

These Businesses are Proud to Serve Northwood & Worth County With Over A

CENTURY OF SERVICE

Area businesses celebrate 5,085 years of service to Northwood and Worth County

Each year the Northwood Anchor gives area businesses an opportunity to showcase their years serving Northwood and the surrounding area, with a section known as "Century of Service."

The six page section of the paper begins with, "These Businesses are Proud to Serve Northwood and Worth County With Over a Century of Service." The pages are filled with 122 businesses in the Northwood area.

While the message at the start of the section says that the businesses have served over a century, the businesses have served a combined 5,085 years to area residents. The average time of service for businesses listed in the section is 42 years.

The business that has served the area the longest is the City of Northwood itself, since 1858, for a total of 162 years.

The oldest entries on

the list are a community group and business that have each operated for 150 years. The Northern Light Masonic Lodge has been serving Worth County in various capacities since 1869. Also beginning service to the community in 1869 was Worth County Abstract.

Others providing more than a century of service include Albert Lea Monument, the Worth County Fair, Worth Mutual Insurance, the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, the Northwood Anchor, Viafield, the Northwood Post Office, Worth County Extension and Worth County Farm Bureau.

New to this business section are Signatures Hot Beef Sundae Trailer, Thofson Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, Worthwhile Wind & Solar and Holiday Inn Express & Suites.

A number of businesses will be celebrating special milestones of service to Northwood and the surrounding area this year, including:

Ten years- Northwood Dental.

Twenty years- Bucks Recycling, LLC

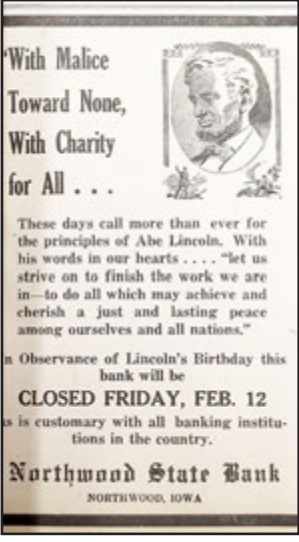
Twenty-five years- TruStile Doors

Thirty-five years- Springer Construction, Krull Law Office

Forty years- Hovey Lawn and Garden, LLC

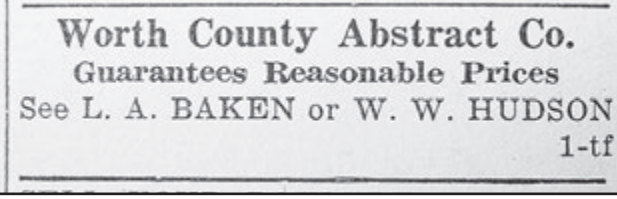
Seventy-five years- Bratrud Golf Carts

The Northwood Anchor thanks these businesses for their service to the community and the community that has supported their local businesses for a combined 5,085 years.



1943

We have included a small selection of vintage advertising from the Anchor archives. Advertising can tell us almost as much as the news itself about how times have changed in the years that these businesses have been open.



1943



1972



City of Northwood

Established in 1858

Serving Worth County for 162 Years

Northern Light Masonic Lodge

Established in 1869

Northern Light Order Eastern Star
Organized in 1899

Serving Worth County for 151 Years

Worth County Abstract

Established in 1869

Sarah Hendricks, 2011

Serving Worth County for 151 Years

Albert Lea Monument

Established in 1877

Serving Worth County for 143 Years

Worth County Fair


Established in 1878

Serving Worth County for 142 Years

Worth Mutual Insurance

Established in 1882

Kory Olson & Jayson Olson

 GRINNELL MUTUAL

Serving Worth County for 138 Years

Northwood Fire Company

Established in 1883

Serving Worth County for 137 Years

The Northwood Anchor

Established in 1885

Kris Kenison, Publisher 2018

Serving Worth County for 135 Years

Viafield

Established in 1911

Viafield, 2010

Progressive Ag Cooperative, 2006
formerly Northwood Co-op Elevator

Serving Worth County for 109 Years


Northwood Post Office


Established in 1912

Serving Worth County for 108 Years

Worth County Extension

Established in 1913

Worth County 4-H 

 Serving Worth County for 107 Years

Worth County Farm Bureau

Established in 1918

Serving Worth County for 102 Years

Farmers State Bank

Established in 1921

Northwood Branch Office, 1996

Serving Worth County for 99 Years

L.R. Falk Construction

Established in 1922

Falkstone, 2005

Serving Worth County for 98 Years

NSB Bank

Established in 1933

Kary Paulson, Chairman

Serving Worth County for 87 Years

Olson Insurance

Established in 1934

formerly Glenn O. Tenold Insurance, Inc.
Tenold Olson Hagen, Inc.

 GRINNELL MUTUAL

Serving Worth County for 86 Years

Family connection makes landscaping life special for Hoveys

By JoAnn Lower

Larry Hovey's interest in tractors began when he was just a youngster. "Dad made my first tractor," he said. "It had a John Deere engine. The frame and steering box came out of a Volkswagen."

Larry's fascination with tractors and all things John Deere has, over the years, evolved into one of this area's most successful family businesses — Hovey Lawn and Garden Service, LLC.

In 1977, as a high schooler, Larry started mowing at Sion Lutheran Church and mowed through his college years at NIACC. He married Donna in 1983, and together these two outdoor-loving people began mowing cemeteries.

Now with the help of their son Isaac, they are in charge of the care and keeping of several cemeteries as well as parks and recreational areas, community and local properties.

"Our kids have all been on lawn mowers since they were eight or ten years old, and

we love having them work with us. Even our grandson Omer likes to ride along."

"We not only work together, we play together. We'll pack a lunch in the morning, have a barbeque at noon and work until dark."

All the Hovey's lawn equipment is John Deere: three zero-turns, a garden tractor, a rototiller and a wide-area mower (WAM) that Donna nicknamed Ellie because it's as big as an elephant.

While mowing is a large part of their business, they also fertilize, provide weed control, core aeration, garden tilling, thatching, grass seeding and landscaping. Winters find Larry and Isaac in charge of snow removal.

But it isn't only lawns and snow removal that keep them busy. Larry is employed at Mark's Tractor in Osage. He has been on the school board for 25 years and for ten years served as a 4-H leader.

Donna, a registered nurse at Mercy One in Mason City, also works at the Lutheran Retirement Home as needed.



Hovey family all on John Deere tractors from left Donna, Isaac, Sarah, Nick and Larry.

She has served on the 4-H Council, helps with Red Cross blood donations, and has a passion for quilting. She loves creating colorful quilts for nieces, nephews, graduations, marriages and new babies.

Larry and Donna's son Nick is an agronomist. He lives near Iowa City and is married to Chelsea. Son

Isaac is employed at Arnold's Implement in Alden, Minnesota. Daughter Sarah is employed at First Security Bank in Hampton. She and her husband Tanner Miller have two children, two-year-old Omer and four-month-old Opal.

And then there's Tucker, the family's 2-year-old chocolate lab who has learned his

place in the family — security.

Time spent together, communication, spirituality and commitment to each other as well as to the job at hand is what keeps this extraordinary family strong and working as a team.

They also have a sense of humor. "Sometimes we get caught in the rain and sometimes

we have to mow with the lights on, but we have fun!"

Next time we see a school ground, a park, or go to a cemetery for a funeral or on Memorial Day, we need to remember the Hoveys who keep it all in tip-top shape.

To reach the Hoveys, call 641-390-0322 or 641-390-1150.

Farm Bureau Financial Services

Established in

1938

Ryan Hulshizer, Agent

Russell Johnson, Agent

Serving Worth County for 82 Years

Conner Colonial Chapel

Established in

1939

Gary Nerlien, 1990

Megan Ott 2014

Serving Worth County for 81 Years

Bratrud Golf Carts

Established in

1945

Allan Bratrud, 1961

Randy Bratrud, 1996

Serving Worth County for 75 Years

#6779 Northwood VFW

Established in

1946

Serving Worth County for 74 Years

Northwood Country Club

Established in

1948

Serving Worth County for 72 Years

Fallgatter's Market

Established in

1948

Doug & Gloria Fallgatter

Casey Connors - 2019

Serving Worth County for 72 Years

Kensett Volunteer Fire Department

Established in

1949

Serving Worth County for 71 Years

Welsh Chiropractic

Established in

1953

by Dr. M.P. Welsh

Dr. James Welsh, 1984 - 30 Years

Serving Worth County for 67 Years

Abrams Drainage

Established in

1954

Ken Abrams & Matt Abrams

Serving Worth County for 66 Years

Royal Motel

Established in

1955

Dan Luedtke & Deb Bartman

Serving Worth County for 65 Years

State Farm Insurance

Established in

1956

Dave Osborne, Jan. 2019

Serving Worth County for 64 Years

Izaak Walton League of America Inc.

Established in

1957

Worth County Chapter of the State of Iowa
(July 17, 1957)

Serving Worth County for 63 Years

Larsen Plumbing & Heating

Established in

1958

Fertile

Serving Worth County for 62 Years

Beauty Nook

Established in

1958

Cotter & Co., 1996

Jolene Cotter

Serving Worth County for 62 Years

Lutheran Retirement Home

Established in

1962

Serving Worth County for 58 Years

Greve Law Office

Established in

1963

John H. Greve & Jeffrey H. Greve,
Law Practice

Serving Worth County for 57 Years

Dr. Hal Johnson

Established in

1968

Financial Services

Serving Worth County for 52 Years

Peterson Excavating & Drainage Inc.

Established in

1968

Mike Peterson

Serving Worth County for 52 Years

Century 21 Preferred

Established in

1971

Northwood Office, 2003

Julie Hagen Robb

Serving Worth County for 49 Years

TUNE

Total United Northwood Effort

Established

1973-81

Re-established in 2003

Serving Worth County for 47 Years

Patterson Construction

Established in

1973

Harvey Patterson

Serving Worth County for 47 Years

Dick's Place Body & Towing

Established in

1974

Dick Beenken

Serving Worth County for 46 Years

Thompson Sawmill

Established in

1974

Tom Vorland

Serving Worth County for 46 Years

Northwood Electric

Established in

1974

Todd Leonard, 2006

Serving Worth County for 46 Years

ADA Enterprises, Inc.

Established in

1974

Serving Worth County for 46 Years

Manly Specialty Care

Established in

1976



Care Initiatives

Manly | Specialty Care

Serving Worth County for 44 Years

A & I Auto, Inc.

Established in

1976

Al Fredericks & Ivan Fredericks

Serving Worth County for 44 Years

Thofson Plumbing, Heating & Cooling

Established in

1977

Tim Thofson 2017

Serving Worth County 43 years

InjecTech Diesel Service

Established in

1977

Injection Technology, 1988

Dennis Stoneking

Serving Worth County for 43 Years

Northwood True Value

Established in

1978

Kelly Hardware

Dan and Tara Kelly 2018

Serving Worth County for 42 Years

Hovey's Lawn & Garden LLC

Established in

1980

Larry Hovey

Serving Worth County for 40 Years

Dewey Kruger Music, Ltd.

Established in

1981

Duane & Betty Kruger

Serving Worth County for 39 Years

D & L Equipment

Established in

1979

Dave & Lucy Heiken

Serving Worth County for 41 Years

The Real Estate Office

Established in

1981

Clara Helgeland

Serving Worth County for 39 Years

Agri-Sales

Established in

1982

Troy Low

Serving Worth County for 38 Years

Universal Contractors

Established in

1982

Bill Nicholson

Serving Worth County for 38 Years

Ver Helst Drug

Established in

1983

Dave Ver Helst

Serving Worth County for 37 Years


Worth County Veterinary Service

Established in

1984

Dr. Mike Dierenfeld

Serving Worth County for 36 Years



Mercy

Established in

1984

Emerlee Stilley, FNP

Serving Worth County for 36 Years

Kevin Springer Construction

Established in

1985

Serving Worth County for 35 Years

Krull Law Firm

Law Practice Established in

1985

Doug Krull

Serving Worth County for 35 Years

Northland Custom Interiors

Established in

1986

Sandy Madden

Serving Worth County for 34 Years

Mike's Automotive


Established in

1987

Mike Weisert

Serving Worth County for 33 Year

North Woods Cabinetry



Established in

1987

Tom Capranos & Tim Capranos

Serving Worth County for 33 Years

Sue's Corner Post

Established in

1988

formerly The Corner Post

Serving Worth County for 32 Years

Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home

Established in

1988

Mel Schroeder & Mitch Schroeder

Serving Worth County for 32 Years

Northwood Insurance

Established in

1988

John Midtgaard

Serving Worth County for 32 Years

Berge Oil

Established in

1988

Larry Berge

Serving Worth County for 32 Years

Kvam knew at a young age construction work is what he wanted to do

By JoAnn Lower

Brian Kvam was only an eighth grader when he began working construction with his uncle, David Kvam. From then on he knew this was his life's calling.

High school summers found Brian working construction, while during the year his industrial agriculture teacher, Steve Hartman, encouraged him in the trade.

"Steve helped me realize that fewer and fewer people are going into the construction business and that we need more people who work with their hands."

After graduating in 2002 from N-K, Brian attended Riverland College for two years. "My last year of college I started working with Van Butler and learning from him. It was then people started calling and wanting me to work for them."

In November 2005

Brian obtained his Iowa residential contract license and decided to go on his own. The next year he obtained his Minnesota license. "I like doing things on my own and wanted to continue what I had started with my uncle."

Kvam enjoys all facets of construction, everything from new homes and remodeling to agricultural buildings. His crew is made up of three young men — Steve Nelson and Wyatt Grundmeier who work full time and Brian Rogness, a part-time employee.

"Residential remodeling is rewarding," he smiled. "Adding on, making it fit, making improvements, making add-ons look like they haven't been added on, and taking before and after pictures."

"I enjoy working with people who have creative ideas and aren't afraid to step out of their comfort zone to

try something different."

"I like being able to drive by and look at what I've done, knowing it will be passed on from generation to generation."

About a year and a half ago Brian met Denise, a beautiful young lady from Owatonna. "We hit it off right away," he said.

It was now December 18th, just before Christmas, and Brian had come up with an idea to propose.

"Denise had decorated her Christmas tree with superhero figurines. I secretly placed her engagement ring around Bat Man, and then asked her to point out all the figurines on the tree."

"As she began showing me each super hero, her hand accidentally brushed against Bat Man. Without realizing it, she had knocked the ring to the floor. When I told her something

had fallen, she helped me look through the branches, and eventually the lost was found. I slipped the ring on her finger, got down on one knee, and asked her to marry me."

Denise is employed at Mayo Albert Lea in the X-Ray Department. The couple lives in rural Northwood on Brian's grandparents' old place where his dad grew up.

"I bought the place in 2005 and have always lived on the Iowa side of the state line road, with the mailbox on the Minnesota side."

Maverick, the Kvam's Australian shepherd, who recently joined the family and enjoys herding the barn cats, is described as "quite independent and a joy to have."

Kvam Construction is located at 1067 510th Street in Northwood. To reach them, call 507-402-1998.



BRIAN AND HIS WIFE DENISE

Northwood Ag Products

Established in **1988**
Farmers Feed and Grain 2010

Serving Worth County for 32 Years

CARQUEST Auto Parts

Established in **1988**
Dan Hendrikson

Serving Worth County for 32 Years

Quality Composites

Established in **1992**
Larry and Jody Porter

Serving Worth County for 28 Years

Signature's Supper Club

Established in **1992**
Rhonda and Mark Taylor

Serving Worth County for 28 Years

Mason City Glass

Established in **1992**
Lois Nelson

Serving Worth County for 28 Years

Bloomington Tax & Accounting

Established in **1992**
Jane Bloomingtondale

Serving Worth County for 28 Years

TruStile Doors

Established in **1995**

Serving Worth County for 25 Years

Ken's Barber Shop

Established in **1997**
Kenny Stambaugh

Serving Worth County for 23 Years

Kenison Construction

Established in **1997**
Brian & Connie Kenison

Serving Worth County for 23 Years

Top of Iowa Welcome Center, Barn Boutique & Coffee Shoppe

Established in **1998**
Jean Stowell

"The Cow" Pie Coffee Shoppe, 2010
Serving Worth County for 22 Years

Northwood Sanitation

Established in **1998**
Mike Brunsvold

Serving Worth County for 22 Years

Hogen Lawn Care and Tree Service

Established in **1998**
Paul Hogen

Serving Worth County for 22 Years

Shade Tree, Inc.

Established in **1999**

Shade Tree Liquors, 2000

Serving Worth County for 21 Years

Buck's Recycling, LLC

Established in **2000**
Manly, June 2000

Belmond, Dec. 2012; Kensett, July, 2016

Serving Worth County for 20 Years

Thofson Daycare

Established in **2001**
Missy Thofson, Daycare Provider

Serving Worth County for 19 Years

Worth County Development Authority

Established in **2003**

Serving Worth County for 17 Years

POET Biorefining

Established in **2004**
Hanlontown

Serving Worth County for 16 Years

Brian Kvam Construction, LLC

Established in **2005**

Serving Worth County for 15 Years

No matter the Enterprise, it's all in the family for AJB

This is a story about a father and his son. It’s a story about love, trust, and respect. It’s a story about how this unique team works together every day.

Al Brunsvold grew up in Lake Mills, the son of Jerry and Betty Brunsvold. In the summer of 1982, while still in high school, young Al started working for Randall Transit Mix with his dad. He graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1986, attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake and graduated four years later.

“At that time I was planning to find a job away from the area, knowing I could always come back to the family business,” he said. “However, Dad had other visions for me. He wanted me to help him in his ready mix business.”

“At Randall Transit Mix we had a sand pit for producing sand and rock products, with many people asking if there was a way we could produce wood chips for livestock bedding. Livestock bedding was expensive as it had to be brought from long distances.”

As a result, in 2005 this father/son team started a new company, AJB. A year later they sold the ready mix business and in November 2011 purchased their first wood grinder, a Rotochopper Wood Grinder.

“We shopped around and spoke with a couple of companies. It was a

scary venture. These machines were expensive, and we didn’t know if there was a big enough market.”

After purchasing the wood grinder, Al and Jerry realized they could do much more than grind livestock bedding with the expensive machine; they could demolish houses, barns, anything made of wood. They demolished their first house in 2012.

“We first clean out the house and take out what can’t be ground – carpet, big chunks of steel, beds or bed springs, big wads of clothing and appliances. When we have finished cleaning, we knock down the house, which takes only about an hour and a half. The grinding and hauling away takes about four hours.”

AJB with its crew of six employees, two part-time, can grind an average size house in a day. Other people are called on when extra help is needed.

“We have traveled to Nora Springs, Mason City, Clear Lake, Lake Mills, Forest City, Northwood, Albert Lea and throughout Freeborn County as well as St. Ansgar and Alden, Minnesota. We demolished the auction barn in Forest City and the elevator in Emmons. In three days we demolished seven buildings in Grafton. We had a big project in Myrtle demolishing eight structures.”

“One of our first proj-



Here is Al Brunsvold's story with photo of Al and his dad Jerry standing beside the wood grinding machine.

ects was grinding pallets at Lehigh Cement in Mason City, pallets burned as their heating source. We ground trees for a company in Des Moines. Our biggest project was for Case Equipment in Burlington, Iowa where we ground 100,000 pallets in a week.”

Because of the high demand for their work, Al and Jerry have recently purchased another wood grinding machine.

Along with demolishing wooden buildings and grinding pallets, AJB does a lot of snow removal in the area, including Northwood, Diamond Jo Casino and the Welcome Center.

“If someone calls saying they’re stuck and need to get to the grocery store or to a doctor appointment, I do my best to get there as quickly as possible to

help.”

AJB removes trees, hauls rock and aggregate products. They dig basements and build pads for sheds and shops. “We do what it takes.”

Al enjoys the variety in his job. “I enjoy working with everyone from customers to employees and especially working with my father every day, something that is unique and very special. Dad and I have a love for our job.”

AJB has been fortunate not to have any job-related injuries. Al, however, was severely injured on January 25, 2017 when he and his dad were moving snow in a snowstorm.

“Dad was standing in the ditch with a pay loader. I went to pull him out with a main-tainer, when the chain broke and the clevis hit me in the back of the

head and right shoulder.”

In these past three years Al has gone through multiple surgeries and is called a “walking miracle” by his doctors.

“Because of all the prayers and loving support of my family, friends and wonderful church family I was able to get through this tough time. Without them I wouldn’t be here. I am so grateful to be alive.”

The Brunsvolds are a close-knit family, united in their love and respect for each other. “I learned so much from my older brother Brad, who passed away in 2009 and touched so many lives. My younger sister Jane and her son Noah are more than sister and nephew, they’re friends. And it goes without saying that I have wonderful

parents.”

Brenda, Al’s significant other, lives in Lake Mills and works at the Lake Mills Care Center and Mills Harbour Assisted Living. “It takes someone special to work in that setting,” said Al. “Brenda is that special someone. She loves her job, and the people love her.”

Another member of Al’s family is Kobe, his feisty, affectionate, playful, gentle, seven-year-old Bichon Frise.

The entire Brunsvold family attends Sion Lutheran Church in rural Lake Mills where Al has been a council member since 1999. He is church council secretary and is always on hand to volunteer.

For more information about house/tree shredding, please contact Al at: abrunsvold@wctatel.net or call him at 641-420-7985.

AJB Enterprises

Established in

2005

Al & Jerry Brunsvold

Serving Worth County for 15 Years

YOUR KIND OF PLACE

ESTABLISHED IN

2006

Serving Worth County for 14 years

Country Inn & Suites

Established in

2006

Serving Worth County for 14 Years

Gasteiger Electric

Established in

2006

Jarod Gasteiger & Jessie Gasteiger

Serving Worth County for 14 Years

Studio 3/Johnson Vinyl

Established in

2006

Tim & Alisha Johnson

Serving Worth County for 14 Years

Kalvig Boarding Kennel

Established in

2006

Carolyn Kalvig

Serving Worth County for 14 Years

Worth Brewing Company

Established in

2007

Peter Ausenhus & Margaret Bishop

Serving Worth County for 13 Years

Linda Anderson

Tax and Accounting

Established in

2007

Serving Worth County for 13 Years

Northwood Pines

Established in

2008

A division of LRH

Serving Worth County for 12 Years

Eilertson Repair

Established in

2008

Gene Eilertson

Serving Worth County for 12 Years

Carpenter Bar & Grill

Established in

2008

Ty

Serving Worth County for 12 Years

Little Tigers Daycare

Established in

2009

Tiffany Tiedemann, Daycare Provider

Serving Worth County for 11 Years

MCT Construction, LLC

Established in

2009

Serving Worth County for 11 Years

Nate's Powder Coating

Established in

2009

Nathaniel Julseth

Serving Worth County for 11 Years

Northwood Theatre

Established in

2009

Serving Worth County for 11 Years

