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2023 Visitor's Guide

# Grundy County

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# Grundy County Fair



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9am Static Judging  
6:00pm Horse Show-games

### Tuesday, 7/18

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4:00pm Dog Show

### Wednesday, 7/19

9:00am Dairy Goat Show  
1:00pm Rabbit Show  
7:00pm Family Fun Night, King & Queen Announcement

### Thursday, 7/20

8:00am Poultry Show  
10:00am Livestock Judging  
**Kids Korner Fun**-1:00pm Storytime

2:00pm Magician/Balloon Animals  
Laser Tag/Water Inflatables  
3:30pm Meat Goat Show  
5:00pm Sheep Show

### Friday, 7/21

8:00am Swine Show  
2:00pm Bucket Calf Show  
3:30 No Fit Beef Show  
4:30pm Pet Show

### Saturday, 7/22

8:00am Beef Show



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Welcome to Grundy County, and the Cedar Valley Region of Iowa!

The communities in Grundy County offer a variety of events, attractions, and recreational opportunities for you and your family. From small town festivals to the All American Fair, Grundy County welcomes you to experience all that we have to offer. All across the county, from our downtown districts, or down our rural roads, you will find unique shopping with boutiques, and shops offering one of a kind locally made treasures. Take a break for

lunch or dinner and enjoy true hometown hospitality in our restaurants and coffee shops.

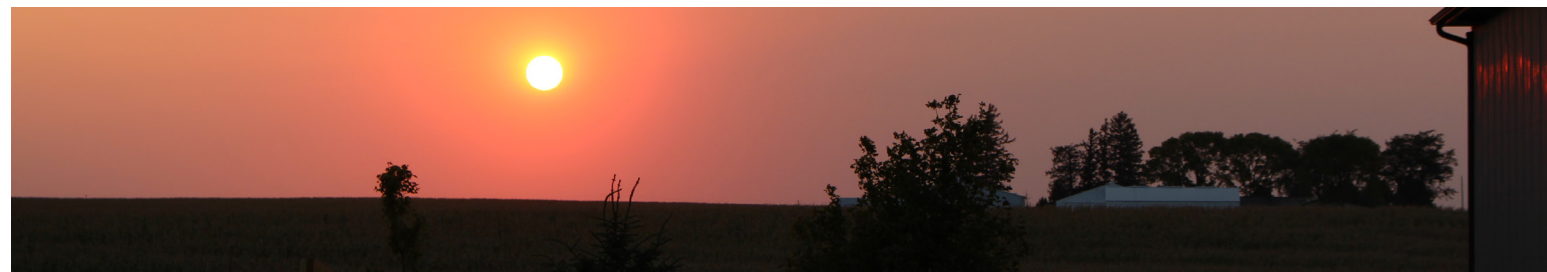
If the art of quilt making interests you, Grundy County is a perfect destination. The Barn Quilt Loop is a self-guided driving tour that features dozens of large patchwork quilt blocks that have been painted on the sides of barns and other farm buildings all across the county. The Barn Quilts of Grundy County was started in 2003 to highlight the agricultural heritage of Grundy County, as well as the important folk art of quilting. A map and list of the quilt locations can be found here in this guide.

We invite you to make Grundy County your home!

Our businesses have a wide range of career opportunities, while our communities offer you the safety and security of rural living, along with more affordable housing options, all while only minutes away from all that the larger cities of Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Marshalltown have to offer.

We are only a phone call or email away if you need any assistance with planning your visit, or need relocation information. Feel free to contact our office at (319) 267-2858 or send an email to [info@butlergrundy.com](mailto:info@butlergrundy.com).

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The Barn Quilts of Grundy County is a unique form of public art that draws visitors from all over the state - and beyond - into the heart of Grundy County.

Designed to highlight the rural, agricultural heritage of Grundy County, as well as the important folk art of quilting, the Barn Quilt Loop features large patchwork quilt blocks that have been painted onto the sides of barns and other farm buildings in the area.

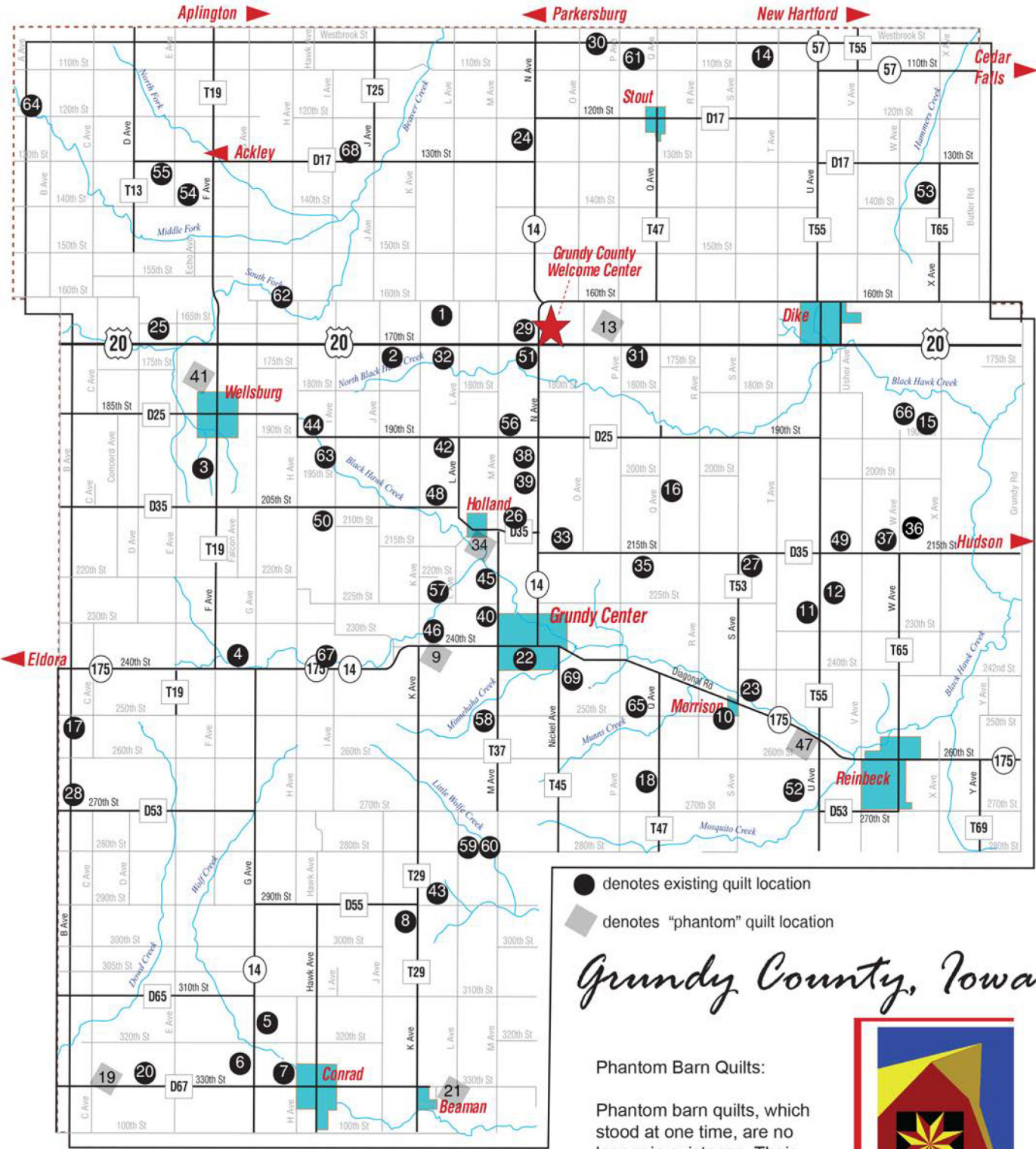
As you travel along the 64-mile Barn Quilt Loop, you will be delighted by dozens of colorful quilt patterns that are

spread across the rural areas and in the towns of Wellsburg, Conrad, Beaman, Grundy Center, Morrison, Reinbeck and Dike.

Over the past few years, the Barn Quilts of Grundy County have grown into a unique attraction that has drawn visitors from all over the country to see the quilt blocks, shop in the county's many specialty and gift shops, enjoy a meal at one of several locally-owned restaurants, and just generally have a pleasant time here in Grundy County, home of the Original Iowa Barn Quilts.



# BARN QUILT Locations



5. Windmill	31704 G Ave.	Conrad	43. Mill Wheel	20031 290th St.	Beaman
6. Hole in the Barn Door	32191 G Ave.	Conrad	44. Rolling Pin	17309 190th St.	Wellsburg
7. Schoolhouse	32889 H Ave.	Conrad	45. Shoemakers Puzzle	22033 M Ave.	Grundy Ctr.
8. County Fair	29131 K Ave.	Beaman	46. Garden Gazebo	23308 K Ave.	Grundy Ctr.
9. Corn & Beans	20254 240th St.	Grundy Ctr. ♦	47. Mosaic Patch	29514 Diagonal Rd.	Reinbeck ♦
10. Bear Paw	204 4th St.	Morrison	48. Jack in the Pulpit	20601 205th St.	Holland
11. LeMoyne Star	22367 U Ave.	Reinbeck	49. Firewheel	30309 215th St.	Reinbeck
12. Twisted Log Cabin	22128 U Ave.	Reinbeck	50. Morning	17752 205th St.	Grundy Ctr.
13. State Fair	16421 P Ave.	Dike ♦	51. Whirlwind	22803 170th St.	Holland
14. Next Door Neighbor	10653 T Ave.	New Hartford	52. Turkey Tracks	26593 U Ave.	Reinbeck
15. Gentleman's Fancy	32605 190th St.	Hudson	53. Prairie Queen	13725 X Ave.	Cedar Falls
16. Maple Leaf	20420 Q Ave.	Grundy Ctr.	54. Prairie Flower	14623 140th St.	Wellsburg
17. Snail's Trail	11712 250th St.	Eldora	55. Fox & Geese	13982 130th St.	Wellsburg
18. Dutchman's Puzzle	25601 Q Ave.	Grundy Ctr. ♦	56. Kentucky Chain	22245 190th St.	Holland
19. Variable Star	12719 330th St.	Conrad ♦	57. Farmer's Daughter	20163 225th St.	Grundy Ctr.
20. Card Trick	13811 330th St.	Conrad	58. County Fair Variation	25035 M Ave.	Grundy Ctr.
21. Arrowheads	Beckman St.	Beaman ♦	59. Rail Fence	21563 280th St.	Grundy Ctr.
22. Goose Tracks	1206 L Ave.	Grundy Ctr.	60. Bed of Stars	21563 280th St.	Grundy Ctr.
23. Bachelors Puzzle	24345 S Ave.	Reinbeck	61. Grandmother's Choice	25609 110th St.	Parkersburg
24. Friendship Star	12395 N Ave.	Parkersburg	62. The Barn	16672 160th St.	Wellsburg
25. Crossed Canoes	13209 165th St.	Wellsburg	63. End of the Day	19789 I Ave.	Wellsburg
26. Old Maid's Puzzle	20956 M Ave.	Holland	64. Destination	10813 120th St.	Ackley
27. Grandmother's Fan	21548 S Ave.	Reinbeck ♦	65. Black Spruce	25577 250th St.	Grundy Ctr.
28. Birds Nest	11921 270th St.	Conrad	66. Grandmother's Cross	18848 W Ave.	Reinbeck
29. Hens & Chicks	16319 N Ave.	Holland	67. Christmas Tree	17467 240th St.	Grundy Ctr.
30. Northwind	10433 P Ave.	Parkersburg	68. Streak of Lightning	18665 130th St.	Aplington
31. Iowa Star	25186 170th St.	Dike	69. Eight Point Star	25228 Nickel Ave.	Grundy Ctr.
32. Cat's Cradle	19704 170th St.	Holland			
33. Courthouse Steps	23485 215th St.	Grundy Ctr.			
34. Sawtooth Star	101 Market St.	Holland ♦			
35. Country Roads	25058 215th St.	Grundy Ctr.			
36. Goose on the Pond	20744 W Ave.	Reinbeck			
37. Flying Geese	31685 215th St.	Reinbeck			
38. Contrary Husband	19605 N Ave.	Holland			

For more information, go to [www.grundycountyia.com!](http://www.grundycountyia.com!)

Phantom Barn Quilts:  
Phantom barn quilts, which stood at one time, are no longer in existence. Their former locations are denoted on this map. Quilts being restored are noted on the barn quilt location page.



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ISU Extension office hours are  
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.





# 2023 Calendar of Events

April 29 .....	ABCD Citywide Garage Sales ....	Conrad & Beaman .....	(641) 366-2108
April 28 - 29 .....	Citywide Garage Sales.....	Wellsburg .....	(641) 869-3721
May 6 .....	Citywide Garage Sales.....	Dike.....	(319) 989-2291
May 20 .....	Tour of Dreams .....	Grundy Center .....	319-825-6742
May 27 - 29 .....	Memorial Weekend Festival.....	Beaman .....	(641) 366-2894
June 8 .....	Summer Block Party .....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
June 9 - 10 .....	Black Dirt Days.....	Conrad.....	(641) 366-2165
June 10 .....	Figure 8 Races .....	Grundy Center .....	online
June 10 - 13 .....	Wellsburg Daze .....	Wellsburg .....	(641) 869-3721
June 23 - 24 .....	City-Wide Garage Sales .....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-3565
July 4.....	4th of July Celebration .....	Reinbeck.....	(319) 788-6404
July 7 - 8.....	Felix Grundy Festival.....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
July 17 - 22.....	Grundy County Fair.....	Grundy Center .....	online
July 21 .....	Figure 8 Races (fairgrounds) .....	Grundy Center .....	Online tix
TBD .....	Watermelon Days .....	Dike.....	(319) 989-2291
August 10 .....	Back To School Bash .....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
August 10 – 12 .....	Fall Open Houses.....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
September 10 .....	Pioneer Craft Fair .....	Morrison .....	(319) 345-2688
September 16 .....	Reinbeck Art Festival .....	Reinbeck.....	(319) 788-6404
September 20 .....	Girls Night Out.....	Conrad.....	(641) 366-2108
October 12 .....	Qulit Show .....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 239-9955
October 12 .....	Girls Night Out.....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
October 26 .....	Pumpkin Fest .....	Conrad.....	(641) 366-2108
October 28 .....	Business Boo and Kid/Pet Parade.....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
November 2 – 4 .....	Holiday Open Houses.....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
TBD .....	Miracle on Main.....	Reinbeck.....	(319) 788-6404
November 24 .....	Main Street Mingle.....	Grundy Center .....	(319) 825-6742
November 25 .....	Small Business Saturday .....	Shop Your Local Community	
December 1 - 2 .....	Christmas Tree Fest.....	Wellsburg .....	(641) 869-5031
December 2.....	Christmas in Conrad .....	Conrad.....	(641) 366-2108
TBD .....	Razzle Dazzle .....	Dike.....	(319) 989-2291



Watermelon Day, Dike



Black Dirt Days, Conrad



Felix Grundy Carnival

## Festivals and Events

Grundy County residents love to get out and celebrate, and there's no better place to do that than at local festivals and events. No fewer than six communities in Grundy County host summer celebrations where residents young and old gather to renew old friendships and make new ones. Beaman's Memorial Day

Celebration kicks off festival season in late May and is followed by festivals in Conrad and Wellsburg in June, Stout Freedom Fest, Reinbeck, and Grundy Center, in July and Dike in early August. Each annual festival features a large parade while many are built around former residents returning for

class reunions. Most also feature musical entertainment from local and regional artists. Festivals in Conrad, Dike and Reinbeck are also capped by fireworks displays. In addition, the Grundy County Museum in Morrison hosts the Pioneer Craft Fair the second Sunday of September each year. This

event features displays and demonstrations of life the way it was when Grundy County was founded in the 1850s. Holiday celebrations are also held each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas in Conrad, Dike, Grundy Center and Reinbeck.





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# EXPERIENCE THE Grundy County Fair

Grundy County is proud to be one of both the State of Iowa and the nation's top agricultural counties. One of the ways it celebrates its agricultural heritage each year is the Grundy County Fair. The Fair features programs for both Grundy County 4-H and FFA youth, as well as events and activities that the entire family can enjoy.

The 2023 fair is scheduled for July 17 to 22 at the Fairgrounds in the southeast corner of Grundy Center. Major grandstand events include coronation of the Queen and King, Family Fun Night, and a fireworks show. Throughout the remainder of the week, there will be events such as the old school Figure 8 races, rodeo, demo derby, trailer race, mud volleyball, bean bag tourney, BBQ cook off, and more.

Join us for safe, family fun for all at our All-American Grundy County Fair! Also, visit our Grundy County Speedway for nightly events followed by FREE concerts located at our new 1851 Pavilion during Thursday-Saturday of fair week along with special events throughout the year. We also have a beautiful new campground called Fair View Campground, located directly west of our Speedway. Contact us for camping or event venue rental. The 1851 Pavilion or Alumni Building both make for beautiful wedding reception venues.

Complete fair information can be found at [www.grundycountyfair.com](http://www.grundycountyfair.com).

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Beaman is a small but mighty community of 183 residents located about 12 miles southwest of Grundy Center, two miles east of Conrad and 16 miles northeast of Marshalltown in southern Grundy County at the intersection of county roads T-29 and D-67. It is known for its popular slogan: "You're not dreamin', you're in Beaman!"

**What to do:** The Comet/Wolf Creek trail, which starts in Conrad and runs all the way past Wolf Creek County

Park into Gladbrook, cuts through the heart of Beaman. The aforementioned county park is located about three miles east of town on 330th Street, a gravel road, and features camping (with a shelter house, electricity and water), bridges and hiking opportunities in a quiet area full of natural beauty.

Beaman hosts its town festival on Memorial Day weekend and is also home to a public library on Main Street.

Beaman Cannon

# Beaman

**Population: 158**

**Motto:**  
You're not dreamin',  
you're in Beaman.

**City website:**  
cityofbeaman.com

**City Hall:**  
(641) 366-2894



**What to do:** Downtown Conrad offers a variety of shopping options and a state of the art public library built just over a decade ago. The Grundy County Freedom Rock was completed in 2016 at Gier Park across the street from the old fire sta-

**Population: 1,093**

**City website:**  
Conrad.govoffice.com

**City Hall:**  
(641) 366-2300

tion near the intersection of Main Street and Grundy Avenue, and the Comet/Wolf Creek Trail begins here before continuing east toward Beaman.

Conrad hosts Black Dirt Days each June with a host of live entertainment, inflatable fun and food stands for all ages. The Conrad Heritage Hall and Museum, located inside of city hall, is a shrine to the history of the community and contains a host of local artifacts.

Famous for its black dirt soil and fertile surrounding farmland, Conrad is a vibrant and progressive town of just over 1,100 residents situated in the panhandle of Grundy County about 15 miles southwest of Grundy Center, 13 miles north of Marshalltown and 20 miles southeast of Eldora just off of Highway 14.

Conrad has been a Main Street Iowa community since 1993, and the downtown area underwent a façade renovation and revitalization project in 2013 and 2014. The city has made major progress on constructing a 50-lot housing development on the north side of town. Several new businesses have moved into the downtown area in the last few years, and buildings are still available for aspiring entrepreneurs looking to set up shop in a strong small town with a bold vision for the future."

Black Dirt Days



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# Dike

Watermelon Day, Dike

With its prime location along Highway 20 just 11 miles west of Cedar Falls and the construction boom at the Fox Ridge Golf Course development, Dike is Grundy County's fastest growing city, with nearly 1,300 residents according to the most recent population estimate. Dike, however, is so much more than a bedroom community.

Population: 1,304  
Motto:  
A slice of Iowa  
City website:  
dikeia.com  
City Hall:  
(319) 989-2291

**What to do:** The man-made Grundy County Lake on the south edge of town offers some of the best recreational opportunities around, with fishing, camping, boating and a trail for runners, walkers and cyclists.

Check out the shops downtown, or if you're more into education, Visit the one-of-a-kind Heilmann Saw Shop & Museum. Every August, Dike holds its town festival, Watermelon Day.



Winter Fun

Razzle Dazzle

Dike Aquatic Center

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Office hours:  
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See website for more information on community events  
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As its name indicates, Grundy Center sits right in the middle of Grundy County, and it's the most populated city as well as the county seat. With just over 2,700 residents and a host of offerings including outdoor activities, live music, delicious eateries and boutique shopping, the community truly has something for everyone.

Spend an afternoon walking around the vibrant downtown district and check out some of the historic architecture as you peruse the local shops, take a break with a coffee or a bite to eat at one of several dining establishments, or catch a movie or do some bowling at night.

The Grundy County Courthouse, which is one of two Grundy County structures featured on the National Registry of Historic Places, dates back to the Romanesque Revival-era and recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. It features a gazebo that is used for concerts and other entertainment during the spring and summer months.

**What to do:** Grundy Center hosts farmer's markets, concert series, and family friendly events during the summer months and is home to both Felix Grundy Days and the Grundy County Fair, which are both held in July.

Grundy Center is proud of its history, and the recently renovated Herbert Quick Schoolhouse—dedicated to the late writer and Grundy County native—takes visitors on a tour of the building where he taught in the late

1800s. The Grundy Center Historical Society Museum at 610 7th Street is another great opportunity to learn more about the people and events that have shaped the town.

Like Conrad, Grundy Center is now a Main - Continued on page 18

**Population: 2,796**

**Motto:**  
**Living the Good Life**

**City website:**  
**grundycenter.com**

**City Hall:**  
**(319) 825-6118**

# Make a Day of It... Grundy Center

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## Rock around the Clock



Christmas Trolley

Continued from page 17 - and a downtown façade renovation has brought a fresh new look to the historic area along G Avenue. In 2021, Grundy Center natives Matthew and Tara Bockes completed a renovation of the upper level of the former Frederick Furniture Building thanks to a state grant, creating four new apartments downtown. In addition, the Maroon and White Committee is currently leading the process of applying for historic tax credits and renovating the former Upper Elementary building to create a “one-stop shop” for daycare and preschool in Grundy Center. Make plans to visit today!



Pioneer Trail

# Holland

Though it may be small - with a population just under 300 - the town of Holland has outdoor entertainment in the Pioneer Trail and Holland Marsh to keep locals and visitors alike busy during the warmer months.

Population: 259

City Hall:  
(319) 824-5131

**Pioneer Trail:** Once an active railroad bed that served as a vital link to the largely agricultural communities of Holland, Grundy Center, and Morrison, the Pioneer Trail stretches for 12 miles to connect these towns. With a surface of crushed and compacted limestone, the trail is perfect for outdoor recreation activities including: hiking, running and biking during the warmer months, and cross country skiing during the colder

months.

Horseback riding is allowed along a mowed grass trail that parallels the limestone trail, while motorized vehicles and hunting are prohibited on the trail.

Throughout the trail, there are eight conservation areas that are easily accessible to trail-goers. These include the Holland Marsh, Wolfe Family Preserve, Shearn Park, Grundy County Heritage Museum, Buckles Wildlife

Area, Gutknecht Park, Copley-Strohbehn Preserve, and the Reinbeck section of the Grundy County Greenbelt.

**Holland Marsh:** The Holland Marsh itself is a great way to spend an afternoon exploring nature. Spanning 46-acres, the wildlife area is open to small game and waterfowl hunting, and hunting of whitetail deer by bow is an option available by securing a permit from the local Conservation Board

(319-345-2688). Largely a grassland, the area also contains several wetlands and small winter cover plantings.

Between the Pioneer Trail and Holland Marsh, you're sure to enjoy all of nature's treasures including wildlife and native vegetation in Holland.

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# Morrison

Although it's the smallest incorporated community in Grundy County, Morrison, located along Highway 175 halfway between Grundy Center and Reinbeck, is known as the home of the Grundy County Heritage Center and a famous area restaurant.

Population: 98

City Hall:  
(319) 345-2812



Grundy County Heritage Museum

**Grundy County Heritage Center:** The Heritage Center is the hub of Grundy County history, and those who love the past will find everything dating back to the time that Native Americans lived here to the present.

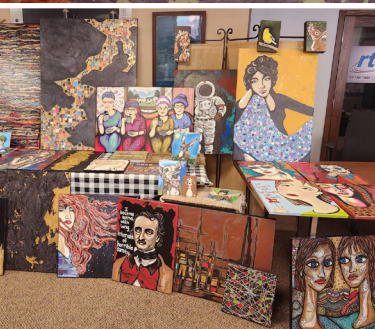
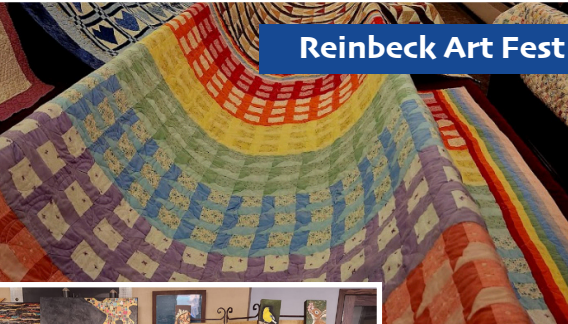
The center recently added a 1900s-era barn and house constructed inside of the walls, and its interpretive exhibit, “From Grassland to Granaries,” shows the evolution of Grundy County from its native prairie habitat to the modern row crop farmland it's famous for today.

On the same property, the Peck Log Cabin, which was the home of Grundy County's first European settler William Peck, takes visitors back to 1853 with furnishing based on the area.

The Grundy County Heritage Center is open year round from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or by appointment. For more information, call (319) 345-2688.

Every fall on the second Sunday in September, the Heritage Center hosts the Pioneer Craft Fair featuring free events and lessons on the ways of the early settlers who came to Grundy County. Favorites include beekeeping, honey, flint knapping, spinning and weaving, crocheting, timber framing, gold prospecting, butter churning and fireplace stew.





Reinbeck Art Fest

# Reinbeck

As Grundy County's second-largest community, Reinbeck, located in the southeast corner of the county just 20 miles from the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area, is a hidden gem and the home of a growing downtown district with a variety of shops and restaurants, as well as a plethora of outdoor entertainment to keep visitors busy during any season. On top of that, you'll find a variety of public art around town, a quaint and walkable downtown area

and beautiful city parks. Elmwood Park offers fun for the whole family throughout the seasons, and it features a walking trail complete with 10-station exercise equipment. Strohhahn Park, located just north of town, is a favorite for both locals and visitors alike. Black Hawk Creek runs through the park, and it's one of the best nature watching spots in all of Grundy County. The Reinbeck Greenbelt Area near Strohhahn

Park is a 67-acre parcel of land with access to hunting (pheasants, rabbits and partridge), camping, fishing, archery, hiking, equestrian trails and snowmobiling. Reinbeck hosts an annual art festival in September featuring local work, food trucks and live music, a fourth of July celebration with a parade, car show, fireman's dance and other family-friendly activities, and the annual "Miracle on Main" in November.

**Population:** 1,662  
**Motto:**  
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**City website:**  
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Stout Astro Dome

The tiny town of Stout, located between Dike, New Hartford and Parkersburg, is full of small town charm and caring neighbors. Though it may be small, the town celebrates in a big way with their annual Stout Freedom Fest in early July.

**Stout Freedom Fest:** During the beginning of July, locals celebrate the annual Stout Freedom Fest with a weekend full of fun for people of all ages. To kick things off, the Church League's annual softball tournament takes place at the newly renovat-

ed Stout Astro dome. Each year, the public shows out to the ball diamond to watch the tournament, and enjoy food, beverages and the famous Stout Stuffer banana split from the concession stand. For the youngsters, there are a number of

activities in the park, including a slip and slide, the Bill Riley Talent Show and more. The festivities wrap up with a spectacular fireworks show after dark.

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# Wellsburg



Renovated Bandshell

Wellsburg is a town of over 700 residents in north-west Grundy County just two miles south of Highway 20. In 2022 the community launched a capital campaign to modernize their parks, including a large inclusive playground that will become a destination for the entire region. The purpose-built playground will accommodate children with limited mobility, as well as

sensory, motor, and or intellectual disabilities. Project volunteers anticipate a 2024 opening. Wellsburg has also become a Saturday shopping destination. The 523 Market features a unique mix of products from antiques to décor, locally baked treats and more from over 70 sellers. The Brick Bungalow is a longtime established gift and décor shop, and Legacy Ponds is a fun destination for outdoor water features and yard décor. The Wells Hotel is another popular experience. The beautiful Wells Hotel Museum features artifacts

and memorabilia from Wellsburg's past. The museum is open June through August on Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., or anytime by appointment, as well as for special program events.

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# Grundy County Conservation Board

The Grundy County Conservation Board is in charge of parks, preserves, recreational centers and wildlife and conservation areas throughout the county.

The Board manages a total of 19 areas, including parks, wildlife areas, prairie remnant areas and a museum. The mission of the Grundy County Conservation Board

is to enhance the quality of all life in the county by preserving, acquiring and wisely managing our cultural and natural resources, by providing recreational and

leisure opportunities, and by educating the citizens to be wise and well informed stewards of the environment.

# Museums



## Grundy County Heritage Museum 204 Fourth St, Morrison

History: The Grundy County Heritage Museum began as an effort in 1977 to save the old Morrison Schoolhouse which had fallen into disrepair after its closure in 1953. The Grundy County Historical Society was contacted but had no interest in a museum outside of the county seat. So, a group formed for the restoration of the building and the support of a museum. This group became Historical Collections of Grundy County, a 501.3c nonprofit organization.

The brick building was leased from the City of Morrison and the many renovations began. The museum officially opened on March 15, 1979. Over the next 42 years, the 1853 Wm Peck log cabin was moved to the grounds and restored. Colfax No.3, a one room country schoolhouse came a few years later. A CNW caboose and motorcar were the next addition. And in 1999, the Heritage Museum and Agricultural Hall became the latest building in the complex.

Hours: The museum is open to the public Tues, Wed, and Thursdays from 8-4:30 year around. It is also able to be opened by appointment.



## The 1900 Farmhouse

The farmhouse is modeled after a typical farm home in the 1890 to 1900 time period. The back porch door was chosen for the entry into the exhibit because it was this entrance into the house that was the most traveled by the family during the daily activities. The typical day in the farm family's life started quite early in the morning with the wife and her daughters preparing breakfast and the husband and his sons tending to the livestock chores. Following the chores, it was time to enjoy the breakfast.

The kitchen looked like this in the winter season. Another structure near the back door would have been the "summer kitchen." Summer kitchens were common structures in the late 19th century. They served a variety of purposes. In the summer months, all the cooking and baking, as well as the laundry, was done there. This was to keep the house cooler. The summer kitchen was also where all the canning and the preserving of the garden produce was done.



Grundy County is home to three campgrounds with the addition of the new site at the fairground in Grundy Center. The popular Grundy County Lake site near Dike and the Wolf Creek County Park east of Beaman are still here and better than ever.

Whether you're looking for a short-term place to crash on your outdoor adventure or you're planning to stay for awhile, Grundy County has a site for you. At the lake in Dike, you'll enjoy easy access to Highway 20, fishing, hiking, boating, the charms of downtown Dike just down the road and the close proximity to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls metropolitan area.

In Grundy Center, you'll be just a hop and a skip away from the community's vibrant downtown and restaurant scene as well as a hospital, an aquatic center, a recre-

ational trail and other tourist attractions. And be sure to come to town for the annual county fair in July, which is growing and expanding like never before under the leadership of an aggressive and motivated fair board.

And last but not least, the site east of Beaman along the southern border of the county may be off the beaten path (you'll have to take gravel to get there), but it's a hidden gem worth searching for. Enjoy a pristine natural woods setting with a recreational trail running through the park, and head east toward Gladbrook or back west to Beaman and Conrad on the Comet/Wolf Creek Trail.

If you have questions regarding accommodations or you're just ready to camp, call the Grundy County Conservation office in Morrison at (319) 345-2688.



# Let's Go Camping

## Wolf Creek Recreation Area

33999 M Ave  
Beaman, IA 50609

Two miles east of Beaman, IA on 330th St and then one mile south on M Ave

History: This area was purchased by the county in the early 1970s and developed for camping, picnicking, hunting, and other recreational uses.

This is a 93-acre multi-purpose recreation area and boasts native Bur Oak forested areas and reconstructed prairie areas. Facilities available include a shelter house, picnic tables, grills, a pit latrine toilet and a modern shower/restroom building designed in the private room concept.

The park is connected to

the Comet trail, a crushed limestone-surfaced recreational trail. Of special interest is the 60-foot suspension bridge on this connecting trail. The Comet Trail connects the towns of Beaman, Conrad, and Gladbrook with the park.

There are a total of 22 designated camping sites - 15 camp sites have electricity available and

11 do not. There are also tent and group primitive camping areas. Camping fees are \$15.00 per night per unit for those camping in a designated camp site with electricity available, \$10.00 for any other site. Non-profit youth groups are allowed to camp for free in the primitive camping area.

The shelter house is



available for advance reservations by calling the conservation board offices. An application form is available and the cost to reserve the shelter is \$20.00 per 5 hour period.

## Grundy County Fairgrounds

1308 4th St, Grundy Center, IA 50638

## Grundy County Lake & Park

Just south off of HWY 20 exit 215 at the southwest corner of Dike.

16855 U Ave. SW corner of Dike. Immediately south of

Hwy 20 & T-55 interchange.

History: This area is Grundy County's largest multi-use recreation area. The 40-acre lake was created by IDOT when borrow material was needed for the Highway 20 construction. The lake site was transferred to Grundy County in August, 2002. Additional property was purchased from the IDOT using Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant funds making the total area 255-acres. The park officially opened to the public in July, 2003.

Anglers enjoy the boat ramp, kayak launcher, rock fishing jetties and accessible fishing platform. The lake contains largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, perch, walleye, and channel catfish.

A 60-site modern campground contains large, level camping pads - both back-in and pull-through sites. Camping fees are \$15.00 per night for all sites. The shower/restroom building was designed with the private family concept providing users six modern rooms.

Bicyclers and hikers enjoy the hard-surfaced trail around the lake that also connects to the campground and the City of Dike recreational facilities.

There are two open air shelter houses, a gazebo, and ample stationary and swinging style benches.

Hunting/habitat: The park area includes over 40 acres of reconstructed prairie area, wetlands, and reforested areas. Hunters harvest pheasants, rabbits, waterfowl and deer.





## Grundy County Lake

**About the Park:** This 12-acre area was a gift to the residents of Grundy County and since acquisition has had extensive tree and shrub planting.

### Grundy County Lake

**16855 U Ave, South of Dike Lake access:** One-half mile south of Dike on U Ave (T-55). **Campground access:** One-half mile south of Dike on U Avenue (T-55) to 170<sup>th</sup> Street (just past lake entrance), then go west 1/2 mile.

**About the Park:** This area is Grundy County's newest recreation area. The 40-acre lake was created by the Iowa Department of Transportation in 1999 when borrow material was needed for the construction of Highway 20. The DOT transferred the area to Grundy County by agreement upon completion of the highway project. The lake site was transferred to Grundy County in August, 2002. Additional property was purchased from the DOT using Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant funds making the total area 255-acres. Construction of the boat ramp and access drives around the lake began in 2002 and the park officially opened to the public in July, 2003.

The park features a lake, nature trail, asphalt bike/hike trail and a modern campground with 60 electric-equipped sites, a playground and shower house.

### Herbert Gutknecht Park

**29851 Diagonal Rd, Northwest of Reinbeck**

Follow HWY 175 northwest from Reinbeck one mile to intersection of U Avenue (HWY T-55). Park is adjacent to the

Pioneer Heritage Trail and the Oak Leaf Golf and Country Club.

**About the Park:** This one-acre park features five designated campsites. There is no charge for overnight camping. There is also hand-pumped running water, picnic tables and a shelter. The restroom is a pit type with handicapped accessibility.

Adjoining the edge of the park is the Pioneer Trail. This park is an excellent stop when traveling and a popular place to view the fireworks coming from Reinbeck on the Fourth of July.

### Ida M. Miller Memorial Park

**13945 240<sup>th</sup> St (HWY 175), Between Grundy Center and Eldora**

Follow HWY 175 west 8.5 miles from Grundy Center at the intersection of E Avenue, just west of intersection with County Road T-19.

**About the Park:** This two-acre rest stop has picnic tables, grills, shelter house, play structure and a handicapped accessible pit toilet. A large stone fitted with a bronze plaque tells that the park is named after Ida Miller, the first white child born in Melrose Township.

### J.H. Roadman Memorial Park

**28403 160th St, West of Dike Follow 160th Street (D-19) west of Dike 1.5 miles, Park is on north side of road.**

**About the Park:** This 10-acre roadside park is named in memory of J.H. Roadman and contains two small fishing ponds. Facilities found there include picnic tables and grilles, pit toilets, playground equipment and a shelter with electricity. The shelter house is available for advance reservations by calling the conservation

board offices. The trails include a self-guided interpretive trail with brochures available in the shelter house and another walking trail. Each trail goes around its own pond. These trails provide a pleasant way to stretch your legs after traveling any distance. Overnight camping is allowed in the parking area.

### Pioneer Trail Between Reinbeck and Holland

Trail heads in or near Holland, Grundy Center, Morrison and Reinbeck

**About the Park** - Former railroad right-of-way transformed into a limestone-covered trail.

### Reinbeck Greenbelt Area

**99 N Greenbelt Rd, Reinbeck**

In Reinbeck on HWY 175, turn north on Commercial Street and turn left on North Greenbelt Road.

**About the Park:** This 67-acre portion of the Greenbelt provides camping, fishing, hunting for pheasants, rabbits and partridge. It also has space available for snowmobiling, hiking, equestrian trails and a horse riding arena. Also present are 25-, 50- and 100-yard shooting ranges and a field archery range.

### Shearn Memorial Park

**24125 Q Ave, Between Morrison and Grundy Center**

Between Grundy Center and Morrison at intersection

**About the Park:** This half-acre rest stop contains picnic tables, grills, water, toilets and a shelter house.

### Stoehr Fishing Area

### 21300 H Ave, West of Holland

Travel west from Holland four miles on 205th Street (D-35) to H Avenue, then turn south and travel one mile.

**About the Park:** On this five-acre area you will find two spring-fed fishing ponds that are about one-acre each in size. Facilities here include a shelter house with electricity, picnic tables, pit-style toilets and a fishing pier - all are handicapped accessible. Grills are available for cooking out. The area also allows overnight camping. Fish species stocked in the ponds include channel catfish, large mouth bass and bluegill.

### Wolf Creek Recreation Area

**33999 M Ave, East of Beaman**

Travel east from Beaman on 330th Street and then turn south on M Avenue.

**About the Park:** This is a 93 acre multi-purpose recreation area. It provides picnicking, camping, hiking, hunting for rabbits and pheasants and fishing in Wolf Creek. Facilities available include a shelter house with electricity, water, picnic tables, grills, pit type toilets and a composite playground structure.

### Wolfe Family Preserve

**24511 Diagonal Rd, East of Grundy Center**

Travel east from Grundy Center on Diagonal Rd (HWY 175) one mile to park.

**About the Park:** This 19 acre tract of land was a gift to the residents of Grundy County. The Pioneer Trail winds through the stately Bur Oak Trees and past the man-made wetland here.

# County Parks

### Beaman Arboretum

**33245 King Ave, Beaman**

Follow 330<sup>th</sup> Street east of Beaman to King Avenue, then turn south.

**About the Park:** This five-acre arboretum was planted by Ellis Lepley in 1934 on school property and is an early example of an outdoor classroom. The area adjoins the BCLUW High School baseball field and accessed from that school property (off Beckman Street in Beaman) or from 33235 King Avenue. The wide variety of mature oaks and maples planted there form a lovely canopy for trail users.

### Beaver Roadside Park

**15825 N Ave (HWY 14), between Grundy Center and Parkersburg.**

Follow N Avenue (HWY 14) approximately 7.5 miles north of Grundy Center, just past the interchange with HWY 20. Park is on west side of road.

**About the Park:** This highway rest stop is located near the junction of Highway 14 and Highway 20, across from the Grundy County Welcome Center. This one-acre rest area has picnic tables, an open shelter, grills and a pit-style toilet with handicapped accessibility. There is also a short grass hiking trail if you need to

stretch your legs from your travels.

### Black Hawk Wildlife Area

**24433 S Ave (T-53), 1/2 mile north of Morrison.**

In Morrison, turn north on S Avenue. Park is on westside of road.

**About the Park:** A 53-acre park featuring an outdoor classroom for environmental education as well as wildlife habitat, hiking, hunting for pheasants, rabbits and partridge, and fishing in the Black Hawk Creek. Facilities include hiking and self-guided nature trails (with a suspension bridge across Black Hawk Creek) and toilets.

### Buckles Wildlife Area

**25005 T Ave , between Reinbeck and Morrison**

Travel one mile east of Morrison on Highway 175, then turn north about 1/4 mile.

**About the Park:** This 27 acre tract of wildlife habitat provides fishing and hunting for pheasants, rabbits and partridge.

### Copley-Strohbehn Preserve

**25450 U Ave (T-55), Northwest of Reinbeck**

Follow HWY 175 west of Reinbeck to U Avenue (T-55), then go north approximately 1/10 mile.





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### Grundy Center Family Aquatic Center

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605 12th St  
319-825-5200

### Reinbeck Family Aquatic Center

Elmwood Park  
319-788-2094

### Wellsburg Municipal Pool

102 McAdoo St  
641-869-5204

## Bowling Alley

### Crystal Bowl

106 G Avenue, Grundy Center  
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### Jill Fiscus Center

610 Center St, Conrad  
Located inside BCLUW High School  
641-366-2810

### Reinbeck Fitness Center

414 Main St, Reinbeck  
Located inside Reinbeck City Hall  
319-788-6404

## Libraries

### Beaman

#### Community Memorial Library

223 Main St, Beaman  
**Hours**  
M-F: 2-6 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m.-Noon  
641-366-2912  
www.beaman.lib.ia.us

### Conrad

#### Public Library

114 North Main, Conrad  
**Hours**  
Hours Subject to Change  
M, W: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
T, Th: 2 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Sat: 9 a.m.-Noon  
641-366-2583  
www.conrad.lib.ia.us

### Reinbeck

#### Public Library

501 Clark St, Reinbeck  
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Sat: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
319-788-2652  
www.reinbeck.lib.ia.us

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708 Seventh St, Grundy Center  
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M,W,F: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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### Dike

#### Public Library

133 East Elder St, Dike  
**Hours**  
M: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
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## Fox Ridge Golf Club

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Holes: Eighteen (Par 72)  
Yardages: 6,809 (Back tees)  
Highlights: Grundy County's only public course and only 18-hole golf course.

## Oak Leaf Country Club

29725 Diagonal Rd, West of Reinbeck  
Course type: Private  
Holes: Nine (Par 35)  
Yardages: 2,999 (Back tees)

2,732 (Forward tees)  
Highlights – Opened in 1954, course features rolling hills and tall, mature trees.

## Oakwood Golf Course

130 Oakwood Dr, Conrad  
Course type: Semi-private  
Holes: Nine (Par 35).  
Yardages: 2,966 (Back tees); 2,646 (Forward Tees)  
Highlights: Picturesque course with narrow fairways and water in play on several holes.

## Town and Country Golf Club

1501 12th St, Grundy Center  
Course type: Semi-private  
Holes: Nine (Par 36)  
Yardages: 3,337 (Back tees); 2,643 (Forward tees)  
Highlights: Built in 1970 on rolling terrain, course features small ponds and creeks that come into play on several holes.

## Meadowbrook Golf Course

51 West Fifth Street, Well-sburg  
Course type: Semi-private  
Holes: Nine (Par 35)  
Yardages: 2,671 (Back tees); 2,374 (Forward tees)  
Highlights: Opened in 1963. Rolling terrain with wide, tree-lined fairways and sand bunkers on most holes. Greens are flat and generally slow.

Town & Country Golf Club



Fox Ridge Golf Club



Oak Leaf Country Club



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Our nightlife and entertainment options are just the ticket! Small downtown bars and restaurants, microbreweries, beer halls, and more are sprinkled across our region. Enjoy

live music from small local stages, to grand performance halls and concert venues that regularly host national touring acts from a diverse range of music styles. You will also see performing arts such as plays, musicals, and more. The Cedar Valley is home to a host of history museums, art exhibits, and the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony.

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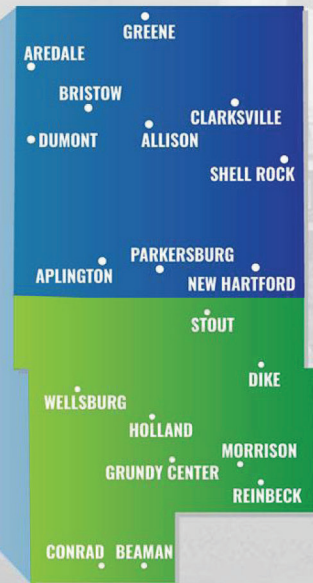
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