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# WELCOME TO BOONE COUNTY

**BOONE COUNTY** is an amazing place. It contains some of the richest soil in the world and its farmers regularly produce more food per acre than anywhere else. At the same time, a deep valley cuts through its middle, leaving to its east and west a wide swath of natural beauty, flora, and fauna that exists in a level of diversity found nowhere else in the state. Many people flock to our county to enjoy a peaceful float down the river, or a scenic bike ride across the High Trestle Trail Bridge. Others come for a memorable trip on the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. Still, others to camp, fish, hike or walk through our amazing (there's that word again!) collection of historical museums. Along the way, they enjoy a wide array of homegrown restaurants and unique local shopping. We hope you'll make us a part of your next trip. We think you'll agree that Boone County is an amazing place!

## Where to find Boone County tourism information

We've made finding your way around Boone County easy. From our detailed 2020 Boone County Visitors Guide and Family Fun brochures, to our website at [www.visitboonecounty.com](http://www.visitboonecounty.com) and large Family Fun signs scattered around the county at various attractions. Our friendly service provided at at our home office at 903 Story Street in downtown Boone. Of course, we're only a phone call away (515) 432-3342 and we'd love to help you plan your trip.





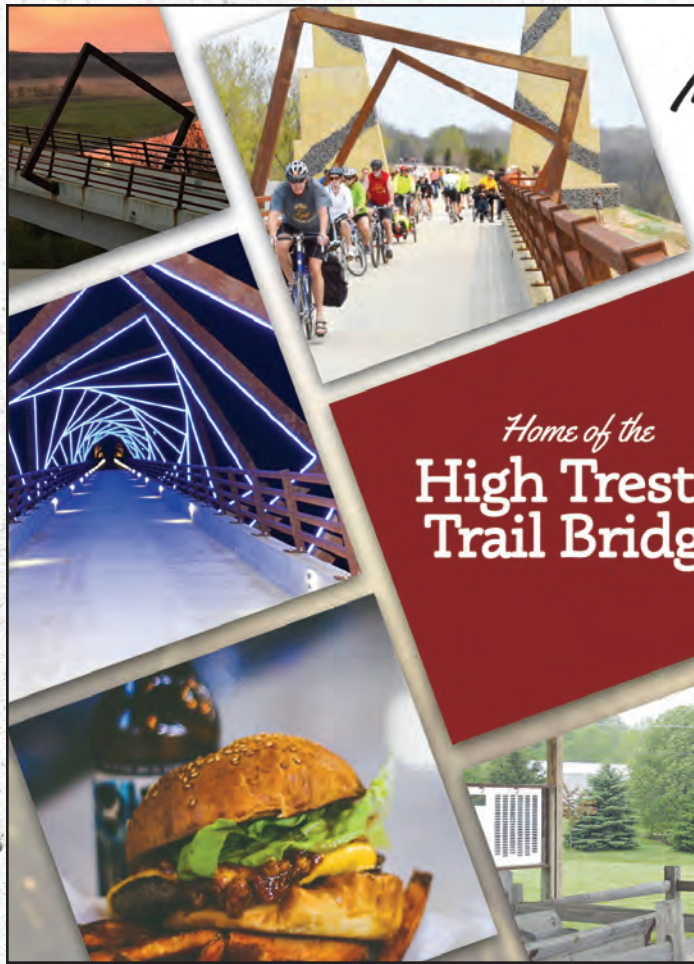
Gateway to the trestle.  
**Madrid**

**MADRID** (pronounced (MAD-rid)) is an energetic, growing community in the southeast corner of Boone County. The continued development of the High Trestle Trail, which cuts through its center along the downtown's south side attracts tens of thousands of people each year. This 25-mile trail has received international recognition for its centerpiece, the **High Trestle Trail Bridge**, which sits just over two miles to Madrid's west and at 130' high, spans the valley at one-half mile long! **Dalander Park** is a favorite spot to park, offload the bikes and head down the trail in either direction. Plenty of food and beverages are available from many local establishments situated a stone's throw from the trail. Didn't bring a bike? Don't worry, they've got bike rentals covered too! Madrid **Labor Day Celebration** runs from Friday-Monday Labor Day Weekend and the **Christmas Extravaganza** is the first Saturday of December.

**Where to find the High Trestle Trail**



The paved recreational trail opened April 30, 2011, and has had countless pedestrians bask in the beauty that is the thirteen-story bridge that overlooks the Des Moines River Valley. The 25-mile trail goes from Ankeny to the south, through the cities of Slater & Madrid before ending in Woodward, Iowa to the west. The focal point to the High Trestle Trail is the bridge itself which features cribbing on the deck directly above the water that is lined with Blue LED lights. This serves to illuminate the deck as well as mirror the water flowing below. The lights are made to be turned on and off for events and minimize disruption to the wildlife in the valley. From April 1 until October 31, the bridge lights are on from sunset to 12:00 a.m., then during the winter months from approximately November 1 through March 31 from sunset until 9:00 p.m. The elevated columns supporting the bridge are all gently down-lit to cast an aura of light onto the valley floor. Entering into the bridge, two 36 feet tall monoliths stand on either side that form an enormous V. More than 16,000 custom-glazed ceramic tiles were created in the RDG Art Studio and made specifically to look like coal. These tiles were placed onto the monoliths to represent the veins of coal running through the region. The High Trestle Trail Bridge has been named the best bike accessible bridge in Iowa by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition several times, and was named by the BBC as one of the worlds eight most amazing footbridges. Come see this amazing attraction in Boone County!



*More to Explore...*

# MADRID

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**High Trestle  
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# Iowa Arboretum



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Founded in 1968, the **IOWA ARBORETUM AND GARDENS** has become Iowa's premier public garden. Located near Madrid, the 40 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and grounds features plants, both native and introduced to Iowa. Visitors walking the circular trail system can see the Arboretum's major collections of trees, shrubs and flowers along with significant collections of dwarf conifers, hostas and daylilies. The **Children's Garden** will entertain the youngest of guests with a secret tunnel, one-room schoolhouse playhouse and gardens. Across from the main campus, visitors can stroll along extensive trails in a native Iowa woodland and prairie.

Modern facilities are available for hosting meetings, retreats, parties and weddings. Find unique home and garden décor at the Arboretum's gift shop. Special events, educational workshops and plant sales are offered throughout the year. Guided tours are available for individuals of all ages (call for a reservation).



# Swede Point Park



This little known piece of heaven is located in southern Boone County, just a mile north of state Highway 210 near the Des Moines River Valley. **SWEDE POINT** gets its name from the Swedish settlers who located their families near this area in 1846.

The park features 24 electric camping sites with new gravel pads and two non-electric camping areas. A modern bathroom and showering facility, two hiking trails, picnicking and updated playground equipment, basketball court, sand volleyball and an enclosed shelter house (reservations required).

The area terrain is a mix of prairie, streams, and oak-hickory woodlands and savannas. You will find a large array of wildlife here from deer and coyotes to owls and hummingbirds. The Des Moines River is just a short but challenging hike down into the deep valley, but well worth the effort. At the river you might find bald eagles, raccoon, pelicans, and more. If you are looking for a quiet get away, look no further than Swede Point Park.

# Madrid History Museum

**THE MADRID HISTORY MUSEUM** showcases the development of the community from the first years of settlement by a group of Swedish settlers (then known as Swede Point), to the coming of the railroad and the coal mining industry. The Museum is also known for the extensive Keigley doll collection and Genealogy Center. Visit the Museum website for a virtual tour at [www.madridmuseum.com](http://www.madridmuseum.com).

Open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and Mondays 9:30 a.m. to noon, and by appointment by calling (515) 795-3249.



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# Heart of the County. **Boone**



**Founded in 1866**, the city of Boone was originally named Montana. By 1871 it had been renamed **BOONE** after Capt. Nathaniel Boone, youngest son of Daniel Boone, who led Company H of the Dragoons across what became the state of Iowa back in 1835. Not too far away, another small town called Boonesboro had popped up. Eventually it became a part of its larger neighbor. It was the **railroad** that led to the incorporation of this community, and was a major player in its growth for the first century of its existence. Boone also laid claim to a **rich coal mining** operation for the better part of the early twentieth century. Due to these two industries, Boone quickly grew to a community of 12,000 people by 1920 with a bustling mainstreet topped by two domineering (at the time) bank buildings, First National Bank (now US Bank), and Boone National Bank.



The city remains intrinsically tied to its railroad heritage with many displays reflecting this history, as well as a major attraction, the **Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad** operating tourist excursions throughout the year into the nearby Des Moines River Valley. Boone is also host to one of the state's largest community festivals, appropriately named "**Pufferbilly Days™**" after the little steam engines that were used in coal mines. With tons of neat specialty shops, and plenty of places to eat, drink or enjoy time with your family, Boone is a fantastic destination located in the heart of Boone County.

# Boone County **Economic Growth**

The Boone County Economic Growth Corporation is the private-public partnership between Boone County, and the cities of Boone, Madrid and Ogden, along with a number of private businesses supporting its development efforts. In 2018 BCEGC announced the certification of the Boone Industrial Park – Phase II site, a strategically located industrial development near the I-35 and I-80 corridor, just a few minutes north of US Highway 30 in Boone, Iowa. This greenfield site is truly shovel-ready for light or heavy industrial development and is fed by short line rail provided by the BSVRR, and Union Pacific Railroad's transcontinental freight service. The property is within one mile of four-lane U.S. Highway 30 which connects directly to U.S. Interstate 35 only seventeen minutes to the east.

The city of Boone is Boone County's primary hub for commercial and industrial development with three distinct parks offering various options for development. Everything from a large manufacturing site, to a corporate office complex, to smaller commercial or light industrial needs. Boone County boasts an incredibly lush and diverse habitat along the Des Moines river valley, which provides a high quality of place with its numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation

year-round. The city of Boone was recently named, the best small-town in America by Realtor.com and the "best up and coming" housing market in Iowa by Insurify. Boone and Ogden are experiencing their most dramatic growth in new housing starts in years while the city of Madrid's Tiger Run development will offer up to forty-five new single-home lots by the end of 2021. Each of the communities are being wired for gigabit-speed internet with many areas already online. Boone County communities boast great public and private schools pre-K through 12 and the city of Boone is the site of a Des Moines Area Community College campus serving more than 3,000 students and housing all of the college system's athletic programs. Boone County sits immediately west of a major research institution, Iowa State University, and little more than one-half hour north of the Des Moines metro with a laborshed measured at over 420,000.

Boone County is truly a great place to live, play and build a business. For more information about development opportunities contact Kurt Phillips, Executive Director, at 515-298-1253 or [director@booneiowa.us](mailto:director@booneiowa.us).

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## JANUARY

**1**  
First Day Hike at Ledges State Park

**11**  
Snowshoe Hike at Grants Woods

**18**  
Snowshoe Hike at Iowa Arboretum, 1-3 pm

**24**  
Spud Night at Iowa Arboretum, 4-7 pm



## FEBRUARY

**8**  
Youth Ice Fishing Derby – at Don Williams Lake

**7, 8, 14, 15**  
Valentine Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**10**  
Moonlight Snowshoe Night Hike at Don Williams

**15**  
Snowshoe Hike at Iowa Arboretum, 1-3 pm

**21**  
Soup Supper at Iowa Arboretum, 4-7 pm

**29**  
Sacred Heart School Gala at Cobblestone, 5:30 pm



## MARCH

**5**  
Spring Ag Omelet Breakfast at Boone Fairgrounds

**7, 14, 21, 28**  
Sunset BBQ Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**19-22**  
Buckskinner Trade Fair at Boone Fairgrounds

**27**  
Italian Night at Iowa Arboretum, 4-7 pm



## APRIL

**4, 11, 18, 25**  
Sunset BBQ Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**4**  
Easter Bunny Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**18**  
Spring Symposium at Iowa Arboretum, 8-3 pm

**25**  
Motorcar Day at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**25**  
Run for the Trees/Arbor Day at Iowa Arboretum, 8-10 am

## MAY

**1**  
Garden Social & Auction at Iowa Arboretum, 5-9 pm

**1-3**  
Camping Kick-Off Weekend

**2**  
Madrid City Wide Garage Sale at Madrid

**9**  
Flight Breakfast at Farnham Aviation in Boone

**9**  
Moonlight Canoe Float at Don Williams Lake

**22-25**  
Boone River Valley Festival

**23**  
Opening Day of Daily Train Operations/Regular Season at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**23**  
Youth Fishing Derby at Don Williams

**27**  
Boone Municipal Band, 7:30 pm

**30**  
Electric Day Event at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

## JUNE

**3**  
Boone Municipal Band,  
7:30 pm

**6**  
Ogden Citywide Garage Sale

**6**  
Boone News Republican  
Citywide Garage Sale  
at Boone

**6**  
Moonlight Canoe Float  
at Don Williams Lake

**7**  
Classic Car Show at  
Iowa Arboretum, 12-2 pm

**13**  
Joni Ernst Roast-N-Ride  
at Central Iowa Expo

**10**  
Boone Municipal Band  
at McHose Park, 7:30 pm

**16-18**  
Junior Naturalists Day Camp  
at Don Williams

**17**  
Boone Municipal Band,  
7:30 pm

**23-25**  
High Adventurers Day Camp  
at Don Williams

**24**  
Boone Municipal Band, 7:30 pm

**26-28**  
Ogden Fun Days  
in Downtown Ogden

## JULY

**1**  
Boone Municipal Band  
at McHose Park, 7:30 pm

**4**  
Boone Municipal Band –  
Patriotic Concert at  
McHose Park, 7:30 pm

**4**  
Moonlight Canoe Float  
at Don Williams Lake

**6-10**  
Wildlife Camp  
at Ledges State Park

**11**  
Iowa Municipal Band Festival  
at McHose Park, 11 am - 7 pm

**12**  
Tom Crooks Memorial  
Auto Show at Boone &  
Scenic Valley Railroad

**14-16**  
Junior Naturalists Day Camp  
at Don Williams

**16-19**  
Boone County Fair

**17-18**  
Ledges Christmas in July

**25**  
Huge Sidewalk Book Sale  
at The Book Shoppe, 7-3 pm.

## AUGUST

**1**  
Moonlight Canoe Float  
at Don Williams Lake

**6-16**  
Convention & Visitors Bureau  
at Iowa State Fair

**31**  
Boone Antique Rod-Custom  
Car Show at Downtown Boone

## SEPTEMBER

**1-3**  
Farm Progress Show  
at Central Iowa Expo

**4-7**  
Labor Day Celebration  
in Downtown Madrid

**5**  
Moonlight Canoe Float  
at Don Williams Lake

**7-12**  
IMCA Super Nationals  
at Boone Speedway

**11-13**  
Pufferbilly Days in Boone

**19-20 & 25-27**  
Day out with Thomas at Boone  
& Scenic Valley Railroad

**20**  
ArbFeast at Iowa Arboretum,  
1-4 pm

## OCTOBER

**3, 10, 17**  
Pumpkin Express Train at  
Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

**4**  
Oktoberfest  
in Downtown Ogden

**10**  
Ledges Trick-or-Treat, 5-7 pm

**17**  
Arbooween at Iowa  
Arboretum, 1-3 pm

**17**  
ArBooScare at Iowa  
Arboretum, 6-8:30 pm

**28**  
Trick or Treat/Trunk or Treat  
in Downtown Boone

## NOVEMBER

**5**  
Harvest Ag Omelet Breakfast  
at Boone Fairgrounds

**7**  
Motorcar Day at Boone &  
Scenic Valley Railroad

**27-29**  
Santa Express Train at Boone  
& Scenic Valley Railroad

## DECEMBER

**3**  
Holiday Lighted Parade  
in Downtown Boone

**4-6, 11-13, 18-20**  
Santa Express Train at Boone  
& Scenic Valley Railroad

**5**  
Christmas Extravaganza  
in Downtown Madrid

**5**  
Ogden Christmas on Main

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## DQ Grill & Chill Restaurant

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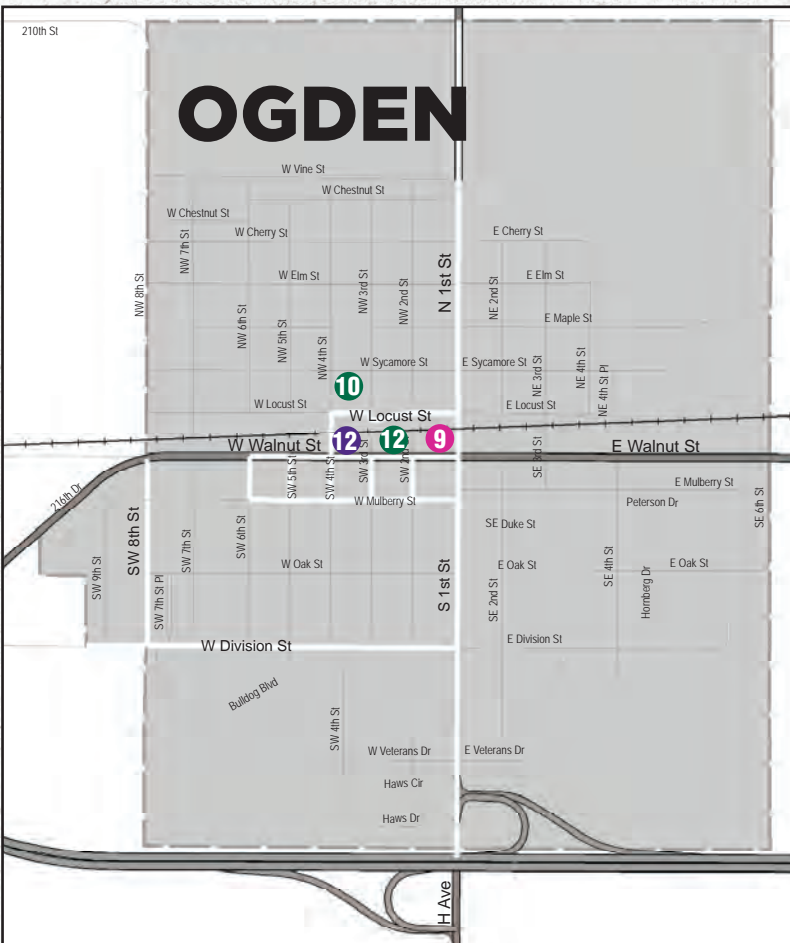
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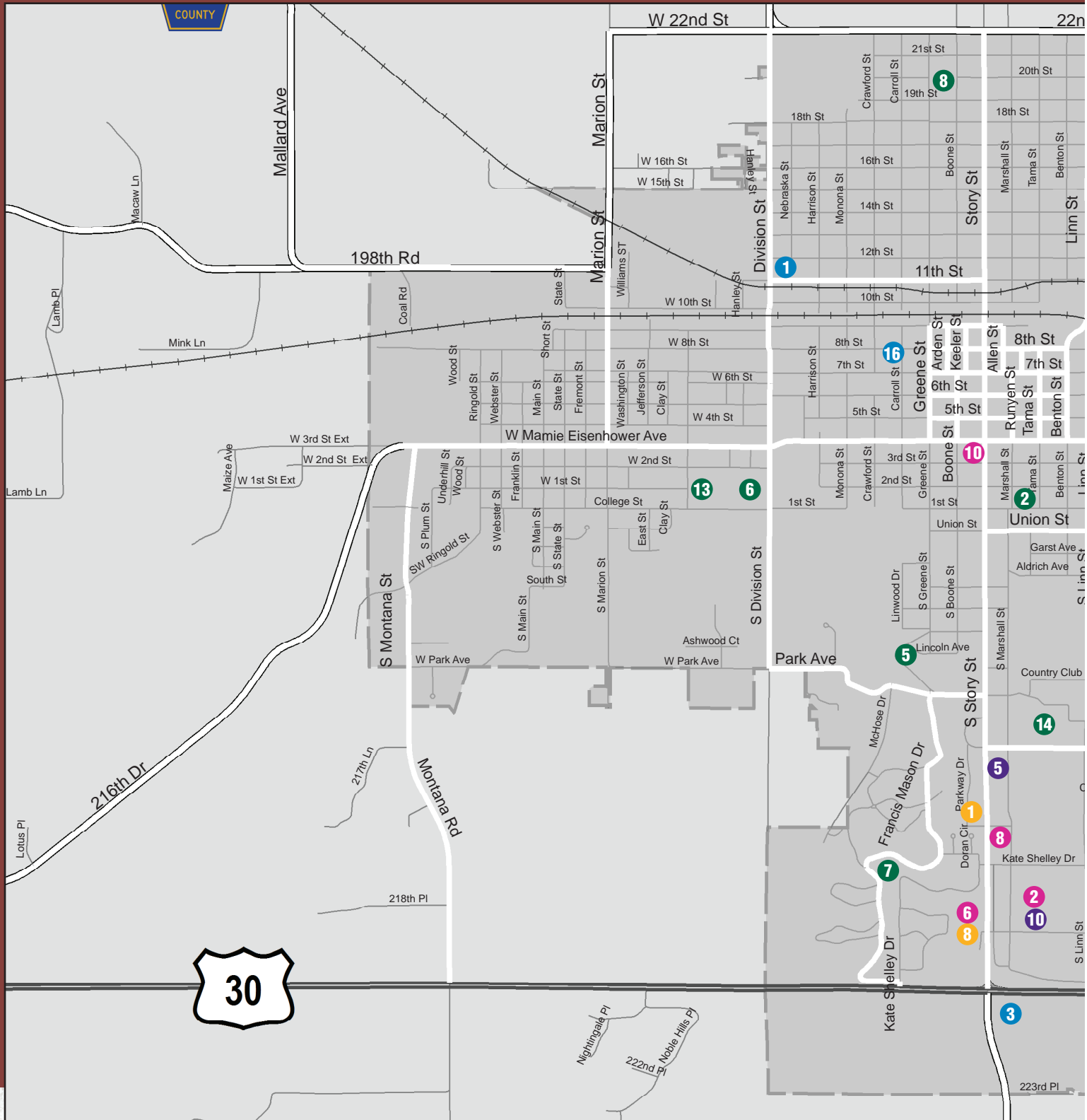
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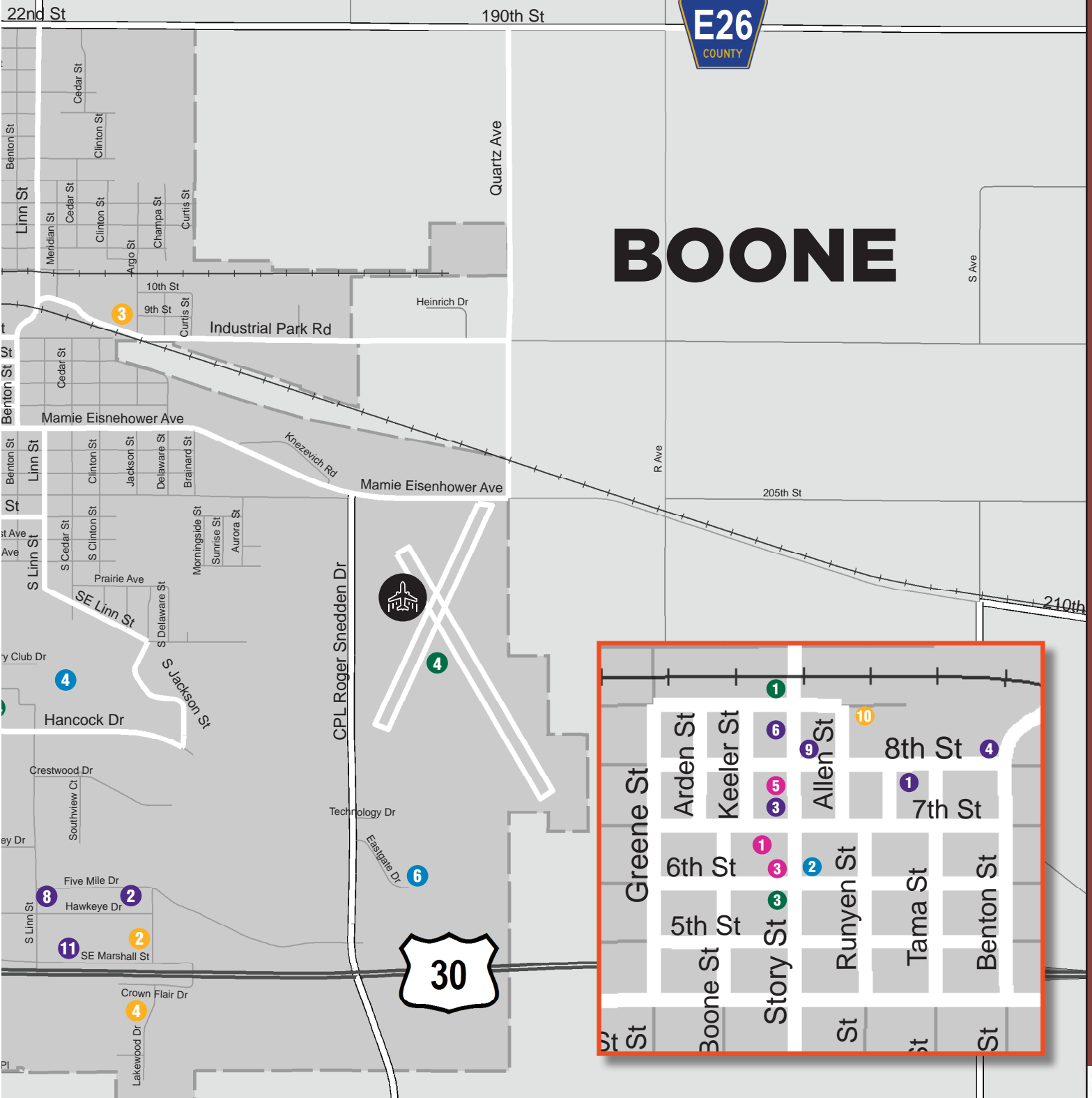
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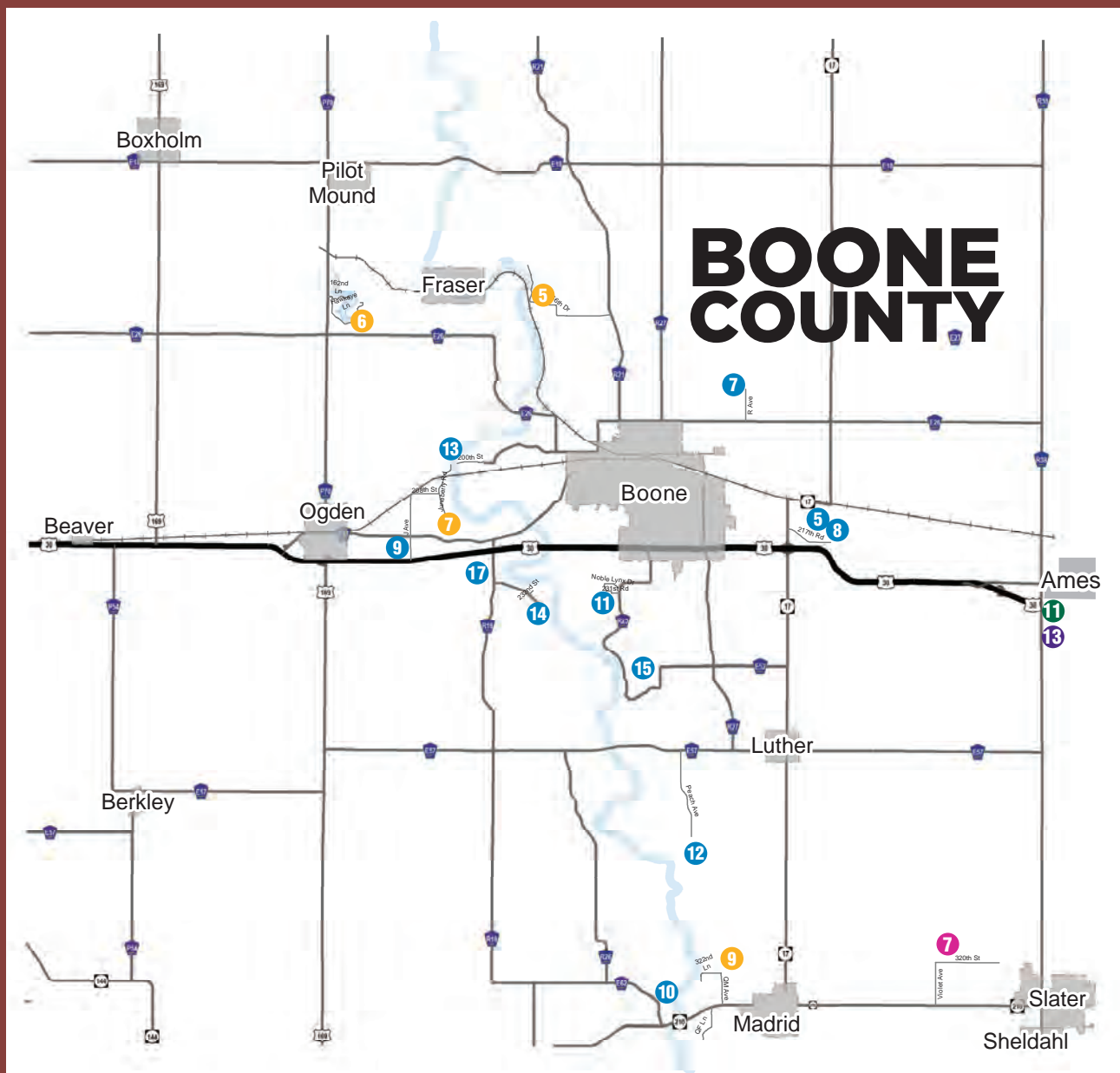
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What's a Pufferbilly you may ask? Pufferbilly Days™ got its name from Boone's railroad heritage. Puffing Billy's were small steam train engines that were commonly used around coal mines. The city of Boone was platted by the railroad in 1865 and retains its strong ties to the railroad tourism and transportation industry. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us in downtown Boone for yet another unforgettable Pufferbilly Days™. See you in September!

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Mamie Geneva Doud, wife of Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States, was born in Boone on November 14, 1896. She was the second of four daughters to Elivera Carlson and John Sheldon Doud.

The one story frame house has been restored to reflect the 1890s and contains a wide variety of family heirlooms. The site also includes a restored summer kitchen and carriage house with antique automobiles.

In 1952 "Ike" was elected President and re-elected again in 1956.

The Eisenhowers visited relatives in Boone often. Mamie's last visit here was in 1977.

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# Seven Oaks Recreation



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Located 4 miles west of Boone on U.S. Highway 30, **SEVEN OAKS RECREATION** offers **outdoor activities during the spring, summer, fall and winter months**. Seven Oaks features a snow tubing park, and 11 ski and snowboard trails ranging from beginner to expert that are serviced by two triple chair lifts and two surface lifts. Ski and snowboard equipment is available for rent in a wide variety of sizes.

Free beginner ski and snowboard lessons or private lessons may be purchased. Weekly specials are offered.

From May through October, Seven Oaks visitors may take a full service canoe, kayak or river tube float or make a reservation for their group to play paintball.

**Scenic river floats** on the Des Moines River will take you under the longest and highest double-track railway bridge in the world.

**The Lodge at Seven Oaks** and **Seven Oaks Conference Center** seats up to 400 guests and is equipped with a fast food restaurant and Coal Creek Lounge. This popular facility is used during the non-ski months for numerous weddings, receptions, parties, and meetings. Seven Oaks will host the **9th Gladiator Assault Challenge** which is a mud/obstacle course that is designed to test participants endurance, speed, agility, strength and mental stamina.

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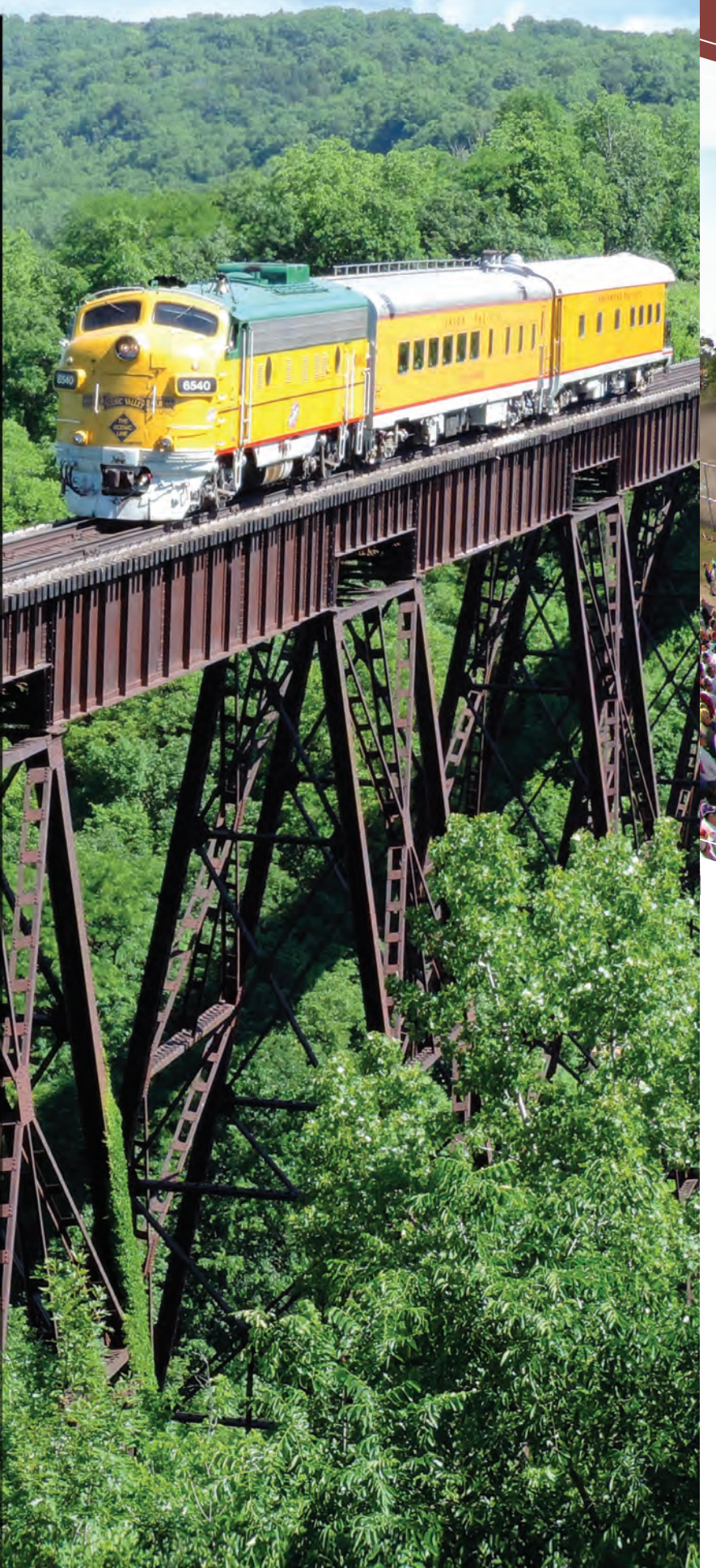
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# Boone Speedway



**BOONE SPEEDWAY** will again be the place for racing in 2020. Dubbed **“Iowa’s Action Track,”** the 3/8-mile high-banked dirt oval will draw race fans from all over the region for its weekly racing programs and from all over the country for special events.

The home of the IMCA (International Motor Contest Association) Super Nationals, more than 900 race teams converged on the facility for six days of racing action in 2019. The 2020 event kicks off **Labor Day, Monday, September 7 and runs through September 12.**

Modified, Stock Car, Late Model, Hobby Stock, Northern SportMod, Southern SportMod and Sport Compact champions will be crowned throughout the week during the season-ending special event.

IMCA’s premier event has found a permanent home at Boone Speedway and has been held there for more than 25 years after making stops in Vinton, Independence, West Liberty, Mason City and Knoxville in its early days.

Called “America’s Racin’ Vacation,” drivers and race fans from all over the country and Canada make the annual trek to Boone for the week-long event. They fill the numerous area hotels and camp grounds. The convenience of camping at the track is also a popular option. Those spots are available by visiting [www.raceboone.com](http://www.raceboone.com) or [www.IMCA.com](http://www.IMCA.com)

Prior to Super Nationals, weekly racing – Saturday nights from April through August – will highlight the racing calendar for most of the season. Modifieds, Stock Cars, Hobby Stocks and Northern SportMods return to battle in weekly action this season. Added to the weekly program will be IMCA sanctioned RaceSaver Sprint Cars. The weekly program will start the middle of April.

Other special events on the schedule include the annual visit by the Deery Brothers Summer Series for IMCA Late Models on Memorial Day and the annual Eve of Destruction, held on the July 4th holiday.

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## THE BOONE MUNICIPAL BAND

has hosted Iowa Municipal Band Festival for the past several years on the **2nd Saturday in July** in Boone, Iowa, at the beautiful Herman Park Pavilion. Eight community bands from across the state and Midwest will perform at the Pavilion on Saturday, July 11, 2020. The performances begin at 11:00 a.m. with each band playing a forty-five minute concert to a very appreciative audience. This event is FREE to the public!

The Boone Municipal Band also **performs every Wednesday at the Herman Park Pavilion** from the **Wednesday after Memorial Day through mid-July**. They also will be performing a patriotic concert and at the Iowa Municipal Band Festival on July 4. There is an ice cream social offered by community churches at each concert. Come and enjoy some good music, good food, and good company at the Herman Park Pavilion on Wednesday evenings. All concerts start at 7:30 pm.



For more information about Boone County Hospital, log on to [www.boonehospital.com](http://www.boonehospital.com).

# Boone County Hospital

**BOONE COUNTY HOSPITAL** (BCH) offers a wide array of services, state-of-the-art technology, and caring staff for all of your healthcare needs. Whether you live in Boone County or are visiting the community, it's nice to know you can receive quality care when you need it.

BCH owns and operates the **Boone County Family Medicine North Walk-in Clinic**. The clinic is available for individuals that need medical care, but don't feel their illness or injury is serious enough to be seen in the Emergency Room. The clinic is located at 120 South Story Street and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BCH also owns and operates Boone County Family Medicine (BCFM) North and BCFM South, both in Boone,

BCFM in Ogden, and the Madrid Family Practice Clinic in Madrid. BCH offers a wide array of services including Home Care/Public Health Services, F. William Beckwith Adult Day Services, 3D mammography, the Family Birth Center, Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab, a Diabetes Center, a Pain Center, Rehabilitation Services in Boone and Ogden, a Wound and Hyperbaric Center, and Foot and Ankle Surgery/General Surgery.

A program called **Healthcare Heroes** allows grateful patients, visitors or family members to recognize the outstanding services they received while at Boone County Hospital or to recognize an employee who went above and beyond. For more information, log on to the BCH website and click on "Say Thank You" on the home page.



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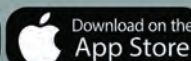
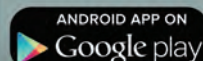
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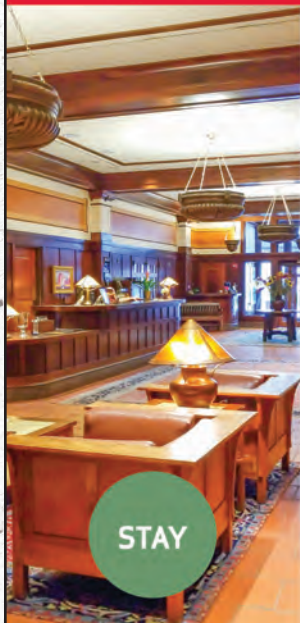
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# Boone County **Historical Society** Where brave deeds & heroes meet

Take a look at the intriguing stories of Boone County as you journey back to central Iowa's bygone era set in the scenic river valley. The central holdings of the **Boone County historical collection** are maintained in a 1907 Masonic Temple that sets the stage for your discovery of the past. The History Center is a perfect stop for visitors of all ages who come to delight in stories about fascinating characters such as Kate Shelley, Mamie Eisenhower, and Carl Fritz Henning.

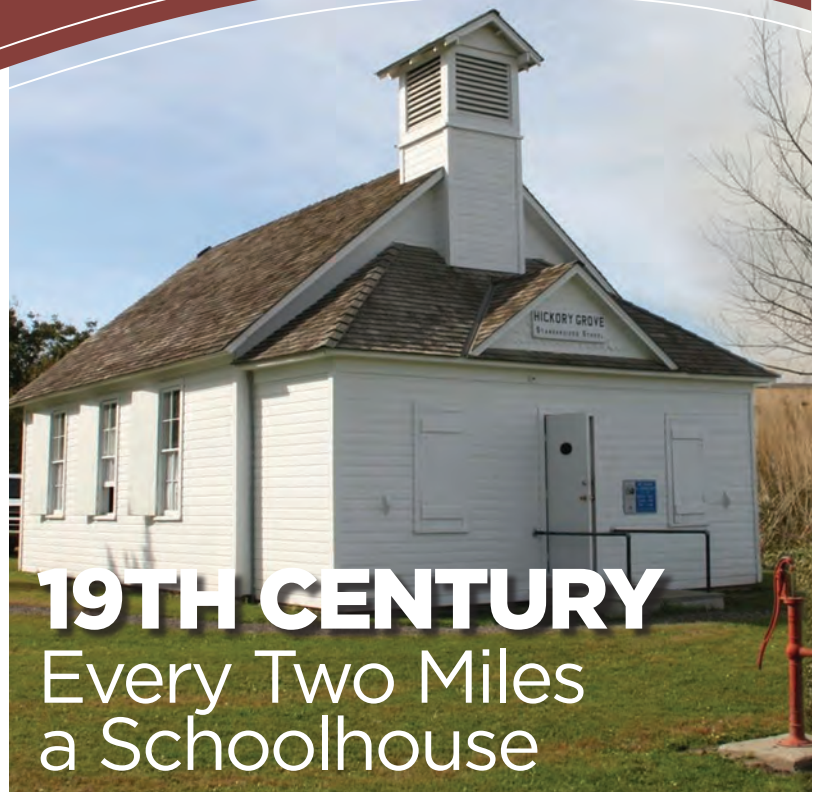
Observe the **handwritten journals and photographs** of the first and longest serving caretaker of Ledges State Park, consider first American industries that were developed at the turn of the 20th Century, realize the importance of natural resources in Boone's Des Moines river valley, and the bustling beginnings of downtown Boone.

The **BOONE CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is bus-tour friendly with a lower level community room available for group tours, reunions, social events, and business meetings, and is available year-round. The lower level offers a completely furnished and modern commercial kitchen equipped to serve up to 130 guests.

Hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth, and FREE entry for children ages 6 and under.

The Boone History Center Lower Level also offers a wonderful rental facility for private parties, graduations, weddings, showers, and anniversary events. Please call 515-432-1907.

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## 19TH CENTURY Every Two Miles a Schoolhouse

### COLE SCHOOL

The Little Brick Schoolhouse on the Prairie

**Cole School operated from 1888-1933** and is located northeast of Boone on R Avenue. This school is notable due to the unique brickwork of this historic structure that supports three layers of brick. The school was adopted by the De Shon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who completely and accurately restored the site. The restoration process at Cole School included extensive masonry work with complete tuck pointing, a whole new floor to replace the floor lost to time and elements, great cleaning (due to sheep once housed inside of Cole School for some time) and new blackboards which came from a local high school. School desks were acquired from local auctions, and a variety of books, school related artifacts, a potbelly stove and teacher supplies are all part of the Cole School collection. The Country School Association of American has recognized the facility on their national registry of rural school houses. DAR maintains the site and visits to Cole School can be arranged by contacting DAR Member: Marilyn Tagesen at 515.490.2207.

### HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL

Slates and Schoolmates

Hickory Grove School was originally built in 1889 in the northeastern corner of Yell Township. A visit allows youngsters to sit in desks once occupied by students, and for guests of all ages to remember a time that echoes a simpler era that can feel both comforting and primitive. Historical maps, world globes, teaching tools, school primers, encyclopedias and a variety of country school artifacts amplify a **collection that spans from 1889 to 1956**. The museum now sits on the site of the Battin Chapel, which contains a well-preserved railroad depot in addition to the chapel and school. Boone History Museums and the Battin Heritage Association jointly sponsor the museum located at the juncture of old Highway 30 (E41) and J Avenue between Ogden and Boone.

Would you like to receive the Boone County Tourism Quarterly Newsletter? Sign up on [www.VisitBooneCounty.com](http://www.VisitBooneCounty.com) under newsletters tab.

**July 6, 1881**, is a date forever rooted in Boone County's history. As the shadow of midnight encroached on the landscape of the river valley of Moingona, Iowa, and a ferocious storm raged in the vicinity of the Shelley Homestead, **15-year-old Kate Shelley** was considering the fates of others.

Dressed in a simple prairie dress, Kate Shelley left the safety of her home in the pelting rain. Crawling across the Des Moines River Bridge under thundering skies and over frothing black waters

that lapped beneath her, she advanced to save the lives of those in danger in an oncoming train. Kate Shelley's bravery made her instantly famous from California to New York where her story played out in national headlines. The medals she received for heroism are on display at the **Boone Co. Historical Society**, along with the lantern she carried that night. Other mementos and accolades of her heroic act can be viewed at the Park and Museum.

## Kate Shelley Memorial High Bridge



"If you must go, do what you can."

*"Mamie Eisenhower is fondly expected to touch off a social renaissance and to lend a new warmth to the affairs of the presidency."*

—TIME MAGAZINE, JANUARY 19, 1953

## Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace

Mamie Geneva Doud was born on November 14, 1896, at 718 Carroll St. in Boone. Mamie was the second of four daughters born to Elvera Mathilde (Carlson) and John Sheldon Doud. She grew up to become the wife of the 34th president of the United States, Dwight David Eisenhower.

While Mamie was still an infant, the Douds moved from Boone to Cedar Rapids. In 1905, after making a

fortune in the meat packing industry, Doud moved his family to Colorado where they eventually settled in Denver. However, Mamie never lost contact with her mother's Boone family, the Carlsons. Throughout the 1940s to the 1960s, the Eisenhower family regularly visited Boone. After Ike's death in 1969, the Eisenhower family frequently visited Boone. Mamie continued to return to Boone, making her last trip in 1977, two years before her own death.

Over the years, the Birthplace was inhabited by many families, at one time housing three individual apartments that meant extremely close quarters for residents. By 1970, the Eisenhower Birthplace home was set for demolition and local citizens were quick to sound the alarm. The Friends of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace raised thousands of dollars to obtain the home, and the land was donated for the relocation of The Birthplace in 1975 to a location across the street. Following five years of restoration, the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace opened on June 22, 1980.



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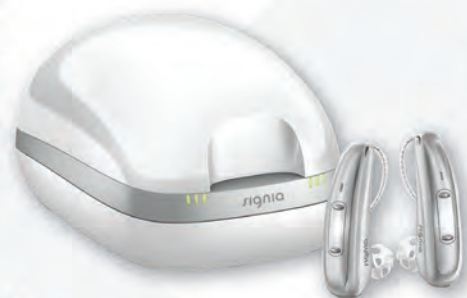
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# Make it Yours. **Ogden**

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Just six miles south of Don Williams County Park, Ogden is also a short drive from Seven Oaks Recreation, Sunstream Retreat Center, the historic Hickory Grove School and Battin Chapel, and the legendary Kate Shelley Memorial High Bridge.

Ogden Legacy is working to help local businesses expand and grow. Today, virtually anything you need from medical services to groceries and from hardware to flowers, can be found in downtown Ogden.



# Don Williams **PARK**

The rolling hills and valley of this **600-acre park** contain a full-service campground with 150 campsites, (many including electric and hydrants), three luxury cabins, a 150 acre lake, swimming beach, hiking trails, fishing dock, nine-hole golf course and more. Located in the northwest reaches of the county, just six miles north of Ogden, Iowa, it is a recreational oasis that draws outdoor enthusiasts from near and far. Campsites are booked on a first-come, first-serve basis so keep this in mind when traveling to Boone County.



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