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City Hall

## **Kreislandfrauenverband presents harvest crown to Bocholt's mayor Kerkhoff**

### **Decades-old tradition // Countrywomen get into conversation with mayor**

The city of Bocholt has now been given a special honor: The Kreislandfrauenverband im Kreis Borken presented its traditional harvest crown to Bocholt's mayor Thomas Kerkhoff. The harvest crown is presented annually to mayors in the district of Borken.

"The handing over of the harvest crown has a decades-old tradition," said Regina Schulze Icking, spokeswoman of the Kreislandfrauenverband Borken. Schulze Icking welcomed the representatives of the agricultural associations present, including the members of the board of the Kreislandfrauen, the deputy district farmer Anke Knuf, the deputy chairman in the WLV district association Borken Heinz-Josef Elpers and the members of the agricultural town association Bocholt, who had come to the auditorium of the municipal comprehensive school for the handing over of the harvest crown.

The actual harvest idea is getting more and more lost, said Schulze Icking in her welcoming speech. But especially in times of crisis, such as the dry summer and the corona pandemic, the commitment to better supply security is important, she said. "For years, there were no more shortages in Germany. It was taken for granted that food was always available and cheap," the spokeswoman said. In this context, she said, it was important to point out the great importance of farmers and to advocate for more appreciation, reasonable prices and less bureaucracy for agriculture.

However, "Despite all the challenges and changes, we love life on the farms, dealing with nature and animals, living and being together in rural areas," Schulze Icking said.

"We are very pleased to have this special honor of receiving the harvest crown this year," said Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff. He, too, emphasized how important a functioning agriculture and the associated associations are for a functioning rural structure. Following his greeting, Kerkhoff answered some of the rural women's questions on local political issues and invited the representatives to present their association at the subsequent town council meeting.

### **About the district countrywomen's association Borken**

Following the handing over of the harvest crown, Sigrid Vornholt introduced the Kreislandfrauenverband Borken at the beginning of the council meeting. This has meanwhile more than 6000 members between 28 and over 90 years. The federation is thereby very variously set up, stressed Vornholt.

The circle countrywomen federation Borken is organized in 56 local federations. The district rural women's association actively shapes life in rural areas, also in social networks and with its own app "Landfrauen im Kreis Borken".





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*Regina Schulze Icking, Sprecherin des Kreislandfrauenverbandes Borken und  
Bürgermeister Thomas Kerkhoff begrüßten die Anwesenden*

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