

# About Woodward

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## AMAZON SMILE

Donate money to the library, when you order materials from Amazon. It's easy to do, and there is no cost to you! Instead of ordering on Amazon.com, order on **AmazonSmile**: <https://smile.amazon.com>.

According to the Amazon website, AmazonSmile offers “the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.” **Friends of the Woodward Public Library Foundation** is listed as a choice in our area. It is a small percentage, but it adds up when many of our community members participate.

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## SOCIAL CENTER

The Social Center, 218 S. Main St., **can be rented for private meetings or parties** for \$40. Call Sue Epley, 438-2878, or MaDonna Rickels, 438-2406, to reserve a time. Community organizations are able to use the center free of charge. Just be sure to call in your reservation.

### Join the Fun!

**Pitch** — Mondays, 6:00–8:00 pm.

**Bridge** — Wednesdays, 9:00–Noon.

**Cribbage** — 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, beginning in September.

If you have something you would like to get started at the Social Center, give Sue or MaDonna a call.

### Luncheon:

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 to 12:30**, sponsored by the Woodward Public Library Board.

**Menu:** Hot Dogs & Brats, chips, veggies & dip, dessert.



*Dennis Adams, mural artist.*

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## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Mural — Centennial Park. Who would undertake such a big project? **Local artist, Dennis Adams.**

As a boy, Dennis was a paper doodler. He loved drawing, and always had the extra drawings along the sides of his homework. When it was time to find a career, he attended DMACC and was **certified in the art of drafting.**

The big event that changed his course in life was a farming accident at the age of 19, in which he lost his right hand. Being a right-hander, he had to retrain his brain to use his left hand, which was a challenge.

At this time, he was also given a choice to attend the **American Academy of Art in Chicago.** The academy became his first formal art training, because no art classes had even been offered in high school. The American Academy of Art was where he learned about and embraced the creative PROCESS.

Dennis continued his art education at the University of Iowa, where he earned his **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

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degree. One of his projects at the **University of Iowa** involved designing two fields, one 30-acre field and another 40-acre field. (And we think the Woodward mural is big!) The *Des Moines Register* covered this amazing artwork in an article titled, “Fruit of Artist’s Mind Grow in Iowa,” November 27, 1978, byline Robert Modersohn.

Dennis has completed **many large murals** around the country, always researching the most meaningful way he can communicate a message through his work. Involving school children to help create the background colors for a mural has given many kids and adults a great memory.

The **original watercolor** of the Woodward mural is displayed in the library. An explanation of the mural, taken from the centennial book, **Through the Years:**

Each image in the collage represents at least one aspect of Woodward’s history. According to Hastie’s History of Dallas Center, “the last buffalo in Dallas Center was killed almost exactly where Woodward is now.” On the left side of the mural is the face of an Indian, which signifies the Indians who were present in the area. The Indian was named Two Hatchets and belonged to the Kiowa tribe. The team of horses serves a dual purpose. First, the team signifies agriculture. Second, when the community of Xenia was moved to be nearer the railroad depot, which was relocated to the site of present day Woodward, teams of horses were used as the mode of transportation.

Two locomotives are pictured. One locomotive is a coal-burning steam engine commonly used in the late 1800’s. It not only signifies the railroad’s part in Woodward’s history, but the coal mining in the area as well. Also pictured is a streamlined steam locomotive which was used from the early 1930’s to the early 1950’s and was called a Midwestern Hiawatha.

To bring the town’s history up to date, the collage includes the grain elevators in the sunset.

**Thank you, Dennis,** for sharing your talent and inspirational story with Woodward!

## VCSWG

What do the letters stand for?

**Volunteer  
Community  
Services of  
Woodward &  
Granger**

**The motto: “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”**

The two communities work together to lend a hand when someone needs assistance. It could be a ride to an appointment, help with shopping, and so on.

Volunteer and client applications can be picked up at the library, or found on the VCSWG website: <https://www.vcswg.org/>.



**Pictured:** Queen Helena, King Taten, Princess Taylee.

## FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to the **Little Mister and Miss Woodward** pageant contestants, who rode in the Friends and Neighbors Day parade. The F&N Day committee would like to thank Katie Waddell and Dance Driven studio, for managing the event!

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The committee would also like to give a special shout-out THANK YOU to the community, and to the silver cord volunteers, for the support they showed on Friends & Neighbors Day. Feedback on things you would like to see in the future is always welcome!

Their next fundraiser is the **Annual Golf Tournament**, which will be held **July 9<sup>th</sup>**. Start time is **8 AM** at the Woodward Golf & Country Club. The tournament includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, and drink tickets; along with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

Sign up at the Woodward Golf Clubhouse, or via Messenger on their Facebook page, “Woodward Friends and Neighbors Day,” under Events. <https://www.facebook.com/WoodwardFNN/>

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## LIBRARY PROGRAM

“**The Cedar Valley Road,**” with Linda McCann, on Saturday, **July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM** at the Woodward Library.

The Cedar Valley Road was an electric railroad that ran between Waverly and Cedar Rapids. It ran for 50 years. The “trolley” changed the Cedar Valley. People could attend high school or college, because they rode on the RR. Farmers used it to send their eggs or produce to other towns. A bakery would send bread out on the interurban, and people stood along the tracks to get their bread. It saved people’s lives, because they were able to go to Iowa City for treatment. Linda will share their memories.

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## FREE PRODUCE

Pick up a bag of free produce at City Hall on Wednesday, **July 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00–4:30**. This service is free to everyone, while supplies last.

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## WOODWARD FARMERS MARKET

There are two Farmers’ Market dates set for **July — the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 PM**. There is no registration fee, but vendors are required to register.

Directions are on Facebook, “Woodward, IA Farmers Market,” or give Melissa Rothfus a call, 438-2884. <https://m.facebook.com/woodwardiafarmersmarket/>

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## COUNTY FAIRS IN JULY

**Dallas County Fair** ⇒ **July 13<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>**, in Adel.

**Boone County Fair** ⇒ **July 13<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>**, in Boone.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Woodward United Methodist Church on **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM**, for kids 5-years-old through those who have completed 6th grade.

If you know your child is able to attend, give the church a call (438-2007) and let them know. Even if you haven’t called, come on in! There will be plenty of materials.

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## WHAT WOULD ☆YOU☆ LIKE TO SEE?

**Remember — we need *your* help!**

We hope this bulletin can be an interesting and useful source of information for the community. With this goal in mind, we would like to include local events and accomplishments, stories past & present, and promotions for local businesses & organizations.

Accordingly, if there is something that you would like to see in a future issue of “ABOUT WOODWARD,” **please submit your written idea or request** to the Woodward Public Library.

Thank you!

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~ *Together for a Better Tomorrow* ~

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