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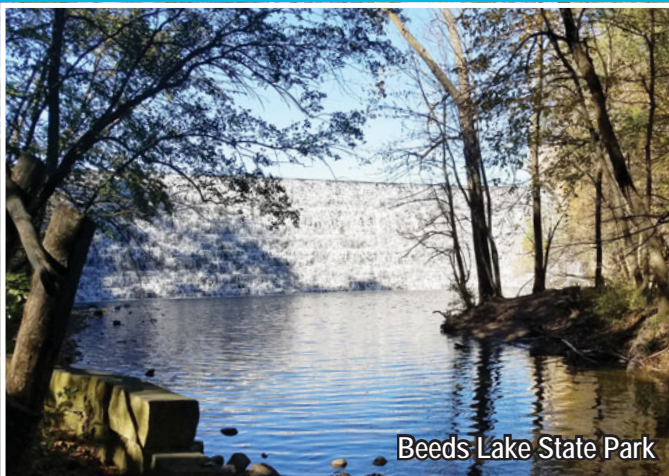
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# A Big Franklin County Welcome!

## Greetings!

On behalf of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome you to our county. Whether you are visiting for the day, looking for a new place to call home, or you are already a resident of our thriving community, Franklin County is an outstanding place to live, work and grow a business.

For many years our members have supported our community and continue to graciously donate and share their time and expertise with our growing community. The Greater Franklin County extends beyond our county lines, and includes the school districts of Hampton-Dumont-CAL and West Fork. With these extended communities making up the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, we work to keep the businesses prospering.

I am proud to say that we are an active Chamber that looks to advance its members' growth and prosperity, and provide increased opportunities and value for its membership. The Chamber's mission is to work together by supporting and encouraging growth in the downtown district and beyond. By advocating for and uniting the business community with the Main Street Iowa District, we strive to promote business interests and the region's economic health. To carry out this mission, the Chamber serves as the voice of business and community leadership.

As the Chamber of Commerce President, I want to encourage you to look at the center of this visitor's guide to find by category the businesses that belong to the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. I would also encourage you to become active in the community and in our Chamber of Commerce by reviewing our published calendars of events and opportunities to make a positive difference in our community at [www.HamptonIowa.org](http://www.HamptonIowa.org). If you have further questions, please give us a call at 641-456-5668. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Megan Abbas  
President,  
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## Hello friends,

My name is Marcus Kofoot and I would like to personally welcome you to Franklin County! In the heart of North Iowa, with three major travel ways running through our incredible landscape, we are easy to find just use Hwy 3, Hwy 65, or Interstate 35. From outdoor recreation to antiquing, shopping to wine tasting, people watching to exploring history, Franklin County offers endless opportunities! I enthusiastically invite you to visit us and CATCH SOME FUN!

Once you're settled in at one of our locally owned hotels or motels (or checked in at the amazing Bed and Breakfast) you'll want to plan plenty of time to visit all the unique specialty shops in historic downtown Hampton and surrounding communities. You can find hand-crafted treasures, antique and vintage items, curated clothing ensembles and accessories as well as fine jewelry just to name a few. If picking is your passion come for the fun on Labor Day weekend and browse the Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale or make a trip to the Geneva Market each spring and fall.

Several of our picturesque communities including Sheffield, Hampton, Geneva, Bradford, Coulter and many others are home to amazing family owned eateries. You can find hand-made pizza, award winning tenderloins, ethnic cuisine, and much more just don't forget our local cafés for an amazing breakfast. If brews or the fruit of the vine are your passion visit the Rustic Brew an amazing micro-brewery or the TownsEnd Winery (make sure to attend their annual wine release)!

We invite you to golf one of our award-winning courses, spend an afternoon at the shooting range, play a round of disk golf, or try geocaching. We are also home to Beeds Lake State Park as well as many county parks for your camping, fishing, hunting, and outdoor recreational enjoyment. Rolling Prairie Trail system cuts through the heart of Franklin County connecting many of our incredible towns, enjoy it year-round for bike riding, snowmobiling and trail blazing.

Please stop by our visitor's center, Center 1, on Main Street Hampton, located on Highway 3, and pick up a self-guided walking tour of our Historic Downtown District or find information on our many historic sites and markers. Grandpa's Farm and the Historic Pleasant Hill are open during the Franklin County Fair in July, with free admission and national touring acts as well. Plan to attend the Harriman-Nielsen Annual Fall Festival, in October. The Historic Windsor Theatre offers blockbuster movies weekly and special performances sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council throughout the year.

"Like" our Facebook pages at Franklin County, Iowa Tourism; Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; and Hampton, Iowa to find links to new events and activities going on in Franklin County.

Thank you for your interest in Franklin County. Stop, visit and CATCH SOME FUN!

Respectfully,

Marcus Kofoot  
President, Franklin County Tourism





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## ATTRACTIONS

### GOLF COURSES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Iowans love their golf, and that's because there is so much golf available for the average hacker and the fanatic alike.

Hampton is home to the prestigious Hampton Country Club, previously voted the best nine-hole course in Iowa. It features established trees, a short but tight layout, and some wickedly tricky greens that always leave golfers shaking their heads. The signature hole is the 255-yard par four sixth. If you hit a big drive straight, you have a chance for an eagle. Mess up the drive, and you might wind up with a six, or worse! The course is private, but if you live outside the county, you can play on certain days. Call 641-456-3256 for more information.

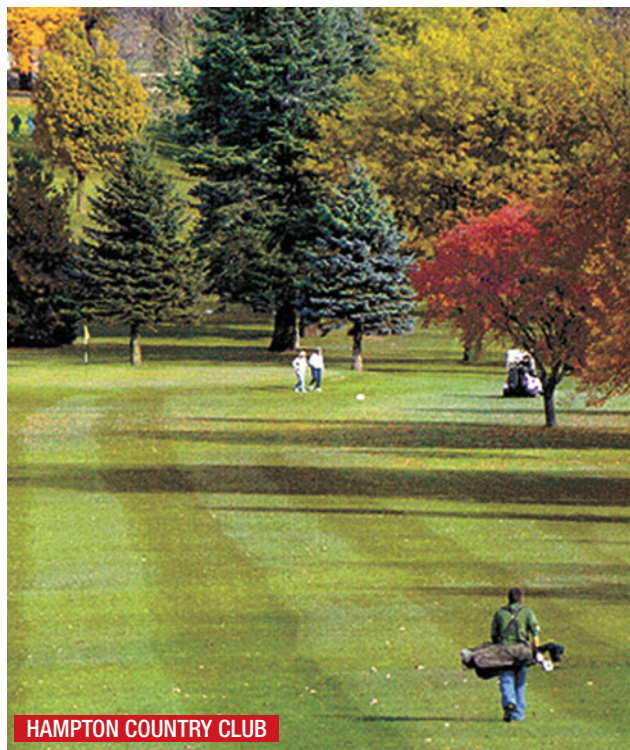
The newest course in the area is the Ridge Stone Golf Club on the southwest side of Sheffield. This public-play-links-style layout has it all - a few trees, difficult bunkers, water hazards, elevated and fast greens and beautiful tees. The par five seventh hole is a dandy, featuring a pond on the right and a creek on the left off the drive. The

creek meanders about 70 yards in front of the green, making going for it in two a hazard. The two-tiered green, protected by bunkers and trees, adds a little more spice. Call 641-892-8040 for information.

If you want to work on your short game, try the Latimer Golf Club. It's easy to walk as the course is mostly flat, and the holes are short. But the elevated greens and a few well-placed bunkers make scoring well very difficult. If the bump-and-run is your shot, this is your course! The course is open to the public. Call 641-579-6090 for details.

Another well-kept secret is the Dows Golf Course on the east side of Dows. This course has challenging holes of all lengths and widths. The course is played by a corps of loyal golfers who take

pride in the condition of the course. You'll enjoy the blind tee shot through the saddle as you near the end of your round — especially if you hit it well. Call 515-852-4751 for information. ■

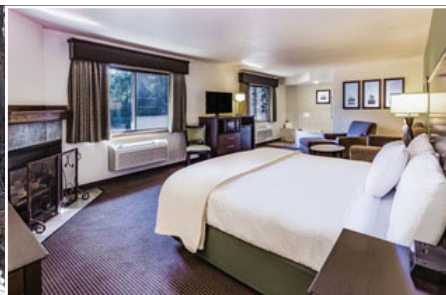


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## NORTH HANSELL SHOOTING COMPLEX

The North Hansell Shooting Complex is located two miles north of Hansell on Franklin County Road S-56 (Timber Avenue) just south of C-25. Two open shelters were completed in 2011 to protect users of the long-range course from the elements, with the aid of a grant from the Community Foundation of Franklin County.

The course features a shotgun range with a sporting clays launcher, a rifle range with target berms at 100-350 yards and a pistol range with target

areas from 15-100 yards. The shorter three-gun range for action shooting is a more recent addition.

Range users will be asked for a \$10 per day fee to cover development and maintenance of the facility. For regular visitors, a \$50 season pass is available.

The range features reflective steel targets, offering visual and auditory feedback. Paper targets may be brought.

The pistol range features swinging steel plate targets at 15 and 25 yards, and a dueling tree. The rifle range offers swinging steel plate targets at each

of the target berms ranging from the size of a deck of playing cards up to 2 by 2 feet. Picnic tables are available. The complex is handicap-accessible with an on-site restroom.

The North Hansell Shooting Complex is part of the Franklin County Conservation Department and was built entirely by volunteers and donations. It is next to the site of the former Franklin County Landfill.

For more information, contact Franklin County Conservation at 641-456-4375. ■

## THE ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAIL

Walkers, joggers, cyclists and snowmobilers can appreciate Franklin County's beautiful landscape first hand with a trip down the Rolling Prairie Trail.

The 20-mile recreational path opened in 2011 and runs from Coulter to the Butler County line. It can be utilized for multiple purposes depending on the season, and it's become one of Franklin County's most prized attractions since its creation.

The limestone trail has multiple rest areas along the route for users to catch their breath or take in the scenery. There is also an asphalt trail detour that leads to Beads Lake State Park, where there are even more recreational opportunities. In 2015, a pair of bridges that are located on the route to Hansell were resurfaced.

The new structures provide a wider, smoother surface to accommodate cyclists, snowmobiles and the trail groomer for use during all seasons. They were installed over top of the existing bridges, which have been deemed structurally sound by



an engineer. The conservation department recently resurfaced the entire trail with crushed limestone, all the way from Coulter to the county line. The crushed limestone now provides a much smoother ride.

The creation of the Rolling Prairie Trail was a joint effort between Franklin County Conservation, the Iowa River Riders Snowmobile Club and multiple local donors. The trail, which was formerly a railroad, is groomed for users each season and is a well-maintained outlet for residents and visitors in Franklin County.

The trail takes users through the rolling hills and expansive landscape of rural Iowa. Wildlife like prairie birds, small mammals and other critters can be seen along the path, which is an added bonus for nature lovers both young and old.

When you visit, make sure to check out the Rolling Prairie Trail. It will give you a unique look at Franklin County's beautiful landscape that's sure to have you coming back for more.

Please heed signs on the trail. Except for handicap-assistive devices, motor vehicles are not allowed on parts of the trail, especially the cemetery spur.

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Thanks for everything!

*Rob B.*

Chuck just sold our house, got more than asking price. He went above and beyond, even doing some painting on the house when we ran out of time. Our seller's loan was long and complicated but he stuck with it and pushed to get everything through, fighting for every step.

**I would recommend him to anyone to sell anything!**

*Andrew Y.*

Thank you so much for the professional handling of the sale of our Dows home. Holly and I have been involved in approximately thirty real estate transactions and feel your service ranked at the top. It was obvious you expended great effort to provide extensive comparable values for us to determine the asking price.

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*Steve & Holly C.*

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We had two offers in that time frame, one of them being for the full list price. We worked with Kathy for the purchase and sale of this home and she kept us promptly informed on showings, negotiations, and also requests from the buyer.

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*Chloe S.*

My family worked with Kathy & Chuck early this year to sell my Dad's house. We listed the house in December, not the best time of year in Iowa to list a home. However, by the end of March we had an offer and by the end of May all was done.

**They took care of everything!**

Being the executor of my Dad's estate there was a lot of paperwork to complete. Kathy made it so easy by coming to my office for my convenience. I would definitely use Abbott Realty for future real estate business.

*Carol R.*

My brother and I contacted Kathy of Abbott Realty when we made the decision to sell the acreage of our parent's farm. We couldn't have made a better choice. Because we both lived out of the area, we needed to have someone that we could trust to get us the best deal possible.

**She did that and more.**

We ran into some problems and she handled them quickly and professionally. I highly recommend Kathy to anyone who needs a competent Realtor who is willing to go above and beyond for her clients.

*Bev M.*

We purchased a home in Oct. 2016 from Abbott Realty in Hampton, IA. Chuck Svendsen was our agent and he endured many telephone calls through our buying process and was always gracious and very helpful. He was very professional and we were

**very happy to have Chuck and Abbott Realty as our Realtors.**

Thank you Abbott Realty!

*Gene & Julie E.*





## HAMPTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The Hampton Family Aquatic Center opened in May of 2011, replacing the city pool that was nearly 50 years old at the time.

With multiple water slides of varying speeds, diving boards, a zero-depth entry pool, a kids' area and more, the \$3 million aquatic center features something for swimmers of all ages. And before the pool closes for the season, four-legged friends are invited to splash around in the water during the aquatic center's annual Dog Swim.

The Hampton Family Aquatic Center typically opens on Memorial Day weekend, conditions permitting and operates until Labor Day weekend. Hours of operation are noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The aquatic center sits on the north side of Hampton's Progress Park. The park includes a baseball diamond, a skate park, play structures and recently renovated basketball, tennis and volleyball courts.

Aquatic center rates may be obtained by calling 641-456-5757 or the Hampton City Hall at 641-456-4853.

Visit [www.hamptonia.us](http://www.hamptonia.us) for more information. ■

## NEW LATIMER SPLASH PAD PROVIDES WAVES OF RELIEF FROM SUMMER HEAT

The City of Latimer celebrated a new way to beat the heat last summer.

Just days before the Fourth of July, on a night where temperatures climbed near 100 degrees, the Latimer Splash Pad was turned on for the public for the first time.

That night, when dozens of children and their parents showed up to cool off, marked the culmination of a little more than a year of fundraising and grant writing. The pad, which contains several water features and fountains, was purchased and constructed strictly out of grants and donations.

Located in the city park, the splash pad provides a great opportunity for families to cool down from the summer heat and do so without having to travel since the nearest pool at the Hampton Aquatic Center is 10 miles away.

To get the Splash Pad was a community wide effort with Cub Cadet Daycare, the Latimer Parks Society, the City of Latimer and the Splash Pad Committee all kicking in with the planning process. Even the schools joined the fun, conducting fundraisers and challenges to pitch in their spare change. ■





**BEEDS LAKE DAM**

## BEEDS LAKE STATE PARK

Whether you are picnicking, camping, boating or just taking a stroll through hiking paths, Beeds Lake State Park is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

Since 1857, the handicapped-accessible state park is one of the most popular attractions in Franklin County. It features an expansive 320-acre park area and 98-acre lake.

Beeds Lake is an ideal place for a family cookout, with many grassy and shaded picnic areas to provide opportunities for relaxation.

A major attraction is the former beach concession, which has been renovated into a lodge. It is available for rentals at a cost of \$80 on weekends and \$40 during the week, plus tax. It has a large amount of seating, a kitchen and French doors that open lakeside and to the south.

A rustic shelter with electrical service is available and may be reserved for \$25, plus tax. The shelter and lodge may be reserved through the park reservation system online.

The sandy beach is located on the west side of the causeway. Although no lifeguard is on duty, the beach area is always open and is a great place for young and old to enjoy the water on a hot summer day.

The lake is a popular destination for anglers year-round. Walleyes, bass,

catfish, panfish and tiger muskies are available. A fishing jetty and dock are located on the south shore of the lake and are accessible to people who are mobility-impaired.

Beeds Lake is a popular boating spot due to its scenic beauty. Motors of all horsepower may be used, but must be operated at no-wake speed. A modern boat ramp is located on the southern shore of the lake near the beach area.

The campground at Beeds Lake has 144 sites, 99 with electricity. Modern restrooms and shower facilities are available, as well as a sanitary dump station.

Camping permits are \$16 per night for a basic unit in the electric area and \$11 per night for a basic unit in the non-electric area, for up to six people, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Beeds Lake was a recipient of a large capital investment. In May 2014, workers completed the finishing touches on the campground's second new shower house and restroom facility. The first one was completed in 2013 near the east side of the camping area, and workers installed the latest addition on the west side.

The new facility cost approximately \$220,000. The first shower house was extremely popular with visitors in 2013, and park officials expected more of the same with this one. Both are handicapped accessible, very low

maintenance and provide more privacy for users.

Iowa does not have a fee to use its state parks, but you should take a few garbage bags. You are responsible for removing your own trash from the park.

Beeds Lake State Park provides more than just recreation and a view of Iowa's rural beauty. It also provides a taste of Iowa's rich history.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the park and man-made lake feature structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression years of the 1930s. The CCC cluster includes the spillway, causeway, bathhouse and concession stand. ■



**BEEDS LAKE SHELTER**





**BAND SHELL PARK**

## HAMPTON PARKS

### Band Shell Park

Features the second-oldest band shell in Iowa. It was built in 1959 at a cost of \$4,400 using funds from an estate and the park board.

Music and architecture enthusiasts should be sure to visit the recently renovated Hampton Band Shell in the summer. The Hampton Municipal Band performs concerts each Tuesday night in June as part of the Chamber's Tuesdays on the Town event, which is held

downtown in Band Shell Park across from the Franklin County Courthouse. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or use the park's many benches to take in the unique music experience.

In 2010, the band shell was deemed structurally unsound. After pro-bono consulting from RDG Planning and Design in Des Moines, the community pitched in to raise more than \$90,000, enough to restore the historic structure and begin an endowment for future improvements.



**PROGRESS PARK SHELTER**

### Progress Park

The north side of the park, on the hill, features the bright Hampton Family Aquatic Center with four waterslides, a foam lobster, wading pool, play set and water dump bucket. A restroom is available seasonally.

At the foot of the hill, the park includes a baseball diamond and — new in 2013 — a skate park, two new play structures, and renovated basketball, tennis and sand volleyball courts.

The recreational trail connects Progress Park to the main line a block north.

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**ZIP LINE, HARRIMAN PARK**

#### **Harriman Park**

Located on the north edge of Hampton on Highway 65, includes several picnic shelters, playground equipment and fishing at the Spring Creek dam.

Improvements to Harriman Park were completed in 2016, with the installment of a 66-foot zip line, thanks in part to fundraising efforts by the Kiwanis Club of Hampton.

The addition of the zip line concludes approximately a year-and-a-half of fundraising, planning and construction.

The pond at Harriman Park was dredged in 1999 and 2000, and is full and ready for fishing.

A four-season shelter was built in 2001, and features air conditioning.

Nestled in a valley under many trees, Harriman Park has long been a popular spot for reunions and picnics.

#### **East Park**

Is on the east side of town along Highway 3. The park includes a disc golf course with a tricky water trap, soccer fields, a picnic shelter, playground equipment and wide-open spaces.

In the 2010s, East Park has been a stop on the North Iowa Disc Golf Tour.

A shelter house and concession stand building was constructed with funds from Hampton Rotary Club and the city in 2009.

#### **Memorial Park**

Located in the northwest of Hampton, at 3rd Avenue and 8th Street. It includes playground equipment, one shelter and room to play.

#### **Beeds Lake State Park**

Though near Hampton, it is outside city limits and can be found under county parks.

#### **CITY PARK SHELTERS**

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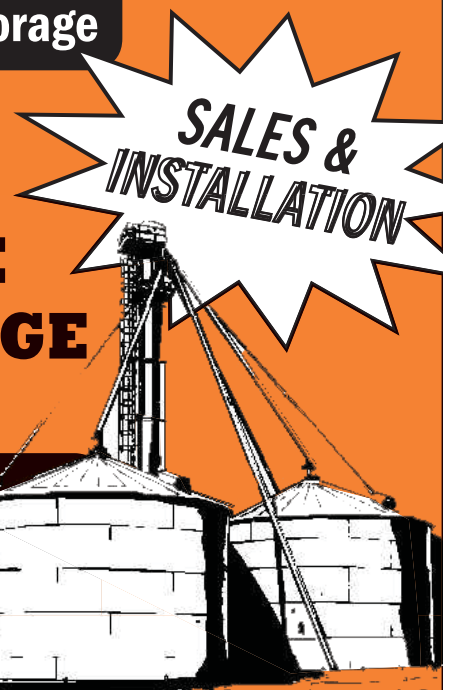
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## COULTER PARKS

### Coulter City Park and Athletic Field

Located in the center of town, Coulter has two blocks of public space. The first block features a memorial gazebo and benches lit with vintage style lighting; a large area with playground equipment, shelter house with grills, basketball area, restrooms and concession stand beneath a large canopy of trees.

The athletic field serves several area sports. First, our local Little Leagues baseball and softball teams and their families enliven the park from May until early July. Home field for La Liga de Coulter, 14 community soccer leagues from north and central Iowa play soccer tournaments on two fields every Saturday and Sunday night from April until November. The concession stand serves authentic Mexican food during the tournaments.

The entire two blocks of the city park also features a 9-hole Frisbee golf course.

*Coulter Fun Day.* Scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2019; includes a parade, lunch and evening fireworks. Other activities include childrens' entertainment and other local events. Find it on Facebook at Coulter Fun Day.



COULTER ATHLETIC FIELD

## LATIMER PARKS

Latimer boasts two city parks. Community groups made many improvements at West Park in 2011. The park offers playground equipment, a renovated shelter house, tetherball courts, new picnic tables, vintage lighting, and wide sidewalks allowing wheelchair access. A portable restroom is available.

Over at Latimer's East Park, on the north side of town, the summer is

spent enjoying ball games at two diamonds, one for softball and one for baseball.

The east diamond, used for softball, saw a new roof and siding and relocation, with help of local FFA members, in 2012.

The town also features a small Gazebo Memorial Park next to its post office. Visitors may enjoy rest among the flowers.



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**Latimer Fun Day:** Every two years, on the last Saturday of July, the Latimer Community Club puts together a day of fun for the town. Next Fun Day is scheduled for July 2019.

Games and activities aplenty are there to enjoy for kids of all ages.

### Latimer Historical Museum

The back rooms of Latimer City Hall house a museum dedicated to the town history. City hall is open weekdays until 3 p.m. The museum is also available by appointment. Visitors learn about Latimer's past through historic memorabilia from when the town was first established.

Call Latimer City Hall for more information, 641-579-6452.

### GENEVA

#### Burkley Park

Rural Geneva is home to Burkley Park, operated by Franklin County Conservation. See County Parks.

### HANSELL

#### Hansell City Park

Hansell's city park features a softball diamond, playground equipment, a wooden ship and a shelter house.

The wooden ship, made by the Amish, was a gift from the Sue Rowen family to honor late mayor, David Rowen.

Community betterment funds allowed for building the shelter house.

The softball diamond is open until dark. Softball teams wishing to reserve the diamond should call city clerk Deanna Genz at 641-494-8425.

A portable restroom is available seasonally.

### POPEJOY

#### Popejoy Conservation Park

Rural Popejoy is home to Popejoy Conservation Park, a 61-acre park half a mile south of Popejoy. See County Parks.

### SHEFFIELD

#### Sheffield Legion Park

The city's primary park is supported by both the city and the local American Legion.

Featuring a playground, gazebo, and a war memorial, the park is a central activity location for all ages.

Two little league ball diamonds opened for games in 2011, with an electric scoreboard.



HANSELL CITY PARK

The diamonds are located north of the high school baseball-softball complex at the corner of Cleveland and Thompson streets in Sheffield. Several local businesses and contractors donated work and land to the cause.

#### Marie Ayers Park

Offers a shelter with electricity and playground equipment, Marie Ayers Park is situated next to the town's swimming pool and school football field.

**People in the Park:** People in the Park will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, with the Sheffield Community Club the sponsoring organization. Legion Park is the location for most of the activities of the day. They begin with an omelet breakfast sponsored by the Sheffield Library Foundation, followed with a parade at 10:30 a.m., and kids games and activities. Lunch will be served by the Sheffield Community Club. There will also be vendors. There is free admission to the park.



PEOPLE IN THE PARK, SHEFFIELD

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## ATTRACTIONS

### Path of Progress

Eugene Sukup had the vision for the path when the railroad quit running through Sheffield eight years ago. At that time, Sheffield obtained from the railroad the right of way with the idea in mind to create a bike trail. Ultimately, Eugene would like to see the trail connect with the new path in Hampton, which also connects to the path to Coulter.

"There is a lot of history from the north side of Sheffield south of Chapin, and it's along that rail line. If we didn't build a trail there, no one would have the opportunity to see it. There have been a lot of great businesses here in Sheffield and we want to make sure that people remember them," Eugene explained.

The first 1.2 mile section of the Sheffield Path of Progress was completed in mid-September of 2011. That section includes a 170-foot bridge that was designed and constructed by employees of Sukup Manufacturing Company. Sukup also fabricated signs at the trailhead that list all of the businesses along that trail that were



and/or are the lifeblood of the Sheffield community.

Along with sharing the area's history, the Sheffield Path of Progress also allows Sheffield-area residents to get involved in the future of the state of Iowa. Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative is a privately led public initiative intended to inspire Iowans and their communities throughout the state to improve their health and happiness and make Iowa the healthiest state. Using the walking/biking trail between

Sheffield and Chapin is a great way for people in the Sheffield area to join in the initiative. Individuals are encouraged to form walking groups and "Just Move." For more information on the Healthiest State Initiative, go to [www.iowahealthieststate.com](http://www.iowahealthieststate.com)

"We are blessed and thrilled to be able to give back to the community that means so much to us. We hope that people will make use of the trail to get out, exercise and take in the history and beauty of our area," said Eugene.

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## ACKLEY

### Prairie Bridges Park

Prairie Bridges Park and Campground is on County Highway S56 north of Ackley.

The park boasts 101 acres of prairie, timber, stocked fishing ponds, a swimming area and three miles of trails to bike and walk on. Trails take visitors through forested areas, among 18 acres of native prairie, and over streams and ponds via eight historical bridges.

A recreation trail connects it to town.

Amenities include a modern campground with 120 sites, most with electrical service, water, and septic connections, plus restroom and shower facilities.

There are 30 basic campsites; pull-through sites and septic sites are available.

An insulated shelter house and banquet facility measures 30 by 40 feet and accepts group reservations. Call 641-485-1623.

Fishing areas are accessible by small boats. Fishing is also accessible through a 14 by 16-foot handicap-accessible dock, cleared shoreline or numerous bridges.

## FREEDOM ROCK PROVIDES A COLORFUL HISTORY LESSON IN COULTER

Franklin County last fall became the 80th Iowa county to receive a Freedom Rock, courtesy of artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen.

Just off the Rolling Prairie Trail in Coulter, the rock features images that honor both Franklin County's and Iowa's military history. Sorensen included a nod to Hampton's Grand Army of the Republic Hall, the only hall west of the Mississippi River, and Admiral William Leahy, a Hampton native, who was appointed as Chief of Staff to President Franklin Roosevelt in 1942.

Sorensen also added scenes of the American Legion Riders, a presentation of the United States flag to the family of a fallen soldier and a tribute to all from the area currently serving.

Sorensen first painted a Freedom Rock near Menlo in Adair County nearly 20 years ago for Memorial Day. Word of that rock – and Sorensen's annual tradition of repainting it for Memorial Day – soon spread. Sorensen then decided to make it his mission to paint one in all 99 counties.

Franklin County's rock tells the story of some of the area's most influential military presences. Sorensen's mission is to paint each rock unique to its community but when those rocks are

Yearly events at Prairie Bridges Park include a car show put on by Sons of the American Legion, Haunted Hayrides in October and Christmas in July. For the car show and Christmas in July, trophies are awarded. There is also a 5k run and walk during the Ackley festival, Sauerkraut Days, in June.

*Sauerkraut Days:* Sauerkraut Days is the first weekend in June in Ackley. For more than a century, this four-day event has brought people together. Activities include carnival rides, live entertainment, wieners and sauerkraut, a grand parade, a children's parade, children's tractor pull, fishing derby, a German band, fireworks, a flea market and City wide garage sales.

## DOWS

The Dows City Park and Shelter House takes up half a block and is on Ellsworth Street/County Highway S13. It is open year-round. The shelter house is suitable for entertainment events.

Dows Park and Swimming Pool is on the southwest edge of town at 2732 Dows Williams Road. The park and an adjoining campground are open year-round.

The campground has about 11 spots for electric and water hookup. It accommodates recreational vehicles.

The campground and pool share a bathroom and shower facility. Bathrooms are handicap-accessible and stay open May 1 to Nov. 1.

The swimming pool area is open June 1 to Aug. 31. The pool boasts two waterslides. The deep end is about 10 feet. There is also a wading pool.

For pricing, June to August, call the pool office at 515-852-4644.

The Dows Golf Course is at 200 85th St. The course is open from April 15 to Oct. 15. No reservations are taken. The course was built in 1965 solely by the labor of community members and has operated continuously.

For more information, call Dows City Hall at 515-852-4327, or during operating season, call the Golf Course office at 515-852-4751.

*Dows Corn Days:* The first weekend in August marks a large celebration. The festivities include a parade, entertainment in the park, food vendors, inflatable rides, several activities including a great fireworks display Friday night and a community church service on Sunday morning. ■



combined, they tell the history of Iowa as a whole.

"I love this state because we're all the same but a little different," he said. "It's been amazing to dig up this local history. We have titans of some of the major battles in our history right here in Iowa." ■





# PARK EVENTS

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin County Tourism Board of Directors are always working on events to keep Franklin County lively and entertaining! There are a lot of fun events planned for this year.

## TUESDAY ON THE TOWN

Every Tuesday in June

Tuesdays on the Town are every Tuesday in June in Hampton's Band Shell Park! This event will take you back to when families would come downtown for their entertainment and spend time together. KLMJ Radio invites a Nashville Recording artist each Tuesday to perform live on the Band Shell stage. The performance is then followed by the Hampton Municipal Band playing at 8 p.m. You will find food, vendors and that old fashioned laid back feel right in your own backyard.



## GRAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 1, 2019

The fourth annual Gran Festival of North Iowa will be held on Saturday, June 1 in the Band Shell Park in Hampton, from noon until 10 p.m.

The event, that emphasizes Hispanic culture, is a fundraiser by local outreach

group La Luz Hispana to support its programs. It features live music, folkloric dances, games and vendors and food to showcase the area's unique cultural diversity.

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White Sidewalls, a classic rock cover band, will take you back to the 50's and 60's when the music was hip and the cars were fast! There will be vendors in the park with food and product, and the car show will line up around the park.

## FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays and Fridays, May-October, 5-7 p.m.

The Franklin County's Farmers Market takes place in downtown Hampton. Shoppers browse the selection of varied vegetables, sweets, baked goods and even plant transplants.

## HARVEST WEEKEND

October 6, 2019

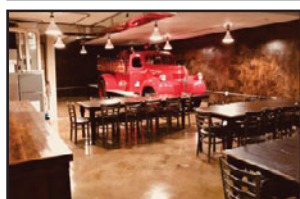
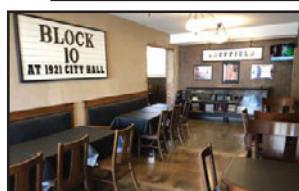
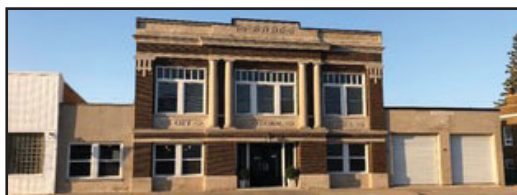
The Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival at the historic farm site, on the west edge of Hampton on Highway 3, is Sunday, Oct. 6. A live vaudeville show and silent movie at the Hampton's historic Windsor Theatre precedes it on Saturday, Oct. 5. Call 641-456-5668 for information about visitor's accommodations that weekend.

Stay current with all of our community events through our website at [www.hamptoniowa.org](http://www.hamptoniowa.org). There are new events posted all the time! ■

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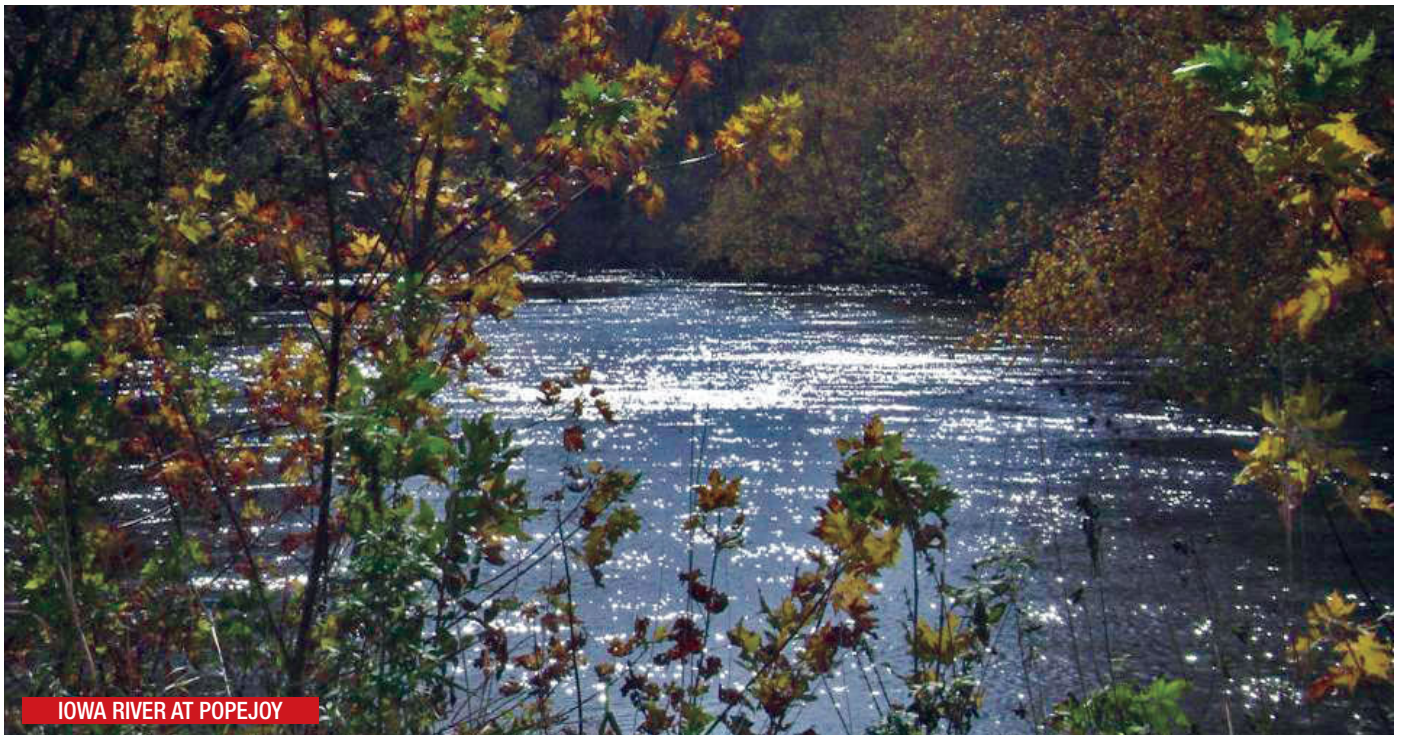
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### HAWKINS GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

Three miles east of Alexander on C-25. It is one acre and open for public hunting.

### INTERSTATE LAKE PARK

One mile south of I-35 and Highway 3: It is a 26-acre lake, originally a borrow pit for the construction of I-35. The lake is stocked with bluegills, channel catfish and largemouth bass. No swimming is allowed. Boats are restricted to 1½ hp motors.



CREEK AT MALLORY PARK

### MALLORY MEMORIAL PARK

Four-and-a-half miles south of Hampton, and two miles west of Highway 65: It is 71 acres with semi-modern and primitive camping areas, playground equipment, 1¼ miles of hiking trails, two picnic areas, and good smallmouth bass fishing.

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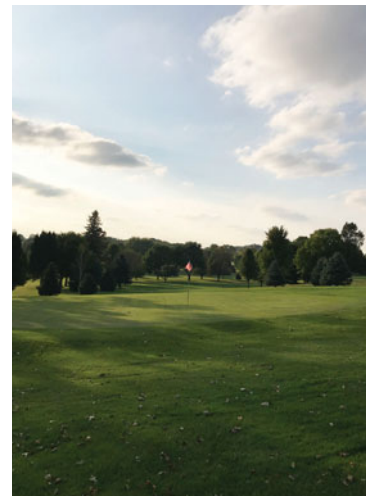
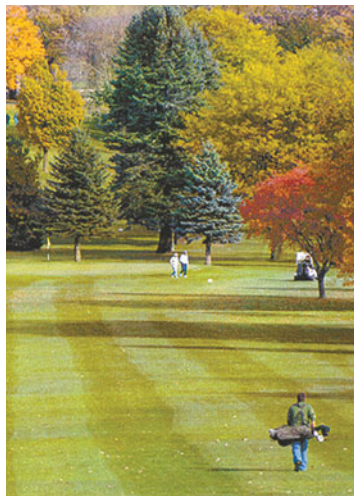
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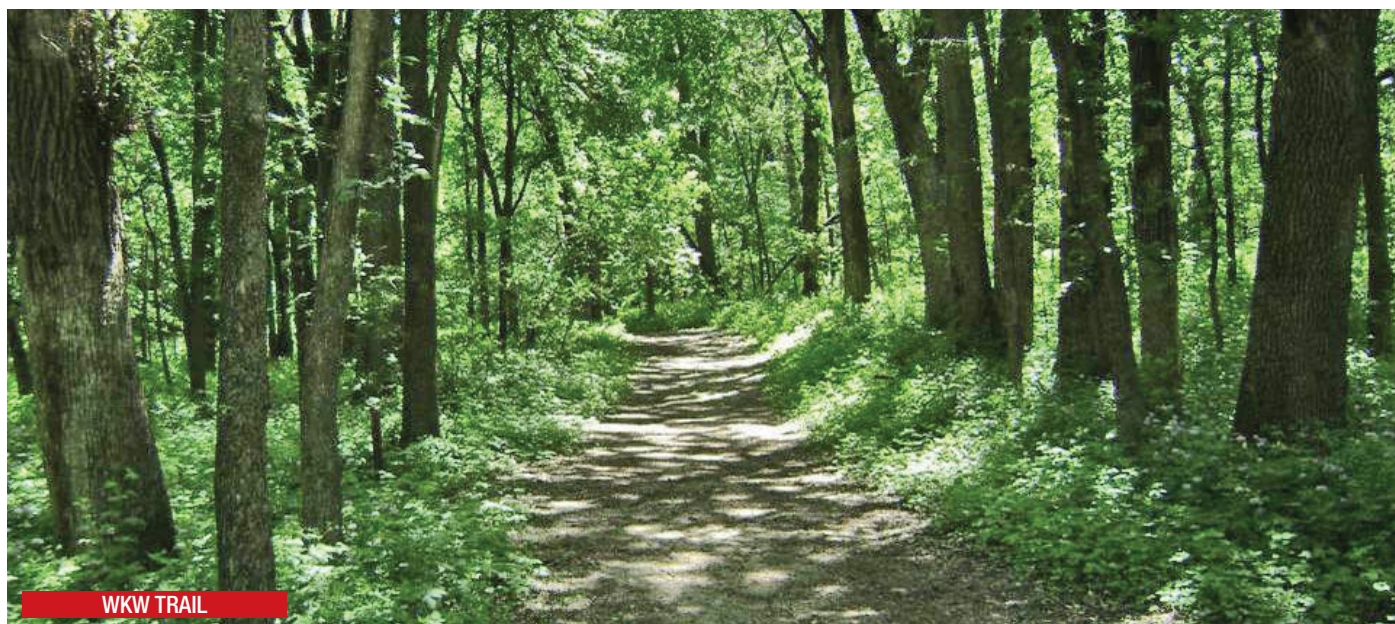
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Located on northeast corner of Dows: 14 acres for fishing and hunting along the Iowa River and an old gravel pit.

### OAKLAND VALLEY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

One-and-a-quarter mile southwest of Popejoy: The town of Oakland Valley existed here from 1855-83. The area is preserved as a wildlife area and historical site.

### POPEJOY CONSERVATION PARK

Half mile south of Popejoy: It is a 61-acre park with semi-modern camping facilities, an enclosed shelter house for year-round use, toilets, picnic area, electricity, water, and playground equipment. A sledding hill is maintained for winter use.

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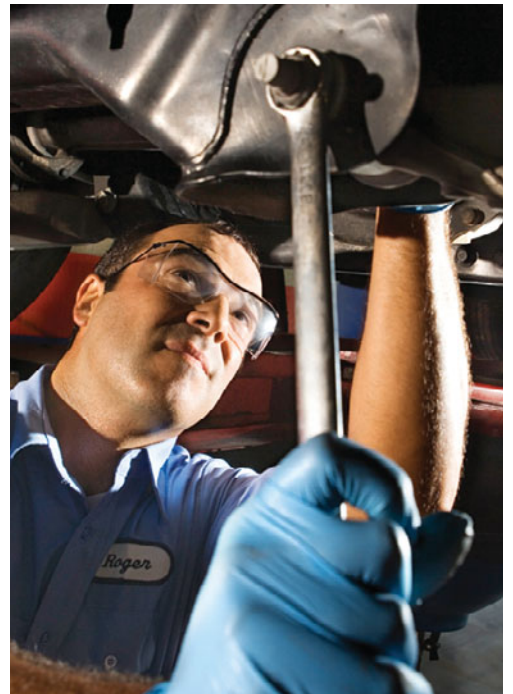
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Organizations

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Education

### Church of Christ

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Churches

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Churches



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Government

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Organizations

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Hampton, IA 50441  
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Organizations

### Crisis Intervention Service

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Organizations

### Faith Baptist Church

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Churches

### First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Churches

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Organizations

### Franklin County Cattlemen

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Organizations

### Franklin County Fair Association

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Organizations

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Organizations

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Organizations

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Organizations

### Franklin County Pistol & Rifle Club

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Organizations

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Hampton, IA 50441  
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Community Services/Clubs

### Geneva Community Betterment

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Organizations

### Hampton-Dumont Boy Scouts

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Organizations, Community  
Services/Clubs

### Hampton Lions Club

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Organizations, Community  
Services/Clubs

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Libraries

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Organizations

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Education, Schools, Colleges &  
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Organizations

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Snowmobile Club

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Organizations

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Clubs

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BUILDING BUSINESS/CULTIVATING  
OPPORTUNITY**

**Business**

Unleash your potential with a Franklin County location for your business. Across the county we can point to success experienced by humble start-ups to nationally recognized corporations. From Sukup Manufacturing to Global Ag Inc. to Land O'Lakes - all have chosen Franklin County as the place to be.

What makes us special? Attitude and location.

Franklin County has a positive attitude about supporting business projects and we back that with professional technical assistance, incentives and financing. We build buildings and tame the ground so others can build. We take the attitude that to succeed you must be proactive so we three industrial parks in the county and three occupied spec buildings with a fourth looking for an occupant.

We have successfully recruited new companies and encouraged existing

**LATIMER SET TO WELCOME DRY ICE PLANT**

Rural Latimer will soon be home to a major producer of dry ice.

West Des Moines-based Burtek Dry Ice late in 2018 announced intentions to open a facility in the former Hutchinson/Mayrath building in the Latimer Business Park.

Owner Mike Kentfield said Latimer was the perfect location for the plant because of its proximity to the new Prestage Farms location in Eagle Grove and the opportunity to expand the business north and east with its location off Interstate 35.

The Latimer facility will include production and shipping. The facility will produce three forms of dry ice – rice, pellet and block.

Eventually, Burtek will add a block press to the Latimer location which will help cut customized blocks for customers.

Burtek plans to initially have three to four new positions at the new facility but Kentfield said more jobs may be available as Prestage Farms' demand for dry ice increases.

Kentfield said the Latimer location will be the perfect place to allow the business to not only continue its mission, but grow as well.

"The Latimer and the people at Franklin County have been unbelievable to work with," he said. "We look forward to serving that community."

business expansion which has resulted in well over \$100 million in investment over the past few years. Success like that is unheard of in communities our size but stands as a testament to the value of having a positive, pro-active attitude toward business.

Location is another reason why

companies succeed in Franklin County. Product can get anywhere from here. Being in the middle of the country we are within a day's drive to a market of roughly 89 million people. Location involves transportation and with assets such as I-35 and our farm to market grid we ensure product can go anywhere.




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## LET'S BREAK IT DOWN

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### Healthcare.

Of course we have healthcare, and it is state-of-the-art thanks to the Mercy Health Network. With a newly revamped hospital and surgical wing plus family practice clinics scattered throughout the county, quality general practice and specialty care, including rehab, is readily available. A focus on health and wellness is also reflected through the Franklin County Wellness Center where people can swim, work out, play basketball or walk the track and socialize with their friends.

So if you like the idea of living in a serene country environment with people of a positive, forward-thinking mind, we invite you to consider Franklin County.

For more information on why Franklin County might be the right business location for you, don't hesitate to contact Karen Mitchell, Franklin County Development Association at 641-456-5668 or email [fcdadirector@gmail.com](mailto:fcdadirector@gmail.com). ■

## INDUSTRIES AT THE HAMPTON INDUSTRIAL PARK NOW HAVE ACCESS TO FIBER-OPTIC INTERNET

Installation of the fiber-optic service was completed early in 2018 and now allows businesses at the park the chance to have high-speed internet. Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association provided the internet.

Karen Mitchell, Franklin County Development Association Director, said the journey to get fiber-optic internet installed at the industrial park began last year when business owners

reached out to the FCDA to inquire about having a more reliable internet service at the park. Owners expressed frustration with slow and inadequate service.

Todd Hall and Richard Martin, co-owners of Global Fabrication and Global Ag, were early advocates for the service. Martin said Global Ag regularly uses the internet to send quotes, correspondence and approval drawings

back and forth with customers across the country. He said the new high-speed internet is a "game changer", as the previous service was not fast enough to connect with customers.

Aside from providing an immediate boost to existing businesses at the industrial park, the fiber internet is also an incentive to attract new businesses looking to expand or relocate.

## BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES TO KNOW

- **ABCM Corp.**, Hampton, is the parent company for 28 assisted living, rehabilitation and nursing care facilities in Iowa. It is named for its founders.
- **Buresh Buildings and North Central Millwright**, Hampton, offers steel building construction.
- **Global Ag, Inc.** - Millwright and fabrication for agriculture.
- **Hampton Hydraulics/SeaBee Corp.**, Ligon Industries, Hampton, makes highly engineered cylinders for such uses as construction and oil drilling.

- **Iowa Specialty Hospital**, of Belmond and Clarion opened its newest clinic in Hampton in 2013. Offering specialized care in Family Medicine, OB/GYN and Orthopedics.
- **Kum & Go Convenience Stores**, Hampton, helped build the convenience store model.
- **Latham Hi-Tech Seeds**, Alexander, offers corn, soybeans and alfalfa across seven states.
- **Midwest Meter Inc./MID:COM**, manufacturer and distributor of meters, pumps and accessories.
- **Omnium and Land O'Lakes**, engaged in sophisticated

chemistry for crops.

- **Sukup Manufacturing**, Sheffield, sells grain drying and handling equipment all over the world.

## SCHOOLS

We have four public school districts: Hampton-Dumont, CAL Community, West Fork Schools and the AGWSR School District; St. Paul's Parochial School. Hampton-Dumont is the second-largest employer in Franklin County, after Sukup.

The Hampton-Dumont, CAL and West Fork school districts are part of the taxing district for North Iowa Area Community College, in Mason City.

AGWSR, which includes Ackley and Geneva, is part of the taxing district for Iowa Valley Community College, the parent organization of Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls.

## HISTORICAL SITES

The most famous historical site is the Franklin County Courthouse.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Franklin County has three county supervisors. Their names are Gary McVicker, Mike Nolte and Corey Eberling. See the government listing in this guide, or visit [www.co.franklin.ia.us](http://www.co.franklin.ia.us).



## HARRIMAN-NIELSEN FESTIVAL

Located directly north of the Franklin County Fairgrounds, the Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm contains the fascinating history of a pioneer doctor, an early blacksmith, and an immigrant Danish farm family.

The farm, consisting of twenty acres of land, a house built in 1881 and the original dairy barn were given to the Franklin County Historical Society by Nielsine Nielsen, the last surviving daughter of the Danish farm family. The house is listed on the National Register for Historic Places

The Franklin County Historical Society established a Board of Directors to oversee the renovation of the historic farm. Hundreds of hours have already been donated to the renovation process and have given the old farmstead a remarkable facelift. The dairy barn has been restored, work on the house continues, renovation of the outbuildings has begun, corn will be planted in the field and the garden produces a bountiful harvest each year.

There are events held at the farm each year that showcase the history



HARRIMAN-NIELSEN HISTORIC FARM

of the property. The house is open for tours. The first Sunday in October brings the Fall Festival. The festival features a pumpkin patch, music, bean soup made from beans grown in the garden and much, much more. The renovated barn is available for rental.

Stop by the farm and view a part of Hampton's history.

Contact the Franklin County Historical Museum to arrange a tour at 641-456-5777. ■



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**THE 2019 FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR  
KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY, JULY 17  
WITH A GRANDSTAND FAVORITE**

The Franklin County Fair Grandstand lineup kicks on Wednesday, July 17 with the rodeo presented by Heuer Rodeo Company LLC. Spectators may remember Heuer Rodeo's show from the Buckin in the Barn rodeo series last winter.

**Thursday, July 18 contains an unknown surprise.**

Thursday's grandstand act has not been announced but is expected to be unveiled in May. Fair officials say that the announcement will be well worth the wait.

**Friday, July 19 will be a blast from the past with Dennis DeYoung.** Dennis DeYoung, a founding member of 70s and 80s rock juggernaut Styx, will grace the stage of the Franklin County Fairgrounds Grandstand. Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx promises to bring the audience a catalogue of Top 10 hits such as "Lady," "Babe," "Come Sail Away," "Too Much Time On My Hands," "Best of Times" and "Mr. Roboto," as well as classic rock anthems such as "Renegade," "Blue Collar Man," "Suite Madame Blue" and "Rockin' the Paradise."

DeYoung will bring his iconic voice for an evening fairgoers won't soon forget.

**Familiar tunes with a familial twist take the stage on Saturday, July 20.**

Ben and Noel Haggard, sons of legendary singer/songwriter Merle Haggard, will team up to bring concert goers an evening of their father's famous tunes.

Ben has made a name for himself in the country music scene, contributing to recordings of his father and appearances on stage with Blake Shelton, Vince Gill, Keith Urban and Toby Keith. He also provided versions of "Mama Tried" and "Sing Me Back Home" for "Working Man's Poet: A Tribute to Merle Haggard" alongside songs recorded by Toby Keith, Jason Aldean, Jake Owen, Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley.

**Saturday night's entertainment kicks off with double platinum American country group BlackHawk.** With over 7 million albums sold and a catalogue of 1990s radio hits, BlackHawk is sure to set the tone for the night. The audience will likely recognize "Goodbye Says It All," "Every Once in a While," "I Sure Can Smell the Rain," "Down in Flames," and "That's Just About Right" – all from the double-platinum debut self-titled album.



The fair winds down Sunday, July 21, but not quietly, with figure eight races.

Gunderson Racing will present the always popular races to round out the 2019 Franklin County Fair.

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# 2019 FUN SCHEDULE

## Find Your Fun in Franklin County

The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce/Main Street and Franklin County Tourism have plans to keep you entertained and having fun in Franklin County this year!

If you love live music while sitting outdoors, you will want to attend **Tuesdays on the Town** every Tuesday in June in Band Shell Park! This event takes you back to the day when families would come downtown for their entertainment and spend time together.

The Chamber along with KLMJ Radio invites a Nashville Recording artist each Tuesday to perform live on the Band Shell Park stage. The performance is then followed by the Hampton Municipal Band playing at 8 p.m. You will find food, vendors and that old fashioned laid back feel right in your own backyard.

June also features a **Bluegrass Festival**, the 6 through 8.

July kicks off with **Dumont Sand Baggin' Day** on the 12 and 13, and the



Franklin County Fair, the 17 through the 21. The fair promises good music and a great time.

The **Beeds Lake Restoration Run** kicks off Aug. 24 and promises to be a great time.

In August, Hampton comes together for a town festival called **Summerfest** in Band Shell Park. On Aug. 24, there will be food vendors and kids' activities in the park. On Saturday, Aug. 24, the

park will take you back to the 1950's and 60's. There will be classic cars lined up for the Summerfest Car Show with LIVE entertainment by the ever so famous 50's and 60's cover band, the Whitesidewalls Rock 'n' Roll Revue. Food and product vendors will fill the park along with games and inflatables for the kids.

The **Highway 3 Corridor Yard** sale will be Aug. 29 thru 31.



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HAMPTON'S FARMER'S MARKET

Butler, Franklin and Wright County will host yard sales along and around Highway 3. This event gets bigger and more popular each year!

The **Fall Specialty Shops' Open Houses** are Sept. 5-8. **Geneva Market Days** on the 20 and 21.

October brings the **Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm Fall Festival** and **Halloween**

**Howl** trick-or-treat event, downtown. **"An Evening Like It Used To Be"** is a live vaudeville show at the Windsor Theatre.

**Holly Dazzle season** is in November and December. During Holly Dazzle season we have several Santa sightings, free movies for the kids, Santa's Secret Workshop and our famous **Friday Uncorked!**

## » ENTERTAINMENT

**Friday Uncorked** (formerly called Wine Walk) will take place on Black Friday, Nov. 29. This event sells out each year, so get your tickets early at Center 1. Sample and shop wines from different locations in Hampton! Many people have made this event a tradition and we love to see the familiar faces as well as the new! Come sample and shop in our quaint little town, Hampton.

**Visits with Santa** are held around greater Franklin County in December, from the Hampton and Dumont libraries to the Latimer Fire Station and Coulter Community Center. Sometimes the events include Christmas gifts. Always, there is food. Photo opportunities for Christmas cards abound.

Join the Chamber in December with the **\$10,000 raffle**, a Main Street fundraiser.

### APRIL

**9** Puppet Play at the Hampton Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**27** Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Franklin Co. Convention Center, 6 p.m.

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## MAY

**Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.**

**3-4 Geneva Market Days, Geneva Auditorium.**

**6 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.**

**27 Memorial Day.**

## JUNE

**Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.**

**1 Gran Festival of North Iowa at the Band Shell Park, noon-10 p.m.**

**3 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.**

**4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesday on the Town, all evening, downtown Hampton.**

**7 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.**

**6 Comedian/Musician Babaloo at the Hampton Public Library**

**6-8 Bluegrass Festival, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton**

**23-24 Franklin County Arts Council Summer Drama Production**



GENEVA MARKET DAYS

## JULY

**Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.**

**1 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.**

**3 Independence Day Celebration, Fireworks at 9 p.m.**

**12-13 Dumont Sand Baggin' Day (Butler County)**

## JULY, cont.

**16 Franklin County Fair Parade, from Hampton-Dumont High School through downtown Hampton.**

**17-21 Franklin County Fair, fairgrounds on south side of Hwy. 3, west side of Hampton.**

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## AUGUST

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.

5 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

TBD Greater Franklin County Chamber Golf Open, Hampton Country Club.

24 Summerfest and Car Show, Band Shell Park.

25 People in the Park, Sheffield.

25 Beeds Lake Restoration Run, Hampton.

Aug. 29-31 Highway 3 Corridor Yard Sale.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.

2 Labor Day.

5-8 Specialty Shops Fall Open Houses, Downtown Hampton.

6 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.

9 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

20-21 Geneva Market Days, Geneva Auditorium.

### OCTOBER

Tuesdays and Fridays Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.

7 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

6 "An Evening Like It Used To Be," Vaudeville Show and Silent Movie at the Windsor Theatre, Hampton.

6 Harriman-Nielsen Fall Festival, at historic farm of same name.

26 Halloween Howl, downtown Hampton.

### NOVEMBER

4 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

7-10 Specialty Shop Holiday Open Houses, Downtown Hampton.

11 Veterans Day.

28 Thanksgiving Day.

29 Friday Uncorked and Lighting of the Courthouse, Hampton.

### DECEMBER

2 Old Time Country Hoe Down at the Windsor Theatre, 6-9 p.m.

6 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Coffee.

13 Bank Open Houses (tentative date)

TBD Franklin Chorale Christmas Concert, Hampton.

8 & 9 Franklin County Arts Council Winter drama production.

19 \$10,000 Raffle, Hampton, 5:30 p.m.

20 Sharing the Warmth, Band Shell Park, Hampton.

20 Ugly Sweater Day, School and Local Businesses, Hampton.

Stay current with all of our community events at [www.hamptoniowa.org](http://www.hamptoniowa.org).



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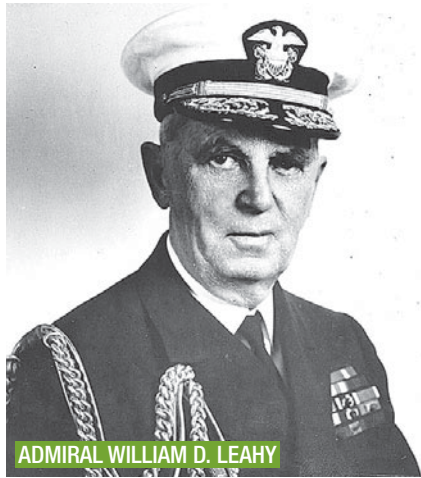
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## GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SITES

Franklin County offers plenty of historical sites for visiting history buffs. Most of the sites are open by appointment, but several have regular hours. Call ahead to discover some treasures sure to make you learn, smile and remember.

**Franklin County Historical Museum, Hampton:** Located at the county fairgrounds along Iowa Highway 3 on the western edge of Hampton, the museum features outstanding exhibits and memorabilia from Franklin County businesses and displays like "The Depression Era," "Victorian Secrets" and a crazy quilt circa 1880. The military display room includes photos, uniforms and other military artifacts from the Civil War until the present.



ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY

One of the museum's most prized exhibits features native son and war hero Admiral William D. Leahy. The Hampton native was the first Five Star Military Commander in U.S. history, and also served as chief of staff for President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman. A model replica of the USS Leahy was brought to the museum in October 2013 and is now on a permanent lease from the U.S. Navy. The exhibit also features several items like Leahy's White House desk, his uniform, and a Four-Star Commander flag.

Other Hamptonites featured in the museum include:

- C. Glenn Haney, who owned the oldest retail business in Franklin County, Haney Jewelry.
- Milton S. Wirtz, DDS, of Latimer, invented the plastic prosthetic eye during World War II when glass eyes made from German sand were embargoed.
- The Coonley family, from which James E. Coonley, Sr., successfully prosecuted the nation's first drunk driving case using blood-alcohol content evidence in 1937.

- Jack Bailey III, who hosted the TV show *Queen for a Day*.

- Bob Artley, nationally published author, illustrator and syndicated political (and apolitical) cartoonist, World War II veteran, Grinnell College alumnus, and author of the book "Ginny: A Love Remembered," written about his wife.

**The Rock Island Depot,** also at the museum complex, dates back to the turn of the 20th Century. It was restored for use as an exhibit hall specializing in railroad history. The depot features a working order board and signals, telegraph, and a 40-year-old caboose gifted to the museum in the 2000s by a Waterloo businessman.

The museum, depot and caboose are open for summer tours and during the Franklin County Fair, July 19-23, 2017. Hours from Jan. 15 to Nov. 15 are 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. Private tours can be scheduled by calling 641-456-5777. Free admission.

**Franklin County Courthouse, Hampton:** The most photographed and visible structure in Franklin County is the courthouse located in downtown Hampton. Built in the early 1890s at a price of \$60,000, it is "a building of harmonious proportions, pleasing architectural lines and substantial construction." It is 72 by 102 feet and reaches 133 feet to the top of the dome, which includes a clock on each side and a chime. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and was restored in 1970. The courthouse is open for business from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 641-456-5622 to schedule a tour.

**Memorial Hall, Hampton:** It is the only "Soldiers Memorial Hall" in Iowa and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1890 after the Iowa General Assembly authorized counties to establish a tax to build monuments that honored deceased county Civil War veterans. The soldier standing sentinel over the building was refurbished in 1992, and the one-of-a-kind marble tablets inside the building bear the names of war veterans. Schedule a tour by calling 641-456-5670 or 641-456-5620.

**Old Stone House, rural Geneva:** The 1854 house was the first permanent structure in Franklin County and still stands to this day. It consists of seven rooms, including two bedrooms on the second floor, a full basement and a pantry off the kitchen. The structure was built with limestone from the banks of nearby Maynes Creek and was inhabited until 1956. It was converted into a pioneer museum in June 1985. The exterior was repaired in 2009. Schedule a tour by calling 641-456-5777.



## HISTORY



FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**Maysville Schoolhouse, rural Hampton:** The town of Maysville was settled in 1856. It grew to 150 people and featured a post office, hotel, two blacksmith shops, two stores, a steam saw mill and a school. Maysville citizens dreamed of making their town the county seat, but the railroad went through Hampton instead. The town was dead by 1890.

All that remains today is the two-story limestone schoolhouse built in 1867. Situated on a crest of a hill and visible from U.S. Highway 65 about five miles south of Hampton on 95th Street, the school has survived a full century after the town's demise. It housed many events and organization through the years, and until recently served as the official voting place for Reeve Township. Schedule a tour by calling 641-456-5777.

**REA Power Plant Museum, rural Hampton:** Located four miles south of the Franklin County Fairgrounds and 1½ miles west on gravel roads, the Corn Belt Power REA plant was the first farmer-owned power plant in the nation to receive an REA grant and only the second in the nation to go on line in the 1930s. The plant was given to the Franklin County Historical Society and has been turned into a rural and electrical museum. 2013 marked the 75th anniversary of the plant going on line. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information or a tour, call Marvin O. Rodemeyer at 641-456-3477 or Franklin County Historical Museum at 641-456-5777.



## DOWS

**Dows Depot/Iowa Welcome Center, Blacksmith Shop & Mercantile, Dows:** More than 7,500 people visit the Dows Depot Welcome Center each year to view railroad memorabilia and other historical items from the town.

Located about two miles from the interstate, the historical society installed a sequence of Burma Shave-type signs along the way to let drivers know they were still headed in the right direction.

Stephen Dows brought the railroad from Holland through the town of Otisville to Clarion in 1880. Otisville was renamed in Dows' honor. The depot was built in 1896 after more lines connected to the town and was operated until 1980.

The Dows Historical Society bought the depot 1987. More than 120 volunteers worked on the restoration, and the group received a state matching grant to help open the building as an official State of Iowa Welcome Center.

**The Dows Mercantile** housed general stores, a hardware store, hairdressers, a veterinarian and apartments over the years. It opened in 1989 after the historical society purchased it and now features an antique mall, folk art, crafts and fine art from Iowa artists and manufacturers. The Crème de la Crème

ice cream parlor also serves sandwiches, soups and coffee.

**The Blacksmith Shop** was willed to the historical society in 1990. Until that time, it was owned and operated by Fred Quasdorf.

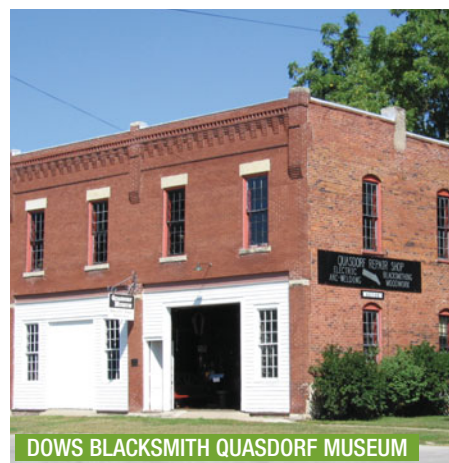
The Quasdorf Blacksmith and Wagon Museum is said to be one of the best-equipped blacksmith shops in the Midwest.

**The Evans Little Prairie House** was donated in 2005, when the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Ingebret Evans chose to move it off the homestead it occupied rather than demolish it.

As many as 10 Evans children, plus the parents, lived in the house at any one time. It has modest furnishings: a bed, a rocker made by Ingebret Evans and a stove. Displays describe the history of the house and the process of moving it off the homestead.

**Hours:** The welcome center's operating hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon-5 p.m., on Sunday. For a tour of any of the buildings run by the Dows Historical Society, call 515-852-3595.

**Dows Country School:** The Vernon Township Country Schoolhouse was built in 1887 in Wright County. (Dows sits on the line between Wright and Franklin



counties.) The Dows Historical Society and the Dows Community moved the building from its original site and placed it on a permanent foundation near the Welcome Center and Mercantile. It was restored inside and out and is furnished with original desks, blackboards, and books. The grounds are planted with native trees and shrubs.

The school is open for tours by calling 515-852-3595.

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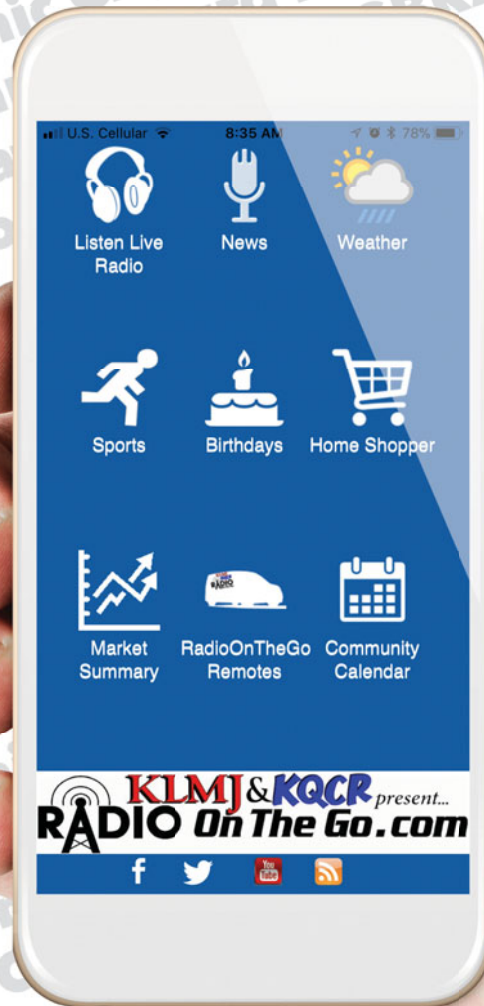
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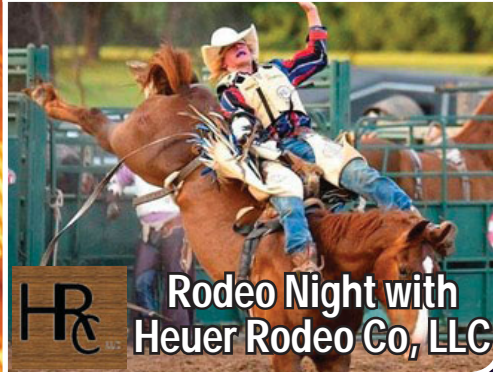
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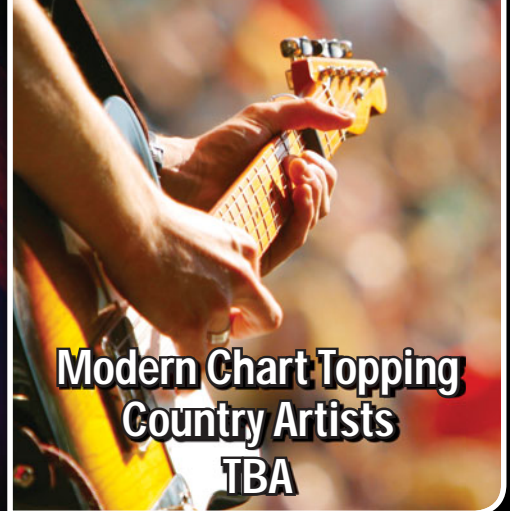
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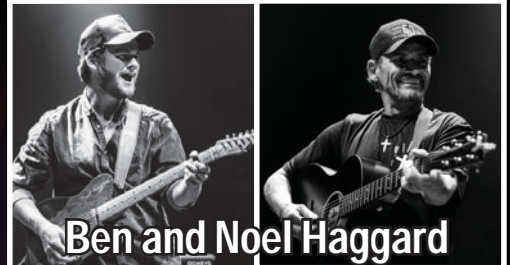
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