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Welcome to Wright County! And this year's 2013-2014 Guide.

We invite you to enjoy our hundreds of events and attractions in the upcoming twelve months, whether you are a visitor or a guest!

Enjoy Lake Cornelia and dozens of other recreation areas! Find places to dine, entertainment venues, golf and camp facilities. If you have emergencies, you can find contact information in this year's guide!

We hope that you find Wright County as a place to "enjoy life....the wRight Way!"

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www.explorewrightcounty.com

If you have questions, comments or need additional visitor information, feel free to contact us.

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April 2013 - 2014

Ongoing Dates & Events:

Rowan Community Coffee each Saturday from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at the Rowan Library Community Room. Only exceptions are any dates when the community room is reserved. For more information, call 1-641-853-2327.

Most months, a TEXAS JAM finds jammers, listeners and dancers enjoy music together. For more complete information or to learn of an upcoming date, call Terri Avery at 1-515-689-3986.

Community blood drives in Clarion - First Tuesday of every month (exceptions for holidays) from 1 - 6 p.m. at United Presbyterian Church. Contact Mary Goemaat at 1-515-532-9332.

IN APRIL 2013:

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

Thursday, April 4 through Saturday, April 6 - National Winter Convention of J.I. Case Collectors - at Heartland Museum in Clarion. Vendors indoors, an auction for parts and tractors held outdoors. During the three days convention-goers will travel to local collectors to see collections; visit the Maasdams' sheds and visit their home in the evenings to see the basement collection of over 8,000 toys and models. Event includes a day out for ladies traveling across Wright County. Hagie Mfg hosts a tour of their plant on Friday. The weekend concludes with a banquet Saturday night at the 1204 Central Grill, with a speaker and door prizes. Antique tractor collectors enjoy seeing old friends twice a year at their summer/winter conventions held all over the United States. Public is invited; normal museum fee is charged to visit the museum and cost for the banquet. Other events are no charge. Enjoy this unique presentation of J. I. Case memorabilia - 1-532-602-6000.



Sunday, April 7 - Swiss Steak Dinner - St. John Catholic Church in Clarion - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Carry outs available as well as home deliveries.

Thursday, April 11 - C-G & D Middle School SENIORS NIGHT 'back to school' - Clarion-Goldfield & Dows Middle School Building, 5 - 8 p.m. Margaret Askelsen - 1-515-532-2412.

Friday, April 12 - SPRING Rummage Sale - United Church of Christ in Eagle Grove - 7:30 a.m. - noon; 1-515-448-3584

Friday, April 12 - Belmond Cub Scouts Penny Carnival, Parker Gym, Belmond, 6 - 8 p.m., Kevin Bock - 1-515-571-5943.

Saturday, April 13 - Regional Art Show, Jenison-Meachem Memorial Arts Center, northeast of Belmond - Karla Pals - 641-444-3551.

Saturday, April 13 - Clarion Coin Club Spring Show, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; C-G High School; Boyd LaRue - 1-515-532-0056.

Saturday, April 13 - 'Sister City' Pancake Dinner - Woolstock Community Hall, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mel Waldon - 1-515-532-3313.

Friday, April 13 - At Iowa River Players Theater - "Lipstick and Lashes" - Lucinda Holliday (aka Larry Moore) one wo-MAN show - 7:30 p.m. - Ronda Moore - 1-515-571-2374.

at 2 p.m. - 1-515-851-8487.

Saturday, April 20 - Eagle Grove city-wide garage sale day - Eagle Grove Eagle - 515-448-4745.

Saturday, April 20 - Clarion-Goldfield & Dows - Junior & Senior Prom, 1-515-532-2895.

Saturday, April 20 - Dance with Me Studio Recital, Luick Auditorium, Belmond - 1:00 & 6:30 p.m. - contact Michelle Buseman-1-641-444-3402.

Tuesday, April 23 - Iowa Specialty Hospital's Auxiliary Semi-Annual Meeting - 7 p.m. - Meadows Dining Room, Mary Goemaat - 1-515-532-9322.

Friday & Saturday, April 26 & 27 - Clarion Community Annual Garage Sales, sponsored by the Wright County Monitor - 1-515-532-2871.

Friday - Sunday, April 26-28 - Iowa River Players presents "The Foreigner" - Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. - 1-515-851-8487.

Saturday, April 27 - Eagle Grove City Wide Clean Up Day. For more information, contact Eagle Grove City Hall to confirm dates - 1-515-448-4343.

Sunday, April 28 (tentative date) - Clarion Lions' Club Annual Dinner, Clarion-Goldfield High School, LeRoy Jensen - 1-515-532-2100.

IN MAY 2013:

Wednesday, May 1 - Spring Salad Luncheon from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - First Lutheran Church, Clarion - Joyce Charlson - 1-641-444-4497.

Thursday, May 2 - Ladies Night in Clarion, Great night of shopping and socializing, contact Clarion Chamber office - www.clarioniowa.com - 1-515-532-2256.

Thursday, May 2 - National Day of Prayer.

Saturday, May 4 - Belmond City Wide Garage Sale Day and "Thanks with Franks" Customer Appreciation Day - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.

Tuesday, May 7 - Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary \$5 Masquerade Jewelry Sale - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Clarion board rooms, Mary Goemaat - 1-515-532-9322.

Sunday, May 12 - Belmond Cub Scouts Community Service Project. Cub Scouts will replace all worn/damaged flags in Belmond. Anyone wishing a new

Tuesday, April 16 - Ladies Nite Out - A night of dining & fun, sponsored by the Ambassadors of Eagle Grove. Working Woman of the Year Award given to a woman in the community, nominated by her peers. Contact Chamber - 1-515-448-4821.

Friday - Sunday, April 19 - 21 - Iowa River Players presents "The Foreigner" - Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday

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3 x 5 U.S. flag to replace a current one for residence/business, contact Kevin Bock - 1-641-444-4360 to be added to their list.

Wednesday, May 15 - Belmond-Klemme High School Baccalaureate - Luick Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. Scholarship & Senior Awards Night. Contact High School Office - 1-641-444-4300.

Wednesday, May 15 - 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 15 - Eagle Grove Baccalaureate, Robert Blue Middle School Auditorium.

Thursday, May 16 - Belmond Scrubs & Beyond uniform sale - St. John's Church - 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, May 17 - Clarion Scrubs & Beyond uniform sale - Lower level conference room - Iowa Specialty Hospital - 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 - Belmond-Klemme High School Graduation. Belmond-Klemme High School gym, 2 p.m. High School Office - 1-641-444-4300.

Sunday, May 19 - Clarion-Goldfield & Dows High School Graduation, Clarion-Goldfield High School gym, 2 p.m. - High School Office - 1-515-532-2895.

Sunday, May 19 - Eagle Grove High School Graduation, Eagle Grove Elementary School Gym.

Sunday, May 26 - June 30 - Claire Smith Photography Exhibit - Jenison-Meacham Art Center & Museum, northeast of Belmond. Opens Sundays- 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-6838 or Karla Pals - 1-641-444-3557

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Services, Memorial Day at Eagle Grove Rosewood Cemetery.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Clarion - Goldfield high school from 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Services. Clarion-High School gym, 10 a.m., Dean Kluss - 1-515-839-5901

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, Rowan Lions Club, Schoolhouse Community Room 901 South Broadway Street - 7:30 a.m., Butch Aldrich - 1-641-853-2365.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Services, Rowan Cemetery, 10 a.m., Butch Aldrich - 1-641-853-2365.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Services. Luick Auditorium, Belmond - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Services at Fairview Cemetery in Dows - 10:30 a.m.

On Memorial Day weekend, Heartland Museum opens for the season in Clarion. Museum is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and holidays from 1:30 - 4 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day. The museum is opened any time by appointment. Call the Museum - 1-515-602-6000 to arrange a time for a tour.



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 Centers - 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.

Friday, May 31 - Kelly's School of Dance Recital - Luick Auditorium, Belmond 7 p.m. - 1-641-444-4407

Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 2 - Kites Over the Prairie - Jenison-Meacham Museum & Arts Center, northeast of Belmond; featuring kites and hot air balloons. Watch for more information - www.belmondartscenter.org . Jerry Holmes - 1-515-293-0379 or Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-6838.

IN JUNE 2013:

Farmers' Markets in Wright County, June - October - Find a farmers market in Wright County on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday each week during the gardening season!

* Dows at City Park on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m.; contact - Lisa Stuck - 1-515-852-4797;

* Belmond at City Park on Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; contact Roger Wenzel - 1-641-425-0542;

* Eagle Grove - Location yet to be determined - on Fridays; contact Chamber office to be a vendor - 1-515-448-4821;

* Clarion - Gazebo Park on Saturdays - (start on May 11)) from 9 a.m. - noon; contact - Terry Kreitlow - 1-515-338-1049.

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

Sunday, June 2 - Family Picnic in the Park - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Luick Memorial Swimming Pool Park, Belmond Community Vacation Bible School Committee - 1-641-444-4149.

Tuesday, June 4 - Eagle Grove 2013 Chamber Golf Outing - Prizes; make plans to attend. For more information, contact Eagle Grove Chamber - 1-515-448-4821.

Thursday, June 6 - "Laughing Matters" - juggling, magic, mime, and other nonsense - Clarion Public Library, 9:30 a.m. - part of the summer reading program, Nancy Nail - 1-515-532-3673.

Friday - Sunday, June 7, 8, & 9 - 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 residents. 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 7 - Taste of Clarion - Main Street in Clarion, 6 - 9 p.m. Outdoor celebration night with sampling of food and entertainment, Clarion Chamber office - 1-515-532-2256.



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Friday, June 7 - Vic Ferrarri Concert - South Main Street in Clarion - sponsored by Chappy's on Main, 1-515-532-2727.



Saturday, June 8 - Clarion's Festival in the Park; each year on the second Saturday of June, the community hosts its annual celebration. The 34th Annual Event

features a 5K run and breakfast early in the day, followed by the parade in downtown Clarion. Look for food booths, arts & crafts booths, a day of entertainment at Gazebo Park. Something for every age. For more complete information, contact the Clarion Chamber office at 1-515-532-2256; www.clarioniowa.com or look them up on facebook at Festival in the Park.

Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9 - Heartland Museum is open during Clarion's Festival in the Park - Open hours are 1:30 - 4 p.m.; 1-515-602-6000.

Saturday, June 15 - Outdoor Youth Field Day, Oakdale Park, Izaak Walton Clubhouse, south of Renwick, north of Goldfield - Wright County Naturalist - 1-515-532-3185.

EAGLE GROVE SUMMERFEST

Saturday, June 15 - Eagle Grove's Annual SUMMERFEST - It's Eagle Grove's annual community celebration. Craft vendors, inflatables, mud volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball, street dance with Boogie and the Yo Yos, and lots more to enjoy. Sponsored by the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce - 1-515-448-4821.

Sunday, June 16 - Flight Breakfast & Car Show - Eagle Grove Airport.

Saturday, June 22 - Wright County's Relay For Life - Clarion-Goldfield High School Track from 6 p.m. - midnight.; Contact Tina Coleman - 1-800-227-2345 - ACS with calls answered 24/7.

Saturday, June 29 - Firecracker Classic Run, begins and ends at Belmond-Klemme High School Mike Long Track -

contact Brad Robson - 1-641-444-3226.

Sunday, June 30 - Belmond Fire Department Omelet Breakfast - Belmond Fire Station - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 30 - Belmond Community Church Service - Belmond City Park - 9:30 a.m.

June & July - Wright County Public Libraries Summer Reading Programs - This year's theme: "Dig Into Reading" - 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 summer events/activities.

IN JULY 2013

Tuesday, July 2 - 20th Anniversary Celebration Meadows Independent Living Senior Apartments - Mary Goemaat, 1-515-532-9332.

Thursday, Fourth of July Activities in Belmond - (activities, dates and times



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have not yet been confirmed) call the Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937 for more information: Bill Riley Talent Search; Kiddie Parade and Carnival; Kickball Tournament; Disc Golf Tournament; Teen Dance; Firecracker Classic Run; parade; dinner in City Park; games, including Cake Walk & Bingo; 3 on 3 Basketball tournament; grandstand show at football field followed by fireworks and Iowa's largest ground display at 10 p.m.

Thursday, July 4 - Ice Cream Social - Belmont United Methodist Church, 2 - 4 p.m.; 1-641-444-3491.

Thursday, July 4 - Bratwurst/Maidrite Supper - St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 5 - 7 p.m.; 1-515-532-3586 or 1-855-658-7837.

Saturday, July 6 - Firecracker Classic Run begins and ends at Belmont-Klemme High School Mike Long Track. Contact Brad Robson - 1-641-444-3226 for more information.

Sunday, July 7 - Belmont Fire Department Omelet Breakfast - Belmont Fire Station, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, July 7 - Belmont Community Church Service - Belmont City Park - 9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, July 7 - Independence Day Fun Continues with Dragon Boat Races - Lake Cornelia. Held at the North end of the lake; Lake Cornelia Improvement Association, Lavon Marshall - 1-515-851-0790.

July 7 - August 11 - Art Show by Jim Jacobmeyer at the Jenison-Meachem Memorial Arts Center, northeast of

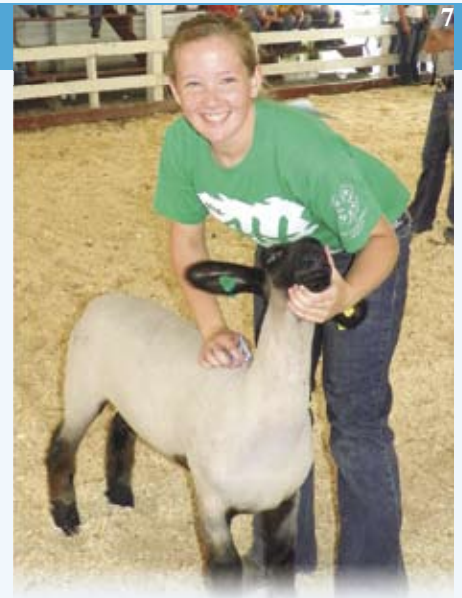
Belmond; open Sundays 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-6838 or Karla Pals - 1-641-444-



3557. **Wednesday, July 10** - Wright County Fair Annual Parade - (over 100 entries in 2012), downtown Eagle Grove, 6 p.m., sponsored by the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce; call to reserve your parade entry - 1-515-448-4821.

Wednesday, July 10 - Monday, July 15th - The Wright County Fair

in Eagle Grove has a long-standing tradition of being one of the best FREE Gate, FREE Parking fairs in Iowa. It is a beyond a countywide event, exhibiting



4-H and FFA livestock shows; are pleased to continue our working relationship with a well-known Iowa carnival; have a full schedule of free stage acts, commercial booth vendors, a wide variety of food vendors to please one and all. Don't want to miss the grandstand events! For a small price, see the Adam Craig Band with Clayton Severson as the opener one night, the Fantasy Truck Pullers on the second night and Wright Rodeo, a full ten-event rodeo with fireworks on the final night. Fair officials are 'RAISING THE BARn' - don't want to miss it! Tricia Rosendahl, Manager, 1-515-448-3351, www.wrightcofair.com for a listing of events and more!

Some date in July (date to be set) - Mock Trial at the Heartland Museum - Local attorneys and actors retry a historical case; jury selected from the audience determines the verdict - 1-515-602-6000.

Free summer movie matinees (watch media for details) - Sponsored by local merchants at the Clarion Theatre - www.clariontheatre.com.

Saturday, July 20 - St. Olaf Lutheran Church's Beef Burger Picnic, Leinbach Center - Belmond; Cindy Pogge - 1-515-571-2827.



**4th of July Boat Races
Lake Cornelia**



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Friday & Saturday, July 26 & 27 - Clarion's Annual Ridiculous Days; Great deals in retail shops across Clarion; Friday lunch sponsored by First Citizens National Bank, event sponsored by Clarion Chamber - 1-515-532-2256.

Saturday, July 27 - PROGRESSIVE DINNER at the Lake, Lake Cornelia Improvement Association, Lavon Marshall - 1-515-851-0790.

IN AUGUST 2013



Friday - Sunday, August 2 - 4 - Dows CORN DAYS in Dows - The Dows 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 fun run, parade, and the Dows Historical buildings; Sunday ecumenical church service - Bev Lange - 1-515-852-4623 or City Hall - 1-515-852-4327.

Saturday & Sunday, August 3 & 4 - Goldfield FOUNTAIN CITY DAYS - Goldfield celebrates its heritage at its annual community-wide celebration with fun, games, food, Saturday evening free meal and LIVE entertainment, Sunday ecumenical church service - Goldfield



Commercial Club - contact Sandi Gangstead - 1-515-825-3450.

Saturday, August 3 - Carson & Barnes Circus, Jenison-Meachem Memorial Arts Center, northeast of Belmond; watch for more information. Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-6838 or Jerry Holmes - 1-515-293-0379.

Sunday, August 4 - Annual French Church Worship Service, 7 p.m. worship - 3 miles east of Woolstock on County Road R-70; ice cream social follows at Woolstock Community Center - Mel Waldon - 1-515-532-3313.

Thursday, August 8 - Sunday, August 18 - Iowa State Fair - Des Moines.

Friday - Sunday, August 9 - 11 - Iowa River Players presents "You Can't Take It With You" By George Kaufman & Moss Hart - Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. - 1-515-851-8487.

Wednesday, August 14 - Farewell to Summer Concert & Ice Cream Social - Belmond City Park - 7 p.m. (rain date is the next night); Pastor Pat Kennedy - 1-641-444-3908.

Thursday, August 15 - 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.

Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18 - **Prairie Homestead 24th Annual Antique Power Show and Country Craft Show** - All kinds of working exhibits and demonstrations; come prepared to step back in time to 'farm' in the early 1900s. This year's show will feature Custom Manufacturing which produced Custom, Wards, Rockol & Lehr Big Boy, and Simpson Tractors from 1945 - 1955. Show is host to the National Custom Club International 21st annual show. Also featured are Associated Gas Engines. Tom Worth from Nashville, Tennessee will be headliner for the on-going entertainment. Plenty of great food and lots to see and do. Sponsored by Belmond Area Arts Council; contact Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-6838 or 1-641-444-4635; www.belmondartscenter.org

Friday - Sunday, August 16 - 18 - Iowa River Players presents "You Can't Take It With You" By George Kaufman

& Moss Hart - Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. - 1-515-851-8487.

Saturday, August 17 - Dog Day Triathlon - Belmond - 7:30 a.m. - 3 mile run, 10 miles bike, and 160 meter swim - starts at Renwick Pool - 908 1st St. SE - Contact Lee Fink - 1-641-444-7014 or www.dogdaystriathlon.com.

August 24 - October 6 - David Prehm Watercolor Show at Jenison-Meachem Memorial Arts Center, northeast of Belmond. Open Sundays 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-5838 or Karla Pals - 1-641-444-3557.

Sunday, August 25 - Ice Cream Social - 5 - 7 p.m. - United Church of Christ in Eagle Grove - 1-515-448-3584.

Saturday, Aug. 31 & Sunday, Sept. 1 - 125th Anniversary St. Olaf Lutheran Church OPEN HOUSE, Belmond; all welcome. Cindy Pogge - 1-515-571-2827.

August (date to be determined) - Saturday & Sunday - WOOLSTOCK DAYS - Garage Sales and Street Dance on Saturday; Farmer's Picnic - City Park on Sunday. Contact Woolstock City Hall - 1-515-839-5540.

IN SEPTEMBER 2013

Labor Day weekend, Saturday - Monday, August 31 - 2 - Celebration at Heartland Museum - Saturday - FALL FESTIVAL with Historical Society's annual recognition of Century residences; spelling contest open to the public. Museum open all 3 days from 1:30 - 4 p.m. After Labor Day, museum is open for tours only by appointment - 1-515-602-6000.

Wednesday, September 4 - Fall Salad Luncheon, serving from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; First Lutheran Church, Clarion, Joyce Charlson - 1-641-444-4497.



HIGHWAY 3 CORRIDOR GARAGE SALES



Friday - Saturday, September 6 - 7 - HIGHWAY 3 CORRIDOR GARAGE SALES; Wright, Franklin & Butler Counties - Find garage & yard sales across Wright, Franklin, and Butler Counties. - Brook Boehmler - 1-641-456-5668; Larry Turner - 1-515-571-3264; or Butler County - 1-319-267-2858.

Saturday, September 7 - BBQ/Tailgater at Lake Cornelia - hosted by Lake Cornelia Improvement Association, Lavon Marshall - 1-515-851-0790 (tentative date)...

Saturday, September 15 - Belmond's FALL FESTIVAL & CRAFT SALE, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce, Linda Thiele - 1-641-444-3937.

Sunday, September 15 - Clarion Lions' Club Annual Dinner, Clarion-Goldfield High School, LeRoy Jensen - 1-515-532-2100.

Wednesday, September 18 - St. Olaf Lutheran Church Bazaar & Auction - 5:30 p.m. - supper; 7 p.m. - auction - For more information call Cindy Pogge at 1-515-571-2827 or 1-641-762-3306.

Sunday, September 22 - Rowan Lions' Club Annual Chicken BBQ - 901 Broadway St, Rowan - 1-641-853-2365..

Wednesday, September 25 - See You at the Pole; student led prayers at schools across the U.S.

Wednesday, September 25 - Fall Salad Luncheon - St. John's Catholic Church, Clarion - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; includes farmers' market and bake sale.

Thursday, September 26 - Salad Luncheon - United Church of Christ in Eagle Grove - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 1-515-448-3584

IN OCTOBER 2013

Thursday, October 3 - Clarion's 86th UNION AID, combined church ladies' aids - noon luncheon.

Saturday, October 5 - Autumn Family Fun Festival - Belmond Swimming Pool Park, 1 - 4 p.m. - Connie Mattison - 1-641-444-4597.

Thursday, October 10 - "Quilts and More", one-woman quilt show - Pat LaRue hosts her annual show at Uptown Designs in Clarion.

Friday, October 11 - FALL Rummage Sale - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 - United Church of Christ in Eagle Grove at 1-515-448-3584.

October 13 - November 17 - Art Show by Karla Pals, Karen DeKuijer, & Sara Pals Goemaat at Jenison-Meachem Memorial Arts Center, northeast of Belmond. Open Sundays 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Dave Nelson - 1-515-571-6838 or Karla Pals 1-641-444-3557.

Saturday, October 19 - Lake Cornelia NIGHT HIKE, located between Clarion and Belmond - Enjoy the wooded area at night, meet at the lake enclosed shelter, hikes begin at 6 p.m.- Wright County Naturalist - 1-515-532-3185.

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Tuesday, October 22 - (tentative date) Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary's Semi-Annual Meeting - 7 p.m. - Meadows Dining Room, Mary Goemaat - 1-515-532-9332.

Saturday, October 26 - National Make a Difference Day - Communities, clubs, organizations, families, individuals work to 'make a difference'. Clarion's Marys & Marthas annually coordinates a local event. Contact Karen Weld - 1-515-532-2916. www.makeadifferenceday.org.

Saturday, October 26 - Downtown Treat Walk in Clarion - 9:30 - 11 a.m.; free cartoons at the theatre at 11 a.m. - contact Clarion Chamber - 1-515-532-2256 - www.clarioniowa.com.

Sunday, October 28 - Belmond Boys' Scouts Annual Pancake Breakfast - Leinbach Center, 116 Luick's Lane North - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Renee/Dave Suhr - 1-641-444-3680

Thursday, October 31 - Halloween Walk in Eagle Grove; fun starts at Eagle Grove Memorial Library; kids' parade down the sidewalks of main street; trick or treating at area businesses - contact Eagle Grove Chamber - 1-515-448-4821.

Thursday, October 31 - Clarion's Annual Trick or Treat; 5 - 7 p.m., City Hall - 1-515-532-2847.

Thursday, October 31 - Annual Trick or Treat in Belmond, 5 - 7 p.m., Belmond



Area Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.

IN NOVEMBER 2013

Friday, November 2 - (tentative date) - Hayride/Mixer, hosted by Lake Cornelia Association, Lavon Marshall - 1-515-851-0790.

Sunday, November 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends!

Sunday, November 3 - Wright County 4-H Awards Day - Clarion-Goldfield High School - contact Wright County Extension Office, youth director - 1-515-532-3453.

Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day; don't forget to VOTE!

Tuesday, November 5 - Annual Election Day Soup Supper, Leinbach Center, 116 Luick's Lane North, 5 - 7 p.m. - Belmond Culture Study Club, Jeanie Arends - 1-641-692-3371.

Tuesday, November 5 - Clarion Chamber & Development Member Celebration, 1-515-532-2256.

Wednesday, November 6 - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; First United Methodist Church - Clarion - 1-515-532-2845.

Thursday, November 7 - Ladies Night Out - Holiday Treats, night of shopping and socializing - Clarion Chamber - 1-515-532-2256 - www.clarioniowa.com.

Thursday, November 7 - Saturday, November 9 - Clarion Holiday Open House - holiday specials throughout Clarion's retail district. Clarion Chamber - 1-515-532-2256 - www.clarioniowa.com.

Sunday, November 10 - Veterans Day Salute Potato Bar - Clarion Boy Scout - Scott Wiezorek - 1-515-532-6955.

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day celebrated with school program at Dows School, 9:30 a.m.



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Wednesday, November 13 - Iowa Specialty Hospital Auxiliary Masquerade Jewelry Sale - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., hospital board rooms, Mary Goemaat - 1-515-532-9332.

Wednesday, November 13 - United Church of Rowan Escalloped Chicken & Bazaar - 5:30 p.m. for supper; 7 p.m. auction - Bonnie Leist - 1-641-853-2482.

Wednesday, November 20 - Annual Church Chicken & Noodle Dinner - United Church of Christ Congregational, Clarion - 1-515-532-2269.

Saturday, November 23 - Clarion's Annual Junior Wrestling Tournament - Clarion - Goldfield High School, Tom Simmons - 1-515-532-2482.

Saturday, November 23 - Eagle Grove's 54th Annual CRAFT FAIR - Nearly 40 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 25 - Holmes Christmas Club Annual Auction begins at 7 p.m. Chappy's on South Main in Clarion. Chappy's - 1-515-532-2727 or Beth Menges - 1-515-532-3378.

Thursday, November 28 - Community Thanksgiving Dinner - in Clarion - C-G High School - sponsored by Clarion Ministerial Association. Pick up free tickets at Clarion Super Foods several days prior to the event for count.

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Dinner - Leinbach Center in Belmont, 116 Luick's Lane North. Public Welcome. Call Rose Michelson for reservations - 1-641-444-3043.

Friday, November 29 - 22nd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights - Parade down Main Street in Belmont. 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 Belmont Area Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.

If you would like to be a part of the 2014 - 2015 Visitor's Guide, please call the Eagle Grove Eagle at 515-448-4745

Fridays & Saturday, November 29 & 30; every Saturday/Sunday in December until Christmas - Santa House is OPEN (also Christmas Eve, December 24), Visit with Santa on Fridays from 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information, contact Belmont Area Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.



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1316 South Main Street



Calendar of Events



downtown city park at dark, Santa arrives. Hot chocolate and cookies - Sponsored by the Goldfield Business Club - 1-515-825-3450.

IN DECEMBER 2013

Wednesday, December 5 - Christmas Coffee & Bake Sale, First Lutheran Church, Clarion, Joyce Charlson - 1-641-444-4497.

Thursday, December 5 - Holmes Christmas Club Fruit Basket Assembly & Distribution - Chappy's on South Main in Clarion. Chappy's - 1-515-532-2727 or Beth Menges - 1-515-532-3378.

Friday, December 6 - Wells Fargo Bank Christmas Open House in Eagle Grove - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sherri O'Brien, 1-515-448-5161.

Friday - Sunday, December 6 - 8 - Iowa River Players presents "A Christmas Carol" - Friday & Saturday - 7:30 p.m.; Sunday - 2 p.m. - 1-515-851-8487.

Saturday, December 7 - Breakfast with Santa at HARDEE'S in Clarion; 8 - 10 a.m., 1-515-532-2442.

Sunday, December 7 - Jingle Jam in Clarion, Kids' Christmas shopping, 9 - 11 a.m.; free Chamber movie - 11 a.m., Clarion Theatre - Clarion Public Library, sponsored by Clarion Chamber - 1-515-532-2256 - www.clarioniowa.com.

Saturday, December 7 - Holiday Coffee/Bake Sale - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eagle Grove.

Saturdays in December - Free Chamber sponsored movies - December 7, 14, & 21 at the Clarion Theatre - www.clariontheatre.com.

Saturday, December 7 - Dows Christmas Open Houses; Lions Soup Supper. All downtown business open in the evening.

Sunday, December 8 - Eagle Grove Chorale Winter Concert - Contact Roi Ann - 1-515-448-4631.

Some evening in December - Eagle Grove Fareway Store OPEN HOUSE, 5 -

9 p.m., call 1-515-448-3241 for confirmed date.

Thursday, December 12 - Coffee, Bake Sale, Bazaar - 8:30 - 11 a.m. - United Church of Christ in Eagle Grove - 1-515-448-3584.

Some evening in December - Clarion Community Caroling, contact Tom Simmons - 1-515-532-2482.

Friday, December 13 - Wells Fargo Bank Christmas Open House in Clarion - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sherri O'Brien - 1-515-448-5161.

Friday, December 13 - First Citizens National Bank Christmas Open House in Clarion - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - 1-515-532-2854.

Friday - Sunday, December 13 - 15 - Iowa River Players presents "A Christmas Carol" - Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. - 1-515-851-8487

Friday - Sunday, December 13 - 15 - Three Nights of Lights at Jenison-Meachem Memorial Art Center, northeast of Belmond. Tree decorating contest. Christmas music, refreshments; lighted train rides around the farm to view the live Nativity and other outdoor decorations. Bring your camera for a photo with Santa/Mrs. Claus. Contact Dave Nelson - 1-515-



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Saturday, December 14 - Breakfast with Santa - Eagle Grove Memorial Library - 1-515-448-4115.

Saturday, December 14 - Breakfast with Santa at Old School Records Community Room - 503 Fourth Street N.E., (East door); 9 - 11 a.m. - Belmond Chamber of Commerce - 1-641-444-3937.

Saturday, December 14 - Eagle Grove Festival of Trees & Gingerbread House contest. Contact Eagle Grove Chamber for more details - 1-515-448-4891

Saturday, December 14 - Holiday/Christmas Celebration at Heartland Museum - Cookie Walk and Christmas Displays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 1-515-602-6000.

Saturday, December 14 - Annual Glen Brand High School Wrestling Tournament, Clarion-Goldfield High School.

Saturday, December 14 - Lighting of Rowan Community Christmas Tree & Soup Supper - Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive - Downtown Rowan & Community Center - 5:30 p.m., 1-641-853-2345.

Some evening in December - Christmas at the Clarion Public Library - Visit with Santa, craft, snack - 1-515-532-3673.

Sunday, December 15 - Tour of Homes in Eagle Grove, sponsored by the Historical Society; proceeds to restoration of the Eagle Grove Museum.



Sunday, December 22 - Tuesday, December 24 - Special Shopping Hours in Clarion - Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Clarion Chamber for more information - 1-515-532-2256 - www.clarioniowa.com

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Dinner at Leinbach Center in Belmond, 116 Luick Lane North - Public Welcome. Rose Michelson for reservations - 1-641-444-3043.

IN JANUARY 2014

Wednesday, January 1 - Happy New Year, welcome to 2014!



Winterfest
Lake Cornelia

Sunday, January 20 - Belmond Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Race - High school gym - 3 p.m. - Kevin Bock - 1-515-571-5943.

IN FEBRUARY 2014

Saturday, February 1 - Wright County WinterFest - Each year the first Saturday of February, winter is celebrated at Lake Cornelia, northwest of Clarion; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Horse-drawn sled and wagon rides; snow shoeing; ice skating; cross-country skiing; kite flying; ice fishing; Search & Rescue team ice rescue demonstration, and all kinds of other winter activities. Much of the equipment is provided for skiers, skaters, kite flyers, etc., all FREE (except food). Contact Wright County Conservation - 1-515-532-3185.

Saturday, February 15 - Annual Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance - Dows Convention Center - Jeanne Russell - 1-515-852-4156.

Monday, February 24 - 6th Annual Aaron Eilerts Day of Giving and Service - celebrate Eagle Grove native Aaron Eilerts' birthday with serving as he did throughout his short life (Aaron was the Eagle Scout killed at the Boy Scout Camp). Beth Stephas - Robert Blue Middle School - 1-515-448-4767.



IN MARCH 2014



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

Sunday, March 2 - Soup & Pie Supper - United Church of Christ in Eagle Grove - 4:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; 1-515-448-3584

Friday, March 7 - World Day of Prayer is celebrated.

Sunday, March 9 - Daylight Savings Time begins!

Tuesday, March 11 - Annual St. Olaf Church Kumla Supper 5 -6:30 p.m. at the church; includes bake & craft sale; Cindy Pogge at 1-515-571-2827.

Saturday, March 15 - Dows Fireman St. Patrick's Day Dance- Dows Convention Center, 8 p.m.-midnight

Sunday, March 16 - Annual Turkey Dinner, 11 to 1 p.m. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eagle Grove.

Tuesday, March 18 - Mosaic Annual Chili Feast Fundraiser (Formerly Krysilis) - in Clarion, lunch and supper. Mosaic - 1-515-532-3221.

Tuesday, March 18 - Belmond Boys' Scouts Annual Potato Bar Supper - VFW Hall, 240 East Main Street -5 - 7 p.m. - Renee/Dave Suhr - 1-641-444-3680.

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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. They invite residents and visitors alike to enjoy the many Wright County facilities as you travel.



BELMOND

Jenison-Meacham Memorial Art Center & Museum

1179 Taylor Avenue, Belmond

www.belmondartscouncil.org

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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. Annually, the Prairie Homestead Craft & Antique Power Show is hosted on the farm. The 2013 even will be held Friday - Sunday, August 16 - 18.

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 Dave Nelson 1-515-571-6838.

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.

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 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.

Attractions



CLARION
Heartland Museum
119 – 9th Street S.W.
www.heartlandmuseum.org

Heartland Museum houses a one-of-a-kind International Designer Teddy Bear museum; Alvina Sellers, Iowa's Hat Lady, hat collection; and a century of agricultural machinery are the three main collections housed there.

Look for more than 30,000 square feet of display areas. The north building displays more than 4,000 collector toys on its balcony level. The main floor displays 16,000 square feet of original and restored farm machinery, some rare and unusual equipment. Find an extensive collection of horse-drawn equipment and early farm implements.



The International Teddy Bear Museum features more than 1,200 one-of-a-kind bears created and made by artist from around the world. Find a vast collection of Alvina Sellers hat collection on the Victorian streetscape. Find historical town displays of Wright County communities, as well as the Wright County Historical Library.

Fully staffed by volunteers, the museum is open any day by appointment. Guided tours are always available. Open hours are Memorial Day through Labor Day on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 1:30 – 4 p.m. Call 1-515-602-6000.

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, to use the library for research, or to learn how to become a member of the county historical society, visit the museum's web site at www.heartlandmuseum.org.



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 and is open most weekdays. For more complete information, call 1-515-532-2256 or available any time at 1-515-851-2109.



4-H Schoolhouse Museum **200 West Central Avenue**

Wright County is the birthplace of the nationally-recognized four-leaf clover 4-H club emblem. The Lake Township #6 rural schoolhouse, where the idea for the emblem was born, was moved to the downtown Clarion park in 1952 to preserve its rich history.

The museum, which houses 4-H memorabilia and Wright County treasures, can be visited on Saturday mornings June - August from 9 a.m. - noon, hosted by county 4-H clubs. Other times by appointment. Contact the Wright County ISU extension office - 1-515-532-3453 or Yvonne Stevens - 1-515-532-2961



DOWS **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 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and noon – 5 p.m. Sunday. Winter hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 – 4 p.m. Sunday. Center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter. For more information, call the Rock Island Depot Welcome Center at 1-515-852-3595.

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 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 Welcome Center at 1-515-852-3595.

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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 – 1-515-852-3595.

EVANS PRAIRIE HOUSE **Dows Historic District**

Ingebert Evans' family immigrated to the United States, moving to the Dows. The Evans' family descendants 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 – 1-515-852-3595.

EAGLE GROVE **Eagle Grove Historical Museum** **401 West Broadway**

Eagle Grove's Carnegie Library is the new home of the Eagle Grove Historical Museum. Built in 1903, the museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. The building remains under extensive remodeling and renovation. For complete information and updates on their progress contact Colleen Bartlett at 1-515-532-6422 or Eagle Grove City Hall at 1-515-444-4343.



GOLDFIELD **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 on Friday and Saturday evenings (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for young people sixth grade and under; 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. for 7th grade and up); after-school after-school on Tuesdays & Thursdays (4 - 6 p.m.); concerts, family movie nights, exercise classes; other times by appointment or for scheduled events.

Amenities include: Snack Bar - Pizza, burgers, sandwiches, chips, candy, soda, sports drinks and more. . All games are FREE - Pool, air hockey, ping-pong, foosball, carpet ball, PS3 & Wii.. BIG SCREEN television is for viewing favorite sports or events with plenty of seating in our commons area. 750 Watt music system for entertainment with periodical LIVE concerts! Full HD, Surround Sound Movie experience on our 100" movie screen for all the community to enjoy. 4 internet-ready computers, with FREE Wi-Fi available. Outside

courtyard has a full basketball court and grass area for volleyball/dodge ball and other outdoor games.

Call Craig Carlson at 1-515-825-3383 for more information, or to rent the facility.

Log Cabin **North Main Street**

Known as the "Log Cabin" by Goldfield residents 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 contact Goldfield's City Hall –1-515-825-3613; open annually during Goldfield's Fountain City Days in August.

WOOLSTOCK **Historic French Lutheran Church** **Located 3 miles east of Woolstock, on County Road C0-70**

The small community of Woolstock became a Sister City with Ban de la Roche in Alsace, France in 1984. The two communities have retained that status over the past nearly thirty years. Immigrants from the Alsace-Lorraine Church built the historic church in 1896, at its present location east of Woolstock. In 2009, a group from Wright County traveled to France to visit its Sister City and in 2014, plans are being made for a group from France to travel to the Woolstock area and Wright County.

The church, now handicapped accessible, is available for special services and hosts an annual worship service the first Sunday in August (this year is Sunday, August 4). The Sister City Club hosts meetings on Sundays on odd number months. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information, call Mel Waldon at 1-515-532-3313.



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Recreation

Enjoy Lake Cornelia

The most-used and best-loved outdoor recreation areas 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 area, playground and play field areas, shelter houses, electricity, water, showers, modern restrooms facilities, 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; 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 \$15 per day. Fourteen include water and sewer; those rent for \$20 per day.

Most weekends in the summer, the park is lively with camping guests.

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. To reserve the shelters for groups and family gatherings. Cost is \$10.

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, with a refundable cleanup damage deposit of \$50. 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.

Reservations for shelter and camping can be made by calling the conservation office (515) 532-3185. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WALKING/ BIKING TRAIL AND QUIET WATER

The 1 ½ acre quiet water provides off-lake boat parking for day-use boaters. Campers with boats on the north side of Lake Cornelia will be allowed to moor boats overnight, nominal fee is charged.

A walking/biking trail nearly circle 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.

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. Exciting news for the future of the trail is an extension that will wind through the countryside and make its way to Mason City. The trail will eventually include nearly 30 miles of biking and walking path.

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.

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At the Iowa River, launch at River Park in Belmond - Clint Schuver, Owner/ Operator

Rentals include canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and tubes. Full-service transportation to and from launch/arrival river areas. Season begins in April and ends in October, weather permitting. Discounts are available for church and school groups.

A typical three- or four-hour trip would be from Belmond's River Park to Pike's Timber. (515) 571-2300

RIVER DISC GOLF COURSE

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.

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.



Lots of open spaces and places to enjoy in Wright County. Here are 10 of them, located across the county.

***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 oak hickory forest, open grassland, floodplain forest, and newly-seeded prairie. See Wright County wildlife, go fishing, canoeing, also open for hunting/trapping.

***Dows Community Park**, a three-acre park located one mile north of Dows, is in a heavily-timbered area. Shelter house, water, restrooms, and picnic tables are available.

***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.

***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, water, electricity, and playground equipment.

***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:

***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.

***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.

***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.

These and an additional 24 parcels of land (17 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 complete information, contact:

Wright Co. Conservation Board

1768 O'Brien Avenue

Lake Cornelia Park

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Outdoors in Wright County

By: Charlie Bray, County Naturalist & Park Ranger



Tucked in amongst Wright County's rich agricultural lands are lakes, rivers, and wooded area; all beckoning the sportsman and nature lover to come and enjoy the outdoors. Whether you are a resident or a visitor, enjoy our four lakes, two rivers and thousands of acres of public lands.

Hunting enthusiasts can find pheasant (numbers are on the increase), partridges, doves, and waterfowl for the wing-shooters. Whitetail deer (pretty good hunting in 2012). Wild turkey. Cotton-tail rabbits. Fox squirrels are also on the list 'to be hunted,' along with those looking to track down coyotes. If you aren't in to hunting but watching wildlife, annually the county plants a sunflower, food plot somewhere in the county to attract the fluttering of dove wings.

Grab a fishing pole and head for one of our lakes or rivers. Bullheads can be caught on most lakes and rivers and Wright County is no exception. Walleye, Crappie, Yellow and White Bass and Catfish provide action on Lake Cornelia. Northern Pike keep spring and fall fishermen on the prowl on the banks of the Iowa and Boone Rivers while Small-moth Bass and Catfish provide summer fun. Winter brings good Yellow Perch and Yellow Bass fishing through the ice on Morse, Cornelia, and Elm Lakes.

If you are visiting Lake Cornelia or any other lake/river in the county and didn't bring your fish pole, talk with one of the Wright County park rangers. We have fishing equipment available which we are more than willing to loan out. We want everyone to enjoy the outdoors while you are our guests. Take advantage of the Free Fishing weekend the first

weekend in June (no Iowa fishing licenses required) and youth under 16 can fish for free all year.

The fun outdoor opportunities continue. Boating. Canoeing.

Kayaking. Camping. Hiking. Snow shoeing. Cross-country skiing. Snowmobiling. Lower Morse Lake Grassland Bird Conservancy Area fosters more than 150 species of birds from Iowa's State Bird, the Goldfinch, to the National Bird, the Bald Eagle. Both bird-watching and kayaking are becoming more and more popular with our park guests.

Not only does the county have fishing equipment to be loaned, in the winter months, we have dozens of pairs of ice skates, cross-country skis, and snow shoes which we are more than happy to loan to our winter guests. Give us a call at the County Conservation offices, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 1-515-532-3185.

We want our guests to enjoy Wright County as much as we do as employees, as we work to mow, trim, and groom the recreational and conservation areas, ready for all of you to enjoy.



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Meeting Places

BELMOND:

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; Deanna Branstad, 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.

Belmond Country Club, 1608 3rd Street NE, Belmond 1-641-444-4183. Small gathering for \$50 whether upstairs or downstairs; larger groups can rent up or down for \$100 or both levels for \$200. Heat/AC; men's and women's restrooms, handicapped accessible. Alcohol available by club management only. Year round availability to both members and non-members.

Cattleman's Steaks & Provisions, 1296 Highway 69, 1-641-444-3845. DuWayne or Deb Abel (owners); Dining room – 120; Lounge – 65. Heat/AC; full service provided. Handicapped accessible restrooms. No Sunday liquor sales. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve/Day, and New Year's Day. Charges vary with staffing requirement; no additional charge when meals provided by Cattleman's. Any deposits would vary by group.

Community Room/City Hall, 112 2nd Avenue N.E., 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.

First Street Pizza, 203 River Avenue South, 1-641-444-4696; Rich and Shari

Lewellyn, Owners. One community room seating for 25 people. Heat/AC, two restrooms, handicapped accessible. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sundays and some holidays. No charges for facility use with food order.

Jenison-Meacham Memorial Art Center/Farm, 1179 Taylor Avenue; Dave Nelson, President (1-641-444-4635); Sue Nelson, Secretary (1-641-444-4635). 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, 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, 1-641-444-3066; 1-641-444-3060 Fax; Connie S. Eckhoff, 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 \$50; no deposit.

Old School Records Management Community Room (Old Ramsey Elementary), 503 4th St NE. 1-515-571-0154, Anna Leonard. Capacity for 90 people, kitchenette, handicap accessible, no steps, everything is on ground level, rest rooms, heat/AC. Call for rate information.

Parker Gym, 503 4th Street NE, Belmond, 1-641-444-7351, Troy Watne - Belmond Community Betterment Committee. Seating for large group events, weddings, sporting



Boone River Grill



Clarion Public Library



Lake Cornelia Park



Woolstock Community Center



Dows Community Center

Meeting Places

activities, etc. Heating, men's & women's restrooms. Liquor allowed. Refundable deposit required of \$0-300 to reserve the facility, additional \$100 deposit required if alcohol being served. Responsible for clean up, trash removal. Rental fees range from \$25-300. Table, chair, and tablecloth rental available for additional fees.

Talbot Belmond Public Library, ICN Room, 440 East Main Street, 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, 1-641-444-4698, Mary Watermillier. 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:

1204 Central Grill, 1204 Central Avenue; Kathy – 1-515-571-2526; Erica 1-515-293-2911 or Grill - 1-515-532-2086; owners/operators Bob & Kathy Deimerly, Erica Lindaman. Seating in banquet room – up to 120 people; entire facility – 250 people. Heat, A/C, two restrooms. Handicapped accessible. No charges, no deposits with food/beverage order. Full bar & menu. Available for breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Chappy's on Main, 122 South Main, 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 or 515-851-2019;

Kim Heller, Executive Director. Seating capacity – 20 at tables; 40 theater seating. Heat/AC, restrooms, coffee pot, refrigerator, microwave. Limited 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; Nola Waddingham, 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; contact director for fee schedule for profit/non-profit rentals.

Clarion 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. No rental fees for community groups; fees for using school staff. Not available for

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grounded & undergrounded, 118 North Main, 1-515-602-6212; Contact Person – Jamie Ablels. grounded – capacity – 50 persons (handicapped accessible); undergrounded – 50 persons (basement, not handicapped accessible). Heat/AC, 3 restrooms. Alcohol not available. No rental fees charged with food orders. Minimum food orders for parties outside of regular business hours.

Hardee's, 329 Central Avenue West; 1-515-532-244; David Beyer, 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.; 1-515-602-6000; www.heartlandmuseum.org, George Boyington, president. 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, 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.

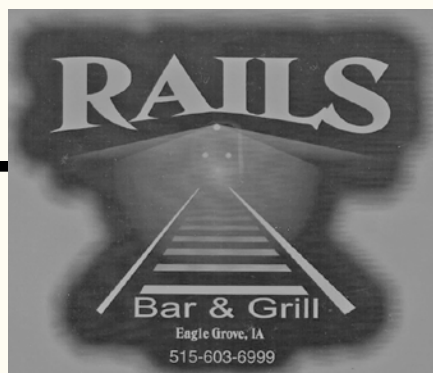
Spinning Wheels Roller Rink, 218 – First Street S.W., 1-515-532-3686, Lynnda Purcell – 1-515-532-3606; building approximately 60 x 120. Skating floor is 50 x 100. Booths seat 32 and tables with folding chairs that would seat 20. Additional tables and chairs can be brought

in/used on skating floor. Have 3 furnaces with central air. Three restrooms, one handicap accessible. Kitchen facilities include bar-size sink, cooler, freezer and microwave. Not available on Friday and Saturday evenings during the school year skating season. Available by reservation. Charges based on type of activity and/or amount of time facility will be used.

VFW Hall, 211 – 6th Street S.W., Clarion, Dennis Mraz – 1-515-532-3330 or Merle Paulson – 1-515-532-3530. 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 – Homer Howard – 1-515-852-4546. Seating capacity up to 90 persons. Heat, A/C, two restrooms, handicapped accessible. Full, well-



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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 Community Schools, 404 Park Avenue, Dows, 1-515-852-4164, Supt. Dr. Bob Olson or Board Secretary. Rooms available for rent: multi-purpose room - \$20; gym - \$40; kitchen - \$15; classrooms - \$15. If a custodian is needed, \$20 per hour.

Dows Community 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 – 1 – 75 people; \$300 – over 100 people. Deposit is equal to rental rate.

Dows Senior Citizens Center, 102 West Ellsworth, 1-515-852-3326, Ann Brinkman, Treasurer. 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:

Boone River Grille, (at golf course) 1127 – 270th Street, Eagle Grove, 1-515-448-3958 or 1-515-571-3341, Co-owned/managed Jessica & Rich Christensen. Seating capacity of up to 100. Heat, A/C, upper and lower level restrooms.; handicapped accessible. Recently remodeled. Bar & food available. Call for

more information/fees.

Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce/Development Commission, 121 North Iowa, 1-515-448-4821. Contact Chamber Director. Microwave, refrigerator, handicap accessible, off street parking.

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 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, 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.

Godfather's Pizza, 301 West Broadway, 1-515-448-5381. Basement party room – capacity – 50 people. Heat/AC. Not handicapped accessible. Two restrooms on main floor. Beer/wine coolers served. No room rental fees with food orders.

Masonic Temple, 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.

National Guard Armory, 216 South Park, 1-515-295-3710; Tom Cunningham; seating capacity – 300. Heat, A/C; two restrooms; kitchen facilities available, handicap accessible. Alcohol permitted. \$400 rental, no deposit.

VFW building, 119 West Broadway,

no phone. Contact persons Bernie Bukford 1-515-448-5329; Betty Koob – 1-515-448-3676. 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.

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, 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 Janine Kraft at

Meeting Places

1-515-824-3405. Charges vary according to size of group and staff required.

LAKE CORNELIA:

Clarmond Country Club, 1776 Page Avenue, Clarion, 1-515-532-2911 or 1-515-293-2265; Cory Abels, manager. 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 manager. Deposits - \$100 and up. Year round availability for use by members and their guests. For rent 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:

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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CLARION

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

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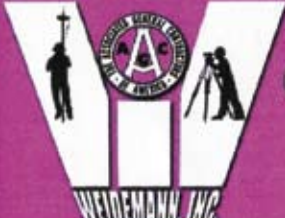
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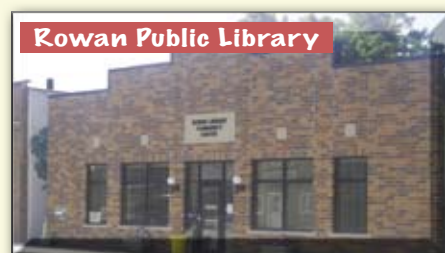
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Ballfield Park

Provides two ball fields, one lighted and one ideal for younger team competitions. Concession stand, restrooms, and bleachers are also available.

River Park

Includes a walking trail, Disc Golf course, playground equipment, two shelter houses, a river and dam on the north side of the bridge. Canoeing and Kayak rental services are available.

Crown Point Park

Located in West Belmond near the water tower, includes playground equipment for users' enjoyment.

El-Mar Park

A Belmond well-kept secret, is nestled in a quiet residential area, where kids and moms can meet to play and enjoy the outdoors.

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 during the summer months.

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 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.

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

Includes shelter house, water, restrooms and picnic tables.

Dows Historical District

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EAGLE GROVE Greenwood Park

Probably the most used park in the county is located on a 31-acre campus in east Eagle Grove, it hosts the newly-built 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, a tennis court, playground equipment, grills, 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, two shelters, grills, and camper hookups.

Jaycee Park

Funded and constructed by the Eagle Grove Jaycees organization, has a small ball field and playground equipment.

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.

Gazebo 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

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, playground equipment, picnic tables, water/electricity.

River Park

Located in northwest Goldfield on Cedar Street, parallels the Boone River, where fishermen can test their fishing skills. Lots of wide-open spaces for people to enjoy.

Down Memory Lane

Goldfield's newest park is 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.

Rowan

Playground Park

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Woolstock

Woolstock City Park

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The Weld Family

First Generation Wright County Farmer: Wayland Weld

Enos Weld was born in England and immigrated to Maine in the 1800's. From there he moved his belongings by oxcart to Illinois where he married his fiancé, Polly. One of the things they brought with them was a rough hewn hope chest that Enos had built for Polly.

Their son Wayland was born in Illinois. In 1899, Wayland and his wife Statira immigrated from Tonica, Illinois, to Wright County, Iowa. Everything was moved by three rail cars – one car for livestock; one for household goods and machinery; and one for horses. Their first farm was seven miles south and ½ mile west of Clarion. A family quote is “we could get two acres of Iowa land for the price of one acre of Illinois ground.” The area was wet, however, and sometimes four horses were needed to get into town due to lots of sloughs and wet ground. A stick might be needed to punch mud out of the wheels – to keep the wheels from sliding as they drove.

Most of the land in Woolstock Township was tiled by hand and shovel. This was necessary to dry out the land so it could be farmed. Wayland's son Tim spent several years tiling.

Eventually the first farm was sold and the Welds bought a 200-acre farm near Galt. This farm was really wet, and didn't raise any crops, due to wet weather, for several years. The Welds bought and traded several other farms, but during the next 3-4 years, early frosts kept Wayland from harvesting a crop. Because of all these years of bad luck – interest finally ate Wayland and Statira up and the family lost their farm ground.

The Weld family helped plant the seeds of agriculture in Wright County.

~ As told by Wayland's son Tim Weld

(Wayland & Statira Weld are the great-grandparents of long-time Wright County residents - Wilma Aldrich of Rowan; Tom Wesenberg of Dows; and Jim Weld of Clarion.

Stories such as this can be found in the Wright County Historical Library, housed within Heartland Museum in Clarion.

The handmade hope chest mentioned in the first paragraph is now in the possession of Jim and Karen Weld of rural Clarion.)

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Homeownership Rate 2007 - 2011: 74.8%

Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing: \$74,300

Persons Below Poverty Level 2007 - 2011: 11.4%

Average minutes traveled to work: 14.7

Veterans 2007 - 2011: 1,167

Median household income 2007 - 2011: \$43,105

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- Belmond - Clarion - Dows - Eagle Grove
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Parks in Wright County include: Lower Morse Lake Waterfowl Production Area, Toft County Park, Lake Cornelia State Game Management Area, Helmke Wildlife Area, Groom Area, Saylor Timber Area, Dows Park, Rolling Acres Potholes, Sullivan Wildlife Area

Land in Area in Square Miles 2010: 580.42

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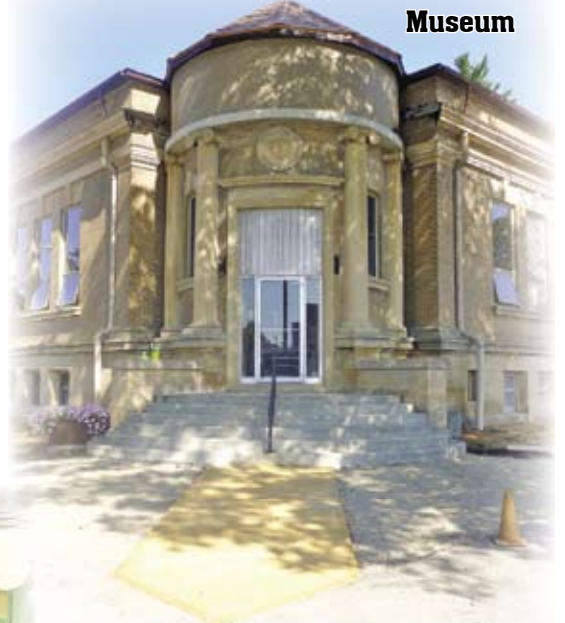
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