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COUNTIES**

2018/2019 Guide

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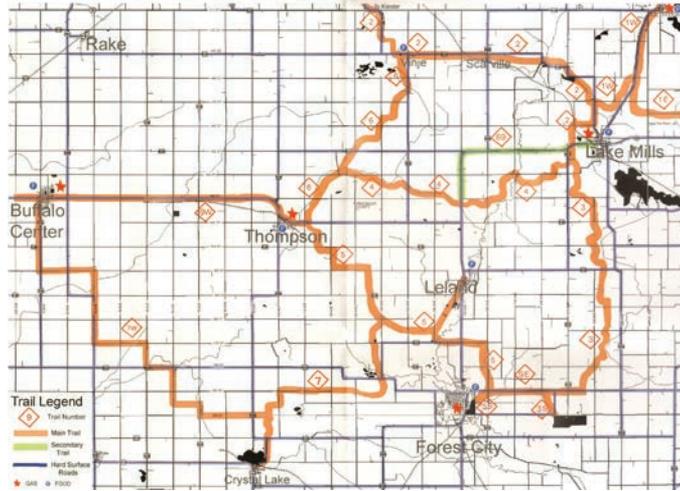
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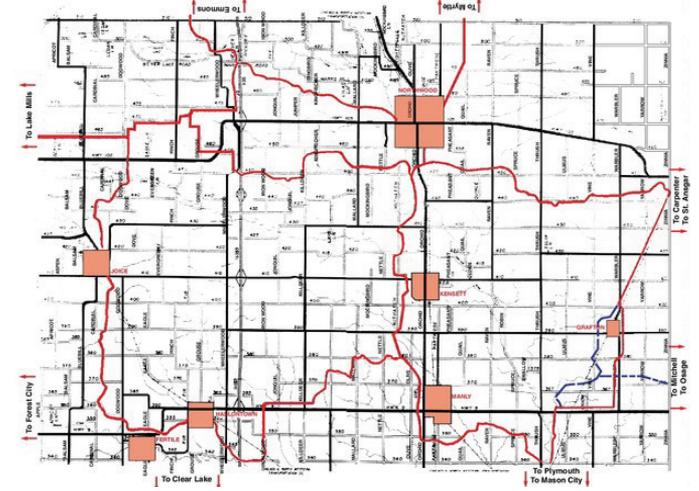
www.drifterssnowmobileclub.com



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WORTH COUNTY

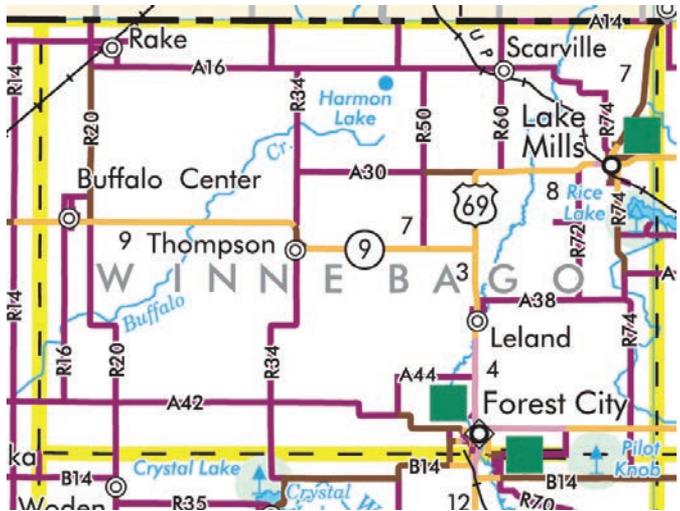
www.worthcounty.org



BICYCLE TRAIL

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

www.iowadot.gov/iowabikes/bikemap



BICYCLE TRAIL

WORTH COUNTY

www.iowadot.gov/iowabikes/bikemap





COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUFFALO CENTER

Fourth of July Celebration offers a variety of fun activities, including food stands, games, fireworks and other family activities.

Meat & Music is an annual celebration held in August with live entertainment, food vendors, and contests which include Bloody Mary's, Salsa, and of course BBQ.
www.northiowabetterment.com

FERTILE

Held in August, Fertile Days promises an eventful few days including a Parade, a Fireman's Breakfast and much more.

FOREST CITY

Go-Kart Races held every Saturday May through August at Southtown Speedway.
www.southtownspeedway.com
or call 641-581-5858

Tree Town Music Festival is held every Memorial Day weekend. This multiple day event brings many headliners for a great music and camping weekend.
www.treetownfestival.com

Kite Day is held every May at Heritage Park. International Festival is held at Waldorf University. In August, the Heritage Park of North Iowa Tractor Ride takes place as well as the Heritage Festival. September brings the Steam Threshing & Old Iron Swap Days to Heritage Park as well as Junkapalooza.
www.heritageparkofnorthiowa.com

The annual Puckerbrush Celebration in July features hometown traditions such as a pancake breakfast, street dance, 5K run/walk, parade & much more.
www.forestcityia.com

The Grand National Rally is held each July at the Winnebago Rally Grounds, bringing RV enthusiasts from across the country.
www.winnebagoind.com

GRAFTON

Turkey Days arrives in July. The event includes great traditional food all centered around, yes, you guessed it—Turkey.
www.graftoniowa.com

HANLONTOWN

Hanlontown Annual Great Bike Ride happens on Summer Solstice on June 21st. A bike ride around town ends at the railroad tracks where the sun sets perfectly in alignment with the tracks, making them glow red. Sundown Weekend, held during the weekend nearest the first day of summer in June offers activities for everyone.

JOICE

Top of Iowa Car Show, in July, offers an old-time community celebration. Community breakfast, lunch vendors, pedal pull, music in the park, and games and activities for the kids.

KENSETT

The Town & Country Festival in June. A family friendly event will keep everyone busy for the day.
www.kensettia.com

LAKE MILLS

The July Jubilee Celebration is held the first weekend after the 4th of July, with a variety of art and craft vendors, live entertainment, a parade, community picnic and much more.
www.lakemillsia.org

MANLY

Railroad Ag Days is an annual event in August consisting of all around great family fun.

NORTHWOOD

The Worth County Fair is held in Northwood each June for the biggest 5-6 days of fair activities around! Music, 4-H, Food, Rides...this fair has it all!
www.worthcountyfair.com

The Annual 4th of July Celebration has a number of events, including a 5K run/walk, parade, and a traditional fireworks show at dusk.

August brings the "All Veterans Picnic—American Style" where all veterans and their families are invited to a picnic lunch and activities and entertainment.

Founders Day is held every September with vendors, music, and one of the biggest classic car shows around.
www.northwoodchamber.org

RAKE

The Borderline Tractor Ride in June travels across the area for a full day of fun.

SCARVILLE

The annual 4th of July Celebration includes a parade (the only parade you get to see twice), live music, community picnic and a day-long flea market.

THOMPSON

Thompson is home to the Winnebago County Fair in July, and has all typical county fair events, games, entertainment, antique tractor show, demolition derby, and lots of food!
www.winnebagoaiowafair.com

Our two county area has a variety of annual events. For specific event details, dates, times along with other information, please go to our Facebook page and our website. Find the Events Calendar in local newspapers in May for dates and details.



POINTS OF Interest

ALTAR AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - GRAFTON

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, built in 1936, features a unique hand carved altar by Alois Lang of Germany. The altar is one of three in the U.S. that Lang was commissioned to produce. Located at 308 4th Avenue, Grafton. Call 641-748-2736.

ARLINGTON PARK - LAKE MILLS

Arlington Park along North Mill Street in Lake Mills, is home to a Sherman Tank in memory of Lake Mills native, Gen. Joseph M. Colby, who designed tanks. The park is also home to the Lake Mills Veterans Monument, constructed in 2004. It includes the names of living and deceased veterans from the area.

BOLAN SCHOOLHOUSE - BOLAN

The nonprof organization has restored the 1923 two-room school. The lower level serves as a community center and location to host entertaining and cultural events. The upper level displays educational and local memorabilia spanning the years 1923 to 1956.

BURNAP COUNTRY SCHOOL MUSEUM - LAKE MILLS

The Burnap Country School Museum on north Mill Street in Lake Mills is open by appointment. Please call Sue Evans at 641-588-3333.

THE CABOOSE MUSEUM - MANLY

This Museum is a restored Rock Island railroad caboose. It is located in town on Highway 9. Call 641-454-3090 for information.

CHAPEL HILL - JOICE

Chapel Hill, south of Joice, is home to a pioneer cemetery and native prairie with a small church that has four pews. Located at 270 370th Street, Joice. Call 641-588-3333.

GRAFTON HERITAGE MUSEUM & DEPOT

Grafton Heritage Museum & Depot is on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is a restored turn-of-the-century railroad depot. Call 641-748-2337. Located at the west end of Central Avenue at 4th Street.

HANLONTOWN COMMUNITY BANK MUSEUM

www.hanlontown.org

Hanlontown Community Bank Museum, on Main Street, is open Sundays from 2-4 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day.

HERITAGE PARK OF NORTH IOWA

www.heritageparkofnorthiowa.com

Heritage Park of North Iowa is a 91-acre site located on the south edge of Forest City. Heritage Park of North Iowa was formed in the fall of 1999 by the Winnebago Historical Society, Inc. and includes the combining of several North Iowa organization efforts to preserve the history of rural America. Located at Hwy 69 South, in Forest City. Call 641-585-2092 for tours and information

THE MANSION MUSEUM - FOREST CITY

Located at 336 N. Clark Street in Forest City. This museum houses early history of Winnebago County and the Ida Fuller display.

MANLY JUNCTION RR MUSEUM

Extensive RR Museum with numerous displays, exhibits, and personal collection items from Iowa Northern Railway Co. and the Sabin family. Located at 111 Main Street East in Manly. Call for your personal appointment at 641-454-8029.

METHODIST CHURCH MUSEUM & THE LOG CABIN MUSEUM KENSETT

www.kensettia.com

The Church Museum, 1 block west of Hwy. 65 at 917 Central Ave, Kensett, is operated by the Worth County Historical Society. It is noted for its' tin interior. It is open from 2-4 p.m., Sundays during the summer months. The Log Cabin Museum, was built by early settlers of Silver Lake Township in the 1850's and contains antiques from that era.

THE PROMISE OF AMERICA - LAKE MILLS

"The Promise of America" statue is located on the east side of Lake Mills along North 3rd Avenue, and is a tribute to Norwegian-American immigrant families who settled this region.

RHODES MILL - FERTILE

www.rhodesmill.com

Rhodes Mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and lies adjacent to William Rhodes Park on the Winnebago River in Fertile. This historic mill is now Rhodes Mill Retreat. Find out more at www.rhodesmill.com or call 918-630-9935.

TOP OF IOWA WIND FARM - JOICE

Top of Iowa Wind Farm, 4119 Evergreen Ave., Joice, hosts 89 turbines reaching 320 feet into the sky, it was constructed in 2001. Call 641-588-3800 for tours.

WORTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROPERTIES

www.worthhistory.org

The Central Museum, Swensrud Country School House, Old Creamery and 1859 log cabin are museums which are part of extensive collections belonging to the Worth County Historical Society. They are located throughout Northwood on Central Avenue and are open 2-4 pm, Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Other attractions operated by the historical society include: Chapel Hill at Joice; Heritage Depot at Grafton; Community Church Museum and Log Cabin Museum at Kensett; Citizens Savings Bank Museum at Hanlontown; Simne-Oswald Log Cabin at Hanlontown; Bolan School House and Cultural Center at Bolan—and more.

THE TOP OF IOWA WELCOME CENTER

www.topofiowa.com

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center is located 7 miles west of Northwood, just off I-35 at 4705A Wheelerwood Rd. A large red barn shaped structure featuring travel brochures, vending machines, a coffee shop and gift shop featuring Iowa-made products and crafts. For more information, call 641-324-3184.

VICTORIAN HOUSE - LAKE MILLS

Built in 1901, with gardens, this beautiful house is available to rent for special gatherings. Located at 308 South Lincoln Street. The public is welcome to enjoy the gardens. Contact Sue Evans at 641-588-3333 for reservations.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY VETERANS MONUMENT - FOREST CITY

Located on the grounds of the Winnebago County Courthouse. The names of veterans from Winnebago County from all wars, all eras are on the monument.

WORTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE - NORTHWOOD

Located on the grounds of the Worth County Courthouse. The names of veterans from Worth County from all wars, all eras are on the monument.

THINGS TO DO

ARCHERY

BEAR CREEK OUTDOORS
www.bearcreekoutdoors.com
Located at 3240 Hwy 69, Forest City. Indoor archery range and Techno Hunt virtual archery.

THEATERS

THE MILLS THEATRE
216 West Main, Lake Mills
641-592-6455
www.themillstheater.com

FOREST THEATRE

215 North Clark Street, Forest City
www.forestcitytheatre.com

NORTHWOOD THEATRE

740 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-324-0064
www.northwoodtheatre.com

BREWERIES & TAPHOUSES

WORTH BREWING COMPANY
Located at 835 Central Avenue in Northwood and offers their own hand-crafted beers, as well as a selection of guest beers only available to Worth Brewing.
www.worthbrewing.com
641-324-9899

5 ALARM BREWING COMPANY

Located at 211 West Main Street in Lake Mills, offers their own hand-crafted beers, as well as a selection of wine.
641-592-2739

NINE PINES VINEYARD & WINERY

In its early stages of business based out of Northwood, products can be purchased at Barn Boutique at the Top of Iowa Welcome Center at this time.

THE PADDLER'S TAP

Located at 136 North Clark Street in Forest City, has microbrews and local brews on tap.
641-585-0303
www.thepaddlerstap.com

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CAMELOT EQUESTRIAN CENTER
3862 Dogwood Avenue, Joice
641-588-3372
www.camelotboxers.com
Boarding, Riding, Training

MONTY BRUCE HORSE TRAINING CENTER

4954 Vine Avenue, Northwood
507-456-0299
www.montybruce.com
Boarding, Riding, Training

GOLFING

BEAR CREEK GOLF COURSE - 18
145 Country Club Road, Forest City
641-383-8822
www.bearcreekfc.com

GRUIS RECREATION AREA - 9
2724 360th Street, Buffalo Center
641-926-5393
www.gruisrecreation.com

NORTHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB - 9
1391 490th Street, Northwood
641-324-1662
www.clubcorp.com

PIONEER TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB - 9
East Highway 9, 410 Club Terrace
Manly
641-454-2414

RICE LAKE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - 18
43080 Golf Avenue
Lake Mills
641-592-8022
www.ricelakegolfandcountryclub.com

CASINO

DIAMOND JO CASINO
777 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood
641-323-7777
www.diamondjo.com/worth
Offers 1,002 slot machines, table games, food, entertainment in the Event Center & the Big Wheel Bar and a gift shop.

FITNESS

FOREST CITY YMCA
916 West I Street, Forest City
641-585-5220
www.forestcityymca.org

LAKE MILLS FAMILY FITNESS CENTER

712 North Lake Street, Lake Mills
641-592-7285
www.lakemillsfitness.com

ORION FITNESS

1604 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-713-3114

GRAFTON COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTER

202 6th Avenue, Grafton
641-748-2970

UPTOWN FITNESS

213 W Main Ste. B, Lake Mills
www.uptownfitnesslm.com

MANLY FITNESS CENTER

Central Springs High School
105 S East Street, Manly
641-454-2208

BOWLING

BUFFALO LANES
120 1st Street NW, Buffalo Center
641-562-2611

STRIKE ZONE

Highway 65 North, Northwood
641-324-2749
www.strikezonenorthwood.com

SUPER BOWL

19050 Highway 9, Forest City
641-581-2618
www.superbowlforestcity.com

SWIMMING

BUFFALO CENTER SWIMMING POOL
215 5th Avenue NE • PO Box 430
Buffalo Center
641-562-2796

FOREST CITY FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

525 John K Hanson Drive, Forest City
641-585-2650

FOREST CITY YMCA

916 West I Street, Forest City
641-585-5220
www.forestcityymca.org

GRAFTON CITY WADING POOL

Located in the City Park on the corner of 6th Avenue & 2nd Street

LAKE MILLS AQUATIC CENTER

700 South Lincoln Street, Lake Mills
641-592-3591

MANLY FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

206 Linden Street South, Manly
641-454-3302

NORTHWOOD SWIMMING POOL

714 2nd Avenue South, Northwood
641-324-1680

THOMPSON SWIMMING POOL

356 Harrison Street, Thompson
641-584-2860

RACING

SOUTHTOWN SPEEDWAY
116 Industrial Drive, Forest City
641-581-5858
www.southtownspeedway.com
Dirt Go-Kart Track. 1/7 mile semi-banked clay dirt mix track. Races Saturdays May - August.

DINING WITH Style



FINE DINING

THE BRANDING IRON

135 Jackson Street, Thompson
641-584-2912

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113 West Main Street, Fertile
641-797-2999

SIGNATURE'S

728 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-324-1052

www.signaturesupperclub.com

WOOD FIRE GRILLE

777 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood
641-323-7821

www.diamondjo.com/worth

MEXICAN

AY JALISCO

201 West Main Street, Lake Mills
641-592-2000

AY JALISCO

208 North Clark Street, Forest City
641-582-2245

TACO JERRY'S AND

BORDERLINE PIZZA

1145 Highway 69 N, Forest City
641-585-3151

TEQUILA'S MEXICAN

BAR AND GRILL

846 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-323-0000

www.tequilasmexicanbarandgrill.business.site

SPECIALTY

RHONDA'S DECADENT

DELIGHTS (Baked Goods)

Lake Mills
641-592-0303

HAPPY SWEETS CUPCAKES

Forest City
641-590-0136

happysweetscupcakes@gmail.com

AMERICAN

THE DEN AT BEAR CREEK

145 Country Club Road, Forest City
641-585-1353

www.bearcreekfc.com

THE KITCHEN BUFFET

777 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood
641-323-7777

www.diamondjo.com/worth

TELUWUT GRILLEHOUSE & PUB

224 West Main Street, Lake Mills
641-592-3303

www.teluwut.com

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43080 Golf Avenue, Lake Mills
641-592-8022

ORIENTAL

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247 North Clark Street, Forest City
641-585-1688

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145 East L Street, Forest City
641-582-2100

www.godfathers.com

MAIN STREET PIZZA

210 West Main Street, Lake Mills
641-592-3400

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1145 Highway 69 North, Forest City
641-585-3151

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641-748-2225

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107 B Street, Leland
641-567-3200

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110 North Mill Street, Lake Mills
641-592-5400

ORANGES

309 5th Avenue SW, Buffalo Center
641-562-2677

RAKE PUB & GRUB

115 North Main Street, Rake
641-566-3040

R BAR

201 Main Street, Scarville
641-568-3030

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1126 Highway 69 North, Forest City
641-585-5000

www.shooterzfc.com

SQUID WILLY'S BAR & GRILL

146 Jackson Street, Thompson
641-584-2820

VINJE PUB & GRILL

15960 490th Street, Scarville
641-568-3150

VIP LOUNGE

705 Highway 69 North, Forest City
641-585-2893

WINERIES, BREWERIES, TAPHOUSES

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641-592-2739

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826 Central Avenue, Northwood
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www.worthbrewing.com

THE PADDLER'S TAP

136 N. Clark Street, Forest City
641-585-0303

www.thepaddlerstap.com



CAFE/COFFEE

CABIN COFFEE COMPANY

206 Highway 69 North, Forest City
641-585-1776

www.cabincoffeecompany.com

SUE'S CORNER POST

700 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-324-2912

SALLY'S RESTAURANT

133 North Clark Street, Forest City
641-585-3400

HOMETOWN MARKET

11707 Hwy, 9, Thompson
641-584-2300

FAST FOOD

A&W RESTAURANT

1106 Highway 69 North, Forest City
641-582-4733

www.awrestaurants.com

BURGER KING

(inside & outside of casino)
777 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood
641-324-1366

www.bk.com

SUBWAY

www.subway.com

111 West J Street, Forest City
641-582-3080

105 North Western Street, Lake Mills
641-592-5550

777 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood
641-323-7100

853 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-323-7900

CARRY OUT

CASEY'S CARRY OUT PIZZA

www.caseys.com

101 1st Avenue NE, Buffalo Center
641-562-2900

106 Highway 69 South, Forest City
641-582-4534

1132 Highway 69 South, Forest City
641-582-2043

101 North Lake Street, Lake Mills
641-592-0909

505 Hwy 65 South, Manly
641-454-2597

101 8th Street North, Northwood
641-324-3249

CHARLIE BIGGS' CHICKEN

145 East L Street, Forest City
641-585-4120

DON'S MOTOR MART/ GODFATHER'S

401 West Main Street, Lake Mills
641-592-8866

FAST STOP/PIZZA PANTRY

916 Central Avenue, Northwood
641-324-1111

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www.mainstreetmarketiowa.com

R80 CONVENIENCE STORE

2 Maple Street, Kensett
641-845-2032 or 2033

DELI

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105 North Clark Street, Forest City
641-585-3030

www.scoopydoosicecream.com

SEASON'S DELI CAFE

315 North Highway 69, Forest City
641-585-3775

www.billsfamilyfoods.net

LODGING AND YOUR Options

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641-565-3390

www.winnebagoccb.com

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918-630-9935

www.rhodesmill.com

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711 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood
888-201-1746/641-323-7000

www.countryinns.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - 60 ROOMS

4712 Wheelerwood, Northwood
641-323-7500

www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress

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641-585-5060

www.thelodgefc.com

MOTELS

CROSSROADS MOTEL - 15 ROOMS

511 Highway 65 South, Manly
641-454-3377

www.crossroadsmoteliowa.com

LAKE MILLS MOTEL - 10 ROOMS

402 N. Lake Street, Lake Mills
641-592-3711

www.lakemillsmotel.com

THE ROYAL MOTEL - 8 ROOMS

903 South 10th Street, Northwood
641-324-1252

www.royalmoteliowa.com

SUPER 8 MOTEL - 34 ROOMS

1215 Highway 69 S, Forest City
641-585-1300

www.super8.com

HUNTING, FISHING AND Wildlife



LICENSE OUTLETS

LAKE MILLS MOTOR SPORTS
45563 Highway 69, Lake Mills

GOLDY'S
106 Highway 69, Forest City

MURRA HARDWARE
204 N. Main Street, Buffalo
Center

SINGELSTAD HARDWARE
202 N. Washington, Lake Mills

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
RECORDER**
126 S. Clark Street, Forest City

SHOPKO
616 Highway 69, Forest City

HANSEN HARDWARE
216 N. Clark Street, Forest City

WORTH COUNTY RECORDER
1000 Central Avenue,
Northwood

RESIDENT HUNTING

Hunting 16 years old and older.....	\$19.00
Habitat Fee (Age 16-64).....	\$13.00
Hunting & Habitat Fee Combo	\$30.00
Hunting 3-Year with Habitat Fee	\$86.00
Migratory Game Bird Fee.....	\$10.00
Federal Duck Stamp.....	\$25.00
APPRENTICE (includes hunting & habitat).....	\$30.00
Furharvester Age 16 & Older	\$22.50
Furharvester Under 16.....	\$7.50
Hunting, Fishing, Habitat Fee Combo	\$47.00
Hunting Preserve.....	\$7.00
Lifetime Hunting (Age 65 & older).....	\$52.50
Lifetime Furharvester (Age 65 & Older	\$52.50

DEER & TURKEY LICENSES

General Deer.....	\$28.50
Antlerless-only, First License	\$28.50
Antlerless-only Second & All Others.....	\$13.00
Landowner-Tenant - Farm Unit Only	
General Deer.....	\$2.00
Antlerless-only.....	\$2.00
Reduced Fee Antlerless-only	\$13.00
Paid Wild Turkey.....	\$24.50
Landowner-Tenant Wild Turkey.....	\$1.00

NON RESIDENT HUNTING

Hunting 18 years & older	\$112.00
Hunting Under 18	\$32.00
Habitat Fee.....	\$13.00
Hunting & Habitat Fee Combo	
18 & Older.....	\$123.00
Migratory Game Bird Fee.....	\$10.00
Federal Duck Stamp.....	\$25.00
*APPRENTICE (includes hunting & habitat)	\$123.00

*May not be used for deer or turkey hunting.

HUNTING INFORMATION

SPECIES	SEASON	SHOOTING HOURS
Rooster Pheasant (Youth).....	Oct. 21-22.....	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Rooster Pheasant	Oct. 28 - Jan. 10	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 28 - Jan. 31	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Gray Partridge.....	Oct. 14 - Jan. 31	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 7 - Jan. 31	Sunrise to Sunset
Rabbit (Cottontail).....	Sept. 2 - Feb. 28.....	Sunrise to Sunset
Rabbit (Jack)	CLOSED.....	CLOSED
Squirrel (Fox and Gray).....	Sept. 2 - Jan. 31.....	No Restrictions
Groundhog.....	Continuous Open Season.....	No Restrictions
Crow	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	No Restrictions
	Jan. 14 - March 31	No Restrictions
Pigeon Continuous.....	Open Season	No Restrictions
Coyote.....	Continuous Open Season	No Restrictions

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

SEASON DATES

Combination Gun/Bow Licenses

Youth Season (Residents)	April 7-15
Season 1	April 16-19
Season 2	April 20-24
Season 3.....	April 25-May 1
Season 4.....	May 2-20
Resident Archery-only Licenses.....	April 16-May 20

Half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

DEER HUNTING SEASONS

SEASON DATES

Youth Season.....	Sept. 16-Oct. 1
Disabled Hunter Season	Sept. 16-Oct. 1
Archery Season Early Split	Oct. 1-Dec. 1
Archery Season Late Split.....	Dec. 18 - Jan. 10
Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 14-22
Late Muzzleloader	Dec. 18 - Jan. 10
Shotgun Season 1	Dec. 2-6
Shotgun Season 2	Dec. 9-17
Nonresident Holiday Season.....	Dec. 24 - Jan. 2

All deer seasons are half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset.

FURBEARER HUNTING INFORMATION

Species Seasons

Shooting Hours

Raccoon, Opossum, Badger, Striped Skunk, Fox (Red and Gray)	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31.....	8 a.m. on First Day
Bobcats	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31.....	8 a.m. on First Day

FURBEARER TRAPPING INFORMATION

Species

Season

Trapping Hours

Coyote, Mink, Muskrat, Weasel, Striped Skunk, Badger, Opossum, Fox (Red and Gray), Raccoon	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31.....	8 a.m. on First Day
Beaver	Nov. 4 - April 15.....	8 a.m. on First Day
Otter.....	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31.....	8 a.m. on First Day
Bobcat.....	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31.....	8 a.m. on First Day
Civet Cat (Spotted Skunk)		Continuous Closed
Gray Wolf		Continuous Closed

* Fees and season based on 2017 season. Please verify current information with the Iowa DNR, or in rules and regulations book available at license retailers.

HUNTING, FISHING AND Wildlife

AMBROSON RECREATION AREA - LELAND

3035 Highway 69, located 1 mile south of Leland. 119 acres of land includes hunting, fishing, boating, picnic shelter, and a playground. Access to the Winnebago River Water Trail.

BLAIR CREEK - MANLY

3 acres of hunting, at 3450 Mallard Avenue, Manly.

BRIGHTS LAKE - IA/MN BORDER

One mile east of Emmons, MN, on 510th Street. 186 acres of drained lake bed. Hunting allowed.

BRUNSVOLD-HAUGEN TIMBER FERTILE

One mile west of Fertile, and one mile north on Cardinal Avenue, with 19 acres of hunting.

C.A. BLOCK WILDLIFE AREA LELAND

North of Leland, at 18405 420th Street. 389 acres of wetlands, uplands, popular waterfowl hunting.

CHRISTIANSOON-TAYLOR WILDLIFE AREA - NORTHWOOD

274 acres of hunting, located at 1053 500th Street, Northwood.

COUNTY HOME FARM LAKE MILLS

22230 410th Street, Lake Mills with 568 acres of restored wetlands and uplands. Hunting allowed.

DEER CREEK FOREST NORTHWOOD

60 acres of hunting, located at 4739 Wubben Avenue, Northwood.

DEER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA NORTHWOOD

2385 460th Street, Northwood. Offers 40 acres of hunting land.

ELK CREEK MARSH - JOICE

2,911 acres with half marsh and half upland. Hunting allowed. Located three miles north of Joice on Bluebill Avenue.

FARLAND WILDLIFE AREA SCARVILLE

One mile west of Scarville on 150th Avenue. Hunting allowed.

FLORENCE RECREATION AREA & TRAP RANGE - THOMPSON

42435 60th Avenue, west of Thompson. Features 35 acres of land renovated in 1992. Picnicking, pond fishing and hunting available. Public trap shooting range. Open by appointment.

GOOD NEIGHBORS MARSH THOMPSON

2.5 miles north of Thompson on R-34. 1,258 acres of 1/3 marshland and 2/3 upland grass for hunting.

GRANT TOWNSHIP WILDLIFE AREA - RURAL FOREST CITY

34500 30th Avenue, Woden. 33 acres of aspen timber and willow wetland.

HANLONTOWN SLOUGH HANLONTOWN

Two miles north of Hanlontown on Grouse Avenue, the slough consists of 938 acres of 1/3 marsh and 2/3 grass. Hunting is allowed.

HARMON LAKE - SCARVILLE

4 miles east of Scarville on 480th Street, offers hunting, fishing and photo opportunities.

HOGSBACK WILDLIFE AREA & TARGET RANGE - SCARVILLE

4 miles east of Scarville, at 48050 210th Avenue, has 178 acres offering hunting, fishing, and photo opportunities. A target shooting range is open all year.

HOLLAND PRAIRIE CONSERVATION & YOUTH HUNTING AREA - LELAND

2 miles north of Leland, at 19260 420th Street. The area features 225 acres; The county's first hunting & fishing area for youth ages 15 and under. A free permit is required to hunt. Call WCCB at 641-565-3390 to obtain a permit.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE LAKE MILLS

42723 235th Avenue south of Lake Mills. 641-592-8402

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE KENSETT

4189 Orchid Avenue, Kensett.

JACK RABBIT SLOUGH THOMPSON

14400 430th Street, Thompson. 80 acres of public hunting on both wetlands and uplands.

JENSEN TRACT - LAKE MILLS

Located at 19947 440th Street, Lake Mills, offers 97 acres of hunting, uplands and river bottom.

KEUNNAN'S QUARRY NORTHWOOD

1.5 miles southeast of Northwood, at 1555 450th Street. 641-324-1524. Includes fishing, shelter house, restrooms, picnicking, playground, BBQ pit and swimming.

KVALE TRACT - LAKE MILLS

43000 190th Avenue, Lake Mills, has 45 acres of hunting, uplands and river bottom.

LAND OF TWO WATERS KENSETT

4126 Pheasant Avenue, Kensett. Offers 240 acres of hunting land.

LANDE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA - LAKE MILLS

20145 470th Street, Lake Mills, offers 421 acres; Hunting, fishing and canoeing along the Winnebago River.

LARSON/TWEED WILDLIFE AREA - SCARVILLE

47119 220th Avenue, Scarville, is 74 acres of restored prairie, open timber, uplands and wetlands. Hunting allowed.

LUKE ROSSITER WILDLIFE AREA - THOMPSON

49265 70th Avenue, Thompson. Offers 51 acres of wetlands and prairie land. Hunting allowed.

MYRE SLOUGH - FOREST CITY

540 acres, located five miles west of Forest City. 2/3 marsh and 1/3 open timber and prairie.

MYRE TIMBER - KENSETT

3 acres of hunting land, located at 1243 430th Street, Kensett.

NEIMAN WILDLIFE AREA FOREST CITY

35999 155th Avenue, Forest City, provides 83 acres of wetlands, uplands & restored prairie land. Adjacent to the Winnebago River Trail. Popular with Canada goose hunters.

OSMUNDSON SLOUGH THOMPSON

12759 390th Street, Thompson. 160 acres of public hunting on both wetlands and uplands.

PETERSON POT HOLES - JOICE

45 acres of marsh and prairie, located 4.5 miles north of Joice on Bluebill Avenue, and then east one mile on 465th St. Hunting allowed.

PLYMOUTH PITS WILDLIFE AREA - MANLY

At 2040 340th Street, Manly. Offers 33 acres of hunting land.

QUAM WILDLIFE AREA - RAKE

47811 30th Avenue, features 200 acres of wetlands, and restored prairie land, southeast of Rake. Hunting allowed.

HUNTING, FISHING AND Wildlife

TRAILS, PARKS AND Camping

RAUK-RASSMUSSEN TRACT LELAND

37780 Highway 69, Leland offers uplands and wetlands available for hunting.

RICE LAKE WILDLIFE UNIT

2,648 acres, 2/3 Marsh-Lake, 1/3 Crop. Deer, Turkey, Pheasant, Waterfowl, Dove. Contact TJ Herrick at 218-829-3285. Restrictions include Non-Toxic Shot, Canada Goose Closed Area #4.

www.iowadnr.gov

RUSS WILDLIFE AREA FOREST CITY

100 acres including 40 acres of marsh surrounded by prairie land. Observation platform and hunting.

SAWIN WILDLIFE AREA NORTHWOOD

23 acres of hunting, at 4739 Thrush Avenue, Northwood.

SHELLROCK WILDLIFE AREA MANLY

126 acres of hunting at 2039 Highway 9, Manly.

STIMES WOODS NORTHWOOD

4520 Mallard Avenue, Northwood. 165 acres of hunting.

STOREE WILDLIFE AREA FERTILE

5 acres of hunting, located southwest of Fertile on Dogwood Avenue.

TURKEYFOOT PRAIRIE KENSETT

At 1717 420th Street, includes 140 acres of hunting land.

TURVOLD'S WOODS NORTHWOOD

32 acres of hunting, located at 1044 450th Street, Northwood.

WALLY'S WOODS - FERTILE

24829 Finch Avenue, Fertile, includes 73 acres of hunting.

WILLOW CREEK HANLONTOWN

350 acres of hunting land, located at 3495 Wheelerwood Road.

WINNEBAGO RIVER RECREATION WILDLIFE AREA LELAND

40500 175th Avenue, Leland. Consists of 47 acres of marsh and upland timber. Stream fishing allowed.

WOOD DUCK MARSH LAKE MILLS

Located one mile southwest of Lake Mills on 12th Avenue South, has 268 acres, partly marsh, timber and upland. Hunting allowed.

WORTH COUNTY LAKE PARK KENSETT

Four miles NE of Kensett at 1717 420th Street, features picnicking, fishing, playground, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball, BBQ pit, and shelter house.

GUN BANK



Gary M Larson
155 Jackson St. Thompson, IA
641-420-5986

TRAILS

HANSON TRAIL

Approximately 9 miles beginning at Pammel Park in Forest City.

HYNES SPUR

Approximately 2 miles between Pammel Park in Forest City and County Road B14.

NORTHWOOD TRAIL

Paved path just over a mile throughout the Worth County fairgrounds for walking & biking.

PILOT KNOB LOOP

Approximately 4 miles through Pilot Knob State Park, Forest City.

PARKS

COMMUNITY SKATEPARK - FOREST CITY

Located on John K. Hanson Drive in Forest City across from the Waldorf College football field. Has 3 quarter pipes, 1 half pipe, 1 half pyramid with grind ledge, 1 wide jump box, 1 wide wedge, 1 kinked rail, and 1 long grind rail.

EASTWOODS (CLARK WOODS) PARK - FOREST CITY

Adjacent to the east side of Pammel Park and the Winnebago River. Entrance to Eastwoods Park is off East J Street (south side.) 29.4 acres, wooded with 2 playground areas, 3 gazebos, 2 grills, shelterhouse, and disc golf course.

EASTWOODS SHELTERHOUSE - FOREST CITY

Use entrance to Eastwoods on East J Street (south side.) Follow trail approximately 1/2 mile. Open shelter with water, electricity, restroom, 3-15' picnic tables, fireplace, and playground equipment. Reservations are taken April 1 – September 30; contact the Forest City Parks & Recreation Department at (641) 585-4860. Fee \$25 per day for reservation.

MERRICK PARK - FOREST CITY

On Park Street in Forest City. 6 acres with 1 small slide, 1 large slide, 1 large climbing apparatus, 1 spring animal, 2 swing sets, 2 benches and 2 picnic tables.

PAMMEL PARK - FOREST CITY

In the heart of Forest City, just east of Highway 69. Entrances off Highway 69 and East J Street. 34.9 acres with 2 lighted baseball/softball diamonds, playground equipment, bike and walking trail, Winnebago River water trail, low impact canoe/kayak access, Lions Club memorial shelter, butterfly garden, camping area, dump station, and disc golf course.

ROTARY - WESTGATE PARK FOREST CITY

Neighborhood park located in the Westgate housing subdivision. Entrance is off of Westwood Court and Westgate Drive. Two acres with playground equipment, gazebo, basketball court, and several benches.

SUNSHINE PARK - FOREST CITY

Located at the north end of Gilbert Street in Forest City. One acre "Tot Lot" with playground unit, gazebo, playhouse, & swing set.

THOMAS BEARSE PARK FOREST CITY

Entrance is off East J Street (north side), next to the Winnebago River. 7.1 acres with parking area, picnic tables, gazebo, & sign commemorating Thomas Bearse as the first settler of Winnebago County.

WOODLAND PARK - FOREST CITY

Neighborhood park located in the Woodland Housing Subdivision. One acre with 2 picnic tables, 2 benches, play unit equipped with 3 slides, a swing, and a log roll.

* Forest City Park information can be obtained by at 641-585-4860
www.cityofforestcity.com



TRAILS, PARKS AND Camping

PARKS

PILOT KNOB STATE PARK FOREST CITY

Pilot Knob State Park, located six miles east of Forest City, includes an observation tower built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The tower is the second highest point in the state and offers a beautiful panoramic view. The park offers hiking and horseback trails, 60 campsites, 2 picnic shelters, hunting, fishing, bird watching and many other activities. Call 641-581-4835.

www.iowadnr.gov

RICE LAKE STATE PARK LAKE MILLS

2 miles southeast of Lake Mills at Lakeside Drive. 641-592-9632. State park along the banks of Rice Lake with a shelter house, beach area, bathrooms and wildlife viewing, picnicking, swimming, boating, canoeing, and fishing. Public hunting areas and Rice Lake Golf and Country Club are nearby as well. Call 641-581-4835

www.iowadnr.gov

SWENSRUD PARK NORTHWOOD

One block south of Main St., Northwood. Softball/baseball diamonds, shelter house, gazebo/band shell, restrooms, fishing, disc golf course, swimming pool, playground.

WILLIAM RHODES ISLAND PARK - FERTILE

South of Main Street in Fertile adjacent to the Winnebago River, the park offers fishing, photo opportunities & canoe access. A footbridge is connected to the park.

CITY PARKS

BOMAN PARK - FOREST CITY

On John K. Hanson Drive across from the Waldorf University football field. This park features a Skate Park, Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts and Volleyball Courts.

CLARK PARK - FOREST CITY

Downtown Forest City, across from the Winnebago County Courthouse. A charming area to have lunch or relax in the downtown setting.

ROTARY WESTGATE PARK FOREST CITY

Neighborhood park located in the Westgate housing subdivision. Entrance is off of Westwood Court and Westgate Drive. Rotary Park offers a large playground unit and basketball court.

SUNSHINE PARK - FOREST CITY

Located on North end of Gilbert Street in a residential area. This park is designed for children and offers a "Tot Lot" with playground unit, gazebo, and playhouse.

THOMAS BEARSE PARK FOREST CITY

Located on the North side of J Street, next to the Winnebago River and across from the entrance to East Woods Park. This park allows for easy access for fishing and offers a picnic area.

WOODLAND PARK

NORTHWOOD

Neighborhood park located in the North part of town in the Woodland Housing Subdivision. The park offers a shelter house and play equipment for children.

THORPE PARK - FOREST CITY

A beautiful park to enjoy nature. This park features a lake, hiking trails, campground and cabin, and prairie areas. Just off 110th Ave, five miles West of Forest City
641-565-3390

www.winnebagoccb.com

CAMPING

DAHLE PARK - SCARVILLE

4 miles NW of Lake Mills at 21179 485th Street.

Located along the Winnebago River; hunting, fishing, 8 camping sites, canoeing and picnicking are available.

HAPPY TIME - LAKE MILLS

526 470th Street
641-592-2267

www.happytimeresort.com

Family orientated campground with 5 acre pond, fishing, sand beach, playground, full hook up sites, and camp store/bar.

LIONS PARK - THOMPSON

Corner of Harrison and Lynn Streets. Includes playground, camping and swimming pool.

OCHEE YAHOLA PARK NORTHWOOD

6 miles NW of Northwood, at 1284 495th Street.
641-324-1524. Includes camping, electricity, picnicking, horseshoe pits, hiking trails, cross-country skiing and seasonal hunting.

PAMMEL PARK - FOREST CITY

East of Hwy. 69. 641-585-4860
41 sites, dump station, electricity, fishing, playground, shower house and restroom.

PILOT KNOB STATE PARK FOREST CITY

2148 340th Street. 641-581-4835
One of the oldest units in the state park system. Standing atop the tower on "Pilot Knob" is the second highest point in Iowa. The campground has 60 sites, electricity, showers, restrooms, dump station and playground.

CAMPING

SILVER LAKE PARK NORTHWOOD

11 miles west and 4 miles north of Northwood, at 497 500th Street.
641-324-1524. Includes fishing, boating, picnicking, horseshoe pits, camping and electricity.

THREE FINGERS CAMPGROUND FOREST CITY

35604 135th Avenue
641-590-6653

www.threefingerscampground.com

Includes swimming, fishing, paddle boats, shelter house, miniature golf, grills, restrooms, showers, and a dump station.

THORPE PARK - FOREST CITY

34496 110th Avenue.
888-841-8580

www.winnebagoccb.com

Camping with electricity, pit toilets, picnicking, hiking, trails, and lake fishing. Fifteen acre lake with boating, winter sports and hunting. Thorpe Park also has a rental cabin. Treat yourself to a relaxing stay at the Lake Catherine Cabin.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR OFFICE

264 Fairgrounds Drive,
Thompson. 641-584-2011.

WORTH COUNTY FAIR OFFICE

1206 3rd Avenue North,
Northwood.
641-324-1783

PLACES OF Worship

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15 3rd Avenue NE • 641-562-2197

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115 5th Avenue NW • 641-562-2620
www.stpatrickschurch.org

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
215 1st Street NW • 641-562-2251

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
18508 Highway 9 E • 641-585-4171
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316 North 6th Street • 641-585-4852

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www.immanuelfamily.com

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107 W Florence Street, PO Box 168
641-566-3535

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15722 490th Street • 641-568-3682

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
105 East 3rd Street • 641-568-3666

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**
411 Logan Street • 641-568-3372

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www.fertilecofc.wordpress.com

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308 4th Avenue • 641-748-2736

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641-896-2311
www.hopeunitedparish.com

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www.oneinchristlutheranparish.org

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BRETHREN CHURCH**
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www.joicebethel.org

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641-324-2430

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BUFFALO CENTER

Home of Meat and Music



Located seven miles south of the Minnesota border, and called Buffalo Center because it was midway between the north and south forks of Buffalo Creek, the town was originally built south of the present site and moved north when the Chicago and Iowa Western Railroad set up lines in northern Iowa. It was settled in 1892 on mostly swampy ground, later dredged and tiled. One of the original settlers, Howard Pomeroy, mowed through his wheat fields to show where the streets would be. A hardware store and a blacksmith shop were the first stores in town.

Buffalo Center has survived many fires which destroyed Main Street businesses, a tornado or two on the edges of town, and several bizzards like the Armistice Day storm of November 11, 1940.

On August 23, 1897, Buffalo Center became the first school west of the Mississippi River to be consolidated, and it is believed to be the second one in the nation.

Today, Buffalo Center is a thriving town of about 1000 people. There is a large new community center, a museum, several new businesses and a growing K-12 consolidated school. The 4th of July celebration is a well-known all-day event which features a 5K, a parade, music in the park, tournaments, games and contests for the kids, and a huge fireworks display. Other annual events include the Gala



Ball in February, Crazy Days and Firemen's Dance in July, and the Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration in December. The newest addition is the annual Meat & Music Spectacular held the first part of August. This is a BBQ competition along with music, games and other food competitions.

Buffalo Center has several small parks and one large one that includes a modern swimming pool, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, playground equipment, shelter houses, ball diamond with bleachers and concession stand, and great playground equipment.

The Wellness Center, attached to the North Iowa Community School which includes a safe room, is open 24/7 for anyone with a membership. It has a walking track, weight and cardio equipment, and basketball court.

The Buffalo Center Public Library is located on Main Street and provides print and digital materials, computer use, study space, and reading programs.

The Heritage Town Center was opened in 2011 and includes a large banquet hall, a small meeting room, a large kitchen, offices for the City Clerk, and the Heritage Museum.

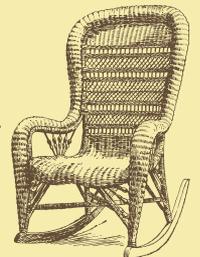
North Iowa Community School District includes Buffalo Center, Thompson, Lakota and Rake. Incorporated into the first consolidated school district west of the Mississippi River (1896), the four towns work together to provide the best education possible for the students. All twelve grades are located in Buffalo Center on one campus.

The Buffalo Center Swimming Pool is a popular spot in the summer time, with diving boards, concession stand, and an updated baby pool.

The mascot is the Bison, and there is a large Bison in front of the Timely Mission Nursing Home most days. In the summer, he travels to various towns to participate in parades. As a symbol of Buffalo Center, he stands proud for photographs all year long.

BISON'S SENIOR CENTER

Really Rocks!



206 North Main Street • Buffalo Center

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BUFFALO CENTER

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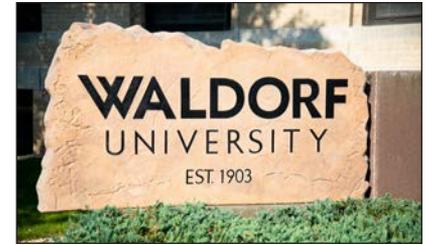
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Entrepreneurship has always thrived in Forest City. A new county courthouse was built in 1896, which still stands majestic today in the center of town. Two large fi st class hotels were built in town, one which became, in 1903, what we know today as Waldorf University. The formation of the Farmer's Cooperative, in 1916, helped develop the rich area land base which, in 2007, grew the largest average county corn yield per acre in any county in Iowa.

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Although Forest City is the County Seat for Winnebago County, it is also uniquely situated within two counties, Winnebago and Hancock Counties.

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The name Lake Mills is because the town was built on what was then the shoreline of Rice Lake. There was also a grist and lumber mill located on the banks of the old town lake.

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Richard Sears, founder of the Sears department store and catalog company, was a depot agent here from 1880 to 1886, and then moved to Redwood Falls where the company picks up his trail to success. Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner spent his early life here. Jesse Parker, a legend in Iowa education, was born and raised in Lake Mills. Governor Terry E. Branstad, who was the longest serving Governor in the state and the nation, has deep roots in Lake Mills. Branstad opened a law practice here as a young attorney, and continued to call Lake Mills home while serving

as state representative and lieutenant governor before being elected and being sworn into the Governor's office in January 1983. He served from 1983 – 1999 and then was re-elected after time away and served from 2011 – 2017. He now serves as the Ambassador to China on behalf of the United States.

Lake Mills, Iowa, welcomes you to join their community. Low cost of living, high quality services, and a variety of resources make for an excellent place to plant YOUR roots!

During the first 1/2 of the 20th century, the city depended on Cool Spring Canning Company for jobs. When the plant closed in 1957, an aggressive group of Lake Mill residents began a highly successful drive to create jobs for people in the area. Since that time, Lake Mills has become an epicenter of manufacturing and industry in this region with multiple manufacturing facilities and a diverse roster of companies employing many people throughout North Iowa and Southern Minnesota. The work ethic of the people, the excellent location of the community, a state-of-the-art school system, great recreational opportunities, fine churches, and community organizations, make it an ideal place for businesses and families.

The Lake Mills Community School (LMCS) District includes the cities and rural areas of Joice, Scarville, and Lake Mills. The school's facilities have been continually renovated and new facilities have been added on to keep the school in top-notch shape for the students' needs. Grades K-Prep through 12 attend classes on one campus and technology is a vital part of the curriculum with an approx. 20:1 student/teacher ratio. The community school is committed to promoting and maintaining an atmosphere of teaching and learning that encourages students to pursue personal excellence and to prepare for the challenge of tomorrow. LMCS has received numerous recognitions on the state and national level over the years. It has been selected as one of 64 schools nation-wide to be named a 'service learning leader'. Two and four-year degree programs are also available at colleges located within driving distance of 30-45 minutes or less from Lake Mills.

Whether you're out for an evening with friends or looking for a place to catch the game, check out the dining opportunities Lake Mills has to offer. From the unique atmosphere and menu of Teluwut Restaurant, to Main Street Pizza and Ay Jalisco for a relaxing sit down experience, or quicker options like Subway, Casey's General Store (pizza) or Don's Motor Mart (chicken, subs and more), there's something to please everyone in Lake Mills.

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Catch the latest movie at 'The Mills' Theater or have a picnic in one of the many family-friendly parks, and make memories in Lake Mills. Summer pool passes to the Lake Mills Family Aquatic Center are affordable and a great way to spend a day when the weather gets hot. Explore a bit of the community history by visiting the 1901 Victorian Home and Gardens or the Schoolhouse Museum. Either can be toured by appointment. You can also hold your next family reunion, class reunion, or public event in town as well. Facilities like the Helgeson Civic Center, Diamond Jo Casino Event Center, Oakwood Park, Main Street Pizza Party Room, John R. Saxerud Conference Room at 'The Mills' Theatre, 1901 Victorian Home, area churches, or the Beenken Scouting Center can be rented for your needs.

Lake Mills has several recreational attractions that give you and your family the opportunity for outdoor activities. The bike trail takes visitors through town and past the beautiful "Promise of America" sculpture that signifies the Norwegian heritage of the community and its founders. Rice Lake Country Club offers a beautiful escape for golf-lovers of all levels. Maybe disc golf is more your thing – basket one of the nine-basket course starts at Oakwood Park. And if you like to fish or waterski, then Rice Lake is the place to be.

Lake Mills is 10 miles west of Interstate 35, 20 miles south of Interstate 90, and 32 miles north of the Avenue of the Saints. U.S. Highway 69 flows directly through the community coming in from the west and heading out to the north. The Mason City Airport, only 30 minutes from Lake Mills, provides commercial air travel services, while the Lake Mills Airport, a grass landing strip, allows for local air travel. The community is centrally located 2 hours south of Minneapolis, MN and 2 hours north of Des Moines, IA. This central location means the community is a prime location for business development, and there are available buildings and sites to suit a variety of business needs. Please contact Winn-Worth Betco at 641-592-0800, or the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation at 641-592-5253, if you are interested in discussing a potential business relocation or a new location.

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LELAND

A Great Place to Call Home



Leland was settled by the city's namesake, John D. Leland, who was an attorney and moved here from Illinois in 1878 and purchased a considerable amount of land. In 1879 the railroad came to town, and brought with it plenty of people and new businesses. A hotel, for the railroad employees was built in 1880, and soon the town had blacksmith shops, lumber yards, hardware stores, general stores, a creamery, banks, taverns, etc. At one time,

Leland had a threshing machine factory, which later became a cement factory. Another big change came to the community in 1932, when U.S. Highway 69 came through the center of town. After that, businesses began locating along the highway to capitalize on the traffic that passed through town.

There is a white cross south of town on a hill east of Highway 69 that has a back-story - one which people have probably wondered while traveling along the highway and seeing it as they pass. In 1905 R.W. Branstad stayed with a friend on a farmstead that at that time occupied this hill. He was very taken by the landscape and never forgot about this place of peace and beauty. In 1948, Branstad purchased this very farm, and stated that when he saw this hill, "It could very well be called Calvary." In 1950, as his son was about to enter military service, Branstad was inspired to build the cross on the hill. His original plan was to spell out with rocks the words GOD and SON. Stones were collected and piled atop the hill. As vandals continually spelled words with the rocks that were not family friendly, Branstad became frustrated and finally pushed the rocks into a hole and buried them - giving up on his project. But, in 1974, as he was nearing 79 years of age, he decided if he was ever going to put the cross up, the time was now. So, in 1974, the cross was finally completed and the man completed his nearly life-long project. Now, you know the story of the white cross south of Leland along Highway 69.



There is another cross, north of Leland, along Highway 69, put up in recent years by Wayne Wubben on the east side of the highway along his field fence line. Wubben says he was inspired to build the 25 foot cross so that people would see it and be reminded of their faith as they pass by. He worked with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leland on the project. They worked with an organization focused on placing crosses in each state in the U.S. and in every country in the world, and acquired a cross, which now stands in Wubben's field north of Leland. The cross is near a field entrance and Wubben keeps the path clear to the cross so that if people feel so inclined, they can stop and pray.

One of the most famous former residents is Iowa Governor, Terry E. Branstad, who is Iowa's longest serving Governor. Branstad attended nearby Forest City High School, the University of Iowa, and Drake University Law School. He practiced law in neighboring Lake Mills, and served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1972 - 1978. He served as Lt. Governor from 1978 - 1982. He then was elected as Governor and served from 1983-1999, and then was re-elected to the office in 2011. In December, 2016, Governor Branstad was named Ambassador to China by the newly elected Trump administration. What a long and distinguished public service career this Leland boy has had!

Another famous visitor to Leland was Kevin Costner and his band, Modern West, on January 28, 2009. They had recorded a song, "Leland, Iowa", written by one of the band members, who has relatives in the Leland area, and at the

request of local residents, came to town to play this song in its' namesake. Although the event was supposed to be for community members, the town swelled that day with fans hoping to meet the famous actor and musician. Costner and Modern West put on a performance in the 'Ambrosen Barn' for the residents, and then went to the local cafe to put on another performance for those that couldn't fit into the barn. That was a day the community will remember for a long time to come - a little bit of Hollywood came to little old Leland, Iowa!



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RAKE

A Little Bit of Norway and a Lot of Pride

24th of 1900. Some of these businesses included a drugstore, the Bank of Rake, a meat market, Elmer Nelson's Restaurant, Erdal & Marsaa Double Store, three grain elevators, two lumber yards, a billiard hall, a hotel, a depot, and a handcar house. A few other businesses soon followed including another restaurant, a bakery, a livery stable, two hardware and implement stores, a Methodist Church, a Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Today, Rake has a variety of businesses that serve the community including an agricultural company just outside of town, a cooperative grain elevator, a hair salon, insurance businesses, an upholstery & repair shop, a redemption center, a water well business, a frozen food business, a gas company, a construction business, a framing business, an excavating business, restaurants/bars, and a locally owned bank. State Savings Bank is unique in the fact that it is one of the only remaining small town independently owned banks in our area, with one location. The bank was established in 1914 with A.A. Rake, the town's founder serving as the first bank President. There were also 35 local investors involved in establishing the bank. The bank has been in the same brick building on the corner of Main Street since that building was constructed in 1916.

From 1975-2010, Rake hosted a Lutefisk Supper every February with an average attendance of 500 – which doubled the population of the town itself. The supper was held at Zion Lutheran Church. The Lutefisk Supper was a great time to find a little bit of Norway in North Iowa as they served lutefisk and other traditional Norwegian food.

Rake had a school district since the early 1900's. In 1978, the voters passed a merger plan for the Rake and nearby Buffalo Center school districts. The two individual districts were dissolved on July 1, 1978, and the new district became the Buffalo Center-Rake Community School District. With this change, each respective community retained the K-8 grades in their own school building, but the high school students all attended the Buffalo Center campus. The K-8 grades at the Rake school building were then transferred to the Buffalo Center campus in 1983-1984 and the building in Rake donated to the community for use as a community center. The building still stands today, but is in private ownership and is not open to the public.

'A Little Bit Of Norway, A Lot Of Pride' is the slogan of the town and is featured on the sign at the edge of the community. Rake also has a 'sister city' relationship with Rocka, Norway.

The Borderline Tractor Ride is held annually in June. The tractor ride travels across the area for a full day of fun. For more information on the Tractor Ride please contact Phil Benn at 641-566-3563.

Rake also holds a Tour of Homes every other year. For more information on this event, contact the City Clerk at 641-566-3735.

Rake was founded in 1900, and was named after A. A. Rake, a Norwegian who settled here at the age of 20. In 1882 he came to Winnebago County. The land he operated and improved until 1910, when he sold the farm after his success. In 1886 he established a post office. Homes and businesses were built, which then led to the establishment of the town of Rake. A.A. Rake later established a successful general merchandise store which he operated for 15 years.

Many of the original businesses in Rake were built between July 15th and August

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Scarville has a population under 100, but overflows with over 1,500 each year for the annual 4th of July Celebration. A highlight of that event is the parade which goes down Main Street twice, meaning double the candy for the kids (and any lucky adults who catch any).

The town, platted in 1899, takes its name from Ole Scar, who became a prominent businessman in the area, and also was mayor and postmaster for several years.

Mr. Scar came to the U.S. from Norway in July 1868. He settled in Wisconsin for a time before coming to Mitchell County in Iowa, then to Lake Mills to work for an Osage merchant in his general store in Lake Mills. When the business burned in 1871, Ole went to California to seek fortune in the Gold Rush. He did strike gold, and then went on to Washington State and purchased 80 acres of land before returning to Iowa in 1874 and partnering, again, with the Osage merchant on a general store in Lake Mills, IA.

After a few years of success in the business, Scar became the sole proprietor of the store known as Scar-Nelson Mercantile Company, which was the leading retail and wholesale establishment in this part of Iowa for many years. During this time period,

he also began acquiring the right of way for nearly all the rail line constructed in this area of North Iowa and Southern Minnesota. The rail right of way he acquired ran through what is now known as the communities of Hanlontown, Joice, Scarville, in Iowa, as well as Kiester and Bricelyn in Minnesota.

Ole Scar had a hand in platting and visualizing a total of 14 communities in this region – including his namesake of Scarville. He also continued his successful business ventures throughout his lifetime, founding banks in Lake Mills, Scarville, Kiester, and Bricelyn, as well as dealing in real estate. Ole Scar remained a bachelor the entirety of his life, and passed away in 1916.

The town of Scarville has seen many changes in its 115+ years. The highest community population was 163 recorded in the 1930's. The most recent U.S. Census data shows the population at less than 100 people. However, through the years, this community has been a 'hub' of activity and included businesses such as a livery, hotel, creamery, restaurant, hat shop, department store, shoemaker shop, barber shop, stockyards, hardware store, auto garage, butcher shop, bank, light plant, telephone company, and tavern. Today, the community still has a thriving business community with a tavern/restaurant, post office, cooperative grain elevator, marketing business, technology business, 3D printing business, a U-Haul rental business, fuel station, and a variety of other local businesses outside city limits including construction, photography, electrical, monuments, etc.

Scarville may be small, but it continues to be a busy little place with a private Lutheran school in town, 2 churches, and various businesses. You can find a meal, get gas for your vehicle, attend a church or school program, or take your grain to market in this tiny town.

The community of Scarville has had a school in the community since 1904 when the school was held in the basement of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. In 1906, a 2-room school house was built on land donated by Ole Scar. In 1920, a frame building was built on Main Street and a high school organized, with the first graduating class in 1924. In 1935, a new brick school was built on the same school block on the north side of town, of which there was an addition in 1952. The last graduating class from Scarville High School was in 1958. After that year the Kindergarten through 8th grade students stayed at the Scarville School, but the high school students attended school in Lake Mills. In the early 1960's, grades 7 and 8 were also transferred to the school in Lake Mills, and in 1966, the remaining K-6 grades were transferred to Lake Mills Community School as well. The Scarville School building remained standing until 1997, and had been used as a private residence off and on over those years.

In the Fall of 1927, the Scarville Synod Evangelical Church opened the Christian Day School, which operated in the basement of the Church. It remained that way for 60-some years, until in 1998 a large addition was built onto the south side of the Church building.

Through its Christian education program, the instructors provide for the well being of all children and direct them in the comprehensive development of spiritual, physical, and intellectual ability. The Christian teachers work hard to maintain and further the high academic standard set for students enrolled in the school.

The Annual 4th of July Celebration is one of the best attended in the area. This tiny community of less than 100 swells to an average of over 1,500 people on the 4th of July – sometimes more. Scarville's celebration has something for everyone with a parade (that goes down Main Street twice – offering up twice the candy haul), a community picnic featuring burgers grilled by the volunteer firemen and all the traditional picnic fixings, music in the park (bring your lawn chairs and relax), a day-long flea market in the park, a kids' pedal pull, free bars and ice cream in the shelter house during the afternoon, and much more. The community also has a great fireworks show in the evening as well. Come celebrate the 4th of July in this community, and you'll see firsthand why this is such a popular place to spend the day.

Scarville, while small, has great amenities. The Community Center is available for rent by private parties for a small fee for things like family reunions, birthdays, baby showers, confirmation, graduation, anniversaries, etc. There is a maximum capacity of 75 people. There is a restroom, handicap accessible entry through the back door, a full kitchen available, and air conditioning and heat to make your group comfortable while there. The town council also holds their monthly meetings in the Community Center, as well as a variety of other local groups meet there on a regular basis, and the voting location for Norway, Logan, and Eden Townships is located at the Community Center as well. It is a busy little place. To rent the facility for your gathering, meeting, or event, call the city clerk at 641-568-3110 or cityclerk50473@gmail.com.

SCARVILLE

The Little Town With Heart



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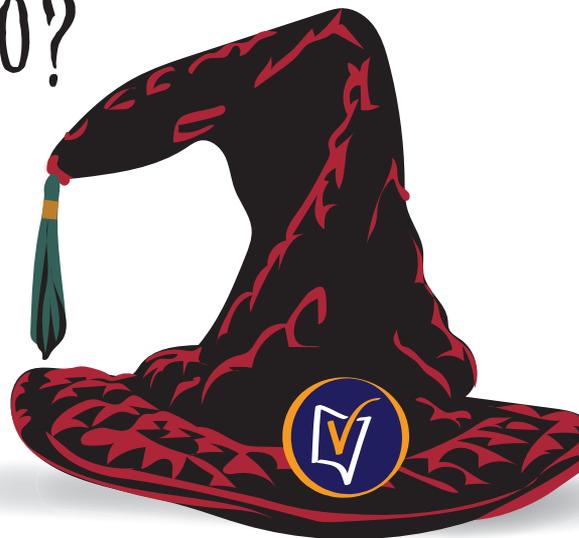
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The City of Thompson, was platted in 1892 when the railroad came to town and incorporated in 1894. The town was named in honor of Jasper Thompson, who was the President and General Manager of the Town Lot Company which sold lots for settlement and development. Mr. Thompson's projections were that the town would grow to 1,000 people within one year. While the community has never had the population boom that Mr. Thompson projected, it has grown into a nice community to live, with affordable housing, city municipal services, and a variety of businesses in town providing employment for residents as well as services to the community.

THOMPSON

The Heart of North Iowa



The community has had a vibrant Main Street. Over the years, there has been a creamery, meat locker, various general stores, hotels, restaurants, banks, lumber yard, etc. Today, the community still has a variety of businesses including a restaurant, power cooperative, a lumber yard, gun store, a bank and grain cooperative along with an egg-laying and liquid egg processing facility. The most recent addition to Thompson is an auto parts and service store.



There are other businesses in Thompson as well such as beauty shops and insurance offices but one has a unique story – Hometown Market. This grocery store, convenience store, restaurant/deli, and gas station all rolled up into one business was a community effort when it was constructed some years ago. Leaders in the town wanted to make sure their residents had all the necessities right in their community, so people didn't have to leave town to get basic groceries and fuel for their vehicles. So out of that thought came the vision of a community-backed effort to build a facility that included a grocery store and convenience store, a gas station, and some sort of food offering during the day while people were going to work and coming home and traveling through the community. Hometown Market is a community owned business located right on Highway 9 for easy convenience.

Another interesting story in this community is the Thompson School. The school district in town worked together with neighboring towns creating the North Iowa School District. Up until a few years ago, the school district operated campuses in both Buffalo Center and Thompson. When the school district went to one campus in Buffalo Center, the former Thompson school building came up for sale. Two Thompson School alumni then purchased the building from the school district and have been renovating the building into apartments for housing. The venture, known as Thompson Apartments, has created new rental housing in town, and there looks to be more created in the future. What an interesting re-use of a structure!

Thompson is also home to the Winnebago County Fair. The fairgrounds are located on the south side of the community, and the county fair is held every July, hosting all sorts of youth 4-H projects, animal presentations, horse shows, and grandstand entertainment. The fairgrounds are also utilized for other events and activities throughout the year. If you are interested in holding an event at the fairgrounds, contact the fair office at 641-584-2011.



THOMPSON

RESIDENT INFORMATION

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Thompson Swimming Pool	356 Harrison Street	641-584-2860

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Fertile is a beautiful town. Located right on the Winnebago river. We have canoeing, fishing, and other great outdoor activities. Several weddings take place each year in the Rhodes Island Park, outlined by the Dam, Mill and Footbridge.

FERTILE

Small Town Iowa Alive & Well



Fertile defies the trend by being one of several small towns to grow in the last census. We really do have a lot to celebrate! Citizens are proud to celebrate their hometown each year during Fertile Days. Fertile Days features a parade, a walk/run event, bed and golf-cart races, a live band, a free community meal, and several kids' activities including face painting and inflatable rides.



Fertile is a great place for kids to grow up. Fertile is in the Forest City School District. Forest City has a top-notch educational system with sports, theater, band and many more extra-curricular activities. Fertile's Little League is one of the best in the area!

Fertile dates back to the arrival of William Rhodes in August, 1856. Early pioneers selected this area because of its location near the Beaver and Lime Rivers. The Fertile region has always been a popular area due to the vast supply of timber and water.

Indians were very much a part of the history of Fertile. The Winnebago River is named for the tribe whose last Iowa home was south of town. There also seems to be evidence of Indian battle grounds north of town and burial sites along the river.

William Rhodes Island Park, along the south bank of the Winnebago River (formerly Lime Creek), on the south edge of Fertile, was given as a gift to Fertile by Whilliam Rhodes, the first settler in Fertile Township and founder of Fertile in 1856. The Fertile Mill & Dam were constructed in 1858 by William Rhodes. It was originally used for milling lumber. In 1868 it was converted for grain milling. The mill continued in that capacity through the 1930s. The Mill is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is presently available for vacation rental. Located in William Rhodes Island Park, the William Rhodes Log Cabin was actually used by the town founder Rhodes, and is preserved today in the park.

In 1956, the Veterans of the Fertile Community built and dedicated a memorial in the park to the memory of those service men of the two World Wars and the Korean War who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. This monument is located in William Rhodes Island Park.

The Fertile Creamery was founded in 1896 at the west end of Main Street. Milk was hauled to the creamery and separated. But later, farmers purchased their own separators, and cream was delivered and then churned into butter. In 1908 the firm built a brick building toward the east end of town next to the Winnebago River. By 1964, the creamery's volume totaled more than 30,000 pounds of butter churned and wrapped. Operation ceased in December 1971. Decline in family farm milking herds, and many farmers going to only grain farming, hastened the closing of creameries in the North Iowa area. After 75 years, the Fertile Cooperative Dairy Association, the oldest creamery in Worth County, liquidated its assets through an auction sale of buildings and equipment. The Creamery building, now a private residence, is located across the bridge from the park. The owner operates a Bed & Breakfast and has many guests, including international visitors.

Chapel Hill is located NW of Fertile, 1.25 miles East off Bluebill Avenue on 370th Street. A short drive leads to the cemetery and a small chapel on top of a hill.

The Worth County Conservation Commission acquired 1.1 acres at the west end of the park and have the water rights for further general recreational use. They cooperate with the city of Fertile in furnishing material for picnic tables, the shelter house and rest rooms. In 1973 the commission raised and cemented the small south dam.

Come spend a lazy afternoon seeing the sites, cooking over a wood fire, and fishing in one of the area's best Walleye hot spots. If you prefer more activity, the tennis court, basketball court, horseshoe pits, and playground equipment should suffice. Don't forget to have a picnic! Charcoal grills and picnic tables are also available for your enjoyment.

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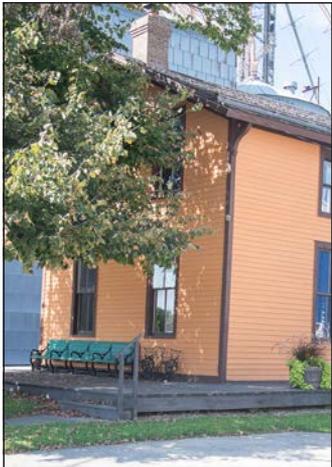
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GRAFTON

Home of Turkey Days



Grafton was settled by German settlers, and platted in 1878. The Grafton House was a hotel, providing lodging for traveling businessmen. There was also a cigar factory in Grafton. Flax was a product of the mill in Grafton, with the bales sent to the prison in Stillwater, MN, where it was made into rope, twine and furniture upholstery packing. The turkey-raising industry was started in the 1940's, and the Annual Turkey Days celebration has been a part of the community since the 1970's. The Grafton Depot operated from 1878 to 1974, and still stands in the community and is open to the public as a museum. The Depot is also on the National Register of Historic Places and has been restored to the original 1878 construction. Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton was built in 1936 at the height of the Great Depression with ornate carvings and stained glass; but one of the biggest attractions at the church is the hand-carved Alois Lang altar; which was commissioned to the German artist and is one of only a handful of Lang's artwork in the United States. Grafton is a town with lots to offer!

There are many businesses including a bank, grocery store, post office, restaurant, car dealership, car wash, beauty shops, insurance, realty, construction businesses, painting services, welding shop, auto body shop and auto repair.

Amenities in Grafton include a beautiful Community Center and a City Park with a shelter house that has a fire place. The park also has a wading pool and playground equipment for the kids, sand volleyball court, and a lighted softball diamond. The Lutheran church and Fire Department are also located in town. There is a fabulous Public Library complete with over 14,000 items including books, DVD's, audio books, and periodicals. Located in Worth County, home of the Diamond Jo Casino, where students receive yearly funds from the casino to buy school supplies. The amount averages about \$75 per student. Each high school graduate heading off to college receives a scholarship also.

The annual summer celebration is Grafton Turkey Day and is held the 3rd Saturday of July. It includes a 5K walk/run, softball tournament, volleyball tournament, parade, kids games, musical entertainment, street dance, car show and other miscellaneous activities that vary from year to year, and the best butter-basted charcoal grilled turkey sandwiches ever. Grafton Turkey Day is sponsored by Grafton Community Action (GCA).



The first Saturday of March is the date the Adult Prom is held at the Grafton Community Center. This is a great evening of fun for everyone over age 21. People come in formal prom attire, or "retro" prom attire, their Sunday best, or even just in casual dress, and enjoy an evening of dancing and food. Every year has a different theme and the Community Center is decorated, just like at a high school Prom.

The Grafton Community Center, located at 202 6th Avenue, is a large facility, perfect for wedding receptions, parties, anniversaries and large meetings. The rental rates are very reasonable, plus decorations are available for use at no extra charge. Another meeting room is available that is ideal for smaller meetings, birthday parties, family reunions, bridal showers, and more. For information on renting the Grafton Community Center, please phone the Grafton City Clerk at 641-748-2970.

The Grafton Community Center is also home to the Grafton Athletic Club, which is complete with Nautilus equipment & treadmills. Members have 24/7 access. For more information about the Grafton Athletic Club, contact Kevin Bruesewitz at 641-748-2945

The Grafton Public Library has over 14,000 items available including books, DVD's, audio books and periodicals. Every June the Children's Summer Reading Program is held. The library offers a meeting room to be used for educational, cultural, civic or public information events. Anyone may use the facilities at no cost if their meetings are open to the public, free of charge, and non-profit. Arrangements to use the meeting room must be made in advance with the librarian. The library also offers public access to computers.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, built in 1936, features a unique hand carved altar by Alois Lang of Germany. The altar is one of only a handful in the U.S. that Lang was commissioned to produce. Located at 308 4th Ave., Grafton. Call Rose Kruger at 641-425-0042.

Grafton Heritage Museum and Depot is on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is a restored turn-of-the-century railroad depot. Call 641-748-2970. The museum is located at the 301 3rd Street.

Just a few miles northwest of Grafton is Bolan. A nonprofit organization has restored the 1923 school. The lower level serves as a community center and location to host entertaining and cultural events. The upper level displays educational and local memorabilia spanning the years 1923 to 1956. Contact Lori Willert at 641-845-2577 for more information.

Grafton Community Center

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HANLONTOWN

Home of Sundown Days

Hanlontown is located 2 hours north of Des Moines, 2 hours south of Minneapolis, and 3 miles west of Interstate 35, on Iowa Highway 9. The population is (give or take) 200 and has been that way since it was founded in 1899.

Since 1980, Hanlontown has celebrated the Summer Solstice. In our town, the sun sets between the rails of the Union Pacific Railroad line that runs through the community. Celebrated the third Saturday of June, and on the evening of June 21 - when Ice Cream Sundays are served at the tracks. Yes we know the Summer solstice may be on June 20, 21 or 22. The biggest of all these Sundown celebrations, everyone agrees, was in 2001 when Bill Geist of CBS produced a segment on Sundown Days for CBS Sunday Morning. This segment may be seen at the Citizens Savings Bank Museum in town.

The Hanlontown Sundowner newsletter helps many former residents maintain a connection with the community where they once lived. This connection is reflected in the letters sent to the Sundowner. They have been publishing "The Sundowner" since February of 1980.

A dinner meeting for the Community Club is held at 7p.m. on the second Monday of the month from January through November. Guests are always welcome. Membership is open to anyone that lives in the Hanlontown area. The club operates the Ice Cream Parlor at Heritage Park in Forest City. With the earnings from ice cream sales, the club sponsors an annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Costume Party, and the Christmas Decorations on Main Street. They also have provided community improvements such as the Hanlontown sign at Hwy 9 and Main Street. Between the years of 1999 and 2014 they awarded \$15,600 in scholarships to Hanlontown area High School graduates. For more information on the community club contact Bob Michaelis (641) 896-2472

Community Garden Club is a social and learning group centered around gardening, growth, care, and activities centered around plants and nature's rewards. The club invites all ages and gender, and meets on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month in the Community Center, with an occasional visit to surrounding points of interest. Together with the town Park Board, the club members take on the responsibility of maintaining the City Park, and town sign. To encourage youth in gardening, an "Adopt-A-Planter" competition is implemented for main street during the summer.



POP is responsible for making the "Citizens Savings Bank" building and the "Sime-Oswald Log Cabin" available to the public. It also operates a local history museum in the Citizens Saving Bank Museum Building.

Hanlontown has one church, but many denominations have church's within 15 miles of Hanlontown. Hope United Lutheran Parish (ELCA) consists of Grace Lutheran Church of Hanlontown and Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Manly, Iowa. Brush Point Cemetery is located between Hanlontown, Iowa, and Fertile, Iowa, on Iowa Highway 9. It is owned and operated jointly by Grace Lutheran and Fertile Lutheran. Free burial rights are provided to voting members of both congregations and are sold to non members.

The Hanlontown Fire Department was organized in 1901 as the Hanlontown Hook and Ladder Company, and was staffed by volunteers with ladders and buckets. Their only responsibility was to extinguish fires within the city. Today, the Hanlontown Fire Department is an ISO Class 6 fire department (best rated fire department in Worth County) and is still staffed with volunteers. In addition to fire protection, they provide emergency medical services and technical rescue services for a fifty five square mile fire district in Worth and Cerro Gordo Counties.

Hanlontown has some of the finest parks of any community our size in north Iowa. Many families, groups and travelers visit each year. They are the result of countless hours of volunteer time. The parks are administered by a Park Board.

The Corner Plaza located on Main Street across from the post office is a pleasant place to stop. The electronic message board keep residents and visitor informed on community events.

In addition to our main park and the corner plaza, the city has Mini Rock Park located north of the museum. In 1935, after visiting the Grotto in West Bend, William Loveless built a fish pond and a miniature church behind his butcher shop. Although the shop is long gone, most of the rock structures remain. In 1967, The Blossom Belles Garden Club cleaned up the area and Mini-Rock Park was born. Henry Doebel suggested the name. John and Malcolm Colby donated 80 rose bushes in memory of their father to the park. The gardens have disappeared over the years, but the City continues to mow the area and the church and fountain remain.

There is also a large green space south of the rail road tracks that the City leases from the UP Railroad for community beautification. This green space is a great place for residents to walk their dogs.

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ORGANIZATIONS & UTILITIES

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Kensett was named for a Baltimore oyster packer, Thomas Kensett, who had come to town while working for the Central of Iowa Railroad in 1872. Mr. Kensett had promised to build a church for the community if they named the town after him. The town kept their word, and Mr. Kensett did not, but the town overcame that hurdle and continued to build businesses and homes.

Hans Langseth is credited with having the world record for the longest beard at 17 feet 6 inches. Langseth was born in Norway in 1846, but immigrated to the United States as a young man, settling with his wife in Kensett, Iowa. He stopped shaving at age 19, entered a beard growing contest and decided to keep it.



KENSETT

The Heart of Worth County

Later, Langseth's body was exhumed and moved to the Elk Creek Church Cemetery, rural Kensett, Worth County, Iowa to be alongside his wife who passed away years earlier. Photo credit, Nils C. Jorgenson, circa 1912.

The adding machine was also invented by a Kensett resident, Clarence E. Locke. Mr. Locke was the holder of 2 U.S. and 2 German patents for a calculating device, known as the Locke Adder. The machine was manufactured by the inventor himself in his company known as C.E. Locke Manufacturing Co., 98 Walnut Street, Kensett. The price of the machine in 1901 was \$5. By 1908, the price was \$10, a hefty sum for that time period. C.E. Locke was born in Wisconsin in 1866, graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA, in 1892 with a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering. He was married to Frannie Locke in 1893, and they had a daughter named Dorothy in 1905. He worked for a time in Minnesota as a civil engineer, and then joined his father's lumberyard business in Kensett while also building his adding machines under his own company's name. Around 1910, Mr. Locke and his family moved to New Mexico and he passed away there in July, 1945.

Kensett is a small rural community offering many opportunities. Located on Hwy 65 in northern Iowa, only 15 miles north of Mason City, IA and 23 miles south of Albert Lea, MN, and the town is only 7 miles east of Interstate 35 at exit #208. Other nearby communities are Northwood (6 miles north), Manly (5 miles south), Joice (13 miles west) and Grafton (9 miles southeast). The school system is Northwood-Kensett Community Schools located in Northwood, IA, providing many opportunities for students to excel in a small school atmosphere with individual attention from staff and teachers. There is even a scholarship program providing scholarships for every graduating student living in Worth County for at least the last two years of their high school career, thanks to the Worth County Development Authority who funds the program.

Kensett offers the quiet living of the country, yet offers the amenities of living in town. Kensett holds their Town & Country Festival in June. Our picnic is the second Saturday in June. We have a great time with music, good food, 1/2 day tractor ride, kids games, horse and buggy rides, Smiley Train rides for the kids and so much more. The tractor ride starts at 8 am in front of the town hall and lunch is served in the shelter house starting at 11:30 am. A family friendly event will keep everyone busy for the day. www.kensettia.com

The Kensett post office was first located in the Cleophas Store. After the construction of the brick building on the corner of main street, the post office was, and is still, located there. The Kensett Post office was established on January 12, 1875.

The Community Center is a great place to hold your event. Many weddings and other special events have been held here. If you are interested in reserving the space, please contact the City Clerk at 641-845-2388. The Clerk will give you detailed rental information. Generally, the rental rate is \$225 per day plus deposit with an extra \$15 for use of the sound system. The rate is subject to the type of event. The Community Center's phone number is 641-845-2900.

The Church Museum, 1 block west of Hwy. 65 at 917 Central Ave, Kensett, is operated by the Worth County Historical Society. It is noted for its tin interior. It is open from 2-4 p.m., Sundays during the summer months. The Log Cabin Museum, was built by early settlers of Silver Lake. The log cabin is located on the same property as the museum site.

The Kensett Museum is open 2-4 pm on Sundays during the summer. The museum acquired a large pump organ from Betty O'Brian. There are lots of photos to look through and many items on display throughout the church.

The museum is closed during the Worth County Fair, but holds a special event during Fair Week where everyone is welcome for pie and ice cream or a sundae.

The Kensett Fire Department is located at 311 3rd Street. The Fire Department holds two meetings every month. The first Thursday is the Monthly Meeting while the 4th Thursday is the Training Meeting.

The Kensett Fire Department holds an Annual Open House at the fire station. This is a weekend in October during National Fire Prevention Week. The fire department is a volunteer organization that serves the city of Kensett and the surrounding townships.

Every year the fire department will hold a couple of fund raising activities. Their annual soup supper is one of these activities. This event is held in February at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett.

Kensett Lions Club meets every other Tuesday evenings at Bethany Lutheran Church or Elk Creek Lutheran Church in Kensett. They are instrumental in supporting the Kensett Little League Baseball program.

The Lions are strictly a service club, and most of the funds raised have been spent in the community. Their larger projects include buying the curtain for the gymnasium, and the building of a park including shelter house, tables, benches, etc., along Highway 65. The club helped considerably in getting the Kensett Library started, and they have sponsored the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Midget and PeeWee baseball program, and the Red Cross swimming program for many years.

Izaak Walton League; Worth County Chapter is located at 4189 Orchid Avenue, Kensett, IA 50448. The Izaak Walton League was organized on October 23, 1956. During the year 1960, the members built the clubhouse situated one-half mile north of Kensett, where meetings are held and during the winter months several fish-fries are held with good attendance.

KENSETT

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MANLY

Home of Railroad Ag Days

In 1871 the Central of Iowa railroad laid track from Mason City through the future Lincoln township to Northwood. In 1877, the Burlington/Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad (BCR&N) joined the Central of Iowa track with its own track from Plymouth Junction. The site was named Manly Junction after Central of Iowa's freight agent, J.C. Manly. On October 18, 1898, Manly Junction was incorporated as the Town of Manly. In August of 1973, the Town of Manly officially became the city of 'Manly' under the State of Iowa's Home Rule Act.

Manly is located 16 miles south of the Minnesota border at the Junction of Highway 65 and Highway 9 – so it isn't just rail lines that intersect in this town! Two major cities are located within 125 miles – Minneapolis/St. Paul to the North and Des Moines to the South.

Manly started out as a railroad town, and has changed and evolved over the years. Recently, the railroad became a prominent part of the community again by the development of the Manly Terminal north of town. The Manly Terminal is an ethanol and multi-product (caustic soda, sulfuric acid, HCL, oil, etc.) storage and reload facility on a unique 100 acre site. This facility is located within 300 miles of over half of all ethanol produced in the United States, and offers access to multiple Class I rail carriers through the Iowa Northern Railway Company, who are partners in the Manly Terminal. By being able to ship product via the Manly Terminal, companies utilizing their services can ship their products on the rail carriers who offer the best price.

Iowa Northern Railway Company is owned and operated by the Sabin family, and brothers Dan and Mark Sabin are at the helm of the company. Both brothers were raised in Manly and felt this location made sense to construct the Manly Terminal here, not only for good business reasons, but also because they wanted to bring additional business development back to their home town.

The Manly Junction Railroad Museum is also something the Sabin family implemented in Manly. This unique museum documents the railroad history, not only in Manly, but across America. There are photos, historical items, one-of-a-kind items, and unique displays. The museum is open by appointment by calling 641-454-8029. The Caboose Museum is another unique item that is open by appointment and it sits along highway 9 in Manly.

In addition to the Manly Terminal, there are multiple other developments that have happened within the Terminal foot-print and on adjacent development land known as the Manly Logistics Park. New Heaven Chemical, an Indian company, made its first investment in the United States in this sodium methylate facility. The Anderson Company has a rail car repair shop within the Terminal footprint

Worth County was organized on May 1, 1858. Lincoln township was set apart by the supervisors in April 1876, when an election of officers was held. Lincoln township is a six mile square - 36 sections consisting of about 23,040 acres. The first settler in Lincoln township was recorded as Darius Garner, who came April 5, 1856 and located in the southeast corner of the township. He lived there until his death on March 1, 1859.

Railroading was the real beginning of Manly. Manly (originally called Manly Junction) was laid out in 1877 at the junction of two railroads: the Rock Island and the Chicago Great Western.



as well. Sukup Manufacturing Company also has a steel warehouse in the Manly Logistics Park, north of the Manly Terminal. This facility stores steel used in the manufacturing facility by Sukup in Sheffield, Iowa. The steel is brought in by rail, stored in the warehouse, and then delivered to their Sheffield facility for use in the manufacturing process.

Manly was centered on the junction of two railroad lines – and today continues to grow and develop around the rail industry, creating new jobs and new tax base with each development that occurs in the community because of the railroad ties in this town.

The City of Manly participated in Sterling Acres, which is a new subdivision in Manly on the northwest side of town, offering lots for new housing construction, in their continued effort to grow the community. Sterling Acres is a subdivision of rolling hills surrounded by trees at the perimeter of the subdivision. New ball diamonds and a playground are within the footprint of the subdivision as well, making this location a great place to build a new home. The lots are affordable, and if you are interested in building your new home here, contact Steve Molstad or Eric Molstad at 641-357-5601 for more information.

In addition to the Manly Junction Railroad Museum and the Caboose Museum, there are multiple amenities in Manly for all ages. As mentioned, Sterling Acres Subdivision has new ball diamonds and a playground, but there is also a great city park adjacent to highway 65 where the Manly Family Aquatic Center is also located. The aquatic center was constructed within the last 10 years and has a zero depth entry and diving boards in the deep end. It is open Memorial Day to Labor Day. This park has a shelter house, and playground equipment, etc.

There is a skate park located downtown for those who enjoy that sport. There is another small park in the downtown as well for those who want to take a rest on a park bench under a shady tree while out walking.

The Manly Public Library is a great community asset. It is located at 127 Grant Street South, just a block or so east of the downtown area, and offers computer access, movie rentals, and of course books for all ages.

The Pioneer Town and Country Club located on the east side of town off of highway 9, at 410 Club Terrace, is a 9 hole golf course and is a private golf club. It is open for public use on designated times.

The Manly Senior Center offers daily meals M-F and is a great place to meet friends to play cards and hear presentations, etc. The American Legion #110 is located at 110 East Elmore Street and is also a great place to share a story or a cold drink with friends.

Students attend the North Central Community School District, which includes the communities of Manly, Plymouth, Hanlontown, Nora Springs and portions adjacent to their cities. It is the mission of the Central Springs Community School District to cultivate a positive learning environment that engages and empowers all students. The elementary school students attend classes at the campus in Manly, the middle school students attend classes at the campus in Nora Springs, and the high school students attend classes at the campus in Manly.

Manly has been a town on the move since the first spike was driven through the first rail line in town!

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The first settlement within the limits of the City of Northwood was made in the spring of 1853 by Gulbrand O. Mellem. Charles Wardall purchased all of his land lying northeast of the Shell Rock River. He was determined to survey and plat the land, but was deterred by the purchase money which he owed to Mellem. Without a clear title he could not legally file a plat for record.

Lemuel Dwelle, in company with Joel Dayton, arrived in the county. He purchased a portion of Wardall's land and thus allowed Wardall to pay his debt in full. The three men proceeded to survey the original townsite of Northwood,



laying it off in blocks and lots during the month of July, 1857. This plat was filed for record September 21, 1858.

In July S. H. Franklin built a frame store building, which was immediately rented to B. H. Beckett. The latter opened the first general store in Northwood in this building on September 9, 1857. His stock of goods was hauled here from McGregor, a distance of 130 miles. Beckett's store became the most important place in the new town. Here transpired whatever events of interest occurred. It was for many years the only store, and here was held the first election on the organization of the county.

B. H. Beckett came to Worth County in 1857. He was a native of Warren County, Indiana, and was the son of William F. and Experience (Call) Beckett, natives of Ohio. As the pioneer merchant of Northwood, B. H. Beckett underwent the experiences which fell to the lot of the early settler. His first stock of goods he hauled alone from McGregor, many times

forced to carry it by hand across sloughs and impassable stretches of land. There were no bridges or highways at that time. The financial panic of 1857 caused a total loss of all the small funds which he had brought to the county, caused shrinkage in value of his stock, but by persistence and indefatigable effort he maintained his business until 1865, when he sold out. In 1869 he opened the first abstract office in the county, later combining a banking business with the real estate. Mr. Beckett died April 27, 1899.

NORTHWOOD

Home of Founder Days



The firm of Pike & Wattson purchased the Beckett store in 1865. In the meantime, in 1864, the firm of Nelson, Peterson & Klove had opened the second general store in the village, but in the same year Nelson died and the firm name was changed to Peterson & Klove. After eight months Klove sold out his interest to R. C. Pike, and a new firm organized under the title of Pike, Peterson & Company. This lasted but a short time, when Peterson sold out, and then Pike & Hunter existed until 1871, then was abandoned. In the meantime Klove had returned to Northwood and entered the firm was dissolved and a new one formed under the name of Peterson, Gullickson & Sime. This was known as one of the most successful of the early business houses in Northwood and an immense trade for the time was carried on. Upon the dissolution of the old firm, Mr. Klove bought out the Gullickson & Sime interests and the firm became Peterson & Klove. In 1877 E. L. Johnson purchased the Peterson interests and the firm became Johnson & Klove, later E. L. Johnson & Company.

In the spring of 1878 the firm of Thompson & Lund started in the business of selling dry goods, groceries, etc. After a year Lund retired and L. T. Sime was admitted. J. B. Thompson and T. L. Ringham were later owners, under the firm name of J. B. Thompson & Company. Other firms in the early days were Beers & Murdock and O. T. Edwards. E. W. Babcock & Company opened a general merchandise store on June 11, 1878, and in 1880 sold out to E. T. True.

The first drug store was started by George F. Wattson in 1867, who shortly after was joined by his brother, C. C. Wattson. The store was operated under the title of Wattson Brothers Drug Store. Subsequent firms which owned this store were those of Wattson & Bentley, Wattson & Tofte, Spalding & Tofte, Spalding & Hundebly, Hundebly & Wolfsberg and Hundebly & Wilson. The second drug store in Northwood was started by E. W. Sprague in 1871. After several years this store came into the possession of a Mr. Shore, who shipped the stock to Fergus Falls, Minn. In March, 1879, just after the store was closed, McCargar & Bender opened up a new stock there for sale. J. F. Emery was the next proprietor. The firm of Gordon & Hanson, druggists, began business in December, 1881.

The first hardware dealer in Northwood was D. De Wolf, who opened a store in 1868. He remained but a short time, then sold out to C. A. Knapp. Mr. Knapp continued until 1876, when the owner took in Frank C. Hall as partner. Hall later ran the business along after Knapp had retired. John M. Henderson established a hardware business in the spring of 1874.

The agricultural implement business was initiated by T. K. Hundebly. Other early firms in this line were Eckert & Williams, Kenaston & Savre, L. L. Carter.

The grocery trade, as separate from the general store, was started in November, 1877, by C. F. Littlefield. E. W. Sprague began in the business in 1881. Sprague was previously in the drug business and also agent of the American Express Company, succeeding T. R. W. Fleming in the latter position. Fleming was the first agent for the American Express Company in Northwood.

The first blacksmith was William Hunt. In 1860 he built a shop on Main Street. Enos Smith, W. Goodrich, Alex Meir and A. Gray later did business at the same place. D. S. Lawrence started blacksmithing here in 1874, then Benjamin Fletcher, Charles David, Hans Christian and Hans J. Hanson.

The first harnessmaker was Walter Stott. His first business was conducted at Phelps' Grove, but later moved into the village and worked with Matt Farmer. A. Heimke and J. M. Henderson were other harnessmakers.

The first lumber yard was opened by James Gordon in the fall of 1870. Gordon & Eckert and Eckert & Williams later operated this yard. William Hunter established a lumber yard in 1871 and in 1875 admitted A. D. Robertson as partner.

Madison & Enger came to Northwood in April, 1880, and entered the trade of wagonmaking. The wagon and carriage works of F. Findeisen was established in 1876.

In the year 1857 Charles Wardall constructed a dam and sawmill at Northwood, along the Shell Rock River. He operated this mill until 1860, when Lemuel and A. J. Dwelle bought him out and proceeded to erect a substantial gristmill, a feature

strongly needed in this community, as the settlers had been compelled to haul their grain to Osage for grinding. The Dwelle mill had four run of stone and was considered one of the most modern in the state at that time. In 1875 the firm of Nye & Willing purchased the mill from L. and A. J. Dwelle.

In the summer of 1870 several warehouses were erected in Northwood. O. V. Eckert constructed one near the railroad tracks. An elevator was built a short time later by the firm of Eckert & Williams. This elevator was built by the patentee, O. D. Spalding, of Mitchell County, and was of circular type, forty feet in diameter and fifty-five feet in height. In the autumn of 1877 S. S. Cargill built an elevator and W. T. Spencer a warehouse.

Northwood was incorporated in 1875 and the first officers elected under the incorporation were: O. V. Eckert, mayor; E. W. Smith, recorder; Lemuel Dwelle, J. B. Thompson, E. L. Johnson, C. A. Knapp and H. Peterson, trustees.

The first settlers in Northwood were obliged to go to Osage for their mail. An application was sent to Washington, asking for the establishment of a post-office at Phelps' Grove, the same to be called Northwood. When the papers arrived from the national capital the citizens appropriated the name of Northwood for the town. This occurred in the autumn of 1857, and Dr. D. D. Franklin was commissioned the first postmaster.

On July 7, 1873, a money order department was established at this office. The first order was issued to P. D. Swick, of Northwood, for the sum of \$1.35, in favor of the Wisconsin News Company, of Milwaukee.

In 1898 George W. Owens and L. F. Madson established an electric light plant under the firm name of Owens & Madson. On July 1, 1901, Mr. Owens retired from the management, leaving Mr. Madson the sole owner of the plant. He continued to operate the plant successfully until August 1, 1906. At this juncture the plant was taken over by a stock company which had been formed and organized, but Madson was retained as manager. The company was then known as the Northwood Electric Light and Power Company and so remained until the early part of the year 1917, when the plant and all equipment was purchased by the Iowa Falls Electric Company, a corporation doing an extensive business throughout northern Iowa.

Sewerage has been a recent acquisition to the public improvements of Northwood. A complete sewerage system was laid in the Northwood streets in 1916 and will undoubtedly be succeeded within reasonable time by street pavements. The sewerage system cost \$32,000, only \$7,100 of which amount was provided for by the bond issue. Property owners were assessed for the remainder.

The municipally owned water plant was established in the year 1897 and bonds to the amount of \$8,000 issued to cover the cost of building. The bonds have just been redeemed in the year 1917. The supply of excellent water for the city is taken from one zoo-foot well and is pumped to an iron tank of 55,000 gallons capacity. A wooden tank was at first used, but in 1915 it was replaced by the present one.

Not the least factor in determining the public spirit and character of a city is the hotels. Northwood received its first hotel in 1858, when Simon H. and Asa Franklin erected a frame hotel building. John Becker rented the place and so became the first public landlord of Northwood. He named the hostelry the City Hotel and quickly secured a profitable business, as many homeseekers were visiting Worth County. However, for some reason, Becker shortly sold to Jerome Beals, who, in turn, was followed by J. C. Hitchcock, William Weed, J. C. and John Colony. In December, 1874, the house passed into the hands of Harry Pepper and was then operated under the name of the Pepper House until October 12, 1876. On this date the building was totally destroyed by fire.

In May, 1875, George Gardner purchased the boarding-house of R. C. Pike, refitted it, and ran it as a hotel under the title of the Gardner House. A year's trial was sufficient to convince Gardner that his hotel could not succeed. Other early hotels were the Northwood House, which was started in October, 1875, and the Union House, once a tannery and then a saloon.

The Dwelle House, now the Park Hotel, was built in the summer of 1877 by L. and A. J. Dwelle and was first known as the American House. C. B. Ingalls first rented the house. The Pioneer spoke of the hotel as follows: "The new house, so long needed in Northwood, is open and in running order. It is large and commodious, the main building being 30 by 60 feet, three stories high, with a dining-room 32 by 22 feet in addition. Southeast of this dining-room is still another department, containing sitting-rooms, two bedrooms, kitchen and laundry. The house contains in all thirty-three sleeping rooms." A reception was held the night of the opening and the citizens requested that it be named the Dwelle House. The lot was a former site of Mr. Dwelle's residence. The hotel is now known as the Park Hotel, and since the time of its inception in 1877 has been the home of many landlords, the success of whom has been of variable degrees.

Northwood now is the home of one of the best and most popular hotels in this portion of Iowa, a modern, up-to-date and comfortable hostelry which has done much to boost the City of Northwood and to advertise the well-known hospitality of the community. The Winifred Hotel was built in 1912-13 and opened to the public on April 7th of the latter year. W. H. Larsen is the builder, owner and landlord of the Winifred Hotel and, with Mrs. Larsen, has given to the traveling public accommodations and fare unsurpassed. The hotel building is of brick, with a basement and three stories, and has twenty guest rooms.

The present volunteer fire department of Northwood had its beginning in May, 1883, when the town trustees purchased a hook and ladder truck, engine and hose cart, with all the necessary hose and appurtenances thereto, at an expenditure of \$1,800. An engine house was built and a bell purchased for the same at an expense of \$375. The fire department itself was organized in June, 1883, with the following officers: George F. Wattson, fire marshal; A. W. Gilbert, assistant marshal; John Lukens, hook and ladder marshal; Captain Wackman, hose marshal.

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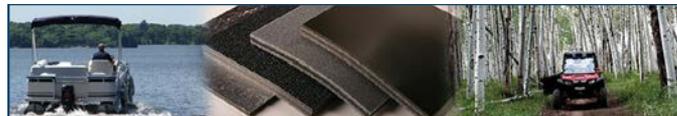


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The town site was purchased from Mr. O.J. Hogen for \$50 per acre. History shows several owners of the land from 1858 to that time. The original town contained 16 300-foot blocks, the plat being filed with the recorder October 10, 1899. Incorporation took place at an election held April 12, 1913. O.A. Bakken was the first postmaster in Joice, and first mayor was K. Nelson, elected May 24, 1913.

Prior to 1900 there were several country stores in the area including Tenold's Store, Nordland store and creamery, a blacksmith shop, Suby store and creamery, and a store and creamery at Bristol.

In 1899, a stockyard was built by the railroad and a box car set off to serve as a depot. At the same time a store building was built near the depot operated by O.A. (Alf) Bakken but it only survived for a year, when two other stores began business. Two elevators were built and operating in 1901. The first elevator burned in 1920, and the second was purchased in 1906 by Farmers Cooperative Society of Joice.

T. O. Gordon, who operated a general store in Joice for many years, related the following which was of interest to those people who were price conscious at this time and in the future: "There was no such thing as super markets at that time. A general store was on the order of a trading post. The farmers brought in their eggs, poultry and butter, and took out in exchange such items as they needed for their families."

Other early business enterprises included a drug store - Jack Flaherty druggist; two hardware stores, an implement shop, a tin shop, a blacksmith shop, a bank, a restaurant, a harness shop, a meat market and a shoe shop.

Today, Joice has thriving businesses in the community and the immediate surrounding area. The county shop, fire station, bank, post office, public library, hair salon, an insurance business, a church, and a grain elevator are all in city limits. Another church, excavating/drainage business, a cooperative and

Like many other towns in the county, Joice had its beginning as a town with the coming of the railroad in 1899, although people had settled in the vicinity and been active in the community long before the actual founding of the town.

Several communities along the proposed rail line were named after a group of men who had foreseen the opportunity and purchased land for town sites, thus Joice was named after P. M. Joice, a Lake Mills banker, who was one of the group members.



fertilizer plant, appliance recycling facility, heating/cooling business, wind farm, engineering/tooling business, transport company, and an equestrian center are all in close proximity to the community.

Joice continues to look toward the future with the implementation in recent years of a municipal water and municipal wastewater system as well as annexation of additional property into city limits. The city council is a progressive group always looking for new opportunities to improve their community for the benefit of the residents.

The children of the community are in the Lake Mills Community School District, and are bused from Joice to Lake Mills daily for classes. LMCS is a K-12 school all located on one campus for easy convenience of transitioning from one grade level to the next.

Joice is well positioned for future business growth and development, with new municipal city utilities completed, and being located only 4-5 miles west of Interstate 35. Whether it is a housing development, or business, you will be welcomed by the City of Joice!

Thank Joice Days, in July, offers an old-time community celebration. Including a street dance, picnic, parade, games and activities for the kids. The Top of Iowa Car Show is also held at this time.

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