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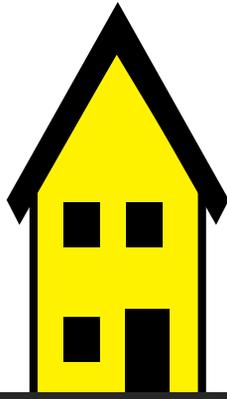


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# COUNTY

# Rocks!

# Welcome!

**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 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 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.

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# Ogden!

## Our Town, Make it Yours.

**OGDEN**, Iowa's rich history goes back to 1866. Laid out by the railroad, Ogden is located in the heart of the midwest conveniently 20 minutes from Ames and 45 minutes from the Des Moines metro. When driving through downtown on the famous Lincoln Highway, you can find many modern businesses to serve both the wants and needs of the community.

**Ogden Legacy** Ogden is always looking for ways to attract and promote, offering grants to beautify the community's homes as well as the business district. Ogden Legacy helps sponsor events like Ogden Fun Days, City-Wide Garage Sales, Oktoberfest and the Christmas celebration.

### "Certified Connected Community"

In 2015, Ogden was recognized as a "Certified Connected Community", demonstrating success in technology and fiber readiness. Their success has allowed them to expand to rural Ogden, as well.

**"Go Bulldogs!"** Ogden takes a lot of pride in their school district. In 2017, the district went through a \$10M transformation making the new high school addition home to grades 6-8 and the middle school became the new elementary school. In mid-2020, construction on a new gymnasium began at the high school.

**Always Something to Do!** Ogden offers access to their City Park that includes a playground, band shell, two open shelter houses as well as one enclosed shelter house. A beautiful nature trail runs from the high school down through Lincoln Prairie Park to the community center. Other great and popular places would be Spinning Wheels Skating Rink and The Lucky Pig Pub & Grill, which was awarded Best Pork Tenderloin in Iowa in 2014!

Just a few short miles north of town, you will find Don Williams Campground/Golf Course and just east is Seven Oaks Recreation for skiing and snowboarding in the winter months as well as hiking and canoeing in the spring and summer!

**Contact Us!** For further information please contact [cityofogden@netins.net](mailto:cityofogden@netins.net), [ogden.legacy@gmail.com](mailto:ogden.legacy@gmail.com) or 515-275-2917.

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# 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.



# Kate Shelley Memorial High Bridge

**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.



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

## 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

*"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

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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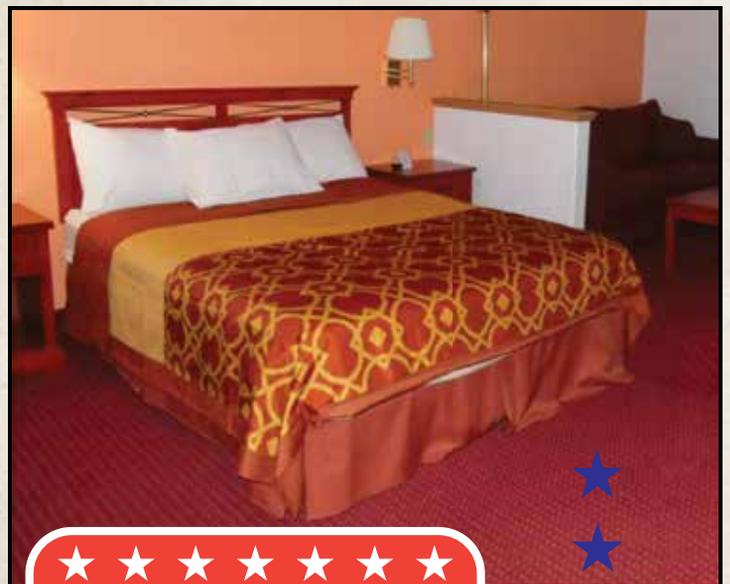


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**Founded in 1866**, the city of Boone was originally named Montana. By 1871 it had been renamed **BOONE** after Capt. Nathaniel Boone, youngest son of Daniel Boone, who led Company H of the Dragoons across what became the state of Iowa back in 1835. 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.

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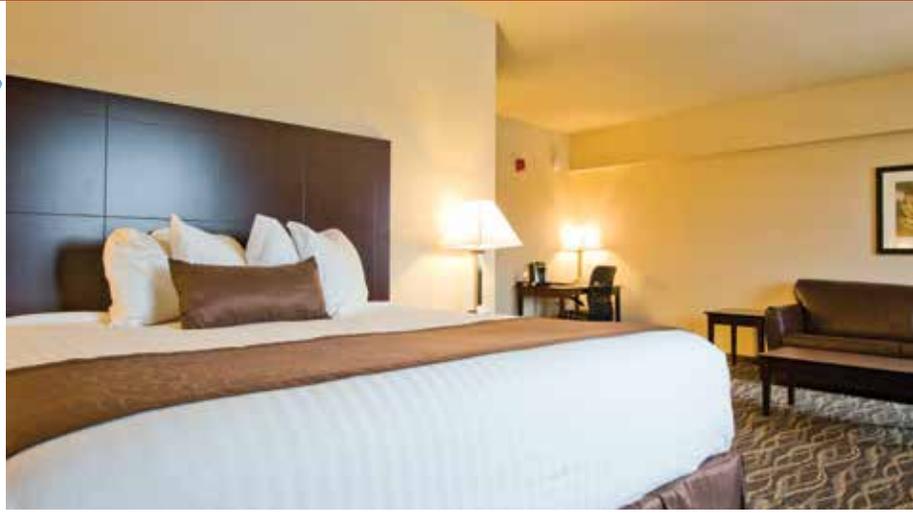
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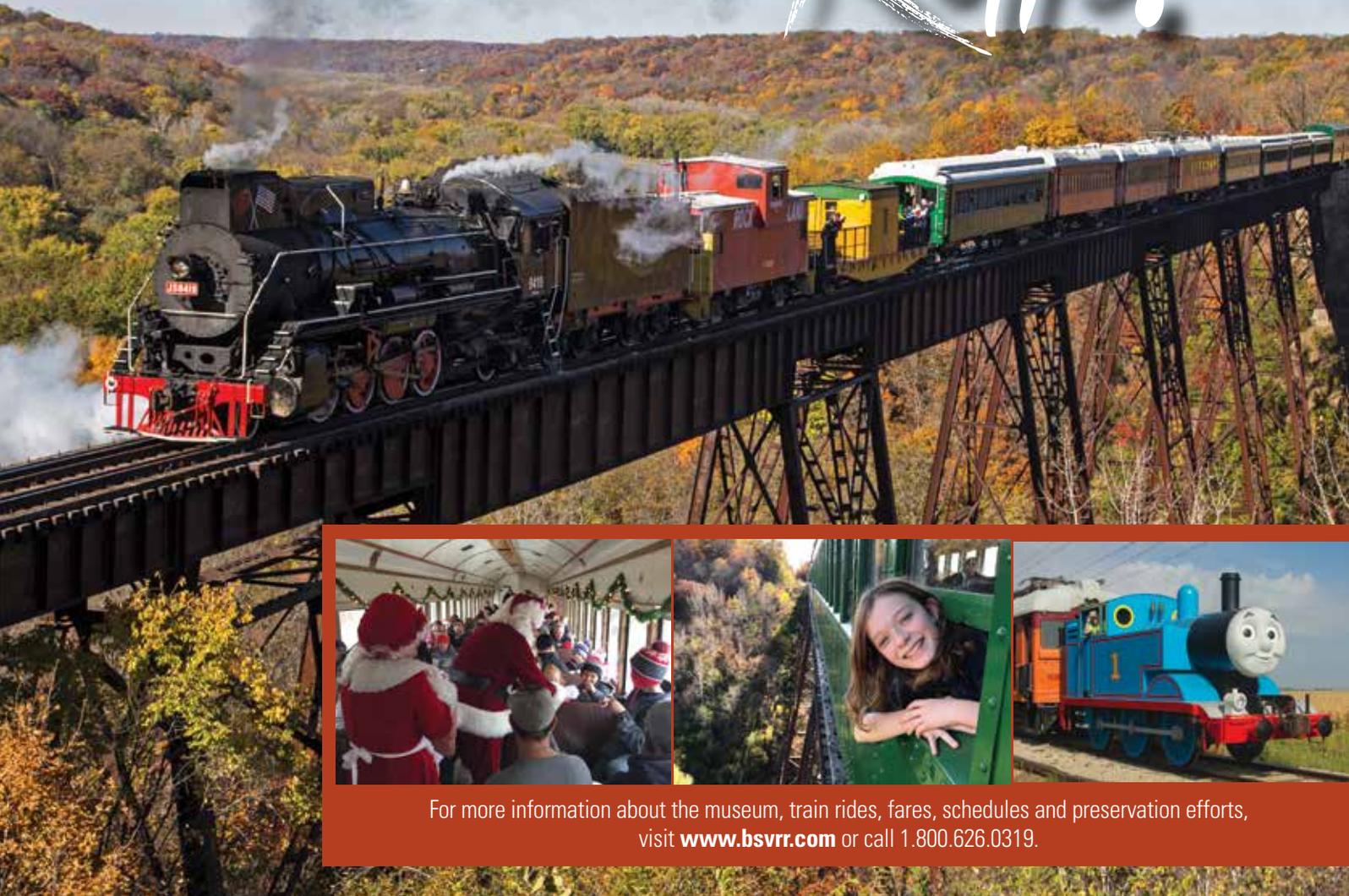
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activities, arts and crafts show, bingo, BBQ contest, a football tailgate party and so much more!

What's a Pufferbilly you may ask? Pufferbilly Days™ got its name from Boone's railroad heritage. Puffing Billies 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 August!

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## Adobe Lounge

915 W. Mamie Eisenhower Avenue,  
Boone  
(515) 432-2774

## Asian Buffet

804 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-1765

## Belucci's Pizza

824 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-3612

## Blue Lights Coffee House & Bakery

305 Annex Road, Madrid  
(515) 795-3445

## Burger King

1720 S. Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-1805

## Casey's\*

102 W. Veterans Drive, Ogden  
(515) 275-4545

1127 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-2022

114 Mamie Eisenhower Avenue, Boone  
(515) 432-1840

117 N. Kennedy Avenue, Madrid  
(515) 795-2624

1303 SE Marshall Street, Boone  
(515) 432-1557

## Don Willimas Club House & Restaurant\*

610 H Avenue, Ogden  
(515) 353-9225

## DQ Grill & Chill Restaurant

1304 S. Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-6645

## Flat Tire Lounge\*

304 S. Madison Street, Madrid  
(515) 795-4174 (May-September)

## Hy-Vee Market Grille\*

1111 8th Street, Boone  
(515) 432-6065

## Ice Cream Daddy

145 S. State Street, Madrid  
(281) 460-9899

## Jimmy's BBQ\*

717 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 433-1227

## JoJo's Coffee Depot\*

1328 S Marshall, Boone  
(515) 236-9016

## La Carreta

1215 S. Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-5100

## L & M/Northern Lights Pizza

320 W. Mamie Eisenhower, Boone  
(515) 433-7888

## McDonald's\*

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(515) 212-8421



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## New China Restaurant

716 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-8089

## Papa Murphy's

528 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-1086

## Pit Stop Smoothie

320 S. Kennedy Avenue, Madrid  
(515) 460-4822

## Pizza Ranch\*

1703 S Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-2222

## Pancho Villa

605 S. Kennedy Avenue, Madrid  
(515) 795-2027

## Red Rooster

702 Allen Street, Boone  
(515) 212-8548

## Saints Avenue Café\*

1312 S. Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-7399

## Scooter's Coffee\*

327 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 421-9199

## Sisters in Cheese

203 S. State, Madrid  
(515) 795-5160

## Subway

1704 S. Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-6236

403 Annex Road, Madrid  
(515) 795-4433

422 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-8044

## Taco John's

415 Story Street, Boone  
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## The Colorado Grill\*

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## The Lucky Donkey Bar & Grill

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(515) 846-9335

## The Lucky Pig Pub & Grill\*

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## Town & Country Café

213 W. 2nd Street, Madrid  
(515) 795-3855

## Van Hemert's Dutch Oven Bakery\*

605 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-9567

## Water's Edge

341 W. Walnut Street, Ogden  
(515) 275-4434

## Whatcha Smokin BBQ

403 Iowa Avenue, Luther  
(515) 257-7490

## Whistle Stop Café\*

1102 Story Street, Boone  
(515) 432-9422

\*Chamber Members

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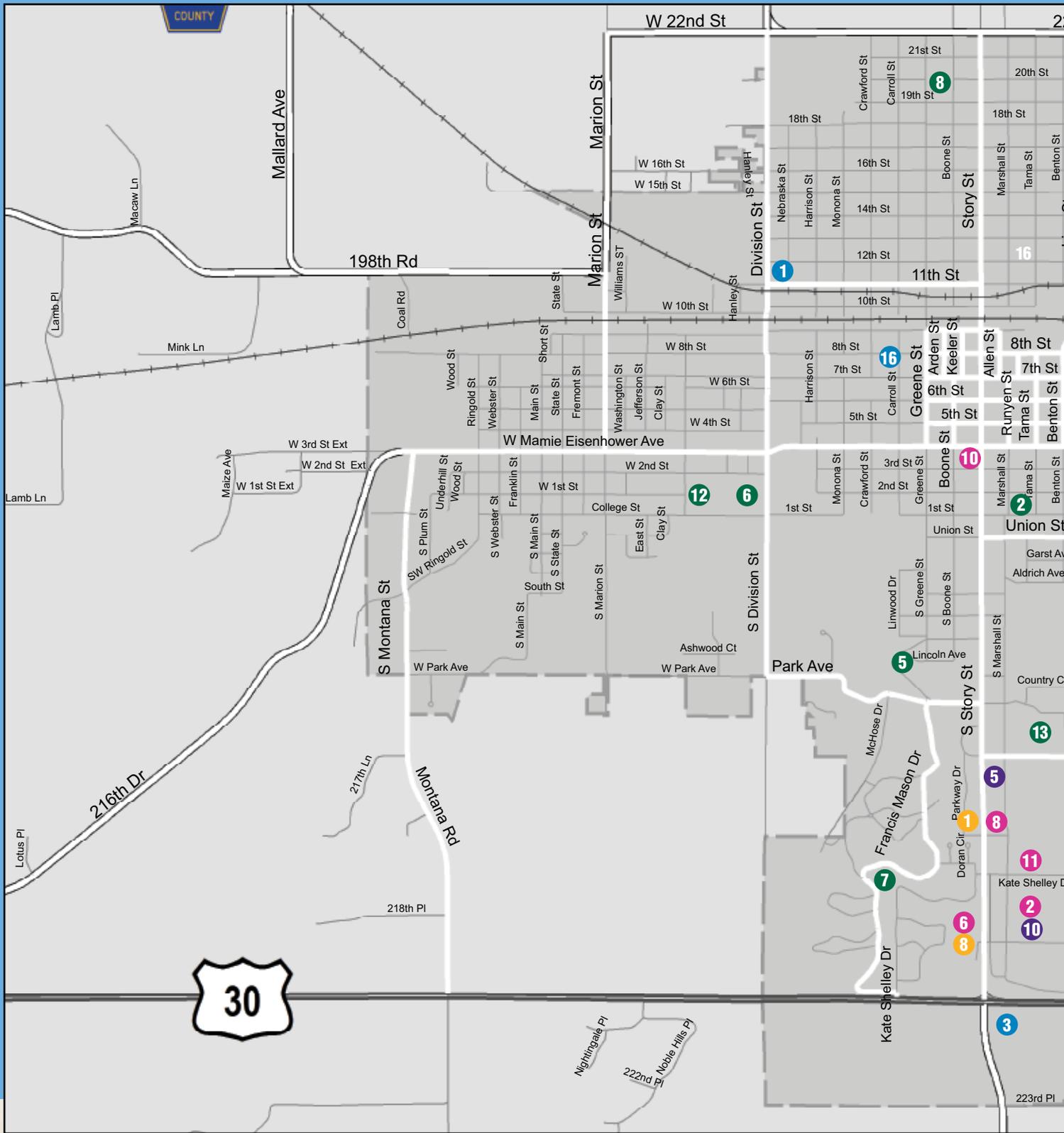
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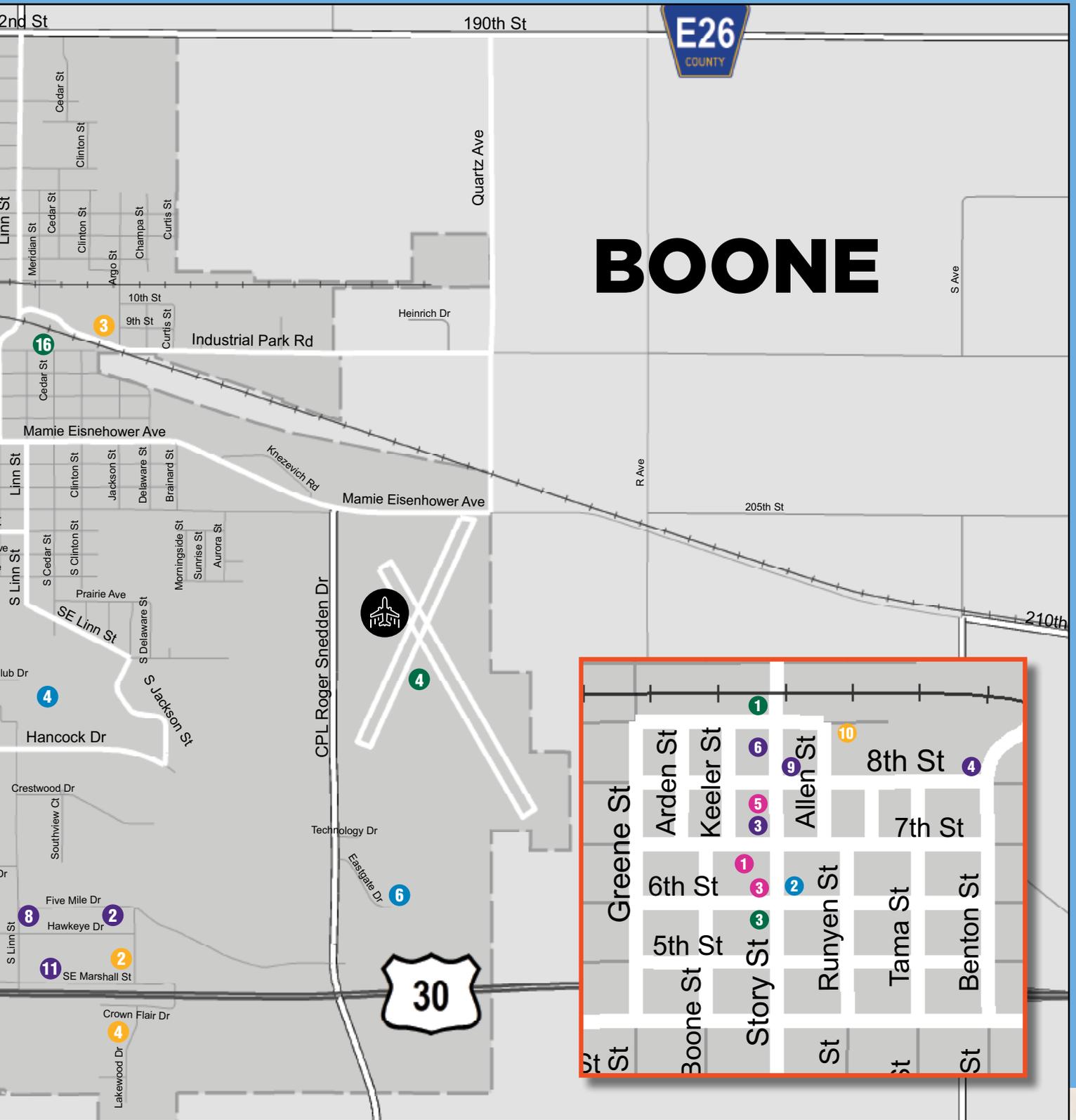


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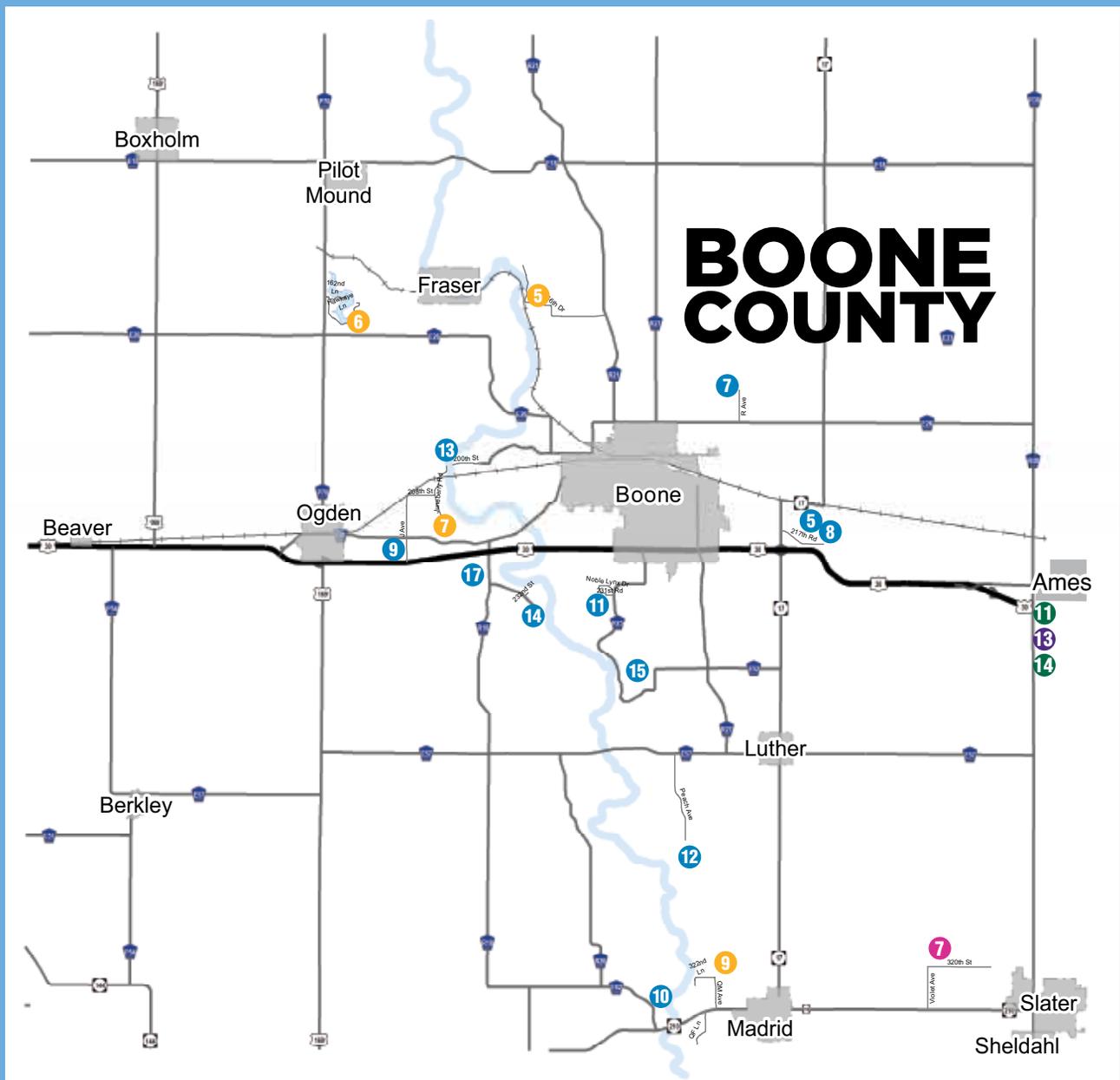
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# BOONE COUNTY *Roars!*

## Boone Speedway



**BOONE SPEEDWAY** will again be the place for racing this year. 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, hundreds of race teams converged on the facility for six days of racing action. The event kicks off **beginning Labor Day running through Saturday.**

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.

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.

More information is available by visiting [www.raceboone.com](http://www.raceboone.com).



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## Seven Oaks Recreation



Complete and detailed information regarding everything at Seven Oaks may be found at [SevenOaksRec.com](http://SevenOaksRec.com) or follow us on Facebook.

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 are available. You may also purchase private lessons. 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 **10th Gladiator Assault Challenge** which is a mud/obstacle course that is designed to test participants' endurance, speed, agility, strength and mental stamina.



# Hunting & Fishing

Boone County is one of the **RICHEST AREAS IN IOWA FOR HUNTING ACCESS**, boasting over 10,000 acres of public land. Opportunities to find deer, turkey, waterfowl and all types of small game abound. Areas like the rugged Barkley and Holst State Forests, the McCoy Wildlife Area, Harrier Marsh, and the forests and floodplains along the Des Moines River Valley provide some incredible settings for any hunting excursion. Access points, aerial maps and more can be found online at [www.iowadnr.gov/hunting/places-to-hunt-shoot/wildlife-management-areas](http://www.iowadnr.gov/hunting/places-to-hunt-shoot/wildlife-management-areas).

**GREAT FISHING** can be found in Boone County at any time of year. The spring and fall are particularly good for hungry walleyes in the Des Moines River at places like the Fraser Dam and Tilley's Hole. You'll pull catfish out of most any stretch of the river throughout the summer months too. Don't overlook Don Williams Lake either; you'll keep your lines tight in the summer with bass and through the winter ice with an abundance of crappie and bluegill.

Basecamp for any hunting or fishing expedition begins with the **CABINS AT DON WILLIAMS RECREATION AREA**. These rustic 4-season cabins provide a cozy place close to some of the best hunting and fishing the county has to offer. Visit [www.mycountyparks.com/County/Boone/Facility/Search.aspx](http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Boone/Facility/Search.aspx) to find out more on their details and availability.



# BOONE COUNTY *Studies!*

## DMACC

**DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (DMACC)** Boone provides excellent affordable community college education with the feel of a private college. The campus, founded in 1966, is set among mature trees and red brick buildings. Within this collegiate façade, are academic and athletic programs steeped with tradition.

DMACC offers small classes taught by full-time professors. Students may choose from many academic pathways including transfer and career-based education. Check out [www.dmacc.edu/pathways/Pages/welcome.aspx](http://www.dmacc.edu/pathways/Pages/welcome.aspx) for a full listing.



DMACC Boone students' academic excellence is evident in the Academic Honors program and national research opportunities.

The apartment-style living, many extracurricular and student activity opportunities are designed to engage students and provide an environment for personal growth. These opportunities include use of a new 28,500 square foot recreation center: Fairway Field House. Intramural and DMACC's eight intercollegiate athletic teams utilize the high-quality space to train and compete.

DMACC Bears intercollegiate athletics include men's and women's golf, cross country, basketball and women's volleyball, women's softball, and men's baseball. No matter the season, there is always something happening on campus and always an opportunity to show your Bear pride. DMACC is Bear Country!





# Boone County Fair

Nothing says summer fun better than the County Fair! Join us next year at the **BOONE COUNTY FAIR**. Four great days packed with fun, food and a fair-tastic good time! From traditional favorites such as food on a stick to the 4-H and FFA livestock shows and exhibits, to new and exciting carnival thrills and grand-stand shows, you won't want to miss a minute of the fun! Daytime fun includes free kids shows, pedal tractor pulls, talent shows, as well as dozens of exhibitors inside and out. From crafters to commercial exhibitors we have it all. When the fair is all over, don't worry there is still plenty to do at the Boone County Fairgrounds. From craft shows and auctions to fundraiser events and horse shows, the fairgrounds is host to a number of events throughout the year. They have recently expanded their campgrounds and full hook-ups which are now available! No matter what type of fun you're looking for, from fair-tastic foods and attractions to weekend craft shows and relaxing camping, you can find it all at the Boone County Fairgrounds!



For more information check out our website [www.boonecountyfairia.com](http://www.boonecountyfairia.com), or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



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# Strike up the **Band**



## 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 that Saturday. 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.

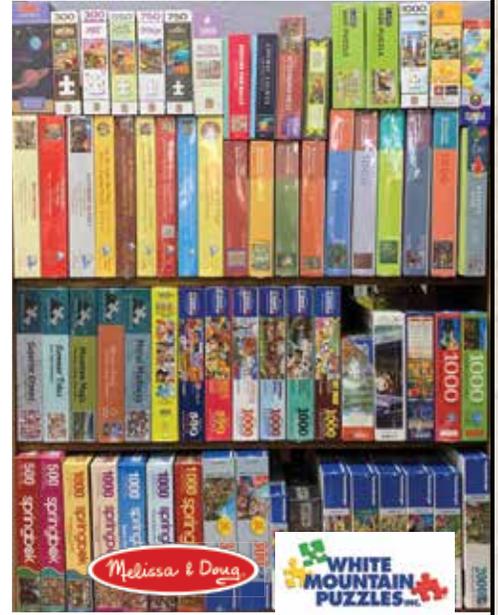
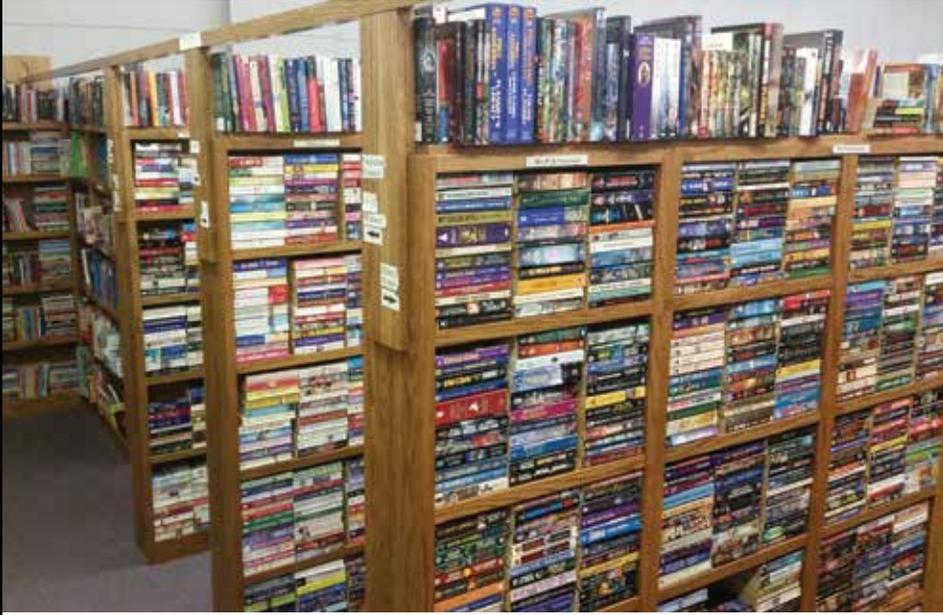
BCH owns and operates the **Boone County Family Medicine North Walk-in Clinic**. The clinic is available for individuals that need medical care, but don't feel their illness or injury is serious enough to be seen in the Emergency Room. The clinic is located at 120 South Story Street and is open Monday 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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# 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.

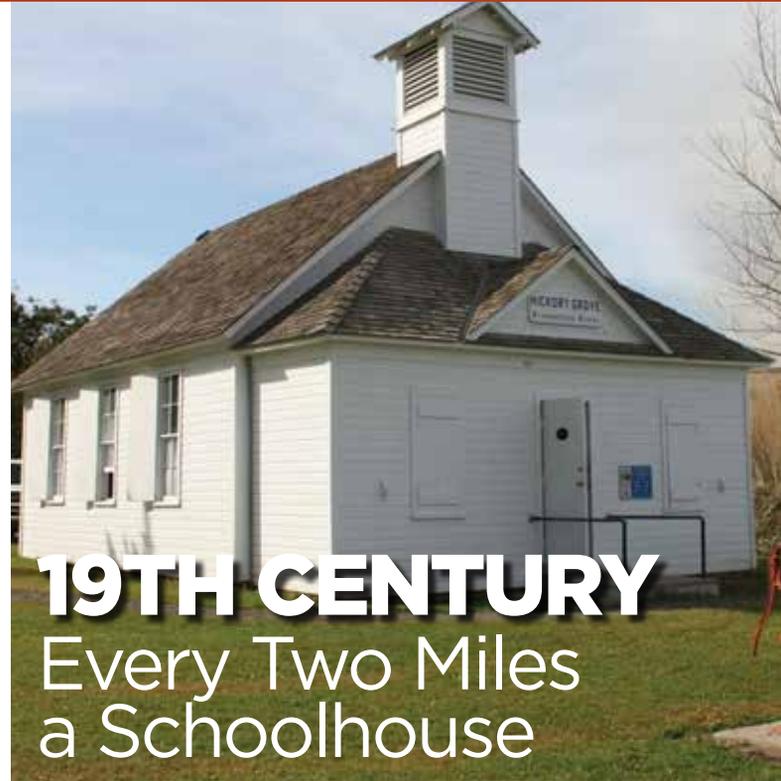
Observe the **handwritten journals and photographs** of the first and longest serving caretaker of Ledges State Park, consider first American industries that were developed at the turn of the 20th Century, realize the importance of natural resources in Boone's Des Moines River Valley, and the bustling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

For more information check out our website  
[www.boonehistorymuseums.org](http://www.boonehistorymuseums.org)



## 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 America 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.

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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!

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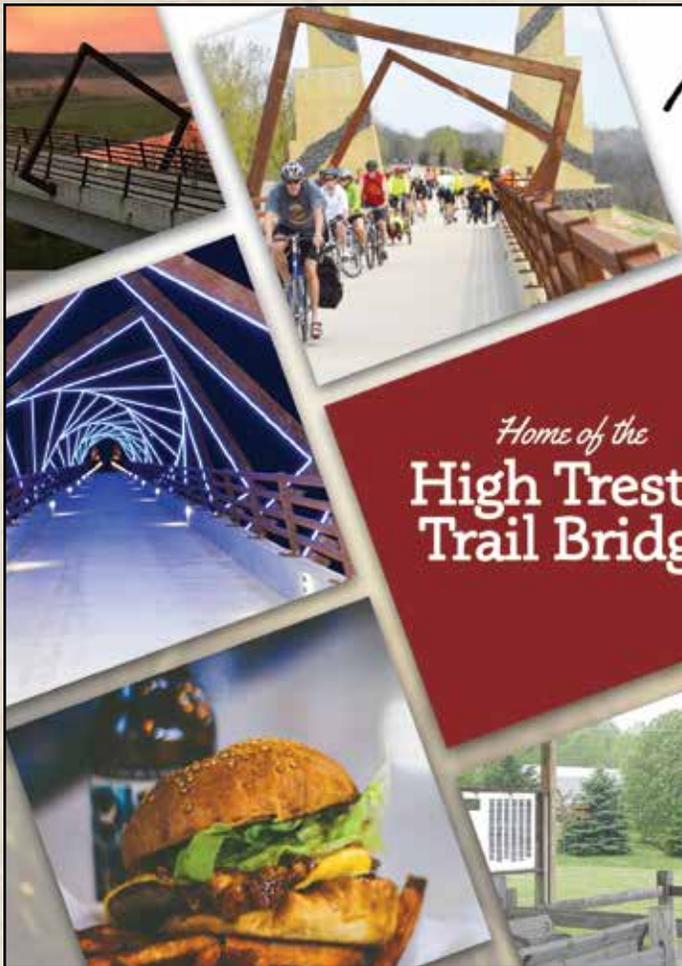
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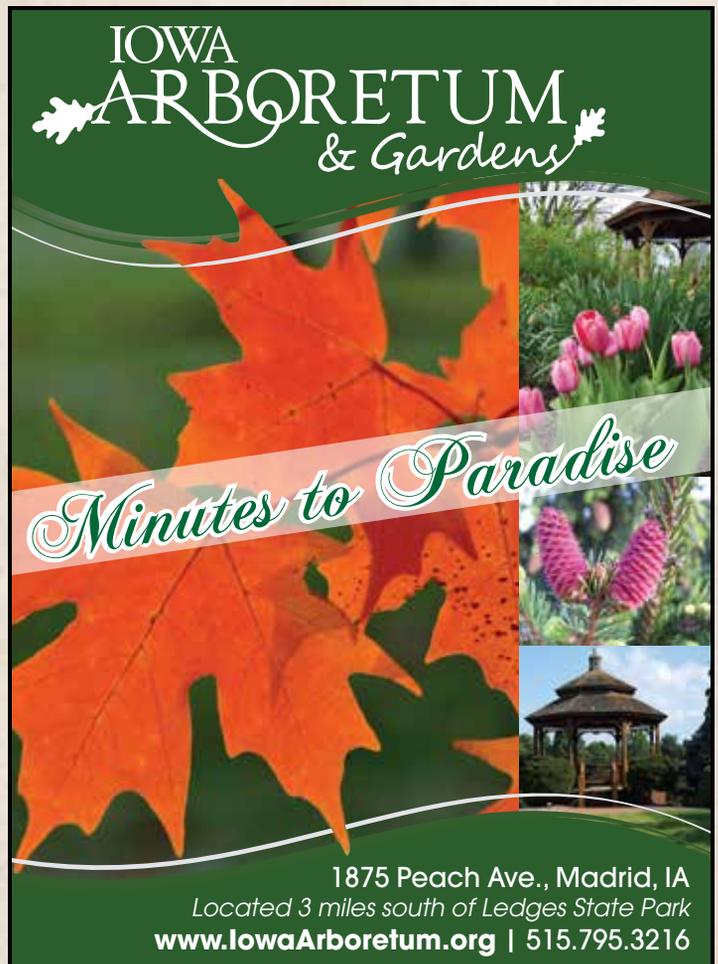
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# Boone County Economic Growth

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).

## Boone County Fun

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See shows, events & workshops at [www.boonecommunitytheatre.org](http://www.boonecommunitytheatre.org)

## Word List

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| BOONE     | MADRID  | OGDEN   |
| SKIING    | PUBLIC  | GARDEN  |
| RACES     | HIKING  | TRAINS  |
| BIKING    | HISTORY | EAT     |
| SHOP      | SHOWS   | GOLF    |
| CELEBRATE | HUNTING | FISHING |
| MUSIC     | FLOAT   | DRINK   |

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Iowa Arboretum



For more information call 515.795.3216 or visit the Arboretum's website at [iowaarboretum.org](http://iowaarboretum.org).

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 getaway, 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.



# Snus Hill Winery

The quiet and peaceful countryside awaits you with pastoral views from expansive decks. A large **banquet room** with a dance floor is available for weddings, anniversaries, or private parties. In the summer, enjoy the three shaded lawns or sit in one of the rocking chairs on the front porch as you savor one of **Snus Hill's wines**.



# Boone Valley Brewing

Our story starts as more of a notion than a true mission – a simple wish to try **brewing beer**. The beer that came from a brewing kit was pretty successful, but not nearly enough of a challenge for Rick Srigley. This little side project grew into a true passion for brewing. Many hours were spent in the garage with family, friends, and neighbors testing skills and “tweaking” beers. Always looking for an honest opinion to help him develop his beers, Rick entered competitions in Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, winning several awards along the way. The growing success and desire to share the beer led him and his family to open the **BOONE VALLEY BREWING TAPROOM** in early 2012 with a 1bbl brewing system. In April of 2015, the BVB team expanded its facility to a 20bbl brewing system and moved main production across the street. BVB's bottles and kegs are distributed all over central Iowa and Cedar Falls/Waterloo area. Boone Valley Brewery remains dedicated to crafting quality beers and building genuine relationships. Thanks for dropping into the valley!



# Central Iowa **Expo**

**One of the nation's newest and largest outdoor event venues**, the **Central Iowa Expo**, was constructed in 2008 as a host site for the biennial home of the Farm Progress Show, held the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Labor Day in every even-numbered year. The Expo is laid out like a miniature city with a network of roads and utilities available across the site that make hosting almost any sized event a breeze to plan and operate. The site has hosted **concerts**, like Luke Bryan's Farm Tour and Lazerfest, ag equipment and automobile auctions, technology **demonstrations** and company **meetings** and **retreats**. The Expo's Administration Building is perfect for gatherings that need to be held indoors, or as a complement to the outdoor event, and features space for meetings that can seat up to 160 people. It also includes a small conference room for breakout sessions, and boasts a full kitchen to allow event planners to coordinate their own meals or host a catered event.

Go to [www.CentrallowaExpo.com](http://www.CentrallowaExpo.com)  
for a list of upcoming events.

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- » Tremendous Laborshed region from which to find employees
- » Ease of doing business - aggressive incentives and low barriers to development
- » First-rate schools (K-12, private and Community College)
- » Top-Notch Healthcare
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