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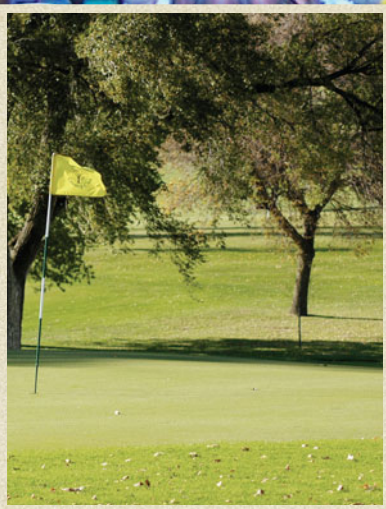

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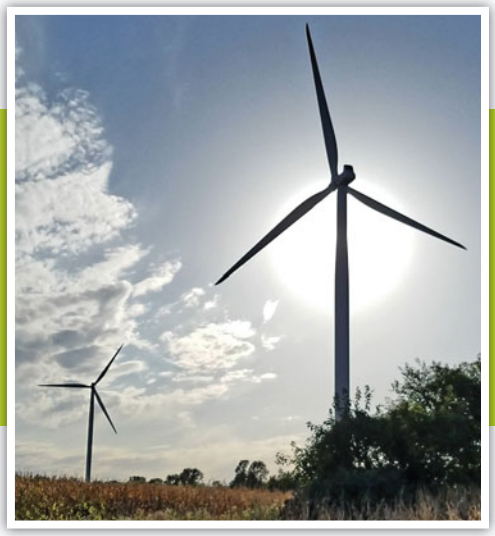

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We at the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce are excited to provide this Visitor's Guide for your convenience and pleasure while visiting our area.

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce includes all of Franklin County and actually extends beyond our county lines, including the school districts of CAL (Coulter, Alexander, Latimer), Hampton-Dumont and West Fork.

We are proud that the downtown of our historic county seat, Hampton, is designated as a Main Street Iowa District. Through our Main Street projects, current residents build on the efforts of our ancestors as we intentionally work to share our past and present with you, as well as look forward to the future. Similarly, the other communities that make up Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce also work to keep their business districts dynamic and vibrant. You'll find unique and interesting shops and restaurants, along with warm hospitality, throughout the county.

The Chamber's mission is to work together by supporting and encouraging growth in the downtown district and beyond. We achieve this thanks to the motivated volunteers who serve on our Promotion, Design, Business Improvement, Organization and Tourism committees, thus keeping the Chamber strong and relevant for the greater Franklin County area. We encourage you to visit with our business people who continue to invest both time and money to make greater Franklin County the place where we feel blessed to live and work.

We invite you to stay awhile in Franklin County. This guide highlights some of the key attractions and events in our community. Included are the beautiful Beeds Lake State Park, along with numerous city and county parks and the Rolling Prairie Bike Trail that is so popular with bikers from around the region. In addition, the center of the booklet includes a listing by category of the businesses that belong to the Chamber, followed by an alphabetical listing of all businesses in greater Franklin County.

You can also learn more about us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GreaterFranklinCounty or at www.HamptonIowa.org.

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Thank you for your interest in Franklin County. We are located right off of Interstate 35 and look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful rural community in North Central Iowa. Come on by and CATCH SOME FUN! Whether you are interested in outdoor recreation, antiquing, shopping, wine tasting, Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale or any of our festivals offered year-round, we offer great opportunities to catch some fun for any age.

Franklin County offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation. Whether you enjoy golfing, camping, hunting, bird watching, geocaching, disc golf, snowmobiling or any of our numerous outdoor festivals, we have something for everyone. If you enjoy bike riding, trail blazing or snowmobiling, check out our Rolling Prairie Trail system which offers many events year-round. We are home to Beeds Lake State Park, the hidden key site of the *Our Iowa Magazine* Great Treasure Hunt 2015, as well as many county parks for your camping, fishing, and outdoor recreation enjoyment.

If history is your fascination, Franklin County is home to many properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Each one has a tale to tell. Stop by our visitor's center, Center 1, in our county seat of Hampton, located on Highway 3, and pick up a self-guided walking tour for our Historic Downtown District. In July, we offer Grandpa's Farm and our Historic Pleasant Hill with free admission during the Franklin County Fair. The Harriman-Nielsen House is open for tours by appointment or at the Harriman-Nielsen Annual Fall Festival in October. The Historic Windsor Theatre offers blockbuster movies weekly and special performances sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council throughout the year.

If shopping is your passion, stop by Hampton's Historic Downtown and visit one of our Specialty Shops offering everything from clothing, vintage items, and antiques, to hand crafted items, just to name a few. Franklin County also offers Rustic Brew, our own micro-brewery and coffee café or TownsEnd Winery to sit back and enjoy a relaxing glass of home grown Iowa wine or beer. If garage sales are where your heart lies, come see our Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale during Labor Day Weekend. There is always something special to be found.

If a getaway is what you are looking for we have many wonderful lodging choices from our franchise hotel chains to the cozy comforts of Country Heritage Bed and Breakfast. Franklin County offers a great place to play and stay.

"Like" our Facebook pages at Franklin County Iowa Tourism, Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and Hampton Iowa to find links to new events and activities posted daily.

Thank you for your interest in Franklin County. Come on by and CATCH SOME FUN!

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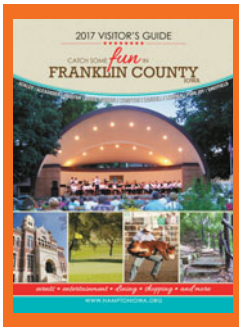

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Bottom pictures, from left:

Franklin County Courthouse, Hampton Country Club, Franklin County Fair, Walkway at Beeds Lake State Park

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The North Hansell Shooting Complex is located two miles north of Hansell on Franklin County Road S-56 (Timber Avenue) just south of C-25. Two open shelters were completed in 2011 to protect users of the long-range course from the elements, with the aid of a grant from the Community Foundation of Franklin County.

The course features a shotgun range with a sporting clays launcher, a rifle range with target berms at 100-350 yards and a pistol range with target areas from 15-100 yards. The shorter three-gun range for action shooting is a more recent addition.

Range users will be asked for a $10 per day fee to cover development and maintenance of the facility. For regular visitors, a $50 season pass is available.

The range features reflective steel targets, offering visual and auditory feedback. Paper targets may be brought.

The pistol range features swinging steel plate targets at 15 and 25 yards, and a dueling tree. The rifle range offers swinging steel plate targets at each of the target berms ranging from the size of a deck of playing cards up to 2 by 2 feet. Picnic tables are available. The complex is handicap-accessible with an on-site restroom.

The North Hansell Shooting Complex is part of the Franklin County Conservation Department and was built entirely by volunteers and donations. It is next to the site of the former Franklin County Landfill.

For more information, contact Franklin County Conservation at 641-456-4375. ■

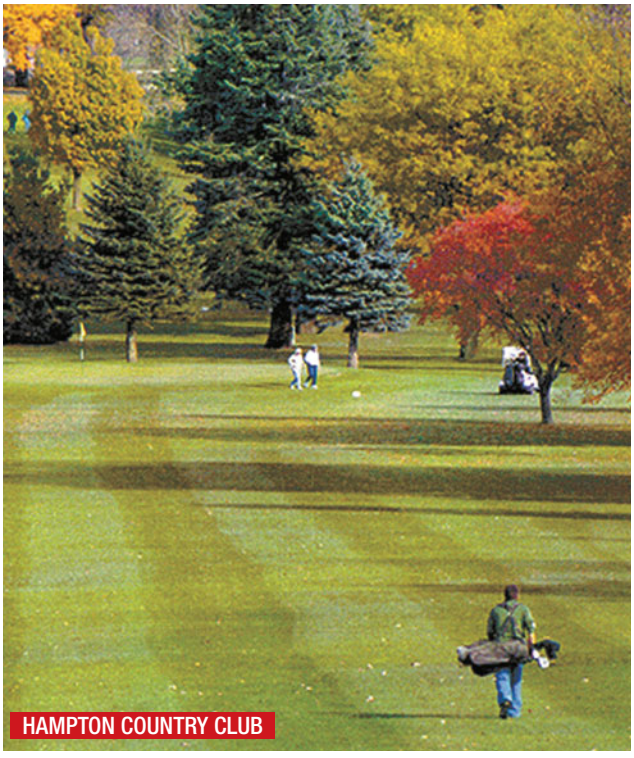
GOLF COURSES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Iowans love their golf, and that's because there is so much golf available for the average hacker and the fanatic alike.

Hampton is home to the prestigious Hampton Country Club, previously voted the best nine-hole course in Iowa. It features established trees, a short but tight layout, and some wickedly tricky greens that always leave golfers shaking their heads. The signature hole is the 255-yard par four sixth. If you hit a big drive straight, you have a chance for an eagle. Mess up the drive, and you might wind up with a six, or worse! The course is private, but if you live outside the county, you can play on certain days. Call 641-456-3256 for more information.

The newest course in the area is the Ridge Stone Golf Club on the southwest side of Sheffield. This public-play-links-style layout has it all - a few trees, difficult bunkers, water hazards, elevated and fast greens and beautiful tees. The par five seventh hole is a dandy, featuring a pond on the right and a creek on the left off the drive. The creek meanders about 70 yards in front of the green, making going for it in two a hazard. The two-tiered green, protected by bunkers and trees, adds a little more spice. Call 641-892-8040 for information.

If you want to work on your short game, try the Latimer Golf Club. It's easy to walk as the course is mostly flat, and the holes are short. But the elevated greens and a few well-placed bunkers make scoring well very difficult. If the bump-and-run is your shot, this is your course! The course is open to the public. Call 641-579-6090 for details.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Another well-kept secret is the Dows Golf Course on the east side of Dows. This course has challenging holes of all lengths and widths. The course is played by a corps of loyal golfers who take pride in the condition of the course. You'll enjoy the blind tee shot through the saddle as you near the end of your round — especially if you hit it well. Call 515-852-4751 for information. ■

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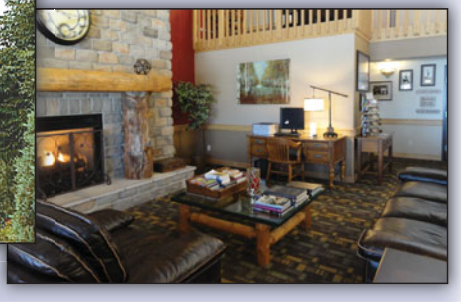

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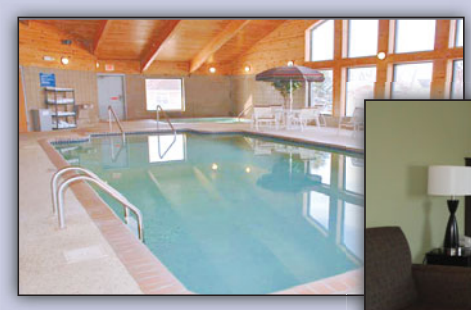

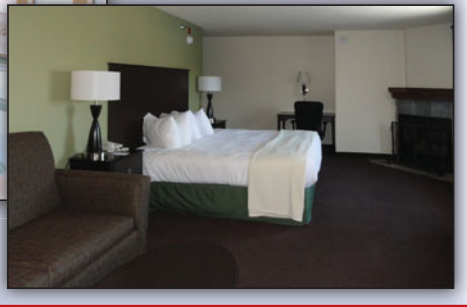

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ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAIL

THE ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAIL

Walkers, joggers, cyclists and snowmobilers can appreciate Franklin County's beautiful landscape first hand with a trip down the Rolling Prairie Trail.

The 20-mile recreational path opened in 2011 and runs from Coulter to the Butler County line. It can be utilized for multiple purposes depending on the season, and it's become one of Franklin County's most prized attractions since its creation.

The limestone trail has multiple rest areas along the route for users to catch their breath or take in the scenery. There is also an asphalt trail detour that leads to Beads Lake State Park, where there are even more recreational opportunities. In 2015, a pair of bridges that are located on the route to Hansell were resurfaced.

The new structures provide a wider, smoother surface to accommodate cyclists, snowmobiles and the trail groomer for use during all seasons. They were installed over top of the existing bridges, which have been deemed structurally sound by an engineer. The conservation department recently resurfaced the entire trail with crushed limestone, all the way from Coulter to the county line. The crushed limestone now provides a much smoother ride.

The creation of the Rolling Prairie Trail was a joint effort between Franklin County Conservation, the Iowa River Riders Snowmobile Club and multiple local donors. The trail, which was formerly a railroad, is groomed for users each season and is a well-maintained outlet for residents and visitors in Franklin County.

The trail takes users through the rolling hills and expansive landscape of rural Iowa. Wildlife like prairie birds, small mammals and other critters can be seen along the path, which is an added bonus for nature lovers both young and old.

When you visit, make sure to check out the Rolling Prairie Trail. It will give you a unique look at Franklin County's beautiful landscape that's sure to have you coming back for more.

Please heed signs on the trail. Except for handicap-assistive devices, motor vehicles are not allowed on parts of the trail, especially the cemetery spur.

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Thanks for everything!

Rob B.

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I would recommend him to anyone to sell anything!

Andrew Y.

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We had two offers in that time frame, one of them being for the full list price. We worked with Kathy for the purchase and sale of this home and she kept us promptly informed on showings, negotiations, and also requests from the buyer.
I would recommend Kathy to anyone who is moving into, around, or out of Hampton.

Lloyd & Mahna R.

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Thank you so much Kathy & Chuck! I like my new home very much!!

Chloe S.

My family worked with Kathy & Chuck early this year to sell my Dad's house. We listed the house in December, not the best time of year in Iowa to list a home. However, by the end of March we had an offer and by the end of May all was done.

They took care of everything!

Being the executor of my Dad's estate there was a lot of paperwork to complete. Kathy made it so easy by coming to my office for my convenience. I would definitely use Abbott Realty for future real estate business.

Carol R.

My brother and I contacted Kathy of Abbott Realty when we made the decision to sell the acreage of our parent's farm.
We couldn't have made a better choice. Because we both lived out of the area, we needed to have someone that we could trust to get us the best deal possible.

She did that and more.

We ran into some problems and she handled them quickly and professionally. I highly recommend Kathy to anyone who needs a competent Realtor who is willing to go above and beyond for her clients.

Bev M.

We purchased a home in Oct. 2016 from Abbott Realty in Hampton, IA. Chuck Svendsen was our agent and he endured many telephone calls through our buying process and was always gracious and very helpful.
He was very professional and we were

very happy to have Chuck and Abbott Realty as our Realtors.

Thank you Abbott Realty!

Gene & Julie E.

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BEEDS LAKE DAM

BEEDS LAKE STATE PARK

Whether you are picnicking, camping, boating or just taking a stroll through hiking paths, Beeds Lake State Park is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

Since 1857, the handicapped-accessible state park is one of the most popular attractions in Franklin County. It features an expansive 320-acre park area and 98-acre lake.

Beeds Lake is an ideal place for a family cookout, with many grassy and shaded picnic areas to provide opportunities for relaxation.

A major attraction is the former beach concession, which has been renovated into a lodge. It is available for rentals at a cost of $80 on weekends and $40 during the week, plus tax. It has a large amount of seating, a kitchen and French doors that open lakeside and to the south.

A rustic shelter with electrical service is available and may be reserved for $25, plus tax. The shelter and lodge may be reserved through the park reservation system online.

The sandy beach is located on the west side of the causeway. Although no lifeguard is on duty, the beach area is always open and is a great place for young and old to enjoy the water on a hot summer day.

The lake is a popular destination for anglers year-round. Walleyes, bass, catfish, panfish and tiger muskies are available. A fishing jetty and dock are located on the south shore of the lake and are accessible to people who are mobility-impaired.

Beeds Lake is a popular boating spot due to its scenic beauty. Motors of all horsepower may be used, but must be operated at no-wake speed. A modern boat ramp is located on the southern shore of the lake near the beach area.

The campground at Beeds Lake has 144 sites, 99 with electricity. Modern restrooms and shower facilities are available, as well as a sanitary dump station.

Camping permits are $16 per night for a basic unit in the electric area and $11 per night for a basic unit in the non-electric area, for up to six people, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

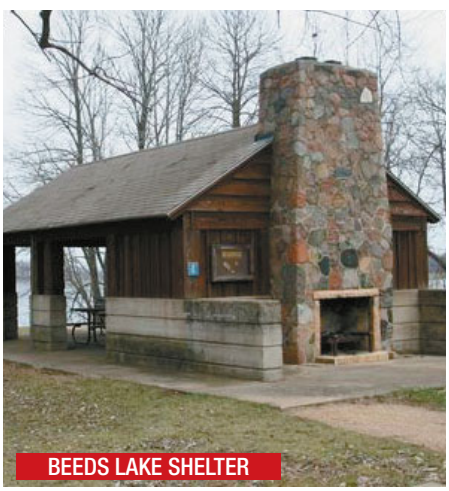
Beeds Lake was a recent recipient of a large capital investment. In May 2014, workers completed the finishing touches on the campground's second new shower house and restroom facility. The first one was completed in 2013 near the east side of the camping area, and workers installed the latest addition on the west side.

The new facility cost approximately $220,000. The first shower house was extremely popular with visitors in 2013, and park officials expected more of the same with this one. Both are handicapped accessible, very low maintenance and provide more privacy for users.

Iowa does not have a fee to use its state parks, but you should take a few garbage bags. You are responsible for removing your own trash from the park.

Beeds Lake State Park provides more than just recreation and a view of Iowa's rural beauty. It also provides a taste of Iowa's rich history.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the park and man-made lake feature structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression years of the 1930s. The CCC cluster includes the spillway, causeway, bathhouse and concession stand. ■



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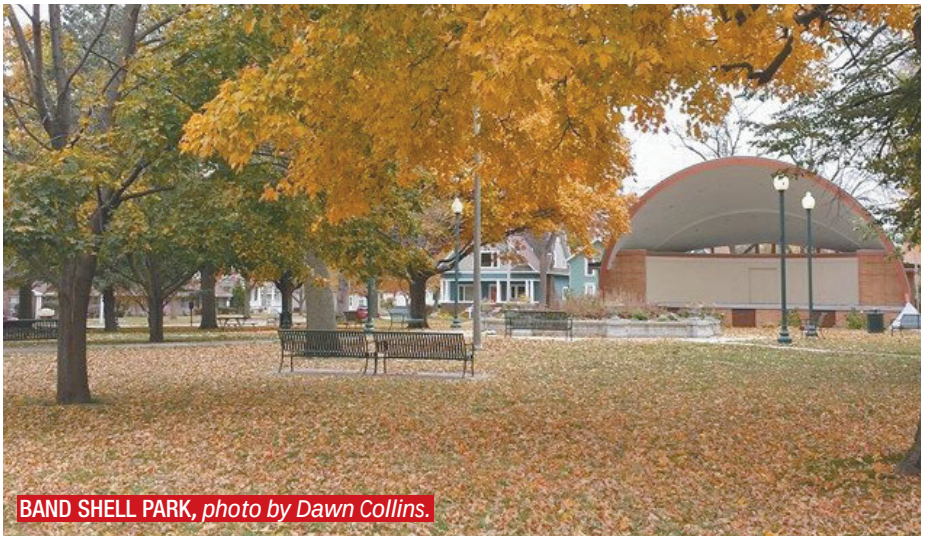

BAND SHELL PARK, *photo by Dawn Collins.*

HAMPTON PARKS

Band Shell Park

Features the second-oldest band shell in Iowa. It was built in 1959 at a cost of $4,400 using funds from an estate and the park board.

Music and architecture enthusiasts should be sure to visit the recently renovated Hampton Band Shell in the summer. The Hampton Municipal Band performs concerts each Tuesday night in June as part of the Chamber's Tuesdays on the Town event, which is held downtown in Band Shell Park across from the Franklin County Courthouse. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or use the park's many benches to take in the unique music experience.

In 2010, the band shell was deemed structurally unsound. After pro-bono consulting from RDG Planning and Design in Des Moines, the community pitched in to raise more than $90,000, enough to restore the historic structure and begin an endowment for future improvements.

PROGRESS PARK SHELTER

Progress Park

The north side of the park, on the hill, features the bright Hampton Family Aquatic Center with four waterslides, a foam lobster, wading pool, play set and water dump bucket. A restroom is available seasonally.

At the foot of the hill, the park includes a baseball diamond and — new in 2013 — a skate park, two new play structures, and renovated basketball, tennis and sand volleyball courts.

Weekdays, aquatic center rates may be obtained by calling 641-456-5757 or Hampton City Hall at 641-456-4853.

Visit www.hamptonia.us for more information.

The recreational trail connects Progress Park to the main line a block north.

ZIP LINE, HARRIMAN PARK

Harriman Park

Located on the north edge of Hampton on Highway 65, includes several picnic shelters, playground equipment and fishing at the Spring Creek dam.

Improvements to Harriman Park wrapped up last year, with the installment of a 66-foot zip line, thanks in part to fundraising efforts by the Kiwanis Club of Hampton.

The addition of the zip line concludes approximately a year-and-a-half of fundraising, planning and construction.

The pond at Harriman Park was dredged in 1999 and 2000, and is full and ready for fishing.

A four-season shelter was built in 2001, and features air conditioning.

Nestled in a valley under many trees, Harriman Park has long been a popular spot for reunions and picnics.

ATTRACTIONS

East Park

Is on the east side of town along Highway 3. The park includes a disc golf course with a tricky water trap, soccer fields, a picnic shelter, playground equipment and wide-open spaces.

In the 2010s, East Park has been a stop on the North Iowa Disc Golf Tour.

A shelter house and concession stand building was constructed with funds from Hampton Rotary Club and the city in 2009.

Memorial Park

Located in the northwest of Hampton, at 3rd Avenue and 8th Street. It includes playground equipment, one shelter and room to play.

Beeds Lake State Park

Though near Hampton, it is outside city limits and can be found under county parks.

CITY PARK SHELTERS

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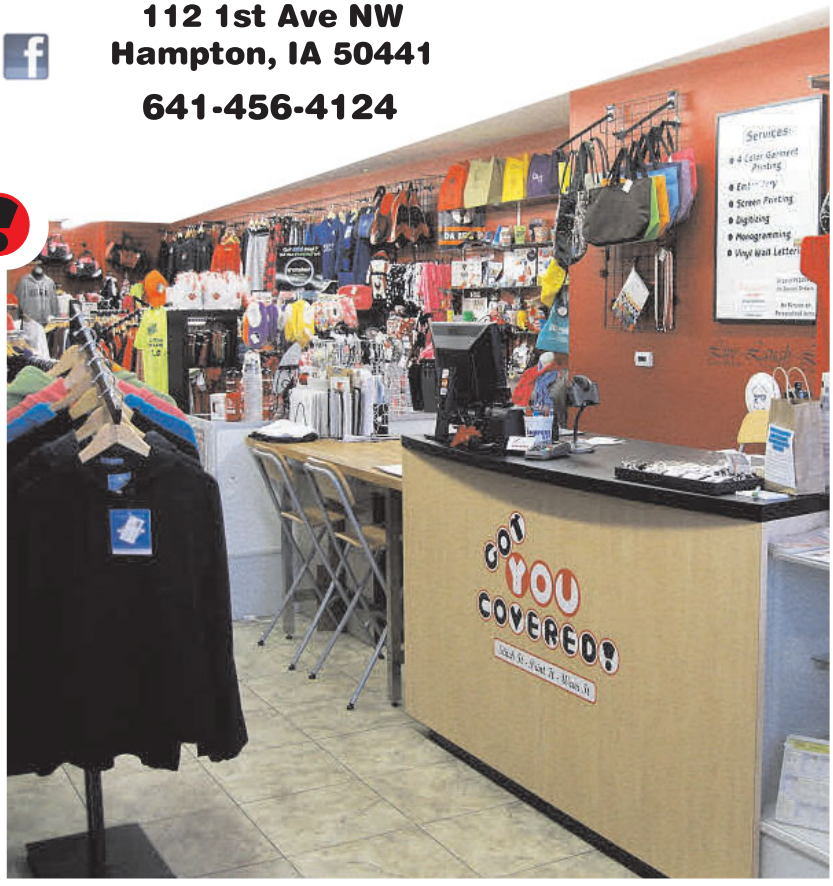

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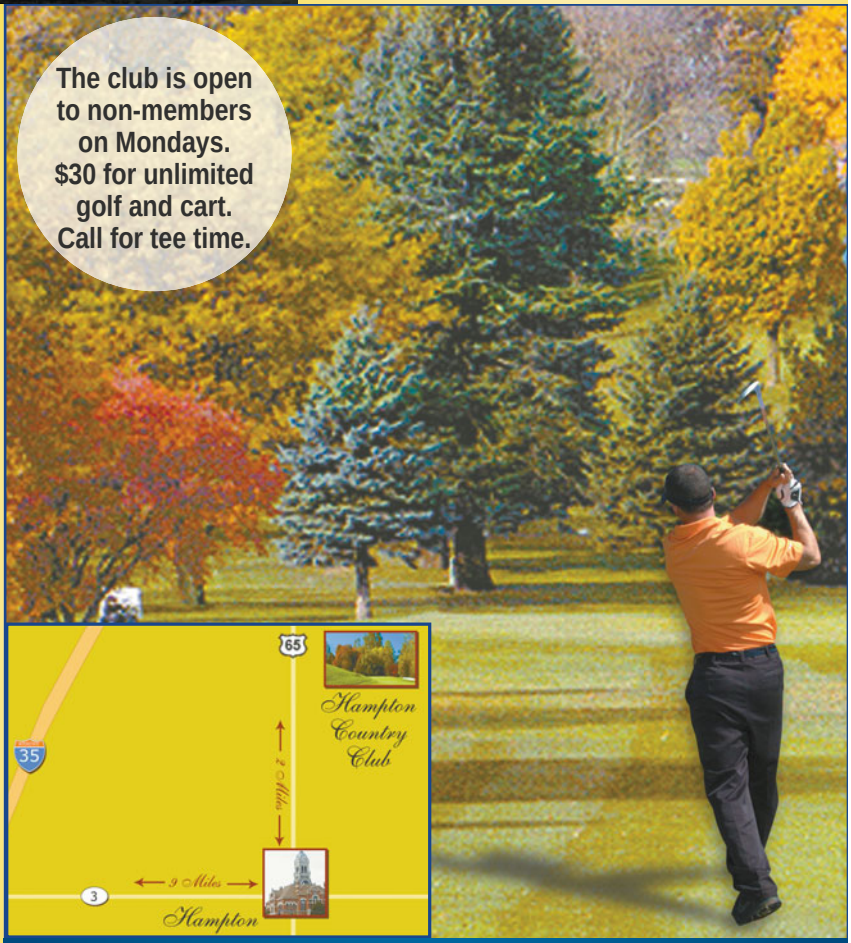

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COULTER PARKS

Coulter City Park and Athletic Field

Located in the center of town, Coulter has two blocks of public space. The first block features a memorial gazebo and benches lit with vintage style lighting; a large area with playground equipment, shelter house with grills, basket ball area, restrooms and concession stand beneath a large canopy of trees.

The athletic field serves several area sports. First, our local Little Leagues baseball and softball teams and their families enliven the park from May until early July. Home field for La Liga de Coulter, 14 community soccer leagues from north and central Iowa play soccer tournaments on two fields every Saturday and Sunday night from April until November. The concession stand serves authentic Mexican food during the tournaments.

The entire two blocks of the city park also features a 9-hole Frisbee golf course.

Coulter Fun Day: Scheduled for June 24, 2017; includes a parade, lunch and evening fireworks. Other activities include a Lego Bike Ride, childrens' entertainment and other local events.

COULTER ATHLETIC FIELD

LATIMER PARKS

Latimer boasts two city parks. Community groups made many improvements at West Park in 2011. The park offers playground equipment, a renovated shelter house, tetherball courts, new picnic tables, vintage lighting, and wide sidewalks allowing wheelchair access. A portable restroom is available.

Over at Latimer's East Park, on the north side of town, the summer is spent enjoying ball games at two diamonds, one for softball and one for baseball.

The east diamond, used for softball, saw a new roof and siding and relocation, with help of local FFA members, in 2012.

The town also features a small Gazebo Memorial Park next to its post office. Visitors may enjoy rest among the flowers.

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Latimer Fun Day: Every two years, on the last Saturday of July, the Latimer Community Club puts together a day of fun for the town. Next Fun Day is scheduled for July 2017.

Games and activities aplenty are there to enjoy for kids of all ages.

Latimer Historical Museum

The back rooms of Latimer City Hall house a museum dedicated to the town history. City hall is open weekdays until 3 p.m. The museum is also available by appointment. Visitors learn about Latimer's past through historic memorabilia from when the town was first established.

Call Latimer City Hall for more information, 641-579-6452.

GENEVA

Burkley Park

Rural Geneva is home to Burkley Park, operated by Franklin County Conservation. See County Parks.

HANSELL

Hansell City Park

Hansell's city park features a softball diamond, playground equipment, a wooden ship and a shelter house.

HANSELL CITY PARK

The wooden ship, made by the Amish, was a gift from the Sue Rowen family to honor late mayor, David Rowen.

Community betterment funds allowed for building the shelter house.

The softball diamond is open until dark. Softball teams wishing to reserve the diamond should call city clerk Deanna Genz at 641-494-8425.

A portable restroom is available seasonally.

POPEJOY

Popejoy Conservation Park

Rural Popejoy is home to Popejoy Conservation Park, a 61-acre park half a mile south of Popejoy. See County Parks.

SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Legion Park

The city's primary park is supported by both the city and the local American Legion.

Featuring a playground, gazebo, and a war memorial, the park is a central activity location for all ages.

Two little league ball diamonds opened for games in 2011, with an electric scoreboard.

The diamonds are located north of the high school baseball-softball complex at the corner of Cleveland and Thompson streets in Sheffield. Several local businesses and contractors donated work and land to the cause.

Marie Ayers Park

Offers a shelter with electricity and playground equipment, Marie Ayers Park is situated next to the town's swimming pool and school football field.

People in the Park: People in the Park will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, with the Sheffield Community Club the sponsoring organization. Legion Park is the location for most of the activities of the day. They begin with an omelet breakfast sponsored by the Sheffield Library Foundation, followed with a parade at 10 a.m., and kids games and activities. Lunch will be served by the Sheffield Community Club. There will also be vendors. There is free admission to the park.

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Path of Progress

Eugene Sukup had the vision for the path when the railroad quit running through Sheffield eight years ago. At that time, Sheffield obtained from the railroad the right of way with the idea in mind to create a bike trail. Ultimately, Eugene would like to see the trail connect with the new path in Hampton, which also connects to the path to Coulter.

"There is a lot of history from the north side of Sheffield south of Chapin, and it's along that rail line. If we didn't build a trail there, no one would have the opportunity to see it. There have been a lot of great businesses here in Sheffield and we want to make sure that people remember them," Eugene explained.

The first 1.2 mile section of the Sheffield Path of Progress was completed in mid-September of 2011. That section includes a 170-foot bridge that was designed and constructed by employees of Sukup Manufacturing Company. Sukup also fabricated signs at the trailhead that list all of the businesses along that trail that were and/or are the lifeblood of the Sheffield community.

SHEFFIELD PATH OF PROGRESS PARK

Along with sharing the area's history, the Sheffield Path of Progress also allows Sheffield-area residents to get involved in the future of the state of Iowa. Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative is a privately led public initiative intended to inspire Iowans and their communities throughout the state to improve their health and happiness and make Iowa the healthiest state. Using the walking/biking trail between Sheffield and Chapin is a great way for people in the Sheffield area to join in the initiative. Individuals are encouraged to form walking groups and "Just Move." For more information on the Healthiest State Initiative, go to www.iowahealthieststate.com

"We are blessed and thrilled to be able to give back to the community that means so much to us. We hope that people will make use of the trail to get out, exercise and take in the history and beauty of our area," said Eugene.

ACKLEY

Prairie Bridges Park

Prairie Bridges Park and Campground is on County Highway S56 north of Ackley.

The park boasts 101 acres of prairie, timber, stocked fishing ponds, a swimming area and three miles of trails to bike and walk on. Trails take visitors through forested areas, among 18 acres of native prairie, and over streams and ponds via eight historical bridges.

A recreation trail connects it to town.

Amenities include a modern campground with 120 sites, most with electrical service, water, and septic connections, plus restroom and shower facilities.

There are 30 basic campsites; pull-through sites and septic sites are available.

An insulated shelter house and banquet facility measures 30 by 40 feet and accepts group reservations. Call 641-485-1623.

Fishing areas are accessible by small boats. Fishing is also accessible through a 14 by 16-foot handicap-accessible dock, cleared shoreline or numerous bridges.

Yearly events at Prairie Bridges Park include a car show put on by Sons of the American Legion, Haunted Hayrides in October and Christmas in July. For the car show and Christmas in July, trophies are awarded. There is also a 5k run and walk during the Ackley festival, Sauerkraut Days, in June.

Sauerkraut Days: Sauerkraut Days is the first weekend in June in Ackley. For more than a century, this four-day event has brought people together. Activities include carnival rides, live entertainment, wieners and sauerkraut, a grand parade, a children's parade, children's tractor pull, fishing derby, a German band, fireworks, a flea market and City wide garage sales.

DOWS

The Dows City Park and Shelter House takes up half a block and is on Ellsworth Street/County Highway S13. It is open year-round. The shelter house is suitable for entertainment events.

Dows Park and Swimming Pool is on the southwest edge of town at 2732 Dows Williams Road. The park and an adjoining campground are open year-round.

The campground has about 11 spots for electric and water hookup. It accommodates recreational vehicles.

The campground and pool share a bathroom and shower facility. Bathrooms are handicap-accessible and stay open May 1 to Nov. 1.

The swimming pool area is open June 1 to Aug. 31. The pool boasts two waterslides. The deep end is about 10 feet. There is also a wading pool.

For pricing, June to August, call the pool office at 515-852-4644.

The Dows Golf Course is at 200 85th St. The course is open from April 15 to Oct. 15. No reservations are taken. The course was built in 1965 solely by the labor of community members and has operated continuously.

For more information, call Dows City Hall at 515-852-4327, or during operating season, call the Golf Course office at 515-852-4751.

Dows Corn Days: The first weekend in August marks a large celebration. The festivities include a parade, entertainment in the park, food vendors, inflatable rides, several activities including a great fireworks display Friday night and a community church service on Sunday morning. ■

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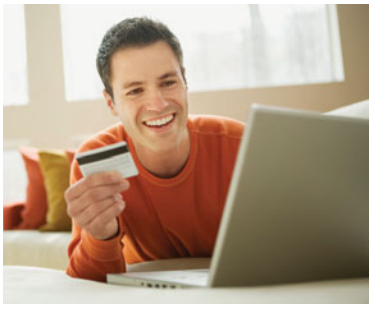

PARK EVENTS

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin County Tourism Board of Directors are always working on events to keep Franklin County lively and entertaining! There are a lot of fun events planned for this year.

GRAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 3, 2017

The second annual Gran Festival of North Iowa will be held on Saturday, June 3 in the Band Shell Park in Hampton, from noon until 10 p.m.

The event, that emphasizes Hispanic culture, is a fundraiser by local outreach group La Luz Hispana to support its programs. It features live music, folkloric dances, games and vendors and food to showcase the area's unique cultural diversity.

Children are treated to train rides, a petting zoo, face painting and inflatables.

GRAN FESTIVAL

TUESDAY ON THE TOWN

Every Tuesday in June

Tuesdays on the Town are every Tuesday in June in Hampton's Band Shell Park! This event will take you back to when families would come downtown for their entertainment and spend time together. KLMJ Radio invites a Nashville Recording artist each Tuesday to perform live on the Band Shell stage. The performance is then followed by the Hampton Municipal Band playing at 8 p.m. You will find food, vendors and that old fashioned laid back feel right in your own backyard.

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SUMMERFEST AND CAR SHOW

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FARMERS MARKET
Tuesdays and Fridays, May-October, 5-7 p.m.

The Franklin County's Farmers Market takes place in downtown Hampton. Shoppers browse the selection of varied vegetables, sweets, baked goods and even plant transplants.

WINE RELEASE FESTIVAL
September 2 & 3, 2017

The TownsEnd Winery in Hansell hosts a Wine Release Festival every Labor Day weekend. Music, wine tasting and other events highlight the fun-filled weekend. This year's celebration is scheduled for September 2-3.

HARVEST WEEKEND
October 8, 2017

The Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival at the historic farm site, on the west edge of Hampton on Highway 3, is Sunday, Oct. 8. A live vaudeville show and silent movie at the Hampton's historic Windsor Theatre precedes it on Saturday, Oct. 7. Call 641-456-5668 for information about visitor's accommodations that weekend.

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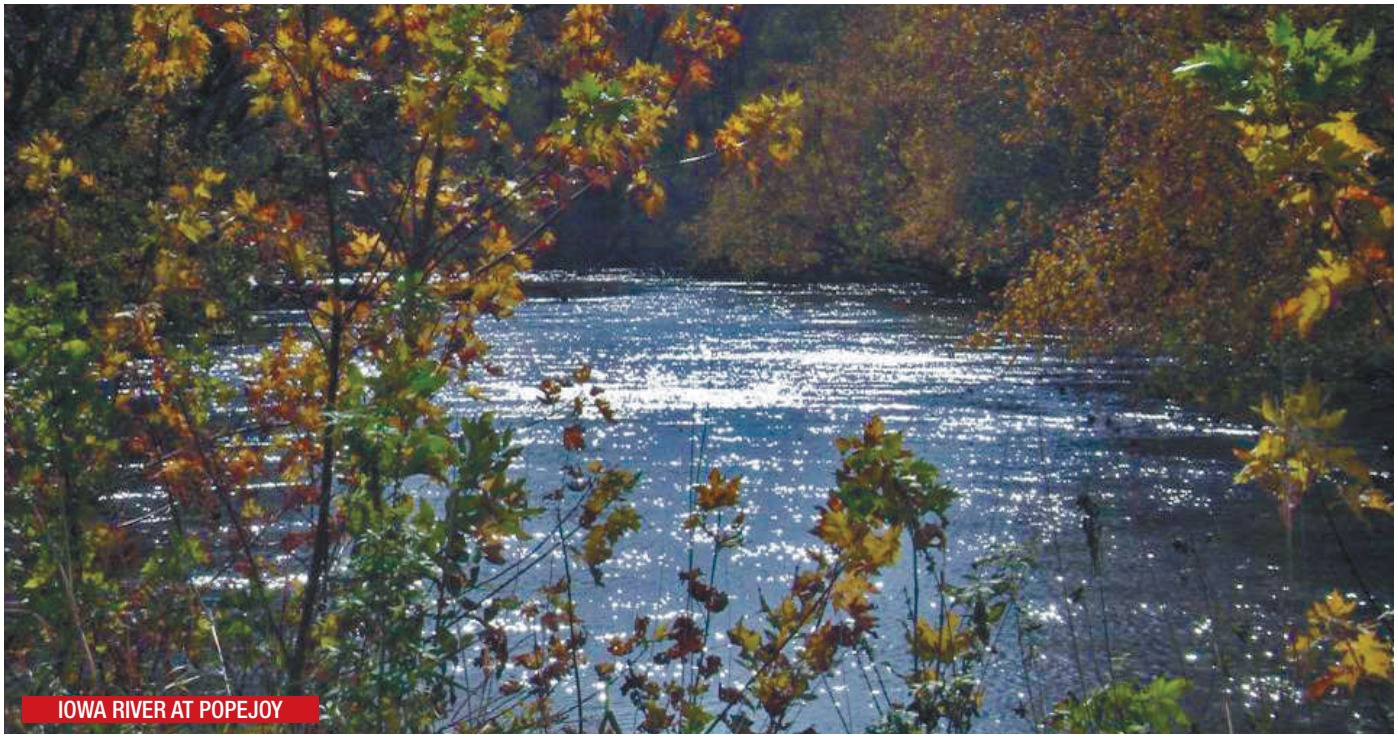

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ATTRACTIONS

INGEBRETSON MEMORIAL GROVE
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BURKLEY PARK
Two miles west of Geneva: It is six acres of heavy timber.

HANDORF ROADSIDE PARK
Eight miles east of Hampton on Highway 3: It is four acres with a shelter house, toilets and picnic area.

HAWKINS GAME MANAGEMENT AREA
Three miles east of Alexander on C-25. It is one acre and open for public hunting.

INTERSTATE LAKE PARK
One mile south of I-35 and Highway 3: It is a 26-acre lake, originally a borrow pit for the construction of I-35. The lake is stocked with bluegills, channel catfish and largemouth bass. No swimming is allowed. Boats are restricted to 1½ hp motors.

TOFT WILDLIFE AREA

MALLORY MEMORIAL PARK
Four-and-a-half miles south of Hampton, and two miles west of Highway 65: It is 71 acres with semi-modern and primitive camping areas, playground equipment, 1¼ miles of hiking trails, two picnic areas, and good smallmouth bass fishing.

OAKLAND-IOWA RIVER CONSERVATION AREA
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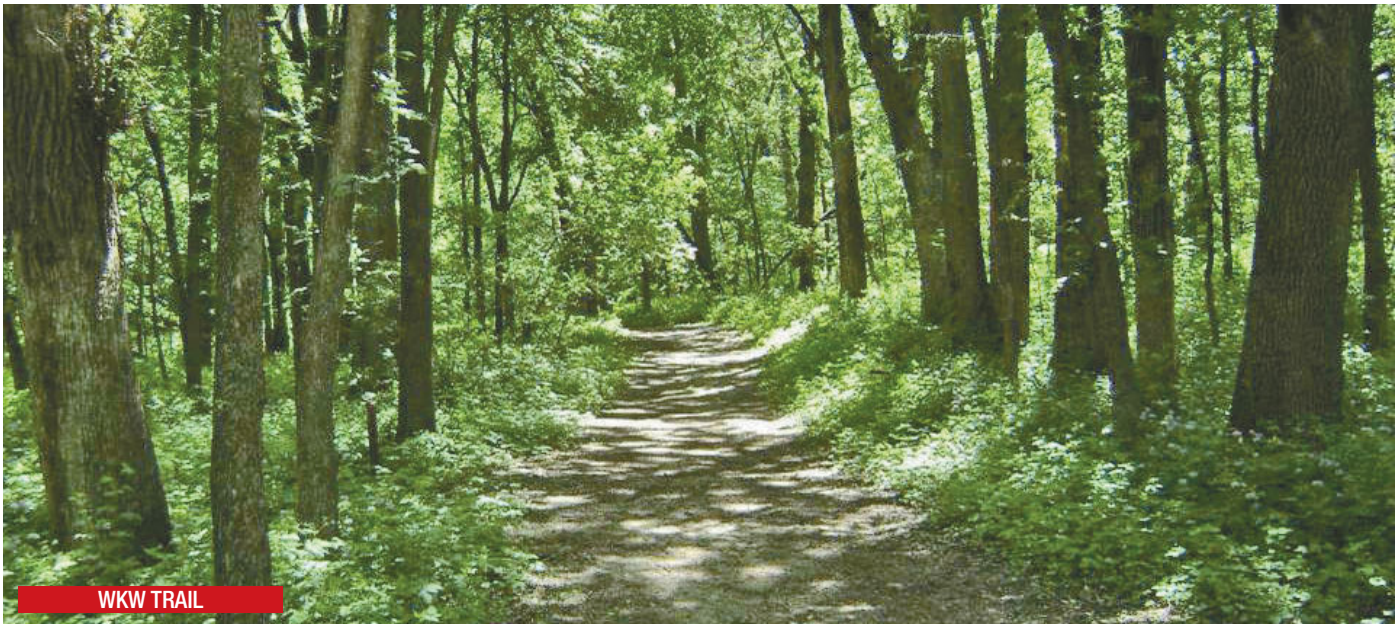

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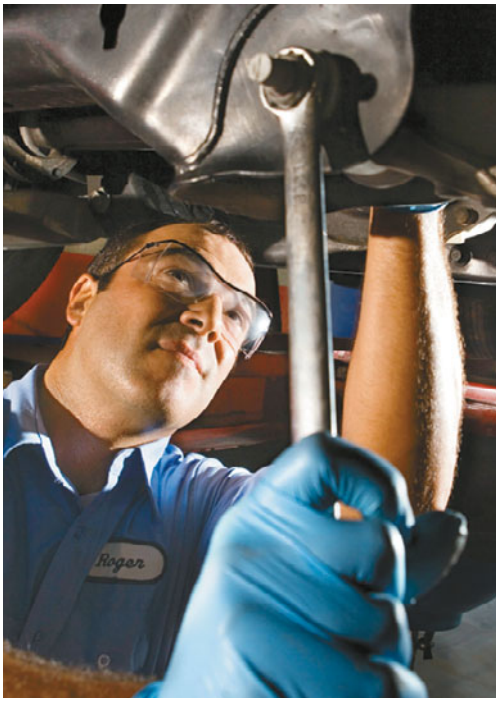

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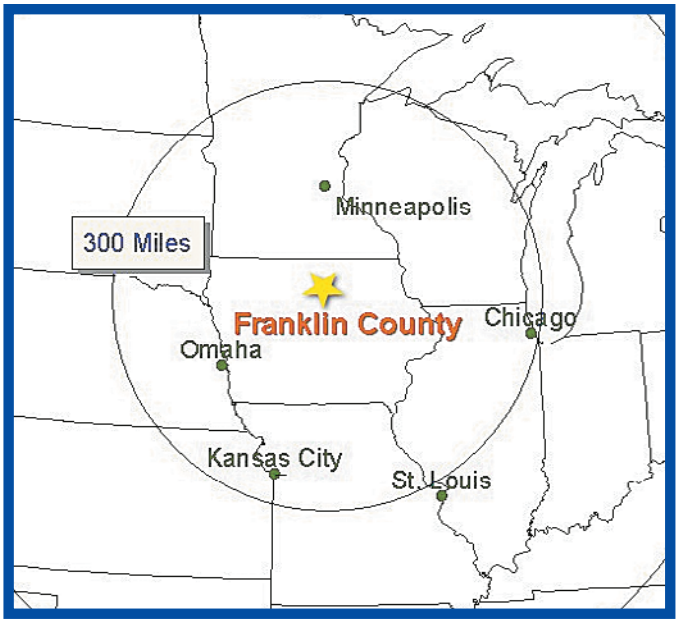

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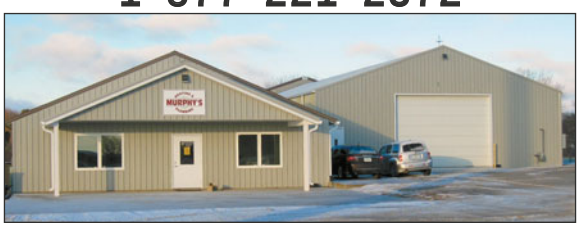
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We have that too. Our school districts and parochial school work hard to educate our young people. Using iPads and chalk educators construct a foundation of the fundamentals then build up and out from there using a varied curriculum plus customized learning opportunities. Adult education courses, both serious and fun, are also available thanks to North Iowa Area Community College.

Healthcare.

Of course we have healthcare, and it is state-of-the-art thanks to the Mercy Health Network. With a newly revamped hospital and surgical wing plus family practice clinics scattered throughout the county, quality general practice and specialty care, including rehab, is readily available. A focus on health and wellness is also reflected through the Franklin County Wellness Center where people can swim, work out, play basketball or walk the track and socialize with their friends.

So if you like the idea of living in a serene country environment with people of a positive, forward-thinking mind, we invite you to consider Franklin County.

For more information on why Franklin County might be the right business location for you, don't hesitate to contact Karen Mitchell, Franklin County Development Association at 641-456-5668 or email fcdadirector@gmail.com. ■

BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES TO KNOW

- **ABCM Corp.**, Hampton, is the parent company for 28 assisted living, rehabilitation and nursing care facilities in Iowa. It is named for its founders.
- **Buresh Buildings and North Central Millwright**, Hampton, offers steel building construction.
- **Global Ag, Inc.** - Millwright and fabrication for agriculture.
- **Hampton Hydraulics/SeaBee Corp.**, Ligon Industries, Hampton, makes highly engineered cylinders for such uses as construction and oil drilling.
- **Iowa Specialty Hospital**, of Belmond and Clarion opened its newest clinic in Hampton in 2013. Offering specialized care in Family Medicine, OB/GYN and Orthopedics.
- **Kum & Go Convenience Stores**, Hampton, helped build the convenience store model.
- **Latham Hi-Tech Seeds**, Alexander, offers corn, soybeans and alfalfa across seven states.
- **Omnium and Land O'Lakes,** engaged in sophisticated chemistry for crops.
- **Sukup Manufacturing**, Sheffield, sells grain drying and handling equipment all over the world.

SCHOOLS

We have four public school districts: Hampton-Dumont, CAL Community, West Fork Schools and the AGWSR School District; St. Paul's Parochial School. We do not have any colleges or universities, but they are close by. Hampton-Dumont is the second-largest employer in Franklin County, after Sukup.

The Hampton-Dumont, CAL and West Fork school districts are part of the taxing district for North Iowa Area Community College, in Mason City.

AGWSR, which includes Ackley and Geneva, is part of the taxing district for Iowa Valley Community College, the parent organization of Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls.

HISTORICAL SITES

Franklin County has many places on the National Historic Register. The most famous historical site is the Franklin County Courthouse.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Franklin County has three county supervisors. Their names are Gary McVicker, Mike Nolte and Corey Eberling. See the government listing in this guide, or visit **www.co.franklin.ia.us.**

HARRIMAN-NIELSEN FESTIVAL

Located directly north of the Franklin County Fairgrounds, the Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm contains the fascinating history of a pioneer doctor, an early blacksmith, and an immigrant Danish farm family.

The farm, consisting of twenty acres of land, a house built in 1881 and the original dairy barn were given to the Franklin County Historical Society by Nielsine Nielsen, the last surviving daughter of the Danish farm family. The house is listed on the National Register for Historic Places

The Franklin County Historical Society established a Board of Directors to oversee the renovation of the historic farm. Hundreds of hours have already been donated to the renovation process and have given the old farmstead a remarkable facelift. The dairy barn has been restored, work on the house continues, renovation of the outbuildings has begun, corn will be planted in the field and the garden produces a bountiful harvest each year.

There are events held at the farm each year that showcase the history of the property. The house is open for tours. The second Sunday in October brings the Fall Festival. The festival features a pumpkin patch, music, bean soup made from beans grown in the garden and much, much more. The renovated barn is available for rental.

HARRIMAN-NIELSEN HISTORIC FARM

Stop by the farm and view a part of Hampton's history.

Contact the Franklin County Historical Museum to arrange a tour at 641-456-5777. ■

GARY ALLAN TO HEADLINE 2017 FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR JULY 19-23

The 2017 Franklin County Fair (July 19-23) will be headlined by country/pop star Gary Allan.

Allan has released nine studio albums and a greatest hits release, producing 26 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including four number ones: "Man to Man," "Tough Little Boys," "Nothing on but the Radio" and "Every Storm (Runs out of Rain)." His latest album, "Set You Free" was released in 2013. Allan will take the stage on Saturday, July 22.

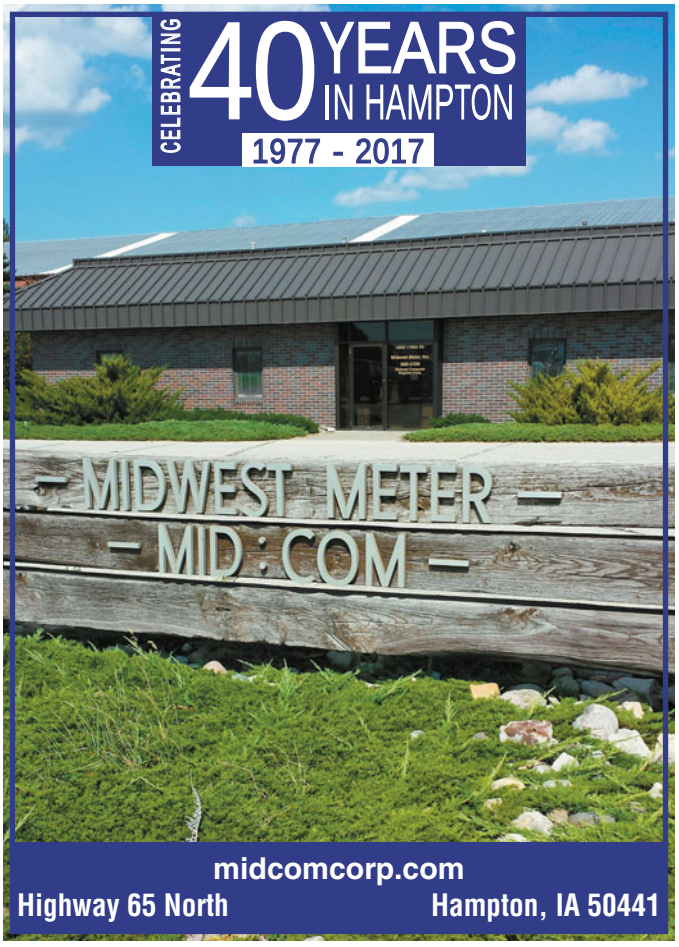
On Thursday, July 20, country music entertainers Bellamy Brothers and Sammy Kershaw will take the stage. Kershaw is known for hits including, "Cadillac Style" and "Love of my Life." The Bellamys rose to fame in 1976, with the single "Let your Love Flow." They are currently working on a new album titled, "40 Years," which celebrates 20 of their greatest hits, and 20 more new songs.

On Friday, July 21, Hairball will take to the stage, led by Rockstar Bob, Joe Dandy and Kris Voxx, singing covers of Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, AC/DC and Bon Jovi.

GARY ALLAN

Fairgoers can purchase tickets by visiting the Fair and Convention Center Office in Hampton, ordering online at www.franklincountyfair.com or by calling 641-456-2049 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Franklin County 4-H, and customers can also give credit for the tickets to their favorite 4-H member.

Passes will be $40 and will cost $50 on the day of the concerts. ■



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2017 FUN SCHEDULE

Find Your Fun in Franklin County

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce/Main Street and Franklin County Tourism have plans to keep you entertained and having fun in Franklin County this year!

If you love live music while sitting outdoors, you will want to attend **Tuesdays on the Town** every Tuesday in June in Band Shell Park! This event takes you back to the day when families would come downtown for their entertainment and spend time together.

The Chamber along with KLMJ Radio invites a Nashville Recording artist each Tuesday to perform live on the Band Shell Park stage. The performance is then followed by the Hampton Municipal Band playing at 8 p.m. You will find food, vendors and that old fashioned laid back feel right in your own backyard.

June also features a **Bluegrass Festival**, the 8 through 10.

July kicks off with **Dumont Sand Baggin' Day** on the 7 and 8, and the Franklin County Fair, the 19 through the 23. The fair promises good music and a great time.

TUESDAYS ON THE TOWN

The **Beeds Lake Restoration Run** kicks off Aug. 26 and promises to be a great time.

In August, Hampton comes together for a town festival called **Summerfest** in Band Shell Park. On Aug. 25 and 26, there will be food vendors and kids' activities in the park. On Saturday, Aug. 26, the park will take you back to the 1950's and 60's. There will be classic cars lined up for the Summerfest Car Show with LIVE entertainment by the ever so famous 50's and 60's cover band, the Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll Revue. Food and product vendors will fill the park along with games and inflatables for the kids.

The **Highway 3 Corridor Yard** sale will be Aug. 31 thru Sept. 2.

FARMER'S MARKET

Butler, Franklin and Wright County will host yard sales along and around Highway 3. This event gets bigger and more popular each year!

The **Fall Specialty Shops' Open Houses** are Sept. 14-16. **Geneva Market Days** on the 22 and 23.

October brings the **Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm Fall Festival, Bloggers Tour** and **Halloween Howl** trick-or-treat event, downtown. **"An Evening Like It Used To Be"** is a live vaudeville show at the Windsor Theatre.

Holly Dazzle season is in November and December. During Holly Dazzle season we have several Santa sightings, free movies for the kids, Santa's Secret Workshop and our famous **Friday Uncorked!**

Friday Uncorked (formerly called Wine Walk) will take place on Black Friday, Nov. 24. This event sells out each year, so get your tickets early at Center 1. Sample and shop wines from 16 different locations in Hampton! Many people have made this event a tradition and we love to see the familiar faces as well as the new! Transportation is provided to the outer lying locations. Come sample and shop in our quaint little town, Hampton.

Visits with Santa are held around greater Franklin County in December, from the Hampton and Dumont libraries to the Latimer Fire Station and Coulter Community Center. Sometimes the events include Christmas gifts. Always, there is food. Photo opportunities for Christmas cards abound.

Join the Chamber in December with the **$10,000 raffle**, a Main Street fundraiser.

APRIL

4 Puppet Play at the Hampton Public Library, 7 p.m.
9 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
22 Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Franklin Co. Convention Center, 6 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

MAY

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
1 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
5-6 Geneva Market Days, Maynes Grove.
14 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
29 Memorial Day.

JUNE

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
2 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.
3 Gran Festival at the Band Shell Park, noon-10 p.m.
5 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesday on the Town, all evening, downtown Hampton.
7 Comedian/Musician Babaloo at the Hampton Public Library
8-10 Bluegrass Festival
11 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

GENEVA MARKET DAYS

JULY

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
3 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
4 Independence Day, Fireworks at 9 p.m.
7-8 Dumont Sand Baggin' Day (Butler County)
9 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

JULY, *cont.*

15 & 16 Franklin County Arts Council summer drama production, Hampton: "Love, Sex and the IRS."
18 Franklin County Fair Parade, from Hampton-Dumont High School through downtown Hampton.
19-23 Franklin County Fair, fairgrounds on south side of Hwy. 3, west side of Hampton.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

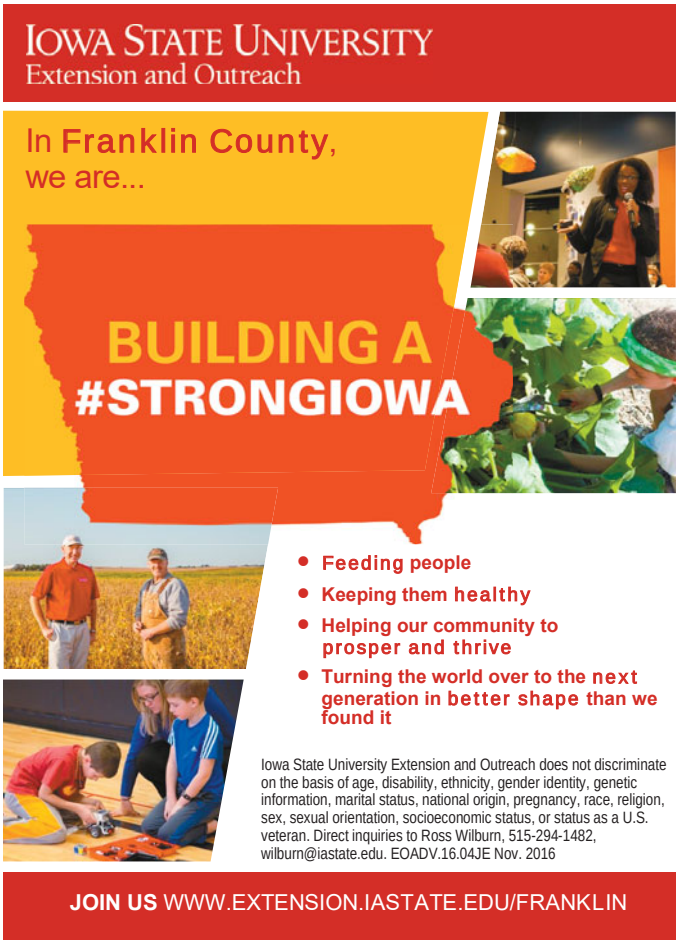
WINE RELEASE FESTIVAL

AUGUST

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
7 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
TBD Greater Franklin County Chamber Golf Open, Hampton Country Club.
13 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

AUGUST, *cont.*

19 People in the Park, Sheffield.
25 & 26 Summerfest and Car Show, Band Shell Park.
26 Beeds Lake Restoration Run, Hampton.
31 Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale



ENTERTAINMENT

SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
1-2 Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale.
1 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.
2 & 3 Wine Release Festival at TownsEnd Winery, Hansell.
4 Labor Day.
10 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
11 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
14-16 Specialty Shops Fall Open Houses, Downtown Hampton.
22-23 Geneva Market Days, Maynes Grove.

OCTOBER

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
1 "An Evening Like It Used To Be," Vaudeville Show and Silent Movie at the Windsor Theatre, Hampton.
2 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
8 Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival, at historic farm of same name.
8 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
31 Halloween Howl, downtown Hampton.

NOVEMBER

6 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
9-12 Specialty Shop Holiday Open Houses, Downtown Hampton.
11 Veterans Day.
12 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
23 Thanksgiving Day.
24 Friday Uncorked and Lighting of the Courthouse, Hampton.

DECEMBER

1 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.
2 Bank Open Houses (tentative date)
TBD Franklin Chorale Christmas Concert, Hampton.
4 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
9 & 10 Franklin County Arts Council Winter drama production, Hampton: "CSI: Christmas Scene Investigators."
10 Old Fashioned Sing-Along at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.
14 $10,000 Raffle, Hampton, 5:30 p.m.

Stay current with all of our community events at www.hamptoniowa.org.

PUMPKIN PATCH AT THE HARRIMAN-NIELSEN FALL FESTIVAL

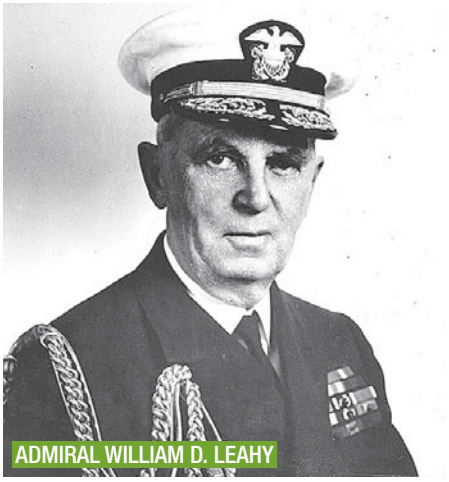
FRIDAY UNCORKED

HOLLY DAZZLE SEASON

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SITES

Franklin County offers plenty of historical sites for visiting history buffs. Most of the sites are open by appointment, but several have regular hours. Call ahead to discover some treasures sure to make you learn, smile and remember.

Franklin County Historical Museum, Hampton: Located at the county fairgrounds along Iowa Highway 3 on the western edge of Hampton, the museum features outstanding exhibits and memorabilia from Franklin County businesses and displays like "The Depression Era," "Victorian Secrets" and a crazy quilt circa 1880. The military display room includes photos, uniforms and other military artifacts from the Civil War until the present.


ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY

One of the museum's most prized exhibits features native son and war hero Admiral William D. Leahy. The Hampton native was the first Five Star Military Commander in U.S. history, and also served as chief of staff for President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman. A model replica of the USS Leahy was brought to the museum in October 2013 and is now on a permanent lease from the U.S. Navy. The exhibit also features several items like Leahy's White House desk, his uniform, and a Four-Star Commander flag.

Other Hamptonites featured in the museum include:

- C. Glenn Haney, who owned the oldest retail business in Franklin County, Haney Jewelry.
- Milton S. Wirtz, DDS, of Latimer, invented the plastic prosthetic eye during World War II when glass eyes made from German sand were embargoed.
- The Coonley family, from which James E. Coonley, Sr., successfully prosecuted the nation's first drunk driving case using blood-alcohol content evidence in 1937.
- Jack Bailey III, who hosted the TV show Queen for a Day.
- Bob Artley, nationally published author, illustrator and syndicated political (and apolitical) cartoonist, World War II veteran, Grinnell College alumnus, and author of the book "Ginny: A Love Remembered," written about his wife.

The Rock Island Depot, also at the museum complex, dates back to the turn of the 20th Century. It was restored for use as an exhibit hall specializing in railroad history. The depot features a working order board and signals, telegraph, and a 40-year-old caboose gifted to the museum in the 2000s by a Waterloo businessman.

The museum, depot and caboose are open for summer tours and during the Franklin County Fair, July 19-23, 2017. Hours from Jan. 15 to Nov. 15 are 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. Private tours can be scheduled by calling 641-456-5777. Free admission.

Franklin County Courthouse, Hampton: The most photographed and visible structure in Franklin County is the courthouse located in downtown Hampton. Built in the early 1890s at a prices of $60,000, it is "a building of harmonious proportions, pleasing architectural lines and substantial construction." It is 72 by 102 feet and reaches 133 feet to the top of the dome, which includes a clock on each side and a chime. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and was restored in 1970. The courthouse is open for business from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 641-456-5622 to schedule a tour.

Memorial Hall, Hampton: It is the only "Soldiers Memorial Hall" in Iowa and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1890 after the Iowa General Assembly authorized counties to establish a tax to build monuments that honored deceased county Civil War veterans. The soldier standing sentinel over the building was refurbished in 1992, and the one-of-a-kind marble tablets inside the building bear the names of war veterans. Schedule a tour by calling 641-456-5670 or 641-456-5620.

Old Stone House, rural Geneva: The 1854 house was the first permanent structure in Franklin County and still stands to this day. It consists of seven rooms, including two bedrooms on the second floor, a full basement and a pantry off the kitchen. The structure was built with limestone from the banks of nearby Maynes Creek and was inhabited until 1956. It was converted into a pioneer museum in June 1985. The exterior was repaired in 2009. Schedule a tour by calling 641-456-5777.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Maysville Schoolhouse, rural Hampton: The town of Maysville was settled in 1856. It grew to 150 people and featured a post office, hotel, two blacksmith shops, two stores, a steam saw mill and a school. Maysville citizens dreamed of making their town the county seat, but the railroad went through Hampton instead. The town was dead by 1890.

All that remains today is the two-story limestone schoolhouse built in 1867. Situated on a crest of a hill and visible from U.S. Highway 65 about five miles south of Hampton on 95th Street, the school has survived a full century after the town's demise. It housed many events and organization through the years, and until recently served as the official voting place for Reeve Township. Schedule a tour by calling 641-456-5777.

REA Power Plant Museum, rural Hampton: Located four miles south of the Franklin County Fairgrounds and 1½ miles west on gravel roads, the Corn Belt Power REA plant was the first farmer-owned power plant in the nation to receive an REA grant and only the second in the nation to go on line in the 1930s. The plant was given to the Franklin County Historical Society and has been turned into a rural and electrical museum. 2013 marked the 75th anniversary of the plant going on line. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information or a tour, call Marvin O. Rodemeyer at 641-456-3477 or Franklin County Historical Museum at 641-456-5777.

DOWS

Dows Depot/Iowa Welcome Center, Blacksmith Shop & Mercantile, Dows: More than 7,500 people visit the Dows Depot Welcome Center each year to view railroad memorabilia and other historical items from the town.

Located about two miles from the interstate, the historical society installed a sequence of Burma Shave-type signs along the way to let drivers know they were still headed in the right direction.

Stephen Dows brought the railroad from Holland through the town of Otisville to Clarion in 1880. Otisville was renamed in Dows' honor. The depot was built in 1896 after more lines connected to the town and was operated until 1980.

The Dows Historical Society bought the depot 1987. More than 120 volunteers worked on the restoration, and the group received a state matching grant to help open the building as an official State of Iowa Welcome Center.

The Dows Mercantile housed general stores, a hardware store, hairdressers, a veterinarian and apartments over the years. It opened in 1989 after the historical society purchased it and now features an antique mall, folk art, crafts and fine art from Iowa artists and manufacturers. The Crème de la Crème ice cream parlor also serves sandwiches, soups and coffee.

The Blacksmith Shop was willed to the historical society in 1990. Until that time, it was owned and operated by Fred Quasdorf.

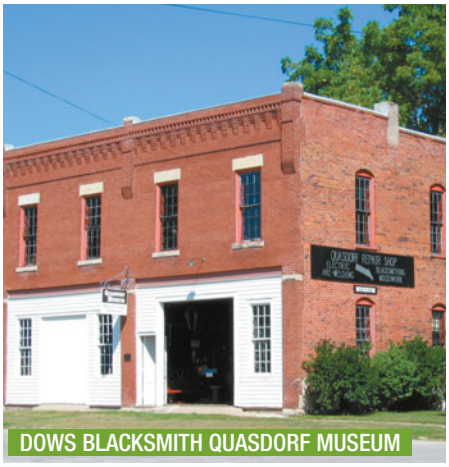
The Quasdorf Blacksmith and Wagon Museum is said to be one of the best-equipped blacksmith shops in the Midwest.

The Evans Little Prairie House was donated in 2005, when the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Ingebret Evans chose to move it off the homestead it occupied rather than demolish it.

As many as 10 Evans children, plus the parents, lived in the house at any one time. It has modest furnishings: a bed, a rocker made by Ingebret Evans and a stove. Displays describe the history of the house and the process of moving it off the homestead.

Hours: The welcome center's operating hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon-5 p.m., on Sunday. For a tour of any of the buildings run by the Dows Historical Society, call 515-852-3595.

Dows Country School: The Vernon Township Country Schoolhouse was built in 1887 in Wright County. (Dows sits on the line between Wright and Franklin counties.) The Dows Historical Society and the Dows Community moved the building from its original site and placed it on a permanent foundation near the Welcome Center and Mercantile. It was restored inside and out and is furnished with original desks, blackboards, and books. The grounds are planted with native trees and shrubs.


DOWS BLACKSMITH QUASDORF MUSEUM

The school is open for tours by calling 515-852-3595.

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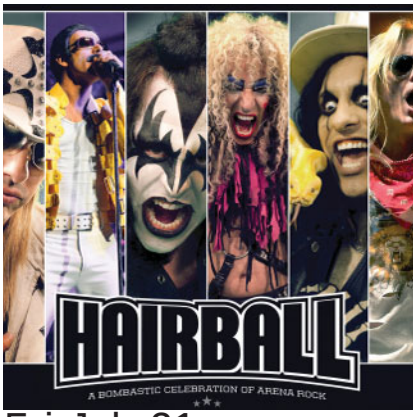

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