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has created more good paying jobs than ever before.

Expanding fiberoptic broadband by local providers has made this a prime location for those that can work remotely. A lower cost of living, and a safe environment to raise a family round out the reasons why now is the perfect time to make one of our communities your home. I encourage you to follow our social media handle @livethevalley on Facebook, Instagram,

Twitter, and LinkedIn to see for yourself how we "Live the Valley". Check out www.livethevalley.com to see all that the Cedar Valley of Iowa has to offer. We are only a phone call or email away to help with planning your visit, or for relocation assistance. Feel free to contact our office at (319) 267-2858 or send an email to info@butlergrundy.com.

JEFF KOLB

Executive Director
Butler-Grundy Development Alliance





LEGEND

- Tent Camping
- Fishing
- Winter Recreation Area
- Hiking Trails
- Trailer Camping
- Boating Access
- Bike Trail Access
- Sanitary Disposal Station

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2026 Grundy & Butler County Festivals & Events

FEBRUARY

February 7..... Lighted Night Ski – Heery Woods..... Clarksville..... (319) 346-6551

APRIL

April 17 - 18..... Citywide Garage Sales..... Wellsburg..... (641) 869-3721

April 24 - 25..... ABC Citywide Garage Sales..... Conrad & Beaman..... (641) 366-2108

April 29..... Girls Night Out..... Conrad..... (641) 366-2108

MAY

May 1 - 3..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Greene..... (641) 816-4525

May 2..... Citywide Garage Sales..... Dike..... (319) 989-2291

May 2..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Parkersburg..... (319) 346-2262

May 7..... Ladies Night (downtown)..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4531

May 14 - 16..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4531

May 24 - 25..... Memorial Weekend Festival..... Beaman..... (641) 366-2894

May 29 - 31..... Beaver Creek Days..... New Hartford..... (319) 983-2548

May 29 - 30..... Allison Days..... Allison..... (319) 346-7630

May 29 - 30..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Allison..... (319) 346-7630

May 30..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Aplington..... (319) 347-2425

JUNE

June 1 - 2..... Aplington Days..... Aplington..... (319) 347-2425

June 6 - 9..... Wellsburg Daze..... Wellsburg..... (641) 869-3721

June 11 - 13..... Pioneer Days..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4531

June 13 - 14..... Black Dirt Days..... Conrad..... (641) 366-2165

June 13..... Sandbaggin' Day & Car Show..... Dumont..... (641) 430-9613

June 13..... Figure 8 Races..... Grundy Center..... Online tix

June 14..... Glenn Miller Band..... Allison..... (319) 346-7630

June 19 - 20..... River Days..... Greene..... (641) 426-5706

June 24 - 28..... Butler County Fair..... Allison..... (319) 267-2775

June 26 - 27..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Grundy Center..... (319) 825-6742

JULY

July 2 - 5..... 4th of July Festival..... Shell Rock..... (319) 231-7697

July 3..... Fireworks..... Greene..... (641) 426-5706

July 3 - 4..... 4th of July Celebration..... Reinbeck..... (319) 788-6404

July 10 - 11..... Felix Grundy Festival..... Grundy Center..... (319) 825-6742

July 12..... Mollie B Polka Show..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4644

July 20 - 25..... Grundy County Fair..... Grundy Center..... (319) 404-8856

July 24..... Figure 8 Races..... Grundy Center..... Online tix

July 25..... At Home Aplington Tractor Ride..... Aplington..... (319) 347-2425

July 25 - 26..... Bristow Days Tractor Pull & Dance..... Bristow..... (712) 790-7309

July 26..... Herb Fest..... Greene..... (641) 330-0938

July 31 - Aug. 1..... Fun Days..... Parkersburg..... (319) 422-0510

AUGUST

August 7 - 8..... Watermelon Days..... Dike..... (319) 989-2291

August 16..... Show & Shine Car Show..... Parkersburg..... (319) 269-6224

August 28 - 29..... Figure 8 Races (2 Day Races)..... Grundy Center..... Online tix

August 30..... Barefoot Becky Polka Concert..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4644

SEPTEMBER

September 3 - 5..... Highway 3 Garage Sales..... 3 Counties..... (641) 425-5668

September 10 - 12..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4531

September 13..... Pioneer Craft Fair..... Morrison..... (319) 345-2688

September 19..... Reinbeck Art Festival & Car Show..... Reinbeck..... (319) 788-6404

September 25 - 27..... City-Wide Garage Sales..... Greene..... (641) 816-4525

September 25 - 26..... Vintage Market & Antique Show..... Allison..... (319) 269-7294

September 26..... Beektoberfest..... Reinbeck..... (312) 203-9225

OCTOBER

October 3..... Harvest Moon Festival..... Allison..... (319) 346-7630

October 8..... Quilt Show..... Grundy Center..... (319) 929-9955

October 8..... Girls Night Out..... Grundy Center..... (319) 825-6742

October 20..... Halloween Hike – Heery Woods..... Clarksville..... (319) 346-6551

October 22..... Pumpkinfest..... Conrad..... (641) 366-2108

October 24..... Craft Expo..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4644

NOVEMBER

November 13 - 14..... Miracle on Main..... Reinbeck..... (319) 788-6404

November 20..... Pink Friday..... Grundy Center..... (319) 825-6742

November 27 - 28..... Main Street Mingle..... Grundy Center..... (319) 825-6742

DECEMBER

December 2..... Razzle Dazzle..... Dike..... (319) 989-2291

December 2..... Stocking Stroll..... Shell Rock..... (319) 885-6555

December 5 - 12..... Tiny Tim Festival of Trees..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-1168

December 5..... Christmas in Conrad..... Conrad..... (641) 366-2108

December 5..... Jolly Jamboree..... Parkersburg..... (319) 240-7294

December 5..... Christmas Tree Fest..... Wellsburg..... (641) 869-5031

December 5 & 12..... Community of Lights Display (park)..... Aplington..... (319) 347-2425


December 6..... Images of Christmas..... Clarksville..... (319) 278-4531

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BEAVER MEADOWS PARK

32078 Highway 14, Parkersburg



Tucked between Beaver Creek and Beaver Meadows Golf Course, this 32-acre area was once a state park. Today the park is managed by the Butler County Conservation Board and offers a wide variety of recreational activities. Fishing for smallmouth bass, catfish and northern pike is good in Beaver Creek, Traditional golfers can access Beaver Meadows Golf Course and disc golf players can try their skill on the 9-hole course within the park. The camping area at Beaver Meadows provides 50 amp service for up to 16 campers, flush toilets, showers, and two shelter houses. Visitors to Beaver Meadows are also within walking distance of the downtown business district.

CAMP COMFORT RECREATION AREA

23525 Camp Comfort Road,
Greene



This 27-acre area is one of the most popular areas operated by the Conservation Board. Located south of Greene and east of Highway 14 along the Shell Rock River, this park offers excellent recreational opportunities. Fishing for walleye and smallmouth bass below the dam is excellent as is fishing for catfish above the dam. The area has boat ramps and canoe access both above and below the dam, a large shelter house, and camping facilities with electricity for 25 trailers as well as an area for tents.

FAIRVIEWS CAMPGROUNDS

1308 4th St, Grundy Center.

Located at Grundy County Fairgrounds



Thirty-site campground located at the Grundy County Fairgrounds that opened in 2019. Sites feature water and power hookups with some also featuring sewer hookups. For more information, see the Grundy County Fair Web site, www.grundycountyfair.com.

GRUNDY COUNTY LAKE & PARK

16855 U Ave, South of Dike

The lake can be accessed mile south of Dike on U Ave (T-55).

Campground are one-half mile south of Dike on U Avenue (T-55) to 170th Street (just past lake entrance), then go west one-half mile.

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 Highway 175 northwest from Reinbeck one mile to the intersection of U Avenue (Highway T-55). Park is adjacent to the Pioneer Heritage Trail and the Oak Leaf Golf and Country Club.

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.



HEERY WOODS STATE PARK

North side: 19195 Highway 188

South side: 27887 195th Street
Clarksville

The park provides excellent opportunities for fishing, boating, and hiking. The camping area features electrical hook-ups for 20 trailers plus a large tent area with modern restrooms and showers. There are several picnic areas throughout the park, as well as a nature center with many hands-on exhibits located on the south side of the river near the stone lodge. The park also provides direct access to the Rolling Prairie Trail.

Straddling the Shell Rock River, Heery Woods State Park contains the original tract of land belonging to the first land owner in the county. After it became a state park in 1935, workers of the Works Progress Administration were used to develop the park. They built a dam, the original shelter house, and the stone lodge located on the south side of the river. Today the park is under the management of the Butler County Conservation Board.



J.H RODMAN MEMORIAL PARK

28403 160th St, West of Dike

D-19) west of Dike 1 1/2 miles. Park is on north side of road.

This 10-acre roadside park is named in memory of J.H. Rodman 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.



LAKE CONSIDINE

15509 230th Street, Dumont

The major use of this area is fishing and hunting. The majority of the area provides excellent hunting opportunities for deer, turkey, squirrel and duck. The West Fork River and small pond provide fishing opportunities for many different fish species. Since most of the pond is privately owned, we ask that you respect private property in this area.



NORTHEAST IOWA CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

19268 Forest Avenue • (641) 775-3238

Located one mile west of Bristow, this 30-acre scenic getaway is bordered by Boylan Creek and the Rolling Prairie Bike Trail. The park-like setting offers two seven-person cabins, a single gender dorm with an 80-person capacity and a dual gender dorm with 100-person capacity. You will also find a chapel, kitchen, dining hall, and multi-purpose building. Recreational facilities include disc golf, miniature golf, 9-Square, gaga ball, volleyball, and a water slide. Camping facilities include RV hookups, freshwater, and dump. The facility is available for private rentals from mid-August through May.



REINBECK GREENBELT AREA

99 N Greenbelt Rd, Reinbeck

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

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.



SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL PARK

Parkersburg

Schwartz Memorial Park is a new park on the east end of town. Located on Newell Avenue, the park has new playground equipment, gazebo, walking path, and a pond for fishing.



SHEARN MEMORIAL PARK

24125 Q Ave, between Morrison and Grundy Center

Between Grundy Center and Morrison at intersection of Diagonal Road (Highway 175) and Q Avenue (T-47).

This half-acre rest stop contains picnic tables, grills, water, toilets and a shelter house.

SHELL ROCK RECREATIONAL AREA

22562 Main Street
Shell Rock



This 40-acre area, located on the west edge of Shell Rock off Highway 3, was one of the very first areas purchased by the Conservation Board. A playground, shelter house, flush toilets and showers are just a few of its many features. The area has 30 electrical hook-ups, and the Shell Rock River offers fishing, a canoe access, and boat ramp. A lake on the west edge of the park offers fishing for a variety of species during both the summer and winter.

SOUTH FORK PARK

South Fork Access
21045 Cedar Avenue, Dumont



South Fork Park has much to offer despite its small size. Only 20 acres in size, the area offers access to the South Fork of the West Fork River and a 3-acre lake stocked with bass, bluegill and yellow perch. In addition to its fishing resources, the area provides a small variety of upland and forest type resources for hunting. Primitive camping is allowed, but no water or toilet facilities are available.

SPORTSMAN PARK

27588 180th Street, Clarksville



Located on the west edge of Clarksville on Superior Road, this park has undergone many changes. It was the site of the cabin of the first settlers in Butler County, and it was later used to provide fill to build the railroads across the county. Today, the park provides an excellent opportunity for family enjoyment. The 6-acre lake and picnic shelter offer something for all ages.

A new adaptive dock provides a kayak and canoe launch for boating or fishing.

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.

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.

WOLFE FAMILY PRESERVE

24511 Diagonal Rd, East of Grundy Center



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

WILDER PARK

Allison, 22301 Highway 3
www.visitwilderpark.com



This large city park encompasses 78 acres with a modern RV campground.

The camping area has 26 full hookup sites, 26 with electric and water and 22 full season sites. There is also a tent camping area. You will enjoy two scenic ponds for fishing and other water activities, shelter houses, playground, chapel, banquet lodge, rental cabins, miniature golf - disc golf, pickleball, and other large yard games. Facilities include restrooms and showers. Wi-Fi is also available. Bike riders have direct access to the Rolling Prairie Trail on the north end of the park that provides safe family recreation while on your camping getaway. The park also hosts weekly musical entertainment for campers and the public to enjoy free of charge. Several of the headline events are included in the calendar of events found elsewhere in this guide.

Online camping reservations are now available.

WOLF CREEK RECREATION AREA

33999 M Ave., Beaman



Two miles east of Beaman on 330th Street and then one mile south on M Ave. This area was

purchased by the county in the early 1970s and developed for camping, picnicking, hunting and other recreational uses. It is a 93-acre multi-purpose recreation area and boasts native Bur Oak forested areas and reconstructed prairie areas. New to the area within the past few years is a six-hole disc golf course. 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 rec 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 - 11 camp sites have electricity available and 11 do not. There are also tent and group primitive camping areas. Camping fees are \$20 per night per unit for those camping in a designated camp site with electricity available, \$10 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.

WUNSCH MEMORIAL PARK

Rowley Street, Greene



Located just below the dam along the Shell Rock River in Greene is the 1.2 acre Wunsch Memorial Park. A popular area, this park offers electricity, running water, access to the river, and a boat ramp. It also includes 10 electrical camp sites and a new shelter house. Water above the dam is deep enough for pleasure boating. The location of this area is within easy walking distance of shops, museums, and the city park.

Aplington Recreation Complex

The Aplington Recreation Complex is a non-profit organization that offers seasonal golf, party and event hosting, and casual dining

1311 Parriott Street, Aplington, IA 50604 • (319) 347-8035



Watermelon Days:
August 7-9, 2026

Razzle Dazzle:
December 2, 2026

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Antique & Craft Show

At the Butler County Fair Grounds

John Jensen
Mid-America Publishing

The Butler County Fairgrounds in Allison was full of activity in early October during a two-day antique show and fall craft fair. Visitors could explore booths filled with handmade items, antiques and plenty of seasonal décor. Admission was only \$1, and community donations even covered the first 100 entries each day.

Vendors offered a wide mix of goods, including hand-painted jars, stained-glass art, garden flags, candles, jewelry, and Hallow-

Jars, Becky's Creations, and Infinite Sisters. At Wynotglass, artist Catherine Dowrie showed how she creates her custom stained-glass pieces.

Food and treats were easy to find, too. Dragon Express served meals throughout the event, and the Allison Fire Department held a freewill pancake breakfast on Saturday morning.

With busy crowds and many unique booths to explore, the antique show and craft fair is a must when visiting Butler County.

Plan to attend the 2nd annual event in 2026 on September 25th and 26th.



One of the many buildings at the fairground, lined with antique dealers from across the state.



A stand offering pumpkins, perennials, and produce.



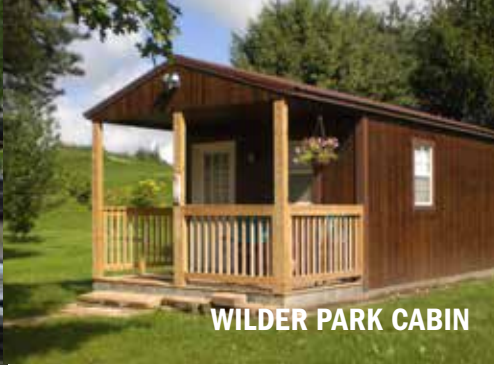
Refurbished signs at one of the vendors' stands.

An aerial photograph of a campsite, likely Wilder Park, showing numerous RVs parked in a clearing surrounded by lush green trees. The scene is bright and sunny, with shadows cast by the trees and vehicles. The text "Life is better when you're *Camping*" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font, with "Camping" in a larger, italicized script font.

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HEERY WOODS STATE PARK



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16 Electrical sites • 10 Non-electrical

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CAMP COMFORT

Greene (Four miles southeast off Highway 14)

25 Electrical sites • 15 Non-electrical

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30 site campground located at the Grundy County Fairgrounds. Water and power hookups available

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HEERY WOODS STATE PARK

Clarksville (Highway 188 south edge)

20 Electrical sites • 15 Non-electrical

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reservations or call (319) 346-6551

SHELL ROCK PARK

Shell Rock (Highway 3 west edge)

27 Electrical sites • 15 Non-electrical

www.mycountyparks.com/County/Butler

for information and reservations or call (319) 346-6551

WILDER PARK

Allison (Highway 3 east edge)

26 Full service sites • 28 Electrical and water

For reservations, call (319) 346-7630

Online reservations at www.visitwilderpark.com

WOLF CREEK RECREATION AREA

33999 M Ave., Beaman

For information call (319) 345-2688

WUNSCH MEMORIAL AREA

Greene (Along river near city center)

10 Electrical sites • 5 Non-electrical

www.mycountyparks.com/County/Butler

for information and reservations or call (319) 346-6551

Lodging



ALLISON

Emerald Door Inn Motel
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CLARKSVILLE

New Day Dairy's Guest Barn
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GRUNDY CENTER

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REINBECK

Reinbeck Inn
Airbnb.com



SHELL ROCK

Pal's Old Mill Bed & Bath
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Grab a Snack



APLINGTON POPCORN STAND

CLARKSVILLE POPCORN STAND

101 South Main Street, Clarksville

A tradition for over 50 years, the popcorn stand has welcomed generations to downtown on weekend evenings. The popcorn stand is open Saturday and Sunday evenings from Memorial Day through Labor Day from 6 – 8:30 p.m. The stand is operated by volunteers, with proceeds going to community projects. Follow the popcorn stand on Facebook for undated information.

DUMONT POPCORN STAND

Main Street, Downtown Dumont

Open May through August. Hours are Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 – 9 p.m.

APLINGTON POPCORN STAND

Downtown Aplington

A recent addition to downtown Aplington, the popcorn stand is operated by community volunteers every Sunday evening from 6PM to 8PM

BRISTOW ICE CREAM SHACK

716 West Street, Bristow

Open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during summer

A popular destination for riders on the Rolling Prairie Bike trail, the Ice Cream Shack is a community endeavor, and offers soft serve ice cream cones, shakes, blenders, and other cool treats for a summer break. The Ice Cream Shack is located in the City Park adjacent to the splashpad, and is open daily 4PM to 8PM during the summer.



BRISTOW ICE CREAM SHACK



Tee up

GREENE GOLF COURSE

APLINGTON GOLF COURSE

Aplington Recreation Complex (9 holes)

1311 Parriott Street, Aplington

(319) 347-6059

CLARKSVILLE GOLF COURSE

C.A.R.D. Country Club: (9 holes)

Highway 188 South, Clarksville

(319) 278-4787

CONRAD GOLF COURSE

Oakwood Golf Course (9 holes)

130 E. Oakwood Drive, Conrad

Par 35 – 2,966 yards – Onsite driving range

Opened in 1969 – Semi-Private

(515) 366-2211

DIKE GOLF COURSE

Fox Ridge Golf Course (18 holes)

355 Country Club Lane, Dike

Par 72 – 6,800 yards – Onsite driving range

Opened in 1998 (Front nine), 2001 (Back nine) – Public

(319) 989-2213

GREENE GOLF COURSE

Round Grove Country Club (9 holes)

20498 Floyd Line Street

(641) 816-5621

GRUNDY CENTER COURSE

Town and Country Golf Club (9 holes)

1501 12th Street, Grundy Center

Par 36 – 3,337 Yards - Onsite driving range

Opened in 1967 - Semi-Private

319-824-3712

REINBECK GOLF COURSE

Oak Leaf Country Club (9 holes)

29725 Diagonal Road, Reinbeck

Par 35 – 2,999 Yards

Opened in 1954 - Private

319-345-2079

PARKERSBURG GOLF COURSES

Beaver Meadows Golf and C.C. (9 holes)

Highway 14 North • (319) 346-1870

Legend Trail Golf Course (9 holes)

Highway 57 East • (319) 346-1499

WELLSBURG GOLF COURSE

Meadowbrook Golf Course

900 Meadowbrook Lane, Wellsburg

Par 35 – 2,671 yards

Opened in 1963 – Semi-Private

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Halloween Hike

An Annual Family-Friendly Event

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Each Fall, Allen and Fayette Meyer Nature Center hosts its annual Halloween Hike, a family-friendly event that turns the park's wooded trails into an evening of outdoor fun and nature education. Last year's theme, Nature's Superheroes, featured costumed characters who helped teach visitors about the real wildlife that protects Iowa's ecosystem.

The hike begins at the Nature Center, where groups are guided along a short loop trail. Along the way, families met superheroes like Batman, Spiderman, The Wasp, Antman and Wolverine. Each character introduced visitors to animals that play important roles in Iowa's environment, such as bats eating insects, wasps and spiders helping control pests, and ants improving soil and spreading seeds. Wolverine offered a fun comparison to animals found in colder mountain regions.

The event is organized each year by the Friends of Butler County Conservation and the Butler County Conservation Board, with support from nearby counties. This year's turnout was strong, with families filling most time slots. Reserving a spot early is key for this festive event as space is limited.



After the hike, guests gathered in the lodge for hot cocoa and treats.

After finishing the trail, guests gathered inside the Heery Woods Lodge to warm up with hot cocoa, cookies and other fall treats ending another one of the county's beloved holiday traditions.



The Wasp explains the vital role pollinators like her play in Iowa's ecosystem.



Many of the children on the hike wore costumes to show their Halloween spirit. Here, Batman poses with one of the hikers after giving a presentation.



Touch Room

A Growing Attraction at the Grundy County Heritage Museum



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MORRISON – One of the best kept secrets in Grundy County is the Grundy County Heritage Museum in Morrison. And one of the museum's best kept secrets is a touch room that has been a growing attraction over recent years.

In what was once the museum's gift shop, the Conservation Board has placed a number of items that are designed to allow visitors a chance to not only see, but also touch a variety of wildlife.

"We have all the fur-bearing animals for Iowa," Conservation Director Nick Buseman said. "So, kids and adults can grab them, touch them, do what they want. And we have a table that has different snake skins and antlers and wings of owls, feet of owls ... just different things that kids can put their hands on, hold them. They can poke them, just to get a feel of what they're actually like."

One of the newer displays in the room is a bald eagle and nest. Buseman said they are still waiting for an immature eagle to come back from the taxidermist so that it can be placed in the room.

The room also features a display of owl pellets and a set of bones that children can match to the pelts. They also have a display of two bucks that were found locked together on the east edge of Grundy Center.

Buseman said the Conservation Board began working on the display two years ago and have been adding to it ever since, usually during the winter months.

"One of my staff members, Hunter Lott, he would like to do like where you get to crawl in the tunnel and it would be like a beaver den," Buseman said. "We've got a swan that we want to get

mounted. We've got the full wingspan."

Nearly everything in the room is touch-friendly, and that which isn't, Buseman said, is far enough away that it cannot be reached.

"We don't need to watch over it," he said.

Buseman said the idea came when he saw space that wasn't being used the way it needed to be.

"So we just gave it a fresh coat of paint, put murals on the wall and ...," he said. "Kids don't, you know, go to museums – it's don't touch, don't touch, don't touch. That's not what we want. We want them to go in and touch things and feel the fur and grab the mountain lion fur and hold it up and see how long the tail is and just explore their creativity and stuff."

"If we get a large enough kid group we'll get the snakes out and they can touch the snakes, hold the snakes, really get that sensory, too," Buseman said. "We usually spend about an hour in there."

The Heritage Museum is open Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment



Grundy County Pioneer Trail

Connects Four Area Communities



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Grundy County's largest trail is its Pioneer Trail, traversing 12 miles between Holland and Reinbeck while also passing through Grundy Center and Morrison.

The limestone trail was once an active railroad serving the four communities. It is largely rural in nature, with much of it traversing past Grundy County farms.

Recreation activities on the trail include hiking, running, bike riding and cross country skiing. Horseback riding is allowed along a mowed grass trail that parallels the limestone trail. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail, as are all forms of hunting.

The trail is accessible from eight different locations, including

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.

Though the trail currently has a pair of gaps – one west of Reinbeck and the other east of Grundy Center - work is being done to fill in the gaps.



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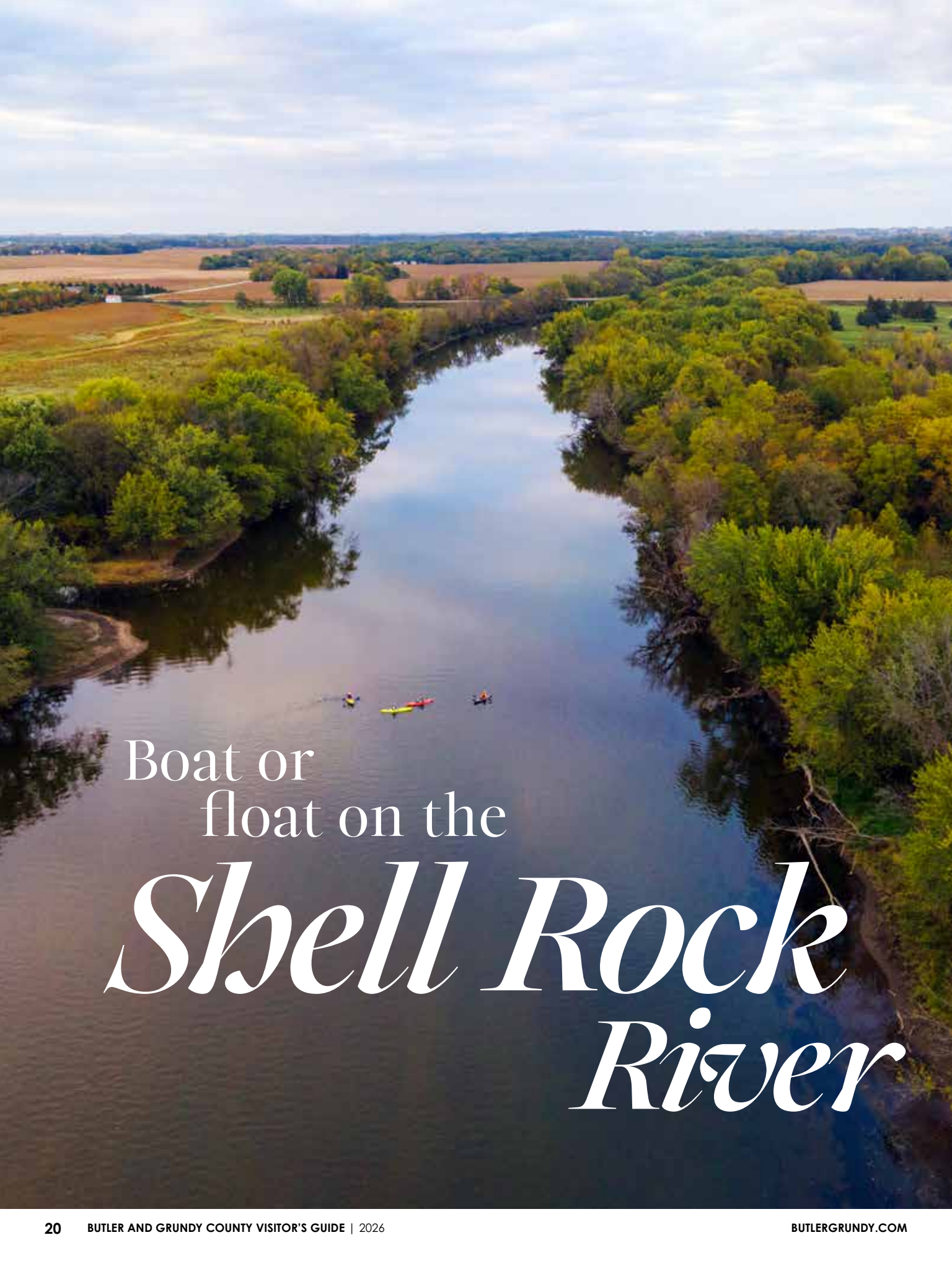
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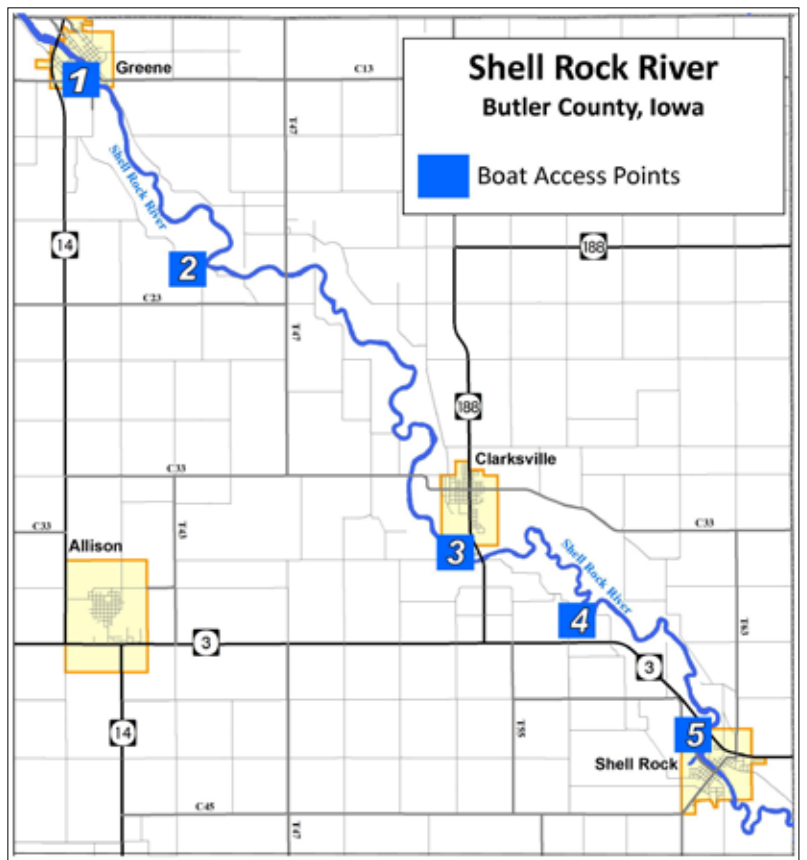
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An application for adding a veteran's name may be obtained from the Allison City Hall for an engraving fee of \$100. The following parameters have been set to use as a guide line to have a name engraved on the monument. You must have served, or are currently serving in the military as active military personnel. National Guard or Reserves are eligible.

APLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

905 Parriott Street, Aplington
(319) 347-2799

This relatively new organization strives to preserve the rich heritage of Aplington, and the surrounding area. Started in 2006, this non-profit organization houses their collection of artifacts and memorabilia in the only building in the community to survive a devastating fire in 1901. The organization's collection includes historical pieces from the former Aplington School, advertising items from past businesses, records from past and present civic groups and churches, and more to keep the heritage of the community preserved for future generations. The historical society also houses the records of the former DeBuhr Maternity Home that was located in Aplington. The organization meets monthly, while the facility is open by appointment only or during special events.

BUTLER COUNTY HALL OF FAME

Allison, Courthouse Square

The Hall of Fame is housed in a structure that is topped off with the old cupola that was removed from the Butler County Courthouse that was built in 1881, and torn down in 1975. The dome is 18 feet in diameter, 30 feet tall, and weighs approximately 7,000 pounds. Inside, you will find photos of county residents who have been inducted into the hall of fame over the years. Also on display are military artifacts dating back to the War of 1812 that were donated by county residents and their families who served in the military. Visitors are welcome. Appointments are required by calling (319) 885-6279.

AUSTINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

13376 320th Street, Austinville

The society is located in the old Austinville Bank which was founded in 1911 through the leadership of Samuel L. Patterson with Walter G. Austin and Richard C. Bode. The bank building was built around 1916. This bank building has a unique history, and is referred to as "the most robbed bank in Iowa", enduring many robberies and attempted robberies before it closed. This is the one remaining structure of the original main street businesses from that time. It was one of the few banks that stayed open during the depression. Displays consist of early Austinville items from the local businesses. There is also an extensive inventory of histories, pictures, and written items to be read or viewed at the historical society.

There is usually a gathering of locals for coffee each Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. for reminiscing and current local news. Feel free to drop by for coffee and conversation.

Other times to view items are by appointment. Call any of the Historical Society board members. Board member numbers are posted in the entry to the building. Call Carolyn DeVries at (319) 347-2983 to set up a time to view items.

BEAMAN HERITAGE CENTER

223 Main Street, Beaman

Local historical museum with artifacts from the City of Beaman. Open when the Beaman Community Memorial Library is open or by appointment. Call 641-366-2912.



BUTLER COUNTY MUSEUM

Allison, Butler County Fairgrounds

The museum contains numerous exhibits ranging from children's toys, medical equipment, hand tools, and a wedding gown and suit worn by a couple that was married at the county fair in 1935. Other artifacts include the first folding ironing board, various farming tools and equipment, and various artifacts relating to life in Butler County in years past. The Butler County Museum is open during the fair, and also by appointment. Call (319) 885-6279 for more information.

CLARKSVILLE HISTORY MUSEUM

103 West Greene Street, Clarksville

Visit the Mark Pulis History Room, named after the 1932 Clarksville alumnus. The room is full of Clarksville historical artifacts, memorabilia, CHS class pictures, a schoolroom, and items from Clarksville businesses and organizations past and present. Located in the (handicapped accessible) lower level of the Clarksville Public Library, the room is open to the public during the Library's regular business hours: Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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DUMONT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Downtown Dumont

This newly developed memorial honors the service and sacrifice of hundreds of Dumont area veterans who served our country. There is also an educational component, with information on each of the military branches. The Dumont popcorn stand is adjacent.

GRUNDY CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

613 G Ave., Grundy Center

The Grundy Center Historical Society preserves the history of Grundy Center with both a downtown museum and the Herbert Quick Schoolhouse (owned by the City of Grundy Center), located at Orion Park. The museum contains a rotating collection of exhibits related to life in Grundy Center. Call (319) 825-4916 or visit grundyhistory.org

GRUNDY COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM

204 Fourth Street, Morrison

This museum displays a wide variety of artifacts from Grundy County's cultural past and also includes natural history displays of wildlife mounts and aquariums. The aquarium room contains large and small aquariums totaling almost 1,500 gallons of water. An interactive underwater mural is a popular feature in the aquarium room, as well. The museum is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday year round and other times by appointment.

Other buildings from the past are also located on the museum grounds. They include Colfax No. 3, a one room schoolhouse, Peck Cabin, the first log cabin constructed in Grundy County, a railroad exhibit and the Heritage Center & Agricultural Hall, the newest museum attraction. Call (319) 345-2688

HERBERT QUICK SCHOOLHOUSE

Orion Park in Grundy Center, 14th Street and G Avenue

This one-room schoolhouse was where Iowa author Herbert Quick received his early education. The schoolhouse was relocated from its original location to Orion Park in Grundy Center in 1933. The Schoolhouse is owned by the City of Grundy Center and supported by the Grundy Center Historical Society.

HISTORICAL LOG CABIN

Allison, Butler County Fairgrounds

Built in the 1850s, this was originally a two story log cabin and served as a stagecoach stop between Waterloo and Mason City in Coldwater Township southwest of the town of Greene. The cabin also served as the first hotel in Greene. Many of the logs are black walnut and were found to be firmly mortised into the adjoining log. In 1960 the log cabin was turned over to the Butler County Historical Society. You can visit it during the annual Butler County Fair, or by appointment by calling (319) 885-6279.

LITTLE YELLOW SCHOOLHOUSE

Allison, Courthouse Square

Built in 1888, this one room schoolhouse served the educational needs of section three in Pittsford Township near the town of Aredale until 1957. The building was relocated to the courthouse square in Allison, and was the first attraction of the Butler County Historical Society. Volunteer retired school teachers help educate current school children from around the county on what it would have been like to get their education in a one room school. The school is outfitted with sleigh desks and other props from the era when it was used. Visitors are welcome. Appointments are required by calling (319) 885-6279.

PARKERSBURG HISTORICAL HOME

401 Fifth Street, Parkersburg

This Victorian home was built in 1895. Visitors will enjoy the wide variety of woodwork in each room, as well as many artifacts of local history. The home features a circular tower that provides a panoramic view of the surrounding area. Open Sunday afternoons from 1 – 3 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and by appointment.

Call (319) 231-0079 for information.

SHELL ROCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

127 East Adair Street, Shell Rock

Visit this 1920s Craftsman style house that is home to a large display of memorabilia from Shell Rock's history. There is an original garage on site, which is unusual for this style of house. A railroad room and a school room are part of the permanent exhibits. Visitors can also view rotating exhibits throughout the year. Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and other times by appointment. Call (319) 885-6687.



WELLS HOTEL MUSEUM

503 N. Jefferson Street, Wellsburg

The museum is located in a house that was built around 1880 by the founder of Wellsburg, George Wells. It was used by his farm hands who dubbed it the Wells Hotel. The Wellsburg

Historical Foundation purchased the house in 1993 and decided to keep the name which was used so many years ago. Part of the museum represents late 1800s/early 1900s. Artifacts from the Wellsburg area are housed throughout the two-story museum. Seasonal hours: Most Saturdays 1-4 p.m. June through August. Also open upon request. Call 641-849-0892 or visit wellsburghistoricalfoundation.org

THE 1900 FARMHOUSE

204 4th St., Morrison

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.



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The Dike Chainsaw Museum

Planning a 2026 Expansion



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DIKE – One of the most unique museums in Grundy County will see an expansion as it enters 2026.

The Heimann Saw Shop and Museum, located on Main Street in downtown Dike, features a variety of chain saws from the collection of Mark Heimann, who opened the museum in 2019. Many of the saws featured are McCullochs, a brand founded in the 1940s that has since been acquired by the Husqvarna Group.

“I’d had this collection in my garage and, first of all, nobody could see it, and secondly, I didn’t have room to work,” Heimann said. “So we built the first building and I put the saws on display and the collection continued to grow. My vision also increased a little bit, so in addition to my McCullochs that I started with, there are a lot of other interesting brands and interesting saws, so I just kept expanding and expanding.”

The expansion will allow Heimann to build the number of saws on display from about 350 in his original building to around 1,000 while also allowing him to display some related memorabilia that he has collected.

“The front section will be very similar to (what is currently on display), with the shelving and the saws,” he said. “The middle section I’ve devoted to memorabilia. There’ll be photos, plaques, belt buckles, service awards, tie tacks, cufflinks ... so people can see a little more of the McCulloch story, but also of the chainsaw story.”

“The chainsaw is a tool. It’s evolved, but it’s something that’s attracted my attention and I’ve really been able to get a focus on it,” Heimann said.

Heimann said he first gained an interest in chainsaws when he was a kid and with his family helping to heat their home with firewood.

“We always had chainsaws and it was just part of our culture,”

he said.

Heimann received his first saw when he was in college, and the saw got good use.

“When I went off to UNI in the fall of ’74, and I have no idea how he did it, but somehow or other, my dad managed to supply me with a chainsaw,” he said. “So even when I was attending UNI, on weekends I might go home and cut some firewood.”

Five years later, that saw gave up the ghost.

“Strayer Seed Farms, south of Hudson, was a Jonsered dealer, which was a Swedish saw that I’d never heard of, but I went down and bought a new saw from Greg Strayer and, wow, my eyes were opened,” Heimann said.

Heimann compared the feeling of a good chainsaw in his hands to the feeling that golfers get with that perfect club.

“I think a golfer would understand the satisfaction of that swing and that contact,” he said.

“I get the same kind of experience when I lay a new, fresh chain into a piece of wood and that saw just flows. It’s the same kind of sensation.” He said the affinity for McCulloch saws came from his dad, who was loyal to the brand.

“That’s what my dad had originally, so that’s what I had to begin with and that’s where my interest was originally,” he said. My older

brother also had a chainsaw collection and he introduced me to the arborist Web site and there’s a lot of chainsaw discussion there, so I began to look at the site and learned about other McCulloch models that I had never been aware of.”

Heimann said he sought to find one of those models and his interest took off from there.

Though the museum features many unique saws, it also features those that consumers could have found on store shelves.

“I have some interesting and unique saws, but I’m also interested in saws that people can recognize,” he said. “People can come in and say, ‘Oh, we had one like that,’” Heimann said.

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-Mark Heimann

Though the collection is predominantly McCulloch, it also features saws from brands such as Poulan, Sachs-Dolmar (a German brand not common in the United States), Shindaiwa (a Japanese saw that, like Sachs-Dolmar, is uncommon in the U.S.), Jonsered and others.



In addition to the museum, Heimann has a shop in the back where he repairs chainsaws and sharpens chains. He said people come into the museum most days and that he tries to connect with them whenever he can.

"If someone comes in, I try to come up and see if they have any questions or if there's something I can help them with," he said.

Heimann added that traffic has increased since Joyful Java opened its doors last year.

The museum is usually open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week as well as Saturday mornings. There is no charge to see the collection.

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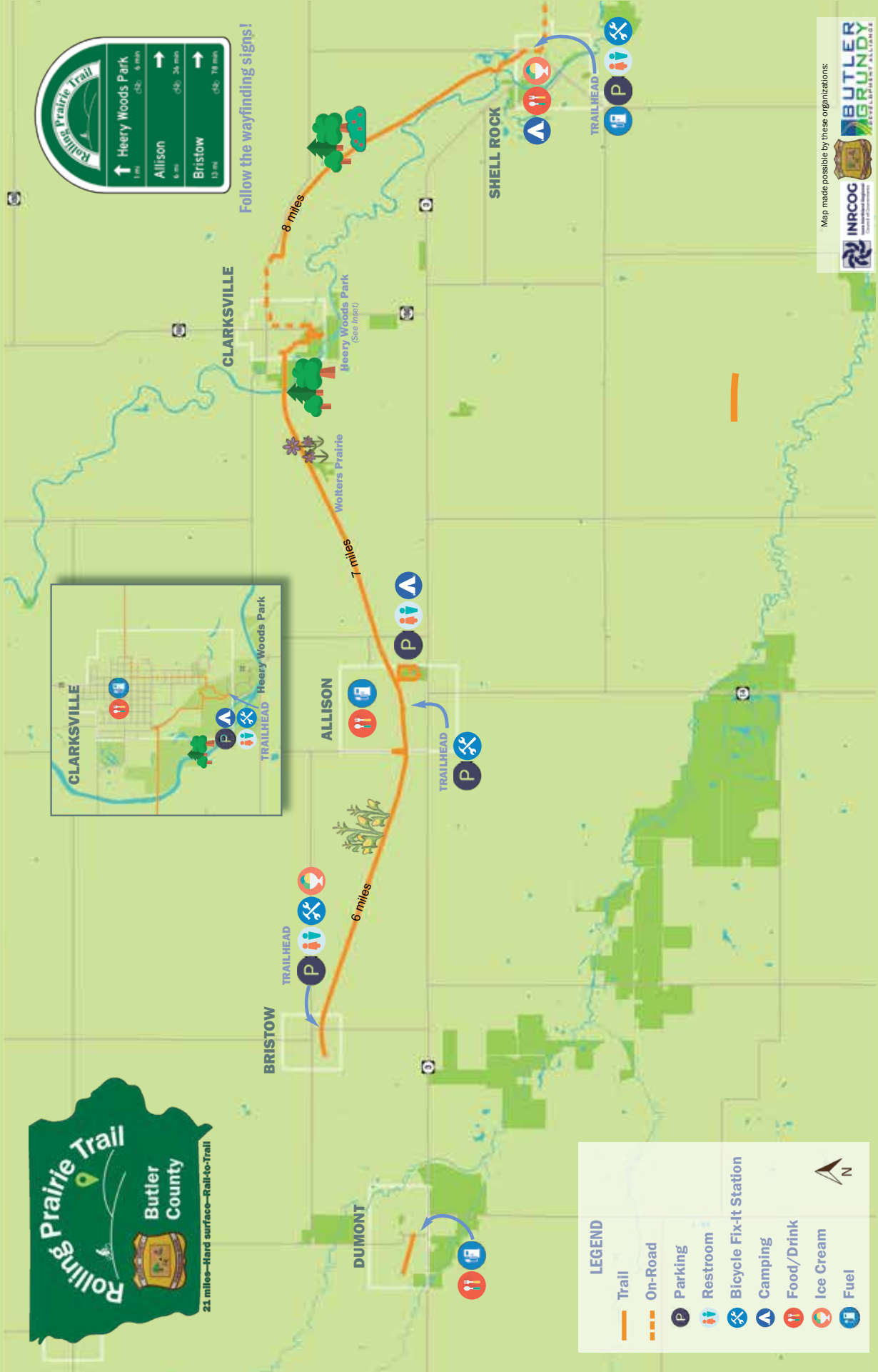
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ROLLING PRAIRIE BIKE TRAIL

This 21 mile paved trail connects Clarksville, Allison, Bristow, and Shell Rock. This hard surface trail features a nice mix of natural canopy and scenic bridges.

The expansion from Allison to Bristow was completed in 2018. Each of the trailheads features a kiosk with maps, trail information, and more. In the future, plans are to expand west to Dumont, once funding is secured.

A bike repair station is available at the Volunteer City Park trailhead.

Trail Heads and Amenities

SHELL ROCK

- Trail head located 1/3 mile north of Highway 3 on T-63
- Parking available
- ATM at Kwik Star
- Kiosk with maps and information
- New bike repair station is available

CLARKSVILLE

- Trail head at Volunteer Park (one block east of Highway 188, south edge of town)
- Parking and restrooms available
- New bike repair station is available at Volunteer Park
- ATM at Casey's General Store and Iowa State Bank (downtown)
- Trail head at Heery Woods State Park - kiosk with maps and information

ALLISON

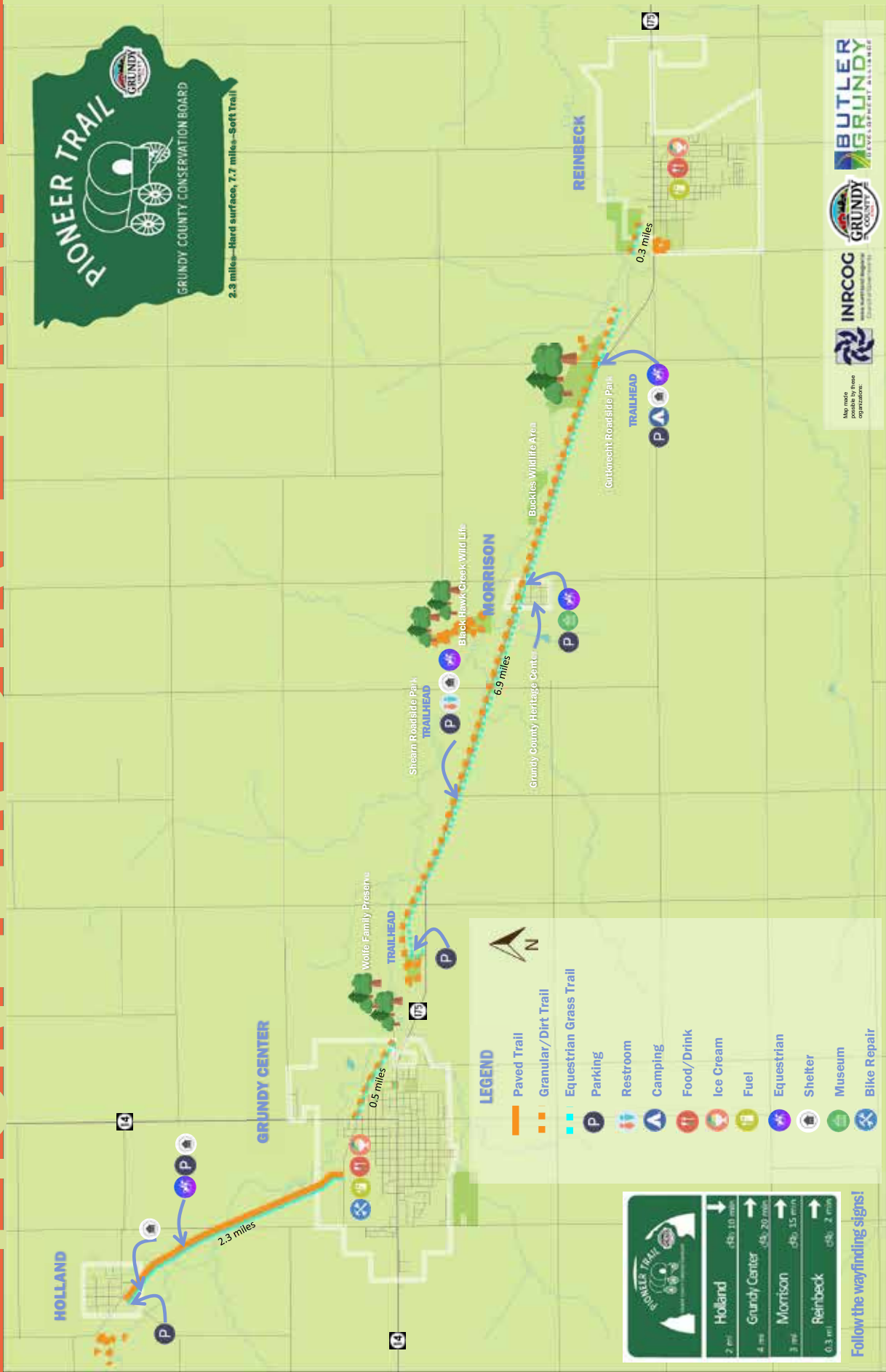
- Trail head near downtown on Elm Street one block east of Main Street - kiosk with maps and information
- Trail head at Wilder Park (park entrance on Highway 3)
- Parking and restrooms available
- ATM at Casey's General Store and Lincoln Savings Bank (downtown)

BRISTOW

- New bike repair station is available
- Trail head located in southeast area of town on Grand Avenue
- Parking and restrooms available at city park, two blocks southwest of trail head
- Ice Cream Stand located in city park. Open daily 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- New bike repair station is available



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- Camping
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- Fuel
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- Shelter
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- Bike Repair

Trailhead	Distance	Time
Holland	2 mi	45-10 min
Grundy Center	4 mi	45-20 min
Morrison	3 mi	45-15 min
Reinbeck	0.3 mi	45-2 min

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BEAMAN ARBORETUM

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This five-acre nature area on the east edge of Beaman adjoins the Beaman baseball field. Planted in the 1930s, the wide variety of trees make for a canopy over the hiking trails located there. This is a day-use area and hunting is not permitted.

BLACKHAWK CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

24433 S Avenue, Reinbeck

This is a 53-acre area containing native grass seedlings, tree & shrub plantings, and wildlife food plots. The woodland trail has had extensive spring wildflower plantings and is a lovely area to walk in late April and May. Many different tree species are labeled to aid in identification. Hunting is permitted for pheasant, cottontail rabbit, and gray partridge.

BOYLAN CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

15404 Highway 3

Purchased using Habitat Stamp Money and with help from the local Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited Chapters, this 369 acre area is located just south of Bristow on Highway 3. This area features excellent hunting for upland game birds, wild turkey and white tailed deer. For the trapper, the creek, timber edges, and fence lines provide excellent runways for many furbearers. The Boylan Creek Wildlife Management Area has been enhanced with food plots, tree and shrub plantings, and nesting areas for wildlife. These enhancements provide for the needs of wildlife throughout the year.

BIG MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

The Big Marsh is Iowa's largest marsh area, located six miles north of town boasting over 3,000 acres for public hunting, fishing, bird watching and hiking. The Big Marsh is a hunter's paradise during hunting season. It is located along Highway 14 north of Parkersburg.

BUCKLES SECTION, GRUNDY COUNTY GREENBELT

25005 T Avenue, Reinbeck

This 50-acre area contains two restored wetlands, native grass areas, tree & shrub plantings, and wildlife food plots. Hunting is permitted with non toxic shot only for pheasant, cottontail rabbit, gray partridge, and migratory waterfowl.



EISENTRAGER WILDLIFE AREA

Acquired in 2021, the Eisentrager Wildlife Area is located approximately 2 miles south of Dumont – northwest of the intersection of Douglas Avenue and 240th Street. A part of the Cedar River Watershed, the 116 acres of land contains a sedge meadow, remnant wetlands, and upland grassland. The property is open for public hunting and provides habitat for a variety of wildlife species, including game and non-game species. Species observed on the property include: Ring-necked Pheasant, Eastern Cottontail, Red Fox, Coyotes, Canadian Geese, Teal, Mallard, River Otters, Wild Turkey, White-tailed deer, and other furbearers. The Butler County Conservation Board used a REAP Grant and donations from Pheasants Forever Chapters of Butler, North Butler, Floyd, Franklin, Bremer, Mitchell, and Cerro Gordo Counties to acquire the property.

FABER MEMORIAL WILDLIFE AREA

24260 Forest Avenue, Dumont

Donated by former board member Herman Faber, this twenty-eight acre wildlife refuge provides wildlife habitat for a variety of game and non-game species. Enhancements to the area include a replanted prairie, wetland, and wildlife food plots.

FREED FAMILY WILDLIFE AREA

23600 P Avenue, Grundy Center

This 38-acre wildlife area was acquired to provide much needed public hunting area but also provides for non-consumptive uses such as birdwatching, hiking, etc. Approximately one half of the area is seeded to native grasses and flowers. The other half will see the cropland converted to future tree and shrub plantings.

GREEN WING WETLAND AREA

25942 U Avenue, Reinbeck

The Green Wing Wetland is a wildlife/hunting area consisting of 17 acres and is located north of the Copley-Strohbehn Preserve. Hunting of whitetail deer is by bowhunting permit only that is issued by the Conservation Board. Contact the Conservation Board office at (319)345-2688 for details.

GRUNDY COUNTY LAKE

24433 S Avenue, Dike

Approximately 130 acres of this area is open to hunting. Hunting is permitted with non-toxic shot only for waterfowl, pheasant, partridge, and cottontail rabbit. The North Fork of Black Hawk Creek meanders through the area and generally forms the east boundary of the hunting area. The area also features a 40-acre man-made lake that was created by the Iowa Department of Transportation, which dug material from the area for the construction of Highway 20. Additional property was purchased from the DOT using REAP grant funds, making the total area, including the campground, 255 acres.

HAUSER'S WILDLIFE AREA

11611 Vail Avenue, northeast corner of county

Diversity is one word that describes this 25-acre refuge. Located along a small tributary of the Shell Rock River called Beaver Creek, this wildlife refuge provides a combination of aquatic, forest, and upland habitats that support a wide variety of species.

HELT MEMORIAL PRESERVE

32817 Spring Avenue, New Hartford

This 25-acre area was donated to the Conservation Board by the estate of the late Donald Helt. Placed in the CRP program in the 1980s, the area was primarily brome and timothy with a few cedar trees planted along one area. Since its acquisition, it has been enhanced with prairie grasses, a food plot, and tree plantings. These improvements have greatly increased the types and numbers of wildlife species using the area.

HOGENCAMP WILDLIFE AREA

Highway 3, Clarksville

This newly acquired wildlife space is a 39-acre public hunting area located between Union and Terrace Avenues on the north side of Highway 3. With dry upland areas, cattail-rich wetlands, and a small pond, the Hogencamp Wildlife Area is diverse enough to provide critical habitat for both game and non-game species throughout the year. The area was purchased in 2017 by the Butler County Conservation Board using a State Habitat Stamp Grant and donations from Pheasants Forever chapters in Butler, Bremer, Black Hawk, Chickasaw, Grundy, Floyd, and Franklin Counties, and from the State Pheasants Forever organization.

HOLLAND MARSH

NW Edge of Holland on County Road D35. The entrance is on the west.

This 46-acre wildlife area is open to small game and waterfowl hunting. Hunting of whitetail deer is by bowhunting permit only that is issued by the Conservation Board. Contact the Conservation Board office at (319)345-2688 for details. Largely a grassland area, it also contains several wetlands and small winter cover plantings.

KYLE WILDLIFE AREA

13286 13th Street, Aredale

Donated by Joe Kyle as a wildlife refuge, this 79-acre area provides an excellent winter habitat for a wide array of wildlife including pheasants, deer, and songbirds.



LEEPER'S PRAIRIE PRESERVE

21657 Ridge Avenue, Clarksville

Donated to the county by Doris Leeper in memory of her late husband, this 41-acre prairie area is a remnant of what once covered most of Iowa. Management of the area is limited to tree removal and periodic spring burning. These practices will help to ensure that the many prairie plants found there will continue to thrive and endure.

MOORE'S ACCESS

29988 Trapper Road

Designed in 1997 as a walk in area only, Moore's Access provides access to Beaver Creek. A small open area located along the creek and walk in access make the area a good choice for beginning a backpacking trip. The stream allows good early-season waterfowl hunting as well as fishing for small mouth bass and catfish.

NORTH BUTLER WILDLIFE AREA

The North Butler Wilderness Area is located north of Dumont on the southeast corner of T16 and C33. The original 150-acre area was purchased by the local Pheasants Forever Chapters with a grant from the Iowa Habitat Stamp program, and in 2014 an additional 76 acres were added with grants and the help of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. The area is enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program and is mostly grassland with a small amount of timber. The West Fork River runs through the southwest side of the property. This combination of habitats provides hunters with opportunities for upland game, deer, and early season duck.

RENNING'S LANDING

Renning's Landing is a two-acre river access point between Clarksville and Shell Rock. The site is located on 205th Street, between Union and Utica Avenues. Acquired in 2003, the area features fishing access within the park and a concrete boat ramp that will allow users to launch small boats, canoes, and kayaks.

REINBECK SECTION, GRUNDY COUNTY GREENBELT

99 North Greenbelt Road

The Black Hawk Creek winds its way through this 67-acre area and provides fishing. Hunting is permitted for pheasant, cottontail rabbit, and gray partridge.

SCHOEMAN NATURE AREA

29752 Highway 57

Schoeman Nature Area is a wetland/upland complex, which includes a variety of cool season grasses and wetland vegetation. The area boasts two shallow ponds and a wetland with mowed hiking trails throughout. Habitat improvements have included establishment of prairie, oak savanna and wildlife food plots. You will also find an approximately 300 foot raised boardwalk to get you above the wetland for wildlife viewing.

SHELL ROCK WILDLIFE AREA

22562 Main Street, Shell Rock

Adjacent to the Shell Rock Recreation area is the Shell Rock Wildlife Area. This 49-acre area of floodplain forest provides valuable wetlands that are home to waterfowl, beaver, deer, and a variety of non-game wildlife.

WEST FORK FOREST ACCESS

28376 Temple Avenue

Between Shell Rock and New Hartford

The West Fork Forest Access is a 204 acre area that provides excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Open to public hunting, the area is located on both the north and south sides of the West Fork of the Cedar River and is dotted with potholes that provide opportunities for early season waterfowl hunting. Good stands of swamp white oak trees and plantings for pines and cedars provide food and cover for squirrels, deer and wild turkey. Access to the north side of the area is found on Temple Avenue while a parking area allowing access to the south side is located on County Road C-55.

WOLFE FAMILY PRESERVE

24511 Diagonal Road, Grundy Center

This 19-acre tract of native bur oak trees is located one mile east of Grundy Center along Highway 175. The Pioneer Trail winds through this area and past a man-made wetland. Mowed hiking trails have been developed to enhance visitor enjoyment of the area. This a day use area and hunting is not permitted.

WOLTER'S PRAIRIE PRESERVE

19155 Quail Avenue, Clarksville

In 1984, captivated by the beautiful wildflowers found there, the Butler County Conservation Board purchased the first half of this 40-acre native prairie area from John Wolters. In 1990 the local chapter of Pheasants Forever purchased the remaining 20 acres on behalf of the Conservation Board. The result is a well preserved island of native grasses and forbs that represent Iowa's past. Today this native prairie is used to teach about the natural and cultural history of Iowa.



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SKATE PARK 6th Street and Caldwell Street, Aplington

The only skate park in Butler County can be found in Aplington. This popular facility is the perfect place for people of all ages to perfect and share their skateboarding skills in a controlled environment.

The park boasts a variety of obstacles including ramps, rails, and a fun box that cater to a variety of skill levels. The skate park is located in the city park where restrooms and seating are available. The skate park is not lighted, and is open during park hours until 11 p.m.



APLINGTON CITY PARK

PICKLEBALL COURTS

110 Colfax Street, Parkersburg

New to Parkersburg are brand new pickleball courts. There are four courts which are free and open to the public. If you have never played, Pickleball is a paddleball sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. It truly is fun for the whole family, and is becoming a very popular activity.

APLINGTON CITY PARK

Sixth Street and Caldwell Street

This centrally located community gathering spot is the perfect place to relax in the shade or enjoy a family picnic or reunion. You will find an enclosed shelter house with ADA seating, an open shelter house, playground, an elevated performance stage, and restrooms. The park offers plenty of shade, and is only a short walk from the downtown business district.



MIRACLE PARK

MIRACLE PARK

102 Colfax Street, Parkersburg

Located on the west side of town, Miracle Park is a premier outdoor recreational attraction. It encompasses two expansive and separate playground areas, one for younger children (2–5 years old) and another for older children (5–12 years old). Miracle Park is one of the top outdoor playgrounds in the Midwest. Miracle Park also includes three shelter houses, concrete basketball courts, and a granite Veterans Memorial.

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The splashpad includes 10 water features for children to cool off on hot summer days. The facility is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and admission is free. Parents can relax on one of the many benches and tables nearby, including some with umbrellas and solar charging stations for all of your devices. Volunteer Park offers restrooms, shelter houses, ballfields, sand volleyball, basketball courts and much more. The park is adjacent to the Rolling Prairie Bike Trail. Completed in 2019, it was updated with a playground with new structures and overhead play equipment that is a fun adventure for kids of all ages and abilities. Also new for wintertime fun is an ice skating rink. This 124 by 44 foot facility is available during daylight hours weather permitting.



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