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# About Woodward

## JULY 2025

### SOCIAL CENTER LUNCHEON

WHEN: **Monday, July 7TH,**  
11:30-12:30

WHERE: Woodward Methodist  
Church

MENU: Hamburger, Potato Salad,  
Baked Beans, and Dessert

Proceeds to go to the Woodward  
Public Library (WPL).

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### SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS

The Woodward Food Pantry has received grant money to do a pilot summer meal program. The program will operate in July. Food bags will be stocked with kid-friendly items for breakfast, a snack, and one meal (could be used for lunch or dinner). Each child would receive enough food for seven days.

The food bags will be dropped off at the Woodward and Granger Public Libraries and will be available Tuesday through Thursday as supplies last. Library open times at each library are as follows:

#### Woodward

Tues. 9AM-7PM

Wed. 9AM-5PM

Thurs. 9AM-6PM

#### Granger

11AM-6PM

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*Dates the pilot program will be open:*

July 8 - 10

July 15 - 17

July 22-24

July 29 - 31

Examples of foods that will be provided are:

Breakfast: Cereal and shelf-stable milk (shelf-stable milk must be refrigerated once it is opened and will be good for 7 days).

Snack: Snack bars

Meal: Peanut butter, bread, microwavable mac& cheese, tuna, fruit (bananas or apples)

### WOODWARD COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

In October of 2023 there was a shout-out to the community for those interested in getting a food pantry started in Woodward. Seven people showed up. Those people investigated the when, where, how, and other assorted questions, and by March, 2024, the where was answered - basement of the Methodist Church.

Russ Boyles applied for a Myrna Mayfield Grant which was received. A refrigerator, freezer, and insurance

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were purchased with this grant money to get the pantry started.

Mike Green accepted the position of President of the Board and he became the chief investigator for how food would come to the pantry. Kari Baetsle joined the team as treasurer to get the pantry on track for income and a budget. Thanks to all in the community who have and are contributing to the pantry and/or volunteering. Donations can be given at EBank.

Grants are a huge part of the pantry's income. In addition to our Mayfield Grant, Kari, Mike, and Gene Grell have worked to receive grants from Frontier Farm Credit, Walmart Grimes, Walmart Boone, Bock Family, Select Farms Haul Out Hunger, EBank, and the City of Woodward. Kasey Morgan & Kari Baetsle have made us aware that some workplaces will donate money based on their employees' volunteer hours.

The pantry was opened in June of 2024, so it has been operating for a year now. Please consider the Woodward Community Food Pantry in your giving. The pantry is open two days a month, the second and fourth Saturdays from 2 to 4. If you are interested in volunteering, call Mike at 515-782-0966.

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## MYRNA MAYFIELD GRANT

The Myrna Reynoldson Mayfield Trust started in late 2001 and as of 2025 has given a little over **\$873,000** to our local community in **grants and scholarships**. Yes, you read that correctly, eight hundred seventy-three thousand dollars.

Myrna Mayfield was born December 23, 1908 and passed away on May 12, 1999, but we still hear her name mentioned often in the Woodward community because of her legacy, the Myrna Mayfield Grant.

In life, Myrna was an LPN working at the Woodward State Hospital-School. She was a quiet, unassuming woman whom you would often see working in her garden. Community members that remember her say she wasn't a big talker but was a great listener, anonymously giving when she heard about a need seemed to be her way of life: paying for someone's education, helping to pay travel expenses, but because they were always anonymous it is hard to know the extent of that giving. By setting up a Trust with the sale of land she owned in the Madrid area, she has continued to extend this generosity, her legacy, to our community every year.



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The Trust is a non-profit organization that makes annual distributions, grants and scholarships in the city of Woodward and adjacent rural areas for educational, civic, cultural, historical, recreational, charitable, religious and other purposes calculated to be of worth to the citizens of the area and consistent with the intentions of the late Myrna Reynoldson Mayfield.

The annual application deadline is April 1. Directors of the trust are Milt Heifner, Rich Danilson, and Mike Ramsey.

**Grant recipients for 2025:**

**\* Woodward Friends & Neighbors**  
\$3,000 Shed for storage & Entertainment

**\*Woodward Community Food Pantry**  
\$3,000 Food purchases

**\*Woodward Granter Early Learning Center**  
\$500 Family Board Games

**\*Woodward Social Center**  
\$2,000 Operating Costs

**\*American Legion Post 211**  
\$1,800 Scholarships & Boys' State

**\*Woodward Granger Middle School Cheerleading Program**  
\$1,500 Fees for clinics & camps, uniforms & accessories

**\*Woodward Public Library**  
\$4,000 Adventure Pass

memberships, Summer Reading special programs, Speakers for Adult programs

**\*Woodward Granger Calss of 2026**  
\$1,500 Venue Costs @ Lake Robbins & Caps & Gowns for Graduation

**\*Woodward Granger Youth Football**  
\$3,000 Youth tackling dummies, a youth blocking shed

**\*Woodward Fire Dept. Inc.**  
\$6,800 1 set of gear and 2 radios

**\*Woodward Methodist Church School Supply Drive**  
\$2,000 School Supplies

**\*Woodward Methodist Church**  
\$4,000 Adult & Youth education, Pastor/Staff education

**\*City of Woodward**  
\$6,000 Memorial Rock

**\*Scholarships**  
\$2,000

Hopefully, all organizations will look back and appreciate all the projects, programs, and supplies that have been made possible through the Myrna Mayfield Grant!

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**LION'S CLUB BINGO**

**NO BINGO DURING JULY**

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## AT THE LIBRARY



**Mikayla Oz Program, the Magician**

**By Library Director, Myrna Griffith**

**Level Up** was the theme of the Summer Reading Program that ended on June 27 with Bubble Fun. The Program started on June 2 with a program with Will Stuck, a former Librarian who now travels the United States giving programs. He told stories bringing laughter and fun. After lunch that day, he stayed and taught participants how to draw cartoon characters.

The next program, Diamond Painting, had fifteen in attendance. Using tiny beads, participants designed fun, colorful key chains. On Monday, June 16th, twenty-two attendees enjoyed science experiments that caused fountains of pop to shoot straight up in the sky, watched mixtures produce explosions, or made snow. All the ingredients were household products. The next day, Blank Park Zoo came to the library. Forty-one in attendance enjoyed seeing and learning about a tarantula and a gecko.

On Thursday, June 19, thirty-one were in attendance for Mikayla Oz the Magician. Mikala has been coming every year for the past five years. She entertained and wowed her audience. The biggest hit with the younger set was her white dove, Bubbles. After she made Bubbles disappear, she brought her back and allowed the children to 'high-five' or pet Bubbles' wing. Two paint classes followed later that day, one for kids and the other for adults.

During the final week of June, programming was held every weekday. On Monday, children ages 2 to 5 had fun with Puzzle Dig, where children were digging through rice to find shapes, Food Jigsaws, matching food to the correct shape, and Puzzling Obstacle Course had the children jumping through hoops, and finally Puzzle Pitch, where students tossed small bean bags through different shapes.

Tuesday and Wednesday were the Puzzle Challenge days. One day for K-5 and one day for Teens. Groups were challenged with the task to be the first person to put together a 100-piece puzzles. These puzzles were pictures of familiar cereals—Trix, Cheerios, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Fruit Loops, and Cocoa Pops.

Thursday was Sand Art Day for all. Each participant created a colorful bottle by filling the bottle with colorful sand. This was followed by the prize party for all of the Summer Reading Participants. On Friday, everyone returned for Bubble Fun.

Some of our Woodward businesses participated by hiding puzzle pieces in their place of business. When anyone found a puzzle piece, they were encouraged to bring it to the library for a prize. Many of the prizes were donated



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by local businesses. Thirty-one children and teens and ten adults registered for this year's Summer Reading Program. Thanks to all!!

## JULY AT THE LIBRARY

Hope to see all the kids coming in to choose new books, use materials at the Maker Space, and other materials we have at the library.

**July 11 at 1:30** author Alex Zenk will be discussing his neW book, The Chronicles of Ordi: Brotherhood of the Lost Gems. This book is rich in world-building and filled with magical encounters. It blends classic fantasy elements with fresh perspectives on courage, loyalty, and the price of power.

July 17 5PM Book Club where the group will be discussing The Seven Sisters by Lucinda Riley.

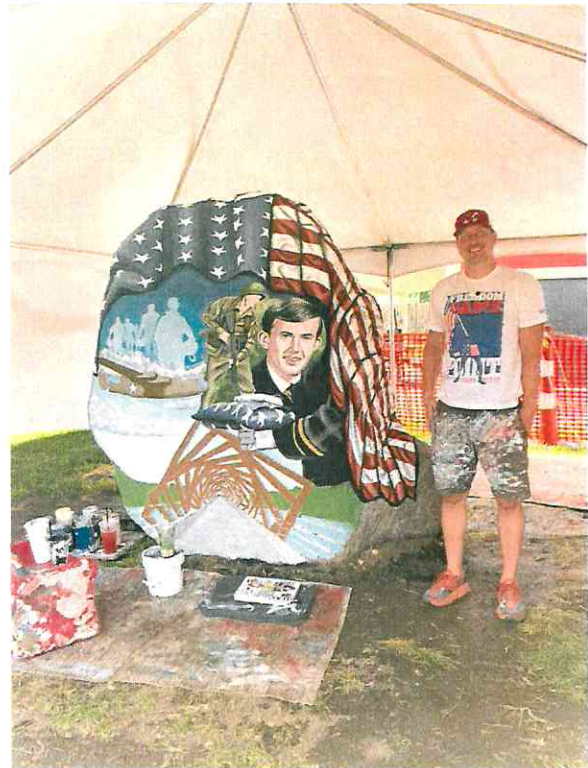
August 1 & 2 Library's annual Garage/Book Sale.

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## MEMORIAL ROCK

When Bubba Sorensen is in town, we expect that something magical is taking place, and indeed it is. We are all familiar with his Freedom Rock Tour. Many people in Iowa have the goal of visiting the Rock in all 99 counties. With Dallas County's Freedom Rock in Minburn, Bubba was invited to Woodward to do a Memorial Rock by the Trestle Trail. Rumor has it that the rock was provided by Bob Sturgeon, and the

idea of a "Memorial" Rock by Rick Bice.



Bubba says that he works to make his rock paintings like a book that tells a story. This rock honors Infantryman Kenneth Defenbaugh from Woodward, who lost his life in the Vietnam War and is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

Kenneth is one of the 10,483 Iowans who are American Gold Star veterans who lost their lives in one of the 4 wars of the 20th century. This is a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made by many.

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## Woodward Little League Baseball Field Now in Full Swing

### From Victor Kersey

The Woodward Little League Baseball Field, completed and ready for play in May 2025, is quickly becoming a hub of activity for youth and families in the area. While there was not enough initial interest to form a local Little League in Woodward, the field has proven to be a valuable resource for traveling and competitive teams from both Woodward and neighboring Granger. Recognizing the importance of supporting local youth athletics, the Woodward City Council voted to waive field use fees for teams from the Woodward and Granger leagues. This generous move sparked immediate interest, and the field is now reserved five nights a week and every Saturday morning.

The field is equipped with a fully operational concession stand and public restrooms, making it a comfortable and convenient venue for both players and spectators. In addition to serving as a practice ground for young athletes, the city is also looking to expand recreational opportunities for all ages. Plans are currently underway for a Fall Adult Kickball Tournament scheduled for September, and excitement is already building for the event. Looking ahead, efforts are being made to launch a Woodward Little League

season in 2026, to create a homegrown league that will serve local youth for years to come.

Those interested in reserving the field for practice or games may do so by contacting Victor Kersey at 515-216-6522. With growing momentum and strong community support, the Woodward Little League Baseball Field is well on its way to becoming a staple of local sports and recreation.

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## FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS GOLF

### 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 2 8AM

Everyone get signed up ASAP: \$75 /person or \$300 /foursome. This includes lunch, 18 holes, and a cart.

**LOOKING FOR** Local businesses to be present at a hole and advertise their business.

**CONTACT CHRISTY**  
515-339-5665

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Woodward on Tuesdays, 8AM to 6PM.

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