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On behalf of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome you to our county and tell you that our members are excited to be a part of bringing you this guide. The individual and business members of the Chamber and the Main Street Hampton district voluntarily give their time and expertise to band together to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic interest of Franklin County.

Franklin County is home to legendary farmland, astounding outdoor recreation and unique shopping and dining opportunities and is a great place to live, work and play. With an easy drive to larger cities, it's the perfect location for those looking for small town life.

If you live here, work here or are visiting our communities, please check out this guide for information on our Chamber members. Each of our unique businesses offer goods and services with a hometown touch of personal service. The guide also highlights activities for you to enjoy in Franklin County. Whether it's a summer festival, time in our parks, a day visiting our historical sites or a day of shopping, we have what you are looking for.

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**Welcome to Franklin County,** I hope you are ready for some fun, adventure, and comfort. You will find outdoor adventures, recreational activities, and comfort in food and lodging.

This visitor guide will give you all the places and facilities that will make your stay a memory that will last a lifetime.

My name is Dennis Carlson, President of the Franklin County Tourism board. In the 30 years that I managed recreational areas in Franklin County, I have learned and experienced many of its adventures that await you. There is camping, fishing, hunting, and historical sites along with swimming and golfing. For those days of quiet times; food, lodging and shopping can not be beat throughout the county.

Some of the events that you may want to check out include: the Franklin County Fair, Rolling Prairie Trail events, the Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival and the Highway Three Corridor Yard sale, a three day yard sale in three counties along highway three. Just to name a few.

We welcome you with a smile and this copy of the 2020 Visitors Guide to spend a day, a week or maybe to call us "home". "Like" our Facebook page at Franklin County Iowa Tourism, Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and Hampton Iowa to find links to new events and activities.

Thanks for enjoying Franklin County.

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## ATTRACTIONS

### 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. 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.

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

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### **NORTH HANSELL SHOOTING COMPLEX**

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. ■

### **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.

Halfway between Coulter and Latimer on the trail is Thirsty's Oasis, a spot to rest for bicyclists and hikers alike. The oasis contains a picnic table and a canopy for a covered rest area and a scenic spot to enjoy a picnic.

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.

For details, call Franklin County Conservation at 641-456-4375. ■



**ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAIL & REST STOP**





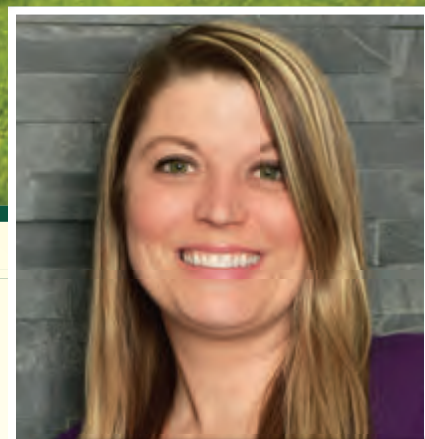
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**HAMPTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER**

The Hampton Family Aquatic Center opened in May of 2011, replacing the city pool that was nearly 50 years old at the time.

With multiple water slides of varying speeds, diving boards, a zero-depth entry pool, a kids' area and more, the \$3 million aquatic center features something for swimmers of all ages. And before the pool closes for the season, four-legged friends are invited to splash around in the water during the aquatic center's annual Dog Swim.

The Hampton Family Aquatic Center typically opens on Memorial Day weekend, conditions permitting and operates until Labor Day weekend. Hours of operation are noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The aquatic center sits on the north side of Hampton's Progress Park. The park includes a baseball diamond, a skate park, play structures and recently renovated basketball, tennis and volleyball courts.

Aquatic center rates may be obtained by calling 641-456-5757 or the Hampton City Hall at 641-456-4853.

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LATIMER SPLASH PAD

**NEW LATIMER SPLASH PAD PROVIDES WAVES OF RELIEF FROM SUMMER HEAT**

The City of Latimer celebrated a new way to beat the summer heat.

Just days before the Fourth of July, 2018, on a night where temperatures climbed near 100 degrees, the Latimer Splash Pad was turned on for the public for the first time.

That night, when dozens of children and their parents showed up to cool off, marked the culmination of a little more than a year of fundraising and grant writing. The pad, which contains several water features and fountains, was purchased and constructed strictly out of grants and donations.

Located in the city park, the splash pad provides a great opportunity for families to cool down from the summer heat and do so without having to travel since the nearest pool at the Hampton Aquatic Center is 10 miles away.

To get the Splash Pad was a community wide effort with Cub Cadet Daycare, the Latimer Parks Society, the City of Latimer and the Splash Pad Committee all kicking in with the planning process. Even the schools joined the fun, conducting fundraisers and challenges to pitch in their spare change. ■



**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 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. ■



**BEEDS LAKE SHELTER**



**BAND SHELL PARK**

**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.

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**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 were completed in 2016, 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.

**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.

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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 Saturday, June 20, 2020; includes a parade, lunch and evening fireworks. Other activities include childrens' entertainment and other local events. Find it on Facebook at Coulter Fun Day.



**COULTER ATHLETIC FIELD**

**LATIMER PARKS**

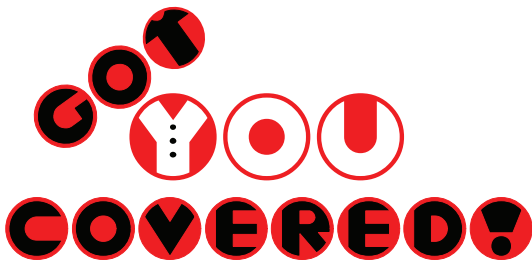
Latimer boasts two city parks. Community groups made many improvements at West Park in 2011. The park offers playground equipment, a renovated shelter house, tetherball courts, new picnic tables, vintage lighting, and wide sidewalks allowing wheelchair access.

New to West Park is the splash pad. Installed in July of 2018, the splash pad contains several water features to cool off people of all ages in the summer heat. 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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## ATTRACTIONS



**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 2021.

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.

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.



HANSELL CITY PARK

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. 29, 2020, 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 10:30 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.



PEOPLE IN THE PARK, SHEFFIELD



## ATTRACTIONS



### 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



SHEFFIELD PATH OF PROGRESS PARK

and/or are the lifeblood of the Sheffield community.

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](http://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.

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## 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 and also 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. 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 Street. 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. ■

## FREEDOM ROCK PROVIDES A COLORFUL HISTORY LESSON IN COULTER

Franklin County last fall became the 80th Iowa county to receive a Freedom Rock, courtesy of artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen.

Just off the Rolling Prairie Trail in Coulter, the rock features images that honor both Franklin County's and Iowa's military history. Sorensen included a nod to Hampton's Grand Army of the Republic Hall, the only hall west of the Mississippi River, and Admiral William Leahy, a Hampton native, who was appointed as Chief of Staff to President Franklin Roosevelt in 1942.

Sorensen also added scenes of the American Legion Riders, a presentation of the United States flag to the family of a fallen soldier and a tribute to all from the area currently serving.

Sorensen first painted a Freedom Rock near Menlo in Adair County nearly 20 years ago for Memorial Day. Word of that rock – and Sorensen's annual tradition of repainting it for Memorial Day – soon spread. Sorensen then decided to make it his mission to paint one in all 99 counties.

Franklin County's rock tells the story of some of the area's most influential military presences. Sorensen's mission



is to paint each rock unique to its community but when those rocks are combined, they tell the history of Iowa as a whole.

"I love this state because we're all the same but a little different," he said. "It's been amazing to dig up this local history. We have titans of some of the major battles in our history right here in Iowa." ■



# 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.

## 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.



## GRAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 6, 2020

The fifth annual Gran Festival of North Iowa will be held on Saturday, June 6 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.

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## ATTRACTIONS



### FARMERS MARKET

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FARMERS MARKET

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CAR SHOW

### SUMMERFEST & CAR SHOW

August 28 & 29, 2020

Vehicles of all ages, of four wheels and two wheels, are cruised around the county Friday, Aug. 28. On Saturday, Aug. 29 there will be a live band, car show, inflatables for the kids, and the KLMJ Tractor Parade. The Whitesidewalls, a classic rock cover band, will take you back to the 50's and 60's when the music was hip and the cars were fast! There will be vendors in the park with food and product, and the car show will line up around the park.

### HARVEST WEEKEND

October 4, 2020

The Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival at the historic farm site, on the west edge of Hampton on Highway 3, is Sunday, Oct. 4. A live vaudeville show and silent movie at the Hampton's historic Windsor Theatre precedes it on Saturday, Oct. 3. Call 641-456-5668 for information about visitor's accommodations that weekend.

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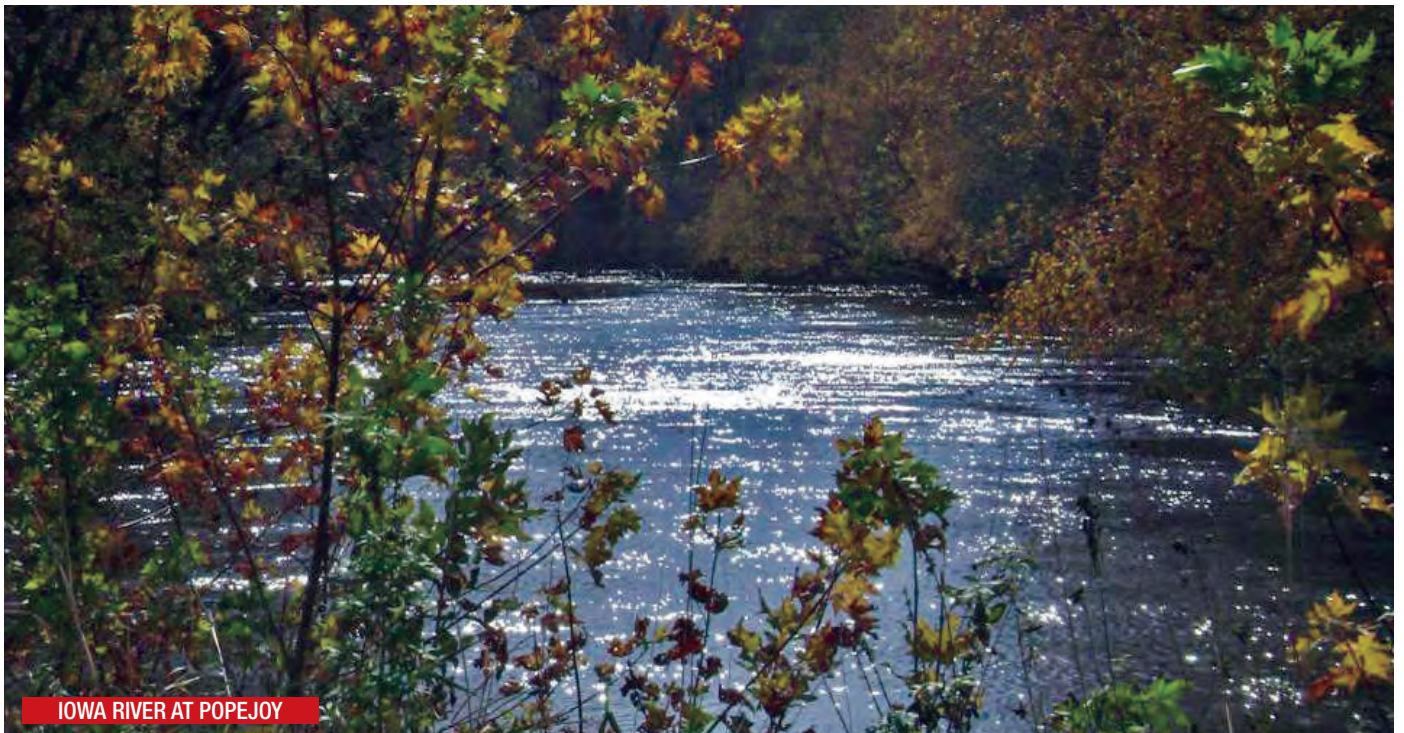
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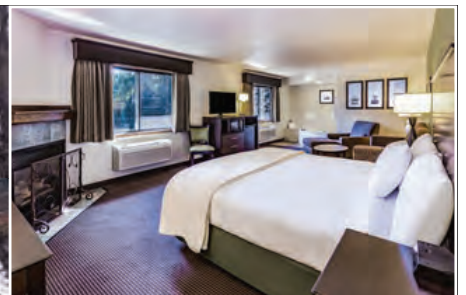


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### BURKLEY PARK

Two miles west of Geneva: It is six acres of heavy timber.

### HANDORF ROADSIDE PARK

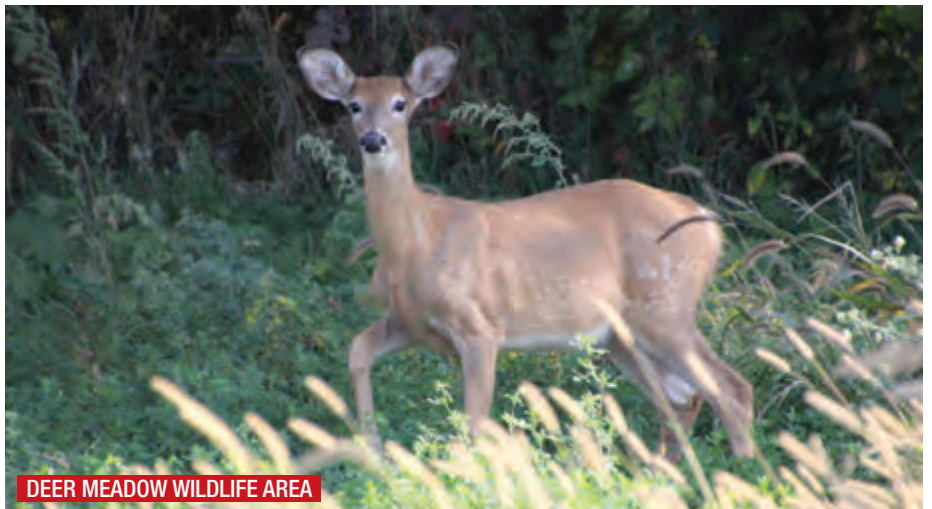
Eight miles east of Hampton on Highway 3: It is four acres with a shelter house, toilets and picnic area.

### 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.



### 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.

### WKW CONSERVATION PARK

One mile north and one mile east of Hampton: It is 54 acres with trails and camping.

### OAKLAND-IOWA RIVER CONSERVATION AREA

Three miles southwest of Popejoy: A 281-acre tract bordering the Iowa River, open to fishing and hunting.

### OAKLAND VALLEY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

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**POPEJOY CONSERVATION PARK**

Half mile south of Popejoy: It is a 61-acre park with semi-modern camping facilities, an enclosed shelter house for year-round use, toilets, picnic area, electricity, water, and playground equipment. A sledding hill is maintained for winter use.

**TOFT WILDLIFE AREA**

Located on northeast corner of Dows: 14 acres for fishing and hunting along the Iowa River and an old gravel pit.

**THORN APPLE WOODS**

Five miles north and 7½ miles east of Hampton: A 93-acre tract of heavy timber and grassland on the West Fork of the Cedar River, open to public hunting and fishing.

**ROBINSON PARK**

One mile north and one mile east of Hampton: It is 60 acres with semi-modern camping, a shelter house, toilets, picnic area, playground equipment, electricity and water. Otter Creek runs through the park for the angler and a trail runs through the oak timber for the nature lover.

**WEST FORK WILDLIFE AREA**

Three miles north and 8½ miles east of Hampton: It is 123 acres of heavy timber located on the West Fork of the Cedar River, open to public hunting and fishing.

**SHEFFIELD GAME MANAGEMENT AREA**

Three miles west and one mile north of Sheffield: It is 16 acres divided into a small fishing lake, open grassland, and light timber. Open to hunting and fishing.

**SPRING CREEK WILDLIFE AREA**






Two miles east of Latimer and one mile north of Highway 3: It is a 20-acre grassy lowland through which Spring Creek flows. It is open to public hunting.

**LONGSPUR HABITAT AREA**

Lukes Wetland, three miles west of Hampton on Highway 3, then ½ mile north: A 100-acre wildlife habitat area, mostly a grassy flood plain of Spring Creek, with some timber and uplands. It is open to public hunting. A fen on the area is a type of wetland formed by the Wisconsin Glacier 12,000 years ago, which is on peat soils fed by ground water which comes to the surface. It has many unique and rare plants which thrive.

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**IOWA DNR BEEDS WILDLIFE AREA**

Two miles northwest of Hampton: A 30-acre tract of upland timber and grassland, containing two old fish rearing ponds and Spring Creek passing through; public hunting and fishing.

**PRAIRIE TRACT**

A half mile north of Highway 3 on Killdeer Ave.: It is a 37-acre annex to Spring Creek Wildlife Area. Open to hunting.

**MAYNES GROVE**

Four miles south of Hampton on Highway 65: It is 280 acres of upland timber with a 12-acre lake stocked with bluegill and catfish; three miles of hiking trails and cross country skiing; 2½ miles marked for horseback riding; a boat ramp for boats with motors up to 1½ hp; public hunting. ■

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Franklin County has a positive attitude about supporting business projects and we back that with professional technical assistance, incentives and financing. We build buildings and tame the ground so others can build. We take the attitude that to succeed you must be proactive so we three industrial parks in the county and three occupied spec buildings with a fourth looking for an occupant.

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Location is another reason why companies succeed in Franklin County. Product can get anywhere from here. Being in the middle of the country we are within a day's drive to a market of roughly 89 million people. Location involves transportation and with assets such as I-35 and our farm to market grid we ensure product can go anywhere.

**Life**

Attitude and location play a part in why Franklin County is better for life. There's nothing quite like rural living. Tucked into the beautiful, peaceful countryside of the central Midwest, people living in Franklin County enjoy the benefits of affordable living and the fun stuff expected in today's world like high speed internet and espresso. You can walk safely to just about anywhere and

the opportunities to have fun are endless. It's a result of a community-family attitude.

**LET'S BREAK IT DOWN**

**Quality communities.**

We have that. Populated by genuinely friendly people who care about their neighbors this place can quickly become home. People around here get involved in their civic groups, churches and government, all with an eye to building a quality lifestyle for diverse people and interests.

**Education.**

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.

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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 Katie LaBree, Franklin County Development Association at 641-456-5668 or email [fcdadirector@gmail.com](mailto:fcdadirector@gmail.com).

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

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### HISTORICAL SITES

The most famous historical site is the **Franklin County Courthouse.**

## LOCAL FAVORITE EARNS STATEWIDE ATTENTION

A hidden gem in Franklin County boasts a certified pork winner for dinner.

The Stumble Inn in Bradford recently earned recognition from the Iowa Pork Producers for its pork tenderloin sandwich.

The nine-ounce, hand breaded and secretly seasoned "Crispy Pig" earned its spot as a Top 5 pork tenderloin sandwich in the state of Iowa in 2019 in Iowa Pork's annual contest to find the best offering in the state. The Stumble Inn eventually finished second in a field of 470 restaurants. The Pub at the Pinicon in New Hampton was named the winner.

Owner Alex High opened the Stumble Inn in 2018 and in just a short two years, the restaurant has earned a reputation for comfort food with High's twist.

Offerings include uniquely-topped burgers, giant steaks and sandwiches that feature just about any barnyard animal imaginable.

Arrive at the restaurant early and expect a bit of a wait as the restaurant's attention to quality and its new-found fame attract hungry diners from around the state.



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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 first 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.

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

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**Grand Funk Railroad**

Grand Funk Railroad, pioneers of the 70s rock scene, will bring its "Some Kind of Wonderful 2020" tour to the grandstand on **Thursday, July 16**.

Grand Funk Railroad got its start in 1969 in Flint, Michigan before unleashing 19 charted singles, including number one hits "We're an American Band" and "Locomotion."

The band is also known for Top 40 Hits such as "I'm Your Captain" and "Some Kind of Wonderful."

The current lineup includes a mixture of founding members - Don Brewer (vocals and drums) and bassist Mel Schacher - and fellow prominent rockers in former .38 Special vocalist Max Carl and lead guitarist Bruce Kulick, who has worked with KISS, Michael Bolton and Meatloaf.

Music fans unfamiliar with Grand Funk Railroad can expect a "hard driving sound, soulful vocals, muscular instrumentation and forceful pop melodies," according to the band's bio.

That sound has played as an influence to other rock staples such as Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen and Bon Jovi.

**Leroy Van Dyke Country Gold Tour**

A quartet of classic country acts will visit the Franklin County Fair Grandstand on **Friday, July 17** as part of the Leroy Van Dyke Country Gold Tour.

Van Dyke brings with him fellow country artists T Graham Brown, David Frizzell and T G Sheppard.

The namesake of the tour, Leroy Van

Dyke, has been a mainstay in country music for nearly six decades, earning Country Music Entertainer of the Decade for the 1960s. His career has included chart-toppers such as "Auctioneer" and "Walk on By."

Along with music, Van Dyke has also made a name for himself on the silver screen, starring in the 1967 movie "What Am I Bid?"

Van Dyke was inducted into the North American Country Music Association Hall of Fame in 2001.

T Graham Brown made his name in what is considered an historic time in country music history. He had Top 40 hits, such as "Drowning in Memories" as well as the number one hit, "I Wish That I Could Hurt That Way Again" alongside



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country stalwarts Randy Travis, Steve Earle and eventual members of Fleetwood Mac.

Since the 1970s, David Frizzell's solo work, as well as collaborations with his brother, Lefty and Shelly West, have earned him a reputation of having one of the most soulful voices in country music.

Frizzell and West together penned and performed multiple chart toppers, including "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma," which was featured in Clint Eastwood's film, "Any Which Way You Can." The duo also earned recognition as the CMA's Vocal Duo of the Year Vocal Duet of the Year and Song of the Year.

Frizzell also scored a solo chart topper with "I'm Gonna Hire A Wino To Decorate Our Home."

T G Sheppard boasts 21 number hits and has earned recognition as one of the top 100 country artists of all time.

More than 50 years into his career, Sheppard's live performances are still considered a must-see in the realm of country music.

The Humbolt, Tennessee native's chart topping catalogue includes "Last Cheaters Waltz," "I Loved 'Em Everyone," and "Do You Wanna Go to Heaven?"



**Jo Dee Messina and Mark Wills**

The country music showcase continues **Saturday, July 18** with a dual performance by two recognizable faces of the 1990s country music scene in Jo Dee Messina and Mark Wills.

Messina's passionate, high-energy style has earned her nine number one hits, sixteen top 40 songs and more than 5 million albums sold worldwide. She also became the first female in country music history to celebrate three consecutive multi-week, chart topping songs.

The crowd will recognize many of her hits, including the breakout "Heads Carolina, Tails California."

Mark Wills found chart topping success early and often in his career, earning his first number one song at age 23. Under Wills' voice is a message of patri-

otism, family and memories.

His catalogue features a wide array of hits, including "Don't Laugh At Me," which earned nominations for several CMA Awards, "19 Somethin," which was named the second most played song of the entire decade in 2009 by Billboard and much more.

His most recent milestone was his induction as an official member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2019.

**Gunderson Racing**

As has become Franklin County Fair tradition, the grandstand events will close out on **Sunday, July 19** with the Gunderson Racing figure 8 races.

The ever-popular event always promises a packed grandstand and hours of heart-pounding fun as racers veer around the track in a variety of races and classes.

Tickets can be purchased individually, however the fair does offer POP Passes for all events. Currently, POP Passes are \$40 and include entrance to all grandstand events. Prices increase to \$50 when the fair begins. A portion of the proceeds will be given to Franklin County 4-H. ■

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## 2020 FUN SCHEDULE

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.

On June 5th, Hampton will begin five days of celebrations honoring its **150th anniversary**.

June also features a **Bluegrass Festival**, the 10 through 13.

July kicks off with **Dumont Sand Baggin' Day** on the 10 and 11, and the **Franklin County Fair**, the 15 through



the 19. The fair promises good music and a great time.

In August, Hampton comes together for a town festival called **Summerfest** in Band Shell Park. On Saturday, Aug. 29, there will be food vendors and kids' activities in the park and you will be taken 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 Sept. 3 thru 5. 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. 3-5. **Geneva Market Days** on the 11 and 12.

October brings "**An Evening Like It Used To Be**" a live vaudeville show at the Windsor Theatre, and the **Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm Fall Festival**. The 9th annual **Model Train Show & Sale** at the Franklin Convention Center, sponsored by the North Central Iowa Model Railroad Club is on the 25th, and closing the month is **Halloween Howl**, a trick-or-treat event, downtown.

**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. 27. This event sells out each year, so get your tickets early at Center 1. Sample and shop wines from 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! 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.



## DATES SET FOR HAMPTON'S 150TH

Save the date for a week of fun to commemorate a significant milestone in Hampton's history.

**From June 5 to June 10, 2020**, the City of Hampton will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary.

The Hampton Historic Preservation Society and the Hampton 150th Committee are currently in the process of planning a multi-day celebration to commemorate the

150th anniversary of the founding of Hampton.

As of January, a full calendar of events regarding the celebration had not been released, but the week promises to offer a wide array of events and activities to appeal to an audience of all ages.

Mark your calendars for the first weekend in June and be ready to celebrate 150 years of Hampton.

**MARCH**

6 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.

**APRIL**

7 Puppet Play at the Hampton Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
25 Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Franklin Co. Convention Center, 6 p.m.

**MAY**

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.  
1-2 Geneva Market Days, Geneva Auditorium.  
4 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.  
23 Cemetery Walk  
25 Memorial Day



GENEVA MARKET DAYS

**JUNE**

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.  
1 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.  
2 Comedian/Musician Babaloo at the Hampton Public Library  
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesday on the Town, all evening, downtown Hampton.  
5-10 Hampton 150th Celebration  
5 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.  
6 Gran Festival of North Iowa at the Band Shell Park, noon-10 p.m.  
10-13 Bluegrass Festival, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton  
20 Coulter Day  
20-21 Franklin County Arts Council Summer Drama Production

Stay current with all of our community events at [www.hamptoniowa.org](http://www.hamptoniowa.org).



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

**JULY**

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.  
1 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.  
3 Independence Day Celebration, Fireworks at 9 p.m.  
10-11 Dumont Sand Baggin' Day (Butler County)  
14 Franklin County Fair Parade, from Hampton-Dumont High School through downtown Hampton.  
15-19 Franklin County Fair, fairgrounds on south side of Hwy. 3, west side of Hampton.



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## AUGUST

**Tuesdays and Fridays** Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.

**3** Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

**TBD** Greater Franklin County Chamber Golf Open, Hampton Country Club.

**28 & 29** Summerfest and Car Show, Band Shell Park.

**29** People in the Park, Sheffield.

## SEPTEMBER

**Tuesdays and Fridays** Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.

**2** Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

**3-5** Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale.

**3-5** Specialty Shops Fall Open Houses, Downtown Hampton.

**4** Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.

**7** Labor Day.

**11-12** Geneva Market Days, Geneva Auditorium.

**TBD** Franklin County Farm To Table

## OCTOBER

**Tuesdays and Fridays** Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.

**3** "An Evening Like It Used To Be," Vaudeville Show and Silent Movie at the Windsor Theatre, Hampton.

**4** Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival, at historic farm of same name.

**5** Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

**25** 9th Annual Model Train Show & Sale sponsored by North Central Iowa Model Railroad Club, Franklin Convention Center, Hampton.

**31** Halloween Howl, downtown Hampton.

## NOVEMBER

**2** Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

**5-8** Specialty Shop Holiday Open Houses, Downtown Hampton.

**11** Veterans Day.

**26** Thanksgiving Day.

**27** Friday Uncorked and Lighting of the Courthouse, Hampton.

## DECEMBER

**4** Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.

**5 & 6** Franklin County Arts Council Winter drama production.

**7** Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

**TBD** Bank Open Houses

**TBD** Franklin Chorale Christmas Concert, Hampton.

**17** \$10,000 Raffle, Hampton, 5:30 p.m.

**18** Ugly Sweater Day, School and Local Businesses, Hampton.



MODEL TRAIN SHOW



FARM TO TABLE



PUMPKIN PATCH AT THE HARRIMAN-NIELSEN FALL FESTIVAL



HALLOWEEN HOWL



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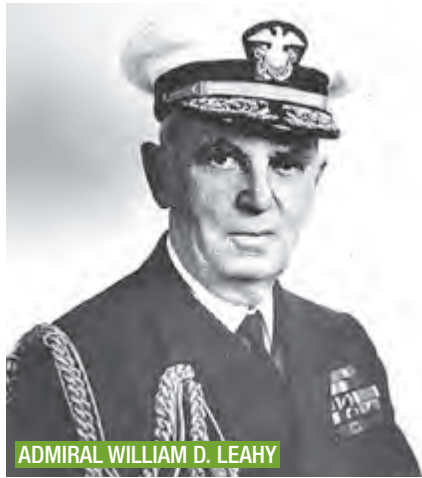
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## GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SITES

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.



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 15-19, 2020. 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 price 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. Open by appointment only by calling 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.



**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



DOWS BLACKSMITH QUASDORF MUSEUM

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.

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

For more information on Franklin County tourism sites, contact Center 1 in Hampton at 641-456-5668 during regular business hours. ■



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