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This is a glorious place where you can immerse yourself in the splendor of nature in our parks and on our waterways. Where eagles soar and pheasants, partridges, coyotes, and whitetail deer roam free. Where you can witness the wonder of nature's bounty at its intersection with humanity's agricultural ingenuity, and the strong work ethic of Iowa folks as we feed the world.

Join in the fun of our myriad local celebrations. Explore the magical natural world enshrined, largely unspoiled, in our parks. Fish our abundant lakes, rivers, and streams. Shop our specialty markets for unique products only found here, direct from the farm to the store. Scour our antique markets for farmhouse finds and barnyard bonanzas. Enjoy the world's best sweetcorn. Dine in our restaurants for the finest and freshest Iowa produce, beef, pork, chicken, and eggs. Participate in the pageantry of our fairs. And so much more!





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ATTRACTIONS

Belmond

Jenison-Meacham Memorial Art Center & Museum
1179 Taylor Ave., Belmond
www.belmondartscenter.org
Two miles north of C-20

The Jenison-Meacham Art Center, located on 120 acres of farmland and opened in 1983, is owned and operated by the Belmond Area 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 volunteers and exhibitors in August for their Annual Prairie Homestead Antique Power and Craft Show hosted on the farm. Features: Case tractors and equipment and Monitor gas engines. You can also enjoy '3 Nights of Lights' typically the weekend before Christmas.

Guest artists' 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. Call 1-515-571-6838 or 1-515-571-3595 for open times.

Belmond Historical Museum | 223 E Main St.

Learn about Belmond's past, present and future at the Belmond Historical Museum. See a salute to Belmond's veterans. Revisit the chaos of the devastating 1966 Belmond tornado. Be sure to visit our restored Rural School in River Park. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon; other times by appointment. Call for appointments and to assure availability. Larry Turner- 515-571-3264

Santa House | Main Street

Volunteers built Santa House at its permanent location in 2003. It opens to the public the Friday after Thanksgiving, immediately following the annual lighted Christmas parade. Santa's House is open at scheduled times throughout the Christmas season.

The Christmas themed house sports the December holiday all year. For complete information, contact Max Peterson at 1-515-571-0405.



Clarion

Heartland Museum | 119 9th St. SW
www.heartlandmuseum.org

Heartland Museum has a variety of exhibits and displays that will entertain and delight everyone. The museum boasts restored and original farm machinery and tractors, some rare and unusual. Visitors can 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 Museum with many unique bears from artists around the world. The museum also houses over 300 hats that belonged to Alvina Sellers, Iowa's Hat Lady. Streetscapes reminiscent of the '40-'50s, Depression years and Victorian-age depict a variety of shops. With the addition of the 4-H Schoolhouse, we recommend up to two hours to enjoy the exhibits. Visitors come from around the world to visit the museum. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Open year round by appointment. Call 1-515-602-6000 for more information.

4-H Schoolhouse Museum at Heartland Museum

The original one room schoolhouse is now located at the Heartland Museum complex. Nationally known as the birthplace of the 4-H four leaf clover emblem, this one-room schoolhouse has original desks and 4-H memorabilia spanning nearly a century. The 4-H Schoolhouse is open the same hours as Heartland Museum.

Wright County Historical Library at Heartland Museum

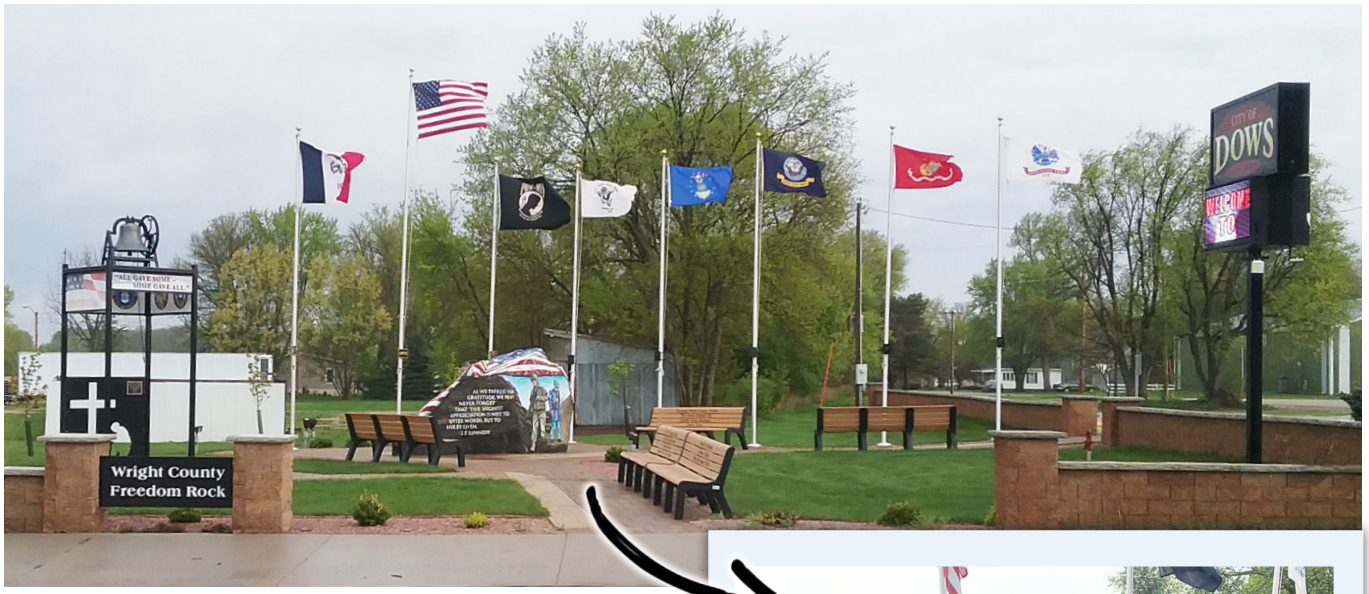
The county historical library is located inside the Heartland Museum. For more information on Wright County's history, or to use the library for research, visit Heartland Museum.

Rock Island Depot | 302 S Main St.

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 and 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, is available for rent for meetings (use is free for members). Tours are available by appointment. For more complete information, call 1-515-532-2256.

Clarion Public Library | 302 N Main St.

The Clarion Public Library is a historic Carnegie library built in 1908. The library was then expanded in 2010. Various local history resources are available, including genealogical materials. The staff is always ready to give you a tour. Call 515-532-3673



Dows

Evans Prairie House | Dows Historic District

The Ingebert Evans family immigrated to the United States, planting roots in Dows. Descendants of the Evans family have restored the two-room, two-story, 14 by 16-foot 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, call 1-515-852-4327.

Mercantile Building | Dows Historic District
122 E Ellsworth St.

One of three National Historic Register buildings in Dows is the Mercantile Building, located one block south of the Dows Welcome Center and Depot. Originally known as the Fillmore Building, it was constructed in 1884. Among other treasures to 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. Call 1-515-852-3533.

Vernon Schoolhouse #5 | Dows Historic District

Vernon Schoolhouse #5, located south of the Dows Welcome Center & Depot and northeast of the Dows Mercantile, is a prime example of rural schoolhouses 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. Contact the Welcome Center to tour the facility, 1-515-852-3533; or city hall, 1-515-852-4327.



Freedom Rock | East Ellsworth Street, Dows

A must see, the rock, located in Dows, 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." The rock is surrounded by engraved pavers honoring servicemen and women from all branches of the military and encompassed by retaining walls. Wright County residents continue to show their support for veterans with flags from the various branches of the military flying high above the monument. The night time lighted view is breathtaking.

Lower Morse Lake Grassland and Bird Conservation Area

The Lower Morse Lake Grassland and 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 available to help visitors watch and enjoy hundreds of birds, animals and insects. Wright County Conservation officials say bird watching in the county is becoming more and more popular. To enhance the enjoyment of bird watchers, a newer Bird View Blind has been added just north of 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 the conservation staff invites residents and visitors to enjoy.

ATTRACTIONS

Dows

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, for nearly a century. This is the third building on the National Historic Register in town.

Displays include machines, tools, belt-driven and electric welding equipment, original wagon wheels, blacksmithing items, forge and huge bellows and more.

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. 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, or city hall at 1-515-852-4327.

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

Another Dows building on the National Historic Register, the Rock Island Depot 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. 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. or by appointment. For more information, call the Rock Island Depot Welcome Center at 1-515-852-3533.

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. For information regarding the museum, contact Ron Mohr at 1-515-293-1427.

Veterans Memorial Tower

A "no longer used" Eagle Grove grain elevator has been transformed into a community memorial honoring military veterans. The west wall recognizes Iowa Governor Robert Blue and Bravo Battery, both originally from Eagle Grove. The east wall illustrates The Twin Towers and 9/11 as well as Pearl Harbor. The south wall recognizes each branch of the military. For complete information, contact Daryl Watts at 1-515-448-3358.

Studio Sol Gallery & Maker Space | 113 W. Broadway St.

A space for creatives to connect and promote their creations, and for all people to explore their own creativity, guided by artist Sara Middleton. For more information call (515) 351-4906 or email sara.studiosol@gmail.com

Goldfield

Boone River Rapids River Park

A 120-foot long river rapid, in west Goldfield, is available for water rafting and tubing, depending on water levels. Also recently completed are canoe access areas, a new shelter house, new picnic tables and benches. Added in 2020 was a monument to the park area. For more information, contact Greg Soenen, 1-515-603-9011.

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. It was renovated in 2019 by Noah Roosa as his Eagle Scout project; completed with the help of the Boy Scout troop. Located on the east side of Main Street, the building can be accessed by obtaining a camp from 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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207 E Main St
1-641-444-4451

First State Bank
304 E. Main Street
641- 444-3226

Yesway
112 River Avenue S
641-444-3235

Green Belt Bank & Trust
120 E. Main Street
641-444-3956

SpareTime Lanes
203 2nd Ave SE
641-444-4141

Bloemke Pharmacy
443 E. Main Street
641-444-3451

Citizens Community Credit
247 E Main St.
641-444-3388

Clarion

Casey's General Store
222 Central Avenue W
515-532-3030

Brothers' Market
325 Central Avenue W
515-532-2829

First Citizens Bank
315 Central Avenue East
515-532-2841

First Bank
322 Central Ave E
515-532-6635



First State Bank
714 Central Avenue East
515-532-2210

Yesway
300 Central Avenue W
515-532-3524

Wells Fargo Bank
119 Central Avenue W
515-532-2854

Bradford Financial Center
215 N Main St.
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Farm Bureau Financial Services
223 Central Ave W
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326 Central Ave W
515-532-3457

Dows

Casey's General Store
2721 Dows Williams Rd
515-852-3503

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515-852-4151

Casey's General Store
904 Cardinal Ave
515-852-4387

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255 100th St

Eagle Grove

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215 N. Commercial
515-603-6412

Casey's General Store
200 South Commercial
515-448-3022

First State Bank
323 South Commercial
515-448-4567

Kum & Go Convenience Store
1120 South Commercial
515-448-4151

First Bank
201 W. Broadway
515-448-5111

Smoke Shop
110 W. Broadway
515-448-4381

Wells Fargo (at City Hall)
121 N Commercial Ave
800-869-3557

Goldfield

Casey's General Store
319 Highway 3 East
515-217-5526

First Bank
435 N. Main Street
515-825-3151

Woolstock

W&H Cooperative
200 W Nellie Street
515-839-5620

RECREATION





Our county has amazing outdoor recreation opportunities, including four glacial lakes; Wall Lake, Morse Lake, Elm Lake, and Lake Cornelia.

Lake Cornelia is by far the most popular area. It is located six miles northeast of Clarion and is about the same distance southwest of Belmond. The area features a kayak launch area on the west side of the Quiet Water area. The county now has eight kayaks available for rent. It also features $50,000 worth of upgraded playground equipment located on the north side of the lake, and resurfaced north and west sides of the biking/walking trail near the lake. In addition, 18 new camping sites located north of the Quiet Water area are open for the 2024 camping season.

Morse Lake is under renovation, to allow for aquatic vegetation to grow. It will be restocked with populations of bluegill, perch, and large-mouth bass and pike.

You can take advantage of the opportunity to try fishing during Free Fishing Weekend hosted by the State of Iowa the first full weekend of June. No licenses are required for any Iowa resident wanting to fish those three days. No fishing licenses are required at any time for youth under the age of 16.

If you would love to fish but don't have the equipment, you can borrow it from the Wright County Conservation Board.

Lakes and rivers are good places to fish for bullheads, large-mouth bass, walleye, crappie, yellow and white bass. Winter fishing is also a fun option for when the water freezes over.

If you like to hunt, Wright County provides several bird options including pheasants, partridges, doves, wild turkeys, and waterfowl. There are also deer, cotton-tailed rabbits, fox, and squirrels. Coyote can also be spotted during winter snowfalls.

Other fun winter option activities include ice fishing, snowshoeing, ice skating, cross-country skiing (equipment available for use for all of these activities from Wright County Conservation staff) , and snowmobiling.

Summer outdoor fun continues with boating, canoeing, kayaking, biking, and camping to mention a few.

For more information, you can call park personnel weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 515-532-3185. You can reach them by email at wccb@co.wright.ia.us.

FISHING LICENSE FEES

Iowa residents:
Lifetime (65 and older): $61.50
Annual (16 and older): $22
Angler's Special (3-year license): $62
Kids (15 and younger): FREE
7-day license: $15.50
1-day license: $10.50

Non-residents:
Annual (16 and older): $48
7-day license: $37.50
3-day license: $ 20.50
1-day license: $12
Kids (15 and younger): FREE

HUNTING LICENSE FEES

Iowa residents:
Lifetime (65 and older): $61.50
Annual (16 and older): $22
Hunter's Special (3-year license): $101
Hunting/Habitat: $35
Hunting/Fishing/Habitat: $55

Non-residents:
Annual (18 and older): $144
Annual (17 and younger): $45
* Hunting (5-day; 18+): $77
* Hunting/Habitat (5-day; 18+): $90

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RECREATION



Lake Cornelia

CAMPGROUND

The Lake Cornelia Campground has 88 camping units in the park with wireless internet; eight are situated directly on the north side of the lake. The additional 80 sites are located farther north of the lake, all include electricity. Fifty sites include water and sewer. There are new modern restrooms and showers in the east portion of the main camping area. Building doubles as a storm shelter, able to withstand up to 250 mph winds.

WALKING/BIKING TRAIL AND QUIET WATER

The 1½-acre quiet water provides off-lake boat parking for day use boaters. Several years ago, county workers added 12 inches 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 for a nominal fee.

A walking/biking trail nearly circles the lake. Prairie plantings of native grasses and flowers wind along the west side of the walking trail.

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. They can be reserved for a nominal fee. There is also an enclosed 40-foot by 60-foot shelter at the north end of Lake Cornelia. For more information, or to make reservations for shelters and camping areas, call the conservation office, 1-515-532-3185, 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 Tail

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 take a dog-leg southeast of the Belmond Cemetery. The ¾-mile extension will be a straight path in a wooded area, overlooking Luick's Creek, making a better connection to Franklin Grove Wildlife Area. Franklin Grove Heritage Trail is connected to Prairie Lands Trail, north of the existing bike and walk path. In the future, Prairie Lands trail will connect Belmond to Mason City and Clear Lake.

The 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. For more information on this sport, check the website: www.pdga.com.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School Disc Golf Course, on the west side of the high schoolgrounds, 1111 Willow Drive in Clarion, is a nine-hole course.

Eagle Grove at Greenwood Park, 212 2nd St. NE, Eagle Grove. Greenwood Park Disc Golf Course is a newer nine-hole course.

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.

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 – Offers 18 acres of timber, parallels the Iowa River south of Rowan. An excellent opportunity for the naturalist. Amenities include shelter house and picnic tables.

Boone River Greenbelt – Two hundred seventy eight acres located four miles south of Eagle Grove and ½-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 or canoeing. Also open for hunting and trapping.

Elm Lake – Featuring 619 acres of lake, marsh and upland habitat, the lake is located two miles east and two miles north of Clarion. The lake is open to hunting, fishing and trapping.

Elm Lake Access – The 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.

Indian Pipes Wildlife Area- The newest addition to the public land, 132 acres, is a diverse mix of upland, timber and river corridor. The forest is comprised old-growth oak and shag bark hickory trees, numerous species of spring ephemeral flowers and plants and an abundance of wildlife dominate this parcel. The area is open to hunting and fishing.

Morse Lake – This 108-acre shallow lake-marsh is five miles west of Belmond. The area also contains 64 acres of upland habitat and marshlands that are open for hunting and trapping. The Lower Morse Lake Waterfowl Protection Area adds another 1,900 acres to the wildlife habitat area.

Oakdale Park – 127 acres located one mile east and 1½ miles south of Renwick along the Boone River. The area is heavily timbered. Amenities include one shelter house, barbecue facilities, water, electricity and playground equipment. The area has fishing access on the river, as well as pond fishing.

Pike's Timber – A heavily-timbered, 46-acre park and wildlife area, is located ½ mile east and ½ mile south of Lake Cornelia. The area, with the Iowa River flowing the length of the park, has one shelter house, restrooms, electricity.

Troy Roadside Park – This 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.

White Fox Creek Game Management – Featuring 106 acres, it is located ½ mile north of the French Church, off county road C70, three miles east of Woolstock. Upland game and waterfowl hunting.

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 and cross-country skiing are encouraged.

For more information, contact:
Wright Co. Conservation Board
1768 O'Brien Avenue
Lake Cornelia Park
Clarion, Iowa 50525
1-515-532-3185 **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.





PARKS


Lake Cornelia Park

Belmond

Belmond City Park

212 2nd St. 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, a pavilion, tables, and benches.

Swimming Pool Park

908 1st St. 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 two to five and five to eight years old. Restrooms are located on the outside of the pool bathhouse. Pool Park is the location of three tennis courts and the Extreme Sports Park which is equipped with ramps, rail, and quarter pipe.

Ballfield Park

804 Luick's Lane N on 5.594 acres. There are two ball fields in the park, one of which is lit. There are restrooms, concession stands, 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 12-acre park is reserved mainly for passive recreation. There is a Disc Golf Course, two shelters with picnic tables, restrooms, new playground equipment, 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 Belmond Growth Alliance at 641-444-3937.

Crown Point Park

204 5th Ave. 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 backstop but 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 St. 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.

Clarion

Lake Cornelia Park

Located on the north side of Lake Cornelia, the nicely wooded area has several picnic tables, grills, open-air shelters, and indoor shelters that can be used or rented. The Lake Cornelia beach is part of the amenities of the area. There are two playground areas with new equipment. Visitors can also borrow fishing equipment and rent kayaks. A walking trail cuts through the park for walkers to enjoy strolling shorter distances or walking the lake's circumference. The walking bridge over the harbor area is newly repaired and lit at night.

Bayer Pollinator Park

Located one block north of Highway 3 and west of 4th St. NW, the park (sometimes known as a butterfly garden) is one acre of flowers to attract pollinators. A graveled path encircles the area; complete with benches.

Gazebo Park

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

Hanson Park

Located in the 200 block of 6th Ave. NE the park 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 in the 300 block of 3rd Ave. NE east of the school buildings, is home to safe playground equipment for school children and the public's use. There are also two tennis courts near the middle school. 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 and 6th St. NE, the park offers a shelter house, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, basketball court, and public restrooms. This park is adjacent to the aquatic center and the school's 400-meter track.

Lion's Park

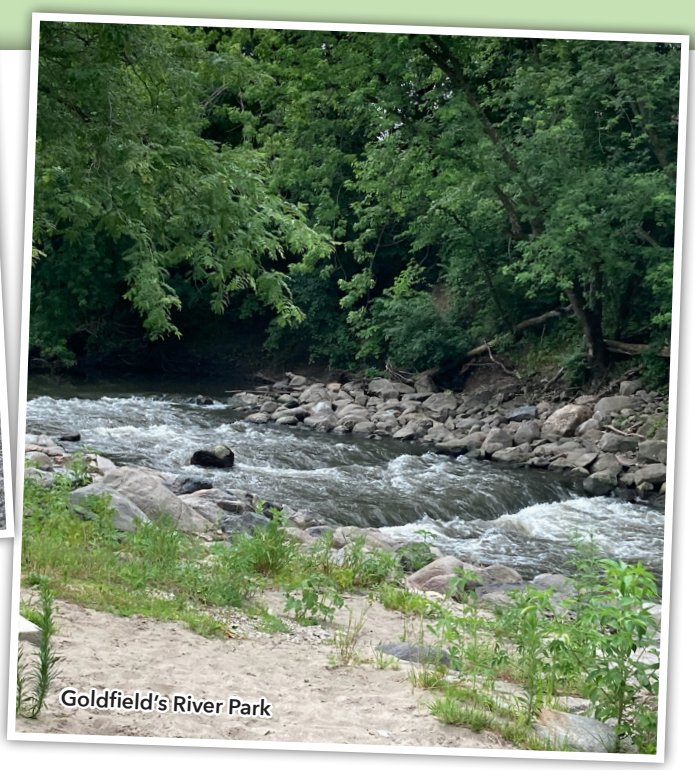
Located at 5th St. SE, includes children's play equipment and two lighted softball/baseball diamonds, modern restrooms, and a concession stand.

Firemen's Park

Located between 4th and 5th Streets SW and bounded by 1st Ave. SW on the east, is home to the skate park. There are picnic tables and playground equipment.



Eagle Grove's Hewett Park



Goldfield's River Park

Dows

Dows City Park
This large, beautiful downtown park located on West Ellsworth, is the center of Dows' Annual Corn Days the first weekend of each August. It features a large gazebo shelter, new 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, picnic tables, and new playground equipment as of summer 2022.

Dows Historical District
A lovely, shaded area with picnic tables one block north of the Dows Community Center.

Eagle Grove

Hewett Park
Located in the middle of town in the 600 block of SW 2nd St., has two newly remodeled multi-purpose tennis/pickleball/badminton courts, basketball hoops, modern playground equipment, restrooms, shelter, and grills.

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, skateboard park, four softball/baseball diamonds, the Wright County Fairgrounds, two basketball hoops, playground equipment, grills, restrooms, shelters, and camper facilities.

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

Fishpond Park
Located in a beautiful area in northeast Eagle Grove, its main attraction is a fishing hole. The park also has a walking path, benches, and two shelters.

Gazebo Park/Veterans Memorial Park
Located in the 200 block of W Broadway, construction began 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.

Flowing Well Park
Located on the corner of SW 2nd St. and Cedar Avenue, is a very unique park, consisting of a small gazebo with a flowing well inside of it.

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, and 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, and water/electricity.

River Park
Located in northwest Goldfield on Cedar Street, the park parallels the Boone River. The river is navigable for many miles. With the help of grants and contributions, the river rapids allow water rafting and tubing with newly installed canoe access areas, a new shelter house, and new picnic tables, and benches. Fishing is a great activity to try in this area as well.

Rowan

Playground Park
Located at the corner of Bingham and Main Street, this park has a large variety of playground equipment in a newer setting.

Woolstock

Woolstock City Park
Located near the Community Hall, it has picnic tables, benches, and playground equipment.

Woolstock Athletic Park
Located east of 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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1-515-852-4528
1-515-852-4520

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Dayspring Assembly of God
208 6th Ave. SW, Belmond
1-641-444-3088

Calvary Baptist
516 E Main St., Belmond
1-641-444-4144

First Baptist
1210 S Commercial
Eagle Grove
1-515-448-4612

Holmes Baptist
2137 Hancock Ave., Holmes
1-515-825-3110

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Catholic
221 S Jackson Ave.
Eagle Grove
1-515-532-3586

St. Francis Xavier
1207 3rd St. NE, Belmond
1-641-444-3249

St. John's Catholic
608 2nd Ave. NE, Clarion
1-515-532-3586

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Of Christ
420 N Main St., Clarion
1-515-532-3273

Park Church of Christ
422 N. Washington Street
Goldfield, 515-825-3911

EVANGELICAL FREE

Evangelical Free
2796 130th Drive, Belmond
1-641-444-3204

Grace Evangelical Free
1220 S Commercial Ave.,
Eagle Grove
1-515-448-5414

HISPANIC

Bienvenidos Iglesia Cristiane Nueve Fida
522 S Main St., Clarion
1-515-851-2613

Centro Cristiano Vida Nueva
208 1st St. SE, Belmond
1-641-444-4662

Gloria a Cresto
114 S Main St., Clarion
1-515-851-2153
1-515-851-1729

Hispanic Ministry
608 Second Ave. NE, Clarion
515-532-2179

Iglesias del Nazareno
1010 2nd St. NW, Clarion
1-515-851-9699

The Living God
107 E Ellsworth, Dows
1-641-373-7121

Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal M.I. Christo Salva
415 NE 2nd St., Eagle Grove
1-515-293-1254

LUTHERAN

Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran
615 SW 2nd St., Eagle Grove
1-515-448-3697

First Lutheran
420 1st St. NW, Clarion
1-515-532-3440

First Lutheran
206 W Ellsworth, Dows
1-515-852-4283

Holmes Lutheran
2139 Hancock Ave., Holmes
1-515-825-3660

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RR1, Clarion/Rowan
(N. on Highway 69)
1-515-532-2729

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1-515-825-3610

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Meet at Eagle Grove Library
515-571-3406

Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran
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Eagle Grove
1-515-448-4668

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1-515-448-5038

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515-444-4587

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United Presbyterian
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Immanuel Reformed
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Wright Christian Reformed
1726 130th Str., Kanawha
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United Church of Christ
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1-515-448-3584

United Church of Christ
Congregational
116 W Main St., Belmond
1-641-444-3407

United Church of Christ
121 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion
1-515-532-2269

United Church of Rowan
811 Pesch St., Rowan
(Congregational & Methodist)
1-515-853-2264

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist
201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion
1-515-532-2845

United Methodist & Presbyterian Yoked Churches of Dows
569 100th St., Dows
1-515-852-3394

United Methodist
1031 1st St. SE, Belmond
1-641-444-3491

United Methodist
421 W Broadway, Eagle Grove
1-515-448-4701

United Methodist
121 W Chestnut, Goldfield
1-515-825-3754

OUTREACHES

Crossroads Youth & Family Center
502 N Main St., Goldfield
1-515-293-2767

KJYL Christian radio (100.7 Fm)
118 W Highway 3, Goldfield
1-515-825-3100

ENTERTAINMENT

Belmond

New Lyric Movie Theatre
431 E Main Street
641-444-7225
641-444-3612 - Manager

Redbox DVD Kiosk
Dollar General
404 River Avenue

Spare Time Lanes & Lounge
203 2nd Avenue SE
641-444-4141

Belmond Public Library
440 E Main Street
641-444-4160

Clarion

Clarion Aquatic Center
618 Fifth Street NE
515-532-2315
off season-515-532-2847
(City Hall)

Clarion Movie Theatre
115 First Avenue NE
515-602-6606

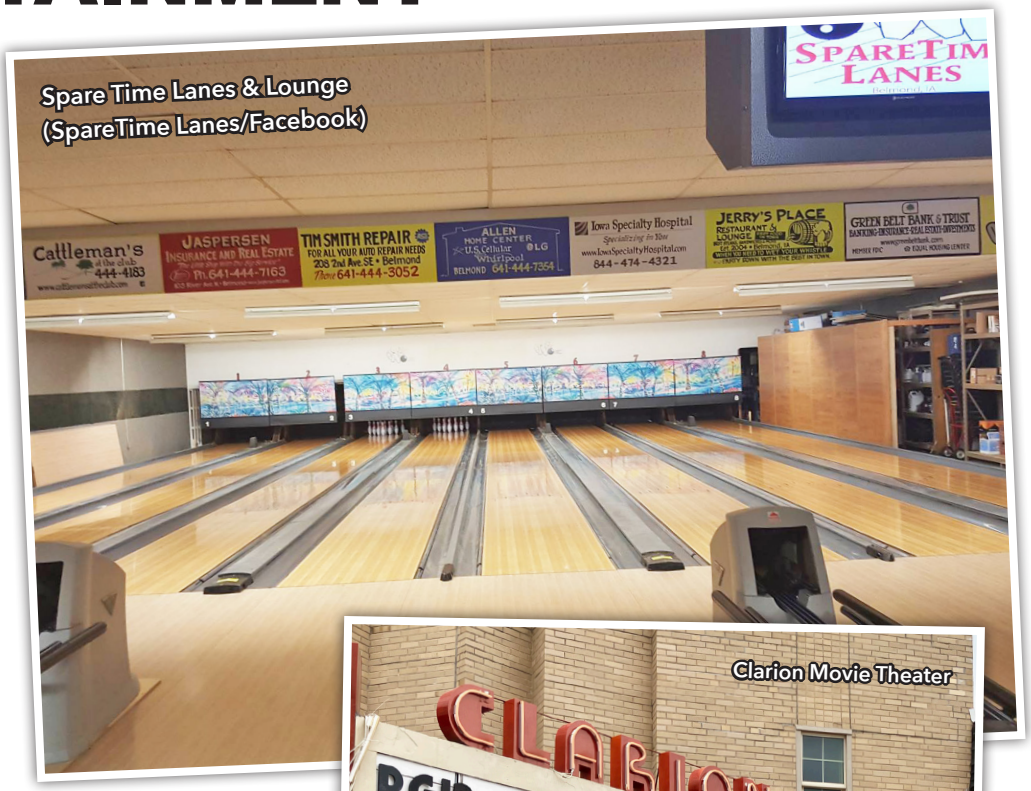
Redbox DVD Kiosk
Dollar General
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Clarion Public Library
302 N Main Street
515- 532-3673

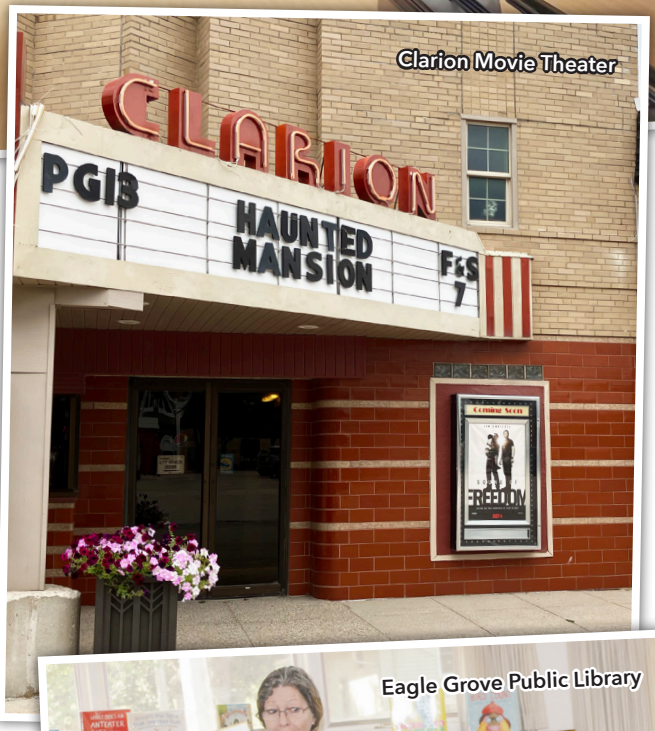
Dows

Dows Swimming Pool
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Dows Public Library
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515-852-4326



Spare Time Lanes & Lounge
(SpareTime Lanes/Facebook)



Clarion Movie Theater

Eagle Grove

DVD Rental Kiosk
Dollar General
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515-448-8377

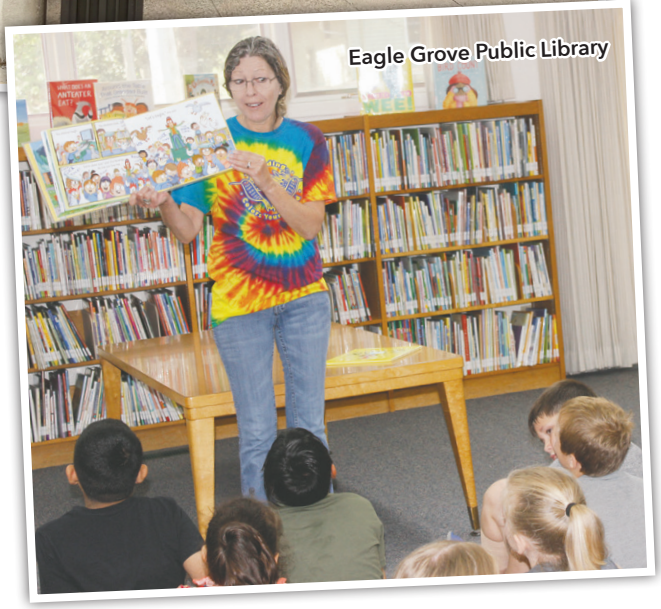
Eagle Aquatic Center
Greenwood Park
515-448-4672

Eagle Grove Public Library
101 S. Cadwell Ave
515-448-4115

Rowan

Iowa River Players Theater
901 Broadway, Rowan
319-231-7828

Rowan Public Library
101 Main Street
641-853-2327


Eagle Grove Public Library

LODGING/CAMPING


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Lake Cornelia Campground

READ THE SIGNS

Can you read the names of the street road signs to identify where you are in Wright County? You can if you know the "pattern."

All county street signs run east and west; the numbering begins at the north border of the county at 100th Street, moving by 10 for every mile south, to more than 300th Street in southern Wright County. Highway 3 could also be called 220th Street.

Avenues begin at the west border of the county and are alphabetical, beginning with A, moving east by the mile, continuing with B, C and so on. Madison Avenue is more commonly known by residents as County K; Youngblood is almost in Franklin County.

Houses or building sites on streets begin their numbering at the west side of the County at 1000 and climb to 3000 on the east side of the county. Numbers for avenues reflect the distances between the streets. For example, 2475 Page Avenue would tell a 911 operator, or any other traveler, the needed location is ¾ mile (the '75') further south of 240th Street.

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Camping

Lake Cornelia Park Campground

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Belmond, 312 River Ave. S (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. 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. Contact 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. For more complete information, contact City Hall at 1-515-852-4327.

Wright County Fairgrounds

Sixty camping spaces are available at the Wright County Fairgrounds (all sites have electricity) in Eagle Grove, 1000 E. Broadway (just east of Greenwood Park). For camping information, contact 1-515-448-3351.

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Belmond Drive In
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Subway
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Subway
316 Central Ave. W
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1316 S Main
1-515-532-2811

Dows

Casey's
2721 Dows-Williams Rd.
1-515-852-3503

Crème de la Crème
Mercantile Building
122 E Ellsworth
1-515-825-3533

Eagle Grove

Ampride
215 N Commercial
(515)-603-6412

Boone River Coffee Co.
107 N Commercial Ave
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200 S Commercial Ave.
1-515-448-3022

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515-448-5072

Rails Bar & Grill
220 Railroad Ave.
1-515-603 -6999

Slay Nutrition
213 West Broadway
515-851-1573

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300 N Commercial Ave.
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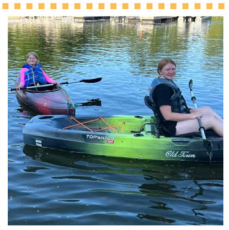
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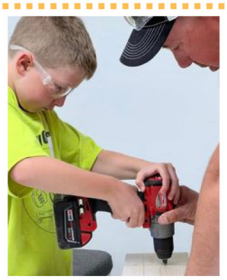
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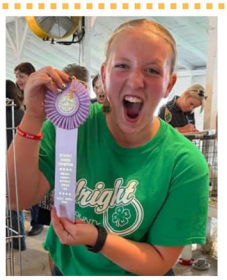
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The Wright County ISU Extension and Outreach office can help you find a club in your area that fits you and your goals.









JOIN TODAY

To join 4-H, email Paige Stewart pstewart@iastate.edu
To join Clover Kids, email Paige Dagel at pdagel@iastate.edu
Or call the Extension Office at 515-532-3453

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Wright County Fairgrounds
901 SE 1st St.,
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Mark your calendars now; you don't want to miss it. We host outstanding 4-H and FFA livestock shows, welcome a well-known Iowa based carnival, schedule a full slate of Free Stage acts, arrange a full building of Commercial vendors, invite many food vendors with unforgettable menus, and provide entertainment in the grandstand for four full nights just to name a few. Check out our Fair's website, www.wrightcofair.com, for an initial schedule of events and keep checking back for more details. Feel free to contact the fair office if you have any questions by phone or email. (wrightcofair@wmtel.net or 515-448-3351).

The Wright County Fairgrounds does offer camping on the grounds outside of the fair dates. Our camping spots are electrical only. Feel free to call the fair office with any questions or to schedule your stay. (515-448-3351)



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Clarion 515-532-2515
Dows 515-852-4327
Eagle Grove 515-448-4793
Goldfield 515-825-3300
Wright County Sheriff 515-532-3722

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Iowa Specialty Hospital, Clarion
1316 S Main Street, Clarion
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Clarion Clinic
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844-474-4321

Eagle Grove Unity Point Clinic
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Eagle Grove
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306 W Broadway St,
Eagle Grove
515-293-8111

Community Health Center of Clarion
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Conservation Board
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Clarion, IA 50525
515-532-3185

Wright County Courthouse
115 North Main Street
Clarion, Iowa 50525
515-851-0202
https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/

Wright County District Junior Fair
901 SE First Street
Eagle Grove, IA
515-448-0351
or 515-448-3351
www.wrightcofair.com

Economic Development
115 N Main Street
P.O. Box 214, Clarion, IA
515-532-6422
www.wrightcounty.org

ISU Extension Office
210 First Street SW
Clarion, IA
515-532-3453
www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/

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City Hall
112 Second Avenue NE
641-444-3386
www.belmondiowa.com

Belmond Growth Alliance
112 Second Avenue NE
641-444-3937
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Belmond Independent Newspaper
215 E. Main Street
641-444-3333
www.belmondnews.com

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223 E Main Street
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Jenison-Meacham Memorial Art Center & Museum
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Belmond Public Library
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Clarion, Iowa 50525
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Eagle Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
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www.eaglegrove.com

Eagle Grove Memorial Library
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