, 69 digs, nine blocks and were 65-77 serving with six ace serves.

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## N-K Varsity Football

**Members of the Northwood-Kensett 2026 varsity football team and cheerleading squad include (front row, from left) Kenly Solberg, Quinn Schroeder, Ivy Toresdahl, Ashlyn Skellenger, Lexi McHenry, Maci Smith, Maggie Rye, Maddie Christianson, (second row) True Hackenmiller, Konner Dowd-Mincks, Brady Tufte, Bryck Abrams, Tyce Helsgson, Aidan Ouverson, Tucker Duvall, Tegan Trenhaile, Brekken Haberman, Natalie Shoars, (third row) Keenan Davidson-Jacobs, Weston Heims, coach Clif Davis, coach Cade Hengesteg, coach Trevor Hunt, Caleb Johnson, Gabriel Aleman, (back row) Carson Tufte, Martin Girouard, Henry Hanson, Landen Nelson, Jaxon Reyerson and Max Johnson.**



## N-K Junior High Football

**Members of the Northwood-Kensett junior high football team include (front row, from left) Ryder Duvall, Lawson Perkins, Kash Hickle, Ethan Binnebose, Chance Nicholson, Dominic Williamson, Kaelix Iverson, (second row) Kyan Skellenger, Callan Brunsvold, Austin Schutz, Jaxon Tufte, Hudson Ziebell, Reese Hulshizer, Baylor Abrams, Lucian Mudra, (back row) Weston Rodemeyer, Silas Duvall, Dublen Varner, Myles Renteria, Jason Tostenson, Malachi Anderson, Diego Ramirez, Gabe Hulshizer and Ryker Amundson.**


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## National 4-H Week at N-K

**Last week was National 4-H Week. For students in Northwood-Kensett fourth grade classrooms that meant a visit from some older students, the members of the Worth County Youth Council. The council members talked about the opportunities, benefits and fun of being in 4-H.**

# *News from N-K:*
# Character strong at Middle/High School

**By Keith Fritz**
**Northwood-Kensett Middle/High School principal**

After a full year of implementing a character education program called Character Strong with our sixth, seventh and eighth graders last school year, this is the year we are fully implementing it up through grade 12 in the MS/HS building.

Topics students and staff are engaging in include, of course, bullying but also the power of perspective, forgiveness, building empathy for others, dealing with stress, what a good friend does, and so many other subjects that are beneficial for all of us in our lives.

We're tackling these topics nearly every week, on Mondays, throughout the entire school year.

One feature we've kept from last year are our Character Shout Outs, where teachers recognize students who have stepped up and shown exemplary behavior that they want to see more of. Each month a teacher picks a student, and the teacher sends that student a personalized, hand-written message telling the student exactly what they did to have earned the honor of a Character Shout Out. These Students of the Month love getting the notes and reading them, they get high praise from their friends, and Mom and Dad appreciate seeing their kids appear on Facebook.

**Absentee**
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have moved or changed names should update their registration.

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

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

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

County offices and candidates appearing on ballots will include District 1 Supervisor, Republican Marena Henkle and Amy Jorgensen; District 3 supervisor, Republican Mike Hanson; treasurer, Republican Jake Hanson; recorder, Republican Jolene Hickle; and attorney, Democrat Dexter Banks and Republican Jeff Greve.

Winnebago County offices appearing on ballots included Supervisor for District 1, Republican Terry Durby; District 3 supervisor, Republican Brent Swenson; county treasurer, Republican Julie Swenson; county recorder, Shanna Eastvold; and attorney, Kelsey Beenken.

Other county offices appearing on ballots will include Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner seats and positions on County Agricultural Extension Councils, as well as various township trustees and clerks.

State offices appearing on ballots include House District 30 in Worth, with Democrat Alexander Schmidt and Republican Dani Ollenburg on ballots.

State offices representing Winnebago County on ballots include District 5 Senator, Republican Dave Rowley and Rachel Gravert; and House District 9, Republican Henry Stone.

Other state offices on ballots will include Governor/Lt. Governor, Democrats Rob Sand/Dave Muhlbauer and Republicans Zach Lahn/Derek Wulf; Secretary of State, Republican Paul D. Pate and Democrat Ryan Peterman; Auditor of State, Republican Chris Cournoyer and Democrat Taylor Wettach; Treasurer of State, Republican Roby Smith and Democrat John Norwood; Secretary of Agriculture, Republican Mike Naig and Democrat Chris Jones; and Attorney General, Republican Brenna Bird and Democrat Nate Willems.

An amendment to Iowa's constitution will also appear on ballots. The amendment would increase the Congressional approval needed to increase income taxes by the State. If approved, income tax rates could only be increased if approved by a 2/3 majority in the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate.

Federal offices appearing on ballots statewide will include U.S. Senator, with Republican Ashley Hinson, Democratic Josh Turek and Libertarian Thomas Laehn on ballots.

In Worth County, voters will choose District 2 U.S. Representative, with Democrat Lindsay James, Republican Joe Mitchell, Libertarian Rick Stewart and Dave Bushaw appearing on ballots.

In Winnebago County, voters will choose the District 4 U.S. Representative, between Republican Chris McGowan and Democrat Dave Dawson.

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

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

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## Imprecatory Prayer: Asking God to Smite your Enemies

An "imprecation" is a curse, and thus imprecatory prayer is one where we ask God to curse, smite or otherwise harm our enemies. There is not much Biblical justification for asking God to smite one's enemies, and much to recommend against it, including Jesus' command to love one's enemies. But, there are a few Old Testament examples of imprecatory prayer, including David asking God to smite his enemies in Psalms 35 and 109. Psalm 35 is basically a prayer asking God to help one in fighting one's enemies: "Contend, LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me." (Psalm 35: 1) Psalm 109 starts out with some relatively mild curses, and then progresses to more serious ones: "May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership. May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow. May his children be wandering beggars; may they be driven from their ruined homes." (Psalm 109:8-10) But, are we to take this Psalm as an indication that God favors this kind of prayer, or is this Psalm simply characterizing a vengeful man? It is only natural for people to call upon God in times of trouble, and that trouble may take the form of someone attacking us, so these prayers are not necessarily a sign of bad character. On the other hand, a true saint would pray to help their enemies rather than to harm them.



***"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5: 43-45***

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# Cook Bookin'

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



**by Sandy Olson**

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

"Holiday Cookbook: Favorite Eastern Star Recipes" (2000, Favorite Recipes Press, Latham, NY) contains 2000 recipes. It's a collection from the long-standing group associated with the Masons that is comprised of both men and women. Although you don't hear nearly as much about Eastern Star as people did decades ago, it hasn't disappeared at all. It is still a functioning fraternal and charitable organization. This thick spiral-bound book provides instructions for all sorts of holiday dishes and various celebrations. It was compiled by the Montgomery, Alabama chapter of the organization and announces that these are "splendid recipes, some old, some new, that fill every page" We DO have major holidays approaching; let's see how to fill the table.

This first one is for hosting a Halloween Party, not for dropping into a child's goodie bag.

**Goblin Stew**

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1/2 cup raw white rice
1 cup diced yellow onion
4 cups water
1 cup peeled, diced potatoes
3 teaspoons salt
1 cup diced carrots
1/4 teaspoon basil
1 cup diced celery
1/4 teaspoon thyme
4 cups canned diced tomatoes
1 bay leaf

Brown the beef in a small amount of oil. Crumble and drain off any grease. Combine the meat with all the other ingredients in a large kettle. Cover and simmer over low heat for 1 hour. Serve in a pumpkin bowl if you have one!

**Thanksgiving Pineapple Sweet Potatoes (Doris Harrod, Ohio)**

3 pounds fresh sweet potatoes
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 can (9oz) crushed pineapple
1/2 cup real butter
Salt

Drain the pineapple but save the juice. Using a strainer is a good way capture all the liquid. Cook the potatoes, unpeeled, in salted water until almost tender. Peel and slice. Mix 1/2 cup of the pineapple juice, sugar and butter in a large heavy skillet. Simmer for 10-15 minutes or until thick. Add the potatoes and cook until heated through, basting frequently. Remove the potatoes to a bowl and keep warm. Add the pineapple to the skillet and mix into the basting liquid, heating through. Pour this over the potatoes and serve.

**Christmas Fresh Apple Cake**

1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups sugar
2 1/2 cups flour
2 large eggs, beaten
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups finely chopped apples
1 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the oil, sugar and eggs. Beat well to combine. Add the salt, baking soda and baking powder. Put the nuts into a bowl and sift the flour over them, coating well. Add the nuts and the apples to the first mixture. Gently stir to combine and pour into a buttered tube pan. Bake for 50-55 minutes, testing for doneness with a toothpick. Remove from the oven and invert the pan to let it cool.

2000 holiday recipes are definitely enough to keep any kitchen busy for years. Goodies for 13 holidays plus weddings, anniversaries and birthdays too. Also, for Kentucky Derby day, election night and football season! Any excuse for a party and good food. And…that's all she wrote.

# Northwood Anchor Society



## Blue Blood Tattoo makes the cut

**The Northwood Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to Northwood last week with a ribbon cutting. Blue Blood Tattoo Co. recently opened at 95 Seventh Street North. Blue Blood Tattoo is owned by tattoo artist Shelby Kreamer. Also located in the business are MB Permanent Jewelry and the Piercing Lounge LLC. See more on the Blue Blood Tattoo Co Facebook page.**



## Miss Hammes receives special guests

**The Thompson High School class of 1962 gathered for a reunion on September 16. The next day a few of Miss Lolita Hammes's physical education students from that class visited her at the Lutheran Retirement Home. Smiling proudly, Miss Hammes said, "This was my first physical education class. These are my kids." Pictured (from left) are Bonnie Bakken, Mary Lou Neel, JoAnn Lower, Ruby Curtsinger and their much-loved teacher, Miss Hammes.**



## Class of 1971 reunites

**The class of 1971 had their 55th class reunion at Kuennen's Quarry on September 12. Those attending included (front row) Sue (Wagner) Braun, Carolyn (Imlau) Rippke, Margaret (Hagen) Harris, Pam (Erdmann) Anderson, Judy (Stumo) Lee, Lois (Medlang) McNutt, Ruth (Colby) Miller, Stephanie (Block) Harmon, Pam (Odden) Pleiss, (back row) Denise (Johnson) Ehlenfeldt, Lynn Tenold, Vickie (Olson) Hudson, Arlyn Rustad, Richard Olson, Steve Bendickson, Dennis Felland, John Anderson and Paul Norland.**

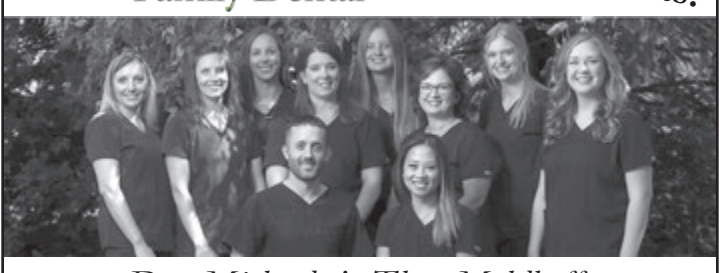
# Harvest proclamation extended

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has signed a proclamation related to the weight limits and transportation of grain, fertilizer and manure. The proclamation is effective through November 7.

The proclamation allows vehicles transporting corn, soybeans, hay, straw, silage, stover, fertilizer (dry, liquid, and gas) and manure (dry and liquid) to be overweight (not exceeding 90,000 pounds gross weight) without a permit for the duration of this proclamation.

This proclamation applies to loads transported on all highways within Iowa (excluding the interstate system) and those which do not exceed a maximum of 90,000 pounds gross weight, do not exceed the maximum axle weight limit determined under the non-primary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa by more than 12.5%, do not exceed the legal maximum axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds and comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

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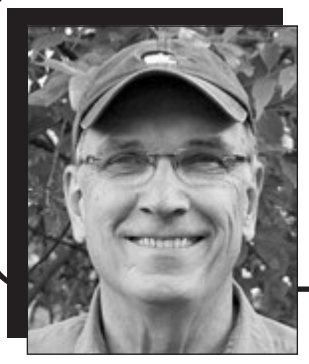


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# Ponderings from the Batt Cave

*By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.*

**Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting**

Don't you ever clean your beard? I can tell what you had for breakfast this morning.

Oh, yeah? What did I have?

Eggs.

You're wrong. That's what I had for breakfast yesterday.

**Driving by Bruce's drive**

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It was a Goldilocks day: not too hot, not too cold, just right. I taught a writing class. One pupil was named Iris. I teach because I dream of one day being able to open accounts in the Cayman Islands, have safety deposit boxes in Zürich, or become a hard-charging shopper at Walmart.

One student, not Iris, had dropped the Jell-O he had for lunch onto his new, white basketball shoes. It was an assault with a congealed weapon.

Iris had a new eraser. It was half-blue and half-pink. In grade school, I believed the blue half was meant for erasing ink. In reality, the pink half is designed for soft graphite pencil marks on standard paper, while the blue is meant for thick, durable paper. I tried the blue on ink scribblings. It tore the paper. I thought it erased ink because I believed in magic. I believed the school custodian lived in a closet because he was always coming out of or going into one.

**I cut heads off in films**

I took a photo of a photo at a county fair to remind myself to tell the photographer how much I liked his work. I remember using film and waiting two weeks to see what developed. A bottle of ketchup provided no anticipation in comparison. I waited forever to get photographs back with a tall man's head cut off in one picture.

**I've learned**

Cabins are never built of cottage cheese.

In the first grade, I learned exits were on the way out.

I gave my turtleneck sweater to the Salvation Army. I had had it up… well, you know where with it.

If you eat ice cream before the meal and again after the meal, it's an ice cream sandwich.

The clock on the wall hadn't worked for years. We kept it there because we could depend on it.

**Bad jokes department**

Authorities arrested a guy for stealing hay. He couldn't make bale.

Accordion to a recent survey, replacing words with the names of musical instruments in a sentence often goes undetected.

If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, there's something wrong with your goldfish.

**Nature notes**

It was a lovely day, one offering perfect weather in October. The everlasting summer didn't last. Fall begins. Summer ends. Winter looms. The landscape turns the color of overdone meatloaf. I stopped at a pumpkin patch to have a pumpkin repaired.

I walked, moseyed, strolled, ambled, meandered, sauntered, wandered, ambulated, hoofed, traipsed, stepped, peregrinated, tramped, tiptoed, strutted, lumbered, waddled and toddled along, seeing many people on the trail who were taking their phones for a walk. The best things in leaf are trees. I played the "catch the falling leaf" game, a folk tradition that claims catching a tumbling leaf brings good luck, helps avoid colds, or grants 12 months of happiness. It's a form of mindfulness that fosters focusing on the present moment and the beauty of autumn. I snatched a red maple leaf out of the air. It was a vision of loveliness. Yay, me!

Meadowhawks are small dragonflies, 1 to 1.5 inches long. The males are red, and the females are a yellow-orange color. They are tough, sometimes surviving into November.

Flattery will get you everything. Fluttery gets a monarch butterfly to Mexico. Their future is up in the air.

Migrating birds carry built-in calendars. Unlike other warblers, yellow-rumped warblers (butterbutts) don't go far to overwinter, traveling to the southern United States, Mexico and the Caribbean. Some winter farther north on the east and west coasts. They survive harsh winters due to their ability to eat berries when insects aren't readily available. They're able to digest bayberry, juniper, wax myrtle and poison ivy berries.

A Jack-in-the-pulpit has red berries that glow on the forest floor, and the red sashes of ambitious Virginia creeper climb trees. Milkweed pods burst, having turned from green to a gray or brown color, and the seeds are mature when brown.

Bur oak (a white oak) acorns have fuzzy caps reminiscent of ushankas. Wood ducks, wild turkeys, squirrels and deer prize the acorns. White oaks have rounded leaf lobes, and red oaks have pointed leaves. A study found that squirrels eat 85% of white oak acorns shortly after discovery and store 60% of red oak acorns, which have larger amounts of bitter-tasting tannins than white oak acorns.

**Meeting adjourned**

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people." - Roy T. Bennett.

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# Fit to print...

## Strengthening Iowa's Voice: Elections and Voter Participation

The Iowa Newspaper Association is presenting a monthly feature in Iowa's newspapers, inviting political leaders of each party to offer perspectives on different subjects. This month's topic: "Elections & Voter Participation - As Iowa heads to the elections, what steps should the state take to ensure both election integrity and strong voter participation?"

### Make Your Vote Count by Making a Plan to Vote Today

*By Rita Hart, Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party*

The State of Iowa and our county auditors have a reputation for always holding a professionally conducted election process and I have every confidence that this year's midterm election will be conducted as honestly, fairly, and efficiently as it has in the past.

Iowans have an impressive tradition of high voter participation, with 74 percent of eligible voters casting their ballots in 2024. Iowans understand that the best way we can maintain and preserve our right to vote is to actually cast a ballot.

Iowans should have absolute confidence in the integrity of the Iowa system as they exercise their constitutional right to vote. Thankfully, iwillvote.com makes it easy for anyone to make a plan to vote and find individual polling places.

Iowans have choices in their preferred way to vote as they can vote early in-person, on Election Day, or by mail.

Auditor's offices are open for in-person absentee voting during regular business hours between October 14 and November 2, and on Saturday, October 31.

Voting early only takes a few minutes, and for urban and suburban voters, it's easy to get done between running errands and picking up groceries.

It's smart to vote early because one never knows what weather Election Day may bring our way. I know that it's nice to see your friends and neighbors on Election Day, but a vote in your hand is worth going to the polling place on a nice day instead of taking the chance that we could get a blizzard the first week of November!

Go to iwillvote.com/IA to find your nearest early voting location and hours.

You can also vote at your precinct polling location on Election Day – Tuesday November 3. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can find your polling location at iwillvote.com/IA

If you've requested an absentee ballot, you can either return it in-person at your county auditor's office or put it in the mail.

If you mail in your absentee ballot, please make sure it is in the mail by no later than October 24. To make sure your absentee ballot is returned in time to be counted, you can also return your completed ballot to the county auditor's office in person before Election Day.

Anyone who has questions about voting can call the Iowa Democratic Party's voter protection hotline at (515) 207-9455. Voting is easy and is the only way to make your voice heard, which is why we at the Iowa Democratic Party are happy to help ensure you have what you'll need at your polling place.

If you are tired of the direction Iowa has been headed under Republican leadership for the last decade – with high prices, rising cancer rates and our public schools falling in national rankings – make sure you cast your ballot and vote for the change we all need.

The ballot is filled with Democratic candidates who are running for office because they are ready to show up, listen to the voters, and turn our state around to lower costs, restore educational excellence, provide access to better health care, and improve opportunities for all Iowans — urban, suburban, and rural.

Please exercise your right to vote for better representation and better results for Iowa's future.

### Secure elections depend on informed, engaged voters

*By Republican Party of Iowa Chairman Jeff Kaufmann*

As Iowa heads toward the November 3 general election, our priorities are clear: protect the integrity of our elections and ensure every eligible Iowan has the opportunity to vote.

Voters deserve confidence that election laws are being followed, ballots are counted accurately, and the process is fair and transparent. They also deserve clear information about when, where, and how they can cast their ballots.

Thanks to the work of election officials across the state, including Secretary of State Paul Pate, Iowa has established secure election procedures designed to produce accurate and timely results. We should continue strengthening that system through preparation, accountability, transparency, and public participation.

That includes recruiting and training precinct election officials, poll watchers, and special monitors. The Republican Party of Iowa is working to ensure Republicans are represented throughout the process and that observers understand how to identify, document, and report potential irregularities through the proper channels.

We have also established an election hotline and partnered with the Republican National Lawyers Association to provide legal support and respond to legitimate concerns. Election safeguards work best when trained people are watching the process, understand the law, and know what to do when questions arise.

Election integrity must go hand in hand with informed voter participation. Iowans work hard, raise families, and balance countless responsibilities. They should know the options available to them and the deadlines they need to meet.

In Iowa, voters can cast an absentee ballot by mail, vote early in person at their county auditor's office, or vote at their polling place on Election Day. To make a plan to vote, visit vote.iowagop.org.

Absentee ballot request forms must be received by your county auditor by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 19. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the county auditor's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Voters returning ballots by mail should do so as early as possible. Those concerned that their ballots may not arrive in time can deliver them to their county auditor's office.

A completed absentee ballot cannot be turned in at an Election Day polling place. However, voters may surrender their absentee ballot at their polling place and receive a new ballot to vote.

Early in-person voting begins Wednesday, October 14, at county auditors' offices. The final day to vote early in person is Monday, November 2, although hours may vary by county. Contact information for every county auditor is available at sos.iowa.gov/auditors.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone who suspects election fraud or other irregularities can submit a report at protectthevote.com/report-fraud/iowa.

Strong elections require both public confidence and public participation. Iowa must continue enforcing its election laws, training election workers and observers, providing legal resources to address concerns, and giving voters accurate information.

The right to vote in a free and secure election is one of our most important rights as Americans. Protecting that right requires all of us to participate.

My message to Iowa Republicans is simple: Make a plan and make your voice heard. Whether you vote absentee, early in person, or at the polls on November 3, vote Republican up and down the ballot.


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# Early Files

## 100 years ago

**October 7, 1926**

So much of the corn has been damaged by rotting and molding following the frosts, together with the damage from the ravages of the corn earworms, that probably only half of the Iowa corn crop will be marketable this year, according to the weekly crop report.

The Harp Symphony, a company of distinctive artists, are coming to Northwood next Monday evening as the first number of the 1926-27 entertainment course.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Roy Cerney drove to Des Moines to attend the concert given by Miss Marion Talley, famous Metropolitan opera soprano, at the Coliseum in that city.

Services in connection with the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Elk Creek Lutheran congregation west of Kensett were attended by many last Saturday and Sunday in spite of the rain and bad roads. The Rev. Ole Nilsen, now of Grand Forks, North Dakota. One of the early pastors was present and reached the Saturday morning sermon. Rev. Nielsen, through whose efforts the church building was erected, left Worth County 34 years ago, but is still remembered by many of the older residents.

Kensett- The attendance in high school this year is the largest it has been in the history of the school. Present enrollment is 41.

New officers elected at the annual meeting of William T. Smith Post, No. 144, American Legion are Burris E. Beard, commander; Herman Curley, Alfred Torgeson and Elmer Gullickson, vice commanders; O.J. Wardwell, Adjutant; Theodore Olson, welfare officer; Carl L. Bolender, finance officer; Nils Peter Larson, chaplain; G. Floyd Small, historian; and Warren Kenison, master at arms. Named to the Post executive committee were Bert Youmans, S.E. Espeseth, Paul G. Thonn, Henry Noe and Gilbert E. Peterson.

County Agent Watkins has received word of the coming to Worth County in early November of a physician and nurse who will hold free baby clinics at various places.

## 75 years ago

**October 11, 1951**

Bernard and Bertrum Bidne, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Bidne of near Northwood, arrived at Camp Stoneman, Calif., Monday after flying from Japan. Called into service last year from the Signal Corps reserve, they have been serving in the 71st Signal Service company in Tokyo. They expect to be separated from service and are expected home soon.

Excavation was started for the residence Harry Hillman is building on the lot at the corner of Fifth Street and Second Avenue North. The house will be 30x50 feet with breezeway and garage added. William Elliot and crew will build the house.

E.C. Flatness exhibited the Poland China breed gilt which won three out of the four top spring pig awards at the North Iowa Fair in Mason City. The animal has been sold to Lawrence and Max Douglas, breeders at Bringhurst, Ind.

The selective service board met Tuesday for a new phase of classification work, the reclassifying of married men without children. As the Korean war has progressed some boards have been faced with a shortage of available men, so young married men without children are now available for the draft along with single men. Members of the board include Claus Randall, Thomas Johnson and O.K. Storee with Miss Eleanor Rustad as clerk.

New officers have been elected by the Northwood high school band. Orlin Horgen is president, James Ashman vice president, Meda Nelson secretary treasurer and Bonnie Herman student council representative.

William St. Clair Jr., son of county agent William St. Clair, has completed a series of physical and mental examinations and expects to leave Thursday for enlistment in the CIC, the county-intelligence Corps of the Army. Fred Davidson of the Deer Creek vicinity enlisted in the same group several months ago and is now undergoing CIC training.

## 50 years ago

**October 7, 1976**

The new addition of the Northwood Lutheran Retirement Home is nearing completion. The present 44-bed unit will have an 80-bed capacity when finished. This is one of the larger industrial projects in Northwood at the present time.

Douglas Fallgatter, Northwood, was elected president of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting Tuesday. Bill Young, local insurance representative, was elected vice president, and Charles Stock, manager of Interstate Power Company, Northwood office, was elected secretary.

Building permits valued at $52,000 were issued by Mrs. Wayne Lawhorn, Northwood city clerk, during the third quarter of 1976. This puts the total for the year at about $452,000. Permits of about $100,000 were issued in the first quarter and about $300,000 in the second quarter.

Mr. and Tillman Christianson, rural Northwood were honored at a surprise observance of their 30th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday.

In this week's Fresh-Soph football game against Lake Mills, Tracy Robb scored the final touchdown.

On Tuesday, October 5, the eight runners from N-K's junior varsity team placed fifth out of seven teams at the Mason City Junior Varsity Cross Country Invitational. The team standings were 1. Charles City, 43; 2. Hampton, 66; 3. Mason City, 92; 4. Newman, 103; 5. NK, 113; 6. Osage, 142; and 7. Clear Lake 180.

Senior Viking Rob Low runs into a crowd of Bulldogs on a carry late in the game against Lake Mills, Friday night. The Vikings lost 13-8 and will meet Buffalo Center this week.

Tim Nappe and Henry Emmons, both Northwood-Kensett high school seniors were named Commended Students in the Merit Program by the National Merit scholarship Corporation.

## 25 years ago

**October 10, 2001**

Northwood received 3.11 inches of precipitation in September, according to National Weather Service observer John Podgorniak. The average daily high temperature during the month was 68.4 degrees and the average overnight low was 46.6.

N-K High School students Ashlee Gaskill, Laura Carlson, Kerby Christianson, Morgan Nodtvedt, Annika Athey, Allyson Dierenfeld, Jessie Johnson, Kelsea Trenhaile, Abby Trenhaile and Emily Mellem had to get all bundled up to withstand the chilly weather in Nora Springs so they could cheer the N-K football team on to a 28-13 victory in the Class A District 3 showdown with Nora Springs-Rock Falls.

Eight members of the class of 1936 Northwood High School enjoyed their 65th class reunion at a luncheon on September 29.

Paul Rooks, son of Colleen and Dan Hendrickson, Northwood, has reported to Marine basic training camp. Training has been shortened from nine weeks to six weeks in light of the recent armed services engagement.

NIACC crowned Leah Ingersoll, Northwood, 2001 Homecoming queen. She shared royal duties with Krystal Lien, of Hanlontown, who tied for queen and king Michael Schwarck, of Riceville.

The Top of Iowa Wind Farm began generating electricity for Alliant Energy despite the short work delay that resulted when the top of the wind farm's final tower rolled into a ditch when the flatbed hauling it turned too short at a corner.

N-K ball carrier Joe Fierova was dragging two Nora Springs-Rock Falls defenders when NS-RF defender Kyle Kohler reached in, stole the pigskin and raced 66 yards untouched to tie the score 7-7 on this first quarter play during the football game in Nora Springs. The Vikings subsequently added three long scoring drives and limited the Eagles' offense to a second-half scoring drive.

## 10 years ago

**October 12, 2016**

A number of young people stopped by the Fairgrounds on Saturday for a free pumpkin. The gourd giveaway was held in memory of daughters lost to soon. The annual giveaway was stared by Bob Mogk, to honor his daughter Jenny. Manny and Shawna Ramirez joined Mogk this year, in memory of their daughter Ruby. The simple act of generosity and remembrance brought many smiles to the faces of the young people picking their pumpkins.

The N-K class of 2001 held its 15 year reunion. They met to reminisce and enjoy a meal and beverages in the Beehive Ballroom on the second floor of Worth Brewing Company.

The class of 1971 celebrated its 45th reunion at the Northwood VFW on September 10, 2026. There were 32 classmates in attendance.

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst greeted Worth County 4-H members at a Town Hall Meeting she hosted during National 4-H Week. They were Kimberly Klooster, Hannah Hill, Senator Ernst, Matt Dirksen and Raven Knutson.

The Vikings' Hayden Halbach, crushing opposing players along the way, scored two touchdowns in last Friday night's 52-27 loss to Turkey Valley while also collecting six tackles. Halbach, a senior that rarely if ever leaves the field, leads the team on the offensive side of the ball with seven rushing touchdowns and on defense, he is tops as well, leading the team with 56.5 tackles on the year.

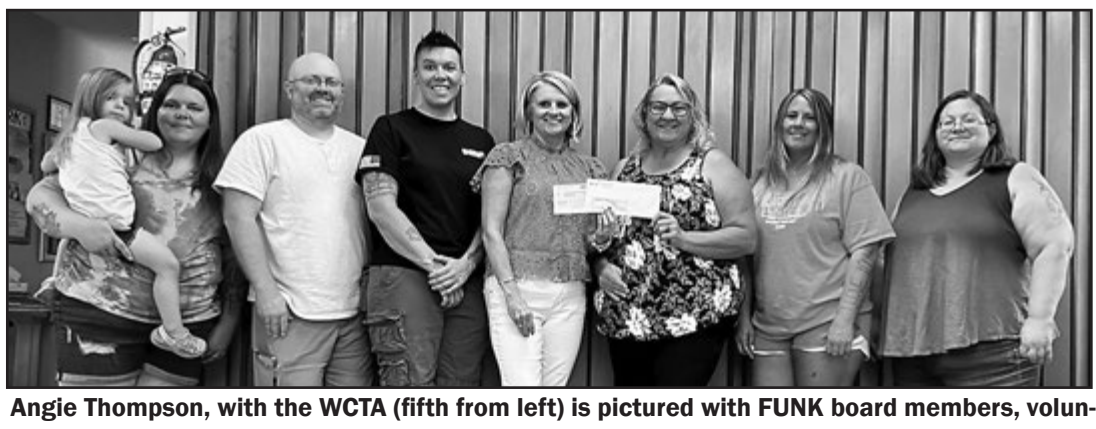
N-K's two big hitters, Terran Haberman and Lindy Harris, go up to make a block on an Osage kill attempt in last Tuesday night's 3-0 (11-25, 19-25, and 21-25) loss. The two talented players have combined for 185 kills and 73 blocks this season.

WCTA general manager Mark Thoma presents 2017 WCTA photo contest winner Chad Heggen with a $100 check for his winning cover photo taken in Worth County.



## Homecoming at G-E

**Homecoming week was in full swing on Wednesday, October 7, when Glenville-Emmons crowned the 2026 Homecoming King and Queen, Claire Bottelson and Gabe McBeain. Other festivities kicked off with locker decorating, junior high and JV football games, followed by a fun evening around the bonfire with music from a DJ. On Friday, October 9 the stands were packed for the Wolverine volleyball players.**



**Angie Thompson, with the WCTA (fifth from left) is pictured with FUNK board members, volunteers and supporters.**

# WCTA awards FUNK a $500 grant

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) and Aureon recently awarded a $500 grant to Fellowship for United Northwood-Kensett (FUNK) to help purchase a 55-piece big blue educational block set to expand their Imagination Playground.

This new addition will provide opportunities for creative play, learning and community engagement while fostering a welcoming, family-friendly environment for residents of all ages. The block set will be used at local church vacation bible school programs, library story hours and a variety of other community events throughout the year.

For over 30 years, WCTA and Aureon have collaborated to help fund this charity grant program, helping strengthen and enrich rural Iowa communities through local projects and initiatives.

# WCTA's annual meeting held on September 30

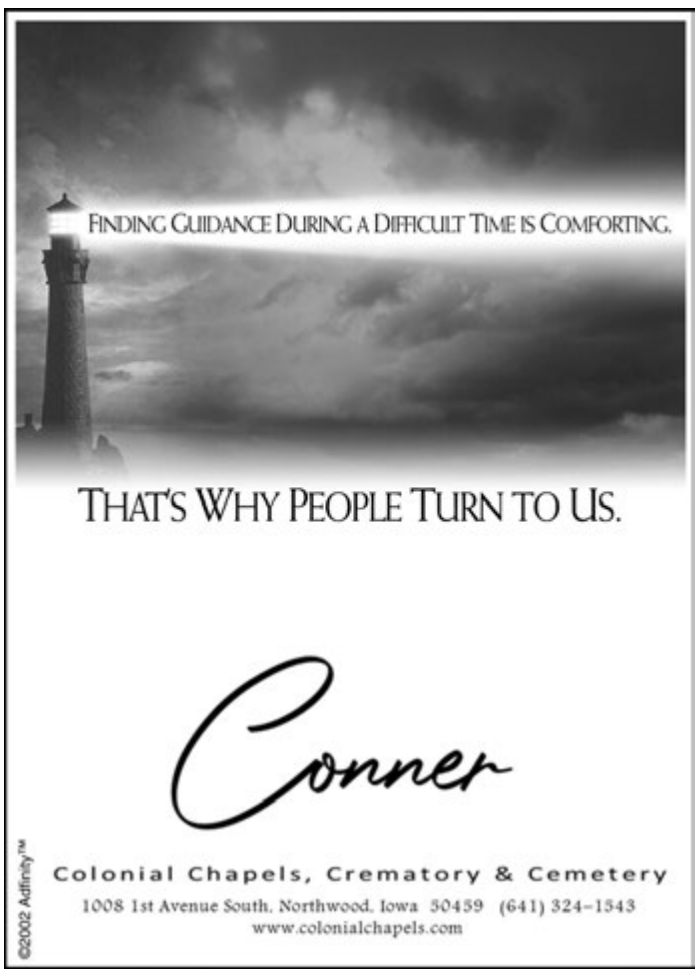
WCTA's 75th Annual Meeting was held the morning of September 30, at the WCTA Corporate Office in Lake Mills.

Two directors elected to WCTA Board wre Curt Helland of Emmons, Minnesota, and Shanan Redinger of Hanlontown, Iowa, who were re-elected. Other WCTA Board members are Mark Johnson, President; Dale Meinders, Vice President; Larry Foley; Jim Scholbrock; and Nancy Moklestad.

The winners of the ballot prize drawings were Charles Erickson (Alden), Daniel Reeder (Northwood), Gage Spaid (Manly), Richard Kiewiet (Forest City), Jody Griffiths (Lake Mills) and Sonja Vincent (Northwood). Charles won a $250 cash prize, and Daniel, Gage, Richard, Jody and Sonja each won a $100 cash prize!

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## Supervisors

**October 5, 2026**
**Forty-first 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 Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda and September 28, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Change Order No 1 for Madsen Construction in the amount of $96,409.40. Motion carried. The contract amount for the Engineer & Conservation Office Building Project is now $1,432,064.40.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the Engineer & Conservation Office Building Project Pay Estimate No 10 for Madsen construction in the amount of $449,145.18. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the Secondary Roads Maintenance Facility Pay Estimate No 10 for Cresco Building Service in the amount of $485,968.06. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the work order for DD 22 Joint as submitted by Brandon Diedrich (Glen Staff, landowner). Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the Special Class "C" Retail Native Wine License for Lazy Acre Vineyard LLC. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the letter to engage Dorsey + Whitney LLP as bond counsel for Worth County's Proposed General Obligation borrowing in the approximate principal amount of $6,000,000 underwritten by Northland Securities, Inc. with UMB Financial Services serving as municipal financial advisor. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg recessed the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to open the Public Hearing on the proposed expansion of the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area and on an urban renewal plan amendment. Motion carried. There was no public comment.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to close the Public Hearing at 9:03 A.M.

Chairperson Loberg reconvened the regular session at 9:03 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2026-33 Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Expanded Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve an Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote – Ayes: Smeby, Stone, Loberg. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution and Urban Renewal Plan Amendment available in auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:13 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

## N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2026 at the Administrative office at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bradley Christianson, Cindy Byrne, Jamie Nelson and Naomi Gudmonson

Absent: Shana Brunsvold

Also present: Superintendent Tony Hiatt and Board Secretary Kim Hengesteg Elementary Principal Brian Costello; Secondary Principal Keith Fritz and Kris Kenison Northwood Anchor

(4-0) approve the Agenda for Thursday, October 9, 2026

Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments: None

Reports:

Elementary Principal: 1) Fire Prevention Week 2) School Bus Safety Week 3) Elementary Readmission Plan 4) FAST Screening results from this fall

Secondary Principal: 1) Secondary Readmission Plan with oversight of review committee 2) FAST results from this fall 3) Annual Veterans Day assembly November 11th, Open to public, Mike Reindl guest speaker.

Superintendent: 1) IASB BoardCon is scheduled for November 18-20th 2) RSAI Advocacy 3) Enrollment Summary

School Board: Next regular school board meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda

(4-0) by Directors Gudmondson and Nelson to approve the Consent Action Items which included the following:

• Minutes from the September 10, 2026 Regular Board meeting
• October Bills for payment
• September 2026 Financial Report
• Accept resignation Jacob Urbatsch JH Girls Track Coach

Old Business:

1. Elementary Roof Project – Alliant and electricians will turn power off on Monday October 12 to complete the scheduled hook up of the solar panels to make the elementary building fully operational

New Business:

(4-0) approve moving the semester date on the 2026-27 school calendar to January 15, 2027

Principals have been working on the behavior bill, including forming and facilitation oversight committee work as outlined in SF 2428

(4-0) increase the substitute teacher per diem rate to $150/day

(4-0) approve application for modified supplemental amount (MSA) in the amount of $34,995 based on costs in excess of weightings and other resources for providing our EL program. The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the SBRC for a modified supplemental amount of $34,995 due to excess costs of providing the EL program in the prior year.

Roll Call Vote: Byrne-yes, Gudmonson-yes, Christianson-yes, and Nelson-yes Ayes: 4, Nays: None The motion passed by a vote of 4-0

(4-0) approve the Certified Annual Report (CAR), Special Ed Supplement Report (SES) and Annual Transportation Report

Board Policy Review

(4-0) approve standard board policies: 200.01, 200.01R(1), 200.02. 200.03, 200.04, 201, 202.01, 202.02, 202.03 and 202.04

(4-0) approve board policy 107 as presented in the board packet

(4-0) approve board policy 505.05 as presented in the board packet

(4-0) approve board policy 505.08 as presented in the board packet

(4-0) adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District
Board Report - Newspaper
Vendor Name
Vendor Description
Amount

AGVANTAGE FS, INC
Propane.....536.91
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.
Legal Services .....106.50
Albert Lea Electric Co
Supplies .....11.93
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY.....27,452.10
ALPHA WIRELESS
License renewal .....3,600.00
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies .....1,986.91
America's Drain Cleaning LLC
Service .....312.50
Amundson, Chelsea
Food Class .....38.69
BLICK ART MATERIALS LLC
Supplies .....143.89
Butler, Elizabeth
New Teacher Days - Supplies .....34.26
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
Supplies .....274.86
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.
supplies..... 974.33
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer .....954.78
COMMUNICATION INNOVATORS, Supplies .....577.32
Dakota Potters Supply
Supplies .....321.00
DEMCO, INC, Supplies .....57.60
EILERTSON REPAIR
Auto Repair Shop.....1,177.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
Supplies .....229.92
GREAT LAWN SERVICES LLC
LAWN CARE.....325.50
Hiatt, Tony
Superintendent Travel .....225.72
Hobart Service; ITW Food Equipment Group LLC
Service .....811.07
HOVEY'S LAWN AND GARDEN LLC, LAWN CARE .....2,500.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Annual water fee .....120.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service .....515.10
JOURNEYED.COM INC
SUPPLIES.....54.34
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, SUPPLIES .....393.57
LEARNING A-Z
SUPPLIES.....150.00
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS
Service .....4,025.59
MARTIN BROTHERS
Supplies .....721.68
MID-WEST 3D SOLUTIONS, LLC, Supplies .....5,925.00
MIDWEST BUS PARTS, INC
Supplies .....100.41
NORTHWOOD SANITATION
Garbage .....650.00
One Source Background Check Company
Background Checks .....167.00
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
Books.....32.82
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY
Supplies .....2,379.52
Schleusner-Anderson, Brooke
Pd Preschool .....66.00
School Bus Sales
Supplies .....54.50
School Nurse Supply, Inc
Supplies .....4,064.71
Security & Communication Professionals
Security Services.....2,220.00
Southern Lock & Glass
Lock Services.....180.00
Trane US Inc, Service .....7,747.91
VISA, Supplies .....4,416.82
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service .....856.23
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas .....861.72
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS
Replacement Bike .....1,944.00
Wittrock Solutions LLC
Maintenance VAC.....365.00
Checking Account ID .....80,664.71
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies .....130.26
Brink Sportswear LLC
sports apparel.....2,647.40
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
sports apparel.....2,135.85
Flower Forager
supplies.....100.00
HAWKEYE STATE SCALE INC.
supplies.....270.00
Hodson, Dustin or Miranda
supplies.....22.97
Hunt, Samantha
St Council supplies .....57.76
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.
supplies.....28.80
Kate Hall Photography
Cornination Pictures .....100.00
LAKE MILLS CSD
Entry Fee .....120.00
Luya Enterprise Inc
Choir Robes .....1,751.74
Miller, Christian
FFA lunch .....160.17
Moffit, Hunter, Offical .....175.00
Mullins, Donald, Offical .....175.00
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION
Convention Registration .....1,045.00
NCIBA, Dues.....25.00
North Union School
Dues.....625.00
Schaefer, Joshua, Offical ...175.00
Schaefer, Pete, Offical .....175.00
Shemanski, Dave, Offical ..175.00
Stricker, Kia, Offical .....77.03
VISA, Supplies .....1,656.29
Checking Account ID .....11,828.27
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC
Copier Lease.....1,886.00
KLH Communications and Consulting LLC
Website services.....471.25
Knudtson Automotive Services
Service .....4,245.81
Krampitz, Marty
Service .....8,000.00
Kruger Electric LLC
Service .....2,694.95
TimeClock Plus, Charges ...490.00
Checking Account ID .....17,788.01
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
Milk .....3,484.34
Carlson, Amber
Lunch Reimbursement .....8.45
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES
SUPPLIES.....392.79
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES.....31.92
GlacierGrid Inc, Fee's .....8.50
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP
Service .....3,819.62
Haugebak Rothove, Patricia
Lunch Reimbursement .....8.00
Machin, Malissa
Lunch Reimbursement .....70.70
MARTIN BROTHERS
Food .....19,629.50
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
Bread .....825.78
Sanchez, Martin
Lunch Reimbursement .....56.30
Schnulle, Bryce
Lunch Reimbursement .....11.55
Severson, Ryan
Lunch Reimbursement .....12.85
Struck, Matt or Jeni
Lunch Reimbursement .....6.05
Thompson, Matt or Ashley
Lunch Reimbursement .....22.75
Checking Account ID .....28,389.10

# People's Right to Know

# Northwood Anchor Legal

## Notice

**Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale**
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN ANO FOR WORTH COUNTY
STATE OF IOWA
WORTH COUNTY
Iowa District Court
Worth County
Case #: EQCV013083
Civil #: 26-000257
UNION HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION
vs
ROSA OFELIA RENTERIA GARZA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ROSA OFELIA RENTERIA GARZA; PARTIES IN POSSESSION
Special Execution

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s)

Real Estate
Described Below

To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is

LOT THREE (3), IN BLOCK SIXTY-NINE (69), IN THE TOWN OF NORTHWOOD, WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

Property Address: 95 4TH ST N, NORTHWOOD, IA 50459

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Sale Date: 11/10/2026; Sale Time: 10:00; Place of Sale: WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 1000 CENTRAL AVE, NORTHWOOD, IA 50459

Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.

This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.

Judgment Amount: $72,665.30; Costs: $4,101.45; Accruing Costs: PLUS; Interest: $6,541.87; Sheriff's Fees: Pending; Date: 09/23/2026; JESSEE LUTHER, WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF; Attorney: ARLET COSTILLA, 4601 WESTOWN PKWY SUITE 25, WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266, (515) 223-7325.

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## Notice

**NOTICE TO QUIT**
**NOTICE OF NONPAYMENT OF RENT ANDNOTICE OF TERMINATION OF RENTAL AGREEMENT**

TO: Derek McGraw, 405 Broadway Ave S., Le Roy, MN 55951

You are hereby notified that you have failed to pay rent for October 2026 and are in violation of your rental agreement for property located at 2090 Central Ave, Northwood, IA 50459. You have 3 days from publication on October 14, 2026 to pay $1050.00 which is the amount of unpaid rent and the late fee.

Failure to pay the rent shall result in the immediate termination of your rental agreement without any further notice to you. If you fail to pay rent you are to vacate and take any personal property within the same 3 days of publication.

In the event you pay rent you are notified that the month to month tenancy is being terminated and that your lease now ends on November 30, 2026.

Take notice and govern yourself accordingly.

David Smith, Landlord
By: Jeffrey H. Greve, ICIS
PIN No: 16697
Attorney for Landlord
736 Central Ave,
Northwood, IA 50459

**STATE OF IOWA**
**2026**
**FINANCIAL REPORT**
**FISCAL YEAR ENDED**
**JUNE 30, 2026 CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA**
**DUE: December 1, 2026**

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CITY OF NORTHWOOD
627 Central Ave
NORTHWOOD IA 50459
POPULATION: 2072

**NOTE** - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.

**ALL FUNDS**

| | Governmental (a) | Proprietary (b) | Total Actual (c) | Budget (d) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenues and Other Financing Sources** | | | | |
| Taxes Levied on Property | 852943 | | 852,943 | 788,681 |
| Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| **Net Current Property Taxes** | 852,943 | | 852,943 | 788,681 |
| Delinquent Property Taxes | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| TIF Revenues | 223,022 | | 223,022 | 225,000 |
| Other City Taxes | 362,360 | 0 | 362,360 | 332,543 |
| Licenses and Permits | 26,606 | 0 | 26,606 | 29,500 |
| Use of Money and Property | 90,700 | 0 | 90,700 | 77,520 |
| Intergovernmental | 421,068 | 0 | 421,068 | 423,600 |
| Charges for Fees and Service | 103,785 | 1,202,370 | 1,306,155 | 1,389,914 |
| Special Assessments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 553,041 | 0 | 553,041 | 794,372 |
| Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in | 1,050,000 | 35,000 | 1,085,000 | 1,035,000 |
| **Total Revenues and Other Sources** | 3,683,525 | 1,237,370 | 4,920,895 | 5,096,130 |
| **Expenditures and Other Financing Uses** | | | | |
| Public Safety | 474,613 | | 474,613 | 477,433 |
| Public Works | 760,880 | | 760,880 | 904,864 |
| Health and Social Services | 23,559 | | 23,559 | 23,755 |
| Culture and Recreation | 413,417 | | 413,417 | 418,841 |
| Community and Economic Development | 388,340 | | 388,340 | 511,951 |
| General Government | 302,826 | | 302,826 | 319,120 |
| Debt Service | 224,460 | | 224,460 | 224,460 |
| Capital Projects | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Governmental Activities Expenditures** | 2,588,095 | 0 | 2,588,095 | 2,880,424 |
| Business type activities | | 1,207,273 | 1,207,273 | 1,319,514 |
| **Total All Expenditures** | 2,588,095 | 1,207,273 | 3,795,368 | 4,199,938 |
| Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out | 1,085,000 | 0 | 1,085,000 | 1,035,000 |
| **Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses** | 3,673,095 | 1,207,273 | 4,880,368 | 5,234,938 |
| **Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses** | 10,430 | 30,097 | 40,527 | -138,808 |
| Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025 | 1,651,278 | 989,057 | 2,640,335 | 2,640,335 |
| Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026 | 1,661,708 | 1,019,154 | 2,680,862 | 2,501,527 |

**NOTE** - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:

| | |
|---|---|
| Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds | Pension Trust Funds |
| Private Purpose Trust Funds | Agency Funds |

| Indebtedness at June 30, 2026 | Amount | Indebtedness at June 30, 2026 | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| General Obligation Debt | 1,992,000 | Other Long-Term Debt | 0 |
| Revenue Debt | 4,664,000 | Short-Term Debt | 0 |
| TIF Revenue Debt | 0 | | |
| | | General Obligation Debt Limit | 7,612,440 |


**PROFESSIONAL CARD**
**Business Announcements**

**VETERINARIAN**
**WORTH COUNTY VETERINARY SERVICE**
**Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.**
**Clinic: 324-1084**
**Home: 324-1147**

**PHYSICIANS**
MERCYONE
**803 9th Avenue North**
**Northwood, IA 50459**
**641-324-1221**

**NORTHWOOD INSURANCE AGENCY**
John Midtgaard, Agent
91 9th St. S., Northwood, IA
Office 641-324-9844 Fax 641-324-9844

**Alcoholics Anonymous Alanon**
*Regular meeting each Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.*
*Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday*
*First Lutheran Church*
*For more information call 324-3070*

**Congregate Meals**
**MEALS ON WHEELS**
**324-1244**

**NORTHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**
**Monday & Friday 1-5 p.m.**
**Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.**
**Open Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
**641-324-1340**

*Northwood Dental*
**DAVID PENFOLD, DDS**
Mon. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tues. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.,Thurs. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - Noon
**641-324-1364**
**www.northwooddentistry.com**
**802 9th Ave. North**
**Northwood, Iowa 50459**

# Lake Mills News





## Briefs

### Trunk/Treat Oct. 25 at Salem Lutheran

Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills will hold a trunk or treat event on Saturday, October 25, from 4-5:30 p.m.

People will bring cars with decorated trunks and costumed kids will be welcome to collect candy as they trick or treat at each trunk.

### 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.

### LM Care Center trick or treating Oct. 31

The Lake Mills Care Center and Mills Harbour will welcome trick or treaters on Halloween, October 31, from 5-6 p.m.

The Care Center will offer a lighted courtyard walk for the trick or treaters.





### Welcoming fall

**As fall began, young people in the Little Learners program at the Lake Mills Library got into the season by singing songs, watching fingerplays about apples and reading "Ten Apples on Top!" They watched the story "The Little Red House." They then followed that up with finding the star inside the middle of apples, along with a couple of fall and apple-themed crafts. They had apple slices and caramel dip as a treat.**






### Partner Power!

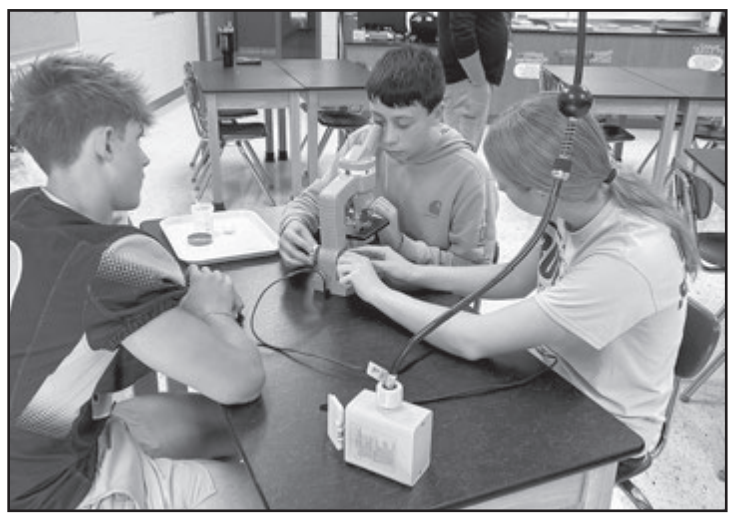
**Lake Mills second grade students recently spent time in their math center partnering with classmates. They worked together to learn more about subtraction, up to the number 20, while also developing their math fluency.**



### Biology in the backyard

**Students in the Lake Mills biology class recently learned more about the tiny organisms in their backyard. With samples gathered from Rice Lake, they used microscopes and discovered the microorganisms in the water, and discussed how even the tiniest organisms play a role in the ecosystem.**









### Some sweet science

**Students in the Lake Mills anatomy and physiology class recently practiced their skills on some unusual subjects. The students learned more about the process of dissection and labeling anatomical terminology**



### Educational exploration

**Students in the Lake Mills High School Science Club took a trip to Pilot Knob State Park recently. While there they went on a 3-mile hike, including discovering interesting spider webs, visiting the park's swans.**



PROJECT SHARE

*Add a PS To Help A Neighbor*

**PROJECT SHARE** is a plan, created by your municipal utility, to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills.

You can help by adding a regular **PS** contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to **PROJECT SHARE**. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy cost.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee **PROJECT SHARE** to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please, add a **PS–PROJECT SHARE**–to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

**CITY OF LAKE MILLS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**CITY OF LAKE MILLS UTILITIES CUSTOMERS:**

PS I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to PROJECT SHARE

Name

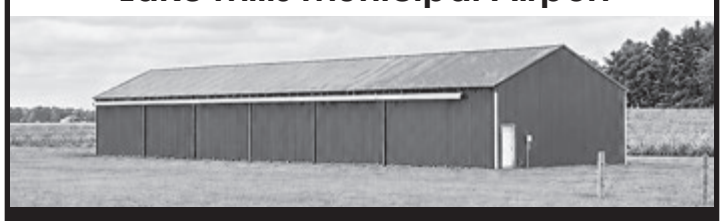
Address

City Phone

☐ I will contribute $ _____ per month to PROJECT SHARE. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

☐ I have enclosed $_____ donation to PROJECT SHARE.

**Lake Mills Municipal Airport**



**AIRPORT HANGAR FOR RENT**

Great opportunity for aircraft owners looking for a hangar at a convenient, well-kept airport.



- Box Hangar
- 32' l x 39' w x 11.5 h

Located at
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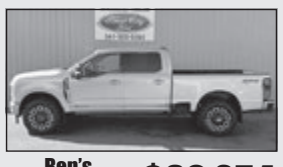
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# Lake Mills News Sports



The Lake Mills cross country team took first place at the New Hampton Invitational on Thursday, October 8. The boys also brought home eight individual medals and had nine personal best or season best times.

## Bulldogs bring home medals

**By Julie Salisbury**

The Lake Mills cross country teams hosted a home meet on Monday, October 5, with four runners earning medals. Kara Renneker placed ninth with a time of 21:52 and Kaylie Sylvara placed 15th with a time of 22:14. Lane Rygh placed third with a time of 17:06 and Carson Christianson placed 14th with a time of 19:09.

Lily Young was 23rd with a time of 23:39, and Tori Holtan was 34th with a time of 25:37. Jaselyn Islas had a personal best time of 26:25 and finished 39th, and Katie Machin was 40th with a time of 26:29. Kylie Schulz had a season best time of 29:28 and was 48th, Laylah Ingledue was 50th with a time of 30:29, and Paige Frenette was 55th with a time of 45:20.

Wyatt Hansen had a personal best time of 19:11 and was 16th, and Aiden Reese had a personal best time of 19:18 and was 17th. Caleb Skogen was 18th with a time of 19:18.9, and Kaden Lee was 24th with a time of 19:42. Brayden Eden had a season best time of 19:55 and was 28th, and Conner Helgeson was 29th with a time of 20:08. Jesse Rygh was 33rd with a time of 20:44, and Micah Skogen was 35th with a time of 20:59. Conner Van Roekel was 38th with a time of 22:00, and Case Casperson had a season best time of 23:27 and was 52nd.

On Thursday, October 8, the Bulldog teams made the trip to New Hampton for the New Hampton Invitational and the boys placed first as a team, and all seven boys running varsity either had a personal best or season best time.

C. Christianson placed seventh with a season best time of 18:30 and earned a medal. Hansen had a personal best time of 18:31, placed eighth and earned a medal. Eden placed ninth and had a season best time of 18:44, and earned a medal. C. Skogen had a season best time of 18:47, placed 11th and earned a medal. Reese had a personal best time of 18:59 and was 15th earning a medal. Lee had a personal best time of 19:00 and finished 16th and earned a medal, and M. Skogen had a season best time of 19:47 and was 26th.

For the girls, Young was 37th with a time of 23:41, and Islas had a personal best time of 24:45 and was 41st. Holtan was 44th with a time of 26:21, and Machin was 47th with a time of 27:19. Schulz had a season best time of 28:35 and was 54th, Ingledue was 56th with a time of 31:21, and Frenette had a personal best time of 41:16 and was 58th.

In the junior varsity race, J. Rygh placed first with a personal best time of 19:58 earning a medal, and Helgeson placed second with a time of 20:16 earning a medal. Van Roekel placed fifth with a time of 21:45 earning a medal, and Casperson had a personal best time of 21:55 and placed sixth earning a medal.

The Bulldog cross country teams will next run in Manly on Thursday, October 15, at the Top of Iowa Conference meet.



The Lake Mills volleyball team took some time away from practice on Wednesday to do a little pumpkin decorating.

## Bulldogs defeat Warriors on the road

**By Julie Salisbury**

The Class 2A no. 14 Lake Mills Bulldogs traveled to North Union on Tuesday, October 7, to take on the Warriors and won in straight sets 25-18, 25-13 and 25-7.

Regan Eastvold had 27 assists, four kills, five digs, three blocks and was 11-12 serving with two ace serves. Mackenzie Budach had 11 kills, two assists, nine digs and was 10-11 serving with one ace, and Betsy Byars had eight kills, five digs and was 7-9 serving with two ace serves. Ari Stensrud had seven kills, two blocks, seven digs and was a perfect 16-16 serving with three ace serves. Afton Dean had five kills, two blocks and one dig, and Cora Sauer had four assists, 10 digs and was 10-11 serving. Tori Sterrenburg had four kills and three blocks, and Hayden Wempen had two digs and was 14-15 serving with two ace serves.

The Bulldogs had 39 kills, 34 assists, 39 digs, 10 blocks and were 68-74 serving with 10 ace serves.

The Bulldogs are 23-4 overall and 6-0 in the Top of Iowa Conference west.



Bulldog volleyball girls showing off their artistic skills on a rare day off of practice.

## Bulldogs home for final game of season

**By Julie Salisbury**

The Lake Mills Bulldogs football team will host No. 9 West Fork on Friday, October 16, for their final game of the season.

On Friday, October 9, the Bulldogs traveled to Mason City to take on Newman and lost 42-8. No other details were available as of Sunday evening.

The Bulldogs are 0-5 in district play and 0-7 overall.



Bulldog Lane Sprecher holds on for a tackle during a recent home football game. Photo courtesy of Chet Yost.



## Lake Mills Marching band earns top ratings

The Lake Mills Bulldog marching band earned a Division I rating at the State Marching Band Contest held in Fort Dodge on Saturday, October 10. Photo courtesy of Lake Mills Community School District.



## Students clean up

Lake Mills Parks and Rec had some help from Lake Mills students recently, keeping a city park in good condition. The department shared this picture along with their appreciation for PE teacher Matt Pfaltzgraff and middle and high school classes, who helped clean up Oakwood Park.



## Lake Mills FFA hosts family feast

In September, the Lake Mills FFA chapter held its annual Parent/Member meeting and took part in the Alumni Back-to-School BBQ. Parents and new members had the chance to learn more about FFA activities. That was followed by a steak dinner provided by the Lake Mills FFA Alumni chapter.


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| 2 | $43,280 |
| 3 | $54,640 |
| 4 | $66,000 |
| 5 | $77,360 |
| 6 | $88,720 |

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 641-585-5863**

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## Notice

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given to the eligible electors of Worth County, Iowa, that the GENERAL ELECTION in Worth County, State of Iowa, will be held at the regular polling places in each of the seven voting precincts of Worth County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. If you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the auditor's office at 641-324-2316. You may also verify the voting location for your address at: https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx.

**PRECINCT #1**– Grafton Community Center-202 6th Avenue
Deer Creek, Barton, Union, part of Grove Township and City of Grafton

**PRECINCT #2** – Manly City Hall-106 South Broadway Street
Lincoln Township and the City of Manly

**PRECINCT #3** – Joice Community Center-106 Main Street
Bristol, Silver Lake, part of Hartland Township and the City of Joice

**PRECINCT #4** – Kensett Community Center-300 Willow Street
Brookfield and Kensett Township and the City of Kensett

**PRECINCT #5** – Hanlontown Community Center-214 Main Street
Danville Township and the City of Hanlontown

**PRECINCT #6** – Fertile City Hall-3494 Eagle Avenue
Fertile Township and the City of Fertile

**PRECINCT #7** –The Timbers-500 Central Ave
Part of both Grove and Hartland Townships and the City of Northwood

Listed below are all the candidates that will appear on ballots in Worth County. Ballots issued to voters will contain only those offices the voter is eligible to vote for based on the voter's residence.

**Federal Offices**
**For United States Senator**
(Vote for no more than One)
Josh Turek, Democratic Party
Ashley Hinson, Republican Party
Thomas Laehn, Libertarian Party

**For United States Representative District 2**
(Vote for no more than One)
Lindsay James, Democratic Party
Joe Mitchell, Republican Party
Rick Stewart, Libertarian Party
Dave Bushaw

**State Offices**
**For Governor/Lieutenant Governor**
(Vote for no more than One Team)
Rob Sand/Dave Muhlbauer, Democratic Party
Zach Lahn/Derek Wulf, Republican Party

**For Secretary of State**
(Vote for no more than One)
Ryan Peterman, Democratic Party
Paul D. Pate, Republican Party

**For Auditor of State**
(Vote for no more than One)
Taylor Wettach, Democratic Party
Chris Cournoyer, Republican Party

**For Treasurer of State**
(Vote for no more than One)
John Norwood, Democratic Party
Roby Smith, Republican Party

**For Secretary of Agriculture**
(Vote for no more than One)
Chris Jones, Democratic Party
Mike Naig, Republican Party

**For Attorney General**
(Vote for no more than One)
Nate Willems, Democratic Party
Brenna Bird, Republican Party

**For State Representative District 60**
(Vote for no more than One)
Alexander Schmidt, Democratic Party
Dani Ollenburg, Republican Party

**County Offices**
**For County Board of Supervisors District 1**
(Vote for no more than One)
Marena Henkle, Republican Party
Amy Jorgensen

**For County Board of Supervisors District 3**
(Vote for no more than One)
Mike Hanson, Republican Party

**For County Treasurer**
(Vote for no more than One)
Jake Hanson, Republican Party

**For County Recorder**
(Vote for no more than One)
Jolene Hickle, Republican Party

**For County Attorney**
(Vote for no more than One)
Dexter Banks, Democratic Party
Jeffrey H. Greve, Republican Party

**Non-Partisan Offices**
**For Barton Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Dennis Meyer
Joseph Nydegger

**For Barton Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Pamela A. Meyer

**For Bristol Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Eliot Evans
Daniel L. Martinson

**For Bristol Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Eric Johnson

**For Brookfield Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Randy Hengesteg

**For Brookfield Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Theresa M. Cooper

**For Danville Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Justin Faber
Joe Thompson

**For Danville Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Kevin Knudson

**For Deer Creek Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Martin Cotter

**For Deer Creek Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
No Candidate Filed

**For Fertile Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Randy Oswald
Andy Hansen

**For Fertile Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
No Candidate Filed

**For Grove Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Daniel J. Hendrikson
Annika Schreiber

**For Grove Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Erin Ducommun

**For Hartland Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
No Candidate Filed

**For Hartland Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Carol Bergo

**For Kensett Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Ken Parcher

**For Kensett Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
No Candidate Filed

**For Lincoln Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Brad Dietrich
Dennis L. Kruger

**For Lincoln Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Eythan Blair

**For Silver Lake Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Curtis Singelstad
Rob Nelson

**For Silver Lake Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
Allan Wogen

**For Union Township Trustee**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Justin Kruger
Paul Hackbart

**For Union Township Clerk**
(Vote for no more than One)
William H. Borchardt

**For Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner**
(Vote for no more than Two)
Russell Olson
Cary Van Veldhuizen

**For County Agricultural Extension Council**
(Vote for no more than Five)
Jennifer Klooster
Wayde Willand
Sarah Hagen
Sarah Stevens
Ann Heggestad

**Judicial Ballot**
Shall the following Justices/Judges be retained in office?
(Vote Yes or No)

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John M. Sandy
Julie A. Schumacher

**District 2A Court Judge**
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Gregg R. Rosenbladt
DeDra Schroeder
Colleen D. Weiland

**District 2A Associate Judge**
Mark Milder
Karen Kaufman Salic
Adam Sauer

**Constitutional Amendment**

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered, such as voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts, must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) will cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's Office by November 9, 2026, at noon. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or you may also contact the auditor's office at 641-324-2316. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's Office at the telephone number or e-mail address listed below:

Telephone: 641-324-2316 Email address: auditor@worthcountyiowa.gov.

**ABSENTEE VOTING**

All absentee voters must complete an absentee ballot request from which is available by request, on our website https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/ or in our office, 641-324-2316.

In-person: Starting October 14, 2026, voters may cast an absentee ballot in the Worth County Auditor's Office during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until November 2, 2026. Curbside voting is available at this time, voters shall contact our office on arrival, 641-324-2316.

By mail: Absentee ballot request forms must be received in our office by Monday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m. (deadline to mail absentee ballots). ***Absentee ballots must be received in the Auditor's Office by the time polls close on election day at 8:00 p.m.

**POST-ELECTION AUDIT**

The Post-Election Audit for this election will be Thursday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Auditor's Office. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration.

I, Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, do hereby certify that the above races and candidates will appear on the ballots in specific jurisdictions to be voted upon in the GENERAL Election on November 3, 2026.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor &
Commissioner of Elections
Worth County, Iowa

## Bolan

There was a good crowd in Bolan on Saturday morning to enjoy pancakes, sausages and pumpkin pie at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center. Many took time to pick out pumpkins from the patch, plus some gourds and mums. A few of the kids found the "Great Pumpkins!"

On Sunday afternoon Lori Willert and Linda Nydegger joined Loren, Renee and Anna Nydegger at the Chapel on the Wartburg Campus for the Wartburg Choir Concert "Shadows of the Living Light" Homecoming Concert. Ben is a member of the Choir. He and his friend, Mya, joined them afterwards at a local restaurant.



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**These young people were Bolan's "GREAT PUMPKIN" finders on Saturday, October 10, at the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center pumpkins, pancakes and pie fundraiser. Pictured at top are Flint and Trixie, children of Marena and Cody Henkle of Grafton. Pictured below is Auggie, son of Pastor Cory and Allan Allard of Manly. (And they made it to their homes!)**

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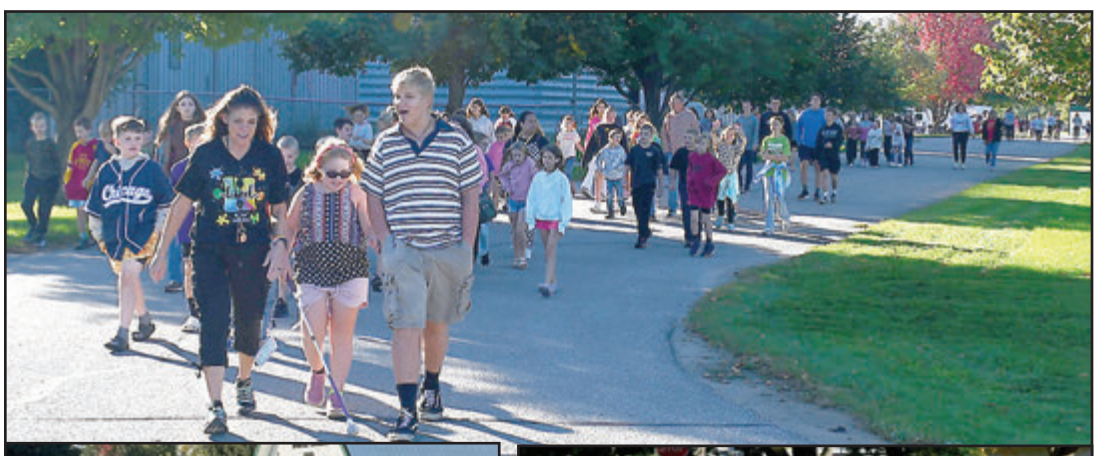








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## N-K walks the walks

On Wednesday, October 7, Northwood-Kensett students and staff joined Iowans across the state in taking part in the Iowa Healthiest State Annual Walk. The event encourages people across the state to take part in a healthy walk, and supports other healthy activities. N-K National Honor Society students traveled to the elementary school to join the younger students and staff for a walk. Students in grades K-2 walked around the elementary school building. Students in grades 3-5 walked around the Worth County fairgrounds.


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