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COMMUNITY

EVENTS

BOLAN

Bolan Fall Festival, held every fall includes music, pancake breakfast, pie and ice cream, vendors, bake sale and a bicycle ride around the county.

www.bolaniowa.com

BUFFALO CENTER

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

FERTILE

Held in August, Fertile Days promises an eventful day, including a parade, a Fireman's Breakfast and much more.

FOREST CITY

Heritage Park hosts many events in the city including: Steam School in May, Steam Threshing in June, Heritage Festival in July, Junkapalooza in Sept., Tour of Lights in Nov. and Dec. and Christmas in Dec.

www.heritageparkofnorthiowa.com

Country Thunder, held in June, is a multiple day event that brings many headliners for great music and camping all weekend.

www.countrythunder.com/iowa

Motor Night, held two times a summer is an annual, free event that brings visitors from across Iowa to display their trucks, cars, tractors and motorcycles.

www.cityofforestcity.com

The annual Puckerbrush Days Celebration in July features hometown traditions such as a 5K run/walk, entertainment, parade, food, fireworks and much more.

www.cityofforestcity.com

GRAFTON

Turkey Day arrives in July, including great traditional food all centered around, yes, you guessed it—Turkey.

www.graftoniowa.com

HANLONTOWN

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

JOICE

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

KENSET

The Town & Country Festival in August is a family friendly event that will keep everyone busy for the day.

www.kensettia.com

LAKE MILLS

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

www.lakemillsia.org

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 firework show at dusk.

Founders Day is held every September with vendors, music and one of the biggest classic cars shows around.

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 and has all typical county fair events, games, entertainment and food, as well as an antique tractor show and demolition derby.

www.winnebagoiowafair.com

COVID-19 has affected events in our counties. Event planners are continuing to pursue holding annual events. For detailed information regarding events and to stay up to date, consider visiting the website listed with each event. Search on our Facebook page or visit www.winn-worthbetco.com for specific event details, dates and times, along with other information.

POINTS OF INTEREST

WORTH COUNTY

BOLAN SCHOOLHOUSE & CULTURAL CENTER

Originally there were two rural schools located one mile north and one mile south of Bolan. After the south school burned in 1922, the school board decided to rebuild at the Bolan corner and consolidate the two schools into one two-room school. The Bolan church was used as a makeshift school to complete the school year.

In the Spring of 1923, the big day arrived to move into the new school. Such elegance! The rooms were large, everything spanning new, including desks and teachers' desks. There were separate coat rooms for boys and girls. A front entrance sported a fountain, of sorts, that was filled by students taking turns carrying water from Emma Hummel's well which was nearest. There were indoor chemical toilets and a full basement to play in during inclement weather.

Scott & Lori Willert bought the property in the fall of 2002, and the building became known as the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center, which is an eleven-member nonprofit board that organized in September 2007.

In April 2009, the Willerts donated the land and building to the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center, which is an eleven-member nonprofit board that organized in September 2007.

www.bolaniowa.com

CHAPEL HILL CEMETERY

Farmers in the area bought the two acres that comprise the cemetery in 1878. The Historical Society accepted a gift from Tom Fretty of a miniature (8-by-12-foot) church. This tiny church was moved in 1982 to the cemetery near Fertile and renovated.

CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK MUSEUM

The former Citizens Savings Bank Building in Hanlontown opened in 1920 and closed in 2000. The building combines elements from a variety of architectural styles. The exterior has a predominantly Classical Revival style design, but a closer look reveals elements of other styles. The interior is predominantly done in the Prairie School Style, and abounds with oak woodwork, stained glass, and marble.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ALTAR

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, built in 1936 in Grafton, 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.

GRAFTON HERITAGE DEPOT

This depot was built in 1878 by the Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad on the branch line from Mason City, Iowa to Austin, Minnesota. In June 1976, the depot was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and now is being used as a railroad museum and local heritage center.

KENSETT COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Church Museum, built in 1899, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. The main floor is used as a community museum and the basement is used for community meetings and social events.

MACHINERY MUSEUM

On the north bank of the Shell Rock River across the street from the Old Creamery in Northwood is the red Machinery Museum. It houses hundreds of pieces of machinery and equipment used in the area by our forefathers to farm our rich, fertile Worth County soil from the Swensrud farm to its present location in 1972.

MANLY JUNCTION RR MUSEUM

This is an extensive RR Museum with numerous displays, exhibits, and personal collection items from Iowa Northern Railway Co. and the Sabin family. It is located at 111 Main St. East in Manly. Call for your personal appointment at 641-454-8029.

RHODES MILL

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.

www.rhodesmill.com

SIME-OSWALD CABIN

This pioneer cabin's oak logs still bear the marks of the ax that split their lengths almost 150 years ago. They were hewn at a time when the country was reinventing itself after the Civil War. The cabin was built by Norwegian immigrant Arne Sime in 1869. "The skill, the work, the labor it took to do this — it is inconceivable to us today," said Richard Holstad, a descendant of the cabin's builder. Hanlontown is now home to the 18-by-30-foot two-story cabin that, despite as many as three moves from its original spot, still stands strong against time — with a little help.

THE CABOOSE MUSEUM

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

THE GLADYS PIXLEY MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

This log house was built in 1858 in Silver Lake Township, northwest of Northwood, by James Randall. It has been restored to its original condition, and a native limestone fireplace has been added.

THE OLD CREAMERY MUSEUM

This building was built about 1892 in Northwood as a creamery, which was in operation until the 1950s and now contains antiques.

THE TOP OF IOWA WELCOME CENTER

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center is a large red barn shaped structure featuring travel brochures, vending machines, a coffee shop and gift shop featuring Iowa-made products and crafts.

www.topoflowa.com

WORTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROPERTIES

The Worth County Freedom Rock is located in Kensett on the grounds of the community center. The following Worth County Historical Society properties can be found at

www.worthhistory.org.

WORTH COUNTY MAIN MUSEUM

The museum was built in 1879 as the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood. Special displays and demonstrations significant to local history are featured on the main floor, and on the second floor are dioramas reminiscent of the late 1800s.

WORTH COUNTY VETERANS MONUMENT

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.





POINTS OF INTEREST

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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 home to the Lake Mills Veterans Monument, constructed in 2004 as well. It includes the names of living and deceased veterans from the area. This area is also home to the Winnebago County Freedom Rock.

BURNAP COUNTRY SCHOOL MUSEUM

The Burnap Country School Museum on North Mill Street in Lake Mills is open by appointment. Please call LMDCD for more information.

BUFFALO CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is the mission of the Buffalo Center Historical Society to educate, preserve and promote understanding of the cultural, social and human history of Buffalo Center and surrounding areas. In pursuit of this mission, the Society will gather and preserve anything of historical relevance to the area. The Society will use public display and programming to further the cultural atmosphere of northern Iowa and historical awareness of our citizens. www.bchistoricalociety.com

GRANT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL HOUSE #5 - BUFFALO CENTER

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www.bchistoricalociety.org/grant-5

HERITAGE PARK OF NORTH IOWA

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. www.heritageparkofnorthiowa.com

THE MANSION MUSEUM

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

THE PROMISE OF AMERICA

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

VICTORIAN HOUSE

Built in 1901, with gardens, this beautiful house is available to rent for special gatherings and is located at 308 South Lincoln St. in Lake Mills. The public is welcome to enjoy the gardens. Please call LMDCD to schedule a visit.

WINNEBAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Winnebago Historical Society is housed in the Mansion Museum at 336 North Clark St., and it oversees Heritage Park, a 91-acre park on the south edge of Forest City. Its mission is to educate children and adults through the Mansion Museum, reintroduce families to their past through the Leibbrand-Whiteis Historical Center and recreate the lives and livelihoods of our ancestors at Heritage Park of North Iowa.

www.winnebagohistoricalocietyiowa.org

WINNEBAGO COUNTY VETERANS MONUMENT

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



Spend a Day – Relive A Lifetime

Heritage Park is known for a very large and diverse line of big iron and big events!

Visitors enjoy touring the tractor museums with over 61,000 sq. ft. of rare and unique machinery.

See over 25 steam engines and over 25 prairie tractors along with row crop tractors, threshers and machinery.

Visit our website to learn more about our events:

- Steam Engineer School
- Steam Threshing Festival
- Heritage Fest
- Junkapalooza
- Holiday Tour of Lights

The Park also boasts a museum with over 10,000 sq. ft. of vintage transportation on wheels. Discover your history by attending an event or scheduling a tour.

Tour our museums that include:

- Armed Forces Historical Center
- Transportation Museum
- Railroad Museum
- Beaver Creek Church
- Pioneer Village
- Timberland Museum
- Indian Artifact Collection
- Steam Engine & Tractor Museums
- Farmstead House and Barn
- Old School Museum

Heritage Park of North Iowa

Look for the church steeple and pioneer farm on the south edge of Forest City.

To schedule a tour or to talk about hosting an event at the Park, please call Dawn, 641-596-0527

Learn more: heritageparkofnorthiowa.com



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EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS

PILOT KNOB STATE PARK

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, two picnic shelters and 60 campsites, as well as hunting, fishing, bird watching and many other activities. Call 641-581-4835.

www.iowadnr.gov



RICE LAKE STATE PARK

The park is located two miles southeast of Lake Mills at Lakeside Drive. 641-592-9632. It is 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.

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WORTH COUNTY COUNTY PARKS



Worth County Conservation is home to Silver Lake Park and Panicum Prairie. The Worth County Conservation Board (WCCB) collectively manages 28 parks, natural areas, prairies, memorial sites and rest areas encompassing over 3,190 acres throughout the county. The office is located in Northwood.

www.mycountyparks.com/County/Worth.aspx

WORTH COUNTY CONSERVATION

503 First Ave. N
Northwood, IA 50459
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EMAIL: wccb@worthcounty.org
www.worthcounty.org/Conservation%20Board.htm

Worth county has two campgrounds, three day-use parks, three ponds or lakes for fishing, as well as the Shellrock River and numerous hunting opportunities. Contact WCC for more information regarding camping and shelter rental.

Brunsvold Haugen

This is a 19-acre oak timber currently undergoing timber stand improvements. This area is used by deer and turkey hunters.

Christianson-Taylor WMA

Christianson-Taylor is a 310 acre public hunting area consisting of restored wetlands and uplands with small pockets of mixed timber.

Dean Mueller Wildlife Area

96-acre area that is mostly prairie with a small stream.

Deer Creek Forest

This is a 40-acre mixed woodland divided by the Deer Creek drainage ditch. This area is good for deer and turkey hunting.

Deer Creek Rest Area

A small park along Highway 105. This is a shaded picnic area along the Deer Creek drainage ditch. The timber north and west of the park is open to hunting.

Deer Creek Wildlife Management Area

This area is a 45-acre mixed timber along the Deer Creek drainage ditch and is excellent for deer and turkey hunting. Some small game hunting is also done.

Fertile Mill

Fertile Mill is an abandoned fish rearing pond along the Winnebago River and is a good place to observe wildlife, and is open to public hunting.

Harrier Wetlands

This area features about 110 acres of mixed uplands, and approximately 20 acres of restored wetlands.

Kuennen's Quarry

Kuennen's Quarry is a day-use park. There are three-acre and eight-acre quarries stocked with fish, and the south (larger) quarry is stocked with trout in the wintertime. There is a playground located close to the enclosed shelter.

Land of Two Waters

This is a 260-acre area with restored uplands and wetlands; the Shellrock River and Elk Creek also run through the property. This area provides great opportunities for deer, turkey, pheasant and waterfowl hunting.

Myre Timber

This is a three-acre aspen and cottonwood timber with a walk in easement. This area offers deer and turkey hunting.

Northern Prairie WMA

This is a 40-acre area with a restored pothole wetland and some surrounding uplands consisting mainly of native grasses.

Ochee Yahola

Ocheye Yahola Park is mostly woods and offers camping, as well as hiking and equestrian trails. The park is open for archery hunting. When the park closes in November, it is then open for gun hunting.

Panicum Prairie WMA

Panicum Prairie is a 315-acre public hunting area consisting of seasonal wetlands and restored uplands, with small pockets of mixed timber and willow bats.

Plymouth Pits

This is an old 33-acre sand pit area seeded to native prairie uplands with mixed timber and scrub brush. There is deer, turkey, and pheasant hunting available in this wildlife area.

Sawin Wildlife Management Area

A 24-acre area that is mainly restored uplands along a drainage ditch. There is deer, and pheasant hunting available.

Shellrock Wildlife Management Area

This is a 126-acre area mostly upland, with an old river oxbow. Visitors can enjoy deer, turkey, pheasant and waterfowl hunting.

Silver Lake Access

This access has a pit toilet, fishing jetty, dock and concrete boat ramp for the lake.

Silver Lake Park

Silver Lake Park located on the north shore of Silver Lake. There is a small campground with eight sites located in the park.

Silver Lake WMA

This is a 25-acre prairie pothole surrounded by oak timber consisting mainly of the natural pond and is surrounded by mature oak trees.

Stimes Woods

This is a 165-acre area consisting of oak timber with heavy underbrush, some uplands, and a few seasonal wetlands. The area offers good deer, turkey, pheasant and rabbit hunting.

Storre Wildlife Management Area

This area is a four-acre access only for the Winnebago River.

Sydney Swensrud WMA

This is a river access near the state line on the Shellrock River. It is a great place to observe/photograph the spring bird migrations.

Tostenson Wildlife Refuge

This is a three-acre tree and shrub planting bordered by a small stream on the east. Hunting and entry is prohibited.

Turkeyfoot Prairie

This 137-acre area is mostly prairie with one wetland and a small stream. It offers good deer, turkey, pheasant and waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Turvold Woods

This is a 40-acre area made up of mature oak and walnut timber. It is a good place for deer and turkey hunting and an excellent area for bird watching.

Wally's Woods

A 73-acre area mainly a river bottom timber with some uplands overlooking the Winnebago River. It provides deer, turkey and pheasant hunting opportunities. It is also a good place to view the spring bird migrations.

Willow Creek Wildlife Management Area

This is a 515-acre area that is mainly restored uplands with a few seasonal wetlands. This area provides deer, pheasant and waterfowl hunting.

Woodduck Hollow

Woodduck Hollow is a 30-acre wildlife area. The uplands have been seeded to native prairie grasses and forbs, seeding was completed in the fall of 2009. There is a small amount of oak timber on the property.

Worth County Lake

Worth County Lake is a day-use park that used to be a sand pit. There is a large picnic shelter with a covered grill and a children's play area. There is also a volleyball court and horseshoe pits.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNTY PARKS

The Winnebago County Conservation Board (WCCB) is in North Central Iowa along the Minnesota border. WCCB manages 30 parks, trails, and wildlife areas; all-encompassing 3,500+ acres. www.mycountyparks.com/County/Winnebago/Parks.aspx

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Forest City, IA 50436
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Ambrosion Recreation Area

Formerly a rest area, this multi-use complex now contains a mixture of uplands and wetlands, providing excellent wildlife habitats. Located along the Winnebago River and containing 21 acres of ponds, this area is especially popular for fishing. Fish include northern pike, largemouth bass, catfish, and bluegills. The area also serves as an access point for the Winnebago River Water Trail.

C.A. Block Wildlife Area

This area consists of restored prairie uplands and wetlands, as well as Winnebago River bottoms. It is popular with hunters seeking waterfowl, upland birds, deer, and wild turkey.

Dahle Park

Located along the Winnebago River, Dahle Park offers good fishing opportunities, especially for northern pike, in the river and adjacent ponds.

Florence Recreation Area and Trap Shooting Range

With a renovated three-acre spring-fed fishing pond, Florence provides anglers with opportunities to catch bluegills, largemouth bass and catfish. Ice fishing is included. A restored prairie is popular with pheasant hunters and trap shooters.

Grant Wildlife Area

This wooded area contains a mix of cottonwoods, willows, and red cedars. This is a popular spot for deer and squirrel hunting. A foot trail also meanders through the area.

Gruis Recreation Area

This area contains a nine-hole public golf course complete with a driving range and clubhouse. Some restricted upland hunting is allowed in the area. The area also has a small pond for fishing.

Hagen Prairie

Native prairie containing over 70 varieties of wildflowers and grasses. Seed harvesting is prohibited. Although small, this tiny prairie offers great upland hunting opportunities.

Hanson Trail

This asphalt trail loops along Highway 9 and 340th St. from Forest City to Pilot Knob State Park. It is popular with bicyclists, walkers, joggers and rollerbladers. Visitors can use the trail for cross-country skiing in the winter. No motorized vehicles are permitted year-round.

Hogsback Wildlife Area and Target Shooting Range

This area contains a mixed oak forest, as well as a nice mixture of woodland wildflowers and native grasses. The timbered areas are especially popular with deer, squirrel and turkey hunters.

Jack Rabbit Slough

This area, purchased with grants from Pheasants Forever and the North American Wetland Conservation Act, contains restored wetlands and uplands. Hunters can enjoy hunting waterfowl, pheasants and deer.

Jensen/Kvale Tract

This tract contains restored prairie and wetlands, as well as a five-acre woodlot. A winter-cover food plot usually is planted on the west side of the river.

Lande River Conservation Area

Set in a natural floodplain of the Winnebago River, this area contains natural and restored wetlands, uplands and fishing ponds. It also provides easy access to the Winnebago River Water Trail. This area is also used for deer, squirrel, waterfowl and turkey hunting.

Larsen-Tweed Wildlife Area

In an oak-savanna setting, this wildlife area consists of native and restored prairies, as well as wetlands, and is popular with deer and turkey hunters.

Lenze McCoy Wildlife Area

This area includes 190 acres of restored prairie, wetlands and mixed timber. It also features good hunting opportunities for deer, turkeys, pheasants, rabbits and squirrels.

Linden Township Cemetery

This small cemetery is a true "pioneer cemetery," providing the final resting places of some of Winnebago County's first residents. The WCCB took on the cemetery's responsibility after "discovering" the area was also an excellent example of a virgin prairie, containing an abundance of native grasses and wildflowers.

Luke Rossiter Wildlife Area

This area contains both native and restored wetlands and prairies, making it a great hunting location. It is also a good area to see summer wildflowers.

Nieman Wildlife Area

This area is comprised of natural wetlands, prairies, oak and willow woodlands. This area is popular with waterfowl, deer, and turkey hunters.

Osmundson Slough

This scenic area contains eleven natural and restored wetlands, as well as native prairie and restored uplands. The mix of habitat makes for excellent waterfowl, pheasant and deer hunting.

Quam Wildlife Area

This area contains a restored prairie and wetlands, as well as winter-cover food plots. It is popular with upland bird and waterfowl hunters.

Rauk-Rasmussen Tract

There is a restored prairie, as well as wetlands and some timber along the Winnebago River. This area is popular with waterfowl, upland bird and deer hunters.

Russ Wildlife Area

The Russ Area is a fine example of past glacial activity in North Central Iowa, containing a 40-acre marsh surrounded by rolling hills.

Thompson Roadside Prairie

Formerly a rest area, this small parcel of land is now a restored prairie area and a Living Roadway Trust Fund "Gateway Project."

Thorpe Park

This contains a wetland that is popular with waterfowl hunters in the fall, and 15-acre Lake Catherine, which provides a quiet fishing spot year-round. The park includes a rental cabin along the lake and campsites, providing an excellent getaway as well! There is no deer or turkey hunting allowed in Thorpe Park.

Thorpe Recreation Area

Lying adjacent to Thorpe Park, this area also contains an extensive oak-hickory savanna, an upland prairie and a 30-acre wetland.

Walker Prairie

It contains a wonderful mix of wildlife habitat, including a small wetland, restored prairie, and some mature hardwood trees. Public archery hunting is allowed in this area.

Winnebago County Home Farm

Gifted to Winnebago County in the 1930's, the farm is now enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program. Its rolling hills have been restored to prairie and its bottomlands now contain wetlands.

Winnebago River Recreation Area

This area provides access to the Winnebago River, and also contains a natural marsh and an upland timber area.

Winnebago River Water Trail

This is one of Iowa's newest designated water trails. Boat at Dahle Park, the Lande River Conservation Area, or the Ambrosion Recreation Area and enjoy a leisurely float down the Winnebago river.



CITY PARKS

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

FOREST CITY

BOMAN PARK is located on John K. Hanson Drive across from the Waldorf College football field. Its facilities include a basketball net, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, two benches and picnic tables, handicapped accessible walkways and public restrooms.

CLARK PARK is located on Clark Street, across from Winnebago County Courthouse, Clark Park includes two picnic tables and benches, as well as handicapped accessible walkways.

EASTWOODS (CLARK WOODS) PARK has an entrance on East J Street (south side.) Follow a trail approximately ½ mile. This park includes a shelter house with water, electricity, 3-15' picnic tables, fireplace, playground equipment and a restroom.

FOUNDERS PARK can be found on Secor Avenue and Highway 69. It features one picnic table and a grass area for picnics and play.

MERRICK PARK is located on Park Street, Merrick Park's facilities include one small slide, one large slide, one large climbing apparatus, one spring animal, two swing sets, two benches and two picnic tables. The park also is home to a shelter house with picnic tables and a kitchen area.

PAMMEL PARK is in the heart of Forest City, just east of Highway 69. Entrances are located off Highway 69 and East J Street. Facilities include two 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, disc golf course and public restrooms. Bikes are also available in downtown Forest City and Waldorf University.

ROTARY - WESTGATE PARK

Rotary Park is a neighborhood park located in the Westgate housing subdivision. The entrance is off

Westwood Court and Westgate Drive. Facilities include playground equipment and several benches, as well as a gazebo and basketball court.

SUNSHINE PARK can be found at the north end of Gilbert Street in a residential area. Facilities include a "Tot Lot" with a playground unit, gazebo, playhouse, and swing set.

THOMAS BEARSE PARK can be accessed at the entrance off East J Street (north side), next to the Winnebago River and across from the entrance to Eastwoods Park. Facilities include a small parking area, gazebo, sign commemorating Thomas Bearse as the first settler of Winnebago County and picnic tables.

WOODLAND PARK is a neighborhood park located in the Woodland Housing Subdivision featuring a swing, log roll, two picnic tables and benches. The park also has a play unit equipped with three slides.

LAKE MILLS

BANDSHELL PARK: Shelterhouse, disc golf course

ELEVATOR PARK: Ball field, play unit, shelter house and basketball court.

KRUGGLE PARK: Shelter house, play equipment

LAKE MILLS SPORTS COMPLEX: features a shelter house, restroom facility, three ball diamonds, play equipment, two playhouses, walking/bicycle path around the play equipment and lighted trail to the park.

LIONS PARK: Shelter house, play equipment

OAKWOOD PARK This park includes shelter houses, restroom facility, play equipment for small children and a play unit for older kids, two tennis courts, two pickleball courts, skate park, sand volleyball court and disc golf course location. The Aquatic Center is also in the park.

BUFFALO CENTER CITY PARK

This area offers some playground equipment and a gazebo to rest or picnic in.

LIONS PARK - BUFFALO CENTER

Located on 2nd St. NE, Lion's Park offers playground equipment, shelter houses, a public swimming pool and tennis and basketball courts. The park also features a ball diamond with bleachers and a concession stand.

RAKE CITY PARK

The city park offers a playground set and shelter house.

SWENSON PARK - RAKE

Rake also offers a small area on North Main Street between two buildings with a place for picnics or just take a break while out and about.

SCARVILLE CITY PARK

On Main Street, this .82 acre area houses the city's firehouse, shelter house and playground equipment.

NOLTON PARK - THOMPSON

Located at the corner of Harrison Street and 3rd Ave., Nolton Park is the home of the Thompson Public Pool. It also has playground equipment, a shelter house and a basketball court. Camping is allowed on the north side of the park.

OTTO NOLTE PARK - LELAND

Located between B Street and C Street and 4th Ave. and 5th Ave., Otto Nolte Park includes a shelter house, playground equipment and a ball diamond. It is a great place to stop for a little fun.



WORTH COUNTY

GRAFTON CITY PARK

Located along 6th Avenue, there is a shelter house with a fireplace, playground equipment and a wading pool. Across the street, you will find a lighted ball diamond, basketball court and sand volleyball courts.

HANLONTOWN CITY PARK

This park is a destination for families with young children. Facilities include playground equipment, shelter house and adult outdoor fitness equipment.

MANLY

BOSWORTH PARK has three shelters and playground equipment are available. Bosworth Park is adjacent to the Manly Aquatic Center.

MACER DUNN SPORTS COMPLEX has three ball diamonds provide space for many tournaments.

MANLY CITY PARK is located in the heart of downtown next to City Hall with a gazebo is used for a few minutes of rest or for a small picnic.

JOICE CITY PARK

Playground equipment and a shelter house are located across the street from the library.

WILLIAM RHODES ISLAND PARK - FERTILE

Adjacent to the Winnebago River, the park offers fishing, photo opportunities and canoe access. A footbridge is connected to the park.

NORTHWOOD

CENTRAL PARK is located on Central Avenue with a basketball court and picnic area.

SWENSRUD PARK is one block south of Main Street. There are ball diamonds, volleyball court, shelter house, gazebo/band shell, restrooms, fishing, disc golf course, swimming pool and playground. The Northwood Community Pool is located here too.

WOODLAND PARK is located in the north part of town. The park offers a shelter house and play ground.



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BUFFALO CENTER



Located seven miles south of the Minnesota border, Buffalo Center was named for its location, which was midway between the north and south forks of Buffalo Creek. While the town was originally built south of its present site, it had to be moved north when the Chicago and Iowa Western Railroad set up lines in northern Iowa. The town

was platted in 1892 on mostly swampy ground, which was later dredged and tiled. One of the original settlers, Howard Pomeroy, mowed through his wheat fields to show where the streets would be, and it wasn't long before a hardware store and a blacksmith shop opened on those same streets.

The town's businesses and residents proved to be hardy as they survived fires, tornadoes, and several blizzards including the Armistice Day storm of Nov. 11, 1940, a winter storm which cut a 1,000-mile-wide swath through the middle of the country from Kansas to Michigan. Faith, hope and rebuilding resulted in a constant variety of businesses on Buffalo Center's Main Street.

Through the fight with nature, Buffalo Center's schools have always flourished. On Aug. 23, 1897, the town 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 1,000 people. It has a museum, several new businesses, a growing K-12 consolidated school and large, new community center. Buffalo Center has various establishments which contribute to its resident's quality of life. The town has several small parks and one large one, including a playground, tennis courts, shelter houses and a ball diamond with bleachers and a concession stand. The large park is also right next to the Buffalo Center Swimming Pool where residents go to escape the summer heat. The pool has diving boards, concession stands and a baby pool.

A Wellness Center is attached to the North Iowa Community School that is open 24/7 to support student and community wellness. Annual memberships for unlimited use of the equipment and facility are available. It has a walking track, weight and cardio equipment and a 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.

Buffalo Center is represented by their Bison mascot, who travels to various towns in the summer to participate in parades and other festivities. As a symbol for the town, a bison stands proud for photographs all year long in front of the Timely Mission Nursing Home.

For events such as birthday parties, reunions and graduations, the Heritage Town Center can be reserved. The space was opened in 2011 and includes a large banquet hall, small meeting room, large kitchen and offices for the city clerk. The Heritage Museum is in this same building and offers a new exhibit every year. Past displays have included wedding dresses, medical/dentist history, aerial photos, military uniforms, and farm implements.



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641-562-2231

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302 2nd St. SW
641-562-2221

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641-562-2677

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Although the Civil War interrupted the growth of Forest City, the benefits of the new community were attractive to immigrant settlers. In 1879, a new rail line running between Minneapolis and St. Louis brought new faces and new languages from Sweden, Norway, Germany and Denmark to Forest City. In the 1900s,

Forest City's history showed the progressiveness that continues today in the community. New schools, banks, churches, the formation of Waldorf University and the introduction of electricity and telephone turned Forest City into a county seat town ideal for raising families and growing industry.

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 first 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. In 1924, citizens stepped forward to preserve the remnants of beauty of the Wisconsin Glacial Drift,

which is enjoyed by thousands today as Pilot Knob State Park. Great strides continued in 1960 when local investors, headed by John K. Hanson and Elliot Cooper, took over a failing out-of-town travel trailer factory and made it into Winnebago Industries—today's leader in worldwide RV motor home manufacturing. Winnebago Industries offers free factory tours Monday through Friday. Those interested should call 641-585-6936 to make a reservation. Last, but not least, what began as a physics project in the Forest City Community Schools, a wind turbine was added to their facilities in the fall of 1998, which generated savings for the schools, cranking green power to the classroom and community.

If there were a book title for this Winnebago and Hancock Counties town, it would be: "Forest City - A Place to Grow...families, education, government, industry and productive farm fields." Welcome to our community, where roots run deep to grow the future.

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

Forest City offers a wide range of activities during your stay. In the warmer months, enjoy 15 miles of bike trails, nine parks, 26 miles of canoeing on the Winnebago River, a 21-basket disc golf course, an 18-hole golf course, three campgrounds, an aquatic center and many more activities. During your stay, don't miss a tour of Waldorf University, the Winnebago industrial tour or the Heritage Park of North Iowa tour which boasts many exhibits of our local agricultural and transportation history.

For business or lifestyle, Forest City is a desirable location. Located along the Winnebago River, we are conveniently located two hours south of Minneapolis and two hours north of Des Moines. This offers the community members a quick commute to visit the "big city" and offers us the advantage of drawing thousands every year to our large venues that host events such as the Country Thunder Music Festival.

Community members enjoy Forest City because in a growing population of 4,151 friendly people, it is easy to get connected, both professionally and personally. Many find that it is easy to make a difference by joining the many civic clubs and organizations.



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While the town was platted by Charles D. Smith in 1869, the history of Lake Mills traces back to the 1850s, when Joshua Thomas settled here with his family. They were followed by more early settlers, the majority of which were of Scandinavian descent, who originally named the town Slaunchville. However, after building a grist mill in 1864 to replace the water mills that dried up or were frozen every year, the town's name was changed to honor the new mill, which made a fortune for the town and its members and sat on the banks of what was then Rice Lake.

The mill attracted business from all over the area and influenced great growth. Throughout the 1860s and 70s, businesses such as grocery stores, banks, hotels, restaurants and blacksmiths popped up all over Lake Mills. Richard Sears, the founder of the Sears department store and catalog company, also came to the town to be a depot agent from 1880 to 1886 before moving to Redwood Falls, where the company picked up his trail to success. Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stenger spent his early

life in Lake Mills and Jesse Parker, a legend in Iowa education, was born and raised here.

Lake Mills is within travel-distance of roads that can take you in any direction. The Mason City Airport is only a 30-minute drive from Lake Mills and provides commercial air travel services, while Lake Mills Airport has a grass landing strip to allow for local air travel. The town is also centrally located two hours south of Minneapolis, MN, and two hours north of Des Moines, IA. Therefore, the community of Lake Mills is a prime location for business development, with 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.

While Lake Mills maintained a variety of businesses in its earlier days, the residents depended on Cool Spring Canning Company for employment during the first half of the 20th century.



When the plant closed in 1957, an aggressive group of Lake Mill residents began a highly successful drive to find another way to create jobs for people in the community. Since then, 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 Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota. With a strong work ethic, an excellent location, a state-of-the-art school system, great recreational opportunities, community organizations and churches, Lake Mills came to be an ideal place for businesses and families.

The Lake Mills Community School District (LMCS) includes the cities and rural areas of Joice, Scarville, and Lake Mills. These communities care deeply about their students' needs and have been continually renovating and adding new facilities to improve their education system. The district maintains its high priority in including technology in its curriculum and its commitment to promoting an atmosphere of teaching and learning. Such commitments encourage students to pursue personal excellence and prepare for the challenge of tomorrow. As a result, LMCS has received numerous recognitions at the state and national

level over the years. It has been selected as one of the 64 schools nationwide to be named a 'service-learning leader.' Students in this area can continue their education at two and four-year degree programs located within driving distance of 30-45 minutes or less from Lake Mills.

Lake Mills has plenty to offer for entertainment. Whether you are out for an evening with friends or looking for a fun place to shop, Lake Mills has something for you. If shopping is your mission, check out retail spots like Marketplace on Mill Street, Three Oaks Green House or Salon 304 Spa and Boutique for unique clothing options, gifts and other fun items.

For outdoor recreational activities, you can have a picnic in one of the many family-friendly parks, escape a hot summer day by getting a pass to the Lake Mills Family Aquatic Center or visit Rice Lake for fishing or water skiing. Otherwise, there is a bike trail that takes visitors through town and past the beautiful "Promise of America" sculpture, which signifies the Norwegian heritage of the community and its founders. Lake Mills is also home to Winnebago County's Freedom Rock located in Arlington Veteran's Park which serves as a tribute to the service members of the community.



LAKE MILLS

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50450

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Conference Room
Lake Mills Family Fitness Center
Lake Mills Historical Society
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43430 225th Ave.
24807 Highway 105
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216 W Main St.
712 N Lake St.
LMCDC
105 N Western St.
115 N Mill St.
206 S 4th Ave. W
306 S Mill St.
227 W Main St.
46005 220th Ave.

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641-592-1600
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641-592-5277
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Lake Mills Aquatic Center
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507-383-2289

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641-592-1010

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641-592-4105

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641-592-4255

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21265 430th St.
641-592-9182

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641-592-2090

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Myotherapy Specialties
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641-592-5550

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LELAND



Located in Winnebago County, Iowa, Leland's story began with the settlement of John D. Leland, an attorney who moved to the area from Illinois in 1878 and purchased a considerable amount of land. Then, the railroad came to town in 1879, bringing plenty of people and new businesses with it. As a result, a hotel was built for the railroad workers in 1880, which was quickly followed by blacksmith shops, lumber yards, hardware stores, general stores, a creamery, banks, and taverns. The town's namesake Mr. Leland also joined the flourish of business by establishing his own threshing machine factory, which later became a cement factory. Then, in 1932, another big change came to the community with the building of U.S. Highway 69 through the center of town. More businesses began to appear along the highway to capitalize on the traffic and the community of Leland became even more established.

But the history doesn't end there. From Highway 69, on the south end of town, a white cross can be seen on a grassy hill. Many passing through Leland gaze at it as they drive by, wondering what its story is. In 1905, R.W. Branstad stayed with a friend on the farmstead that used to occupy this same hill. Mesmerized by the landscape, Branstad never forgot about this place of beauty and said, "It could very well be called Calvary." In 1948, he purchased the farm and, when his son was about to enter military service in 1950, Branstad was inspired to dedicate the hill to his faith. Originally, he planned on spelling out the words "GOD" and "SON" with rocks, which were collected and piled atop the hill. However, the message was often disturbed by vandals who changed the biblical words to inappropriate ones. Filled with frustration, Branstad finally gave up on his project and buried the rocks.

But, in 1974, as he neared the age of 79, he decided to complete his life-long project by building the cross and placing it atop the hill where it could be seen by all.

Faith also inspired another man to put up a cross on the northern side of Leland, also along Highway 69. Wayne Wubben built the 25-foot cross and placed it along his fence line to remind people of their faith as they pass by. He completed the project with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leland as well as an organization focused on placing crosses in each state of the U.S. and in every country in the world. The cross is located near one of Wubben's field entrances, which he keeps clean in case anyone feels so inclined to visit the cross for prayer.

Though Leland remains a small town, its history and faith have attracted a few memorable residents and visitors. Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad, Iowa's longest serving governor, lived in Leland as he attended nearby Forest City High School before moving on to attend the University of Iowa and Drake University Law School. He then returned to the area to practice law in

neighboring Lake Mills. His career took off after serving in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1972-1978. Then he was elected as Lt. Governor from 1978-1982 and Governor from 1983-1999, being re-elected to the office in 2011. In December of 2016, Governor Branstad was named Ambassador to China by the newly elected Trump administration.

Alongside such an important politician, actor Kevin Costner and his band Modern West also visited Leland in 2009. The group recorded a song titled "Leland, Iowa," which was written by one of the band members who has relatives in the Leland area. At the request of residents, the band came to town to perform this song before the community in the 'Ambrosen Barn.' However, the event attracted fans from all over the state and the town swelled with people hoping to meet the group. After their performance, Costner and the band went to the local café to do another performance for those who were unable to fit into the barn. Both performances marked a day that the community of Leland will never forget.



LELAND

RESIDENT INFORMATION

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RAKE



Founded in 1900, Rake was named after A. A. Rake, a Norwegian who settled there at the age of 20. He worked as a farm hand for two years before renting and cultivating his own land for another two years. Then, in 1882 he came to Winnebago County and purchased land in section 16 of the Lincoln Township. This land was operated and improved until 1910, when he sold the farm after finding great success from his use of progressive methods in tilling fields and caring for the crops. In 1886, Mr. Rake established a post office and built several homes and businesses,

including a successful general merchandise store which he operated for 15 years. These developments led to the official establishment of the town.

Many of the original businesses in Rake were built between July 15th and August 14th of 1900. The array of 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 quickly followed, and included another restaurant, a bakery, a livery stable, two hardware and implement stores, a Methodist Church and a Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Today, Rake maintains a variety of businesses that serve the community and its residents. These include an agricultural company just outside of town, a cooperative grain elevator, a hair salon, an upholstery & repair shop, a redemption center, a water well business, a frozen food business, an excavating business and restaurants and a bar. There is also a locally owned bank, State Savings Bank, which is one of the only remaining small town independently owned banks in the area with one location. The bank was established in 1914 by nearly 35 investors alongside A. A. Rake, who served as the



first bank president. The bank has been in the same brick building on the corner of Main Street since that building was constructed in 1916.

Rake's deep history ties in with many of the town's buildings and events such as the Lutefisk Supper. This event was held every February until 2010 but began with Mr. Rake in 1975. Drawing in nearly 500 hundred people, the Lutefisk Supper doubled the population of the town. It was held at Zion Lutheran Church and was a great way to find a little bit of Norway in northern Iowa with its traditional Norwegian dishes. The event came to be loved by all within the area, and many members of the community are working on reviving this tradition.

Rake's school district also has a long history as it came into existence shortly after the town's founding. In 1978, voters passed a merger plan for the Rake and nearby Buffalo Center school districts. The two individual districts were dissolved on July 1 of the same year, creating the Buffalo Center-Rake

Community School District. With this change, each respective community retained the K-8 grades in their own school building while high school students attended the Buffalo Center campus. The building still stands today but is in private ownership and is not open to the public.

With a strong history and Norwegian ties, "A Little Bit of Norway, A Lot of Pride" remains as Rake's slogan, which is featured on the sign at the edge of town. Rake also has a 'sister city' relationship with Rocka, Norway. Every year, Rake holds the Borderline Tractor Ride in June. The ride travels across the area to offer a full day of fun, including visiting some of northern Iowa's scenic attractions such as Effigy Mounds, Yellow River Forest and Spook Cave. For more information on the Tractor Ride, please contact Phil Benn at 641-566-3563.

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



RAKE

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50465

CITY HALL & COMMUNITY CENTER

101 E Grace St.
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641-566-3720
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Saturday 8:30 - 10:15 a.m.

UTILITIES

Electricity	Alliant Energy	800-255-4268
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Garbage	Waste Management	www.wm.com
Recycling	Cooper's Redemption	641-566-3888

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Rake American Legion		
Auxiliary #539	Cathy Quam	641-566-3374
Boy Scouts	Illa Roth	641-903-9409
Fire Department	210 E Grace St.	641-566-3738
First Responders	Matt Duve	641-566-3738

A COMPLETE LIST OF BUSINESSES

Arnie's Pump Service & Well Drilling Inc.
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641-566-3582

Hatch Repair
114 N Main St.
641-566-3788

Secure Tracs
50245 40th Ave.
641-566-3022

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641-566-3658

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110 N Main St.
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State Savings Bank
102 N Main St.
641-566-3321

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115 N Main St.
641-566-3040

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46285 10th St.
641-569-3411

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106 N Main St.
641-590-4690

Captain's Choice
310 E Grace St.
641-566-3020

Landus Cooperative
314 N Main St.
641-566-3351

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102 S Main St.
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112 3rd St. NW
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SCARVILLE



Platted in 1899, Scarville takes its name from Ole Scar, who became a prominent businessman in the area and was the mayor and postmaster for several years. After coming to the U.S. from Norway in July of 1896, Scar settled in Wisconsin before coming to Mitchell County in Iowa, then to Lake Mills to work in an Osage merchant's general store. When the store burned down in 1871, he went to California to join the Gold Rush, where he found enough gold to move to Washington State and purchase 80 acres of land. However, Scar returned to Iowa in 1874 and partnered with the Osage merchant to open another general store in Lake Mills.

After a few years of success in the business, Scar became the sole proprietor of the store, which came to be known as Scar-Nelson Mercantile Company. At the time, this business was the leading retail and wholesale establishment in this part of Iowa. But this wasn't enough for Scar, who began

acquiring the right of way for nearly all the rail lines constructed in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. The rail right-of-way he acquired ran through what is now known as the communities of Hanlontown, Joice and Scarville in Iowa, as well as Kiester and Bricelyn in Minnesota. While he continued his successful business ventures, including founding banks in the same communities as his railroad right-of-way and dealing in real estate, Scar also had a hand in platting and visualizing 14 communities in this region, including his namesake of Scarville. He remained a bachelor the entirety of his life and passed away in 1916.

Since then, the town of Scarville has seen many changes. The highest community population was recorded as 163 in the 1930's. Today, the population is less than 100. However, nearly 1,500 visitors flock to Scarville each year for the 4th of July Celebration. Scarville is a hub of activity which maintains a variety of businesses

such as a tavern, cooperative grain elevator, post office, technology business, 3D printing business, a U-Haul rental business and a variety of other local businesses outside the city limits.

Scarville also places a high priority on the education of its youth. The town has had a school in the community since 1904, when classes were held in the basement of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Then, in 1906, a two-room schoolhouse was built on land donated by Ole Scar. Finally, a frame building was built on Main Street in 1920 where the first high school class graduated from four years later. Additionally, a new brick school was built on the same school block on the north side of town in 1935 and added to in 1952. However, this building was used for a short time with the final Scarville High School seniors graduating in 1958. After that year, grades 1-8 stayed at the Scarville School while the high school students began attending Lake Mills. The school closed after classes were completed in May 1965. Grades 1-8 transferred to Lake Mills in the fall of 1966. The Scarville School building was then used as a private residence on and off for years and remained standing until 1997.

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

The Annual 4th of July Celebration is one of the best attended events in the area. Scarville's tiny community swells to more than 1,500 people in the early days of July. This event includes

a parade that passes through Main Street twice, meaning double the candy for anyone who is lucky enough to catch it. The celebration offers something for everyone, whether it's a parade for the kids or a community picnic featuring burgers prepared by the volunteer firemen for the family. Other events include music in the park (be sure to bring your own lawn chair), a day-long flea market in the park, a kids' pedal pull, free bars and ice cream in the shelter house throughout the afternoon and much more. The event ends with the sinking of the sun followed by an amazing firework show.

Before and after the Independence Day celebration, Scarville still has a lot to offer for visitors. The Community Center is available for rent by private parties to host family reunions, birthday parties, baby showers, confirmations, graduations, anniversaries, etc., though there is a maximum capacity of 75 people. The space includes a restroom, handicap accessible entrance, a full kitchen and heat and air conditioning to assure the comfort of your guests. The Community Center is also home to events such as the monthly Town Council meetings and other local groups and is the voting location for Norway, Logan and Eden Townships. To rent the facility for your gathering, meeting or event, call the city clerk at 641-568-3110 or send an email to cityclerk50473@gmail.com.

Though a small community, Scarville continues to be a busy little place which is centered on strong faith with its private Lutheran school and two churches, family-owned businesses and agriculture.



SCARVILLE

RESIDENT INFORMATION

50473

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UTILITIES

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

4th of July Celebration	Doug Harmon	641-590-3924
Fire Chief	Dan Kessler	641-568-3330
Fire Department	2nd St. E	

A COMPLETE LIST OF BUSINESSES

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641-568-3682

Immanuel Lutheran Church

105 E 3rd St.
641-568-3666

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201 Main St.
641-568-3030

Biz Wiz Marketing, LLC

106 E 2nd St., Suite A
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L&D 3D Printing

49824 180th Ave.
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VINJE



Vinje is believed to have started in the late 1860s or early 1870s. The first Vinje post office was located in a dirt cellar less than a mile west of the present village, on the late Hans Engebretson farm. The post office was known as Nesheim, according to post office records, but was later changed to Vinje, for Mr. Vinje who then lived on the Engebretson farm.

When the village of Vinje was started, the post office was in the store building, built in 1887 by David Olson for Gullick Gullickson (also known as Dr. Herm.) The second owners were Lars Hauge and Olaus Kaldal. Owners since then have been Lewis Skuttle, Ole Strom, Ed Jensen, Hermon Stendel, Melvin Johnson, L. P. Rudd, Henry Hanson, Marvin Gerber, Arnold Olien, Alfred Johnson, Selmer Nelson, Mike Anderson, Leslie Schroader, William Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Clem) Nelson and Kent Grunhvd.

Jamie and Jessica Zielske have owned the building since 2002 and it is now known as Vinje Pub & Grub. They serve burgers, steaks, and all the fixings that have customers coming from near and far. The Pub & Grub has had many improvements since the Zielskes bought the building. A new roof, siding, heating/cooling, plumbing, insulation, refinishing of wood floors and the addition of an

outdoor deck area are just a few of the projects they've finished.

During the first years of Vinje, there was also a blacksmith shop owned by Andrew Peterson. Gullickson owned a photographic gallery north of the store.

In 1922, Robert (Dewey) Schroader built a garage on the corner east of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Schroader lived in the back of the garage. Among the operators of the garage were Alvin Larson, Ole Hauskins, Amos Bendickson, Henry Willert, Clarence Engebretson, Alvin Engelby and Russel Engelby.

The Vinje creamery was established in April of 1894. The only equipment were two big separators. After separating the cream at Vinje, it was hauled to Emmons to be churned into butter. Erick Gudvangen, manager of the station, hauled the cream to Emmons. The board members were M. J. Egerdal, president; Nels Berg, secretary; K. M. Hage (father of the late Dr. M. M. Hage of Lake Mills), Christian Engebretson and John Holman, directors.

In April of 1903, the creamery started to make its own butter. Erick Gudvangen was the first butter maker. The officers were John Holman, president; K. M. Hage, vice president; Nels Berg, secretary; Ole Strom, treasurer, and Ole

S. Johnson and T. M. Holstad, directors. The creamery burned in 1913 and was promptly rebuilt.

On July 13, 1929, the creamery renewed its articles of incorporation. Its directors were T. S. Brustad, John Bergstad, Lewis Solomonson, Ole Strom, Elmer O. Bergland, Albert C. Engebretson and T. K. Clevon. In September of 1940, the creamery was rebuilt with glazed blocks. The men who have held the position of buttermaker are Eric Gudvangen (who was the grandfather of Clem Nelson), Ed Jensen, Martin Torgerson, Herman Stendel, Albert Knutson, Gay Hovland, Helmer Hovland, Selmer Nelson, Charles Brue and Leslie Tiedman. In 1948, Vinje creamery merged with Scarville Creamery. The building was torn down and, in its place, a new home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson. Their son, Larry, now occupies the home.

The creamery house was across the road from the garage and later was the home of Mrs. Mabel Engelby. In later years, it was torn down. The garage house was vacant and in 1966, Mrs. Richard Throne started "Karilins", a thrift shop, in it. In 1968, the thrift shop was reopened by Mrs. Mabel Engelby.

Bethel Lutheran Church was formed by the congregation in 1878 when they built a wood frame church on the west side of Vinje at the top of the hill. A few years prior to that, the congregation had met in a nearby schoolhouse. The original wood structure was struck by lightning and burned in 1949. A new brick church was dedicated in August 1955 and still stands today. Many weddings, funerals, anniversaries, Sunday meals and Sunday School & Bible School lessons have been held

at Bethel Church. For 143 years (1878 to 2021), Bethel Lutheran Church has stood and offered shelter and the Word of the Lord to all who seek it.

In 1936, the winter of the big snows, drifts were 20 feet high in places. People brought their cream to Vinje by horse and bobsled and brought groceries back home with them. When they needed coal, they went on to Scarville, three miles east of Vinje, taking along several men to help scoop away the snow when the horses became bogged down in the drifts. It was the custom for the men of the community to gather in the back of Vinje Store where Donna Nelson had the coffee ready. During the big snowstorms of 1968-69 before the snowplows could get there, you would see not cars, but tractors, lined up outside the store for the men's coffee hour and neighborhood news. Today at the Pub & Grub, you will see cars, trucks, motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATV's, and maybe even still a tractor now and then.

Over the years, Vinje has served as the neighborhood center for the people of the community. Because it was close to the store, after attending church services at Bethel Lutheran Church or when the children went to Sunday School and Bible School, people would congregate at the store or stay at the church for dinner and visit all afternoon. Men would congregate at the Vinje Store to catch up on the news.

Vinje is still the local place to meet; it is just the faces that have changed, but the location remains the same, with the friendly banter, a cold drink and good food.



THOMPSON



Platted in 1892, the City of Thompson in Winnebago County, Iowa was established after the railroad came to town, and was incorporated in 1894. Named after Jasper Thompson, the president and general manager of the Town Lot Company which sold lots for settlement and development, the

town then began a slow growth. While Mr. Thompson originally estimated the town's population to grow to 1,000 within a year, by 1915 it had only attracted 425 citizens. In 2010, it still hadn't reached his goal, with a population of 502 according to the U.S. Census. Nevertheless, the town flourished in other ways. It has since grown into a pleasant community with affordable housing, city municipal services and a variety of family-owned businesses providing the town's citizens with employment and services for the community.

Despite the small population, Thompson has always maintained a vibrant Main Street. In the past, the streets were lined with a creamery, meat locker, general stores, hotels, restaurants and banks. One business has a special tie to the community. Hometown Market, a grocery store, convenience store, restaurant/deli and gas station all rolled into one, is a business that was built by the



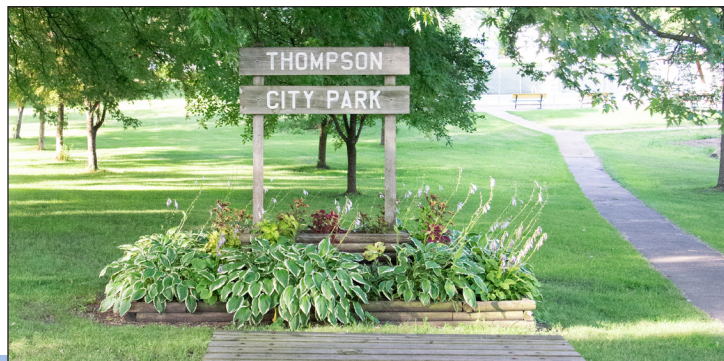
community in April of 2000. Hometown Market served as an example of what a community can accomplish. After the mortgage was paid off in 2016, shareholders discussed selling Hometown Market for several years. The decision did not come lightly, but as shareholders were aging, it was getting harder to find people to serve on the board. NuWay-K&H made a firm offer to purchase the store and continue selling both groceries and fuel. The shareholders voted unanimously to sell. Today, Hometown Market continues providing all the necessities for Thompson residents.

After Thompson had all the necessities, the need for a good education system arose. The school district in town partnered with neighboring communities to create a unified educational department known as the North Iowa School District. Until a few years ago, this district operated campuses in Thompson and Buffalo Center before becoming a single campus in Buffalo Center. Therefore, the old school building in Thompson was put up for sale. It was quickly purchased by two Thompson School alumni in 2015, who began renovating both the older (1915) and newer

(1960s) portions of the building into apartments. The town's old school then came to be known as Thompson Apartments, and future plans for more housing on the land behind the school were also made.

Alongside the food and history, one of Thompson's main attractions is the annual Winnebago County Fair. Every July, crowds flock to Thompson's fairgrounds, located on the south side of town, to see everything from youth 4-H projects, animal presentations and horse shows to grandstand entertainment such as live band performances, demo derbies, rodeos and "celebrity" donkey races. When the county fair ends, the fairgrounds can be utilized for a variety of events and activities throughout the rest of the year. If you are interested in having an event here, contact the fair office at 641-584-2011.

Now, with a little taste of what the community of Thompson has to offer, come decide for yourself what makes Thompson "A Good Place to Call Home." Whether it's the food, people, history or the county fair, everyone can find their reason for being in Thompson, Iowa.



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11723 Highway 9

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Branding Iron, The

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146 Jackson St.

641-584-2820

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641-584-2307

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641-584-2743

Winnebago County Extension

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BOLAN



The only village located in Barton Township, Worth County, Iowa, is Bolan. It had its beginning when the Chicago Great Western Railroad was constructed in 1886 and named by the railroad roadmaster at that time, his name being Matt Bolan. The town was platted in December of 1885 and recorded in February 1886 on land owned by Anna Alexander.

William Klinefelter began preaching in 1892, in a schoolhouse one mile north of Bolan. Under the leadership of Rev. Charles Lang, the United Evangelical Church at Bolan was organized, and in February 1895, the building was dedicated.

In the early 1900s, Bolan had a church, depot, elevator, grocery store, post office (1886-1934), two blacksmith shops, cream buying station, stockyards, coal and lumber yards and a school (1923-56) on the corner a quarter mile west. There were passenger and freight trains daily. In the 1986 centennial book, it mentions that families populated to 75 people in the Barton village. Family names included: Kenison, Whitcomb, Mowers, Thon, Hummel, Krusemark, Birdsall, Benish, Wambeam, Gearhart, White, Perkins, Smith, Olsen, DeMaris, West, Carbery, Anderson, Seater, McCready, Steiger, Burnett, Colby, Erdmann and no doubt many more.

There were rural schools one mile north and one mile south of Bolan. In 1922, the south school burned, and the board decided to rebuild at the Bolan corner and combine the two into one two-room school. Barton No. 2 closed in 1956. Arthur H. White and wife Ruth purchased the closed school and moved it to Bolan's Main Street to replace the old store. It served as a grocery store until 1971, then Ruth's antique store. George Hansen made Bolan the "Wagon Capitol of Iowa" and sold lots of tile to area farmers. The school structure was an implement farm and feed store until 2002.

In 2007, an 11-member nonprofit Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center board was formed, and Barton No. 2 has since been restored and refurbished. It serves as, "A place where friends meet." Educational and entertaining programs are hosted by the BSCC and the two-level, handicap accessible building is available to the public for rent. The upper level has the original wood flooring and bell to ring. The 1940s 18'x 10' school stage curtain with 29 businesses advertised has been replicated and is on display. The lower level has a full kitchen, tables and chairs for seating 80, and a bathroom with shower, washer and dryer. The BSCC is a member of "warmshowers.org" and has hosted overnight bicycling guests from all over

the world. The organization is currently working on moving, rehabilitating, and restoring Grandma Sina White's home to its 1940s look. The history of her immigration from Denmark and her family's life in Bolan and Worth County will be displayed along with a special WWII exhibit and tribute to her grandson Kenneth Paulson who was killed in Normandy in 1944.

Vacation Bible School is held for one full week in June after the Worth County Fair and hosts an average of 60 children Pre-K through 5th grade with just as many volunteers. This has been a shared ecumenical event in the area for a number of years. Trinity United Methodist Church of Bolan celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2020. Weekly Sunday services are held at 9:10 a.m. with Pastor Cory Allard at the pulpit, followed by coffee fellowship.

The Bolan Community has held fundraisers over the years to produce a railroad-themed park for the public to enjoy. It is parallel to the location of the railroad that was pulled out in the 1980s. It has a four-piece train, depot replica, water tower sand box, teeter-totter, swings and picnic tables. At Christmas time, the community takes pride in "lighting up the town," making the cruise on Tuplip Lane worth it.

Bolan hosts an annual fall event each year on the third Saturday of September. There is a pancake breakfast by the BSCC, UMW Bazaar and luncheon, multi-route bicycle ride, live music, craft and produce vendors along the street. Watch for the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center to host educational and entertaining programs throughout the year. Visit www.bolaniowa.com.



FERTILE



Fertile dates back to the arrival of William Rhodes, a Canadian who came to Iowa in August of 1856. He and other early pioneer settlers selected this area because of its location near the Beaver and Lime Rivers. This region has always been a popular area due to the vast supply of timber and water. Rhodes used these nearby resources to build a mill to process wheat into flour on the banks of Lime River, now known as the Winnebago River.

Along with the early settlers, Native Americans also played a part in Fertile's history. The Winnebago River is named for the tribe whose last Iowa home was south of town. There is also evidence of Indian battle grounds north of town and burial sites along the river.

Today, Fertile remains a small, beautiful river town that is defying the odds – it was one of several small towns to grow in the last census. Along with this, Fertile's citizens have a lot to celebrate.

They honor their hometown each year during Fertile Days, which 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.

Located right on the Winnebago River, Fertile offers plenty of outdoor activities, such as canoeing/kayaking and fishing. The town's event centers such as Rhodes Island Park draw guests to the town every year to appreciate the dam, mill and footbridge.

Beaver Creek Gardens, Inc. offers a unique opportunity for customers to pre-order fresh, locally grown vegetables. Bulk tomatoes and peppers are also available for canning by calling in advance. In the spring, their greenhouse is open on the weekends beginning around Mother's Day and offers specialty annuals, hanging baskets, planters and a large variety of peppers and tomato plants

for your garden. In the fall, pumpkins, squash and gourds are for sale at the end of the driveway for fall decorators. The local business welcomes you to enjoy the fruit of their land, just make sure to call ahead at 641-590-3102 or check their Facebook page.

Along with offering plenty of activities, Fertile is also an ideal place to raise a family. Fertile is in the Forest City School District, which offers a top-notch educational system complete with sports, theater, band and many more extra-curricular activities. Additionally, Fertile's Little League program is one of the best in the area.

Gifted to the community from William Rhodes, the William Rhodes Island Park and its recreational facilities have been greatly improved by the local Lions Club over the years. Such improvements include replacing the wood band stand with a sturdier one made of brick and cement and building concrete tennis and basketball courts. Private parties also pitched in and installed a horseshoe court and a large fireplace. The park also includes two shelter houses, a wood burning fireplace and an original grinding stone from the mill, making the park a great place to spend a lazy afternoon and get a breath of fresh air.

The mill and wood dam were both constructed in 1858 by William Rhodes. The pair were originally used for milling lumber but were converted for grain milling in 1868 and continued in that capacity through the 1930s. The wooden dam was replaced with a concrete dam around 1917. Today, the mill is presently available for vacation rental.

Other historic structures in the park are the William Rhodes Log Cabin and the Veterans Monument, which was built in 1956 by the Veterans of the Fertile Community. The group dedicated the memorial in the park to the memory of those servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during the two World Wars and the Korean War. The monument still stands in William Rhodes Island Park.

Across the bridge from the park sits Fertile's Creamery, which was founded in 1896 and whose original location at the west end of Main Street was where milk was taken to be separated. Later, farmers purchased their own separators and the creamery was then used to churn cream 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 of 1971, along with various other creameries in northern Iowa, due to the decline in family farm milking herds as most farmers switched to only grain farming. 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. Today, the Creamery building is a private residence. The owner operates a bed & breakfast and attracts many guests, including international visitors.

Farther away from the park is Chapel Hill, located northwest of town and 1.25 miles east of Bluebill Avenue on 370th St. The hill features a miniature chapel with only four pews and an old pioneer cemetery.



FERTILE

RESIDENT INFORMATION

50434

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Water/Sewer	City of Fertile	641-797-2121
Garbage/Recycling	Waste Management	800-222-6214
Natural Gas	Black Hills Energy	800-890-5554

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Chapel Hill	Historical Society	641-924-1180
Fertile Book Club	Angie Thompson	641-797-2787
Fire Chief	Mike Dahn	641-425-2931
Fire Station	Mike Dahn	641-797-2238
Fertile Days	Holly Lovik-Hanna	641-747-2002
	Ron Rachut	641-420-6555
	Ann Jones	918-630-9935
Fertile Mill		641-896-2445
Fertile Reminder	Joyce Russell	641-590-1715
Garden Club	Angie Thompson	641-797-2787
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GRAFTON



Platted in 1878, Grafton was originally settled by German immigrants who came to the area following the building of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. With the settlers and the railway came a major growth in traffic through the area, and therefore the building of various businesses such as the Grafton Hotel, a cigar factory, and a mill that produced flax and sent the bales to the prison in Stillwater, Minnesota to be made into rope, twine, and furniture upholstery packing. The turkey-raising industry was started in the 1940's, and inspired the creation of the Annual Turkey Day celebration, which has been part of the community since the 1970's.



Present day Grafton has several other ties to its long history – many of the original business buildings still stand and offer an extensive history to visitors of the area. The Grafton Depot, which was opened in 1878 and was in operation until 1974, is open to the public as a museum and is also on the National Register of Historic places. It was restored to its original condition in 1975-1976 and remains as the oldest building in Grafton.

Another historical building is the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, which was built in 1936 at the height of the Great Depression. The church features original ornate carvings and stained glass, but its biggest attraction is the hand-carved Alois Lang altar. The altar was commissioned to the German wood carving artist and is one of only a handful of Lang's artworks in the United States. You can also see Alois Lang's altar for yourself at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located at 308 4th Ave. Call 641-748-2736 for more information.

Despite its size, the town maintains a wide variety of businesses including a bank, post office, restaurant, car dealership, car wash, beauty shops, insurance, construction businesses, painting services, a welding shop, auto body shop and auto repair.

Grafton is also in a great location, being within driving distance of Mason City, Iowa; Rochester and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Additionally, the town is a safe, family-friendly community that has a unique relationship with the Diamond Jo Casino, which works with Worth Country to provide yearly funds to buy school supplies, and each high school graduate heading off to college receives a scholarship as well. The casino also gives out grants twice a year which benefit towns all over the county. Grafton has received funds for a new tornado siren, ball diamond fence, working truck with snowplow, generators, a new rescue vehicle, new shelter house roof and depot repair.

Every year, the community comes together for various celebrations. The spring is kicked off with the Adult Prom, held the first Saturday of March at the Grafton Community Center. Anyone over the age of 21 is welcome to join the party. Aside from annual celebrations, Grafton offers year-round opportunities for activity. The Grafton Community Center, located at 202 6th Ave., is a large facility perfect for wedding receptions, parties, anniversaries or other large gatherings. The rental rates are very reasonable, and decorations are available for use at no extra cost. Another meeting room is available for smaller gatherings. For information on renting the Grafton Community Center, contact City Hall.

The Community Center is also home to the Grafton Athletic Club, which is complete with Nautilus equipment and treadmills and is open 24/7.

Grafton's City Park offers a place for all kinds of outdoor activities. It has a wading pool, a playground, basketball and sand volleyball courts and a lighted softball diamond. Summertime softball and volleyball leagues are held here.

For indoor activities, head on over to the Grafton Public Library, whose collection includes over 14,000 books, DVDs, audio books and periodicals. Every June, the library offers the Children's Summer Reading Program. There are also computers that can be accessed by the public. Additionally, the building also 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.

For some history, you can visit the Grafton Heritage Museum and Depot, which is a restored turn-of-the-century railroad depot located at the west end of Central Avenue at 4th St. Contact Rose Kruger at 641-425-0042.

You can also head over to the Bolan Schoolhouse, which was built in 1923 and restored by a nonprofit organization. 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

RESIDENT INFORMATION

50440

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COMMUNITY INFO

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Fire Department	107 3rd Ave.	641-748-2190
Grafton Car Wash	305 4th Ave.	641-748-2945
Grafton Heritage Depot Museum	Rose Kruger	641-425-0042
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641-748-2736

Farmers State Bank

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HANLONTOWN



Hanlontown owes its beginning to the building of the Iowa Minnesota and North Western Railroad by W. E. Brice and associates. As land was acquired, fourteen townsites were out along the line. The line was sold to the Chicago Northwestern Railroad before construction began but Brice and associates retained rights to the townsites organizing themselves as the Iowa-Minnesota Townsite Company. Hanlontown was platted on October 9, 1899 and named for Frank J. Hanlon who was secretary of the Townsite Company. Official incorporation occurred in 1902.

Today, Hanlontown maintains its ideal location on Iowa Highway 9, as it is located 2 hours north of Des Moines, 2 hours south of Minneapolis, and 3 miles west of I-35. The population is around 200 and has sustained that number since it was founded.

The residents of Hanlontown are a strong community. One of these is the Community Club, which offers membership to anyone that lives in the area. The club is responsible for operating 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 and Halloween Costume Party. They have also provided many community improvements such as the Hanlontown sign at Highway 9 and Main Street. Additionally, between the years of 1999 and 2020, they awarded \$22,600 in scholarships to Hanlontown area high school graduates.

Another club in town is the Garden Club, which is a social and learning group focused on gardening, growth, care and activities centered around plants and nature's rewards. The club is open to all ages and meets in the Community Center, with an

occasional visit to surrounding points of interest. The club is partnered with the town's Park Board to take on the responsibility of maintaining the City Park and town sign. To encourage youth in gardening, the club also hosts an "Adopt-A-Planter" competition for Main Street during the summer.

POP, or Preserving Our Past, is another important organization in Hanlontown and has taken the responsibility for making the Citizens Saving Bank building and the Sime-Oswald Log Cabin available to the public. It also operates a local history museum within the Citizens Savings Bank building.

Hanlontown also has a newsletter called The Sundowner, that has been active since 1980, which helps many former residents maintain a connection with the community that they once lived in.

Religion exists within many denominations throughout the area. While Hanlontown has one church, many other churches are located within 15 miles of town. 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 and Fertile, Iowa on Highway 9. It is owned and operated by Grace Lutheran and Fertile Lutheran.

Hanlontown has one traditional annual celebration which has been in place since 1980 when the town began to honor the Summer Solstice. Here, the sun sets between the rails of the Union Pacific Railroad line that runs through the community. This event is celebrated in June and on the evening of the Summer Solstice when Ice Cream Sundays are served at the tracks.

Everyone agrees that the biggest of all these Sundown celebrations 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.

One of the town's most valued amenities is the Hanlontown Fire Department, which was organized in 1901 as the Hanlontown Hook and Ladder Company. Originally, this organization was staffed by volunteers equipped with only ladders and buckets to fight the flames within the town. Today, the Hanlontown Fire Department is an ISO Class 6 fire department and is the best rated of its kind in Worth County. Though it is still staffed with volunteers, the department has many more responsibilities. Along with providing fire protection, a number of volunteers also provide emergency medical services and technical rescue services for a 55 square mile fire district in Worth and Cerro Gordo Counties.

While home to one of the best fire departments, Hanlontown is also home to some of the finest parks of any community its size in northern Iowa. The parks are administered by the Park Board and are a result of countless hours of volunteer time. Therefore, they attract many families, groups, and travelers each year.

One such park is the Mini Rock Park located near the museum. The park's rock structures remain alongside William Loveless' fishpond and miniature church that he built behind his butcher shop in 1935 after visiting the Grotto in West Bend. In 1967, the Blossom Belles Garden Club cleaned up the area and Henry Doebel suggested the name. As a result, Mini Rock Park was born.



HANLONTOWN

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Garbage/Recycling	Absolute Waste Removal	641-357-4517
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Community Club	Bob Michaelis	641-896-2472
Fire Chief	Blayne Brunsvold	641-896-2001
Garden Club	Marilyn Miemi	641-797-2486
Preserving our Past (POP)	Lynn Sorenson	641-896-3592
Sundowner	Marilyn Miemi	641-797-2486
Sundown Days	Shannon Warren	641-909-4014

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JOICE



Joice had its beginning as a town with the coming of the railroad in 1899, though people had settled in the vicinity and were active in the community long before the actual founding of the town.

The town was named after P.M. Joice, a Lake Mills banker, who was part of a group of men living in communities along the proposed rail line that had foreseen the opportunity and purchased land for town sites in the area. The town site was purchased from O.J. Hogan for \$50 per acre, though history shows there were several owners of the land from 1858 to that time.

The original town contained 16 300-foot blocks which were platted and filed with the recorder in October of 1899. Incorporation took place at an election held on April 12, 1913, when the town's first mayor, K. Nelson was elected.

Before being officially named a town, the area of Joice was already home to several businesses prior to 1900, including Tenold's Store, Nordland store and creamery, a blacksmith shop, Suby store and creamery and a store and creamery at Bristol. Additionally, there were a stockyard and a box car set up to serve as a depot that had been built next to the

railroad. In 1901, two elevators were built and began operating. One of the elevators was purchased in 1906 by Farmers Cooperative Society of Joice while the other burned down in 1920.

Over the next 20 years, Joice grew to be a business center with several general stores and businessmen in the area. T.O. Gordon, who operated one of the general stores for many years, said to those who were price conscious about the current and future times, "There was no such thing as supermarkets 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."

Early business enterprises included a drug store called 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.

O.A. Bakken was the first postmaster in Joice, followed by C.A. Ingwell and M.O. Evans. Knut Trustem was the mail carrier, who after leaving Leverson farm wouldn't see another dwelling until he reached Mason City, where he picked up the mail and made deliveries on his way back.

Today, Joice continues to be home to thriving businesses in the community and the immediate surrounding area. Joice is well positioned for future business growth and development, with new municipal city utilities completed and being located only four to five miles west of I-35.

The town implemented a municipal water and wastewater system along with an annexation of additional property into city limits. Presently, the city offers garbage pickup and recycling services for its residents through contracts with providers. The city also provides snow plowing in the winter and year-round road maintenance. The city council is a progressive group always looking for new opportunities to improve their community.

The children of the community enroll in the Lake Mills Community School District (LMCS) and are bused from Joice to Lake Mills daily for classes. LMCS is a K-12 school all located on one campus.

The Top of Iowa Car Show is held annually in July. For outdoor activities, the Joice Community Park is a great place to get some fresh air. The park is in the center of town and is a point of pride for the residents who work very hard to keep their park clean and looking great for all. It includes a shelter house, picnic tables and playground equipment for young and older children. There is plenty of parking along the streets adjacent to the park.

The Joice Fire Department is an active group of volunteers within the community. They make it a priority to stay current on their training to provide the best service to their town and the surrounding area. A number of firefighters are also volunteering and serve as First Responders for all medical needs. This service assures that the residents have someone to help them if the need ever arises.

Chapel Hill, located south of town at 270 370th St., is a historical landmark that includes a small church with four pews and a pioneer cemetery. Call 641-588-3333 for more information.



JOICE

RESIDENT INFORMATION

50446

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KENSETT



Kensett was first settled in 1872 by Thomas Kensett, a Baltimore oyster packer who came to the area while working for the Central of Iowa Railroad. He had promised to build a church for the community if they named the town after him. The town kept up their end of the bargain while Kensett did not. However, the town overcame that hurdle and continued to build businesses and homes, resulting in a flourishing community.

Though the city faced its hardships with nature, such as enduring major fires in 1901 and 1907, it continued to thrive. It is said to have been the first town in Worth County to have electricity. It once had seven gas stations, seven taverns, and three grocery stores and more than its share of mostly Scandinavian characters and celebrities.

One of these characters and celebrities is Hans Langseth, who is credited with holding the world record for the longest beard. 17 feet and 6 inches of

beard to be exact. After immigrating to the United States from Norway in 1846 and settling in Kensett, Langseth stopped shaving after he entered a beard growing contest.

Proud of his accomplishment, Hans spent some time traveling with a circus show where he came to be known as King Whiskers as he showed off his beard to the public. He soon tired of the nonbelievers who yanked his beard to see if it was real and left the circus. After many years of farming, Hans died in North Dakota in 1927, leaving his children with a final wish. After his open-casket funeral, he wanted to have his beard cut off and stored for posterity. His son acquiesced and lopped off his father's beard before the casket was buried. For decades, the beard was boxed away in an attic until Langseth's son Russell donated it to the Smithsonian.

Later, Langseth's body was exhumed and moved to the Elk Creek Church Cemetery to be alongside his wife who

passed away years earlier. Another celebrity who came out of Kensett was Clarence E. Locke, who is known for inventing the adding machine. Locke was born in Wisconsin in 1866 and graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, in 1892 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. After getting married and having a daughter, he worked for some time in Minnesota as a civil engineer before joining his father's lumberyard business in Kensett. During that time, he was also manufacturing the adding machine within his own company known as C.E. Locke Manufacturing Co. Locke was soon the holder of two U.S. and two German patents for a calculating device known as the Locke Adder.

Today, this long history still exists within Kensett, which is now a small rural community offering many opportunities. The town has a great location on Highway 65 as it is only 15 miles north of Mason City, Iowa, 23 miles south of Albert Lea, Minnesota, and 7 miles east of the I-35 exit #208. The town's school system is Northwood-Kensett Community Schools located in Northwood. The district provides many opportunities for students to excel in a small school atmosphere with individual attention from staff and teachers. There is also a scholarship program providing scholarships for every graduating student living in Worth County.

Kensett celebrates the town and its residents with their Town & Country Festival. The event features a picnic, as well as music, good food, a half day tractor ride, kids' games, horse

and buggy rides, Smiley Train rides for the kids and much more. The family-friendly event will keep everyone busy for the day.

The Kensett Fire Department is a volunteer organization that is very active within the community. The fire department also holds an Annual Open House during the weekend of the National Fire Prevention Week in October and an Annual Soup Supper as a fundraising opportunity in February at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett.

The Kensett Lions Club is an organization instrumental in supporting the Kensett Little League baseball program. The Lions are a service club which raises funds to be spent in the community. Their larger projects include buying the curtain for the gymnasium and building a park with a shelter house, tables and benches along Highway 65. The club also helped considerably in getting the Kensett Library started, and they are prolonged sponsors of the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Midget and PeeWee Baseball program and the Red Cross swimming program.

Other community programs include the Izaak Walton League, which was organized in 1956 and built the chapter house in 1960 where meetings and several fish fries are held. The Green Shamrocks 4-H Club, which is heavily involved in community service, and the Brookfield Boosters 4-H Club, a girl/boy club that is involved in many agriculture areas are also held in the clubhouse.



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Kensett Lions Club	Herb Thompson	641-590-2081
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Methodist Church Museum	Carolyn Lofthaas	641-845-2456
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MANLY



Though 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 currently a six-mile square with 36 sections consisting of about 23,040 acres. The first settler in Lincoln township was recorded as Darius Garner, who came to the southeast corner of the township in 1856 and lived there until his death in 1859.

The town of Manly wasn't officially established until many years later when the railroad came to the area. 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. This site, originally named Manly Junction after Central of Iowa's freight agent, J.C. Manly, was laid out at the junction of two railroads – the Rock Island and the Chicago Great Western. In October of 1898, Manly Junction was incorporated as the Town of Manly and in August of 1973, the Town of Manly officially became the City of Manly under the State of Iowa's Home Rule Act.

Today, Manly is a small town of 1,323 residents and sits in a location that is 16 miles south of the Minnesota border at the Junction of Highway 65

and Highway 9. Two major cities are located within 125 miles – Minneapolis/St. Paul to the north and Des Moines to the south.

As Manly started out as a railroad town, it continues to grow and develop around the rail industry, creating new jobs and a new tax base with each development that occurs in the community. One such development is that 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. This partnership allows local companies to ship their products via the Manly Terminal on the rail carriers who offer the best price.

The Iowa Northern Railway Company is owned and operated by the Sabin family, with brothers Dan and Mark Sabin at the helm of the company. Both brothers were raised in Manly and felt the community was an ideal location to construct the Manly Terminal, not only for business reasons but also because they wanted to bring additional development to their hometown.

The Sabin family also implemented the unique Manly Junction Railroad Museum, which documents the railroad history in Manly and across America. It includes photos, historical items, one-of-a-kind items and unique displays. The museum is open by appointment by calling 641-454-8029. Visitors can also go to the Caboose Museum which sits along Highway 9 in Manly.

In addition to the Manly Terminal and the museums, there are multiple other developments that have happened within the Terminal footprint and on adjacent development land known as the Manly Logistics Park. New Heaven Chemical, with owners from India, made its first investment in the United States in a sodium methylate facility. Additionally, the Anderson Company has a rail car repair shop with the Terminal and Sukup Manufacturing Company has a steel warehouse in the Manly Logistics Park. Sukup's warehouse stores the steel in Manly before transporting it to their manufacturing facility in Sheffield, Iowa for use in the manufacturing process.

As the railroad continues to thrive, Manly continues its effort to grow the community. The town helped create Sterling Acres, which is a new subdivision on the northwest side of town that offers lots for new housing construction. The subdivision has rolling hills and is surrounded by trees at its perimeter. Additionally, a new sports complex with three ball diamonds, a playground and concessions and bathroom facilities are nearby, making this location a great place to build a new home. The lots are affordable,

and if you are interested in building here, contact Steve or Eric Molstad at 641-357-5601 for more information.

There are multiple amenities for all ages in Manly. Besides the new sports complex and playground that come alive with the sound of children playing every summer, there is also a great city park, complete with a shelter house and a playground, adjacent to Highway 65 next to the Manly Family Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center was constructed within the last 10 years and has a zero-depth entry and diving boards in the deep end.

The Manly Public Library is also a great community asset. It is located at 127 Grant St. and offers computer access, movie rentals and, of course, books for all ages.

Manly students join other kids from Plymouth, Hanlontown, Nora Springs and portions adjacent to these communities to attend the Central Springs Community School District. The district's mission is to cultivate a positive learning environment that engages and empowers all students. The elementary school and high school students attend classes at the campus in Manly while the middle school students attend the campus in Nora Springs.

Manly celebrates its railroad and agriculture history with an annual celebration called Railroad Ag Day in August. The committee is constantly growing and welcomes new volunteers who are interested in being involved in a family orientated day. Those interested are encouraged to contact city hall.



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NORTHWOOD



In 1853, Gulbrand O. Mellem created the first settlement in Northwood. B. H. Beckett made his way from Indiana to Worth County in 1857 and opened Northwood's first general store. The firm Nelson, Peterson & Klove opened their own later the same year. In 1865, Beckett sold out his store to the firm Pike & Wattson due to the 1857 financial panic. Osage was the location for residents to pick up mail until 1857 when Dr. D. D. Franklin became Northwood's first postmaster.

That same year, a dam and sawmill were built and operated by Charles Wardall until 1860 by the Shell Rock River. It was then owned and managed by Lemuel and A. J. Dwelle, who assembled a gristmill. Since Northwood citizens previously brought their grain over to Osage, they quickly found use in this new convenience.

Simon H. and Asa Franklin built a hotel in 1858. It was soon rented out to John Becker, which he named the building

the City Hotel. This rental entitled him as the city's first public landlord. Eighteen years later, under the ownership of Harry Pepper, the hotel, then named Pepper House, burned down. For many years, this hotel had been alone in accommodating the many visitors looking to settle in Worth County; however, through the years, the city developed several other hotels, such as the Gardner House, Northwood House, Union House and Dwelle House.

1860 became the year Northwood's Main Street found its first blacksmith shop, owned by William Hunt. Four others joined him to do their work as well. In 1867, George F. Wattson opened the town's first drug store named Wattson Brothers Drug Store. Soon after the launch, Wattson's brother, C. C. Wattson, accompanied him in operating the business. Four years later, E. W. Sprague opened the next drug store in Northwood. D. De Wolf, the first hardware dealer to settle in the town, opened his store

in 1868 but quickly sold out to C. A. Knapp. The second hardware business began six years later, started by John M. Henderson. A small number of warehouses were built in 1870, including one by the railroad tracks and later, an elevator as well.

From 1912-1913, W. H. Larsen constructed the three-story Winifred Hotel, a then-modern hotel that opened in April of 1913. This brick building featured 20 guest rooms as well as a basement. Today, The Hotel Winifred, once an important lodging stop for Jefferson Highway travelers along the route in Northern Iowa is in the process of restoration. A grassroots effort has been taking place to restore this landmark along the highway. The group recently was successful in turning what was once a low interest loan from the city into a \$25,000 grant and are now working to get the hotel on the National Historic Register.

Northwood also has some manufacturing businesses in town. In 1995, Trustile saw a need in the marketplace to transform and innovate the interior door both in material options and the design impact it can have. ADA Enterprises, Inc. is a family-owned company that manufactures Dura Trac raised animal flooring for the agriculture industry, mainly swine and calf.

The Timbers in Northwood is an old lumber yard turned into an event center. Community members rallied together

to raise over \$150,000 in donations toward the project. The 7,000 square foot multipurpose building features a loft connected by a curved walking bridge, a caterer's kitchen, a bar, four restrooms and a dance floor designed using reclaimed wood and galvanized steel from the original 1902 lumber storage building. The building also has a large marble gray epoxy floor, a state-of-the-art sound system and rustic lighting, including two unique chandeliers made locally. It is a climate-controlled venue that can accommodate between 350-400 people.

Vikings Activity Center is a project that has been in the works since 2018. Plans to construct a new multimillion dollar activities center in Northwood for the Northwood-Kensett School District were first proposed as the community saw a need for such a building. Along with plans for full sized basketball/volleyball courts and hitting areas for baseball, the Vikings Activity Center would feature office space for rental that would ideally offset costs. The project was awarded \$453,000 by the Enhance Iowa Board as a Community Attraction and Tourism grant. The 37,100 square foot facility will also include a wrestling room, locker rooms while the second level will feature a walking/running track, space for cardio machines and a separate space for weightlifting. The Vikings Activity Center has a Facebook page as well as a virtual tour via YouTube.



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