



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Ellsworth Community Association

2nd Annual
SOUP SUPPER

NOV 9, 2025

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CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
BAKED POTATO SOUP
CINNAMON ROLL
DINNER ROLL
COOKIES / BARS

5 P.M. - 8 P.M.
FREEWILL DONATION
ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
CENTER

DELIVERY OPTION AVAILABLE
CALL LINDA @ (515) 297-3012
IN TOWN RESIDENCE ONLY

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Full Moon: 5 Last Quarter: 12 New Moon: 20 First Quarter: 28	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	GUIDE TO BEST FISHING DAYS BEST GOOD POOR			1 Bingo Community Center 5:00 All Saints' Day
Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	3 	4 Comm. Assoc. 6:00 Comm. Center	5 	6 Library board meet 5:30	7 	8 Bingo Community Center 5:00
Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	10 City Council 6:00	11 Veterans Day (USA) Remembrance Day (Canada)	12 	13 	14 	15 Bingo Community Center 5:00
Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	17 	18 Comm. Assoc. 6:00 Comm. Center	19 Firemen Meeting 7:00	20 	21 	22 Bingo Community Center 5:00
Trinity Lutheran Church 9:00	24 	25 City Council 6:00	26 	27 Thanksgiving Day (USA)	28 	29 Bingo Community Center 5:00

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Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next month's edition. Send by email to ellsworthca@netins.net or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscribe/unsubscribe by email: send your request to ellsworthca@netins.net.

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Ellsworth Meals: Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal \$5.00

Community Coffee - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

Lord's Cupboard: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell, 1st Monday 1:00-2:00, 5:00-6:30, other Mondays 5:00-6:30.

Birthdays This Month

1st - Don Adix	15th - Nadelyn VanLangen
1st - Sylvia Vust	15th - Phoebe Eckers
3rd - Bob Maass	16th - Doug Hocking
4th - Kathy Irvin	17th - Betsy Hill
5th - Tony Lindseth	18th - Kaden Angove
8th - Janelle Hill	18th - Eldyn Hill
	20th - Ryan Hill

VOTE NOVEMBER 4TH

CITY OF ELLSWORTH :

Polling Place: Bethesda Lutheran Church, 439 Main St Jewell, IA

Candidates:

Mayor (for 2 years, vote for one)

Barry Anksours
Doloris Yager

Council (for 4 year term, vote of two)

Brain Zimmerman
Brian Phipps
LaDana Sogard
Danny Anderson

Council (2 year term, vote for two)

Marcella Olson
Curtis Jensen

REMEMBERING THE PAST: Residents that served as Mayor

From the time the town of Ellsworth was founded in 1880 until the town was incorporated in 1893, few records were kept.

On May 5, 1893 a Public Meeting of Citizens was called to consider the question of incorporation for the town of Ellsworth. A motion was made and seconded that the town of Ellsworth be incorporated. Motion prevailed by an unanimous vote. A committee of five was appointed to consider and suggest the limits of the boundaries of incorporation. The committee consisted of Oscar Lakin, M.H. Brinton, G. W. Miller, W. M. Price and J.M Hoffman.

S. C. Johnson was elected the first mayor in May, 1893 serving until March of 1894.

Mayors of Ellsworth

S. C. Johnson	1893-1894	Roaul Amundson	1958-1959
O. N. Sexy	1894-1895	Clarence Kuhl	1960-1961
W. M. Price	1896-1905	Robert W. Mullin	1962-1969
Dr. E. W. Slater	1906-1909	Maris Naber	1970-1971
Ole O Eittreim Jr	1910-1913	Harlan Hertzke	1972-1973
Henry Rude	1914-1917	Wayne Brinton	1974-1985
J. O. Ringstad	1918-1921	Ramon Sogard	1986-1997
John E. Peterson	1922-1929	Paul Valde	1998-2003
L. E. Williams	1930-1933	Barry Anksorus	2004-2009
Charles Blair	1934-1939	Bret Hodnefield	2010-2013
Otto Lande	1940-1947	Greg Campbell	2014-2021
Clarence Kuhl	1948-1957	Dolorus Yager	2022-Present

Ellsworth Community Association (ECA)

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

Meeting called to order by Ashely Platte, President, at 6:10 PM.

Roll call: Ashley Platte, Becca Jensen, Darlene Campbell, Linda Clark, and
Brittany Williams.

Minutes and treasure report approval: Motion Brittany, seconded Darlene

Public form: None Present

Halloween: Hot dogs, chips and water will be served at the fire station on
Thursday, October 30th from 5:30-8.

2nd Annual Soup Supper: Sunday, November 9th from 5-8. Chili, chicken
noodle soup, potato soup, dinner roll, cinnamon roll and bars/cookies will be served.

Will distribute fliers on Tuesday Oct 21st.

Extravaganza: We will be reaching out to contacts for vendors.

Christmas/Santa: We have the letters, the mail box needs some sprucing up.

More to come.

Update ECA Bylaws: No update as of yet.

Donation for city grant-park: We will be donating \$3000 dollars to the city to
use for grants for improvements around town. Also \$500 to the mural in the city
park.

Comments: None.

Adjournment: Motion Brittany, seconded by Darlene. Meeting adjourned at 7:09

OCTOBER 13TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 6:01 p.m. at City Hall on October 13th, 2025, with Mayor Yager presiding, and the following council members present: Phipps, Sogard, Holden, and Olson. Also in attendance were Brian Zimmerman and Ashley Platte.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Olson, seconded by Phipps to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Phipps, seconded by Olson to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: a. Motion to approve September 23, 2025 council minutes.

b. Motion to approve October 13, 2025 payment of claims. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: None Present

ELLSWORTH MURAL DESIGN APPROVAL: Motion by Sogard to approve mural design and location pending approval from Xtreme Tumbling on the letter "E". Second by Olson. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

INSURANCE AUDIT/ADJUSTMENT: Tabled until Clerk Eckers can discuss potential additions of City Hall and the Community Center to the blanket replacement coverage policy.

FUNK FUNNY FARM ANIMAL VARIANCE REQUEST: Tabled, William Funk not present.

OPEN MEETING TRAINING: Mayor Yager and Councilwoman Olson discussed open meeting training for newly elected and appointed city officials as presented to them at a recent Police Board meeting. As of July 1, 2025 Iowa Code now requires the training. Motion by Olson and second by Phipps to have the city pay the small fees associated with the training, with training to be completed by all new and/or returning elected city officials by January 1. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-13-2025 INTENT TO SELL PARCEL 40872330311008: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to adopt Resolution 10-13-2025 and set Public Hearing for 6:05pm on October 28th, 2025. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

E-BIKE DEFINITION AND ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Members of the Council, the Mayor, and city staff will at the Oct 28th meeting present examples from other communities of Ordinance examples concerning the use of E-bikes and scooters within city limits.

ECA: NONE PRESENT

LIBRARY: NONE PRESENT

FIRE/EMS:

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PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

A: Motion by Holden and second by Phipps to approve the purchase of 4-25KVA 1P Pole Mount transformers through the Fletcher-Reinhardt Company totaling \$9840. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

B: Tabled until November 10 Council session

C: Motion by Sogard and second by Olson to close the 4-way intersection of Des Moines Ave and Dewitt Street from the library to Trinity Lutheran Church on October 30, 2025 during the Halloween festivities. Roll call votes

4-0. Motion carried.

CITY HALL UPDATES: Clerk Eckers updated the Council on recent meetings with the ISU College of Design students concerning the 10-year comprehensive planning process. Supervisor Vanlangen has helped to gather data required by the students regarding utilities, maps, etc. Clerk Eckers has supplied the students with financial records, balance sheets, etc to help in the planning process. The Council was present with some preliminary boundary and land usage maps from the students. Discussion concerning Iowa Code 414.23 and the two-mile radius planning boundary was brought up by Clerk Eckers. It was requested that the Council consider looking to the East of Interstate 35 when thinking future and potential expansion and land use for the City of Ellsworth. The next community meeting has been postponed until November 3rd, 6:30pm at the Ellsworth Community Center and all residents are encouraged to attend. Flyers will be posted on every door in town inviting community members to this meeting to share their visions and opinions on the future of Ellsworth.

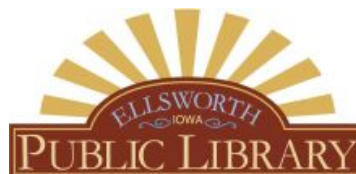
ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager called for adjournment. Motion by Sogard and seconded by Olson. Roll call votes 4-0.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor

/s/ Heidi Eckers, City Clerks

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MEET THE NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR! Roxann Boyce started as the new Director of the Ellsworth Public Library on October 13, 2025. Roxann and her husband Reginald currently live in Eldora. Roxann used to be the Assistant Director at the Hubbard Public Library before accepting the director position here in Ellsworth. She is also a retired teacher from Arizona and moved back to her home state five years ago. Roxann is excited to be here and is implementing a few new programs at the library. Stop in and meet her

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Card Group | 1-4pm EVERY TUESDAY
- BASE Exercise Group | 10:15-10:45am EVERY FRIDAY
- Board Meeting (open to public) | 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Young(ish) Adult Book Club | 6:00-7:00pm | Monday, November 24, 2025
- KIDS KLUB will begin on Monday November 10, 2025 at 4 p.m. till 4:45 p.m. We will be playing games, bingo, Lego's and crafts each Monday (Snacks provided too). This is for Children ages 5 to 10 years of age. This event will continue each week unless notified on Facebook.
- STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN ages 0 to 5 will begin Thursday November 13, 2025 at 10 a.m. till 11 a.m. Come join the fun! We will be reading stories, singing songs, dancing, crafts and a snack. This event will continue each Thursday at 10 a.m. each week unless there is an unexpected change.
- Come join this book club for adults in their 20s and 30s(ish)!

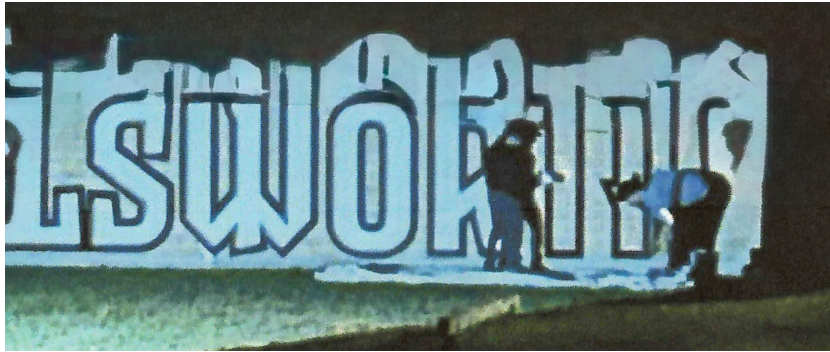
NEW BOOKS:Adult Fiction:

- The Names by Florence Knapp
- The Boyfriend by Frieda McFadden
- Count My Lies by Sophie Stave
- The Wife Between Us by Sarah Pakkanen
- The Academy by Elin Hildebrand
- Twice by Mitch Albom
- A Daughter For Christmas by Stephanie Dees (Love Inspired Romance)

Early Reader Fiction:

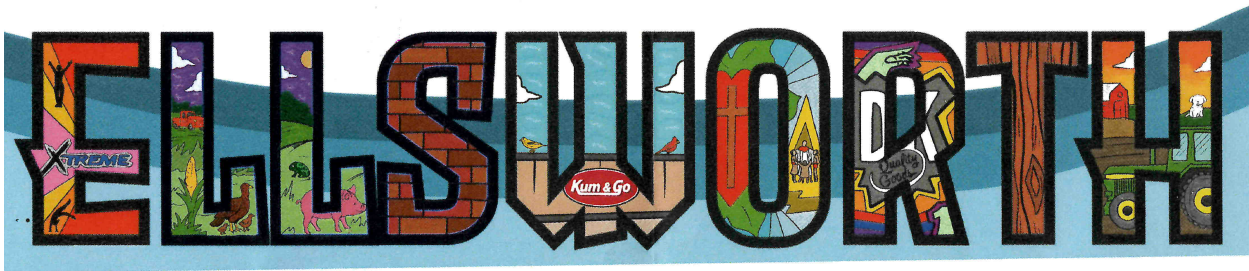
- Gift & Box by Brizida MaGro
- Tractor Mac - Colors on the Farm by Billy Steers
- The Good Egg by Jory John
- The Legend of the Christmas Tree by Rick Osborne

Have you been by the Ellsworth Park lately? The Mural in progress.



Thanks to the supporters of the Mural, all letters were locally paid for.

Finished product



- E - Xtreme Tumbling
- L - BVS
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- S - Stone Masonry
- W - Kum & Go
- O - Trinity Lutheran Church
- R - D K Quality Goods
- T - Thompson Construction
- H - Hill Farms