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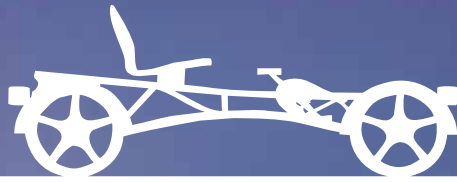


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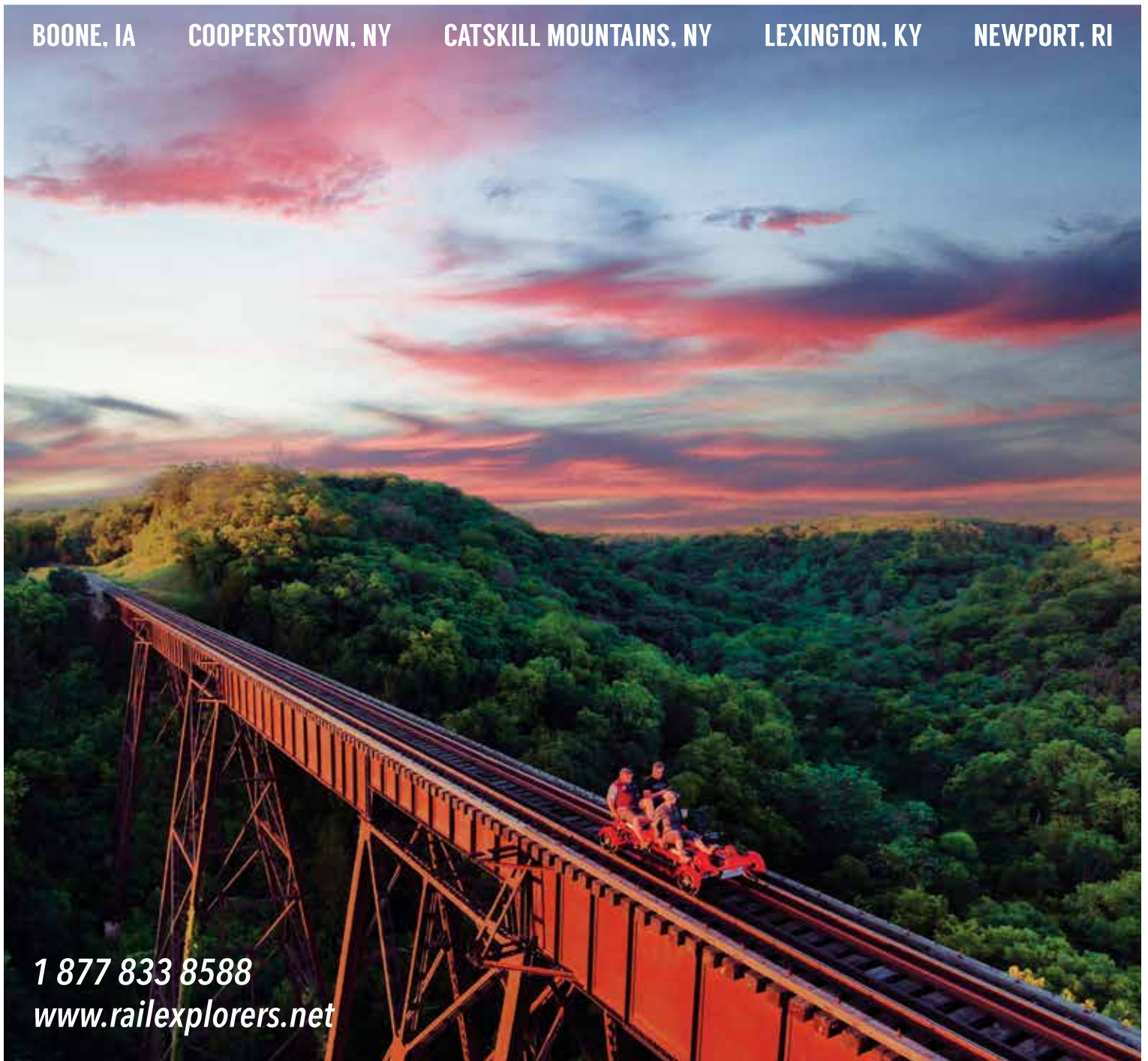
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Welcome to Boone County!

We invite you to come experience endless adventures. This great outdoor region allows you to take a step back in time with a lot of rich history. Explore miles of trails for hiking and cycling. Take a drive through the scenic backroads. Come enjoy a peaceful float down the river, take a memorable trip on the train or ride the rails or enjoy Iowa's largest tree-house. When it comes to places to stay, you can find everything from cabins to the convenience of modern hotels to "roughing it" at numerous campsites or have the pleasure to stay at one of the Air B&B's. Boone County is easily accessible off Highway 30 and only minutes from Interstate 35 & 80.

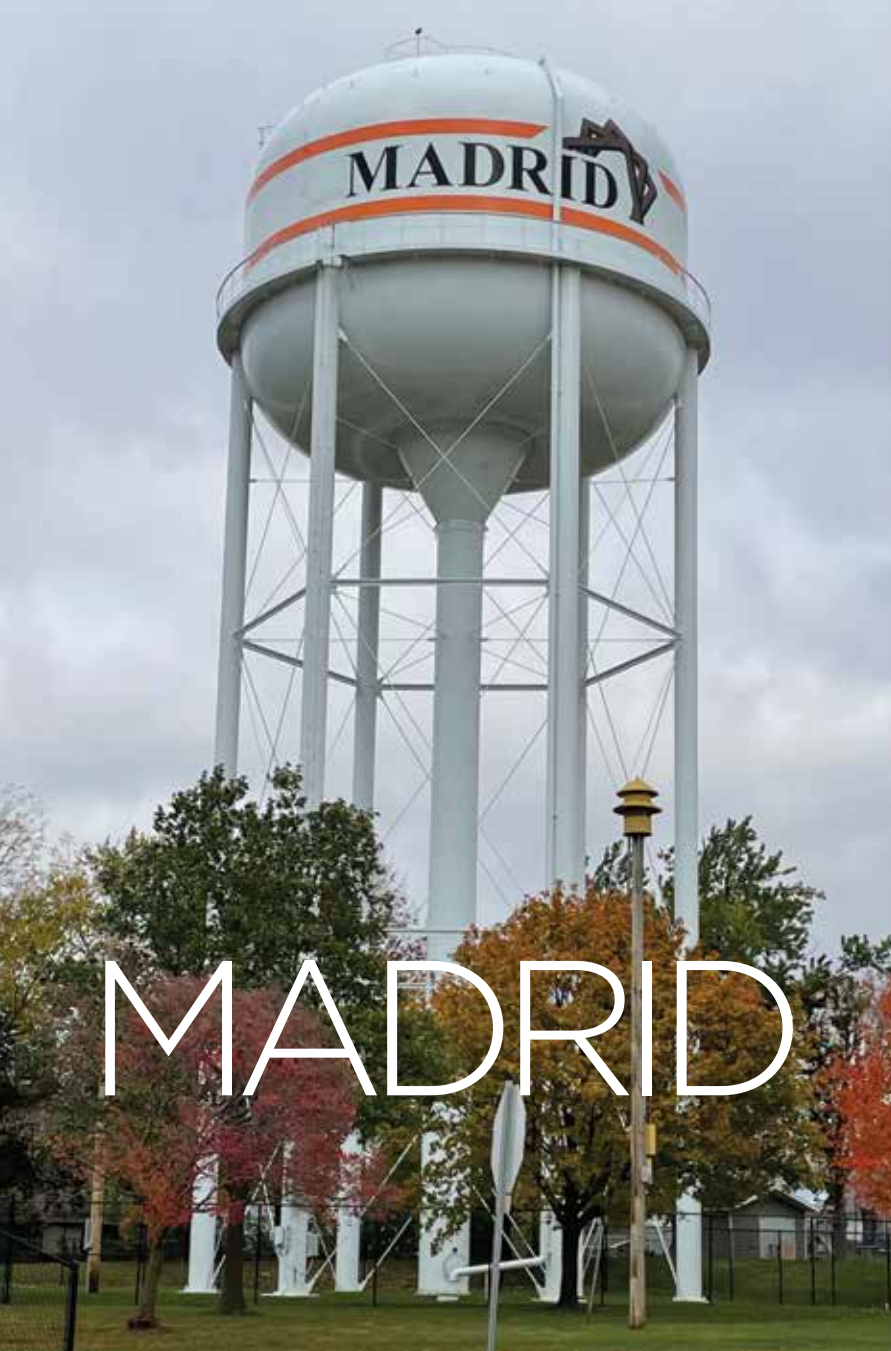
The guide is full of great places to stay, eat, and experience, as well as many fun-filled activities to enjoy. Come experience everything that makes Boone County AMAZING and like nowhere else in the state.

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Where to find Boone County tourism information

We've made finding your way around Boone County easy! Use our detailed Boone County Visitors Guide, visit our website at www.visitboonecounty.com, or follow the large Family Fun signs scattered around the county at various attractions. You can also visit us at our home office at Central Iowa Expo (1827 217th Road) or give us a call at (515) 433-6900. We'd love to help you plan your trip!

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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 Kickoff** in early December.



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 and Madrid before ending in Woodward, Iowa to the west. A trail extension to Perry will open in 2024. 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-foot-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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Iowa Arboretum & Gardens



Founded in 1968, the **IOWA ARBORETUM & GARDENS** has become Iowa's premier public garden. Located north of Madrid on 160 acres, the main campus features beautifully landscaped gardens and grounds that highlight plants both native and introduced to Iowa. Visitors can walk the extensive trail system to see major collections of trees, shrubs, and perennials along with significant collections of dwarf conifers, hostas, irises, and daylilies. One of the major features of the Arboretum is the **Children's Garden** which will entertain the youngest of guests with a secret tunnel, one-room schoolhouse playhouse, musical instruments, hammocks, and garden stepping stones. Find unique home and garden decor in the Arboretum's gift

shop. Modern facilities are available for hosting meetings, weddings, and family events.

Across from the main campus, visitors can stroll along extensive trails in an Iowa woodland and prairie. In the Spring of 2024, the Arboretum will open **Treehouse Village** along one of the woodland trails. Treehouse Village will offer four distinctive areas featuring elevated treehouse and outdoor trail experiences. The main feature will be the treehouse play area which will have multi-level activities for children of all ages and abilities. All of the areas are tied together with a walkway that is easily navigable by strollers and wheelchairs. Please check the Arboretum's website for the opening date and to purchase tickets.

For more information, call 515.795.3216 or visit the Arboretum's website at iowaarboretum.org.

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 relocated 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 areas, updated playground equipment, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and an enclosed shelter house (reservations required) are also available.

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.madridiamuseum.com.

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



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BOONE VALLEY BREWING is another option for craft beer located downtown Boone.



Back Country **Winery & Brewery**

Preston & Amber Gable purchased the property on Fenton Avenue near Stratford, Iowa in August of 2014. After months of pouring their heart into the space, **BACK COUNTRY WINERY** was opened. **THE LOFT** hosted its first wedding. They've built their family there, and can't wait to share the space to celebrate with your family and friends!

Back Country Winery taproom is another option for brewed beer. For additional information see their ad on page 31.



TIGER BOWL is a family-oriented business located 20 minutes NW of Des Moines on Highway 17 in Madrid, Iowa. We offer leagues, cosmic bowling and meals for all to enjoy. We are open seven days a week! People travel to Tiger Bowl to enjoy great bowling, famous hand-breaded tenderloins, and our patted burgers! Come see this amazing establishment.



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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, the youngest son of Daniel Boone, who led Company H of the Dragoons across what became the state of Iowa back in 1835. Nearby, another small town called Boonesboro had emerged. Eventually, it became a part of its larger neighbor. The railroad played a pivotal role in the incorporation and growth of Boone 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. Fueled by these two industries, Boone rapidly expanded to a community of 12,000 people by 1920, with a bustling Main Street adorned 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 numerous displays reflecting this history. A major attraction, the **Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad**, operates tourist excursions throughout the year into the nearby Des Moines River Valley.” Boone also hosts one of the state’s largest community festivals, appropriately named **“Pufferbilly Days™”** after the little steam engines that were used in coal mines. With an abundance of specialty shops and numerous places to eat, drink, or enjoy time with family, Boone is an exceptional destination nestled in the heart of Boone County.

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www.super8.com
(see ad on page 19)

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(see ad on page 39)

Kate's Place

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Houses for Rent in Boone
(see ad on page 42)

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Explore the Seasons



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During the winter season, Seven Oaks features a snow tubing park, 11 ski and snowboard runs, and 2 terrain parks ranging from beginner to expert. Two triple chairlifts, two rope tows and two handle tow lifts whisk you to the top. Ski and snowboard equipment is available for rent in a wide variety of sizes. Free beginner ski and snowboard lessons and private lessons are available. Weekly specials are offered.

From mid-June through mid- August, Seven Oaks

visitors may embark on a full-service canoe, kayak, or river tube float down the scenic Des Moines River. Their river floats will take you under one of the longest and highest double-track railway bridges in the world. Make a reservation to spend a few hours at their action-packed paintball field.

In the non-winter months, The Lodge at Seven Oaks and Conference Center seats up to 400 guests for weddings, receptions, parties, and meetings. In May, Seven Oaks will host the 13th Gladiator Assault Challenge, a grueling mud/obstacle course designed to test participants' endurance, speed, agility, strength, and mental stamina.

Visit **SevenOaksRec.com** or follow them on Facebook for complete and detailed information.

Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace

"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

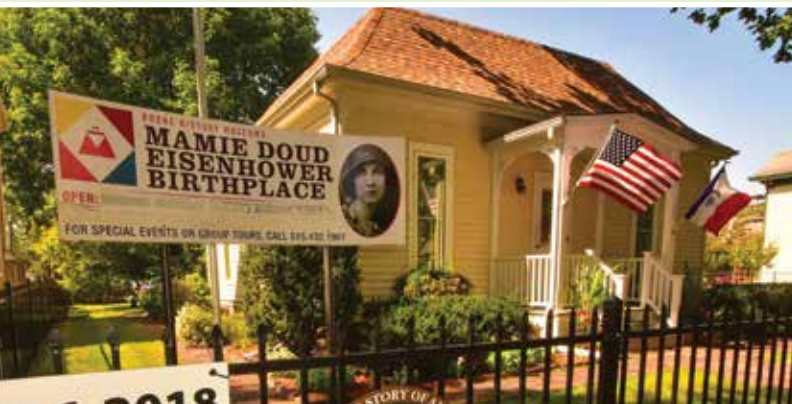
Mamie Geneva Doud was born on November 14, 1896, at 718 Carroll St. in Boone. Mamie was the second of four daughters born to Elvera Mathilde (Carlson) and John Sheldon Doud. She grew up to become the wife of the 34th president of the United States, Dwight David Eisenhower.

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 and 1960s, the Eisenhowers regularly visited Boone. Following Ike's passing in 1969, the Eisenhower family continued to visit frequently. Mamie herself preserved her connection to Boone, making her final visit 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, resulting in 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.

To schedule a tour, email mdebf1896@gmail.com.



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Nothing says summer fun quite like the County Fair! Join us next year at the **BOONE COUNTY FAIR** on July 18-21, 2024. Prepare for four incredible days packed with fun, food, and a fair-tastic good time!" From classic favorites like 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 festivities include free kids' shows, pedal tractor pulls, talent shows, free gate admission, a carnival, free evening concerts, a beer tent, thrilling motorsport grandstand shows, and dozens

of exhibitors both indoors and outdoors. 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 hosts a number of events throughout the year. They have recently expanded their campgrounds, now offering full hook-ups for your convenience! Whether you're craving fair-tastic foods and attractions or weekend craft shows and relaxing camping, you can find it all at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

For more information, visit our website at www.boonecountyfairia.com or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



Boone Speedway

Explore the Turns

BOONE SPEEDWAY, dubbed “**Iowa’s Action Track,**” is once again the place for racing this year. The 3/8-mile high-banked dirt oval hosts regular weekly racing programs and serves as the epicenter of thrilling special events, drawing spectators from across the region and nation. As the home of the IMCA (International Motor Contest Association) Super Nationals, Boone Speedway hosts hundreds of race teams for six days of racing action, **beginning on Labor Day and 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. IMCA Modifieds, Stock Cars, Sport Mods, Hobby Stocks, and Mod LiteSS return to battle in weekly action this season. The weekly program will start in the middle of April.

Other special events on the schedule include World of Outlaws Late Models, Salute to Veterans Race, Hawkeye Challenge, and Watermelon Classic during the season, as well as the annual Eve of Destruction, held on the July 4th holiday.

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1105 W. Mamie Eisenhower Ave,
Boone (515) 432-2847

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305 Annex Road, Madrid
(515) 795-3445

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102 W. Veterans Drive, Ogden
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304 S. Madison Street, Madrid
(515) 795-4174 (May-September)

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

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145 S. State Street, Madrid
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Whatcha Smokin BBQ

403 Iowa Avenue, Luther
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Whistle Stop Café

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Explore to Stay



Boone County Fairgrounds (see page 17 & 42)

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Don Williams (see page 35 & 50)

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Ledges State Park (see page 15 & 24)

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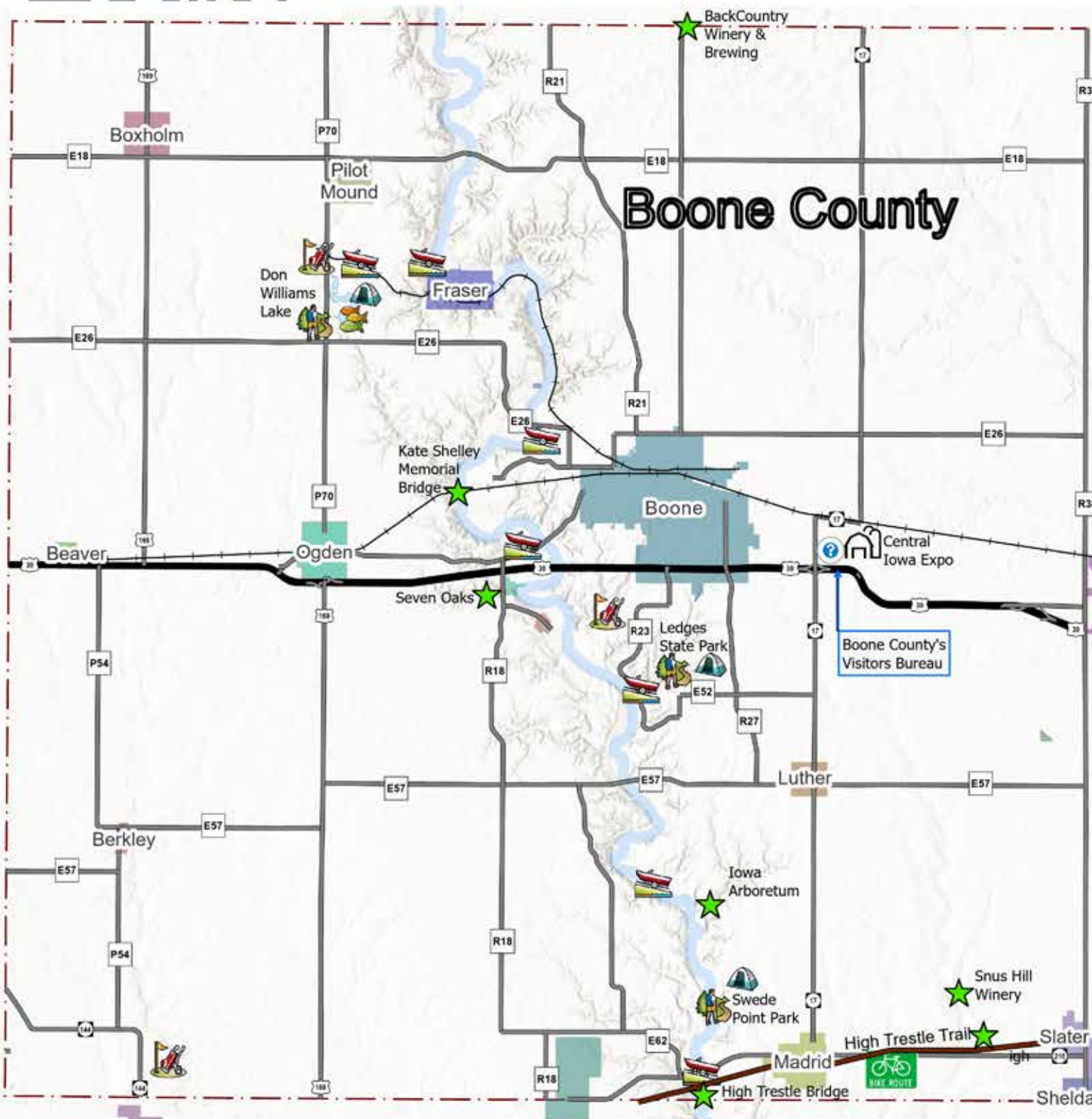
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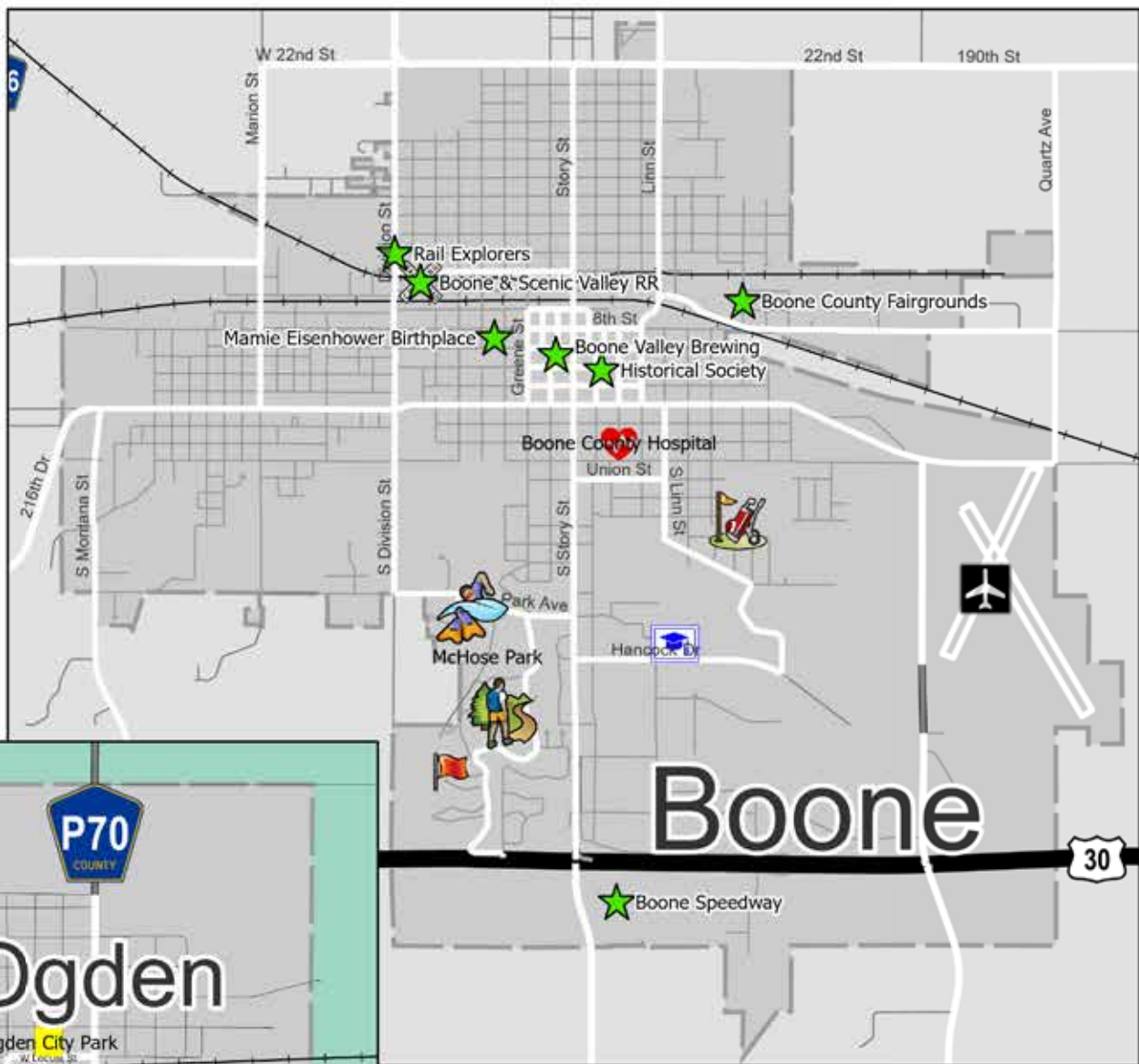
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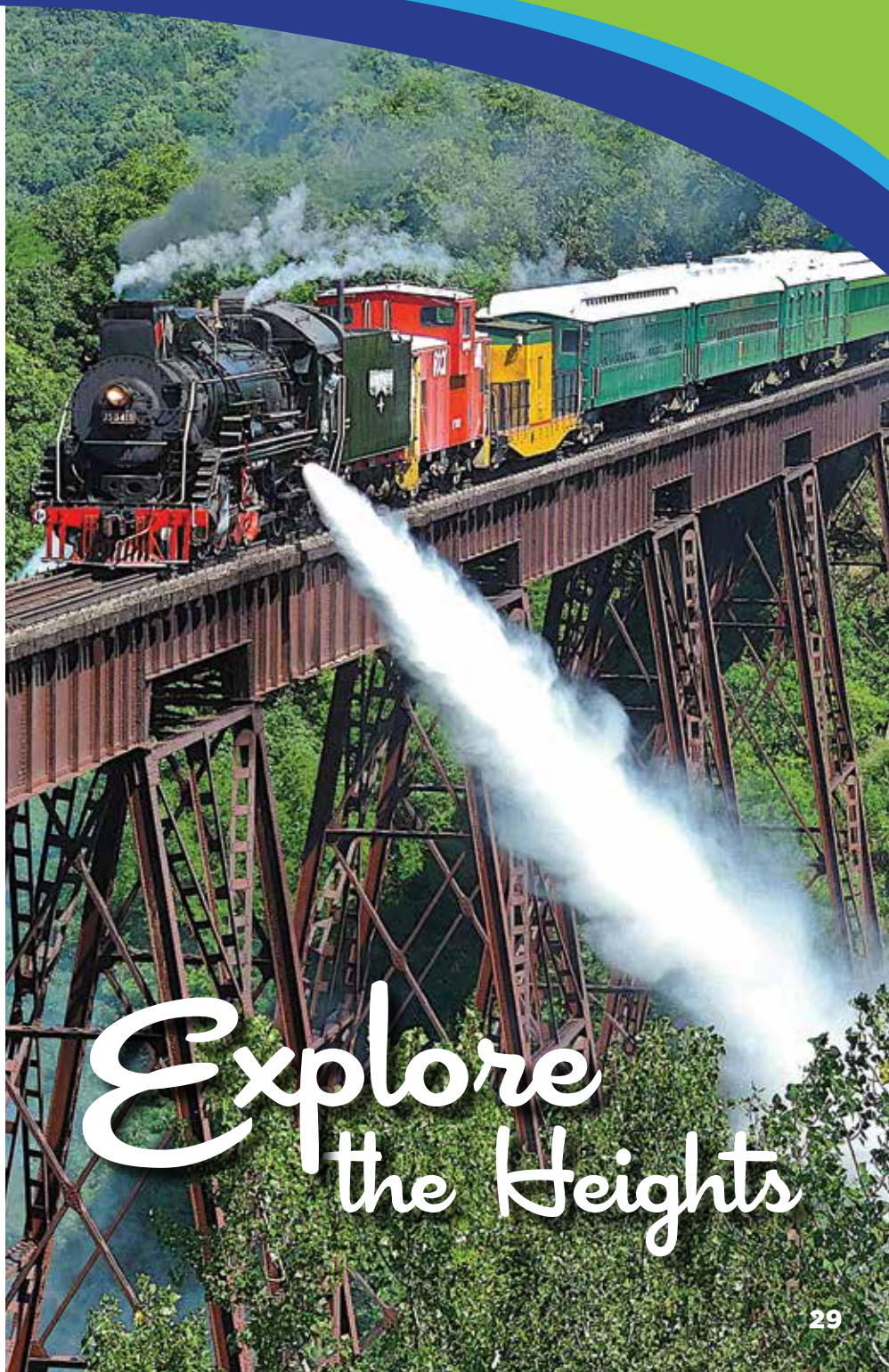
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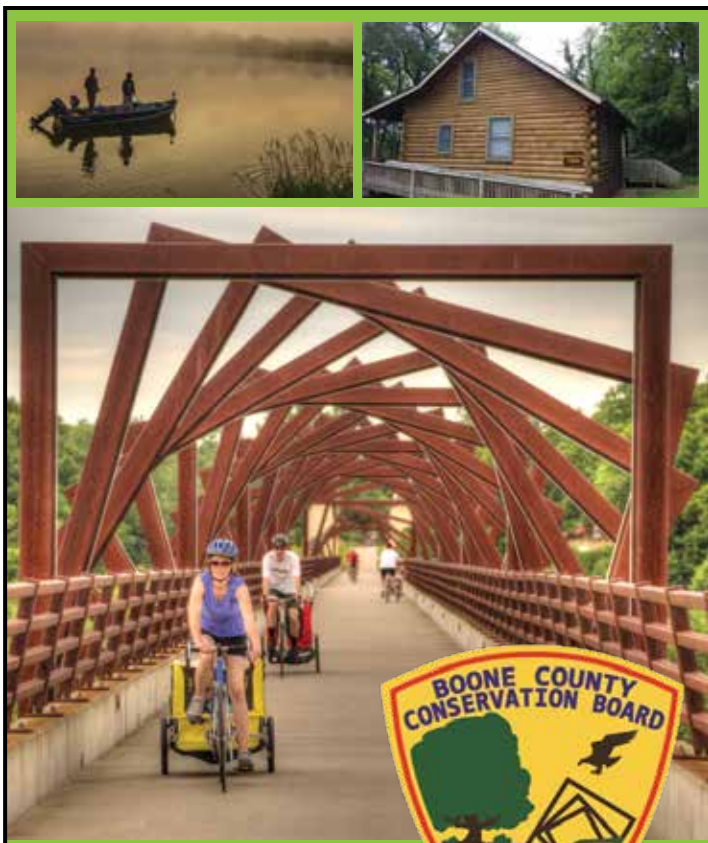
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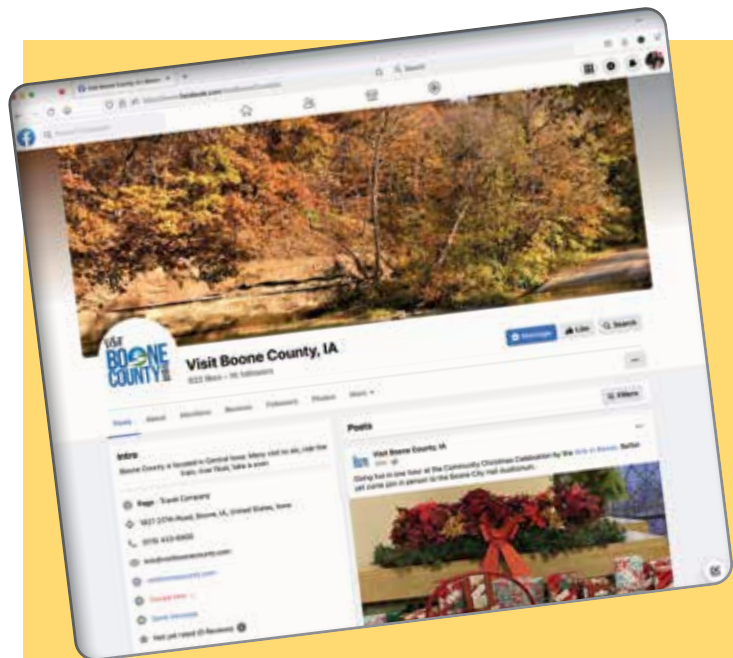
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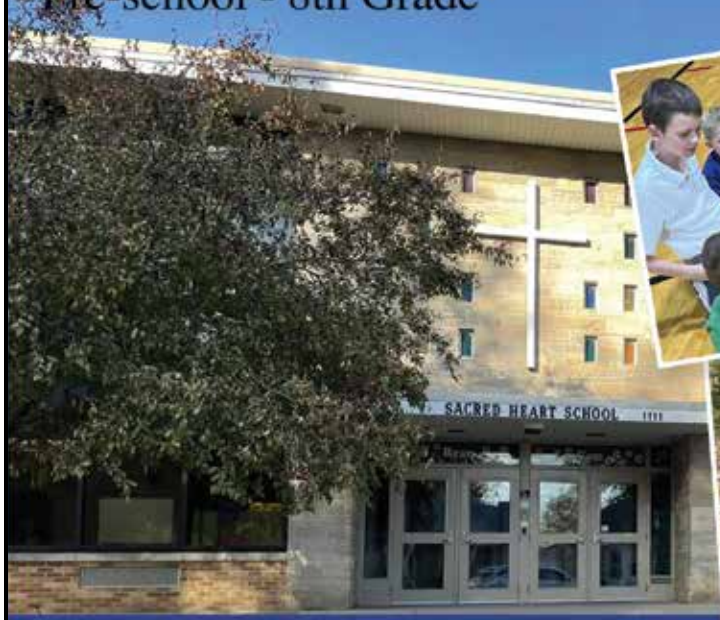


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GREAT FISHING can be found in Boone County at any time of year. The spring and fall are particularly good for hungry walleyes in the Des Moines River at places like the Fraser Dam and Tilley's Hole. You'll pull catfish out of most any stretch of the 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 to find out more on their details and availability.

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Boone County History Center

Where brave deeds & heroes meet



consider first American industries that were developed at the turn of the 20th Century, realize the importance of natural resources of Boone County and the bustling beginnings of downtown Boone. Sit down and browse through the offerings in the Larry Adams research room – cemetery records, city directories, family & military history and much more.

The **Wayne Erickson Community Room** in the lower level is available to rent for your group, reunions, meetings, and social events. The Community room offers a completely furnished and modern commercial kitchen equipped to serve up to 130 guests. The Boone Co. Historical Society is bus-tour friendly, and special arrangements can be made to meet your tour schedule.

Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, and free for children under age 12 and for members. Please contact us at 515-294-1907 or via email at info@bchsiowa.org to schedule a rental, bus tour or for more information.

Take a look at the intriguing stories of Boone County as you journey back to central Iowa's bygone era set in the scenic Des Moines River Valley. The **central collections of the Boone County Historical Society** 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 the fascinating stories of Kate Shelley and Carl Fritz Henning, the history of Fareway Meat & Grocery, Boone's military heroes and the early history of Boone.

Observe the **handwritten journals and photographs** of the first and longest serving caretaker of Ledges State Park,



For more information, check out our website www.bchsiowa.org



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.CentralIowaExpo.com for a list of upcoming events.



OGDEN

Our town. Make it yours.

OGDEN, Iowa's rich history traces back to 1866.

Established by the railroad, Ogden is nestled in the heart of the Midwest, conveniently situated 20 minutes from Ames and 45 minutes from the Des Moines metro. As you traverse downtown on the famous Lincoln Highway, you'll encounter an array of modern businesses catering to the community's diverse needs and desires.

Ogden Legacy Ogden is always looking for ways to attract and promote, offering grants to beautify the community's homes and business district. In the fall of 2022, Fareway Meat & Grocery opened its doors. Ogden Legacy helps sponsor events, such as Ogden Fun Days, City-Wide Garage Sales, Oktoberfest, and the Christmas celebration.

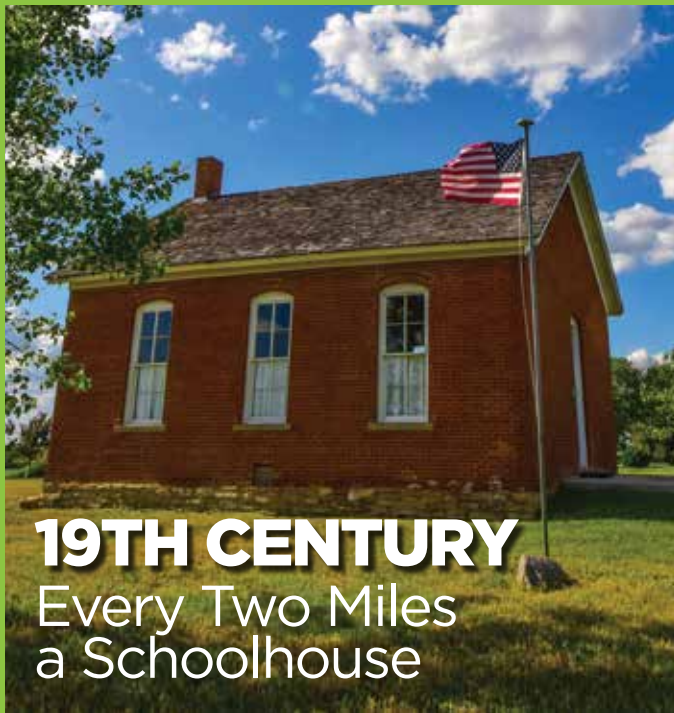
Certified Connected Community In 2015, Ogden was recognized as a "Certified Connected Community," a testament to its achievements in technology and fiber readiness. Their success has paved the way for expansion to rural Ogden.

Go Bulldogs Ogden takes a great deal of pride in its school district. In 2017, the district underwent a transformative \$10 million renovation, repurposing the new high school addition to accommodate grades 6-8, while the former middle school transitioned into the new elementary school. In mid-2020, construction commenced on a new gymnasium at the high school.

Always Something to Do Ogden offers access to its City Park, which features a playground, a band shell, two open shelter houses, one enclosed shelter house, and a beautiful nature trail. Other popular attractions include Spinning Wheels Skating Rink and The Lucky Pig Pub & Grill, which was awarded the "Best Pork Tenderloin in Iowa" in 2014!

Contact Us! For further information, please contact cityofogden@netins.net, ogden.legacy@gmail.com or 515-275-2917.





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 a historic structure that is notable for its unique three-layer brickwork. 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 brand-new floor to replace the floor lost to time and elements, thorough cleaning (due to sheep being 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: Barb MacDougall at (515) 298-2212.

BATTIN CHAPEL

If these walls could talk! The Battin Heritage Park features not one, not two, but three historic gems all from Boone County!



THE BATTIN CHAPEL

The Battin Chapel was built in 1887 at its original location and was active until closing in 1975. The Battin Heritage Association was formed in 1995 to restore and preserve the historic chapel after sitting empty for two decades.



THE BERKLEY DEPOT

The Berkley Depot was built in 1882 and was located in the town of Berkley in southwest Boone County. It was on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway, which also ran through Ogden. The depot was abandoned in 1938 and shuffled around multiple locations across the county before being purchased, moved and restored by the association from 1995 to 2005.



HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL

The Hickory Grove School was built in 1889 and was originally located northeast of Ogden in Yell Township. The school closed in May of 1956 and was eventually moved to Don Williams Recreation Area in 1964 and restored in 1972. The Battin Heritage Association acquired it in 2005 and added the schoolhouse to the park in 2006.

The Association hosts an annual old-fashioned Christmas Sing-along and welcomes gatherings for weddings and other life events. Tours can also be scheduled!

These three buildings are filled with so much history, all in one convenient location on the corner of the Historic Lincoln Highway (216th Dr.) and J Avenue, just 2 miles east of Ogden.

Message the Battin Heritage Association on Facebook or call Doug Nebbe at 515-230-8497 to schedule a visit.

Sign up on www.VisitBooneCounty.com under the newsletters tab.

Retreat with us!



SUNSTREAM RETREAT is located along the Des Moines River Valley. From day events to weekend retreats and full camp opportunities, its camps and retreat centers cater to a wide range of needs, including schools, non-profit organizations, student groups, churches, and off-site business meetings. Guests can choose from a variety of lodging options, activity/meeting spaces, and adventure and recreation experiences. The beautiful venue has challenge courses, rockwall climbing, blacklight dodgeball, ziplining, campfires (think s'mores!), and quiet times." Each camp setting is unique. Whichever site you choose, know that you'll be greeted and treated, "IOWA nice!" Come and be refreshed, refocused and renewed! Other places for camps or retreats are: **CAMP HANTESA**, Girl Scout Camp Sacajawea, Camp Mitigwa, Hidden Acres and Des Moines Y Camp.

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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 churning black waters, she ventured to save the lives of those on an oncoming train. Kate Shelley's bravery made her instantly famous from California to New York, with her story being featured in national headlines. The medals she received for heroism are on display at the **Boone Co. History Center**, along with the lantern she carried that night. Other mementos and accolades of her heroic act can be viewed at the Boone County History Center.



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Nights ON THE GREEN



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