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Welcome to **Boone County**

BOONE COUNTY is an amazing place. It contains some of the richest soil in the world and its farmers regularly produce more food per acre than anywhere else. At the same time, a deep valley cuts through its middle, leaving to its east and west a wide swath of natural beauty, flora, and fauna that exists in a level of diversity found nowhere else in the state. Many people flock to our county to enjoy a peaceful float down the river, or a scenic bike ride across the High Trestle Trail Bridge. Others come for a memorable trip on the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. Still others to camp, fish, hike or walk through our amazing (there's that word again!) collection of historical museums. Along the way, they enjoy a wide array of homegrown restaurants and unique local shopping. We hope you'll make us a part of your next trip. We think you'll agree that Boone County is an amazing place!

Where to find Boone County tourism information

We've made finding your way around Boone County easy. From our detailed 2019 Boone County Visitors Guide and Family Fun brochures, to our website at **www.visitboonecounty.com** and large Family Fun signs scattered around the county at various attractions, our friendly service provided at our Caboose Visitors Information Center (open from Memorial Day to Labor Day) and at our home office at 903 Story Street in downtown Boone. Of course, we're only a phone call away (515-432-3342) and we'd love to help you plan your trip.

Make it Yours. **Ogden**

OGDEN is an attractive and friendly community founded in 1866, with the slogan **"Our Town, Make it Yours".** It is the quintessential "mainstreet" community, located on a stretch of the historic Lincoln Highway, the community boasts several annual celebrations and festivals, award-winning restaurants and more.

Just six miles south of Don Williams County Park, Ogden is also a short drive from Seven Oaks Recreation, Sunstream Retreat Center, the historic Hickory Grove School and Battin Chapel, and the legendary Kate Shelley Memorial High Bridge – only five minutes to the east.

Ogden seeks out opportunities to grow, prosper and move forward. Ogden Legacy is working to help local businesses expand and grow. Today, virtually anything you need from medical services to groceries and from hardware to flowers can be found in downtown Ogden.

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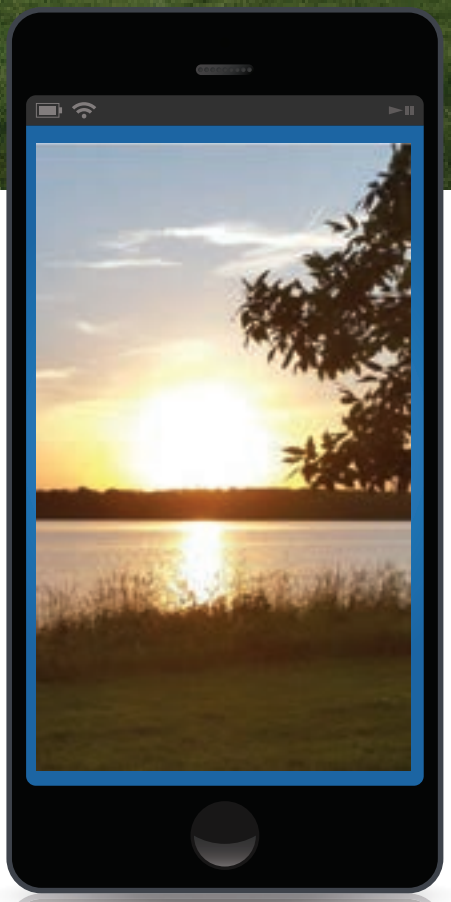
Beautiful day for a bike ride
#ExploreBooneCounty #BooneRagbrai

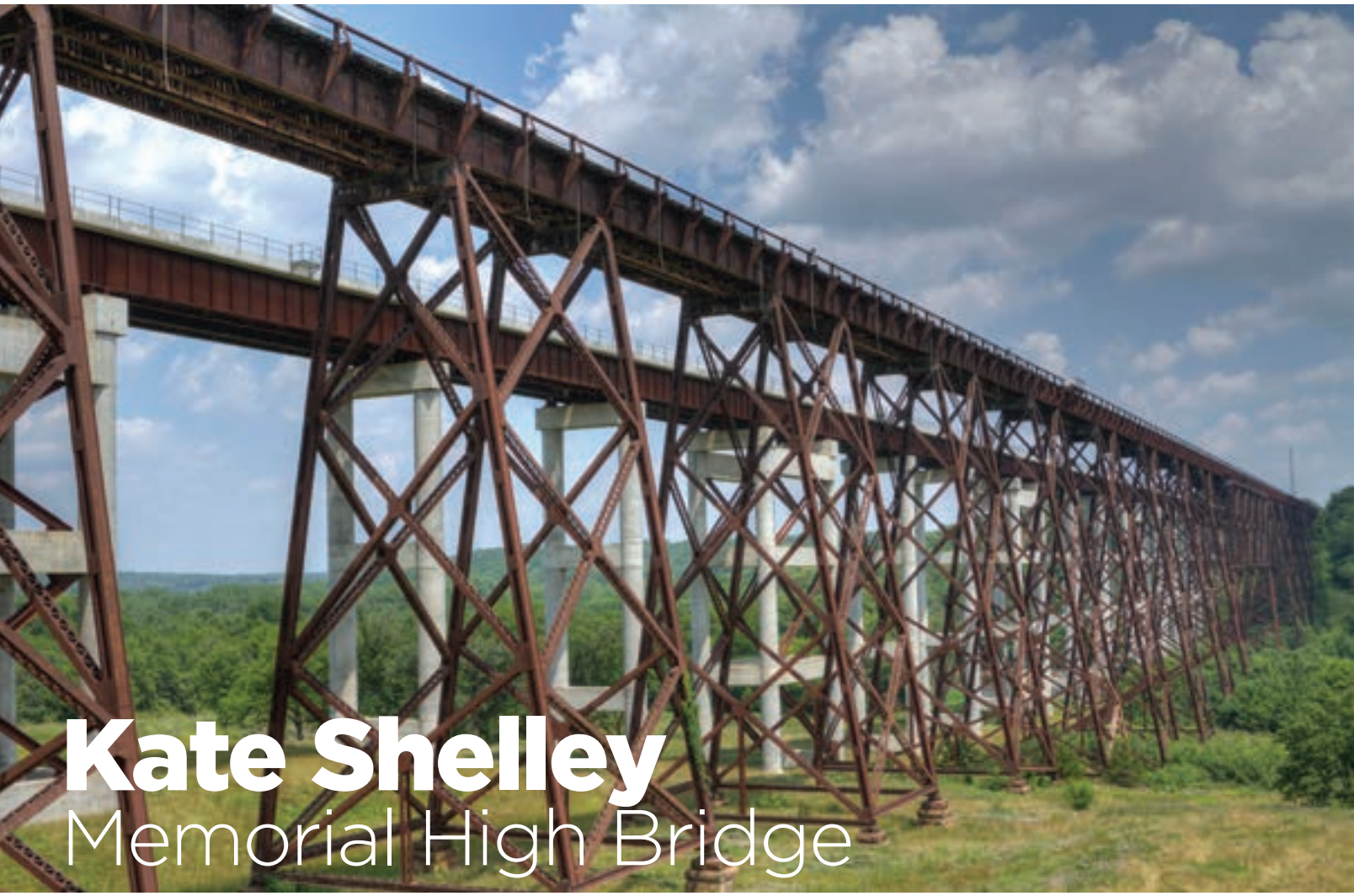
Don Williams **PARK**

The rolling hills and valley of this **600-acre park** contain a full-service campground with 150 campsites, (many including electric and hydrants), three luxury cabins, a 150 acre lake, swimming beach, hiking trails, fishing dock, nine-hole golf course and more. Located in the northwest reaches of the county, just six miles north of Ogden, Iowa, it is a recreational oasis that draws outdoor enthusiasts from near and far. Campsites are booked on a first-come, first-serve basis so keep this in mind when traveling to Boone County.



#DonWilliamsPark – site of my 1st triathlon 6 yrs ago in Iowa Games.

“If you must go, do what you can.”



Kate Shelley
Memorial High Bridge

July 6, 1881, is a date forever rooted in Boone County’s history. As the shadow of midnight encroached on the landscape of the river valley of Moingona, Iowa, and a ferocious storm raged in the vicinity of the Shelley Homestead, **15-year-old Kate Shelley** was considering the fates of others.

Dressed in a simple prairie dress, Kate Shelley left the safety of her home in a pelting rain, crawling across the Des Moines River Bridge under thundering skies and over frothing black waters that lapped beneath her, she advanced to save the lives of those in danger in an oncoming train. Kate Shelley’s bravery made her instantly famous from California to New York where her story played out in national headlines. The medals she received for heroism are on display at the **Boone History Center**, along with the lantern she carried that night. Other mementos and accolades of her heroic act can be viewed at the Park and Museum.

The Kate Shelley Park & Museum is open for group tours of 10 or more throughout the season. To book a tour, school field trip or to learn more about Kate Shelley, please call **515.432.1907** or visit the Boone History Center at 602 Story Street, Boone, Iowa.

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Find us in Boone County, then find us in here!

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BOONE
OGDEN
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GOLF

JANUARY

1
First Day Hike at Ledges State Park

5
Ice Fishing Clinic at Don Williams Lake

12
Late Night Ski/Snowboard and Snow Tube at Seven Oaks
Mike Sawyer Memorial Ice Fishing Derby at Don Williams Lake

19
Snowshoeing at Iowa Arboretum

25
Spud Night at Iowa Arboretum

FEBRUARY

8-9, 14, 16
Valentine Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

9
Ice Fishing Derby – Reschedule Date at Don Williams Lake

15
Owl Prowl at Don Williams Lake

16
Snowshoe Hike at Iowa Arboretum

22
Soup Supper at Iowa Arboretum

23
Late Night Ski/Snowboard and Snow Tube at Seven Oaks

MARCH

2
Sacred Heart School Gala at Boulders Inn & Suites

7
Spring Ag Omelet Breakfast at Boone Fairgrounds

9, 16
Sunset BBQ Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

16
Pancake Breakfast at Iowa Arboretum

16-17
Buckskinner Trade Fair at Boone Fairgrounds

23
Sunset BBQ Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

30
Maple Syrup Day at Iowa Arboretum
Sunset BBQ Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

APRIL

1
Paintball Opens for the Season at Seven Oaks

6, 13, 20, 23, 27
Sunset BBQ Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

6
Rules & Safety Class at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

Spring Fever Symposium at Iowa Arboretum

13
Easter Bunny Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

27
Spring Motorcar Day at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

Run for the Trees at Iowa Arboretum

Arbor Day & 5K Trail Run at I owa Arboretum

MAY

3-5
Camping Kickoff Weekend at Ledges State Park

3
Garden Social & Auction at Iowa Arboretum

4
Spring Plant Sale at Iowa Arboretum

Boy Scout Jamboree at Boone Fairgrounds

Flight Breakfast at Farnham Aviation in Boone

Madrid City Wide Garage Sale

18-19
Gladiator Assault Challenge Mud Run at Seven Oaks

18
Moonlight Canoe Float at Don Williams Lake

25
Scenic River Floats Open for the Season at Seven Oaks

Boone River Valley Festival Concert at Seven Oaks

Opening Day of Regular Season at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

JUNE

1
Ogden City Wide Garage Sale

Boone News Republican Citywide Garage Sale

Electric Weekend at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

8
Joni Ernst Roast-N-Ride at Central Iowa Expo

9
Classic Car Day at Iowa Arboretum

11-26
Summer Camp at Don Williams Lake

22
Moonlight Canoe Float at Don Williams Lake

27-29
Ogden Fun Days

JULY

14
Tom Crooks Memorial Auto Show at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

9-24
Summer Camp at Don Williams Lake

13
Iowa Municipal Band Festival at Herman Park Pavilion

18-21
Boone County Fair

19-20
Christmas in July at Ledges State Park

20
Moonlight Canoe Float at Don Williams Lake

AUGUST

3
Fly Iowa at Boone Airport

8-18
Convention & Visitors Bureau at Iowa State Fair

17
Moonlight Canoe Float at Don Williams Lake

18
Bluff Creek Triathlon at Don Williams Lake

31
All American Car Show downtown Boone

SEPTEMBER

30-2
Labor Day Celebration downtown Madrid

2-7
IMCA Super Nationals at Boone Speedway

6-8
Pufferbilly Day's downtown Boone

14 & 15
Day out with Thomas at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

21
Moonlight Canoe Float at Don Williams Lake

20-22
Day out with Thomas at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

22
ArbFeast Outdoor Garden Party at Iowa Arboretum

28
National Public Lands Day at Ledges State Park

29
Oktoberfest in Ogden

OCTOBER

5, 12, 19
Pumpkin Express Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

12
Campground Trick-or-Treat at Ledges State Park

19
Ar"Boo"Ween & Ar"Boo"Scare at Iowa Arboretum

22
Annual Season Pass Sale & Ski Swap at Seven Oaks

24
Trick or Treat in downtown Boone

31
Harvest Ag Omelet Breakfast at Boone Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER

2
Full Motorcar Day at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

28
Holiday Lighted Parade downtown Boone

29-30
Santa Express Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

DECEMBER

1
Ski Season Opens at Seven Oaks

1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22
Santa Express Train at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

7
Dad's Belgian Waffles at Iowa Arboretum

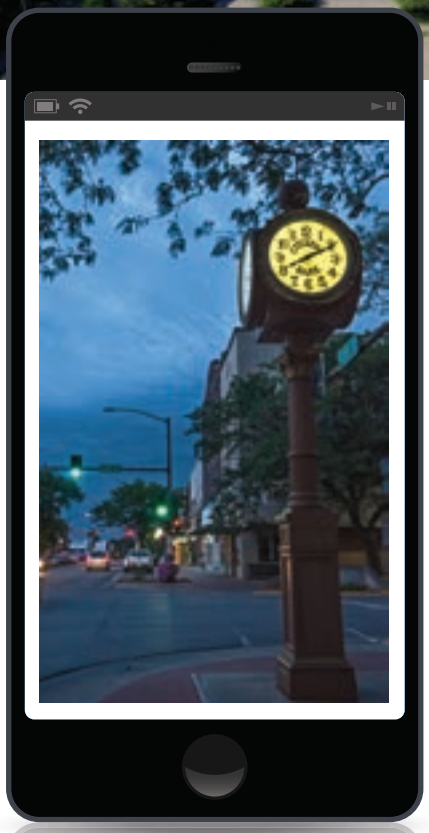
Ogden Christmas on Main

Christmas Extravaganza downtown Madrid

6-22
Winter Fest Holiday Tree Display at Iowa Arboretum

Check **www.visitboonecounty.com** for additional events

Heart of the County. **Boone**



Enjoying a nice and slow rainy day stroll! #County-DrivingTour #Boonelowa

Founded in 1866, the city of Boone was originally named Montana. By 1871 it had been renamed **BOONE** after Capt. Nathanial Boone, youngest son of Daniel Boone, who led Company H of the Dragoons across what became the state of Iowa back in 1835. Not too far away, another small town called Boonesboro had popped up. Eventually it became a part of its larger neighbor. It was the **railroad** that led to the incorporation of this community, and was a major player in its growth for the first century of its existence. Boone also laid claim to a **rich coal mining** operation for the better part of the early twentieth century. Due to these two industries, Boone quickly grew to a community of 12,000 people by 1920 with a bustling mainstreet topped by two domineering (at the time) bank buildings, First National Bank (now US Bank), and Boone National Bank. The city remains intrinsically tied to its railroad heritage with many displays reflecting this history, as well as a major attraction, the **Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad** operating tourist excursions throughout the year into the nearby Des Moines River Valley. Boone is also host to one of the state's largest community festivals, appropriately named **"Pufferbilly Days™"** after the little steam engines that were used in coal mines. With tons of neat specialty shops, and plenty of places to eat, drink or enjoy time with your family, Boone is a fantastic destination located in the heart of Boone County.

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

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Trailer is organized, loaded and cleaned. We are ready to kick off the season at the Central Iowa Expo BBQ, Cruise & Brew in two weeks!

Go to **www.CentralIowaExpo.com** for a list of upcoming events.

Central Iowa **Expo**

Boone & Scenic Valley **Railroad**
and the James H. Andrew Railroad **Museum**

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Too bad you are in Texas. In Boone, IA they have "Pufferbilly Days" and sometimes they have a huge Thomas Train.

Each year, thousands of people from across the state, the nation, and around the world make the trek to Boone, Iowa to ride the rails of the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad, **"The Scenic Line."** The line, known for its 156' Bass Point Creek High Bridge (offering a breathtaking view of the Des Moines River Valley), its Chinese steam locomotive, dinner trains, and special events such as **Day Out With Thomas** and the **Santa Express,** exists today due to the need to move coal out of the Des Moines River Valley.

Operating daily from **Memorial Day Weekend through October 31,** plus special events throughout the year (including Day Out With Thomas, Santa Express, Pumpkin and other special trains), we truly do offer something for everyone.

For more information about the museum, train rides, fares, schedules and preservation efforts, visit **www.bsvrr.com** or call 1.800.626.0319.

Lots of traffic on 30/35. Everyone must be going to Boone Pufferbilly Days parade.

Pufferbilly Days™

Huge crowds, great weather, community, entertainment, and events are what **PUFFERBILLY DAYS™** is all about! In 2019, Pufferbilly Days™ will celebrate its 43rd year. Pufferbilly Days™ has established itself as one of Iowa's largest community festivals. Held each year the weekend after Labor Day, the 2019 festival kicks off **Friday, September 6 and goes through Sunday, September 8.**

The festival features the trademark parade up Story Street, live music Friday and Saturday night, a classic car show, mud volleyball tournament, kids activities, arts and crafts show, bingo, BBQ contest, a football tailgate party and so much more!

What's a Pufferbilly you may ask? Pufferbilly Days™ got its name from Boone's railroad heritage. Puffing Billy's were small steam train engines that were commonly used around coal mines. The city of Boone was platted by the railroad in 1865 and retains its strong ties to the railroad tourism and transportation industry. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us in downtown Boone for yet another unforgettable Pufferbilly Days™. See you in September!

Give the Boone County Chamber of Commerce a call for more information at 515.432.3342, or visit **www.pufferbillydays.com.**

The snow business is buzzing in Boone. Ski conditions couldn't be better at Seven Oaks Recreation

Located 4 miles west of Boone on U.S. Highway 30, **SEVEN OAKS RECREATION** offers **outdoor activities during the spring, summer, fall and winter months**. In 2019, Seven Oaks entered their 22nd winter season. Seven Oaks features a snow tubing park, and 11 ski and snowboard trails ranging from beginner to expert that are serviced by two triple chair lifts and two surface lifts. Ski and snowboard equipment is available for rent in a wide variety of sizes.

Seven Oaks remains committed to helping visitors learn a new sport for life by offering free beginner ski and snowboard lessons or private lessons may be purchased.

Weekly specials include $12 lift tickets on Wednesday and Thursday nights; 2-Fer Fridays (one free lift ticket with the purchase of a ticket); every day kids 7 and younger receive a $20 ski/board package with the purchase of one regular priced adult lift ticket; Sunday kids 9 and younger receive a $20 ski/board package with the purchase of one regular priced adult lift ticket; birthday party specials; group rates; season passes and more.

From May through October, Seven Oaks visitors may take a full service canoe, kayak or river tube float or make a reservation for their group to play paintball. **Scenic river floats** on the Des Moines River will take you under the longest and highest double-track railway bridge in the world.

The Lodge at Seven Oaks and **Seven Oaks Conference Center** seats up to 400 guests and is equipped with a fast food restaurant and Coal Creek Lounge. This popular facility is used during the non-ski months for numerous weddings, receptions, parties, and meetings.

On May 18 and 19, 2019, Seven Oaks will host the **8th Gladiator Assault Challenge** which is a mud/obstacle course that is designed to test participant's endurance, speed, agility, strength and mental stamina. Register for either the full 5+ mile 30 obstacle course mud run, or the 5K Charge with 20 obstacles or the Junior/ Parent Gladiator Challenge.

Seven Oaks is proud to be an integral part of recreation in Central Iowa. General Manager Joel Bryan is the 3rd generation in the Bryan family spanning 48 consecutive years in the Iowa ski industry.

Seven Oaks Recreation

Complete and detailed information regarding everything at Seven Oaks may be found at SevenOaksRec.com or follow us on Facebook.

Boone **Speedway**

BOONE SPEEDWAY will again be the place for racing in 2019. Dubbed **"Iowa's Action Track,"** the 3/8-mile high-banked dirt oval will draw race fans from all over the region for its weekly racing programs and from all over the country for special events.

The home of the IMCA (International Motor Contest Association) Super Nationals, more than 900 race teams converged on the facility for six days of racing action in 2017. The 2019 event kicks off **Labor Day, Monday, September 2 and runs through September 7.**

Modified, Stock Car, Late Model, Hobby Stock, Northern SportMod, Southern SportMod and Sport Compact champions will be crowned throughout the week during the season-ending special event.

IMCA's premier event has found a permanent home at Boone Speedway and has been held there for more than 25 years after making stops in Vinton, Independence, West Liberty, Mason City and Knoxville in its early days.

Called "America's Racin' Vacation," drivers and race fans from all over the country and Canada make the annual trek to Boone for the week-long event. They fill the numerous area hotels and camp grounds. The convenience of camping at the track is also a popular option. Those spots are available by visiting www.raceboone.com or www.IMCA.com and registering by the end of July.

Prior to Super Nationals, weekly racing – Saturday nights from April through August – will highlight the racing calendar for most of the season. Modifieds, Stock Cars, Hobby Stocks and Northern SportMods return to do battle in weekly action this season. Added to the weekly program will be IMCA sanctioned RaceSaver Sprint Cars. The weekly program will start the middle of April.

Other special events on the schedule include the annual visit by the Deery Brothers Summer Series for IMCA Late Models on Memorial Day and the annual Eve of Destruction, held on the July 4th holiday.

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Sooo jacked about Boone Speedway this season. You will want to be racing with us or in the stands this year.

More information is available by visiting **www.raceboone.com.**

Boone County **Fair**

Nothing says summer fun better than the County Fair! Join us **July 18-21** at the **BOONE COUNTY FAIR.** Four great days packed with fun, food and a fair-tastic good time! From traditional favorites such as food on a stick to the 4-H and FFA livestock shows and exhibits to new and exciting carnival thrills and grandstand shows you won't want to miss a minute of the fun! Daytime fun will include free kids shows, pedal tractor pull, talent shows, as well as dozens of exhibitors inside and out.

From crafters to commercial exhibitors we have it all. When the fair is all over, don't worry there is still plenty to do at the Boone County Fairgrounds. From craft shows and auctions to fundraiser events and horse shows the fairgrounds is host to a number of events throughout the year. We have also recently expanded our campgrounds and full hook-ups are now available! No matter what type of fun you're looking for, from fair-tastic foods and attractions to weekend craft shows and relaxing camping, you can find it all at the Boone County Fairgrounds!

For more information check out our website **www.boonecountyfairia.com**, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

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Goats and rabbits and steer... oh my! There's no place like Boone County Fair.

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Performing at the Iowa Municipal Band Festival in Boone is a great opportunity for our band. It is a chance to represent this fine band, and the entire Burlington area, in a first-class manner at a very prestigious event.

Strike up the **Band**

THE BOONE MUNICIPAL BAND has hosted the Iowa Municipal Band Festival for the past several years the **2nd Saturday in July** in Boone, Iowa, at the beautiful Herman Park Pavilion. Eight community bands from across the state and Midwest will perform at the Pavilion on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The performances begin at 11:00 a.m. with each band playing a forty-five minute concert to a very appreciative audience. This event is FREE to the public!

The Boone Municipal Band also **performs every Wednesday at the Herman Park Pavilion** from the **Wednesday after Memorial Day through mid-July**. They also will be performing a patriotic concert the week of July 4 and at the Iowa Municipal Band Festival on July 7. There is an ice cream social offered by community churches at each concert. Come and enjoy some good music and good food and good company at the Herman Park Pavilion on Wednesday evenings. All concerts start at 7:30 pm.

For more information about Boone County Hospital, log on to **www.boonehospital.com.**

Boone County **Hospital**

BOONE COUNTY HOSPITAL (BCH) offers a wide array of services, state-of-the-art technology, and caring staff for all of your healthcare needs. Whether you live in Boone County or are visiting the community, it's nice to know you can receive quality care when you need it.

BCH owns and operates the **Boone County Family Medicine North Walk-in Clinic**. The clinic is available for individuals that need medical care, but don't feel their illness or injury is serious enough to be seen in the Emergency Room. The clinic is located at 120 South Story Street and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BCH also owns and operates Boone County Family Medicine (BCFM) North and BCFM South, both in Boone, BCFM in Ogden, and the Madrid Family Practice Clinic in Madrid. BCH offers a wide array of services including Home Care/Public Health Services, F. William Beckwith Adult Day Services, 3D mammography, the Family Birth Center, Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab, a Diabetes Center, a Pain Center, Rehabilitation Services in Boone and Ogden, a Wound and Hyperbaric Center, and Foot and Ankle Surgery/General Surgery.

A program called **Healthcare Heroes** allows grateful patients, visitors or family members to recognize the outstanding services they received while at Boone County Hospital or to recognize an employee who went above and beyond. For more information, log on to the BCH website and click on "Say Thank You" on the home page.

Boone **History Museum**
Where brave deeds & heroes meet

Take a look at the intriguing stories of Boone County as you journey back to central Iowa's bygone era set in the scenic river valley. The central holdings of the **Boone County historical collection** are maintained in a 1907 Masonic Temple that sets the stage for your discovery of the past. The History Center is a perfect stop for visitors of all ages who come to delight in stories about fascinating characters such as Kate Shelley, Mamie Eisenhower, and Carl Fritz Henning.

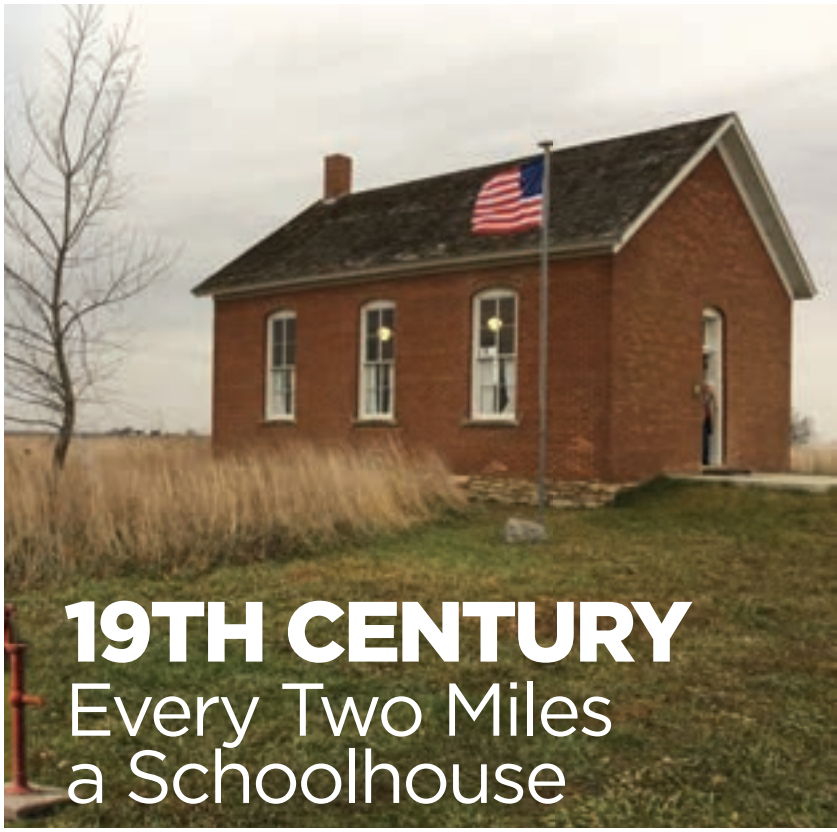
Observe the **handwritten journals and photographs** of the first and longest serving caretaker of Ledges State Park, consider first American industries that were developed at the turn of the 20th Century, realize the importance of natural resources in Boone's Des Moines river valley, and the bustling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

The **BOONE HISTORY CENTER** is bus-tour friendly with a lower level community room available for group tours, reunions, social events, and business meetings, and is available year-round. The lower level offers a completely furnished and modern commercial kitchen equipped to serve up to 130 guests.

Summer hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. from May 1 to December 1. Admission to the museum is $5 for adults, $3 for youth, and FREE entry for children ages 6 and under.

The Boone History Center Lower Level also offers a wonderful rental facility for private parties, graduations, weddings, showers, and anniversary events. Please call 515-432-1907.

For more information check out our website **www.boonehistorymuseums.org**



19TH CENTURY
Every Two Miles a Schoolhouse

Another new month means another exciting event at your Boone County History & Culture Center! #BooneHistory #MeetTheAuthor

HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL
Slates and Schoolmates

Hickory Grove School was originally built in 1889 in the northeastern corner of Yell Township. A visit allows youngsters to sit in desks once occupied by students, and for guests of all ages to remember a time that echoes a simpler era that can feel both comforting and primitive. Historical maps, world globes, teaching tools, school primers, encyclopedias and a variety of country school artifacts amplifying a **collection that spans from 1889 to 1956**. The museum now sits on the site of the Battin Chapel, which contains a well-preserved railroad depot in addition to the chapel and school. Boone History Museums and the Battin Heritage Association jointly sponsor the museum located at the juncture of old Highway 30 (E41) and J Avenue between Ogden and Boone.

COLE SCHOOL
The Little Brick Schoolhouse on the Prairie

Cole School operated from 1888-1933 and is located northeast of Boone on R Avenue. This school is notable due to the unique brickwork of this historic structure that supports three layers of brick. The school was adopted by the De Shon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who completely and accurately restored the site. The restoration process at Cole School included extensive masonry work with complete tuck pointing, a whole new floor to replace the floor lost to time and elements, great cleaning (due to sheep once housed inside of Cole School for some time) and new blackboards which came from a local high school. School desks were acquired from local auctions, and a variety of books, school related artifacts, a potbelly stove and teacher supplies are all part of the Cole School collection. The Country School Association of American has recognized the facility on their national registry of rural school houses. DAR maintains the site and visits to Cole School can be arranged by contacting DAR Member: Marilyn Tagesen at 515.490.2207.

To arrange a tour of the school and the other attractions on the site, contact the Boone History Center by calling 515.432.1907 or by visiting **www.boonehistorymuseums.org**

Ledges State Park

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I think Ledges State Park is probably the nicest park I've ever been to! @sincerelylowa

Consistently voted one of **Iowa's Top Five most-beloved state parks, LEDGES STATE PARK** is a hikers dream. With miles of paths that take you high above the **sandstone cliffs**, to an overlook above the Des Moines River, into pristine backwoods, around hidden lakes, along small streams and more.

While hiking or picnicking, marvel at one of **the most unique geological wonders anywhere in Iowa**, the Ledges Canyon. Opportunities exist to participate in special events, interpretive programs, or guided hikes as well. The Ledges campground offers **96 sites** with amenties ranging from full hook-up to hike-in camping. Showers, modern restrooms, a playground, and youth group campsite all add to one of central Iowa's best campgrounds.

Camping reservations are important and can be made online Park Reservation System at **iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com** or by calling (877) 427.-2757.

ATTRACTIONS

1. Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad & James H. Andrew Railroad Museum
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12. Iowa Arboretum – Madrid
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16. Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace
17. Seven Oaks Recreation

LODGING & CAMPGROUNDS

1. American Inn
2. Baymont Inn & Suites
3. Boone County Fairgrounds
4. Boulders Inn & Suites
5. YMCA Camp
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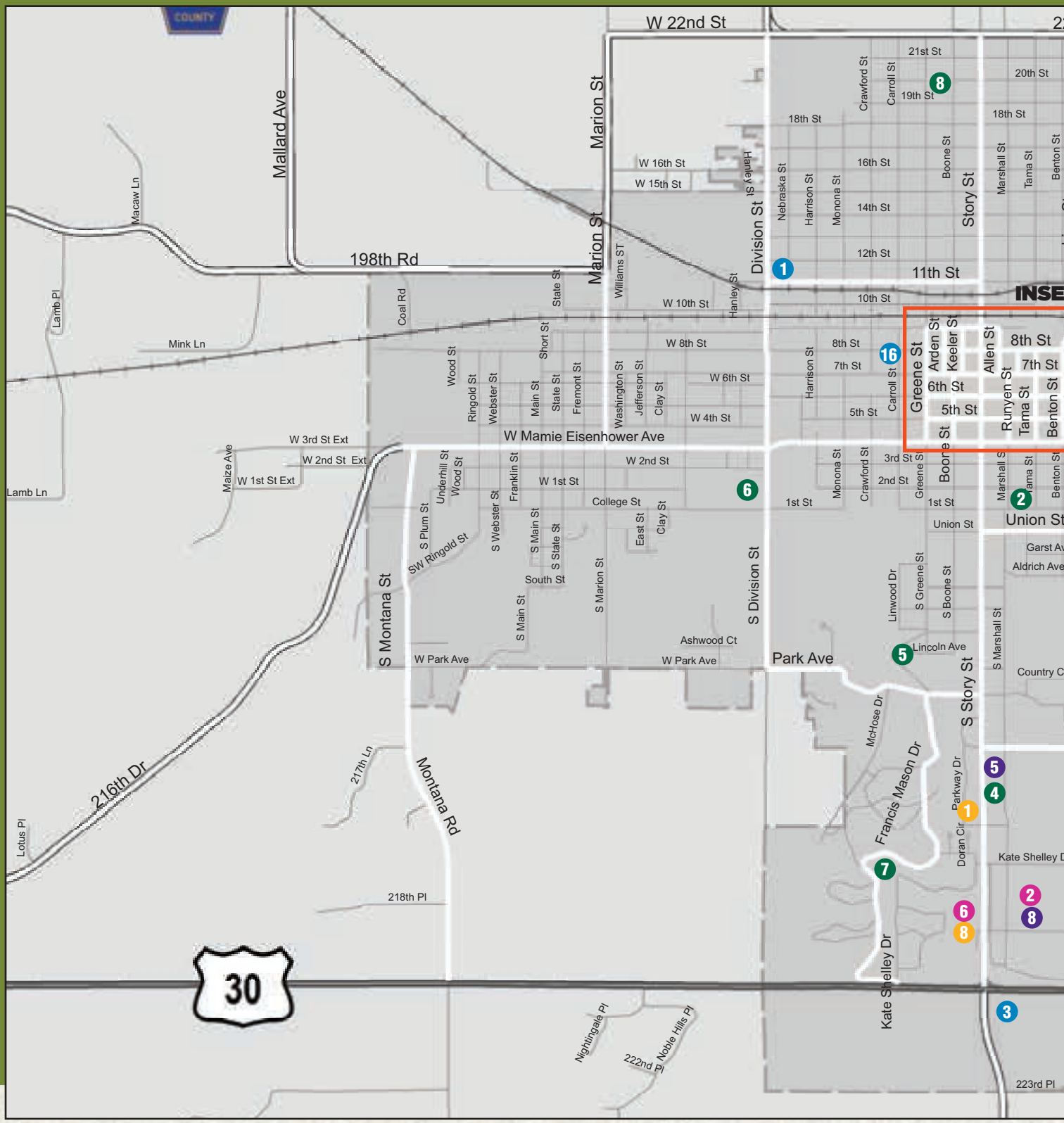

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14. Kate Shelly Railroad Museum & Park
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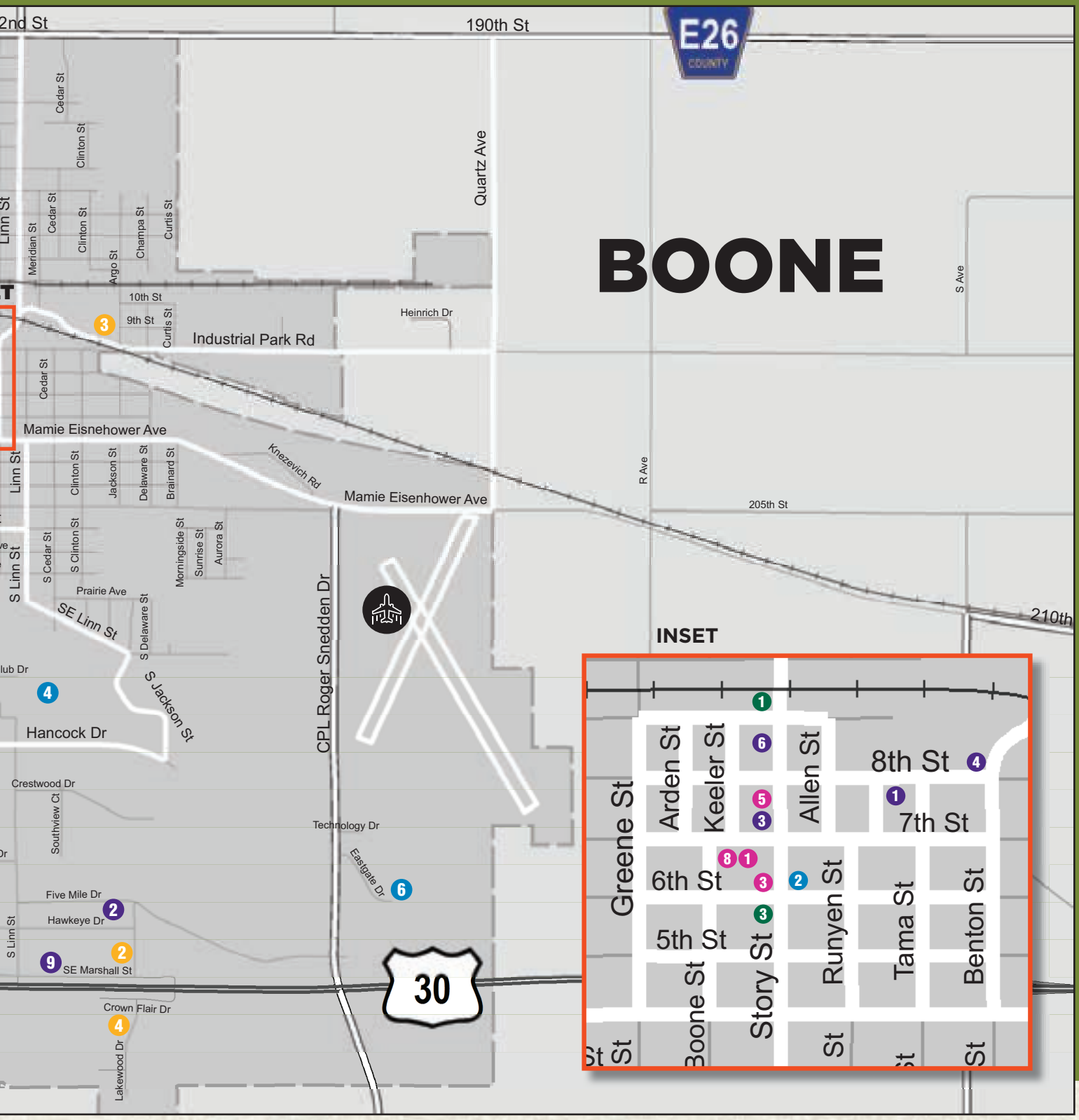

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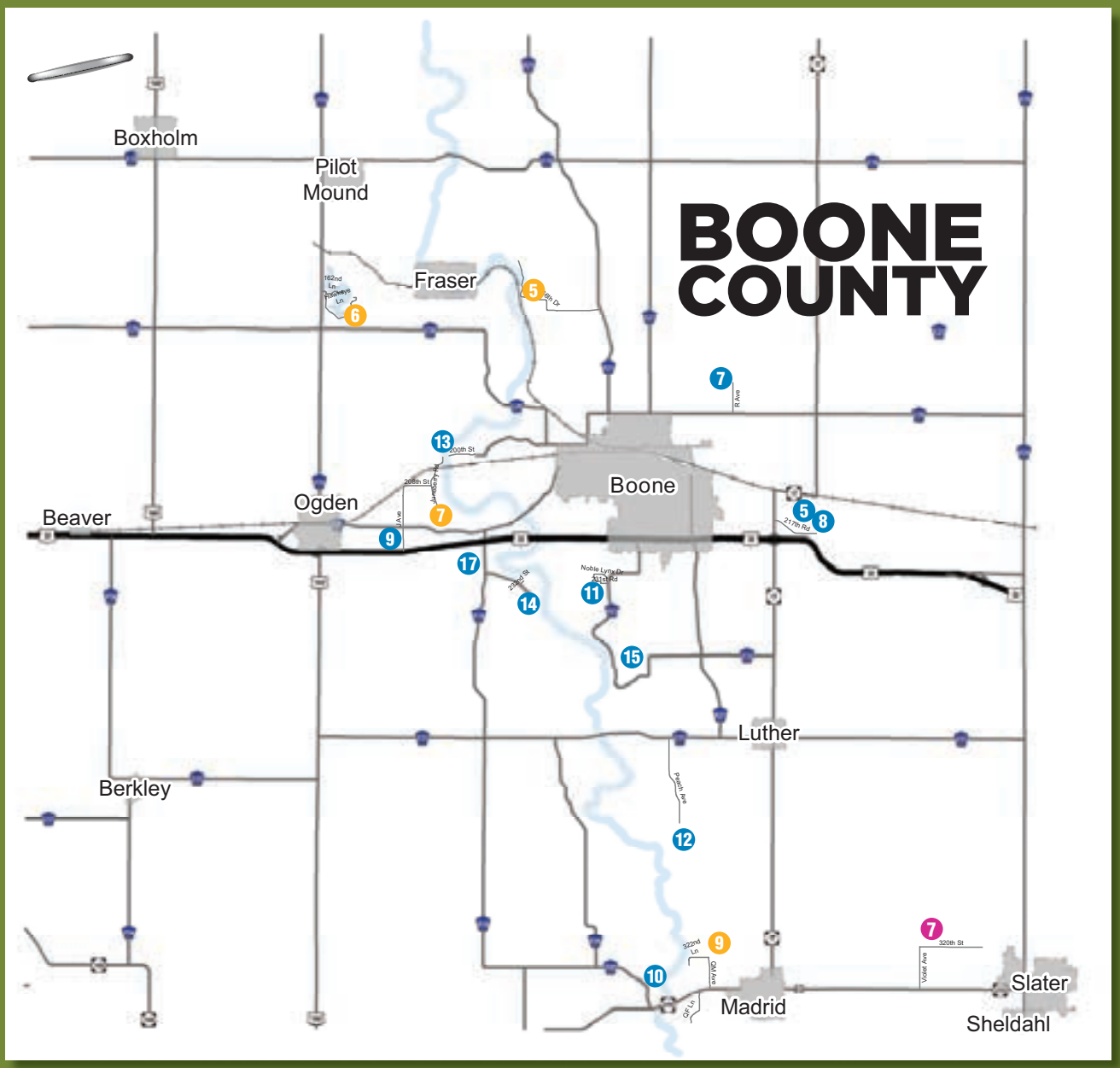

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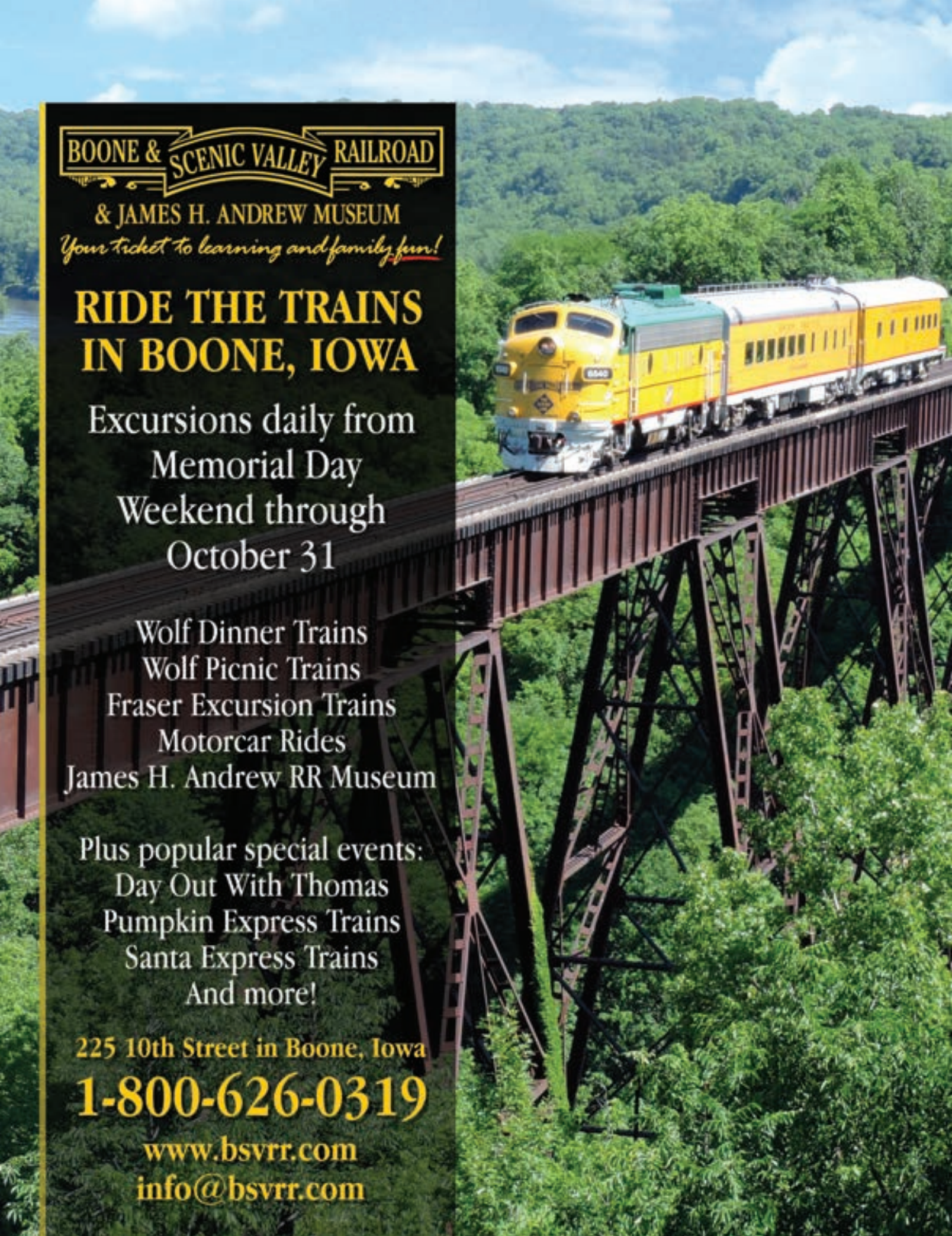
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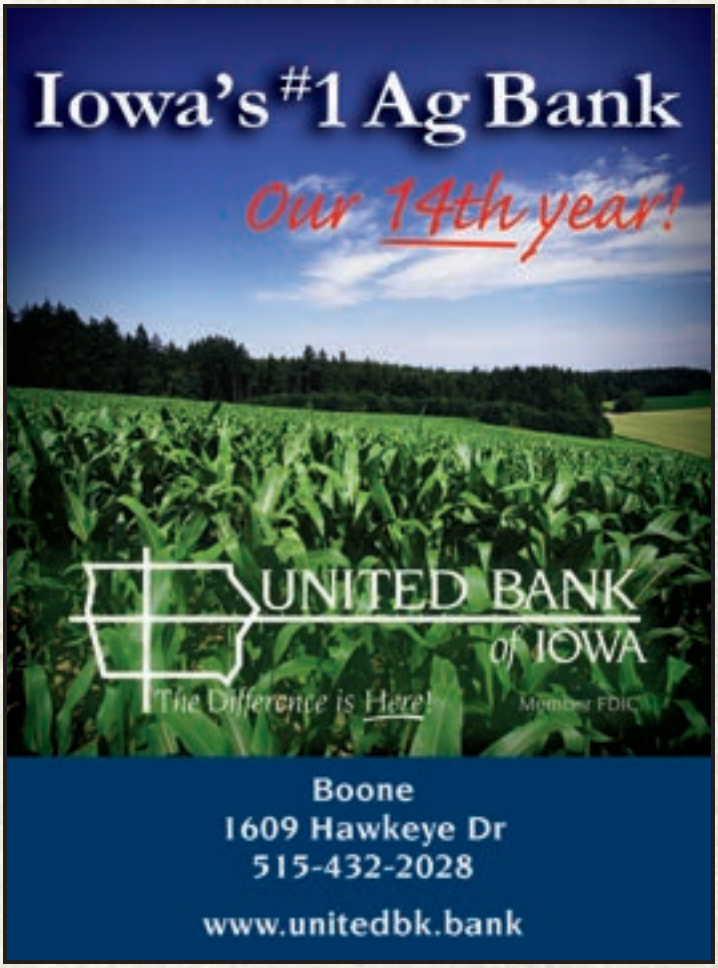
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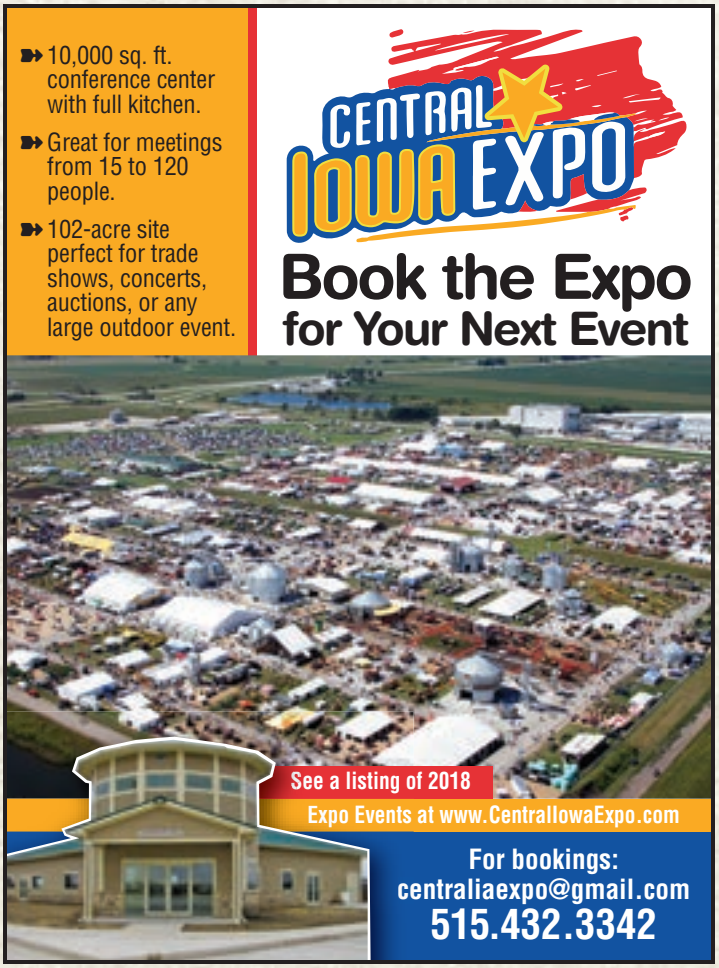
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MADRID (pronounced (MAD-rid) is an energetic, growing community in the southeast corner of Boone County. The continued development of the High Trestle Trail, which cuts through its center along the downtown's south side attracts tens of thousands of people each year. This 25-mile trail has received international recognition for its centerpiece, the **High Trestle Trail Bridge**, which sits just over two miles to Madrid's west and at 130' high, spans the valley at one-half mile long! **Dalander Park** is a favorite spot to park, offload the bikes and head down the trail in either direction. Plenty of food and beverages are available from many local establishments situated a stone's throw from the trail. Didn't bring a bike? Don't worry, they've got bike rentals covered too!

Where to find the High Trestle Trail

The paved recreational trail opened April 30, 2011, and has had countless pedestrians bask in the beauty that is the thirteen-story bridge that overlooks the Des Moines River Valley. The 25-mile trail goes from Ankeny to the south, through the cities of Slater & Madrid before ending in Woodward, Iowa to the west. The focal point to the High Trestle Trail is the bridge itself which features cribbing on the deck directly above the water that is lined with Blue LED lights. This serves to illuminate the deck as well as mirror the water flowing below. The lights are made to be turned on and off for events and minimize disruption to the wildlife in the valley. From April 1 until October 31, the bridge lights are on from sunset to 12:00 a.m., then during the winter months from approximately November 1 through March 31. The elevated columns supporting the bridge are all gently down-lit to cast an aura of light onto the valley floor. Entering into the bridge, two 36 feet tall monoliths stand on either side that form an enormous V. More than 16,000 custom-glazed ceramic tiles were created in the RDG Art Studio and made specifically to look like coal. These tiles were placed onto the monoliths to represent the veins of coal running through the region. The High Trestle Trail Bridge has been named the best bike accessible bridge in Iowa by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition several times, and was named by the BBC as one of the worlds eight most amazing footbridges. Come see this amazing attraction in Boone County!

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Iowa **Arboretum**

Founded in 1968, the **IOWA ARBORETUM** has become Iowa's premier public garden. Located near Madrid, the 40 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and grounds features plants, both native and introduced to Iowa. Visitors walking the circular trail system can see the Arboretum's major collections of trees, shrubs and flowers along with significant collections of dwarf conifers, hostas and daylilies. The **Children's Garden** will entertain the youngest of guests with a secret tunnel, one-room schoolhouse playhouse and gardens. Across from the main campus, visitors can stroll along extensive trails in a native Iowa woodland and prairie.

Modern facilities are available for hosting meetings, retreats, parties and weddings. Find unique home and garden décor at the Arboretum's gift shop. Special events, educational workshops and plant sales are offered throughout the year. Guided tours are available for individuals of all ages (call for a reservation).

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

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Swede Point **Park**

This little known piece of heaven is located in southern Boone County, just a mile north of state Highway 210 near the Des Moines River Valley. **SWEDE POINT** gets its name from the Swedish settlers who located their families near this area in 1846.

The park features 24 electric camping sites with new gravel pads and two non-electric camping areas. A modern bathroom and showering facility, two hiking trails, picnicking and updated playground equipment, basketball court, sand volleyball and an enclosed shelter house (reservations required).

The area terrain is a mix of prairie, streams, and oak-hickory woodlands and savannas. You will find a large array of wildlife here from deer and coyotes to owls and hummingbirds. The Des Moines River is just a short but challenging hike down into the deep valley, but well worth the effort. At the river you might find bald eagles, raccoon, pelicans, and more. If you are looking for a quiet get away, look no further than Swede Point Park.

Camping with my best friends and my family @Swede Point Park

Madrid History **Museum**

THE MADRID HISTORY MUSEUM showcases the development of the community from the first years of settlement by a group of Swedish settlers (then known as Swede Point), to the coming of the railroad and the coal mining industry. The Museum is also known for the extensive Keigley doll collection and Genealogy Center. Visit the Museum website for a virtual tour at www.madridmuseum.com.

Open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and Mondays 9:30 a.m. to noon, and by appointment.

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