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Dear Wright County residents and visitors,

It is our pleasure once again to welcome each of you to the Wright County 2018 – 19 Activity and Attractions Guide. We want each of you to enjoy Wright County, whether you live here or are a guest.

We invite you to look through the pages to find things to do and places to visit. Enjoy exploring many events and attractions coming up in the next year. Some people hang on to their copies to know what is coming up in the months ahead.

Along with enjoying the Lake Cornelia area and dozens of other recreation areas across the county, a newly formed group – Wellness Works in Wright County – wants you to take a second look at 'being, and staying, well'. Throughout the guide look for:

Wellness Works in Wright County

In the Schedule of Events listing, see,

smaller colored scrolls, reminding readers to have fun while getting and staying healthy as well. Wellness member Kim Gniadecki says, "Participating in these activities can help in the pursuit of health, personal growth, and an improved quality of life. Join in! You can have fun and get healthy!!!"

Find camping opportunities, golf courses, places to swim, dine, or enjoy other forms of recreation. Who knows? Even if you have lived in Wright County your entire life, you might find some interesting facts, information, or places to enjoy of which you have not been aware previously.

For any questions and comments, please feel free to contact me. If you need additional visitor information or have helpful comments for an improved guide in the coming year, again contact me.

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Calendar

EVENTS IN WRIGHT COUNTY FOR APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019

On going events:

Clarion Hospital Auxiliary's community Blood Drives in Clarion - First Tuesday of every month (except Wednesday, July 4) from 1 - 6 p.m. at United Presbyterian Church. Schedule appointments online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or call 1-800-287-4903.

Summer BIKE NIGHTS – Every Thursday evening, FUEL, 223 North Main Street, Clarion – May 4 through August 31, call 1-515-532-3835.

Every Tuesday after school during the school year - Story-time and Homework Helpers - 4-5 p.m. - United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield - Diane Kraft - 825-3581.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - every Thursday - 9-10:30 a.m. - at United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield. Weigh-in and meeting. - Diane Kraft - 825-3581.

Worship Wednesdays, last Wednesday of each month - United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield - 7 p.m. - Diane Kraft - 1-515-825-3581.

Creative Crafts and Coloring for the community – fourth Monday of each month – 6:30 p.m. – adult coloring pages/note cards are available; or bring knitting, embroidering, scrapbooking. Time of fun and fellowship - United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield - 7 p.m. - Diane Kraft - 1-515-825-3581.

In April 2018:

(To **celebrate Easter: Saturday, March 31** - Clarion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Aquatic Park (CGDHS gym, in case of inclimate weather). 9 a.m. city hall 1-515-532-2847; Saturday, March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt - Dows Community School playground- sponsored by Dows Commercial Club; Saturday, March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt - Greenwood Park, Eagle Grove. For ages 10 and under; Saturday, March 31 - Goldfield Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00 a.m. at Old School Park, sponsored by Goldfield Women's Club; Saturday, March 31 - Belmond's Easter Egg Hunt - Belmond City Park, 9 a.m. Sponsored by Belmond Sororities. Contact Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce, 1-641-444-3937.

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Services, churches across Wright County.

Sunday, April 1 – Golf in Wright County. Weather permitting. All five golf courses in Wright County open for the season. Located in/near Belmond, Clarion, Dows, Goldfield and Eagle Grove.

Tuesday, April 3 – BIDCO Annual Meeting at Cattleman's. Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

Friday, April 6 – Annual Dows Stag – Dows Community Center – Contact City Hall – 1-515-852-4327.

Sunday, April 8 - Swiss Steak Dinner and Raffle - St. John Catholic Church in Clarion - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.- Carry outs available, as well as home deliveries. Contact Florine Swanson – 1-515-852-4360.

Thursday, April 12 – "Books are Fun/Collective Goods" – Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser – Clarion location board rooms – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Meriel Demuth – 1-511-532-2417.

Thursday, April 12 – CGD Middle School SENIORS NIGHT (between seniors, grandparents, retirees, & middle school students) – Clarion-Goldfield- Dows Middle School, 5 – 8 p.m. – Margaret Askelsen – 1-515-532-2412.

Saturday, April 14 – Clarion Health & Fitness/CGD School's 18th Annual Fun Walk/Run – At Lake Cornelia; starts at 10:30 a.m.; discount for pre-registration. Registration day of the race begins at 9:30 a.m. 1-515-532-3500.

Saturday, April 14 - Clarion-Goldfield & Dows Junior & Senior Prom. High school, contact 1-515-532-2895.

Saturday, April 14 – Live Healthy Iowa 5K – Walk/run; hosted in communities across the state. Learn locations/register until April 9 – www.livehealthyiowa5k.org

Monday – Friday, April 16 – 20 - ISU Extension and Outreach Week. Look forward to community events and prizes throughout the week to celebrate Iowa State University Extension and Outreach – 1-515-532-3453.

Tuesday, April 17 – Iowa Specialty Hospital's Semi-Annual Auxiliary meeting 6 p.m. – Meadows – Meriel Demuth – 1-515-532-2417.

Friday – Sunday, April 20 – 22 – Iowa River Players presents "The Sunshine Boys". Community Theatre, 901 Broadway, Rowan; 7:30 p.m. curtain time; Sunday matinee – 2 p.m. Contact LuAnn Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

Saturday, April 21 - Eagle Grove Junior & Senior Prom – Robert Blue Middle School - 1-515-448-5143.

Monday- Saturday, April 23-28: Clarion Lottery. Shop local and receive entries into the Clarion Lottery which will award "huge" prizes! Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Tuesday, April 24 - Ladies' Night Out - A night of dining and fun, sponsored by Ambassadors of Eagle Grove. Working Woman of the Year Award given to woman nominated by her peers. Contact Chamber - 1-515-448-4821. Or visit our website www.eaglegrove.com

Wednesday, April 25 – Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary's Scrubs & Uniform Sale - 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – ISH Belmond Board Room. Contact Meriel Demuth – 1-515-532-2417.

Wednesday, April 25 - "Supper's On!" - United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield - 6 - 7 p.m. - free community meal – menu to be determined - Diane Kraft - 1-515-825-3581.

Thursday, April 26 - Ladies Night Out in Clarion. 4-7 p.m. @ Retail Businesses. Great night of shopping and socializing. Double entries into the Clarion Lottery on this night. Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Friday, April 27 – Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary's Scrubs & Uniform Sale - 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – ISH Clarion Board Room. Contact Meriel Demuth – 1-515-532-2417.

Friday & Saturday, April 27 & 28 – Eagle Grove City-wide Garage Sales. Sponsored by the Eagle Grove Eagle – 1-515-448-4821.

Friday – Sunday, April 27 – 29 – Iowa River Players presents "The Sunshine Boys". Community Theatre, 901 Broadway, Rowan; 7:30 p.m. curtain; Sunday matinee – 2 p.m. Contact Luanne Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

In May 2018:

Tuesday, May 1 – Thursday, May 31 – Go the Distance – May; one day event to get kids active – FREE – www.livehealthyiowakids.org

Wednesday – Saturday, May 2 – 5 – Eagle Grove Citywide Clean Up Days – City Hall – 1-515-448-4343.

Wednesday, May 2 - Spring Salad Luncheon - First Lutheran Church, Clarion - 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Joyce Charlson - 1-641-444-4497.

Thursday, May 3 - National Day of Prayer.

Friday & Saturday, May 4 & 5 – Clarion's Annual GARAGE SALES. Sponsored by Wright County Monitor, 1-515-532-2871.

Saturday, May 5 – Thanks with Franks & City-wide Garage Sales. Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

Wednesday, May 16 - Clarion-Goldfield & Dows High School Baccalaureate & Awards Night, Clarion-Goldfield High School gym, 7 p.m. High School Office, 1-515-532-2895.

Wednesday, May 16 – Belmond-Klemme High School Baccalaureate – B-K High School – 1-641-444-4300.

Wednesday, May 16 - Eagle Grove Baccalaureate & Senior Night, Robert Blue Middle School Auditorium – 1-515-448-5143.

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Thursday, May 17 – Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Middle School – Job Shadow Day – Margaret Askelsen – 1-515-532-2412.

Friday, May 18 – Heartland Museum's Opening Gala from 5 – 7 p.m. Open to the public, includes Silent Auction Fund Raiser 1-515-602-6000.

Saturdays from late-May to mid-October – Clarion Farmer's Markets – Wright County Courthouse Square from 9 – 11 a.m. – Billy Zeiger – 1-515-851-0567.

Saturdays, May 19 & 26 – Dramapalooza workshops. Iowa River Players, 901 Broadway, Rowan (performance @ Rowan Fun Day – Saturday, June 2). Contact Lu Ann Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

Sunday, May 20 – Belmond-Klemme High School Graduation, Belmond-Klemme High School – 1-641-444-4300.

Sunday, May 20 - Clarion-Goldfield & Dows High School Graduation, Clarion-Goldfield High School gym, 2 p.m. - High School Office - 1-515-532-2895.

Sunday, May 20 - Eagle Grove High School Graduation, Eagle Grove Elementary School Gym.

Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28 - Heartland Museum opens for the season in Clarion. Museum is open daily 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day. The museum is open for groups any time by appointment. Call the Museum - 1-515-602-6000 to arrange a time for a tour.

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Clarion - Goldfield-Dows High School from 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Services. Clarion-High School gym, 10 a.m., Dean Kluss - 1-515-835-0502.

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Services, Goldfield Cemetery by Goldfield American Legion - 10 a.m.

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Services at Fairview Cemetery in Dows – 10:30 a.m. (Popejoy at 9 a.m.) – Bill Chambers – 1-515-689-3961.

Monday, May 28 – Rowan Memorial Day Services; Lions Club Pancake & Egg Breakfast 7 – 9 a.m. – School Community Room; Legion Memorial Day Services – 10 a.m. – Graceland Cemetery - Lee Aldrich – 1-515-571-3286.

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Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Services at Eagle Grove Rose Hill Cemetery.

SUMMER FUN!! Wright County Aquatic Centers or Swimming Pools - opening on/near Memorial Day weekend - Weather permitting and when school is out for the year. Closing for the season on/near Labor Day.

Belmond Aquatic Center - 1-641-444-3389 or 1-641-444-3386 city hall;

Clarion Aquatic Center - 1-515-532-2315 or 1-515-532-2847 city hall;

Eagle Grove Aquatic Center - 1-515-448-4672;

Dows Swimming Pool - 1-515-852-4644 or 1-515-852-4327 city hall.

Check city halls for complete details on hours, fees, schedules, availability for private parties.

In June 2018:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – June 1, 2 & 3 – ***FREE FISHING in Iowa – Each year the state of Iowa allows one weekend of free fishing early in the season. No fishing licenses required for any Iowa resident. Enjoy fishing at its finest, at one of Wright County's lakes or rivers. For more information, Wright County Conservation office – 1-515-532-3185.***

Friday, June 1 – Kelly's School of Dance Recital – Luick Auditorium, Belmond-Klemme High School – 7 p.m. – Contact Kelly Bloemke – 1-641-444-4407.

Saturday, June 2 - GARAGE SALES around Lake Cornelia; Lake Cornelia Association, Lavon Marshall - 1-515-851-0790.

Saturday, June 2 – Rowan 'FUN DAY' – lots of fun events, walk/run, activities, food, beginning with an early morning breakfast, held at School Community Room and Grounds; contact Lennea Groom – 1-515-293-1657. ***

Saturday, June 2 – Dramapalooza Performance, Iowa River Players, 901 Broadway, Rowan. Contact LuAnn Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

Saturday, June 2 – *'Circus' at the Jenison-Meachem Art Center - Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.*

Monday – Friday, June 4 – 8 - Vacation Bible School at United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield. 9-11:30 a.m. each day. Classes for 3-year-olds through 5th grade. Diane Kraft – 1-515-825-3581.

Thursdays, June 7 & 21 (tbd) – Farm Succession Program, held in Fort Dodge. Who will succeed you in your farm business? David Baker ISU Extension Farm Transition Specialist & ISU Farm Management Specialist Kelvin Leibold. Family hands on workshop. ISU Extension and Outreach, 1-515-532-3453.

Friday, June 8 – Saturday, June 9 – Festival in the Park - Clarion's Annual Celebration. Join in the fun! Something for every age with many exciting things planned. Friday's Family Fun Night, 5 – 8 pm @ Downtown/Courthouse Lawn. The beginning night of Clarion's Annual Celebration, which will feature fun & entertainment for families to enjoy, including a 5k walk/run! The day begins early on Saturday morning with the firemen's breakfast, parade, vendor fair, food varieties with musical entertainment in the park from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Saturday, June 9 – Chappy's on Main in Clarion, continues Festival in the Park fun with musical entertainment to conclude the day. Band to be introduced at a later date. 1-515-532-2727.

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June - Festival in the Park Weekend: Car/Truck show at Heartland Museum. Enthusiasts are encouraged to plan to bring their vehicle to show! Vintage Clothing show in Community room. 1-515-602-6000 for more information.

June & July – From June 11 – July 25 - Summer Reading Pro-grams at Wright County Public Libraries - This year's theme: "Libraries Rock!" - contact Belmond - 1-641-444-4160; Clarion - 1-515-532-3673; Dows - 1-515-852-4326; Eagle Grove - 1-515-532-448-4115; or Rowan - 1-641-853-2327 for details, dates, and times; look for other events/activities throughout the year.

Tuesday, June 13 – Clarion Public Library's first summer reading program – "Blank Park Zoo". – contact library – 1-515-532-3573.

June – (tbd) - Eagle Grove Annual Chamber Golf Outing - Prizes; make plans to attend. For more information, contact Eagle Grove Chamber - 1-515-448-4821. www.eaglegrove.com

Saturday, June 15 – Rowan Legion Fish Fry – 5 – 7 p.m.; School Community Room. Contact Lennea Groom – 1-515-293-1657.

Saturday, June 16 - Eagle Grove's Annual SUMMERFEST - It's Eagle Grove's annual community celebration. Inflatable's, mud volleyball, street dance with "Standing Hampton" and lots more to enjoy. Sponsored by the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce - 1-515-448-4821 or www.eaglegrove.com. ***

Sunday, June 25 – Sunday, August 12 – Lake Cornelia Services (8 weeks). Open Air Shelter – 8 a.m. Clarion Church of Christ – 1-515-532-3273.

Summer and Winter 2018 sessions – Evening dates TBD. Beginning Farmers Program. Held throughout Wright County. ISU Extension & Outreach 1-515-532-3453.

In July 2018:

With Belmond events – July 3 – Salad Luncheon at Leinbach Center, 116 Luick Lane North, Belmond, sponsored by St. Olaf Lutheran Church - for more information call Cindy Pogge at 1-515-571-2827 or 1-641-762-3306.

Wednesday, July 4 – Belmond's Annual 4th of July celebration with parade, lots of activities and events including kickball; basketball tourney; walk/run; free swimming at the Belmond pool; fireworks in the evening - Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

Saturday, July 7- Independence Day Activities at Lake Cornelia. Pancake breakfast, games and contests in the afternoon, boat parade and fireworks in the evening; always a crowd favorite of the summer! - Lake Cornelia Association, Lavon Marshall - 1-515-851-0790.

Wednesday, July 11 - Wright County Fair Parade - over 100 entries the past five years! This year's theme: Fair Necessities at the Wright County Fair; proceed through downtown Eagle Grove ending at the fair grounds; begins at 6:00 PM. Sponsored by Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce; 1-515-448-4821.

Wednesday - Monday, July 11th - July 16th - Wright County District Junior Fair - long standing tradition of being one of the best FREE gate, FREE parking fairs in the state; a countywide event exhibiting projects of Wright County as well as several adjoining counties youth and adults. With unbelievable 4-H and FFA livestock shows, a full schedule of free stage acts including a program to honor Veterans; commercial booth vendors; plus a wide variety of food vendors. For a small price, watch grandstand events: Fantasy Truck Pullers, Lumberjack Show, and Wright Rodeo with fireworks on the final

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night. Wright County Fair is full of 'FAIR NECESSITIES' - don't miss it!! Contact Tricia Rosendahl, manager, 1-515-448-3351, www.wrightcofair.com for a complete listing of events.

Some time in July (tbd) - "On the Porch" children's activities at Heartland Museum – 1-515-602-6000.

Some Saturday in July (tbd) – Indoor Picnic – at Leinbach Center, 116 Luick Lane North, Belmond, sponsored by St. Olaf Lutheran Church - for more information call Cindy Pogge at 1-515-571-2827 or 1-641-762-3306.

Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21 – Clarion's Ridiculous Dayz – many bargains, food, lots of fun! Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 515-532-2256.

Friday, July 20 – First Citizens Bank Customer Appreciation Lunch – on the Wright County Courthouse Square – 1-515-532-2841.

Friday, July 20 – Belmond Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing - Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

Friday – Sunday, July 20 – 22 – Iowa River Players presents "Cinderella Panto". Community Theatre, 901 Broadway, Rowan. 7:30 p.m. curtain with Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. Contact LuAnn Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

Saturday, July 21 - Conquer The Gauntlet™ - most EXTREME 4 miles on the planet. Race through grueling terrain and CONQUER over 25 of the largest, most unique, and challenging obstacles on earth! Do you have what it takes to Conquer the Gauntlet? More information go to conquerthegauntlet.com/locations/iowa/

Wednesday, July 25 – Clarion Public Library's summer reading program ends with "Fonziba Drums, African drumming – contact library – 1-515-532-3573.

Friday – Sunday, July 27 – 29 – Iowa River Players presents "Cinderella Panto". Community Theatre, 901 Broadway, Rowan. 7:30 p.m. curtain with Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. Contact Lu Ann Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

Saturday, July 28 – Goldfield's Fountain City Day – A day of food, fun, and festivities in Goldfield. 1-515-825-3613

In August 2018:

Friday - Sunday, August 3 - 5 - Dows CORN DAYS - Annual tradition of its three-day-celebration continues. Many of the events center at the downtown city park with entertainment, food, exhibits, rides for the kids; enjoy the 5K fun walk/run, parade, and the Dows Historical buildings. Days kick off with a Texas Jam on Friday night in the gazebo. Visit the Dows Mercantile; Welcome Center; rural schoolhouse; and/or Quasdorf Blacksmith Museum. Sunday ecumenical church service - Bev Lange - 1-515-852-4623 or City Hall - 1-515-852-4327.

Thursday, August 9 - Sunday, August 19 - Iowa State Fair - Des Moines.

Some Saturday in August (tbd) – Belmond Dog Days Triathlon – 3 mile run, 10 mile bike, 160 meter swim. Shorter distances available for school aged kids. Starts at Luick Pool – 908 First Street S.E. Contact Leigh Faaborg – 1-515-571-1316.

Friday, August 17 – Clarion Chamber's Annual Golf Outing - Join us for the our 2nd Annual event. Golfers will enjoy a fun-filled day of competition, socializing, food, awards, and prizes. This year it will be an 18-hole tournament. Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Friday – Sunday, August 17 - 19 - Annual Prairie Homestead Antique Power & Craft Show. Jenison-Meachem Memorial Art Center, 2 miles north, 1 mile east of Belmond. This year featuring Massey Tractors, Iowa Made Gas Engines, Midwest Modelers. Iowa State Fair Championship Pull

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August (tbd) - Red Apple Luncheon - Memorial Hall in Eagle Grove at noon; sponsored by Eagle Grove Ambassadors; meet/greet new teachers/welcome returning teachers to Eagle Grove. Contact Chamber of Commerce - 1-515-448-4821.

Saturday, August 25 – Annual Shrimp Fest – Dows Convention Center – Shannon Muhlenbruch – 1-515-852-4156.

Tuesday, August 28 – "Have Lunch With Us" – Security Savings Bank, Clarion – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29 – "Have Lunch With Us" – Security Savings Bank, Eagle Grove – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29 - "Supper's On!" - United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield - 6 - 7 p.m. - free community meal – menu to be determined - Diane Kraft - 1-515-825-3581.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 30 & 31, September 1 - HIGHWAY 3 CORRIDOR GARAGE SALES; Wright, Franklin & Butler Counties - Find garage and yard sales across Wright, Franklin, and Butler Counties. Contact Franklin County - 1-641-456-5668; Wright County – 1-515-532-6422; or Butler County - 1-319-267-2858.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 30 & 31 – September 1 – United Church of Rowan Annual Rummage Sale, includes bake sale and lunch counter. Lennea Groom – 1-515-293-1657.

In September 2018:

Saturday, September 1 – HIGHWAY 3 CORRIDOR GARAGE SALES continue (See August 30 entry).

Labor Day weekend, Saturday - Monday, September 1-3 - ***Heartland Museum closes for the season. After Labor Day, museum is open for tours only by appointment - 1-515-602-6000.***

Wednesday, September 5 - Fall Salad Luncheon, serving from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; First Lutheran Church, Clarion, Joyce Charlson - 1-641-444-4497.

Some Friday in September . Cyday Friday. Be on the lookout for the CyDay Friday Tailgate event at ISU Extension and Outreach. 1-515-532-3453.

Saturday, September 15 - St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Lunch, vendor fair, crafts and bake sale begins at 10 a.m. - for more information call Cindy Pogge at 1-515-571-2827 or 1-641-762-3306.

Monday, September 17 – Time to join 4-H youth & adult volunteers. Enroll on line or at the county extension office. Wright County Extension Office, youth director - 1-515-532-3453.

Sunday, September 23 - Rowan Lions' Club Annual Chicken BBQ - 901 Broadway St, Rowan; serving starts at 11 a.m. - 1-641-853-2365.

Wednesday, September 26 - See You At The Pole - Student-led prayers at school flag poles across the nation.

Wednesday, September 26 - Fall Salad Luncheon - St. John's Catholic Church, Clarion - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; includes farmers' market and bake sale. Monica Staudt – 1-515-852-3809.

In October 2018:

Wednesday, October 3 – Fall Fitness Day – part of annual Healthiest State Walk – for schools & youth organizations. Kids get active for 30 minutes, FREE event. Register between August 1 – October 3 – www.iowahealthiesstate.org .

Saturday, October 6 – Fall Festival & Family Fun Fest - Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

Tuesday, October 9 – "Books are Fun/Collective Goods" – Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser – Clarion location board rooms – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Meriel Demuth – 1-511-532-2417.

October 7 – 13 – National 4-H Week - Wright County Extension Office, youth director - 1-515-532-3453.

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Saturday, October 13 - 2nd Annual National 4-H Week 5K - Lake Cornelia - 9 a.m. rain or shine. All proceeds go to the Wright County 4-H Program. – 1-515-532-3453.

Tuesday, October 16 – Iowa Specialty Hospital's Semi-Annual Auxiliary meeting –6 p.m. - Meadows – Meriel Demuth – 1-511-532-2417.

Some Friday in October (last home CGD home football game) – Clarion VFW annual chili supper – Dennis Mraz – 1-515-532-3330.

Sometime in October – (tbd) –2nd Annual Fall Festival at Lake Cornelia – hayrack rides, pumpkin carving, scarecrow building, kayaking. Lots of family fun. Wright County Conservation – 1-515-532-3185.

October 19 & 20, 26 & 27, 31 - Spooktacular Nights Haunted House. The third year of our Haunted House and Halloween festivities for those who enjoy a good scare! Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Some Date in October – Halloween & Tricks & Treat Party – Clarion Public Library – 1-515-532-3673.

Tuesday, October (tbd) - Halloween Walk in Eagle Grove; contact Eagle Grove Chamber for more information- 1-515-448-4821 or visit www.eaglegrove.com .

Wednesday, October 24 - 6:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat in United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield, parking lot, then at 7 move inside for Halloween treats and fun activities.

Friday – Sunday, October 26 – 28 – Iowa River Players presents a special 'radio show'. Community Theatre, 901 Broadway, Rowan. 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinee – 2 p.m. Contact LuAnn Krabbe, 1-641-444-4220.

Saturday, October 27 - Downtown Trick or Treat Downtown in Clarion - 9:30 - 11 am; free cartoons at the theatre at 11 am - Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 515-532-2256.

Saturday, October 27 - National Make a Difference Day - Communities, clubs, organizations, families, individuals work to 'make a difference.' For the 17th year, Clarion's Marys & Marthas will coordinate the local event. Contact Karen Weld - 1-515-532-2916; www.makeadifferenceday.org

Tuesday, October 30 - Halloween is celebrated! Annual Trick & Treat in Clarion – 5 -7 p.m. Clarion City Hall - 1-515-532-2847.

Wednesday, October 31 – Trick & Treat in Belmond – 5 –7 p.m. Contact Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

In November 2018:

Friday – Sunday, November 2 – 4 – Iowa River Players presents a special 'radio show'. Community Theatre, 901 Broadway, Rowan, 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinee – 2 p.m. Contact LuAnn Krabbe 1-641-444-4220.

Sunday, November 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends!

Sunday, November 4 – Rowan Historical Society Annual Gospel Fest & Soup Supper. Music begins at 2:30 p.m. – United Church of Rowan, contact Lennea Groom – 1-515-293-1657.

Tuesday, November 6 – ELECTION DAY!

Tuesday, November 6 – Annual Election Day Soup Supper, Leinbach Center, 116 Luick Lane North, 5 – 7 p.m. Belmond Culture Club – Jean Goemaat 1-641-495-6170.

November (tbd) - Fall Shopping Event, @ Retail Businesses. Great night of shopping and socializing. Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 515-532-2256.

Wednesday, November 7 – Chicken & Biscuit Dinner – First United Methodist Church, serving from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., contact 1-515-532-2845.

Friday, November 9 – Celebrate Veterans Day - Free admission to Heartland Museum for veterans. 10 am – 3 pm. 1-515-602-6000.

Saturday, November 10 – Annual Veterans' Day celebrated in Dows, morning coffee, Dows Convention Center – Renee Holmes – 1-515-460-1592.

Sunday, November 11 - Wright County 4-H Awards Day - Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School - Wright County Extension Office, youth director - 1-515-532-3453.

Monday, November 12 – Veterans Day celebrated at CGD High School – 10 a.m.– Dennis Mraz – 1-515-532-3330.

Wednesday, November 14 – Church Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner – Clarion United Church of Christ Congregational, office – 1-515-532-2269.

Wednesday, November 14 - United Church of Rowan Escalloped Chicken & Bazaar – 5 p.m. for supper; 7 p.m. auction - Bonnie Leist - 1-641-853-2482.

Thursday, November 15 – Pie Sale for Thanksgiving; sponsored by Iowa Specialty Hospital, near Wildflower Café in Clarion.

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Saturday, November 17 - Eagle Grove's 58th Annual CRAFT FAIR - Over 50 crafters and vendors; door prizes and cash prizes. Awarded by Retail Association - Call Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce to reserve a table - 1-515-448-4821.

Monday, November 19 - Holmes Christmas Club Annual Auction begins at 6 p.m. Chappy's on South Main in Clarion. Chappy's - 1-515-532-2727 or Beth Menges - 1-515-532-3378.

Thursday, November 22 - Clarion's Community Thanksgiving Dinner - C-G-D High School - sponsored by Clarion Ministerial Association. Pick up free tickets at Clarion Super Foods several days prior to the event.

Thursday, November 22 – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Eagle Grove Memorial Hall. Freewill donations accepted.

Friday, November 23 – 27th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights – Parade down Main Street in Belmond. Fireworks start the parade at 6:30 p.m. with Santa as Parade Marshal, the Jolly Elf travels to the Santa House to meet children! Contact Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.

Wednesday, November 28 - Supper's On! - United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield - 6 - 7 p.m. - free community meal – menu to be determined - Diane Kraft - 1-515-825-3581.

Wednesday, November 28 - Christmas caroling around Goldfield. Meet at the United Presbyterian Church – 7 p.m. 1-515-825-3581 - Diane Kraft.

In December 2018:

Saturday, December 1 - Jingle Jam, 9-10:30 a.m. @ Clarion Library. Kids can shop for presents for their parents and grandparents. All items are $5! Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Saturday, December 1 – Dows Lions Club Soup Supper & Christmas Open House – Dows Convention Center; 5- 7 p.m. bazaar, businesses open, Santa comes – contact Shannon Muhlenbruch.

Friday, December 7 – Christmas Coffee – Security Savings Bank in Eagle Grove, Goldfield, and Clarion.

Friday, December 7 - First Citizens National Bank "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Open House in Clarion - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., traditional Christmas treats, coffee and punch, local entertainment and door prizes - 1-515-532-2841.

Saturday, December 8 – Rowan Christmas Tree Lighting & Soup Supper – Tree lighting at 5:15 p.m.; Santa and Mrs. Santa arrive; soup supper – Community Center – 5:30 p.m. – 1-641-853-2345.

Some Date in December – Christmas Party & Santa Visit – Clarion Public Library – 1-515-532-3673.

Thursday, December 13 - Holmes Christmas Club Fruit Basket Assembly & Distribution - Working out of Chappy's on South Main in Clarion. Chappy's -1-515-532-2727 or Beth Menges - 1-515-851463.

Friday, December 14 - First State Bank/Town & Country Insurance Christmas OPEN HOUSE - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sherri O'Brien - 1-515-532-2210.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December (tbd) – Three Nights of Lights – Jenison-Meachem Art Museum, northeast of Belmond – Dave Nelson – 1-641-444-4635.

December – (tbd)- Sip n Stroll in Eagle Grove. Sip some wine and enjoy some treats as you stroll through downtown Eagle Grove. Merchants will have Christmas specials to help you with all your shopping needs!

Some evening in December - Fareway Store in Eagle Grove OPEN HOUSE, 5 - 9 p.m., call 1-515-448-3241 for confirmed date.

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship - United Presbyterian Church in Goldfield, 7 p.m. - Diane Kraft - 1-515-825-3581.

Tuesday, December 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In January 2019:

Tuesday, January 1 - Happy New Year, welcome to 2018!

January – (tbd) - Eagle Grove Chamber and Community Development Corporation Annual Banquet and Allbaugh Award presentation. For more information visit our website www.eaglegrove.com

Some date in January – Life Healthy Iowa '10 week challenge' – it's coming; learn dates at www.livehealthyiowa.org.

Saturday, January 12 – Soup & Sandwich Supper - at Leinbach Center, 116 Luick Lane North, Belmond, sponsored by St. Olaf Lutheran Church - for more information call Cindy Pogge at 1-515-571-2827 or 1-641-762-3306.

January – March – "Share & Learn" nights – Clarion Public Library – 1-515-532-3673.

In February 2019:

Saturday, February 2 – 2nd Annual Winter Fling Vendor Fair – Belmond-Klemme High School - Sponsored by Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce – 1-641-444-3937.

Tuesday, February 12 - Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre. Enjoy an evening out with your sweetheart on Valentine's Day! Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 515-532-2256.

Some Date in February – Valentine's Party – Clarion Public Library – 1-515-532-3673.

Friday, February 22 – 11th Annual Aaron Eilerts Day of Giving and Service – celebrate Eagle Grove native Aaron Eilerts' birthday; serving as he did throughout his short life (Eagle Scout killed at the Boy Scout Camp). Robert Blue Middle School and Middle School students – 1-515-448-4767.

Sunday, February 24 – Crossroads Youth & Family Center Annual Soup/Sandwich Fundraiser – Center on Main Street in Goldfield; contact Craig Carlson – 1-515-293-2767.

Sunday, February 24 – Aaron Eilerts' Birthday is celebrated!

Wednesday, February 27 - Supper's On! A free meal for the community. United Presbyterian Church, Goldfield. Menu to be determined; 6 – 7 p.m. 1-515-825-3581 - Diane Kraft

In March 2019:

Friday, March 1 - World Day of Prayer is celebrated.

Tuesday, March 5 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – (location/time to be determined) – sponsored by Clarion's Ministerial Association.

Friday, March 8 – Masquerade Ball Fundraiser, 6:30-11 pm @ The Red Shed Event Center. Wear your best dress or suit and mask and enjoy a night of dancing, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. Sponsored by the Clarion Chamber & Development. www.clarioniowa.com. 1-515-532-2256.

Some Saturday in March – Firemen's St. Patrick's Day Dance in Dows.

Saturday, March 9 - Wright County 4-H Fun Nite - Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School - Wright County Extension Office, youth director - 1-515-532-3453.

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time begins!

Saturday, March 16 - Annual St. Patrick's Day – celebrate in Rowan. Parade at 10 a.m.; Irish Stew served from 11 – 12:30 p.m. – contact Lennea Groom – 1-515-293-1657.

Some Friday in March – Clarion VFW Annual Fish Fry – Dennis Mraz – 1-515-532-3330.

Tuesday, March 26 – Mosaic Annual Chili Fest in Clarion – contact - Samantha – 1-563-568-3992, extension 61407.

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Enjoying Wright County

Park Rangers Bruce Lindner, Eric Rector, Jake Schaben, Jeremiah Feltz

All four Wright County Park Rangers invite both county residents and guest to enjoy the Wright County open spaces owned and managed by the county. They (along with summer part-time help) work to assure that everyone has as much fun while using recreational and conservation facilities, as they mow, trim and groom all the areas, regardless of the seasons of the year.

The county has four glacial lakes: Wall Lake, Morse Lake, Elma Lake, and Lake Cornelia. Lake Cornelia is by far the most popular of the areas, located six miles northeast of Clarion and about the same distance southwest of Belmond. An improvement, due in part from grant funding, in the past year was a 12" gravel area in the Quiet Water area, north of Lake Cornelia. This allows for nesting at the bottom on the south side; lending itself to enhancing nesting, adding to pan fish population for this coming year and years to come.

Don't hesitate to grab a fishing pole and head, not only to the lake of the county, but to one of the rivers. Bullheads, large-mouth bass, walleye, crappie, yellow and white bass are all possibilities. Northern pike keep spring and fall fishermen on the prowl off the banks of the Iowa and Boone Rivers while small-mouth bass and catfish provide summer fun. Ice fishing in the winter helps to provide year round fun and has been pretty good in the past few winters.

A hit is the annual Free Fishing weekend, hosted by the state of Iowa, the first weekend in June each year. This year it is Friday-Sunday, June 1 – 3;no licenses are required for any Iowa residents wanting to fish those three days. No licenses are required annually for youth under 16 years of age. Wright County residents or visitors without fishing equipment can access fishing equipment from the Wright County Conservation staff. To assure getting the fishing gear. give them a call – 1-515-532-3185; it can be loaned for free. In the past year, the county has acquired kayaks which are available for rent.

Hunters: find pheasants, partridges, doves, wild turkeys, and waterfowl can be found for those hunting birds. Deer, cotton-tailed rabbits, fox, squirrels can also be hunted and found in Wright County. Don't hesitate to track down a coyote or two!

Out door fun continues with boating, canoeing, kayaking, biking, or camping during the summer months. Winter brings snow shoeing, cross-county skiing, snowmobiling, along with the ice fishing. Many opportunities for residents, as well as guests. Anyone who would like to try some winters activities but without the right equipment, the county has dozens of pairs of ice skates, cross-county skis, and show shoes which can be loaned.

Park rangers can be reached normal hours from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays; email wccb@co.wright.ia.us any time with information or to have questions answered. Want to borrow equipment? contact them ahead of time so the desired items can be ready upon arrival at the Lake Cornelia Conservation office.

Fishing licenses fees

Iowa residents:

Lifetime for 65 years and up – $52.50
Annual for ages 16 & up: $19
Annual 3-year licenses: $53
Kids under 15 - Fish FREE
7- day license: $13.50
1 - day license: $9.50

Non-residents:

Annual for ages 16 & up: $41
7-day license: $32
3-day for non-residents – $17.50
1 - day license: $10.50
Kids under 15 - Fish FREE

Hunting licenses fees

Iowa residents:

** Hunting for 16 years and older – $19 annual*
** Lifetime Hunting (65 and older) - $52.50*
** Hunting, Fishing & Habitat Combo – $47 annual*

Non-residents:

** Hunting (under 18 years old) – $32 annual*
** Hunting (18 years and older) – $112 annual*
** Hunting & Habitat Fee Combo (18 & older) – $123 annual*

*** All fishing & hunting licenses can also be purchased online: www.iowadnr.gov*

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For additional information on fishing/hunting licenses, specialty licenses, or to purchase licenses on-line, go to the above web site.

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Recreation

The most-used and best-loved outdoor recreation area by county residents and visitors alike is Lake Cornelia, located six miles northeast of Clarion and seven miles southwest of Belmond. The Lake Cornelia Park, a 122-acre recreation area, provides boat and picnicking areas, playground and play field areas, shelter houses, electricity, water, showers, modern restroom facilities, wireless internet available throughout the park and camping area, and pit latrines for day-users, as well as campers. The Lake is a favorite fishing spot in the county.

Campground

The Lake Cornelia Campground has 70 camping units in the park with wireless internet; eight are situated directly on the north side of the lake. The additional 62 sites are located farther north of the lake, all include electricity and rent for $17 per day. Thirty-two include water and sewer; those rent for $22 per day. There are new modern restrooms and showers in the east portion of main camping area. Building doubles as a storm shelter, able to withstand up to 250 mph winds. Most weekends in the summer, the park is lively with camping guests.

Walking/Biking Trail & Quiet Water

The 1 ½ acre quiet water provides off-lake boat parking for day-use boaters.

In 2017, county workers add 12" of gravel in the quiet water harbor. This provides a nesting area for several kinds of fish to help populate fishing for enthusiasts to Lake Cornelia.

Campers with boats on the north side of Lake Cornelia are allowed to moor boats overnight, nominal fee is charged.

A walking/biking trail nearly circles the lake. Along the west side of the walking trail, prairie plantings of native grasses and flowers have been planted. Look for an array of grasses and flowers blooming throughout the year.

Rent Shelters

Enclosed and open-air shelters are available for rent at Lake Cornelia. The roof-topped, open-air shelters can be used on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost is $10 to reserve the shelters for groups and family gatherings.

The enclosed shelter at the north end of Lake Cornelia can be reserved for a variety of events. The 40' x 60' structure has a capacity of about 100 people and can be used for holidays, celebrations, organizations, corporate functions, and family gatherings. Rental is $90. Fee is to be paid ten days after reservation is made to hold the reserved date. The shelter is rented nearly every weekend from May through October.

For more information or to make reservations for shelters and camping areas, call the conservation office - 515-532-3185; office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or email the office at wccb@co.wright.ia.us.

& Other Recreation Areas

Franklin Grove Heritage Trail

East Belmond

Through the heart of Belmond, runs the Franklin Grove Heritage Trail. It offers nearly two miles of asphalt paved walking/biking trail with extensive landscaping and natural beauty. The trail which winds south, through a nicely wooded area and beautiful homes, will be extended for about one mile sometime in the near future.

Franklin Grove Heritage Trail is connected to Prairie Lands Trail, north of the existing bike and walk path. The nearly one mile addition is currently under construction. The nearly one mile extension will eventually connect through the countryside and make its way to Mason City, making nearly 30 miles of biking and walking paths available. Prairie Lands Trail will be a limestone path.

There will be a 3/4 mile extension south of the trail out of Belmond (east of the housing development) which will begin construction in late fall of 2018. The hard-surfaced portion will be finished in the summer of 2019.

Three Rivers Trail

Near Eagle Grove - The Three Rivers Trail, just northwest of Eagle Grove, travels along the West Fork of the Des Moines River. The historic trail offers visitors miles of uninterrupted woodlands, marshes, river valleys and open prairies.

The trail is 33 miles long. Three Rivers Trail can be used for hiking, nature viewing, biking, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Three Disc Golf Courses

River Disc Golf Course, located in the heart of River Park in Belmond, is a nine-hole disc golf course constructed by Andrew Lovgren in 2006 as a Boy Scout Eagle project.

The course is par three. For more information on this sport which is growing in popularity for individuals and tournaments, check the web site: www.pdga.com.

C-G-D HS Disc Golf Course, west side of high school grounds, 1111 Willow Drive in Clarion, was a Life Project of 2014 graduate Juan Salas. While the nine-hole course is playable; court signage pending.

Eagle Grove at Greenwood Park, 212 2nd Street NE, Eagle Grove. Greenwood Park Disc Golf Course is a brand new nine hole course that was a Eagle Scout project of Kayne Carlson in 2017.

Northern Iowa Greenbelt Scenic Drive

The Northern Iowa Greenbelt Scenic Drive runs through 50 miles of rolling hills and gentle swells of the Iowa River Valley. Watch for the signs posted in Wright County. Maps are available at all the tourist information centers in Wright County.

There are many open spaces and places to enjoy in Wright County.

***Big Wall Lake,** located five miles east and seven miles south of Clarion, is a 907-acre marsh and is open to hunting and trapping. There are also 73 acres of timber and upland habitat available. The State of Iowa maintains three access areas to the lake.

***Bingham Park,** 18 acres of timber, parallels the Iowa River south of Rowan. An excellent opportunity for the naturalist. Amenities include restrooms, shelter house, water, and picnic tables.

***Boone River Greenbelt,** 278 acres located four miles south of Eagle Grove and 1/2 mile east of the Troy Rest Area, is a river corridor which includes an oak and hickory forest, open grassland, floodplain forest, and newly-seeded prairie. See Wright County wildlife, go fishing, canoeing, also open for hunting/trapping.

***Elm Lake,** 619 acres of lake, marsh, and upland habitat, is located two miles east and two miles north of Clarion. The state provides a public access on the east side of the lake and is open to hunting and trapping.

***Elm Lake Access,** is 58 acres of wetlands and upland wildlife habitat in two tracts on Elm Lake. North tract provides lake access and parking. Open to hunting and trapping.

***Morse Lake**, a 108-acre shallow lake-marsh, is located five miles west of Belmond. The area also contains 64 acres of upland habitat and marshlands. The area is open to hunting and trapping. The Lower Morse Lake Waterfowl Protection Area adds another 1900 acres to the wildlife habitat area.

***Oakdale Park,** 127 acres located 1 mile east and 1 1/2 miles south of Renwick along the Boone River, is a timbered area. Amenities include two shelter houses, modern restrooms, barbecue facilities, water, electricity, playground equipment, plus camping areas.

***Pike's Timber,** a heavily-timbered, 46-acre park and wildlife area, is located 1/2 mile east and 1/2 mile south of Lake Cornelia. The area, with the Iowa River flowing the length of the park, has three shelter houses, restrooms, electricity, water, and playground equipment available.

***Troy Roadside Park,** one-acre roadside park three miles south of Eagle Grove on Highway 17, has access to the Boone River and can be used for fishing and canoeing.

Three large state-owned lake areas are within the borders of Wright County, which the county conservation employees maintain.

These and an additional 27 parcels of land (20 owned by the county; seven owned by the state DNR) are maintained by the Wright County Conservation officers. Most public use areas are open to the public for fishing. Some areas are set aside for public hunting. Others are refuges for wildlife. Bird watching. Biking. Hiking. Cross-country skiing are encouraged.

For more information, contact:
Wright Co. Conservation Board
1768 O'Brien Avenue
Lake Cornelia Park
Clarion, Iowa 50525
(515) 532-3185
FAX - 1-515-532-6068
EMAIL - wccb@co.wright.ia.us

Or visit the new Wright County website at www.wrightcounty.org, click on the Services tab and look under CONSERVATION.

To find more information on county parks in all 99 counties, go to www.mycountyparks.com for a complete listing.

To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species you should follow the actions listed below as required by state law in Iowa and many other states:

Clean all vegetation from watercraft, trailers and equipment before leaving a water access.

Drain water from boat, livewell, bilge, ballast tanks, bait bucket and other equipment holding water before leaving a water access. Drain plugs and other water draining devices must be removed and remain open during transport. If you want to keep live bait when leaving a water access, you must replace water in bait containers with tap or bottle water.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a water body and to release aquatic animals from one waterbody into another.

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off Luick's Lane N.
(641) 444-4183

Clarmond Country Club
1776 Page Avenue
Lake Cornelia
(515) 532-2911

Dows Golf Course
200 - 85th Street
(515) 852-4751

Eagle Grove Golf Course
1127 - 270th Street
(515) 448-4166

Oakridge Recreation
Oakridge Road
Goldfield
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Attractions

IN WRIGHT COUNTY

Lower Morse Lake Grassland & Bird Conservation Area

Morse Lake Area

The Lower Morse Lake Grassland & Bird Conservation Area should be on your see and do list. The area was established in 2009 and includes over 3,000 acres of prime wildlife habitat.

There are more than two dozen public access areas which are available to help visitors to watch and enjoy hundreds of birds, animals, and insects. Wright County Conservation officials tell that bird watching in the county is becoming more and more popular. To enhance the enjoyment of bird watchers, a newer Bird View Blind, just north of the Lake Cornelia's enclosed shelter. There are three feeders to attract even more birds for watchers to identify and enjoy. This is just one of many county facilities which the conservation staff invites residents and visitors to enjoy.

Wright County Freedom Rock

Dows

A must see - The Rock, located in Dows on its East Ellsworth Street, is #32 painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II. The Freedom Rock, honoring all Veterans of Wright County, was painted in August 2015 and depicts two scenes. The front has a Civil War Union soldier and a present day serviceman; the other scene is dedicated to the Vietnam Veterans who deserved to be "Welcomed Home."

Surrounded by engraved pavers honoring servicemen/women from all branches of the military and encompassed by recently installed retaining walls, the 'rock' has two sidewalks leading up to the tribute. Wright County residents continue to show their support of their veterans with flags from the various branches of the military, flying high above the monument. The nighttime lighted view is breathtaking. Paid for by generous donors with no government funds.

BELMOND

Jenision - Meacham Memorial Art Center & Museum

1179 Taylor Avenue, Belmond
www.belmondartscenter.org

Two miles north of C-20

The Jenison-Meacham Art Center, located on 120 acres of farmland and opening in 1983, is owned and operated by the Belmond Arts Council. Its mission is to preserve and exhibit objects related to the Wright County area.

The farmstead, preserved to represent farming in the early 1900s, includes a restored farmhouse, a large 1900 barn, antique farm equipment, as well as many agricultural artifacts. Join us Friday – Sunday, August 17 – 19 for the 29th Annual 'Prairie Homestead Antique Power & Craft Show hosted on the farm. Features: Massey tractors, Midwest Modelers, Iowa-made gas engines, Iowa State Fair Championship Pull (Sunday). Musical entertainment by Brad Revland (Friday) and Fred Love (Saturday & Sunday); Cowboy Church – Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Guest artist's works are exhibited each month in the museum. Photography, watercolors, woodcarvers, quilters, sculptors, and rosemaling exhibits are some of the works which have been displayed. The museum also includes artwork and collections of Cloe Jenison. Open hours are 1:30 – 4 p.m. on Sunday from May through October. Other times can be arranged by appointment, call 1-641-444-4635 or 1-515-571-6838 or 1—641-444-4319.

Belmond Historical Museum

223 East Main Street

Learn about Belmond, its past, present and future at the Belmond Historical Museum. Learn the impact the sugar beet industry had on the community one hundred years ago. Belmond's veterans are saluted. Revisit the chaos of the 1966 devastating Belmond tornado. Walk down memory lane with Belmond and its residents. Be sure to visit our restored Rural School in River Park. Open by appt. or Saturdays, May - October from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Belmond Chamber of Commerce makes its home in the Historical Museum. Open hours are weekdays Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Saturday from May – September from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Belmond Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.

Santa House

Main Street

Volunteers built its Santa House at its permanent home in 2003. Annually, hundreds of children visit the Jolly Old Elf

Attractions

in his Belmond home. It opens to the public Friday after Thanksgiving, immediately following the annual lighted Christmas parade. Santa's House is open at scheduled times throughout the Christmas season.

The Christmas theme, decorated house, sports the December holiday all year. The facility is available for rent by non-profit groups on a daily basis. Contact the Belmond Chamber of Commerce for more complete information 1-641-444-3937.

CLARION

Heartland Museum

119 – 9th Street S.W.
www.heartlandmuseum.org

The Heartland Museum complex has displays for everyone! Restored and original farm machinery and tractors; some rare and unusual, plus the current home to Big Bud, the world's largest farm tractor. You will also enjoy an extensive collection of horse-drawn equipment and early farm implements, the only known Garland Cutter in existence, plus over 4,000 collector toys.

The main building displays a one-of-a-kind Teddy Bear International Designer Museum with over 1200 unique bears from artists around the world. A unique hat collection that belonged to Iowa's Hat Lady, Alvina Sellers, and millinery parlor reside on the streetscapes. The streets are reminiscent of the '40-50's; Victorian age, and Depression years.

New for 2018 is a renovated Woolstock room, featuring George Reeves, the original Superman! See the new interactive children's area! Also new for 2018 is the addition of the 4-H Schoolhouse Museum. Known as the birthplace of the 4-H emblem, the schoolhouse is an original one room schoolhouse, filled with memorabilia of 4-H.

Visitors come from around the world to see our displays! Open Memorial Day thru Labor Day, 10:00 – 3:00 pm, Monday-Saturday. Open year round by appointment. Call 515-602-6000 for more information.

4-H Schoolhouse Museum

119 9TH ST. SW, Clarion
www.heartlandmuseum.org

The schoolhouse museum has been moved the Heartland Museum complex. Nationally known as the birthplace of the 4-H four leaf lover emblem, the one room schoolhouse has original desks, etc., and also 4-H memorabilia from almost a century! The 4-H Schoolhouse is open Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm starting Memorial Day thru Labor Day. It is now included in the Heartland Museum tours. 1-515-602-6000 for more information.

Wright County Historical Library

Inside Heartland Museum

The county historical library, which is supported by local historical societies in the county, is located inside the Heartland Museum. For more information on Wright County's history, or use the library for research, visit Heartland Museum, or to learn how to become a member of the county historical society, visit the museum's web site at www.heartlandmuseum.org.

Belmond Historical Society Museum
223 E. Main
Open Mon, Wed, Fri: 9 - Noon & 1 - 3:30
Tues & Thurs: 1- 3:30
Other times by appointment -
Call 515-571-3264 or 515-571-7174
May through September
Admission - Free!
email: belmondhistory@gmail.com

Experience the Rich Legacy of Belmond, Partner site of Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area.

Visit School House at River Park by appointment.

Check our website
belmondmuseum.org
for upcoming events.

Rock Island Depot
302 South Main

Clarion's Rock Island Depot was built in 1898 and restored in 1984, after it had fallen into disrepair. Originally built for the Burlington Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway, the tracks and depot were later taken over by the Rock Island Railroad. The museum values the community's history and railroad heritage.

The building, which now houses the Clarion Chamber & Development, is available for rent for meetings (use is free for members). Tours are available by appointment; office hours and open times are weekdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more complete information, call 1-515-532-2256.

DOWS

EVANS PRAIRIE HOUSE
Dows Historic District

The Ingebert Evans' family immigrated to the United States, moving to Dows. The Evans' family descendents have restored the two-room, two-story 14' x 16' home which includes original furnishings. The home is open year-round for self-guided tours. Stop at the Welcome Center for guided brochures and to access the home – 1-515-852-3533. Can't be toured during the winter months.

Mercantile Building - Dows Historic District
122 East Ellsworth Street

Another of three National Historic Register buildings is the Dows Mercantile Building, located one block south of the Dows Welcome Center & Depot. Originally known as the Fillmore Building, it was constructed in 1884. Shop at one of the three floors of antiques from area dealers and collectors. Among the other treasures which can be found are Iowa-made products, Iowa wines, gift items and souvenirs. The Crème de la Crème lunch area, located within the building, is a great stop for ice cream, homemade soups, sandwiches, and other sweet treats. Contact phone number – 1-515-852-3533.

Quasdorf Blacksmith Shop Museum
Dows Historic District - Across the street, west of the Dows Depot/ Welcome Center

The Quasdorf family owned and operated the Wright County blacksmith shop, beginning in the 1880s, and operated for nearly a century. This is the third building on the National Historic Register. Visitors are asked to step back in time when they enter the shop. Displays include the machines, tools, belt-driven and electric welding equipment, original wagon wheels, blacksmithing items, forge, and huge bellows; left much like it was in its fully-operational days.

Each year during Dows Annual Corn Days, the first full weekend in August, a blacksmith is in residence demonstrating how the work was done a century ago. Said to be one of the best-equipped blacksmith shops in the Midwest, there is no admission charge for the self-guided or guided tours of the museum. Tours can be arranged by appointment; most days volunteers are available at the blacksmith museum. For more information, contact the Mercantile at 1-515-852-3533.Can't be toured during the winter months.

Vernon Schoolhouse #5
Dows Historic District

The Vernon Schoolhouse #5, located south of the Dows Welcome Center & Depot and northeast of the Dows Mercantile, is a prime example of rural schoolhouses and education of young students in Iowa during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Moved from its original rural setting into Dows, it is now part of the community's Historical District. Visitors step back in time with the memorabilia that graces the walls and shelves of the school. Contact the Welcome Center to tour the facility – 1-515-852-3533. Can't be toured during the winter months.

Welcome Center & Rock Island Depot
Dows Historic District
100 West Train Street

One of three Dows' buildings on the National Historic Register, the Rock Island Depot also houses one of Iowa's Welcome Centers. Built in 1896, it was the first depot built to serve the residents of Wright County. It operated until 1980.

Now the restored depot is furnished with railroad memorabilia and historical items. Hundreds of visitors register at the Dows Welcome Center annually. Amenities include public restrooms, travelers' information, internet access, and a gift shop with handmade items, Iowa souvenirs, and gifts. Open from April 1 – November 1 from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closed during the winter months, but would be open by appointment. For more information, call the Rock Island Depot Welcome Center at 1-515-852-3533. Can not be toured during the winter months.

Attractions

Wright County Freedom Rock
Dows

Located in Dows on its east main street, is #32 painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II. The Freedom Rock, honoring all Veterans of Wright County, was painted in August 2015. Wright County residents continue to add to the freedom rock display: benches, circled by retaining walls, lighted flags of the military branches. It is an awesome opportunity to salute Wright County veterans across the years.

EAGLE GROVE

Eagle Grove Historical Museum
401 West Broadway

Eagle Grove's Carnegie Library is the home of the Eagle Grove Historical Museum. Built in 1903, the museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. Work on the museum has continued for a number of years and is ready for visitors to enjoy. For information regarding the museum, contact Ron Mohr at 515-293-1427.

GOLDFIELD

Boone River Rapids
River Park

One of the most improved areas in the county in the past few years. A nearly destroyed dam area has been transformed in a 120' long river rapids, in west Goldfield. It is now available for water rafting and tubing, depending on water levels. Also completed in the last two years are canoe access areas, a new shelter house, new picnic tables and benches. There is additional lighting for night water floats in the summer time. For more information, contact Greg Soenen – 1-515-603-9011 or Joe Skinner – 1-515-825-3192.

Crossroads Youth & Family Center
502 North Main, Goldfield

This family fun center is a great place to meet friends of any age in a controlled and safe environment. OPEN: Family Night and Saturday evenings (6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for young people eighth grade and under; 8:30 – 11 p.m. for high schoolers) and open afternoons on 'early outs' from school.

They are also open for yoga and exercise classes. Other times by appointment or for scheduled events.

Amenities include: Snack Bar - Pizza, burgers, sandwiches, chips, sports drinks and more. All games are FREE - Pool, air hockey, ping-pong, foosball, & carpet ball. BIG SCREEN television is for viewing favorite sports or events with plenty of seating in our commons area. 750 Watt music system for entertainment. Full HD, Surround Sound Movie experience on our 100" movie screen for all the community to enjoy. Outside courtyard has a full basketball court and grass area for volleyball/dodge ball and other outdoor games. For more information, or to rent facility for birthday parties, private parties, and other group events call Craig Carlson at 1-515-825-3383.

Log Cabin
North Main Street

Known as the "Log Cabin" by Goldfield residents, it was built in 1926 and restored by Goldfield Boy Scout Troop #49 in 1976. Located on the east side of Main Street, the building is open daylight hours for viewing by contacting Goldfield's City Hall –1-515-825-3613; open annually during Goldfield's Fountain City Days in July.

ROWAN

Rowan Historical Museum
107 Main Street

The Rowan Historical Museum Society has worked hard to provide a location to learn more about Rowan and the surrounding rural community and its past. Currently open by appointment. Contact Lennea Groom at 1-515-293-1657 or lennea.groom@gmail.com for more information.

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120 E. Main Street

Spare Time Lanes and Lounge
203-2nd Ave SE

Yesway Convenience Store
112 River Avenue S

CLARION

Casey's General Store
222 Central Avenue West

Clarion Super Foods
325 Central Avenue W

First Citizens Bank
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First State Bank
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Security Savings Bank
322 Central Avenue E

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119 Central Avenue W

Yesway Convenience Store
312 Central Avenue W

DOWS

Casey's General Store
2721 Dows Williams Road

United Bank & Trust
100 W. Ellsworth Street

EAGLE GROVE

Ampride
215 N. Commercial Avenue

Casey's General Store
200 South Commercial

First State Bank
323 S. Commercial Avenue

Kum & Go Convenience Store
1120 South Commercial Ave.

Security Savings Bank
201 W. Broadway

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110 W. Broadway

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121 N. Commercial Avenue

GOLDFIELD

Casey's General Store
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(641) 444-3386 - City Hall

Lyric Theatre
431 East Main Street
(641) 444-7225
(641) 444-3612 - Manager

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(641) 444-4141

CLARION

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(515) 532-2315
(off season)
(515) 532-2847 City Hall

Clarion Theatre
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(515) 602-6606
www.clariontheater.com

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Clarion Super Foods
325 Central Avenue West
(515) 532-2829

Red Box DVD Kiosk
Dollar General, 1102 Central Avenue E

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Dows Swimming Pool
Dows-Williams Road
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(515) 852-4327

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205 Northwest 1st St.

Eagle Aquatic Center
Greenwood Park
(515) 448-4672

Eagle Bowl
305 NW 11th
(515) 448-4586

ROWAN

Iowa River Players Theater
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Rowan, Iowa 50479
www.iowariverplayerstheater.org

Lodging

BELMOND

Big Red Quilt House B & B
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E-mail:
bigredquilthouse@frontier.com

Klemme House Bed & Breakfast
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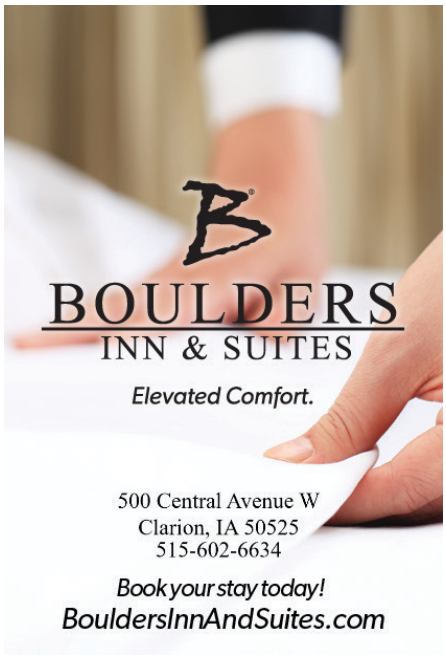

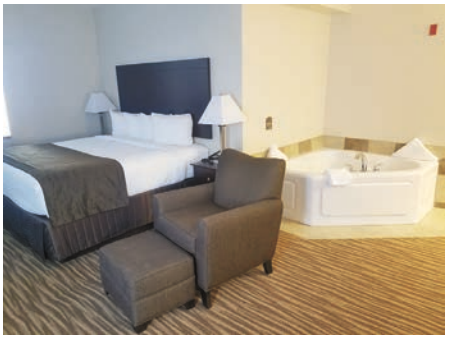

Camping

Wellness Works in Wright County

Belmond Iowa River RV PARK

312 River Avenue South (U.S. Highway 69) Just over one acre in size and within walking distance of convenience stores, fuel stations and restaurants. There are 16 RV sites: eight with full hook-up (water, sewer and electric) with five of those as pull-through sites and eight having just water and electric connections. A small area is available for tent camping. A modern toilet/shower building is available on site for campers and a dump station near the entrance of the park for RV/campers. Canoes can be launched from River Park, which is adjacent to the RV Park and connected with a trail. Full hook-ups are $12 per night, partial hook-ups are $10 and tent camping is $8. 1-641-444-3386.

Dows Pool Park Campground

The Dows camping area has 11 spaces available and is adjacent to the Dows Swimming Pool. Electricity, showers, bathrooms, shelter house, and wastewater dump area. Camp spaces are pull-through; $15 per day; $3 for tents; self-registration. For more complete information, contact City Hall at 515-852-4327.

Lake Cornelia Campground

The Lake Cornelia Park Campground, located on the north side of Lake Cornelia, has 70 camping units in the park; eight located directly on the lake - 62 units are located farther north of the lake area. All of the sites are served by electricity; rental is $17 per day. Thirty-two of the sites also include water and sewer; rental is $22 per day. No limit to the number of days campers may rent (may be requested to change camper site). Wireless internet available throughout the park and camping area. Most weekends in the summer the park is lively with area camping guests. Most recently, new restrooms (doubles as a storm shelter with capacity of 50 withstanding winds up to 250 mph) in east portion of Park Campground; private shower stalls, restrooms on both sides of the building, handicapped accessible. Look for new playground equipment to be installed in the campground area for the 2017 c\ season. For more complete information, contact the Wright County Conservation Office at 515-532-3185. Email address: wccb@co.wright.ia.us. Office hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Oakdale Campground – Northwest corner of Wright County – two miles south of Renwick or five miles north of Goldfield. Five electric camp sites; other areas are primitive. Self-checking in with $10 deposit daily deposit in pedestal receptacle. For more information, contact Wright County Conservation at 1-515-532-3185.

Wright County Fairgrounds - Eagle Grove

Sixty camping spaces are available at the Wright County Fairgrounds (all sites have electricity; a few sites may have sewer and water hook-ups soon) in Eagle Grove, 1000 E. Broadway (just east of Greenwood Park). For camping information, contact 1-515-448-3351. Camp spots are booked during the fair dates; other times during the summer they are open for booking. Consider renting spaces for family reunions, class reunions, as well as other camping opportunities.

Parks

BELMOND

Belmond City Park

212 2nd Street NE. Located just one block north of East Main Street and one block east of River Avenue North, on a full city block.

A leisure recreation park covered almost entirely with tree shade and has play equipment, a shelter, restrooms, gazebo, tables and benches.

Swimming Pool Park

908 1st Street SE. Located at the municipal swimming pool on a piece of property of 5.3 acres. The park has two shelters with picnic tables and play equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-8 years old. This equipment was purchased in 2006 with a grant from the Luick Trust and installed by community volunteers. Restrooms are located on the outside of the Pool Bathhouse. Pool Park is the location of 3 tennis courts and the Extreme Sports Park which is equipped with ramps, rail and quarter pipe.

Ballfield Park

804 Luick's Lane North on 5.594 acres. There are two ball fields on the park, one of which is lighted. There are restrooms, concession stand and equipment storage on the park property as well. The park is located adjacent to the Belmond-Klemme Community School District's softball and baseball fields to allow for terrific tournament play!

River Park

A large park of 12 acres reserved mainly for passive recreation. There is a Disc Golf Course, two shelters with picnic tables, restrooms, canoe access to the Iowa River and a trail through the park. River Park is adjacent to the Iowa River RV Park, connected by a trail. Be sure to visit our restored Rural School in River Park. Open by appt. Call the Chamber 1-641-444-3937.

Crown Point Park

204 5th Avenue NW. Located in west Belmond, "up on the hill". The park is slightly larger than a square city block and provides for mainly active recreation. The park has play equipment, shelter and tables. A large area allows for baseball or softball games with a back stop but also doubles as a small soccer field with net goals.

El-Mar Park

Access to the park is gained between 104-204 Sunset Drive and 1016-1020 3rd Street NE. A neighborhood park, it is tucked away in the middle of a block in the Kirkendall Addition. A few pieces of small play equipment are set up in this park. The park is large enough to play catch or have a ball game with young children.

CLARION

Gazebo Park

Located in the 200 block of West Central Avenue, has a restored gazebo and water fountain, playground equipment, picnic tables, public restroom and basketball court. Gazebo Park is the sight of Clarion's annual Festival in the Park, the second weekend in June.

Hanson Park

Located in 200 block of 6th Avenue NE, is home to two large baseball/softball diamonds. Little league and boys' high school games are played there in the summer.

Clarion Elementary/Middle School Play Area

Located at 300 block of 3rd Avenue NE and east of the school buildings, is home to safe playground equipment for school children and the public's use. In the northeast corner of the school property is a lighted ball diamond, home of the C-G-D Cowgirls' home softball games and two tennis courts. East of the area is the Cowboys' covered football stadium, football field and six-lane, all-season sports track.

Aquatic Center Park

Located between 3rd Ave NE - 5th Ave NE & 6th Street NE, offers a shelter house, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, basketball court, and public restrooms. This park is adjacent to the new aquatic center and the school's 400-meter indoor/outdoor track.

Lion's Park

Located at 5th Street SE, includes children's play equipment and two lighted softball/baseball diamonds for evening play; new modern restrooms and concession stand ready for use.

Firemen's Park

Located between 4th and 5th Streets SW and bounded by 1st Avenue SW on the east, is home of the skate park. There are picnic tables and playground equipment for use by park-goers.

DOWS

Dows City Park

This large, beautiful downtown park located on West Ellsworth, is the center of Dows' Annual Corn Days the first weekend each August and hosts the weekly popular

Wednesday Farmers' Markets. The large Gazebo Shelter is the focal point of the park. It also has playground equipment, picnic tables, water, and electricity.

Dows Pool Park

Located adjacent to the Dows Swimming Pool, the park includes an 11-space campground, shelter house, restrooms, running water, and picnic tables.

Dows Historical District

A lovely, shaded area with picnic tables one block north of Dows Community Center. Restrooms and water available at the Welcome Center.

EAGLE GROVE

Greenwood Park

Adjacent to the Wright County Fairgrounds

One of the most used parks in the county is located on a 31-acre campus in east Eagle Grove. It houses the newer Family Aquatic Center, the skateboard park, four softball/baseball diamonds, and the Wright County Fairgrounds, two basketball hoops, playground equipment, grills, restrooms, shelters, and camper facilities.

Hewett Park

Located in the middle of town at the 600 block of SW Second Street, has two newly-remodeled tennis courts, four basketball hoops, playground equipment, restrooms, shelter, and grills.

Parkview Park

Located on Parkview Drive in southeast Eagle Grove, has four basketball hoops, playground equipment, and a small picnic shelter.

Fishpond Park

Located in a beautiful area in northeast Eagle Grove, has as its main attraction a fishing hole which used to be the town's swimming pool. The park also has playground equipment, basketball court, and two shelters.

Jaycee Park

Playground equipment on S. Eastern Ave.

Flowing Well Park

Located on the corner of SW 2nd Street and Cedar Avenue, is a very unique park, consisting of a small gazebo with a flowing well inside of it. A great stop for a fresh well-water drink.

Veterans Memorial Park

Located in the 200 block of West Broadway, was constructed in 2000 with donated funds and sponsored by the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce. This park offers a scenic display of flowers, shrubs, and vegetation in the central business district; it hosts a variety of community events.

GOLDFIELD

Down Memory Lane

It is one of Goldfield's newer parks, located on the west side of North Main on Mill Street. It is an opportunity for a nature walk, has benches, and several picnic tables.

Old School Park

Located on the east side of North Main, is a hub of activity during the summer months. Amenities include two shelter houses, ball/tennis courts, restrooms, picnic tables, water/electricity. In the past year, the community upgraded the playground equipment which adds more potential fun for those choosing to use the park facility.

River Park

Located in northwest Goldfield on Cedar Street, the park parallels the Boone River. Major changes have been made as part of its Park Dam Improvement Project, making the river navigable for many miles. With the help of grants and contributions, the river rapids allows water rafting and tubing; newly installed canoe access areas, a new shelter house, new picnic tables and benches enhance the usability of the park. Fishing enthusiasts test their skills in the park; lots of wide open spaces for people to enjoy.

Rowan

Playground Park

Located at the corner of Bingham and Main Street across the street from the city complex, has a large variety of playground equipment in a newer setting; landscaping is continually being upgraded.

Woolstock

Woolstock City Park

Located near the Community Hall, has picnic tables, benches, and playground equipment.

Woolstock Athletic Park

Located east on Herman Street, has ball diamonds, tennis courts, a shelter, and restrooms. Call (515) 839-5540 to learn more about using the parks for special occasions.

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(515) 532-2881 (main office)

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(515) 532-3524

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Meeting Places

BELMOND

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Belmond-Klemme Schools, Jr.-Sr. High School at 411 10th Avenue NE and Jacobson Elementary at 1004 7th Street NE; 1-641-444-4300 x221; Judy Aldridge, School Secretary. For the first two hours: Elementary gym $100; Elementary Kitchen $100; Elementary Cafeteria $100; High School gym $100; High School Auditorium $100; High School Student Center $100; High School. Kitchen $100; Track/Football field $100; Baseball or Softball Field $100. Each additional hour is $10. Custodial Charges are $20 an hour. Call for rates on use of equipment or labor costs for specifically trained employees.

Cattleman's @ the Club, 1608 – Third Street N.E., Belmond, 1-641-444-4183;. DuWayne or Deb Abel (owners); Upper Level: Dining room – 120; Lounge – 50. Heat/AC; full service provided. Handicapped accessible building/ restrooms. Sunday liquor sales. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve/Day, and New Year's Day. Lower Level: Available for rental for private parties, dining for 100; lounge area for up to 50. Either/both levels available for private parties, receptions. Charges vary with group needs. Deposits, if any, would vary by group.

Community Room/City Hall – 112 2nd Avenue N.E., Belmond, 1-641-444-3386; Becky Anderberg, City Deputy Clerk; up to 60 persons in auditorium style, 6 – 8' tables available. Heat/AC; men's/women's restrooms down the hall. No cooking facilities; renter is responsible for cleaning room (vacuum provided). No smoking on property. Profit groups - $75 rental fee if serving food/beverages; $50 refundable deposit. Non-profit group/groups not serving food/beverages - $20 suggested donation; $50 refundable deposit.

Jenison-Meacham Memorial Art Center/Farm, 1179 Taylor Avenue, Belmond; Belmond Area Arts Council, Ron Schachtner – 1-641-444-4279. Capacity – 100 (museum); 100 (barn). Heat/AC; 2 restrooms; kitchen; piano. Upstairs/ downstairs museum, available for meetings; barn also available. No smoking in barn/ museum. Call for rate information..

Jerry's Place, 212 River Avenue South, Belmond, 1-641-444-3008; Kay Barkema (owner); seating for up to 100 people. Heat/ AC; men's/women's restrooms; lounge area; smoking in patio area. Charges vary. Menu options available, depending on the size of the group.

Leinbach Center, 116 Luick's Lane North, Belmond, 1-641-444-3066; www.belapts.com . Jo Ann Huedepohl, manager. Seats 112, could be crowded up to 120. Heat/AC; fully equipped kitchen; men's/women's restrooms; handicapped accessible. Speaker systems; T.V. with DVD capabilities. No smoking and no alcohol. Busy center, make reservations as far in advance as possible. Freewill offering, suggested $75; no deposit.

Talbot Belmond Public Library, ICN Room, 440 East Main Street, Belmond, 1-641-444-4160; Chris Adcock, Library Director; seats 24 at tables – more if tables are taken down. Heat/AC; one men's/one women's restroom; kitchenette w/sink, refrigerator, microwave, 30 cup coffee pot. No alcohol. Only light refreshments permitted; May not be used for large receptions and children's birthday parties. Rental varies from $10 - $30, call for details/exact charges. No deposits; users responsible for damages to room/ equipment. Reserve ahead of time with director; room agreement signed & fee paid prior to room use. If room used after library hours, pick up key during regular library hours.

VFW Hall, 240 East Main, Belmond, 1-641-444-4698, Mary Watermiller. Heat/ AC, men's & women's restrooms, handicap accessible. Kitchen facilities available. Responsible for clean up and trash removal. No alcohol. $50 rental fee, $50 deposit returned if left in clean condition. Seating for 100 people.

CLARION

Boulders Inn & Suites, 500 West Central Avenue, 1-515-602-6634. Manager – Cheryl Balderas. Seating capacity in lobby area for up to 40. Heat, A/C. Two restrooms; one handicapped accessible. Coffee and microwave available. Charges negotiated at time of reservation (not available before 11 a.m.). Closed door meeting room now available. Seats 8 comfortably. Coffee and water provided. Microwave and refrigerator in room. Available from 8:30 am - 8:30 pm - $70.

Chappy's on Main, 122 South Main, Clarion, 1-515-532-2727; Nick Barrett, owner/operator. Seating Capacity – party room – up to 100. Heat, A/C; two restrooms. Handicapped accessible. No charges; no deposits with food/beverage order.

Clarion Chamber & Development Office (Rock Island Depot), 302 South Main; 515-532-2256. Contact Director. Seating capacity – 10 around large conference table; 40 theater seating. Heat/AC, restrooms, coffee pot, small refrigerator, microwave. Limited numbers of tables and chairs. Handicapped accessible; no smoking. $45 per day charge; no deposit needed; no charge for chamber/ development members.

Clarion Public Library, 302 North Main, Clarion; 1-515-532-3673; Nancy Nail, Director. Two meeting rooms; one smaller/one large with capacity – up to 85 at tables; 100-plus in stadium seating. Heat/AC; handicapped accessible. Stove, refrigerator, microwave in kitchenette. No alcohol. Available year round; $50 deposit; $30 rental - large room; $20 rental – smaller room.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Schools, 319 Third Avenue N.E., 1-515-532-3423; Superintendent's Office. High school – gym: seats 800 - $50; cafetorium - $35; kitchen - $30; kitchen & cafetorium - $50; kitchen, cafetorium, gym - $70. Elementary/ middle school – gym seats up to 400 - $30; multi-purpose room - $30; kitchen & gym/ multi-purpose - $50. Fees for using school staff..Not available for private receptions. For more complete information, contact the above office.

grounded, 118 North Main, Clarion, 1-515-602-6212; Contact Person – Maggie Solis, owner. grounded – capacity – 50 persons (handicapped accessible); undergrounded – 50 persons (basement, not handicapped accessible). Heat/AC, 3 restrooms. Alcohol available. No rental fees charged with food orders. Business hours which are 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. M – F; 7 – 11 a.m. Sat.; 5 – 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat.; available for parties/groups after hours by reservation.

Hardee's, 329 Central Avenue West, Clarion, 1-515-532-2442, Kathy Clingenpeel, General Manager. Two party rooms: seating up to 18 (southwest room), 20 (southeast room); Heat,A/C, two restrooms; handicapped accessible. Open

every day of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter. No charge for facility use with food/drink purchase.

Heartland Museum, Highway 3 and 9th Street S.W. Clarion; 1-515-602-6000; www.heartlandmuseum.org , Staffed by volunteers. Seating capacity in expanded party room; up to 300 people. Heat, A/C, men's and women's restrooms, complete (small) kitchen. Handicap accessible ramp to porch, doorway, restrooms. Room rates, 10-100 people $150, plus $150 refundable cleaning deposit; 101-150 persons $200, plus refundable cleaning deposit $200; 151-200 persons, plus $250 refundable cleaning deposit; 201-300 persons $300, plus $300 refundable cleaning deposit. Small boardroom attached to Community Room, seating up to 15, $35.

Pizza Ranch, 102 South Main, Clarion, 1-515-532-3215; Lorrie Allen, Operating Partner. Two community rooms – Back 50 (larger) – seating for 50; smaller – seating for 25 – 30 people. Heat,A/C, two restrooms, handicap accessible. No alcohol. Open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. No charges for facility use with food order.

The Red Shed Event Center, 908 2nd Street N.W., Clarion. Steve and Julie Dunker – owners; 1-515-851-0797, 1-515-851-0640; Seating capacity 275. Heated/AC, restrooms, tables and chairs included in rental fee. No smoking. Full bar, no outside liquor allowed. Rental fee based on the type of event and amount of people. Refundable security deposit required.

VFW Hall, 211 – 6th Street S.W., Clarion, Dennis Mraz – 1-515-851-8956 or Doug Riley – 1-515-851-1475. Seat capacity – up to 100 at tables; larger numbers for stadium seating. Heat, A/C, two restrooms, two stoves, refrigerator, fully equipped, large kitchen. Handicapped accessible. No alcohol permitted. $50 rental charge; no deposit required.

DOWS

American Legion Hall, 120 East Ellsworth, Dows, 1-515-852-3576. Contact person – Bill Chambers – 1-515-852-4773. Seating capacity up to 90 persons. Heat, A/C, two restrooms, handicapped accessible. Full, well-equipped kitchen. Year round rental. No alcohol permitted. Rental fee is $50 for reunions, receptions. Smaller groups – fees can be negotiated.

Crème de la Crème, 122 East Ellsworth, Dows, 1-515-852-3533, Cindy Denger contact (in Dows Mercantile building). Open from 10 –5 M-Sat; 12 – 5 Sun. Comfortable seating for up to 30. Heat, A/C, restrooms, handicapped accessible. No room rental fees with food orders. Other hours can be arranged by appointment.

Down Home Restaurant, 104 East Ellsworth, Dows, 1-515-852-3627, Rick Davis, Owner/Operator, party room seats up to 75. Heat, A/C, two restrooms, handicapped accessible. No deposits; no room rentals with food orders.

Dows Convention Center, 119 East Ellsworth, 1-515-852-4327. Jeanette Wenzel, City Clerk. Seating capacity up to 300. Heat, A/C, two restrooms, kitchen facilities, handicap accessible; cordless microphone. Center has their own liquor license so all liquor must be purchased through the convention center. No smoking in the building. $75 for 1-75 people; $300 for over 100 people. Deposit is equal to rental rate.

Dows Senior Citizens Center, 102 West Ellsworth, 1-515-852-4282 – Elizabeth Olson. Seating capacity up to 75 at tables; 100 in stadium seating. Heat, A/C, three restrooms, complete kitchen facilities includes two stoves, two refrigerators. Microphone; piano. handicapped accessible. Alcohol permitted. Charges $50, with $15 rebate if left clean.

EAGLE GROVE

Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce/ Development Commission, 121 North Iowa, 1-515-448-4821. Contact Chamber Director. Heat, A/C; two restrooms, no kitchen facilities. No charge for chamber members; $30 non-chamber members.

Eagle Grove Community Schools, 325 North Commercial Avenue, 1-515-448-4749, Superintendent's Office. Available for rent: middle school auditorium; Room #103, Emerson Building; all 3 gyms; kitchen – cook must be on duty, file a letter with the superintendent's office. Non-profits, no charge.

Eagle Grove Golf Course, 1127 – 270th Street, Eagle Grove, 1-515-448-4166. Seating capacity of up to 100 – tables of four for banquet style seating/serving. Heat, A/C, two restrooms on main floor; two on lower level; handicapped accessible. Podium. Room rental - $200, plus food/ alcohol charges.

Eagle Grove Memorial Hall, 200 South Park, 1-515-448-5133; 1-515-448-4343 – city hall, Contact persons – city clerks –Araceli Day and Sue Maier. Seating capacity – 200; Heat, A/C; two restrooms, kitchen facilities, handicap accessible. Alcohol permitted. When serving alcohol, rent - $250. Groups 50 & under - $75; over 50 - $175. Deposits - $100; $500 w/alcohol. Small room rental - $20, no kitchen use.

Eagle Grove Memorial Library, 101 South Caldwell, 1-515-448-4115, Jan Grandgeorge , manager, seating capacity – 50. Heat, A/C; restrooms, handicapped accessibility; limited kitchen facilities. No alcohol. No charge/no deposit.

Family Table Restaurant, 618 South Commercial Avenue, Eagle Grove, 1-515-448-4321, Contact Nick Kestel. Capacity – 44 people. Heat/AC; 2 restrooms, handicap accessible. Beer/wine coolers served. No charges for rental with food orders.

Masonic Temple, Highway 17 South, Eagle Grove, 1-515-448-3616; Dennis Stoll – 1-515-603-5004; Del Kramersmeier – 1-515-448-3719. Capacity – 150 persons. Heat, A/C; two restrooms; kitchen facilities, handicap accessible. No alcohol.

Rails, 220 Railroad Avenue, 1-515-603-6999. Seated meeting style capacity is 100. Rental fee is determined by service. Bar service available. Heat, A/C, handicap accessible. Banquet Center: Capacity: 200, Heat. A/C, Restrooms are handicapped accessible. Kitchen: Food and Beverages served, or Catered. Fee to be determined.

VFW building, 119 West Broadway, Eagle Grove, no phone. Contact person Paul Thompson – 1-515-448-4218. Bring own alcohol. $75 per day rental; $40 — ½ day, 4 hours or less; no deposit. No charges if rented for fundraiser to improve Eagle Grove.

Wright County Fairgrounds, Call the fair office for availability 1-515-448-3351; Commercial Building #1 for family reunions, graduations, garage sales, company picnics. Has tables and chairs; no heat or air conditioning. New bathrooms adjacent to the building can be rented with the building.

Meeting Places . . . . . .

GOLDFIELD

Goldfield American Legion Hall, 509 North Main Street, Goldfield, 1-515-825-3360. Contact: Jim Johnson, commander - 825-3407; Cindy Sampson, site manager - 825-3533. Size/seating capacity between 48 – 60. Heat, A/C; two restrooms. Kitchen facilities; handicapped accessible. No alcohol. Available anytime of the year. Rental - $35; no deposit.

Crossroads Ministry, 520 North Main, Goldfield, 1-515-825-3383 or 1-515-293-2767; Craig Carlson, Director. Seating Capacity – 35. Heat, A/C, 1 Restroom, Kitchen Facilities & Handicap Accessible. No alcohol permitted. Open year round. No charge for churches/church related events/ activities, rental fee for others - $45.

Goldfield School, 300 North School Street, 1-515-532-3423; Clarion-Goldfield School Superintendent's office. Now used as a community center. Kitchen - $10 hour; max. event - $30; multi-purpose room - $10 hour, max event - $30; gym - $15 hour, max event - $45; kitchen/MPR - $15 hour, max event - $45; MPR/gym - $20 hour, max event - $60; MPR/kitchen/gym - $25 hour, max event - $75. Rent, cleaning, & key deposit & key required to reserve building. More complete information available at superintendent's office.

Oakridge Golf Course, Oakridge Road (west of River Park), Goldfield, 1-515-825-3611. Contact person: Janine Kraft, clubhouse manager. Seating size – up to 100. Heat, A/C, men's/women's restrooms. Kitchen facilities available, catering available. Alcohol sales provided by clubhouse staff only. Clubhouse available all year contact Davanna Harding 1-515-341-0604

LAKE CORNELIA

Clarmond Country Club, 1776 Page Avenue, Clarion, 1-515-532-2911.. Various sized-rooms available with maximum capacity of 300. Heat, A/C; men's and women's restrooms. Non-smoking facility; alcohol available by club management only. Charges vary by size of party, for information contact clubhouse. Deposits - $100 and up. Seasonal availability for use by members/non-members.

Lake Cornelia Park, enclosed shelter, 1768 O'Brien Avenue, Clarion, 1-515-532-3185; Wright County Board/Staff. Seating Capacity – up to 100. Heat, A/C, men/ women's restroom, handicap accessible. No hard alcohol – wine/beer okay. Available all year. Rent - $90 per day; $50 clean up/damage deposit.

ROWAN

Iowa River Players Theatre, 931 Broadway, Rowan, contact person LuAnn Krabbe - lkrabbe@gmail.com . Seating capacity in the theatre up to nearly 200. Heat, A/C; men's/women's restrooms, handicapped accessible. Seasonally available. Rental/ contracts are negotiated by IRP board.

Rowan Community Center, 101 Main Street, Rowan, 1-641-853-2345; City Hall - cityofrowan@yahoo.com ; web site: www.rowaniowa.info . New facility with

beautiful tables and chairs; Equipped kitchen includes refrigerator, microwave oven. Heat, A/C, men/women's restrooms, handicap accessible. No alcohol. Rent $50 per day; $100 damage deposit; non-profit clubs/organizations – not charged, but donations appreciated.

Rowan Gym Basement, 1-641-853-2345; City Hall - cityofrowan@yahoo.com; web site: www.rowaniowa.info . Fully equipped kitchen. Heat, A/C, men's/women's restrooms, in process of being made handicapped accessible. Rent $50 per day; $250 damage deposit.

WOOLSTOCK

Woolstock City Hall, 101 Mission Street, Woolstock, city hall – 1-515-839-5540; city clerk – Pam Gearhart– 1-515-835-2566. Tables/chairs available; small kitchenette with stove/refrigerator; one unisex bathroom; handicap accessible. Seats up to 50. No alcohol. Rental - $50; with deposit of $25.

Woolstock Community Hall, Corner of Herman & McArthur Streets, Woolstock, city hall – 1-515-839-5540. Tables/chairs available, full kitchen with nice working/serving counter. Small stage. Alcohol permitted with some restrictions. Heat, A/C, men's/women's restrooms; handicapped accessible. Rent $100, with $50 deposit.

* Every community has church buildings available with rooms, which can be used with varying requirements/restrictions. Contact the Belmond Chamber – 1-641-444-3937; Clarion Chamber & Development - 1-515-532-2256; Eagle Grove Chamber – 1-515-448-4821; Goldfield City Hall 1-515-825-3613; Dows City Hall 1-515-582-4327; Rowan City Hall 1-641-853-2345; Woolstock City Hall – 1-515-839-5540 for more complete church information/details..

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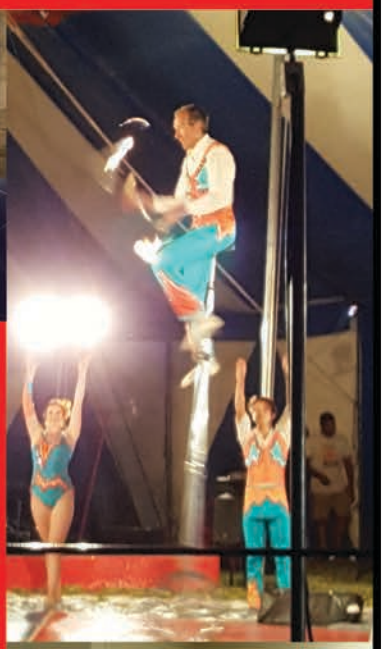

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For more info, contact the Clarion Chamber. Open weekdays, 9am-1pm.

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(641) 444-4386
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(641) 444-4183
Jerry's Place
212 River Ave. S.
(641) 444-3008
Nuevo Leon
203 River Avenue South
(641) 444-4405
Spare Time Lanes & Lounge
203-2nd Ave. SE
(641) 444-4141
Subway
112 River Avenue
(641) 444-3829
Sugar Pie Bakery
319 East Main
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The Corner Restaurant & Lounge
207 E. Main St.
(641) 444-4451
The Oasis
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403 - 1st Street S.E.
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Casey's
22 Central Avenue West
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Clarion Super Foods - Deli & Catering
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(515) 532-2829
Fuel
223 North Main
(515) 532-3835
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118 North Main
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Hardee's
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(515) 532-2442.
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515-532-2222
New Home Cafe
106 S. Main St.
(515) 602-6386
Pizza Ranch
102 S. Main
(515) 532-3215
Sam's Chinese Kitchen
104 Central Ave. E.
(515) 532-2989
Snack Village
1006 Central Ave. W.
(515) 532-2558
Subway
316 Central Ave. W.
(515) 532-6917
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At Iowa Specialty Hospital
1316 South Main
(515) 532-2811

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Mercantile Building
122 E. Ellsworth
(515) 825-3533
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104 E. Ellsworth
(515) 852-3627
Oscar's Bar
119 E. Ellsworth
The River Bar
108 E. Ellsworth
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Casey's
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Eagle Bowl
305 N.W. 11th
(515) 448-3221
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(515) 603 -6999

READING THE 911 WRIGHT COUNTY ROAD SIGNS:

Are the names of streets and roads just named at random in Wright County? Or is there some order to it? There IS order. Readers just have to know how they are put together.

Streets begin numbers the first mile into Wright County from the north; it is 100 Street. Every mile farther south adds to the number by ten (i.e. 110 Street); with Highway 3 being the equivalent of 220th Street. If a resident's address is 250th Street, 'sign readers' would know the location is three miles south of Highway 3. The home numbers of each residence begins at 1000 on the west side of the county and goes to 3000 plus on the east side. Because Clarion is in the center of Wright County, those street numbers would be in the 2000 range. So someone with a 911 number of '1410 – 170th Street' would live north of Highway 3 five miles (220th vs. 170th Streets) and west of Clarion eight miles (2200 number range vs. 1410).

Avenues begin at the west border, beginning with the letter A. Moving from west to east, with County K (R-38), also being known as Madison Avenue. If the avenue name is Hancock, 'sign readers' would know that it is west of Clarion because 'H' is before 'M (Madison)'; Youngblood is 'hanging off' the county to the east. To divide even more, an address of 2425 Page Avenue would mean the resident lives 1/4 mile (the '25' part) farther south of 240th Street.

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(515) 448-9072
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322 West Broadway
(515)-851-9718
The Smoke Shop
110 W. Broadway
(515) 448 4381
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— HISTORY FROM THE HEARTLAND —

Entertainment in Wright County

SUBMITTED BY MARY TESDAHL

Many big circuses came to Clarion in the early days. Among these were the Ringling Brothers; Gollimer Brothers; Wallace Hagenbeck; and Pawnee Bill's Wild West. Circuses first traveled by wagons and then by train. Those who got there first got to carry water for the elephants or carry a banner in the parade or help in any other way that earned them a ticket into the big show.

The lot was also used by merry-go-rounds; roller rinks; and small tent shows. Many Uncle Tom's Cabin shows visited Clarion. All had their vicious pack of blood hounds with which Simon Lagree chased Eliza across the ice-choked Ohio River. In winter, shows exhibited in the opera house and in the summer, under canvas. Medicine shows selling their sure-cure Indian remedies or snake oil were also popular. They either sold their wares from a wagon on street corners in summer or from an empty store building in winter. In winter months, Clarion was also host to many big name actors and actresses. Opera troops were often accompanied by a ten to fifteen-piece orchestra. Programs included Carmen; Madame Butterfly; and Rigoletto.

The Wright County Agricultural Society or Fair was organized in 1884 and operated for about thirty years. The grounds (40 acres) were located at the extreme end of Main Street across from the hospital. For 25 cents for adults and ten cents for children, one could see all the fat livestock and poultry and the oversized vegetables and grains, along with school exhibits of the children. The Floral Hall took care of the products of the ladies who exhibited their baking, cooking, and sewing. A full two hour program of trotting, pacing and running races was held, but no betting was allowed. Balloon ascensions; parachute drops; aerial and trained animal acts were often included.

Skating rinks were popular and Clarion had several. Some were permanent and some temporary. Floors were wood and skates clamped on. "Key Boys" tightened metal clamps on hard soled shoes and adjusted leather ankle straps. Music was provided by a Victrola. Directions came over a megaphone. Those who could not afford to skate could watch over the partial walls. Being invited to lead the "Grand March" at the end of the evening was an honor.

Entertainment for individuals included kite flying. String might be tied together pieces from meat packages from the grocery store. This worked well unless one of the knots broke and the kite had to be chased until it landed. A fun variation was sending messages up to the kite. Stiff paper was needed – the front of a cereal box was ideal. It was cut in a circle and a radial slit was made from the outer edge to the center. Then a pencil or a nail was inserted to make the center hole slightly larger; the circle was slipped onto the string and the wind sent it swirling rapidly up to the kite.

A slingshot was another amusement. Some liked conventional slingshots and some preferred one similar to that with which David slew Goliath. A leather thong was threaded through each side of a square rubber patch. To launch a stone, it was swung over the head and then one end was let go. This type flew much farther. The next step was to choose a target that provided some challenge. The same was true with a BB gun. Fun to shoot at a target, but occasionally caused a hole in a window.

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Birthplace of the 4-H Emblem

SUBMITTED BY
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Early in Theodore Roosevelt's administration, he set up a commission to investigate the growing lack of interest among young people in remaining on the farm. In Wright county, figures showed that 91% of the farm boys and 89% of the girls intended to leave the farm. It seems hardships, long hours, small profits and crude ideas of farm life were exemplified rather than the dignity of farming and the many splendid advantages of rural life.

Wright County's superintendent of schools worked to change that perception. O. H. Benson encouraged teachers to correlate every subject of the class work with work of the farm and home. In order to link home life with school work, clubs were organized based upon the pupil's interest in farm projects. Boys became members of beef clubs, garden clubs and pig clubs. Girls had clubs that had to do with poultry raising, gardening, canning, bread baking, millinery and home management. Contests were held in rural schools, townships, and at county fairs.

One day in the spring of 1906, Wright County Superintendent, O. H. Benson was driving through the country visiting schools. He came upon a country school during recess. He found the teacher and a group of children out in the clover patch hunting for four leaf clovers. As he approached the group, he was met by the teacher and pupils bearing their good luck emblems. The teacher suggested they give the county superintendent a bouquet of Good Luck.

The teacher rang the school bell and pupils took their seats. Just before lunch, the teacher asked the superintendent if he would say a few words to the pupils. With his good luck bouquet I his hand, he faced the little group, and in a short speech, outlined for the first time the 4-H emblem and it's good luck story. He told them that he had been looking for a more suitable emblem for the agricultural clubs in the rural schools of the county and they had just given him the idea, the 4-H clover emblem – Head, Heart, Hand, and Health. Head to think, plan and reason; Heart to be kind, true and sympathetic; the Hand to be useful, helpful, and skillful; and Health to resist disease, and enjoy life.

The rural school where this took place was Lake # 6. The 4-H club work in the Wright County schools was eventually introduced into a national program and the 4-H emblem was adapted for this program. Mr. Benson was appointed national director of this work as part of the US Department of Agriculture. 4-H expanded to all 50 states.

To commemorate the foresight and vision of O.H. Benson, that rural school where the vision began, Lake #6 was purchased and in 1952 was moved to the Clarion city park where it has remained. It is furnished in country school style and houses displays of the period of 1907-1908. It serves as a museum of the early days of the 4-H Clubs and is dedicated to the memory of O.H. Benson, the originator the 4-H emblem. In the fall of 2017, the museum was moved to be included with Heartland Museum at: 119 9th St. SW in Clarion where it is undergoing renovations.

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