

Winifred group discusses hotel project, Vision Northwood 2040

Last week, Waking Miss Winifred hosted a meeting of local, area and state leaders to discuss the hotel and broader goals for Northwood as a community.

Also taking part in the meeting was Debi Durham, the director of the Iowa Finance Authority and Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Other local governments, groups and agencies taking part in the meeting included Bergland and Cram, the architecture firm assisting with the Winifred project; the City of Northwood; Iowa Winifred, see Page 3



N-K school board discusses electronics in the classroom, legislative preferences

At their regular meeting in July, the Northwood-Kensett school board discussed updated student handbooks, the new superintendent's plans for his first days at the school and the board's priorities for issues of focus in the next Iowa legislative session.

The board approved updated handbooks for the preschool, elementary, middle school and high school at the meetings.

The handbooks were updated to reflect changes in state law that limit students from using personal electronic devices during the school day. That includes cell phones, wearable devices like smart watches, ear

buds, laptops, notebooks, tablets, video game devices and applications installed by students on school-owned devices.

The exception is for any devices used by students for specific documented health or safety purposes, or in some cases, with parental petition.

At the preschool through middle school levels, devices may not be used during the school day. At the elementary school, devices should remain in lockers. At the middle school, devices are supposed to be left with their first room teachers.

At the high school, devices may only be used at lunch time, or, in the case of ear buds, when taking part in

online classes.

If an electronic device is used against the rules, it will be taken from the student for the rest of the school day. A second time will earn the student detention. After a third time, the device will be held in the office until a parent picks it up and the student will get detention.

Superintendent Tony Hiatt, who started in his new role on July 1, told the school board about his plans for his first 100 days in the district.

Hiatt said that he plans to begin by connecting with the community, and with the staff.

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Grafton Turkey Days event set for this weekend

The community of Grafton will hold its annual celebration this weekend, Friday through Sunday, July 18-20, with a full weekend of events, activities and celebrations.

Turkey Day activities begin this Friday, July 18, with a beer garden at 7 p.m.

Events this Saturday morning, July 19, start with tournaments, which start at 8 a.m. That includes a volleyball tournament and a baseball tournament for

kids nine and under.

The annual Turkey Trot events begin with line up at 8 a.m. for a 5K run/walk. A Tot Trot for the littlest runners begins at the Shelter House at 9 a.m. and the Kids Trot begins at 9:15 a.m.

Also starting at 8 a.m. is registration for the car show, which continues throughout the morning. Cars will line up on the main street. Registration continues through 10 a.m.

Voting will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Awards will be announced at 1 p.m.

Power Wheel Races begin on Sixth Avenue at 10 a.m. Kids ages 3-6 years old are invited to bring a battery powered kids car to ride and share with others for the races.

The beer garden opens at 10 a.m., with breakfast burritos available.

The Grafton Heritage Depot will open with a show Turkey Days, see Page 2

Flippin' Flamingo Breast Cancer event Saturday

The ninth annual Flippin' Flamingo Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament will be held this Saturday. The shotgun start will be 9 a.m.

Those interested may sign up at the Northwood Country Club or by calling the club at 641-324-1662. Anyone needing to rent a

cart needs to let the club know and they will put their name on the list. The entry fee is \$150 entry fee per 3-person team and includes a sack lunch.

The event includes raffle prizes and prizes at the holes. Those that would like to donate a prize may contact a committee mem-

ber or comment on the event's Facebook page.

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

Funds raised at the annual event are split and donated to 12 area families undergoing cancer treatments.

Briefs

Nights in Northwood concert Friday

Nights in Northwood will present special entertainment this Friday, July 18, with the Schmidt Brothers performing.

The event is set for Swensrud Park at 7 p.m. this Friday.

In addition to the band, a number of activities, vendors and food options were in the works.

More details about the event can be found on the Nights in Northwood Facebook page.

Council discusses streets, dogs, scooters

At their last meeting in June, the Northwood city council discussed city streets, scooters and dogs.

The discussion of streets included a question from the public, and approval of funds for street expenses to support the housing development on the south side of Northwood.

When it came time for public comments, city officials were asked about when the last of the city street resurfacing would be

completed, and about an area where city streets and County property intersect.

One of the questions asked about what would be done to fill in the edges. In areas where the road project was not complete, there were some gaps and dips between the new road and existing driveways.

City officials said that the last part of the project would have rock and gravel filled in along the street edges.

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Coach Nelson is pictured with former players as they celebrated her 400th win.

Nelson to be inducted into Iowa Softball Coaches Hall of Fame

By Julie Salisbury

Former Central Springs Panther head softball coach Belinda "Punky" (Kraft) Nelson is being inducted into the Softball Coaches Hall of Fame on Saturday, July 26, during the Iowa Girls' Coaches Association Annual All-Star Series being held in Waukee, approximate time is 6:15 p.m.

Nelson is a graduate of the Northwood-Kensett class of 1993. Coach Nelson was the head coach at Central Springs from 2007-2021, where she had the opportunity to coach some really special players. Prior to coaching at Central Springs, Nelson coached one year at Northwood-



COACH BELINDA PUNKY NELSON

Kensett and five years for North Central before the consolidation of Manly and Nora Springs.

Coach Nelson stepped

down in 2021 with an overall record of 472-206. Her teams punched their ticket to the state tournament eight times, seven consecutively and placed third and fourth along with other placements. Under Coach Nelson, the Panthers won 14 conference titles, two Corn Bowl and 12 Top of Iowa Conference, and she herself was named Conference Coach of the Year eight times as well as District Coach of the Year twice.

Coach Nelson's induction puts her into the history books with some very notable area coaches: Jerry Newton-Charles City-1991, Howard Dorman-Belmond-Nelson, see Page 2

Highway accident leaves one dead

A collision on Highway 65 on Saturday, July 12, left one man dead and three others injured.

The crash occurred before 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, when a vehicle traveling eastbound on 330th Street, south of the Worth County border, crossed at the intersection of Highway 65. The vehicle was struck on the driver's side by a vehicle traveling south on the highway.

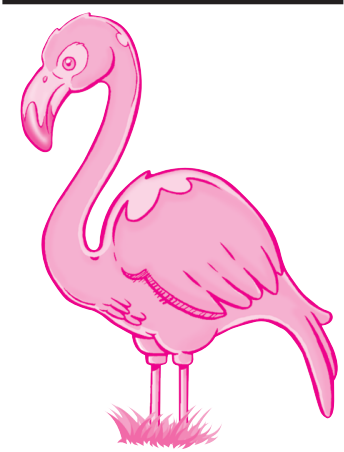
The driver of the east-bound vehicle, Joseph Costello, 85, of Plymouth, was killed in the crash.

Carol Costello, 83, the passenger, was injured and transported to the hospital.

The driver of the south-bound vehicle, Valinda Imus, 34, Northwood, and passenger Deandre Harvey, 30, of Fort Dodge were also transported to the hospital.

The incident remained under investigation as of press time Monday.

Assisting at the scene were the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office, Worth County Sheriff's Office, Manly Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Mason City Fire Department.



The Week's WEATHER

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Nelson
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Klemme-1992, Ned Bohach-SCMT-1997, Bette Rasmussen-Riceville-1998, Doug Halsted, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock-2002, Paul Jensen-Forest City-2003, Dallas Pals-Meservey Thornton-2006 and Tom Dunn-Newman-2012. Coach Nelson's 472 wins currently have her as one of the top 100 winningest softball coaches in the state of Iowa.

Coach Nelson will be the first one to admit that she had the best of the best in assistant coaches over the years and she would have never had the success that she did without their help. Coach Nelson also was instrumental in guiding several of her players to go on and play at the college level as well as return to be a part of the Panther's coaching staff.

Coach Nelson has always been and still is very humble about the records and her accomplishments and says it was never about that but more about the memories and the relationships built with the players and their families. Relationships built were never more apparent than when Nelson reached the 400-win mark and she was joined on the diamond by numerous former players who were in attendance to celebrate her.

Coach Nelson continues to teach at Central Springs High School and still enjoys watching softball from the other side of the fence.

In her free time, Coach



Coach Nelson shares a teary goodbye with her seniors as they all realize their high school softball careers have come to an end.



Coach Nelson waves her final wave as the head coach of the Central Springs Panthers prior to the third place game at the 2021 State Softball Tournament.

Nelson enjoys spending time on the golf course and hanging with her family and friends. She makes her home in rural Albert Lea with her husband of 25 years, Jeremy.

Congratulations to Coach Nelson on making her mark in the history of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Association, very well deserved.

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Hiatt explained that he planned to work to sit down one on one with staff members in the first couple of months of the school year, to listen and get to know them.

Hiatt also outlined recommendations for the school board to take part in a workshop to develop ways to focus on the three pillars for the district established at board workshops last year. That includes academic excellence, building a collaborative and supportive environment and providing excellence in educational opportunities.

Each year the Iowa Association of School Boards asks district boards to choose four focuses they would like to see the IASB lobby legislators to consider.

The N-K board chose student achievement, teacher professional development and retention, mental health and local accountability and decision making as their focuses.

For student achievement, that would mean support for technical assistance; deciding curriculum and content stan-

dards with stakeholder input, not the legislative process; research-based professional development; supporting for math and reading tutoring resources; evidence-based materials to support student achievement; expanded career and technical educational resources; student assessments that can be used to adapt instruction and professional development; support curriculum decisions made by local school boards; local stakeholder involvement in setting graduation requirements; and support for devoting or requiring resources for areas of the state with slow online services speeds.

For teacher development and retention, that would include state policies to support teacher leadership and professional development, beginning teacher mentoring programs, Iowa's teacher leadership and compensations programs, a program to fund retention incentives and allow flexibility and resources to pay school staff competitive wages.

The mental health support would focus on increased access to mental

health professionals in-person or via telehealth; therapeutic classrooms for short-term solutions for behavioral issues; improved training for awareness and understanding of mental health needs; integrating suicide prevention and coping into curriculum; mental health support for school staff; plans for districts to refer students to mental health professionals and resources; funding support for mental health professionals and training for school staff; and support to develop a mental health workforce to serve children in the state.

The local accountability and decision making would ask the legislature to consider allowing more local control and authority for setting policy and priorities for things like student achievement, accountability and reporting, funding, transparency and health and safety measures. It also suggests that when new legislative or regulatory changes are made, the Department of Education should provide sufficient guidance promptly, or allow waivers until the guidance is provided.

Vaccine clinics continue in July

Worth County Public Health has been hosting vaccine clinics in July, with more continuing through the end of the month.

WCPH offers a number of vaccines, offering protection from a variety of illnesses. They can bill over 100 insurance providers, and no appointments are necessary at the vaccine clinics.

Remaining clinics include today,

Wednesday, July 16, Monday, July 21, Thursday, July 24, and Monday, July 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The final clinic in July will be held on Thursday, July 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Those that are unable to make it to the clinics, may contact WCPH at 641-324-1741 to arrange an appointment for a vaccination.

Council
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The council was also asked about when 13th Street South would be completed, referring to the area at the end of the road that remains unpaved.

According to the City, the 13th Street paving ends where the City's street property abuts to property owned by Worth County for its Secondary Roads shed.

That leaves one property directly to the south without a paved street in front of their home.

City officials said that home hasn't had a paved road since at least when the County purchased the shed property. The City's paving project did not include extending 13th Street or paving a roadway into property owned by the County.

The council also discussed and approved resolutions to pay expenses involved in building and acquiring streets to access the new housing development on Eighth Avenue South, off the bottom of Highway 65 on the south side of the city.

The council had approved financial support for the Southwind Estates project, which was developed to include 16 residential lots.

So far one home is nearly complete and another under construction in the development.

The City had agreed to provide \$150,000 to support the Southwind Estates project, once roads and other infrastructure were in place.

With paving recently completed, the council unanimously approved the economic incentive to Mike Hanson, the Southwind Estates developer.

The council also approved a resolution to pay for paving 620 square yards of city right of way on Eighth Avenue South, to connect to the new development, at a cost of \$17,980.

The council also discussed issues with dogs in the city, both how attacks are enforced, and the lack of a location to detain dogs in the future.

Mayor Doug Moehle said that there had been three dog bites recently, two between dogs and one bite on a person.

That raised the question of what the City and Worth County Sheriff's Office should do with dogs that need to be detained after a bite, attack or other incident.

Previously, under an agreement with the Worth County Veterinarian's office, they would have brought a dog there to be cared for while it might be tested for rabies, or until the City could determine its fate.

However, the local veterinarian's office is no longer working with pets and small animals, including dogs. That also means they will no longer handle dogs for the City.

As of the meeting on June

23, no alternative option had been found.

It was determined that it would be up to the City to find a new location to take dogs, or to change its policy in regards to what to do with dogs after they attack people or other animals.

The council also continued discussing concerns with young people and scooters, repeating their concerns from the previous meeting.

Council members shared their ongoing concerns of the reckless use of electric scooters on city streets.

Complaints and concerns were once again shared that the young people driving the scooters are running through stop signs, weaving around the roads and using the scooters in other ways that are a threat of injury or worse when sharing the road with cars.

City administrator Amber Julseth said that there are no city or state codes that address electric scooters specifically.

However, it was acknowledged that every person and every vehicle is required to obey traffic signs, including golf carts, cars and trucks, as well as those of any age riding bicycles or scooters, electric or otherwise.

The WCSO deputy at the meeting said that they have been stopping young people to talk to them when they see them riding unsafe, but they can't be everywhere.

Turkey Days
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displaying the art of Ann Libersky Kruger from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Strider Bike Course opens at 10:30 a.m.

Food service, with the namesake meal of smoked or grilled turkey sandwiches, will start at 11 a.m.

A silent auction opens in the gym at 11 a.m.

Char's Band will perform starting at 11:30 a.m.

A youth pedal pull starts at noon.

There will be jigsaw puzzle races in the gym starting at 1 p.m. Teams of up to five will compete to see who can finish a 300 piece puzzle first.

Bingo will be called at the shelter house starting at 1 p.m.

Worth County Conservation will share a presentation at 1 p.m.

Starting at 2 p.m. kids games and activities will be held in the park.

At 4 p.m. on July 19, Little Mr. and Little Miss

Grafton will be crowned. The contest is open to Grafton-area kids, ages 5-8. Winners will ride in the parade. No preregistration is needed, and winners are drawn at random.

Fowling starts on the south side of the beer garden at 4 p.m. Teams of two compete in a tournament that features a hybrid of football and bowling.

The Turkey Day parade starts at 5 p.m. The theme of this year's parade is "Best Day Ever."

Live music begins with Maclane Powell at 6 p.m.

A beer stein holding competition starts at 8 p.m.

Live music continues with Will Barnett & Co. at 9 p.m.

Turkey Day activities continue this Sunday, July 20, with a bike ride at 10 a.m.

The beer garden opens on Sunday at noon.

A bloody Mary contest starts at 1 p.m.

A cornhole tournament also begins at 1 p.m.

Trivia in the beer garden starts at 3 p.m. Teams of up to six are asked to arrive by 2:45 p.m. to take part.

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

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Representative Jane Bloomingdale; Worth County and ISU Extension; the Northwood Lions Club, North Iowa Area Council of Governments; Northwood Anchor; NSB Bank; TUNE; WCDA; and Winn-Worth Betco. the local economic development group.

The meeting started with the announcement that the Iowa Economic Authority had approved Waking Miss Winifred for a \$100,000 Community Catalyst Grant.

Waking Miss Winifred is the group working to revitalize and reopen the Hotel Winifred, located at the corner of Eighth Street South and First Avenue South in Northwood.

The hotel has been recognized as a historic property and a key stop on the historic Jefferson Highway.

The Waking Miss Winifred project has been in the works for several years and so far \$545,000 has been invested. That has included the first phase of acquiring and stabilizing the hotel between 2016 and 2023. Phases 2-3 included funding and working with contractors on planning.

The group is working on the fourth phase of its project. That would renovate the first floor with meeting and spaces, kitchen and other areas to be made available for community use, and for hotel guests once future phases are completed.

With existing funds and support, and the grant from the IEDA, Waking Miss Winifred has secured the funding to proceed with the first floor project, expected to be done by 2027.

That leaves them to focus on planning and fundraising

for the next phases, to renovate the second and third floors into hotel rooms, hire staff, set operations and fully open the hotel, with the goal of completion by 2030.

The target market for Hotel Winifred is travelers looking for boutique accommodations; business travelers and those working with local employers looking for office spaces and accommodations; guests attending local community events, family reunions and other special occasions; and the potential of long-term stay options, such as those that are in the area for special work projects, corporate assignments, etc.

Waking Miss Winifred board member Steve Hanson also discussed goals for the hotel as a part of a bigger project to revitalize Northwood as a destination.

Hanson noted the community resources, such as its industries, downtown businesses, parks, Timbers events center, Viking Activity Center, Art Farm Iowa and others.

Hanson also noted Northwood's proximity to other cultural resources just a short drive away in Clear Lake, Mason City, Albert Lea and Austin, and how Northwood could easily be made into another destination for those spending time in the area.

Hanson also noted that Northwood is perfectly situated between the larger Twin Cities and Des Moines areas, providing a good stopping point for those traveling between, or to draw people from those areas.

Hanson said Hotel Winifred would be a part of



the draw, with its unique hotel offering, and a lack of hotel rooms in the area.

That would all fit in what was referred to as the Vision Northwood 2040 Framework, with goals to keep Northwood strong and help build for the future.

That was divided into five aspects, including city infrastructure and operations; economic development; quality of life; tourism; and education.

Hanson discussed the hotel project as an example of the Vision Northwood framework.

In the presentation, it was said that hotels help mitigate population decline, with employment opportunities

and complementing local businesses.

The hotel project would also invest in community infrastructure, businesses, housing, future talent with scholarships and in supporting shared cultural experiences.

After the Winifred group's presentation, Durham shared her impressions of the project and how the IEDA supports projects like Waking Miss Winifred.

Durham talked about working with local and state communities to support housing projects, including developments, but also second story housing, workforce housing and other options to help bring more housing

options to smaller communities.

Durham talked about the part the IEDA has played in some of the area cultural draws mentioned in the presentation, such as the Surf Ballroom district project, the arts and biking efforts in Mason City and others, and how Art Farm Iowa is a similar project that is a key draw for tourism and to bring people to a community.

Durham talked about how the reorganization and streamlining of state agencies has allowed the IEDA more opportunities to support larger community projects. She mentioned Destination Iowa, which supports tourism and economic

development. She suggested that Hotel Winifred could look at the program for more financial support for its next phases.

Durham mentioned other programs under the IEDA, which could be used to provide support for things like new facades and downtown building projects.

Durham also suggested that local cities like Northwood and Lake Mills could work on pooling their efforts and seeking funding for shared programs to revitalize their region's downtowns and also expand housing options.

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Kim Bode	CASE OF OIL / AGVANTAGE FS	
Mark Halbach	SPECTRA LUBE GREASE / AGVANTAGE FS	
Jimmy Hanson	VERSATILE 580 SEMI TOY & SHIRT / D&L EQUIPMENT	
Lori Willert	VERSATILE 145 TOY & SHIRT / D&L EQUIPMENT	
Doug Jaspers	VERSATILE TOY & SHIRT	
Leah Reyerson	OREGON PORTABLE LIGHT & CORDLESS CHAINSAW KIT / D&L EQUIPMENT	
Janice King	CAR CARE KIT / REINDL REPAIR	
Chris Kodapp	CARE CARE KIT / REINDL REPAIR	
Connor Harris	AT HOME WAX KIT & TABLE TOP FIRE PLACE FROM PAT JASPERS	
Parker Wurtzel	\$25 NICKS MEAT GIFT CARD & HAIR PRODUCT/ BEAUTY NOOK	
Darin Dahlby	FIRE EXTINGUISHER / WORTH MUTUAL	
Kennedy Schulz	FIRE EXTINGUISHER / WORTH MUTUAL	
Shannon Dahle	KIBBEL EQUIPMENT GIFT BASKET #1	
Lois Nelson	KIBBEL EQUIPMENT GIFT BASKET #2	

Tyler Bachtle	T-SHIRT & KOOZIE & \$50 GIFT CARD / KNUDTSON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	
Beth Buehrer	T-SHIRT & KOOZIE & \$50 GIFT CARD / KNUDTSON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	
Brandon Severson	BURNT BILL OF RIGHTS FRAMED / JESUS RENTERIA	
Bret Johnson	DENTAL GIFT BAG/NORTHWOOD DENTAL	
Mindy Tenold	\$100 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTH WOODS CABINETRY	
Darin Dahlby	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Briggs Marsh	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Kim Mulder	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Connor Harris	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Wade Willand	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Mary Senne	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Jeff Zenz	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Lee Appel	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Kasey Schoon	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Tanna Moretz	\$50.00 NWD DOLLARS- WELCOME CENTER	
Mark Hulsing	GIFT BOX /CHILDTIME DAYCARE	
Rylee Schoon	\$10.00 NORTHWOOD THEATRE DOLLARS/ CHILD TIME DAYCARE	
Darin Dahlby	AMERICAN FLAG/ JESSE RENTERIA	
Mike VanSabben	1 FREE GROWLER REFILL/ WORTH BREWING	
Chris Hulsing	\$25.00 FALLGATTERS/MCT Construction	
Tanna Moretz	\$25.00 FALLGATTERS/MCT Construction	
Chris Hodep	\$25.00 JJ HARDWARE GIFT CARD/MCT CONSTRUCTION	
Jess Bauer	\$25.00 JJ HARDWARE GIFT CARD/MCT CONSTRUCTION	
Brian Kenison	\$125 LOUIE'S MEAT GIFT CARD	
Kevin Lockey	\$125 CONGER MEATS GIFT CARD/HERTEL CUSTOM BUILDERS	
Marli Backhaus	\$125 CONGER MEATS GIFT CARD/BRIAN KENSON FAMILY	
Richard Patterson	TRADING POST GIFT BASKET	
Rhonda Wentworth	50# PORK BUNDLE/ AGRI SALES & INJECT TECH	
Peter Julseth	50# PORK BUNDLE/ TROY BACHTLE LAWN CARE & BELAND TREE SERVICE	
Mike Reindl	50# BEEF BUNDLE/ WELSH CHIRO/ EILERTSON REPAIR/ WORTH VET/BUTLER CONSTRUCTION	
Oliver Loken	\$50 VISA GIFT CARD/AJB ENTERPRISES	
Dan Charlson	\$50 VISA GIFT CARD/AJB ENTERPRISES	
Jody Jones	\$50 VISA GIFT CARD/WORTH LUMBER	
Kara Renteria	\$50 VISA GIFT CARD/WORTH LUMBER	
Julie Schaub	\$50 VISA GIFT CARD/WORTH LUMBER	
Chuck Hengesteg	\$25.00 VISA GIFT CARD/ KRIS GORDON	
Lee Appel	\$25.00 VISA GIFT CARD/ KRIS GORDON	
Pat Jaspers	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTHWOOD FOODS	
Jim Meland	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTHWOOD FOODS	
Jimmy Hanson	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTHWOOD FOODS	
Tim Thofson	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTHWOOD FOODS	
Lonnie Low	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC	
Brian Schutz	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC	
Danny Jones	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ KRULL LAW	
Lucas Rogers	\$25.00 NWD DOLLARS/ KRULL LAW	

N-K 'Summer Olympics'

On July 3, Northwood-Kensett student athletes spent their morning of summer athletic enhancement with a little friendly competition with the first annual "Summer Olympics." The students, grades 6-12, mixed into six teams, with each led by one of the coaches. They took part in races, individual events and a relay. They enjoyed working as teams and cheering each other on. Coach Hengesteg's team finished first in the first annual event.



N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in the Administrative Office at 6:00 pm

Members present: Bradley Christianson, Cindy Pangburn, Jamie Nelson and Shana Brunsvoild
Absent: Susan Kliment

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

(4-0) approve the Agenda for Thursday, July 10, 2025

Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments: Chuck Alexander; chair for the N-K Hall of Fame

Had a discussion on the Hall of Fame's goals and procedures.

Reports:
Elementary Principal: We have received the new playground equipment, the fill has arrived. We will need to reseed the grass area. Carpet is laid in the Elementary library and Preschool room is ready for the start of the school year.

Secondary Principal: Roofing project is complete and the building has remained dry with our recent rain.

Superintendent: Expressed the importance of networking. Our focus is on kids. We want to concentrate on people, pride and positivity moving into this new school year. Looking at transparency and clear open communication lines.

School Board: Next regular school board meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Board Breakfast with staff will be on Wednesday, August 13th. Staff family picnic on Monday, August 18th

Consent Agenda
(4-0) approve the Consent Action Items which include the following:

- Minutes from the June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
- July Bills for payment
- June 2025 Financial Report
- Approve Chelsea Amundson - FCS Teacher 7/8 Teacher @ \$43,750
- Approve Stacie Hadley - Secondary Associate @ \$15.75
- Approve Sub Bus Drivers for the 2025-26 School year: Dan Block, Cliff Davis, Ron Dodd, Steve Hartman, Jake Loken, Greg Parks, Mike Reindl, Ben Tweeten, Daryl Love, Darrin Kliment, Brian Lund and Kevin McCloure
- Approve Stipend Tony Hiatt - \$12,369.83 for 2025-26
- Accept Resignation Kristin Craig - Elementary Associate
- Accept Resignation Denny Paulson - Head Girl's Wrestling Coach and JH Football Coach
- Approve 1st Year Lead Teacher in the amount of \$1500. each; Nichol Perkovich and Lisa Hagen
- Approve 2nd Year Lead Teacher in the amount of \$750. Each; Amy Hansen, Tiffany Gordon and Loraine Mix

(4-0) approve Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm as the District Legal Counsel for the 2025-2026 school year

(4-0) approve Kim Hengesteg as Board Secretary and Treasurer for the district 2025-26 school year. Administer oath to Kim Hengesteg

(4-0) approve NSB Bank in the amount of \$12,000,000, Wells Fargo Advisors in the amount of \$200,000, and ISJIT in the amount of \$2,000,000

(4-0) approve first reading of Policies changes 104, 104-E(1), 104-E(2), 104-E(3), 211, 402.02, 402.03, 405.02, 411.02, 501.03, 501.09, 501.09-R(1), 503.10, 505.05, 507.01, 603.01, and 603.05

(4-0) approve the district's 2026 IASB Legislative Resolutions: Student Achievement, Teacher Professional Development & Retention, Mental Health, Local Accountability & Decision-Making

(4-0) approve the Preschool, Elementary, Middle School and High School Handbooks for the 2025-26 school year

(4-0) approve the removal of Michael Crozier and adding Tony Hiatt as Authorized signer on the Northwood-Kensett Community School's account at NSB Bank

(4-0) approve Chuck Alexander and Kim Hengesteg as authorized signer on the new N-K Athletic Hall of Fame account through NSB Bank

(4-0) approve the updates to the 2025-26 School Calendar as presented by Superintendent Hiatt

(4-0) adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District

Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount

AGVANTAGE FS, INC propane..... 505.85

All Star Pest Control pest control..... 75.00

ALLIANT ENERGY ELECTRICITY..... 16,962.93

Amazon Capital Services SUPPLIES..... 11,298.79

APPLE, INC. SUPPLIES..... 3,240.00

Aviben LLC, Supplies..... 125.00

Bork, Lauren Reimbursement..... 16.00

BSN Sports, supplies..... 442.49

CAM Community School District open enrollment..... 3,995.56

Cambium Assessment Inc assessments..... 235.00

CARQUEST AUTO PARTS SUPPLIES..... 159.68

Center for the Collaborative Classroom, curriculum..... 7,074.00

Central Rivers Area Education Agency, services..... 5,430.00

CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD open enrollment..... 75,854.50

CITY OF NORTHWOOD water/sewer..... 244.83

Clayton Ridge CSD open enrollment..... 3,019.90

Delta Dental of Iowa benefits..... 2,321.46

Energy Association of Iowa Schools, Fee..... 500.00

FEDERAL FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, INSPECTION..... 861.50

Gaetzke, Ross, repairs..... 500.00

HENGESTEG, KIM Reimbursement..... 16.80

Hiatt, Tony Moving/Reimbursement 5,036.00

Hotsy Equipment Company supplies..... 95.00

HOVEY'S LAWN AND GARDEN LLC, LAWN CARE..... 2,937.50

iboss, Inc. SOFTWARE... 3,346.21

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS Membership..... 3,094.00

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Medicaid..... 1,306.44

IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS services..... 1,770.50

Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service..... 235.50

IXL Learning membership..... 11,137.50

JAMF SOFTWARE, LLC software..... 2,288.40

JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC, SUPPLIES..... 300.97

JJ's Hardware, Supplies.... 459.63

John Deere Financial parts and service..... 153.90

Kendall Hunt Publishing Co supplies..... 6,525.48

Knudtson Automotive Services transportation services 3,485.19

LAKE MILLS CSD open enrollment..... 25,704.16

Landfill of North Iowa services..... 38.00

MARTIN BROTHERS Supplies..... 1,819.19

Mason City High School open enrollment..... 8,630.78

MATH LEARNING CENTER, THE, supplies..... 3,628.80

MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION HOLDINGS TEXTBOOKS..... 264.48

Mid-American Research Chemical Corp, supplies..... 747.30

Mohawk USA LLC supplies..... 1,057.62

Mystery Science supplies..... 1,695.00

N-K DISTRICT OFFICE reimb petty cash..... 73.00

NASSCO INC, supplies..... 90.14

Nexus Cooperative spray..... 160.14

NORTHWOOD ANCHOR PUBLICATION..... 187.25

NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC PC, physical..... 100.00

NORTHWOOD SANITATION garbage..... 650.00

One Source Background Check Company background checks..... 49.00

PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO., supplies..... 874.75

Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, benefits..... 1,238.54

SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY, supplies..... 622.19

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA, fee..... 2,340.00

SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC SUPPLIES..... 445.46

TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC MEDICAID BILLING..... 207.28

TRADING POST supplies..... 159.48

Vernier Science Education material..... 8,651.22

VISA, supplies..... 4,659.46

Wellmark, benefits..... 78,478.67

WEST FORK CSD open enrollment..... 5,110.60

WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN phone/internet service .. 1,320.79

WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER diesel/gas..... 692.13

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, services..... 6.00

Worth Lumber Company supplies..... 324.74

IOWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK POOL natural gas..... 91,394.00

OLSON INSURANCE insurance..... 21,316.96

Storm Protection Fund Storm Protection..... 21,629.00

IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE scholarship..... 3,250.00

NORTH IOWA AREA COMM. COLLEGE scholarship..... 1,000.00

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY scholarship..... 1,000.00

University of Northern Iowa scholarship..... 2,500.00

Fund Number 10..... 467,167.64

BRITTAIN, CHARLES official..... 178.50

BSN Sports, supplies..... 5,650.19

Champion Teamware supplies..... 470.93

DECKER SPORTING GOODS supplies..... 190.00

ImpACT Applications Inc supplies..... 550.00

Iowa Girls Coaches Association fee..... 85.00

John Deere Financial parts and service..... 167.88

MOORE, TOM, fee..... 55.00

Mueller, Dean Reimbursement..... 9,899.50

NAASP, supplies..... 385.00

Rieman Music, Inc supplies..... 25.00

SPORTS GRAPHICS supplies..... 3,399.00

UV Athletics, supplies..... 900.00

VISA, supplies..... 1,027.82

Fund Number 21..... 22,983.82

ACCESS SYSTEMS INC copier lease..... 1,143.44

BOLAND RECREATION Playground Equipment..... 84,831.00

eBOARD Solutions, Inc Annual Fee..... 1,600.00

FES, WEB HOSTING..... 2,400.00

FLR Sanders, services... 11,471.94

Frontline Technologies Group LLC, software..... 16,131.39

GROE ELECTRIC, INC. services..... 1,183.34

Hopkins Roofing Inc services..... 110,000.00

Skyline Sales and Marketing supplies..... 425.00

Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc repair services..... 1,096.16

Turf Tank paint equipment..... 9,200.00

Checking Account ID .. 239,482.27

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY MILK..... 246.99

Delta Dental of Iowa benefits..... 40.56

FEDERAL FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, INSPECTION..... 685.00

MARTIN BROTHERS Food/supplies..... 4,389.01

PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO BREAD..... 185.58

Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, benefits..... 26.15

Wellmark, benefits..... 2,294.12

Fund Number 61..... 7,867.41

supplies..... 3,399.00

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WANT ADS
Read by 13 Million Households in 218 Area Newspapers. Want to place a statewide classified ad? Call the Anchor.

Miscellaneous
Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-954-5087 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Miscellaneous
Does your basement or crawl space need some attention? Call Thrasher Foundation Repair! A permanent solution for waterproofing, failing foundations, sinking concrete and nasty crawl spaces. FREE Inspection & Same Day Estimate. \$250 off ANY project with code GET250. Call 1-866-554-1730

Miscellaneous
Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-844-376-4154

Legal

Notice
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009472
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL G. DRALLA, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carl G. Dralla, Deceased, who died on or about June 26, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on July 2, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on July 2, 2025.

Adam D. Oralla,
Administrator of the Estate
806 1st Avenue North
Northwood, IA 50459

Douglas A. Krull,
ICIS#: AT0004489
Attorney for
the Administrator
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459-0200

Date of second publication the 16th day of July, 2025.

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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
Board of Supervisors of WORTH COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The Board of Supervisors of WORTH COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.				
Meeting Date/Time: 7/28/2025 09:00 AM	Contact: Jacki A. Backhaus	Phone: (641) 324-2316 ext: 3626		
Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors' Room, 1000 Central Ave., Northwood				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://idom.iowa.gov/fiscal-gov-appeals.				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,878,367	0	6,878,367
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	50,676	0	50,676
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	445,610	0	445,610
Net Current Property Tax	4	6,382,081	0	6,382,081
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue				

THANK YOU

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce THANKS the following people for all their help and support for the Miss, Mr., Jr. Miss, Jr. Mr., Little Miss and Little Mr. Northwood Pageant:

- ★ To Main Street Autofor the use of the truck & trailer to take the kids in the parade
- ★ To Tom Lowfor driving the kids in the parade
- ★ Worth County Fair Boardfor the use of the shelter house
- ★ To the Judges Corinne Sils and Lorraine LeDoux
- ★ Brittany Low for making sashes
- ★ Flower Forager – Mary Reyersonfor the beautiful flowers
- ★ Sue & Erbin Anderson and Jean VanVeldizen for the convertibles
- ★ Teresa George-Zenz MCing for the first time
- ★ All the candidates for Miss, Mr., Jr. Miss, Jr. Mr., Little Miss and Little Mr.
- ★ Brittany Low for taking over in 2025! Great job!
- ★ And to anyone else who may have been unintentionally omitted.

Thanks again everyone!

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce THANKS the following people and organizations for their help to make the “2025 Hometown 4th of July” a GREAT SUCCESS!!

- ★ To the Northwood Firework’s Task Force – Kenny Quam, Stefan Grahn, Dan Block, Brett Backhaus, Justin Peterson and Jake Loken! Fantastic show and for getting the fireworks ready for July 3! Awesome Group!
- ★ Posthumous credit to JC Dawald! He was the biggest supporter of the fireworks, Fireworks Task Force and founder of Ole' Crackers! He is deeply missed!
- ★ To Jacob Loken - he took over the project of the Fireworks Task Force 5 years ago. Got together this amazing team to have a safe show for all of us to enjoy! Thanks for 5 amazing years!
- ★ Northwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company also for doing a wonderful raffle!
- ★ To the Airport Commission - for allowing the fireworks show and the use of the airport for parking during the fireworks!
- ★ To the Ol' Crackers for getting donations for the fireworks!
- ★ To all the donations through cash or cans to get the fireworks!
- ★ To the City of Northwood & WCTA for the financial support for all of the FREE 4th of July activities.
- ★ To ALL 107 Chamber members! Without your annual dues, none of these FREE activities would be possible!
- ★ To all 28 entertainment Chamber Sponsors. We wouldn't have a great FREE entertainment with out your extra financial support! - Nordic Lanes, Diamond Jo Casino & Hotel, Shade Tree Liquors, Nexus, Fallgatters Market Place, NSB Bank, Annika Schreiber, Pam & Doug Meyer, Liquid Library, Falkstone, Federal Foam Technologies, Holiday Inn Express, Hoff Celebrations, Trustile, ADA Enterprises, Northwood Country Club, Fringe & Lace by Brittany, Signatures Supper Club, Olson Insurance/Worth Mutual, Worthwhile Wind Energy Center, Northwood Foods, Kerndt Brothers Storage, Northwood Dental, Northwood Saloon, Agri Sales, C21 - Julie Robb, Dewey Kruger Music, Lois Nelson
- ★ To Randy Buehrer for introducing the bands in the beverage garden and setting up and taking down and cleaning the stage! And everything else you did for us! Greatly appreciated!
- ★ To Matt Grunzke for all the work and support in the beverage garden. You make it run smooth.
- ★ To the Worth County Sheriff's Department for the traffic control during the parade.
- ★ To the Worth County Fair Board for the use of the fairgrounds for the beverage garden, for the parade and all of the activities after the parade. It makes setting up and taking down so much easier for us. Greatly appreciated!
- ★ To the members of TUNE and Worth County Fence Stretches who helped set up, work and take down the beverage garden. Think we have a great layout for the beverage garden for the future!
- ★ To the gatekeepers at the beverage garden. Wade Flattum, Jason Rollene, Justin Flattum & Dan Schutz for keeping the beverages inside the beverage garden!
- ★ To Brad Haberman, Brekken Haberman, Ryan Hulshizer & Ryan Meincke for helping the bands before and after they played. Appreciate the help!
- ★ To Fallgatters Market Place for getting us ice and the use of the insulated cooler to keep the ice even colder!
- ★ Worth Lumber for the use of the forklift to get the ice to the beverage garden and the lumber for the bar!
- ★ Cary VanVelhuizen for the use of the semi to keep the beverages and ice cold.
- ★ To Justin Peterson for the extra help on Wednesday night and Thursday morning with the semi!
- ★ To Northwood Electric for time spent to get the stage in perfect working condition! Couldn't have entertainment without you!
- ★ To Tonos Tacos & Signatures for serving food in the beverage garden. Delicious!
- ★ WCCOP for serving snacks, lemonade, ice cream and fun stuff in the beverage garden.
- ★ To Sticky Bees Honey Farms for the lemonade, honey and popcorn after the parade and during the beverage garden!
- ★ To Jessica Cummins for keeping the bathrooms clean and stocked with soap, towels and TP. Very grateful!
- ★ To the VFW volunteers who put up the American flags on the courthouse lawn. It takes a lot of time and effort and looks so beautiful!
- ★ To TUNE for the 5k run/walk – too bad it was rained out.
- ★ To NKCEF – Annual golf tournament. Always a ball of a time!
- ★ To the Northwood Country Club for the use of the course for the tournament
- ★ To the VFW Color Guard – We couldn't have a parade without you!
- ★ To our Grand Marshal: Kris Kenison and the Northwood Anchor & Manly Junction Signal.
- ★ To Annika and Ashley for putting the parade out. You always do a fantastic job! 14 years and counting!
- ★ All of the parade entrants. Always seems to get bigger and better!
- ★ To the Top of Iowa Shriners & Albert Lea Shriner Club for the entertainment in the parade. Always so fun to watch!
- ★ To Pam Meyer, Misty Hakes and Charlie LaPointe for organizing the pool party for the kids on Friday night! It was a “splash”!
- ★ To Aaron Foster for DJing at the pool party!
- ★ To Kristie Parks and the lifeguards for the pool party support! Kids sure do love it!
- ★ To JJ Wheeler on the amazing drone coverage! Definitely a cool tradition and perspective on the 4th of July activities!
- ★ To Art Farm Iowa for the extra fun activities during the weekend!
- ★ To the VFW for the pancakes on Saturday! Tasty!
- ★ To Nora Shoultz for making the wonderful citizen awards!
- ★ To the Northwood FFA for bringing the pedal pull. Kids love it!
- ★ To the Lions Club for the “Duck Pluck.” Wonderful fundraiser!
- ★ To Signatures, Mini Donuts of Northwood and Sticky Bees Honey Farms for serving food and drinks at the fairgrounds after the parade!
- ★ To Northwood Sanitation - Gotta have dumpsters!
- ★ To all who watched the parade on Facebook, I'm glad we have that option!
- ★ And to ANYONE else who was unintentionally omitted.

Thank you all so much. We couldn't have done it without you.

Northwood Chamber 4th of July Committee

Teresa Stehn ★ Pam Meyer ★ Annika Schreiber
 Matt Grunzke ★ Emily Thorson ★ Teresa George-Zenz



N-K at National FCCLA Conference
Three members of the Northwood-Kensett FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) recently traveled to Orlando to take part in the National FCCLA conference. Bailey Thorson and Maya Johnson earned their way to the event with a presentation project on safe driving. Macy Thorson also presented to over 75 other students and advisors on the topic of SMART goals and vision boards.



Grown and offered by UMC
The Northwood United Methodist Church is once again offering free produce in a stand nearby. Members offer the fruits and vegetables from items grown at home, and from the community garden, which is located nearby. Anyone is invited to share their home grown produce they have to spare or stop by and enjoy the produce offered in the stand.

Iowans encouraged to report wild turkey sightings through August

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is looking for help with the annual wild turkey production survey. During the months of July and August wild turkey sightings are recorded to estimate this year's nesting rates and nest success.

Participation is easy – just note the date and county in which the turkey was seen, if it was an adult female or adult male – males have beards on their breast – and if and how many poults (baby turkeys) were present. The survey is available online at www.iowadnr.gov/turkey, then click on Wild Turkey Survey. There is also an identification guide on documenting wild turkey broods on the survey webpage, that provides tips on how to determine males from females, and different flock scenarios with poults

of different ages. Annual population surveys conducted by the DNR are an important component of managing the wild turkey. Turkey populations can fluctuate annually across all regions of the state. All participation is appreciated.

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Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, Riverside Bible Camp at Grace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Thursday, Bible Study at Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 9 a.m., Worship at Grace, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Martha Circle BBQ at Park, 6 p.m., BLC Christian Nurturing Committee, 6:30 p.m.
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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Joint Worship at Bethany, 9 a.m.; Monday, B Council, 9:30 a.m., Manna Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
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Trinity United Methodist Church
Thursday, UW of Faith at Pam Anderson's Home, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Northwood Council, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellowship Grothe's Diner, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

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Sunday, Worship Services

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Faith Lutheran Church, London
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m. (Fall through Spring); Sunday, Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Kent Otterman

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

Iowa suicide prevention coalition summit scheduled for August 14

The Iowa Suicide Prevention Coalition Summit will be held on Thursday, August 14, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. This year's summit will focus on "Life after a Suicide Loss: A Community Response." The event is sponsored by the Iowa Suicide Prevention Planning Committee, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center. The summit will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions and interactive workshops designed to provide coalition members and other attendees with the latest suicide prevention tools and best practice strategies to assist their communities. The registration cost is \$35 per person, which includes lunch and a morning and afternoon break. The conference sponsors have applied for Continuing Education Units. Pending approval, conference partic-

ipants may be eligible for five CEUs. Registration is available online. Registration is highly recommended for members of county and community suicide prevention coalitions or those interested in preventing suicide in their communities. For more information, including links to the agenda and lodging options, visit the conference website. "The program will include useful information that local suicide preven-

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Keep on Learning

There is something inherently pleasant in learning new things. Even if we aren't likely to ever use that piece of trivia, it's still interesting. Indeed, our brains seem to be designed to learn new things. With a hundred billion brain cells, and about fifteen thousand connections (or synapses) per brain cell, we have, on average, about 1.5 quadrillion connections in our brain. In infants, there is a rapid increase in synapses until roughly the age of four, when children actually have more connections than adults. This is no doubt why children are such fast learners. The bad news is that the unused connections in our brains get pruned away after age 20, reaching the adult numbers around the age of 16. The good news is that even well into our eighties and nineties we can continue to learn and make new connections. We're not going to learn a second language as fast as a 3-year old, but we can still learn. Michelangelo is said to have remarked when he was 87 that he was still learning. There's no reason to ever stop learning, and a hundred billion reasons to keep learning, to keep those neurons firing. *By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.* - R.S.V. Proverbs 24:3-4



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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.
Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

My close friend, Gail, from Michigan, who is also a cookbook lover, recently gifted me the beautiful cookbook compiled by the Ladies Aid in her church, Trinity Lutheran. The church is located in Utica, Michigan and the Trinity Ladies Aid was formed there in April 1896. They have served many hundreds of meals for funeral luncheons and other events. Often being asked for their recipes, they decided to compile some of them into this cookbook, "Trinity Ladies Aid Our Favorite Recipes," in 2024 (Morris Press Cookbooks, Kearney, Nebraska). Gail has many recipes in the book but it was also recommended that I try "Trinity" Dinner Rolls. That's where we'll start today's culinary adventure.

"Trinity" Dinner Rolls (In memory of Margaret Lanko)

1/2 cup butter
1 packet yeast, (approx. 1 T)
1 cup milk
3 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
3 1/2 - 4 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
Melt butter. Warm milk to at least 105 degrees F. (since you are not proofing yeast in liquid, it can be a bit warmer). Whisk together the butter, milk, salt, sugar then start adding the flour. Add yeast and continue to whisk. Add eggs. Continue to whisk while adding more flour until sticky dough forms. Knead for 5 minutes. Should have a soft sticky dough; dough can be sticky because you can add in a bit more flour when rolling out after the first rise. The amount of flour used will depend upon temperature and humidity. Cover with a linen towel and let rise until double, approximately 45 minutes. Roll dough to 1-inch thick on a floured surface. Cut the rolls with a 3-inch cutter and place on a sprayed baking pan, about 1 to 1 1/2-inches apart. Cover with the towel and place in a warm draft-free area to let rise until ready to bake. Have held them 2-2 1/2 hours before baking and they are fine. Bake 14-18 minutes in a 350-degree F. oven, turning the pan once halfway through bake time. Tops and bottoms of rolls should be light golden brown color.

Dean's Coleslaw (Gail Teresy)

2 (16 oz) bags coleslaw mix
1 large sweet onion, chopped

Layer the coleslaw mix and onion in a bowl. Sprinkle 7/8 cup sugar over top of cabbage mix. In a saucepan, combine:
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup white vinegar
1 teaspoon celery seed
3/4 cup vegetable oil
Stir and bring to a boil. Pour over the cabbage and stir. Cover bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or best overnight. Uncover and mix well.

Ruth's Blueberry Cream Cheese Pie (Gail Teresy)

3-4 cups blueberries, total
1 graham cracker pie crust
Boil together:
1 cup blueberries
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup water
Boil until the blueberries split and the mixture thickens. Cool, then stir in the rest of the blueberries.

Mix:
3 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla.
Spread this mixture in the bottom of the crust. Pour in the cooled blueberry mixture. Serve with whipped topping.

Mom's Sloppy Joes (Gail Teresy)

1 pound ground beef
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (10.75 oz.) tomato soup
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup water
6 hamburger buns
Sauté the onions and ground beef until the beef is no longer pink and onions are soft. In a separate bowl, combine the soup, water, mustard, salt and pepper. Add the soup mixture to the meat and combine well. Cover and simmer 10-15 minutes before serving.

Gail Teresy and I have spent many hours searching for, buying and enjoying cookbooks. She knew I would enjoy this one and she was spot on! I've never been quite sure whether I only pick foodies for friends or if foodies pick me as a friend but no matter. Those who enjoy cooking never run out of things to talk about and taste. And...that's all she wrote.

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Society



Heck home has Curb Appeal

Throughout the summer, members of the Green Thumb Garden Club have recognized the gardening and landscaping efforts in Northwood. This week the club is featuring 903 Second Ave. S. where John, Lindsey and Brayden Heck live. John said he got his inspiration for landscaping and flowers from his mom Short Heck. They loved the way his mom's yard always looked. They also have a memorial in their yard for military in honor of his grandfather, John Heck his namesake.



Making the cut at Worthwhile Wind

Worthwhile Wind recently celebrated the opening of their new office in Lake Mills with a ribbon cutting held by the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation and Northwood Chamber of Commerce. The office is located at 205 N. Mill St. in Lake Mills and will be open Mondays from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. or by appointment.



Where the wild geese are

While many may not consider a sewer lagoon a good place to spend a summer, for the Canadian geese that have been calling the Northwood sewer system area home, it can be ideal. The open water of the lagoons and the nearby fields and grassy areas make a good habitat for the geese. The protection of the fenced in area and the raised surfaces of the lagoon make it easy to look out for and avoid predators as they raise young goslings.

Bolan

On Saturday afternoon Joe and Linda Nydegger drove to the Community Center in Ledyard for the celebration of her cousin Jim and his wife Joyce's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Other relatives joining the large group of friends were Dale and Sandy Koppen of Arnolds Park and Gary and Lori Reed of Mingo.

Bike Nights continue this summer

A group has been meeting weekly for bike rides from Northwood to nearby scenic destinations.

Bike Nights have been held on Wednesdays this summer,

meeting at 6 p.m. at Worth Brewing Company in downtown Northwood, with rides to Ochee Yahola, along the airport road and at the fairgrounds.

The rides take place

on paved roads. There is no cost to take part and the rides are open to those of all biking abilities.

Bike Nights are set for Wednesdays at 6 p.m. through August 13.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior
Beware of the Medicare Advantage trap

By Jim Miller
Dear Savvy Senior,
I will be enrolling in Medicare in a few months and would like to know if I initially enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, am I able to switch back to original Medicare and get a supplemental (Medigap) policy and prescription drug plan later with without paying a fine?

Almost 65

Dear Almost,
You won't be subject to any fines for switching Medicare plans, but you will be subject to medical underwriting for the supplemental (Medigap) policy. That means the private insurance companies that offer these plans can deny you coverage or charge you a lot more for preexisting conditions. This is known as the Medicare Advantage trap. Here's what you should know.

Understanding MA Plans

Medicare Advantage plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors.

If you join an Advantage plan, the plan will provide all your Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) coverage like original Medicare does. But many Advantage plans also offer extra health perks like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

Medicare Advantage plans are also cheaper than if you got original Medicare, plus a separate Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy. This can be very attractive to new enrollees who are relatively healthy and don't require much medical care.

But the benefits and networks of Advantage plans can change from year to year. And if you get care outside the networks, you'll usually pay more — sometimes a lot more. Advantage plans are also criticized for pre-authorization requirements which can delay or deny patient access to medical care.

The rap on Medicare Advantage has always been that they're great when you're healthy and don't require much health care, but depending on the plan, may not be so great if you get sick.

With original Medicare, benefits remain the same and you can use any provider that accepts Medicare (most doctor's do). But original Medicare has coverage gaps (deductibles, coinsurance and copayments) that can be very expensive, which is why you'll need a supplemental (Medigap) plan offered by a private insurer.

If you opt for original Medicare when you're first eligible, insurers are required to issue you a Medigap policy and can't charge you more based on your health status. In most states, Medigap plans are automatically available only in the first six months after an enrollee becomes eligible for Medicare.

But if you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan when you're first eligible, you'll miss the Medigap enrollment window, which means an insurer can refuse to write you a Medigap policy or charge you a lot more for signing up later. And in case you're wondering, you can't buy a Medigap policy while you're in a Medicare Advantage plan.

There are, however, four states — Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and New York — that prohibit insurers from denying a Medigap policy to eligible applicants, including people with pre-existing conditions.

For more information on how Medigap works visit [Medicare.gov/health-drug-plans/medigap](https://www.Medicare.gov/health-drug-plans/medigap).

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My accountant compared me to the most intelligent man he's ever known. Really? Yup, he said I was nowhere close to being the most intelligent man he's ever known.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" is a marching song popularized in World War I. It's still a long way to Tipperary, Ireland, but all the summer construction detours have made it even longer.

I was strolling around a county fair and stepped into the kiddie barn. There, I found baby chicks with a poster on their enclosure asking, "Just how cute is a baby chick?" I reckoned it's cuter than a bug's ear.

I raised chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl and peafowl for many years. I watched a high-stepping rooster, his long spurs making that movement a necessity, that I'd named Foghorn hold court over clucking hens. I had three peafowl, two peahens and a peacock named Screamin' after Screamin' Jay Hawkins, who sang "I Put a Spell on You." Screamin', the peacock, screamed "Help!" whenever given the chance. He yelled at a volume high enough that one neighbor wondered what was going on.

One memorable moment was when Foghorn was strutting to music only he could hear, when a pullet pecked him a good lick on his chest. He should have been wearing a pullet-proof vest.

I've learned

Butterflies fly routes as if they were given bad directions.

Each of us has about 60,000 miles of blood vessels inside of us—enough to wrap around the Earth more than twice. No wonder it's hard for us to get organized.

Age isn't a number. It's a word.

To look for good signs for everything. Audrey of Mankato reported one outside a residence that read, "Beware of opossum."

I wear a wristwatch. It's time-consuming.

Bad jokes department

My neighbor Crandall asked me to get him some lip balm yesterday and I got him a tube of superglue by mistake. He hasn't spoken to me since.

It was so hot, my neighbor Crandall ate his lettuce salad without dressing.

My neighbor Crandall was at the Eat Around It Cafe when he was sentenced to three bacon cheeseburgers to be served concurrently.

Want to hear something odd? Three.

I had a wooden whistle, but it wooden whistle. I got a steel whistle, but it steel wouldn't whistle. Now I have a tin whistle, and I tin whistle.

Geneticists are putting cheetah genes into crabs, but the research could go sideways fast.

Nature notes

The majority of the long-winded birds have quieted with the season, with the indigo bunting, vesper sparrow, red-eyed vireo, house finches and dickcissel being notable and welcome exceptions. Robins, northern house wrens, mourning doves, cardinals, blue jays and an eastern wood-peewee played limited parts in the diminished chorus. There was a dead crow in the

yard. The yard crows were having a cow because of that. I infrequently find one hit by a vehicle on a road. They're typically blue-eyed crows—juvenile birds that hadn't yet realized the perils of traffic.

A mother downy woodpecker fed her fledglings at a suet feeder. Food was dropped from that highchair, but she was relentless. Good moms need patience. It was nice to see the red caps on the young ones, in striking contrast to the lack of red on the mother's head and the red nape of the father.

There's a good crop of young robins this year, spotted like feathered fawns, moving about the lawn.

The rain paused only long enough to catch its breath. It's good for the ducks. As I write this, hangry mosquitoes are planning their menus with me as the daily special.

Adult male common loons migrate first, usually in September, followed a few weeks later by the adult females. Before flying south, Minnesota loons congregate on Lake Michigan with other loons for around 28 days before heading to their winter homes on the Gulf of Mexico or along the southern Atlantic coast. Young loons follow a month later, sometimes as late as mid-November. Once they reach the coast, the young loons remain there for two years. In the third year, they return north but may not breed for several more years. Males tend to return closer to their natal territory than females do. Minnesota has more common loons than any other state except Alaska.

Meeting adjourned

"Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."—Henry James.

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Northwood-Kensett Middle School / High School

The students listed below have made the Honor Roll for the Second Semester of the 2024-2025 school year. To be eligible, students must have Honors of 3.6 or better for their subjects.

High Honors

- 9 Mia Fierova
- 9 Maya Johnson
- 9 Maci Smith
- 10 Aria Bode
- 10 Kinley Stambaugh
- 11 Isaac Ludington
- 11 Dagen Peterson
- 11 Weston Willand
- 12 Kamryn Backhaus
- 12 Kyle Buehrer
- 12 Colby Eskildsen
- 12 Breyden Hoepfner
- 12 Kooper Julseth
- 12 Macy Thorson
- 12 Trent Tiedemann

Honors

- 9 Keenan Davidson-Jacobs
- 9 Hallie Hanson
- 9 Bailey Thorson
- 9 Ivy Toresdahl
- 10 Kale Bode
- 10 Mileigh Martinelli
- 10 Brooklyn Orth
- 10 Kaylene Peterson
- 10 Ashlyn Skellenger
- 10 Carson Tufte
- 10 Skyler Williamson
- 10 Olivia Willsher

- 11 Alex Bewley
- 11 Alec Ducommun
- 11 Madison Espinosa
- 11 Zachary Heiken
- 11 Lexy Mosher
- 11 Lauren Petznick
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- 12 Chaz Cummins
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- 6 Erica Heims
- 6 Graham Holstad
- 6 Gabriel Hulshizer
- 6 Eva Kroneman
- 6 Kendall Krull

- 6 Max Rugland
- 6 Olivia Urbatsch
- 6 Josie Weller
- 8 Rylee Schoon
- 8 Avarie Skellenger
- 8 Ivy Urbatsch

Honors

- 6 Hadley Anderson
- 6 Charlotte Berry
- 6 Harper Davis
- 6 Nora Hanna
- 6 Mia Helgeson
- 6 Emelia Nelson
- 6 Emma Schroeder
- 6 Jonah Trenhaile
- 7 Piper Brunsvold
- 7 Avery Grunhovd
- 7 Caleb Johnson
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- 8 Tucker Duvall
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July 16, 1925
Worth County citizens of Norse ancestry established an unprecedented record in many ways when a crowd estimated at 5,000 or more of this number assembled here in honor of their departed forefathers in commemoration of the 100th year since that little one-masted sail boat, Restauration struggled across the waters with its 50 sturdy passengers and began that great Norwegian immigration to America, which has become so largely respon-

sible for the stability of these Midwestern states. In Mayor E.M. Sabin's address of welcome, he said, "I'm sorry I was not born a Norwegian. After looking over this crowd, I feel that if I ever have occasion to be born again I will be a Norwegian. And yet I rather feel as though I am one, having been legally adopted as a member of the Halling Society in 1922." Carpenters started working on the entrance to the Northwood Theatre and when completed the picture house will present a considerably change appearance. The box office has been changed from the east side of the entrance to the southwest corner

where it is being built as part of the theatre building, making for greater convenience and comfort in winter. Hans N. Langseth, of Barney, North Dakota, the Worth County pioneer who has the distinction of having the longest beard in the world, is in Northwood visiting old friends and exhibiting his novel whiskers. In 1922, Mr. Langseth won the National Long Beard contest at Sacramento, California, for which he was awarded a gold medal. Since that time the beard has been steadily increasing in length and on May 8, 1925, it measured 17 feet and four inches.

75 years
ago

July 20, 1950
Raymond Throne, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Throne of Carpenter, died Saturday at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Washington, where he had been a patient three years suffering with tuberculosis. He is survived by two sons, Donovan and Vale Throne of Minneapolis, and two brothers, Toye and Chester of this vicinity. The Northwood Lions Club at its regular meeting last week voted to purchase playground equipment for small children, to be donated to the city and placed in Cen-

tral Park. At a special meeting the city council voted to accept the gift, thanking the club for the park improvement. The Worth County Democratic central committee has recommended the appointment of E.O. Bottolfson, local banker, as postmaster in Northwood. The recommendation was made from an eligible list furnished by the U.S. Civil Service commission containing the names of Mr. Bottolfson and Ansel J. Conner, Worth County sheriff, as a result of open examinations held last December. Mrs. George Bendickson and Mrs. Reuben Rustad attended a Farm Bureau women's summer conference at Des Moines from Sunday until Tuesday.

Morley Hartwig, 38, operator of a restaurant and tavern at Grafton for the past three years, died at Mercy hospital, Mason City, from an acute attack of leukemia. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Young of St. Ansgar have purchased the Rex Soda Grill in Northwood from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cooley and began operations of the business, under the name of Young's Soda Grill. Mr. and Mrs. Young formerly operated a dress shop in St. Ansgar, which they sold last January. Gayhart Gabriel, 71, son of one of Worth County's pioneer families, died at 5:30 p.m. at his home following several months of poor health. Funeral services are scheduled at the Conner funeral home, the Rev. Ellery Beal in charge.

50 years
ago

July 17, 1975
Reports of sightings of bright red hopper cars with NORTHWOOD emblazoned on the sides in white letters, from locations all the way from here to the Gulf of Mexico, can be anticipated any day now. The Northwood Co-op Elevator has leased 25 of the giant grain carriers to facilitate grain handling in rush seasons. Three new teachers for Northwood-Kensett schools were approved by the board of education at its July meet-

ing. Ron Parker was hired to teach junior high science and coaching duties. The position of the school librarian will be filled by Marilyn Nelson of Albert Lea. The third teacher, a new position created under the Area Education Agency, is Julie Weise, who will teach special education on a multi-categorical basis. The first class of the second session of the Red Cross swim program at the Northwood Municipal Swimming Pool met on July 7, and continues through July 21. Over 100 youth will participate in the beginners, intermediate and advanced programs this summer, according to Mrs. Donna Jepson, program coordinator. Audrey Hanson

was assisting. Four Boy Scouts from Northwood Troop 33 will leave for Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico. Randy and Larry Reutzel, Tracy Robb and Kerry Ihnen will spend 16 days camping, backpacking and exploring the vast ranch. The puppet and dramatic group of Troop 291, Northwood Girl Scouts, presented a three-ring circus to residents of the Lutheran Retirement home on July 8. Included in the group are Kim Thorsfeldt, Teresa George, Julie Bakken, Amy Wilder, Naomi Norland and Susan Weitzel. Mrs. Floyd Ensign and Mrs. Allen Hanson are advisors to the group.

25 years
ago

July 19, 2000
Day lilies are in bloom around Worth County, but the bright orange blossoms can be found in greatest quantity at the intersection of Raven Avenue and 415th Street in Kensett Township, where rural Northwood resident Patty Trenhaile and her daughter Abby collected two bouquets of the "lilies of the field" recently. Northwood resident Jerry Pixley tried everything he could think of to get this flying pink pig out of his front yard last Friday, but had no success until he handed Bobbi Perry a five dollar bill to make it go away. For \$5, Bendickson will place one of the pink

porkers in the lawn of your choice or remove one from your lawn should you find one there. While waiting for baseball practice, Brock Johnson surveys the downed boxelder tree that was split and blown over in Swensrud Park. The tree cracked in an early morning thunderstorm on Sunday, July 9, when high winds and 1.72 inches of rain hit in Northwood. Johnson is the 10-year-old son of Janelle and Dennis Johnson of Northwood. Bob Hall, Northwood, president of the Worth County Fair, spent Sunday, the last day of the fair, working on the John Deere NASCAR at his shop in Northwood to prepare it for its next exhibit. Northwood youngsters Emily Werner, Kate Hart-

man and Marissa Nitcher prepared to taste the "Camp cake" they helped Worth County naturalist Dan Block prepare in a recent outdoor cooking class at Worth County Lake, while fellow cooks Jesse Matton and Tyler Julson waited their turn, along with Tyson Werner. Mildred Sorbo of Northwood will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, July 23. Mildred Willand grew up near Joice. County Line Construction Inc., workers spent part of last week trenching, laying tile and backfilling along the Highway 65 N. frontage road to begin the first phase of new road construction associated with the expansion of the Northwood Foods plant here.

10 years
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July 15, 2015
Grafton J-Mart owner Jeff Jessen unloads a delivery of a pallet of turkeys, which will be the namesake meal of this weekend's Turkey Day festivities. The order for the event was 144 turkeys, along with nine cases of 30 pounds of turkey legs. Also delivered last week was a pallet of charcoal to cook the birds. Flowers and plants in Northwood are in full bloom this time of year and Rose Fredericks, the city gardener, keeps them blossoming. The Worth County Fair

once again closed with the annual ribbon sale. The 2015 Worth County Fair 4-H Livestock Ribbon Sale raised money for local 4-H youth and the 4-H program. A total of \$48,225 was paid for 124 ribbons. The average price paid per ribbon was \$388.91. This year three positions on the N-K school board will be up for election, including those currently held by John Anderson, Cindy Pangburn and Larry Hovey. On Tuesday, September 8, voters in the Northwood-Kensett school district will choose who will represent them on the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education. The Northwood Chamber of Commerce welcome Da-

vid Penfold, of Northwood Dental, at his new location with a ribbon-cutting held last week. Local veterans enjoyed a ride in honor along the parade route in Northwood on the Fourth of July. Local veterans were Don Hagen, Donald Johnson, Ken Block, Marcus Bartusek, Gene Ferden and Wally Dahl. The Northwood Theatre recently received an upgrade to its marquee. Previously the backlit display had letters that the to be played by hand every Friday. The new marquee is digital and allows theatre operators to remotely change the message, depending on new movies starting or for other occasions.

Janice Janssen

Janice E. Janssen, 86 of Lake Mills, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at her home in Lake Mills. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025, at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, 902 E. Main St. in Lake Mills with Pastor Bill Peters officiating. Burial will follow in the Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills.



JANICE JANSSEN

Visitation for Janice will be on Sunday, July 20, from 4-6 p.m. at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, and will continue at 10 a.m. the following day. Schott Funeral Homes in Lake Mills is assisting the Janssen family with arrangements. Janice Eileen (Stokesbary) Janssen was born on March 14, 1939, in Klemme, Iowa, to parents Orville and Nova (Koerner) Stokesbary. She attended and graduated from Klemme High School with the Class of 1957, and went on to attend vocational school at Hamilton Business College in Mason City. She worked at Bowen's while living in Mason City, where she met her future husband. On September 8, 1963,

Janice was united in marriage with Marvin Wayne Janssen at the United Methodist Church in Klemme, Iowa, and they were blessed with two daughters: Jill and Jodi. They made their home in Mason City, Northwood and Garner, Iowa, prior to moving to Lake Mills in the early 2000s. Marvin owned and operated North Iowa Builders and later Gelner-Janssen Mix Mill, while Janice was primarily a homemaker. Janice loved to camp annually at Kiesler's in Waseca, Minnesota, for years. She and Marvin enjoyed traveling, and she kept busy with handiwork such as fabric painting, puzzles and word-finds. Janice will be most remembered for be-

ing an amazing mother and for the love and support she showed to her grandchildren. She was their biggest fan during sporting events, a substitute scout leader when necessary, and a willing babysitter when the kids were little. Survivors include her two daughters, Jill (Todd Thorson of Lake Mills and Jodi (Jason) Cagle of Plano, Texas; four grandchildren, Makenzie (Dawson) Van Ryswyk of Plymouth, Minn., Dalton Thorson of Lake Mills, Connor Cagle of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Colton Cagle of Plano, Texas; a brother, Jerry Stokesbary of Mason City, Iowa; sister, Julie (William) Renner of Ankeny, Iowa; former sister-in-law and special friend, Judy Reyerson of Mason City, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and extended relatives. Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin in 2011; her parents, Orville Stokesbary, Nova (Stokesbary) Gelner and Leon Gelner; a sister-in-law, Sharon Stokesbary; her parents-in-law, Ralph and Fannie Janssen; brothers-in-law, Gary and David Janssen; and nephew, Rory Janssen.

Iowa State University Fruit and Vegetable Field Day set for August 5

The horticulture team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will hold the 2025 Fruit and Vegetable Field Day on Tuesday, August 5, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the ISU Horticulture Research Station. The annual event will feature various research and demonstration projects on fruit and vegetable production for commercial growers, extension personnel, nonprofit organizations and Iowa Master Gardeners. Commercial production of vegetable fruit crops sold through farmers markets, community supported agriculture farms and wholesale will also be highlighted. "Growers from around

the state will have the opportunity to learn about production practices of fruits and vegetables and understand critical practices for managing pests, soil fertility, crop yield and quality," said Ajay Nair, professor and chair of the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State. "The day will also provide a platform for faculty, extension agents, growers, consumers and other participants to interact and share challenges, concerns and opportunities in the area of fruit and vegetable production." This event is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and organized in partnership with the Iowa

Specialty Crop Growers Association, Practical Farmers of Iowa and the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. The Horticulture Research Station is located at 55519, 170th St., Ames. Following the completion of the field day at 5:30 p.m., a supper will be provided. Registration for this field day is available at no cost, but organizers ask that individuals register online by July 31 for an accurate food count. More information is available by contacting Ajay Nair at nairajay@iastate.edu or 515-294-3718.

Letter to the Editor- Bible Reading Marathon

For the 10th year, the entire Bible has been read as proclaimed by at first Governor Branstad and since by Governor Reynolds.

We pray that the second part of the proclamation will be fulfilled, that individuals and families in Iowa read through the Bible on a daily basis each year until the Lord returns. I appreciate all of those who read and/or prayed during the Bible Reading Marathon. I received many positive comments from readers who felt privileged and empowered to proclaim God's word aloud on the Courthouse lawn. May God bless the readers and all citizens of Worth County, Iowa and the USA. Continue in His word and in prayer for our country, state and nation. God's blessings, Sharyl Ferley

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The Northwood-Kensett Vikings line up for the playing of the National Anthem on Monday night in Manly.

Viking baseball ends season with loss to West Bend Mallard

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings baseball team traveled to Gilmore City on Monday, July 7, for a Class 1A Substate 2 first round game with West Bend Mallard and ended their season with a 9-3 loss.

The Vikings scored one in the fourth and two in the sixth while the Wolverines scored two in the first, four in the second and three in the third.

Aydan Schutz had a double and one RBI and Bowan Behne and Jace Lindberg each stole base twice.

The Vikings scored three runs on one hit, had one RBI, walked three times and struck out seven times.

Behne pitched two innings facing 15 batters and allowed six runs on six hits while walking one and striking out three. Schutz pitched four innings facing 18 batters

and allowed three runs on four hits while walking one and striking out four.

The Vikings end their season with an overall record of 5-16.



Viking Hayzin Jacobsen awaits the pitch at a recent conference game against the Panthers in Manly.



Viking Bowan Behne fires a pitch during the Vikings conference game against the Central Springs Panthers.



Viking Aden Bice looks to the third base coach prior to stepping into the batter's box during conference action against Central Springs.



N-K 6th/7th grade softball team 2025

The Northwood-Kensett sixth and seventh grade softball team had an undefeated season going 12-0 in the Borderline League. They outscored their opponents by over 100 runs (165-60) for the season. This group has a lot of potential! Pictured (front row, from left) Makayla Reyerson, Heather Perry, (middle row) Piper Brunsvold, Olivia Urbatsch, Lola Cronbaugh, Mia Helgeson, Harper Davis, (third row) Porschea Madden, Brianna Perkins, Avery Grunhvd and Kendall Krull. The girls are coached by Shana Brunsvold, Landon Perkins, Susan Grundel, Amber Helgeson and Rachel Davis.

Triathlon set for next Saturday, July 26

On Saturday, July 26, people will swim, bike and run through Northwood as they take part in the fifth "Bring in the Backup" Triathlon.

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

The event includes a three stage race involving

swimming for 150 meters, riding a bike for 10.4 miles and then running a 5K.

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

Those taking part can do so as individuals or as part of a 2-3 person relay. There are also options to take part in the aquabike (swim and

bike ride) or a duathlon (a one mile run before the bike ride and 5K).

Registration for the event is currently underway.

Those interested may find more information by searching online at www.trisignup.com/Race/IA/Northwood/NorthwoodTriathlonDuathlonAquabike.

For those not taking part, drivers are asked to be aware if traveling the route of the event on July 26.

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9U Baseball Tournament - Baseball Field
8-10 a.m. ... Car Show Registration - Main St.
9 a.m. Tot Trot & Kids Trot - Shelter House
Beer Garden Opens serving Turkey Breakfast Burritos
10 a.m. Depot Opens - Anne Libersky Art Show
Power Wheel Races - 6th St.
11 a.m. Food Stand Opens Community Center
Silent Auction Opens - Gym
11:30 a.m. Char's Band - Main St.
12 p.m. Pedal Pull - 6th St.

Sunday, July 20

1 p.m. Car Show Awards - Depot
Puzzle Race - Community Center
1-3 p.m. BINGO - Shelter House
2-4 p.m. Kids Games/Reptile Zoo - Park
4 p.m. Fowling Tournament - Beer Garden
Little Mr. & Miss. Grafton - Depot
5 p.m. PARADE - Main St.
6 p.m. Live Music "Maclane Powell"
8 p.m. Silent Auction Closes - Comm. Center Gym
Stein Holding Competition
9 p.m. Live Music "Will Barnett & Co."

10 a.m. Bike Ride - Community Center
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