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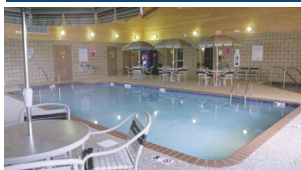
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calendar of Events

2022

May 15	Cruisin' for Camp Courageous, 10a.m.-4 p.m.
May 31	Memorial Day: Many towns in Jones County hold Memorial Day ceremonies.
June 3-5	Civil War Days in Hopkinton
June 4	Summer Kick-off/Family Fishing Fun Day at Central Park
June 5	Anamosa Hill Climb & Swap Meet (Rain date: June 26)
June 10	Monticello Chamber's Uptown Summer Nights in the pocket park
June 17	J&P Cycles Bike Night, Circle Drive, Anamosa
June 17-19, 24-26	Starlighters II Theatre production
June 24	Art in the Park at Central Park
June 25	National Motorcycle Museum Vintage Swap Meet
June 26-July 9	Starlighters II Theatre children's theater camp
July 3	Anamosa celebrates Fourth of July
July 4	Monticello celebrates Fourth of July
July 4	Oxford Junction celebrates Fourth of July
July 8	Monticello Chamber's Uptown Summer Nights in the pocket park
July 8-10	Wyoming Fair in Wyoming
July 17	J&P Cycles Bike Night, Circle Drive, Anamosa
July 20-24	Great Jones County Fair in Monticello
July 22	Art in the Park at Central Park
July 29-31	Olin Jamboree
Aug. 5-7	Starlighters II Theatre production
Aug. 6	Bumble Bee Program at Central Park
Aug. 7	Camp Courageous Sprint Triathlon
Aug. 12	Monticello Chamber's Uptown Summer Nights in the pocket park
Aug. 12-14	Scotch Grove Flea Market, Craft & Antique Show
Aug. 19	J&P Cycles Bike Night, Circle Drive, Anamosa
Aug. 19-21	Monti Days, Willow Shelter
Aug. 21	Monticello Airport Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast
Aug. 26	Art in the Park at Central Park
Aug. 28	Edinburgh Folk Festival, Edinburgh Historic Village
Aug. 28	Lenox Day, Delaware Co. Historical Museum, Hopkinton
Sept. (TBD)	Stone City Festival
Sept. 11	Anamosa Hill Climb & Swap Meet
Sept. 16	J&P Cycles Bike Night, Circle Drive, Anamosa
Sept. 18	Monti in Motion Show & Shine
Sept. 25	Camp Courageous Open House and Pancake Breakfast
Oct. 1	34th Annual Anamosa Pumpkinfest and Ryan Norlin Weigh-off
Oct. 2	Hot Rods & Harleys Car, Truck & Bike Show, Hopkinton
Oct. 7-9	Scotch Grove Flea Market, Craft & Antique Show
Oct. 7-9, 14-16	Starlighters II Theatre production
Oct. 9	Baldwin Saddle Club Horse Show, Wyoming Fairgrounds
Oct. 20	Treats on the Streets and Monster Mile/Dash in Monticello
Oct. 23	Safe Trick-or-Treat Edinburgh Historic Village
Nov. 25	Holiday Magic on Main Street and Parade of Lights in Anamosa
Dec. 2-4	Anamosa Christmas Tree Walk, Lawrence Community Center
Dec. 2-4, 9-11	Starlighters II Theatre production
Dec. 3	Riverside Gardens Holiday Bake Sale
Dec. (TBD)	Christmas in Wyoming
Dec. (TBD)	Holiday on First in Monticello



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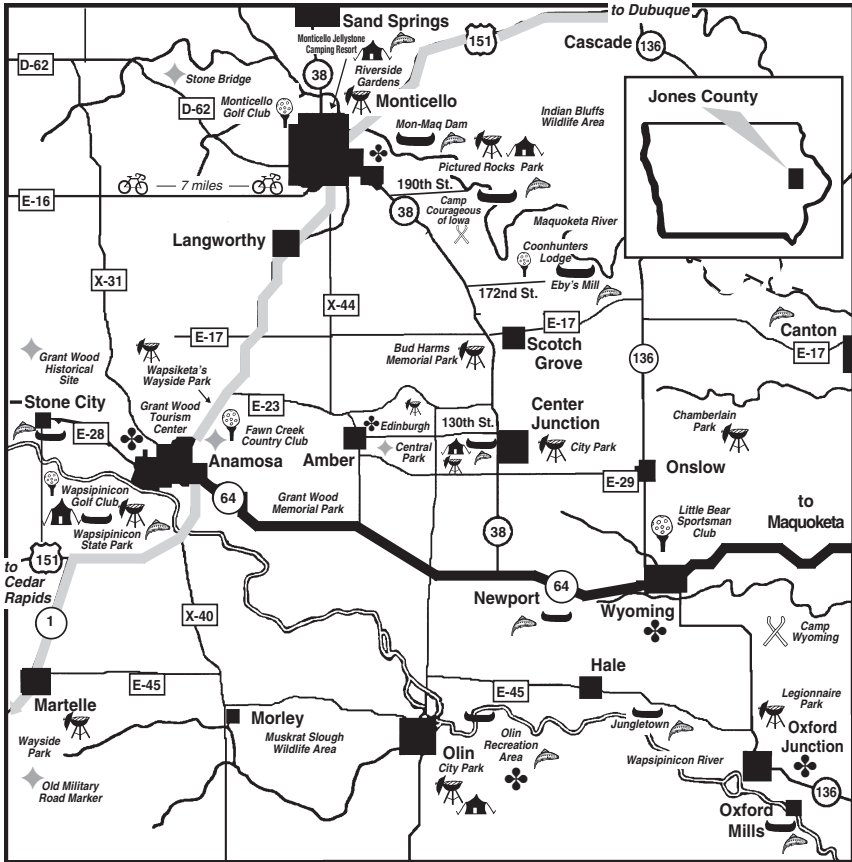
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 Monticello Aquatic Center 319-465-6532
 Great Jones County Fair 319-465-3275
 Central Park Nature Center 563-487-3541
 Jones County Historical Society . 563-487-3711

Websites

Monticello Chamber..... macc-ia.us
 City of Monticello ci.monticello.ia.us
 Great Jones County Fair..... greatjonescountyfair.com
 Monticello Express monticelloexpress.com

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We have history lessons that are fun to learn in many of our museums. The Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum, housed next to Iowa's oldest and largest penitentiary, interprets the institution's 150-year history as well as its current operation. To walk in the Old West, visit the pioneer village of Edinburgh, founded in 1847. For more area history, explore the heritage museums in Monticello, Olin, Oxford Junction, and Wyoming.

Dedicated to motorcycles and the rich history of two-wheeled transportation, the National Motorcycle Museum is filled with a display of more than 500 bikes, racing machines, toys, and thousands of other pieces of motorcycle memorabilia.

Jones County is the birthplace of Grant Wood, most famous for "American Gothic," the painting of a dour couple, the farmer with a pitchfork held tightly in his grasp. Plan to visit the Antioch School, where Grant Wood's education started, the Grant Wood Art Gallery, dedicated to preserving the heritage of the artist, and Stone City, the location of Wood's 1930s Art Colony. The road leading you to these places is the Grant Wood Scenic Byway (Highway 64) where you will experience the beautiful wife-open fields, river valleys, and rolling hills that inspired Grant Wood in his art.

Get ready to make memories when attending one of many local events. The Great Jones County Fair, held mid-July in Monticello, is the oldest and one of the largest fairs in the state. Each year, the fair rocks to some of the best concerts, has tractor and

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Welcome to Monticello, Iowa, where 3,940 people call home.

Monticello is conveniently located between Cedar Rapids and Dubuque along Highway 151. The community of Monticello offers all of the conveniences of the big city without all the hustle and bustle. We have world-class restaurants, small-town shopping, and many opportunities for recreational fun. For great family memories, the Maquoketa River passes through Monticello, offering canoeing, tubing, swimming, and fishing. The Monticello Parks and Recreation Department offers some of the most beautiful parks and recreation attractions like the Baty Disc Golf Course conveniently located near the downtown district. Another recreational attraction is our nine-hole golf course at the Monticello Golf Club. If coming to Monticello for the day or a weekend getaway, we offer accommodations at the Cobblestone Inn & Suites or camping at one of our full-service campgrounds. The Blue Inn Campground and Yogi Bear Jellystone Park offer abundant spots to set up and enjoy the great outdoors.

If relaxation is in order, take a stroll through the beautiful Riverside

Gardens, have a rest in the downtown pocket park with free wi-fi, or visit one of our evening drinking establishments for a good conversation with friends. Monticello offers several relaxing amenities to help you unwind from your busy day, whether it's a day at one of our luxurious spas or a workout at one of our health gyms.

Monticello hosts many annual events throughout the year to improve the quality of life in the community. Uptown Summer Nights in the Pocket Park Music Series, Monticello Farmers Market, Fourth of July Parade and festivities, the "Five Best Days of Summer" Great Jones County Fair, and Monti Days are just some of the great events! Check out our chamber website (www.macc-ia.us) or Facebook page (Monticello, Iowa Area Chamber of Commerce) for a full list of events and activities.

Monticello is the place to live, work, eat, shop, and experience small-town dreams!

Bobby Krum
Executive Director
Monticello Area Chamber of
Commerce

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truck pulls, harness racing, and one of the largest 4-H and livestock shows of any fair in Iowa. A parade kicks off the Wyoming Fair, which includes many activities for those who attend the three-day event. Enjoy a crisp fall day at the Ryan Norlin Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off and Anamosa PumpkinFest where record-breaking GIANT pumpkins are brought in, and Main Street is packed with an assortment of unique vendors.

Maybe you're an outdoor enthusiast. Jones County features two river trails on the Maquoketa and Wapsipinicon rivers that offer multiple access points excellent for canoeing, kayaking, or tubing. Our rivers, lakes, ponds, and conservation areas have plenty of fishing, floating, and wildlife viewing. With more than 50 parks to choose

from, you can also get your fill of fresh air at one of our many parks that offer hiking, camping, and picnicking.

Whether it's a drive down our scenic country roads, a stroll through our picturesque parks, a day at one of our festivals, fairs, or events, or a visit to one of our many museums, we want you to enjoy your time spent in Jones County and come back to see us soon!

For more information about planning your getaway, visit www.traveljonescounty.com or call 319-462-4101.

Come for the sights...stay for the stores!

Becky DirksHaugsted
President
Jones Co. Tourism Association

Welcome to Anamosa

The Anamosa Chamber of Commerce welcomes you...

To be inspired...like Anamosa native Grant Wood, drive along the Grant Wood Scenic Byway west to Stone City or east towards the Antioch School, visit the Grant Wood Art Gallery, or Thou Art Gallery.

To explore...the Wapsipinicon State Park where you can float down the Wapsipinicon River, hike on the trails, camp or go caving.

To delve into history...visit the Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum and learn about their most notorious

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To channel your inner Evel Knievel...peruse the National Motorcycle Museum and explore the history of two-wheeled transportation.

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Phone Numbers

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Anamosa Chamber of Commerce ... 319-462-4879
Lawrence Community Center 319-462-6181
Anamosa swimming pool 319-462-5818
Grant Wood Art Gallery 319-462-4267
Starlighters II
Community Theatre 319-462-4793
Wyoming Fair 563-488-3497

Websites

Jones County Tourism ... traveljonescounty.com
Anamosa Chamber anamosachamber.org
Jones County jonescountyiowa.gov
City of Anamosa anamosa-iowa.org
Wyoming Fair wyomingiafair.com
Starlighters II Community Theatre starlighters.org
City of Wyoming wyomingia.org
City of Olin cityofolin.com



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.;
For hours please check website at
www.newlifechurchnaz.org
Facebook: New Life Monticello
16159 County Rd. E16, Ph. 319-465-4622.

Peace United Church of Christ

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10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. (Sept.-
May); 410 E. Cherry St., Monticello. Phone
319-465-4438

St. John's Lutheran Church

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worship 6 p.m.; Sunday worship 9:55
a.m.; Summer hours 9 a.m. worship
service; Sunday School & Bible Study
from Sept. through May at 8:45 a.m.;
Wednesday evening Bible study 6 p.m.;
Saturday worship 6 p.m.; 18927 Highway
38 (3 miles south of Monticello). Phone
319-465-4842.

Wayne Zion Lutheran Church

Pastor Wade Reddy. Services: Sunday wor-
ship at 9:00 a.m. Communion on the first and
third Sundays.; Sunday church school 10:15
a.m. from Sept. 11th, 2022 through May 21,
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for up to date events and calendar. Phone
465-4834. 15531 County Road E-17, Mon-
ticello (south on Highway 151 to X-44, then
east on E-17).

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday worship 10:00 a.m.; Sunday
School 8:30 a.m. (Sept.-May); 211 W.
First Street, Monticello, 319-465-3393.
Email: office@fpcmonticello.org; www.fpcmonticello.org

Berean Bible Church

Mike Martin, pastor. Sunday School 5
p.m.; Sunday worship 6 p.m.; Wednesday
prayer service 6:30 p.m.; 16107 County
Road E-16 (Lower Prairieburg Road)
Monticello. Sunday morning worship 9:30
a.m. Monticello Community Building; No
activities Sunday evening on the first Sun-
day of the month; Phone 319-480-8065.

SS. Peter & Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday night education 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
year round. 21069 Prairie Hill Road, Monticello.
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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5 p.m., Sunday morning Mass 8:30 a.m. from
the first weekend of January through the last
weekend of June 10:30 a.m., from the first
weekend of July through the last weekend of
December; 210 E. Third Street, Monticello.
Phone 319-465-5944.

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9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday service 7:00
p.m.; Children's Bible Clubs; nursery avail-
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319-462-6776

Bamboo Garden Chinese Restaurant

226 E. Main St.
319-462-6918

Casey's General Store

500 E. Main St. 1752 Highway 64 E.
319-462-4037 319-462-2245

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22962 County Road E-34
319-425-2242

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319-462-4399

Tucker's Tavern

201 E. Main St.
319-462-9909

Tyler and Downing's Eatery

122 E. Main St.
319-462-5533

Olin

The Bonfire Bar & Grill

306 Jackson St.
319-484-4080

Hammer's Hideaway

319 Jackson St.
319-484-2183

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Shakey's Place & Treasure Vault

106 W. Broadway St.
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Wyoming

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Attractions

Grant Wood Art Gallery

The Grant Wood Art Gallery is one of the highlights of Jones County. With the redesigned main gallery and added artifacts, they have more to offer visitors than ever before!

Gallery highlights:

- Prints of Grant Wood's paintings with educational information
- Guest artist gallery
- Exhibit on the Stone City Art Colony, including a model ice wagon
- Items of furniture designed by Grant Wood
- Souvenirs and prints available for purchase

The mission of the art gallery is to promote an appreciation of the arts and preserve the heritage of Grant Wood and the Stone City/Anamosa historic area.

The Grant Wood Art Gallery is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich history of Grant Wood and his legacy as Iowa's most famous artist. They are a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. Their location is in the heart of Anamosa. The birthplace of Grant Wood, gives visitors the opportunity to learn more about Grant Wood's early life and explore the beautiful area often referred to as "Grant Wood Country."

The Grant Wood Art Gallery is located at 124 E. Main St., Anamosa. The building is also home to the Jones County Tourism Association Office. For more information, call 319-551-9993 or email grantwoodgallery@gmail.com.

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Starlighters II Theatre

Starlighters is a community theater located in downtown Anamosa. The theater was originally started in Monticello in 1974 when a high school student saw a need for more opportunities for individuals to participate in live theatre in the area. The student enlisted the help of a student teacher and the rest is history, as they say.

In 1978, the Anamosa Community Theatre merged with Starlighters. Today its active membership covers a six-county area.

During the 12-month seasons, Starlighters II presents four main stage productions consisting of dramas, comedies, musicals, and has included revues and variety shows. This year they added a children's theater production and special, one-time production written by a local playwright.

The theatre offers classes on acting and directing, which are aimed at helping those interested in learning those elements of theatre, and preparing them to work in Starlighters II productions.

In 2014, Starlighters moved across the street to its new, larger home (the former Motorcycle Museum), 200 E. Main St., Anamosa.

Refer to the Calendar of Events for the upcoming Starlighters' productions for 2022.

For more information visit starlighters.org or call 319-462-4793.



Antioch School/ Paint 'n Palette Club

Grant Wood Memorial Park in rural Anamosa is on Highway 64, the Grant Wood Scenic Byway. The park includes the Antioch School and the Paint 'n Palette Club cabin.

The Antioch School was built in 1872 and attended by the "American Gothic" artist, Grant Wood, from 1897 through 1901. The one-room schoolhouse is located in a rural farming area where you can see the hills and fields that shaped Grant Wood's artistic vision. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is owned and maintained by the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission, a group of volunteers.

The Paint 'n Palette Club is a group of local artists, originally organized by those closely connected to Grant Wood. The club has been active and caring for the Antioch School since the 1950s.

Located at 17314 Highway 64 E., tours may be arranged by calling Jones County Tourism at 319-462-4101.

Attractions

Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum

The Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum showcases the more than 150-year history of Iowa's largest prison. The museum offers displays describing prison life, the role of the guard through the years, and a huge variety of photographs from the prison's early days. There are dioramas of quarrying and construction techniques used to build the prison, a full-sized replica of a cell, videos about the prison's overall history, the role of sports within the prison, and much more! While there, have your picture taken in the mock jail cell as well. You can also purchase a history book on the museum, written by two former employees of the prison.

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The museum continues to gather vintage bikes, photographs, apparel, advertising art and other memorabilia to document all eras. There are over 500 motorcycles on display, spanning several decades and makes/models. Many motorcycles are on loan from

private collectors from around the world. Some have also been donated to the Museum.

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animals, hiking, outdoor living skills and archery.

Facilities at the camp are continually expanding and improving. Past expansions have included the John and Dorothy Sill Barn, the Beckwith Dormitory, a train and depot called the Lions Depot, Lake Todd, the Durgin Pavilion, Rotary Music Park and more. New to Camp this year is a 700 ft Zipline, the Penaluna Tunnel, Fishing Docks. The new Macek-Papke Multipurpose field is scheduled to open in September 2022.

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For information, check the camp's website at www.campcourageous.org, or call 319-465-5916.



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Riverside Gardens

Riverside Gardens, a city park, is located in Monticello, right off of Business Highway 151 north, near the Maquoketa River.

The gardens were started in 1989 and are planted and maintained by volunteers throughout the community. The gardens are a showcase for the diversity of flowers and plants available for today's gardens.

Riverside Gardens includes more than 25 flowerbeds. A picnic area, a gazebo, a wishing well, nature trails and a wetland area adorn the park.

Victorian street lights add light to the pathway through the gardens. A house adjacent to the property was purchased in 1998 by Riverside Gardens. The house is used for garden club meetings, plant and bake sales, and to house plants during the winter months.



In the front of the pergola sits the town's original "turn of the century" horse trough, which was once located in downtown Monticello.

The gardens are funded through memberships, donations, memorials, and annual plant and bake sales.

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Monticello Heritage and Cultural Center

The Monticello Heritage and Cultural Center is housed inside the former St. Luke's United Methodist Church that was built in approximately 1949. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The historical center is located at 211 N. Sycamore St., and is open 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

The Center features unique pieces of Monticello history. The volunteer board of directors works hard to offer the community and visitors insight into Monticello's rich history. The center contains numerous historical photos, documents, paperwork, exhibits, and displays featuring items that highlight and tell the story of Monticello.

There are permanent and temporary displays featuring information on Monticello's sesquicentennial, businesses of long ago, the history of

the Great Jones County Fair, history of John McDonald Hospital, major fires in Monticello's history, the history of the railroad, military memorabilia, the history of Mon Maq Dam, the history of Ely's Stone Bridge, and so much more.

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Edinburgh Village

Edinburgh was the first county seat in Jones County in 1840.

The first court case held in Jones County was presided over by Judge Thomas S. Wilson and was in session in Edinburgh on March 22, 1841.

In 1847, the county seat was moved to Anamosa.

Today, Edinburgh is home to the Jones County Historical Village and several events throughout the year.

The historical village contains multiple buildings housing various artifacts. The library contains books, maps, photos, newspaper clippings, and old county tax records from the 1850s to the 1940s, as well as school records and pieces of family histories. Other buildings house old clothing, tools, household items, and military uniforms.

The blacksmith shop on the

grounds contains a lot of history. Some buildings have been moved to Edinburgh: a blacksmith shop from Oxford Junction, a log home from Monticello, Anamosa's old railroad freight depot, a tenant house, a schoolhouse, and Jones County's first doctor's office. Built on site were a replica veterinary clinic, an agriculture building, a church, a log cabin, and a courthouse.

The historical village is located at 13838 Edinburgh Rd. in Scotch Grove. It is open from May through September on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. The facilities could be rented for picnics, weddings or special occasions.

For more information, call 563-487-3711 or visit their Facebook page "Jones County, IA Historical Society & Edinburgh Pioneer Village."



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Oxford Junction Heritage Museum

The Oxford Junction Heritage Museum is located at 107 W. Broadway St. in Oxford Junction. The museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Saturday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m. or by appointment.

The museum is housed in a building built shortly after the town fire of 1889. The building was purchased by C.A. Kettleson, and later became Benhart Feed & Produce. Both names still grace the front of the building.

The James Benhart Estate donated the building to the museum board in 1995, as they saw a need to not only preserve the building, but also as a place to store artifacts of historical importance to Oxford Junction. Items on display include a wagon box made by the Lasack Brothers & Co., original township records dating back to 1855, war memorabilia, and many Czech

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Attractions

Hotel Williams Museum

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A devastating fire in July 2013 nearly claimed the large building that was built in 1978 from Wyoming's native brick, and known as The Williams Hotel.

Twenty rooms have been renovated and displays showcase the history of the community.

Visitors enter into the hotel lobby and continue into a charming parlor displaying an old pump organ from 1872, as well as a theatre model "Player Piano."

Other displays include an old-fashioned drugstore, a library area with genealogy information, agricultural displays, farm machinery, and building/plumbing supplies dating back to the

late 1800s.

The rooms located upstairs each have their own special theme: barbershop, dentist office, school room, hotel room, quilt room. There is also a sports room with a display on Emil "Dutch" Levensen, a baseball player from Wyoming who pitched for the Cleveland Indians. There is also a gun room with an extensive collection of guns dating back to the 1700s. Railroad buffs will find interesting information and pictures of the railroad that was once a part of Wyoming.

Although the museum does not have regular hours for tours, they will open at any time a tour is desired.

For more information, visit <https://wyomingia.org/landmarks/hotel-williams-museum>. You can also call Jim Eichhorn at 563-212-0013 or Joyce Fishwild at 563-488-3804.

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Among the collections are historic county newspapers, clothing, toys, pottery, tools and documents related to Delaware County and Lenox College students and faculty.

The campus is home to a Civil War monument. The monument was dedicated on Nov. 17, 1865. It is inscribed with the names of the 44 students and faculty that served and died in the Civil War. The monument

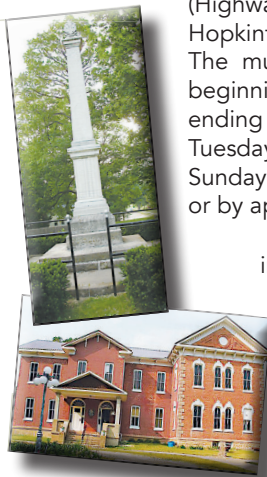
and four campus buildings are designated as Historic Places on the National Registry.

The museum is located on the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway

(Highway 38) in Hopkinton, Iowa.

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Jones County Freedom Rock

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Each Freedom Rock is unique to its area. Ray Michael "Bubba" Sorensen II started the Freedom Rock project in 1999, when he painted a thank-you to veterans on a rock in Menlo, Iowa. In 2008, Ray and his wife began thinking about painting "freedom rocks" in all 99 counties and this was the beginning of the Freedom Rock Tour. The Freedom Rock Tour mission is to spread the message of thanking our veterans while boosting tourism. In 2021, Ray completed his goal of having all 99 Freedom Rocks painted. More information can be found at: www.thefreedomrock.com/iowa-fr-tour.

The Jones County Freedom Rock is a massive 11-foot-tall boulder painted in stunning detail with several scenes.

Depicted are:

- Military Highway 1, also known as Dillon's Furrow. It was the first federally funded highway west of the Mississippi.
- Grant Wood; not as the artist he became, but as the veteran he was, when he served in the U.S. Army during World War I.
- There is a POW/MIA tribute and a U.S. Flag so realistic the cloth seems to flow over the top of the stone.
- Jones County has the unique history of having a veteran from every major U.S. conflict reside here. These 11 veterans are represented in amazing likeness.

The Freedom Rock is the cornerstone of the Jones County display in a beautiful park-like setting. Efforts will continue to improve the Memorial Park to make it an area of pride for our veterans, our communities, and our county.

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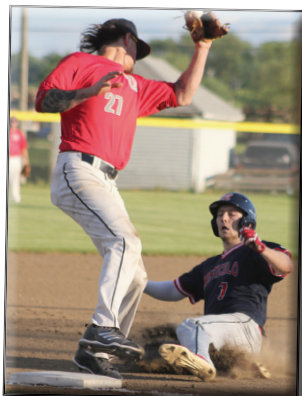
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June 17 – Worthington

June 24 – Key West

July 1 – Dubuque

July 7 – at Farley

July 15 – Farley

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Recreation

POOLS

Anamosa Aqua Court is located at 105 S. Linn St. It features six, 25-yard lanes, a beach area, one- and three-meter diving boards, a 100-foot water slide, locker room, and a large sun deck.

Call 319-462-5818 or the Lawrence Community Center at 319-462-6181.

Camp Courageous Vermazen-Carver Aquatic Center, 12007 190th St., Monticello, is a large, indoor pool facility with two pools, one six-lane sized pool and one therapy pool. Each pool is equipped with accessible lifts, and the therapy pool includes a wheelchair ramp. The facility offers lap swimming, winter swimming lessons for youth, water aerobics and aqua fitness classes. Lifeguards are available, and there is an admission fee. The pools are also available to rent for birthday parties, school events, or family get-togethers, and can include access to the classroom/party room. For more information, please visit www.campcourageous.org/pool.

Little Bear Pool, although it is part of Little Bear Country Club, ¼ mile north of Wyoming on Highway 136, the pool is open to the

public.

Call 563-488-2559.

Monticello Aquatic Center, 811 S. Cedar St., is approximately 7,000 square feet with depths ranging from zero depth entry level to 12½ feet. A 300-square-foot wading pool is included. There is a children's play area, shelter house for birthday parties, and concession patio area. Pool parties and pool rental are available.

Call 319-465-6640.

RECREATION CENTERS

Berndes Center, 766 N. Maple St., has year-round activities. The gym can accommodate several sports and activities including walking, tennis, pickleball, volleyball leagues, basketball clinics and leagues, youth flag football, kickball, soccer clinics and more.

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Recreation

Eastern Iowa Sports Facility, located at 702 John Dr., Monticello, and is home to the MinnTex Citrus fundraising facility. In January, it is converted into a 40,000-square-foot recreation center and hosts indoor baseball, softball, football, soccer and more, as well as hitting and pitching tunnels, on artificial turf fields. Lessons, leagues, tournaments and practice times are available.

Call 319-480-9878.

Lawrence Community Center, 600 E. Main St., Anamosa, has a large gym, two racquetball courts (which can be converted for wallyball), two pickleball courts, and a fitness center including a cardio room and free weights. There are meeting and banquet facilities, a television lounge and a piano lounge. Day passes are available.

Call 319-462-6181.

DISC GOLF

Opened in 2014, Monticello's 18-hole disc golf course features regulation baskets ("holes"). It is located in a wooded area just north of Oak Street. Admission is free.

WILLOW TRAIL

This one-mile concrete trail runs between E. First St. and Oak Street (Highway 38) in Monticello and features a storybook walk.

WAPSI TRAIL

The Wapsi Trail is currently a hard surfaced one-half mile long trail extending from the City of Anamosa to Fawn Creek. Phase Two of this trail is under construction in the spring of 2022 and will add another one-half mile. The trail will connect Wapsipinicon State Park and the historic Hale Bridge to the City of Anamosa.

PICKLEBALL

This new recreation option opened in the spring of 2020, includes two courts, located near Kleinow Field on Diamond Drive in Monticello. Pickleball, a hybrid game that combines the skills of ping-pong and tennis, is played on a court that is smaller than a tennis court. Players use wooden paddles and plastic balls. Indoor pickleball is played in the Berndes Center in the winter months.

 <p>Julius Caesar 1963 BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE April 1,2,3,6,9,10</p>	 <p>Lerner and Loewe's Camelot June 17,18,19,24,25,26</p>	 <p>Starlighters II Theatre's Production of THE LION KING Camp June 27-July 9 Performances July 8-9</p>
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Wine Trail

Tabor Home Vineyards and Winery

Tabor Home sits on 5 acres of vineyards, planted in 1989. The attraction is located at 3570 67th St. in Baldwin in Jackson County.

Tabor Home, located on the family's 1860s farmstead, is Iowa's oldest estate winery. It offers visitors the chance to take part in multiple events throughout the year. The Sunday "Music in the Vineyards" series, wine tasting overlooking the Grant Wood countryside, a gallery of commissioned artwork, entertaining winery-vineyard tours, and more. The tasting room is always open and free of charge.

Some of Tabor Home's choice homemade wines include: Saint Croix (dry red), Barn Dance Red (semi-sweet), Brianna (tropical fruit sweet), Toast of Iowa (sparkling) and Cheery Cherry (sweet

dessert).

Each year Tabor Home wines win gold medals and Best of Class international wine competition awards – more than 250 medals since 1998.

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Glyn Mawr Winery – The Local

Glyn Mawr is owned and operated by a mother-daughter duo. They grow 2 acres of grapes near Olin and produce quality wines made with 100 percent Iowa grapes.

The vineyard in Eastern Iowa is surrounded by corn and soybean fields. Established in 2009, it is home to the following varieties: Marquette, La Crescent, Frontenac, Frontenac Gris, Marechal Foch, and Brianna. The winery is located on a vineyard site, where they ferment, age, and bottle their estate wines.

Glyn Mawr has a tasting room and retail shop called "The Local," located at 103 First St. NW in Mount Vernon. (The vineyard itself is not open to the public.) It also places its wines in area retail locations throughout Eastern Iowa.

Phone number: 319-895-8790.
Facebook: Glyn Mawr Winery – The Local.

Grant Wood Hills Winery

Grant Wood Hills Winery, located on Highway 64 between Anamosa and Wyoming, was established in October 2014.

It offers seven different wines, and sells them at local restaurants and outlets including Giggle Juice Liquor Station in Anamosa, Fareway Anamosa, Fareway Marion, and the Glass Tap in Monticello.

Among its varieties are LaCrosse (dry white), Barn House Blend (dry red), Rolling Hills Red (semi-sweet red), and Frontenac (dessert).

Phone number: 319-484-2457.
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• Fawn Creek Country Club and Banquet Facility is located on the east edge of Anamosa off U.S. Highway 151. Nine-hole course, 3,211 yards.

Call 319-462-4115, email fawncreekcc@gmail.com, or visit www.fawncreekcc.com.

• Wapsipinicon Country Club is nestled inside Wapsipinicon State Park, southwest of Anamosa. The nine-hole course is laid out over 2,346 yards.

For more information call 319-462-3930.

• Drive on Main is an indoor golf facility on E. Main St. that offers two state of the art simulators. It is a perfect place to hang out with friends, work on your swing, have a date night or host a private or corporate event. Bring your own food & beverage.

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• Monticello Golf Club is a semi-private course located adjacent to the Great Jones County Fairgrounds and the Maquoketa River in Monticello. The nine-hole, par 36 course covers 2,660 yards.

Call 319-465-5225 or email monticellogolf@gmail.com.

SCOTCH GROVE

• Coonhunters is a small, out-of-the-way nine-hole, par-3 course with sand greens. It is open to the public and is located a few miles northeast of Scotch Grove, and is open to the public.

Call 563-543-6857.

WYOMING

• Little Bear Country Club is located a quarter mile north of Wyoming on Iowa Highway 136. The nine-hole, par-36 course is 2,884 yards in length.

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Wapsipinicon State Park – This park features 400 acres of beauty. Located on county road E-34 in the southwest corner of Anamosa along the Wapsipinicon River, the park has non-electric and electric campsites, modern restrooms and showers. There is one youth group site. Call 319-462-2761, or email Wapsipinicon@dnr.iowa.gov for rental or more information.

CENTER JUNCTION

Central Park – This park is located four miles southeast of Amber off County Roads X44 and E29 and Central Park Road. The home of a historic Military Road Bowstring Bridge, this 297-acre park features two rental cabins and 75 campsites, both primitive and modern, with electric, water and sewer hookups available. A 25-acre lake sports a swimming beach, paddleboat and kayak rentals, ADA-accessible fishing dock and walkway, and paved boat ramp. Central Park

offers visitors miles of trails including the Jones County Wild for Reading StoryWalk Trail. Nature Center hours are weekends, 1-5 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend, and weekdays when staff are present. The season runs from April 15 to Oct. 15. Call 563-487-3541 or visit <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Jnoes.aspx> for more information and to make cabin and pavilion rental reservations.

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Blue Inn Campground – Located at 250 N. Main St., Blue Inn Campground has 37 full hook-up/RV Campsites, along with fire pits and picnic tables, restrooms and showers, and more. Campers can enjoy fishing, horseshoes, basketball and a nearby playground. The campground is located on Kitty Creek. Monticello River Rentals is nearby. Call 319-462-0770, send email to blueinnmonti@hotmail.com, or visit www.atblueinn.com.

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Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park

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This family-friendly camping destination has been a family tradition since 1984. Relax and enjoy the unique seasons of Iowa in your RV, tent or cabin. Try the new aqua jump park, a heated outdoor pool and many of the activities for the kids. There is a large lake stocked with fish.

The campground is open April through October. The facilities include full-service sites with 50- and 30-amp service to primitive sites, along with cabin rentals.

For more information, contact Monticello Jellystone at 319-465-4665 or 319-465-3300, email reservations@jellystonemonticello.com, or visit www.jellystonemonticello.com.

Stephens Camping and RV – Stephens Camping and RV has full hook-up campsites that are available year-round.

For more information, contact Roger at 465-5445.

Outback Campground – Outback is located at 17652 Hardscrabble Rd. in Monticello, about a mile and a half from city limits along the Maquoketa River.

Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Outback features electric, water and primitive facilities. It offers full hook-up as well as cabin rentals which include A/C, a small refrigerator, and microwave.

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Olin City Park – Open April 15 to Oct. 15, this 14-acre park located at Maple Street, offers camping with electrical hookups. It has playground equipment, ball diamonds, volleyball, basketball and Frisbee golf. There are open and enclosed pavilions available for use (reservations required). Call 319-484-2875, send email to cityolin@netins.net, or visit cityofolin.com for more information.

Rolin Wapsi Campground – This campsite, at 5088 Highway 38, was previously known as LouLou's Landing and Puckett's Place. It features electrical and primitive campsites, pond or river fishing, tubing, a river front, sand bar beach and local boat ramp. For small groups, shuttle service for personal gear is available. It is open May 1-Oct. 1, or at other times by request. For information call 319-721-8854, or follow the campground on Facebook: @Rolin Wapsi Campground.

SCOTCH GROVE

Scotch Grove Coonhunters Lodge – located northeast of Scotch Grove, Coonhunters offers camping with electrical hook-ups and hot shower facilities available. A lodge, with improvements, is available for special occasions; for rental, call 563-543-6857. Located on the grounds is a nine-hole, par-three golf course featuring sand greens. A smelt and fish fry is held in March.



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The State of Iowa is home to 11 Scenic Byways. Two of those byways take travelers through Jones County.

The byways offer travelers with a unique experience through small-town Iowa, while taking in the hills, farmland, wildlife and many more attractions, including historical sites, landmarks, and interpretative centers. You'll have the opportunity to shop, eat, and explore the outdoors, all while immersing yourself in Iowa's history.

Grant Wood Scenic Byway

The Grant Wood Scenic Byway is aptly named after Jones County's famed artist, Grant Wood. This byway takes you through the rolling hills, which were featured in several of Wood's paintings.

Grant Wood Scenic Byway covers 80 miles of paved roadway through Jones and Jackson counties, primarily along Highway 64. You'll take in limestone bluffs; rivers (Wapsipicon, Maquoketa and the

Mississippi); wetlands; wildlife; timberland; farmland and more.

Depending on the time of year, you can take in the fall colors, or enjoy the winter activities such as skiing and snowmobiling. During the summer and spring months, there are plenty of campgrounds along the byway.

Grant Wood Scenic Byway includes numerous museums, historical sites, antique shops, restaurants, parks, and visitor centers.

Towns along the byway include: Anamosa, Andrew, Baldwin, Bellevue, Maquoketa, Monmouth, Springbrook, Stone City, and Wyoming.

Named attractions include: National Motorcycle Museum, Wapsipicon State Park, Anamosa Penitentiary Museum, Starlighters II Theatre, Maquoketa Art Experience, Clinton Engines Museum, and Bellevue State Park Butterfly Garden.



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Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway

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The byway gives travelers the opportunity to enjoy a wide array of outdoor activities: turkey and deer hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, waterskiing, whitewater river rafting, canoeing, and snowmobiling.

The timber is full of wildlife, including many different species of birds.

There are also numerous restaurants, museums, historical sites, and shops to visit.

Towns along the byway include: Hopkinton, Delhi, Delaware, Manchester, Lake Delhi, and Buck Creek.

Named attractions include: Lenox College (Delaware County Historical

Museum), the Iowa DNR's Trout Hatchery, a Civil War memorial, and Turtle Creek Recreation Area.

canoeing

Monticello River Rentals

Monticello River Rentals is located on the Maquoketa River in Monticello, and has canoes, kayaks, kids' kayaks and inner tubes available for rent. The eight-mile water trail will take you from Monticello River Rentals, just below the Mon-Maq Dam, to Pictured Rocks County Park.

It is open seven days a week. To make a reservation or for information, call 319-465-3697, email monticelloriverrentals@gmail.com, or visit www.monticelloriverrentals.com.



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Winter Recreation

Jones County Conservation

Central Park, Whitewater and Lost Canyon, the Hale Wildlife Area and Eby's Mill Wildlife Area are all great places to explore in winter.

Central Park has snowshoeing equipment and offers lessons upon request. Anyone interested would need to make arrangements with the Jones County naturalist at 319-481-7987.

Ice fishing opportunities exist at Central Park and the Hale Wildlife Area.

Camp Courageous

Camp Courageous of Monticello has winter sports equipment available for rent during the winter, and people can use its trails by providing advance notice.

For information, contact Camp Courageous at 319-465-5916, or send an e-mail to info@campcourageous.org.

Sledding

The Jones County landscape, with its rolling hills, is the perfect place for sledding in the winter. Look to any number of places in the parks listed in this guide.

Ice fishing

When the temperatures have been freezing for weeks, ice fishing is available. Be careful; sometimes ice will not form in areas with swift currents, leaving open areas which freeze with much thinner ice.

Animal Tracking and Eagle Watching

Eagles can often be spied along the banks of a river during the winter. In many of the conservation areas, wildlife can be tracked in the snow.


REMEMBER

Dress warmly for outdoor activities in winter. Don't forget warm boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat. Set reasonable time limits on outdoor play to prevent hypothermia and frostbite. Go inside periodically to warm up.

Using alcohol or drugs before any winter activity, like snowmobiling or skiing, is dangerous and should not be permitted in any situation.

Calkins Square

Step back in time at Calkins Square, home of Dr. Martin Calkins, a country doctor and Wyoming's first mayor. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the earliest part of the house was built in 1858. The doctor's office and a monument built as a memorial to soldiers of Wyoming who served in the Civil War are also located on the square. The doctor's office, along with the home, still contains original items used by Dr. Calkins and his family.



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Great Jones County Fair

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This year's fair runs from July 20-24.

The GJCF has something for everyone: great grandstand entertainment, rides throughout the midway, harness racing, stock car racing, truck and tractor pulls, food stands, and more. There are also 4-H and FFA animal and livestock exhibits and 4-H and FFA club projects.

This year's entertainment line-up includes:

- Thursday, July 21 – Hank Williams, Jr. with Tracy Byrd
- Friday, July 22 – Brothers Osborne and Lee Brice
- Saturday, July 23 – Lady A with Uncle Kracker
- Sunday, July 24 – Blanco Brown

For more information, visit greatjonescountyfair.com, call 319-465-3275, or visit their Facebook page "Great Jones County Fair."

The fairgrounds are located along N. Maple Street in Monticello.

Wyoming Fair

The Wyoming Fair in Wyoming, Iowa, is scheduled to mark its 88th anniversary this year. The fair is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, July 8-10.

The Wyoming Fair includes many activities for those who attend: a parade to kick off the weekend, a pedal tractor pull, ATV and garden tractor pull, kids' games and activities, 4-H and FFA animal exhibits, and more.

For more information, visit wyomingiafair.com, call Jason at 319-480-1789, or 563-488-3497, or visit their Facebook page "Wyoming Fair."



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Brothers Osborne



Lady A



Lee Brice



Uncle Kracker



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The Wyoming Fairgrounds are located along E. Green Street in Wyoming.



Events

Monticello Fourth of July

The City of Monticello traditionally observes the Fourth of July with an early-morning firemen's breakfast and a huge parade, all topped off with a fantastic fireworks display.

The parade will take place on Monday, July 4 at 11 a.m. The theme for this year's parade is: "Celebrating Our Town's Volunteers."

For more details, call the Monticello Chamber at 319-465-5626.

Anamosa Fourth of July

Anamosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Sunday, July 3 with Monday, July 4 listed as a rain date.

The event will be held at the Anamosa football field, and features fireworks. There will be no concession stand. It is sponsored by the Anamosa Rotary Club.

Oxford Junction Fourth of July – Sesquicentennial

The City of Oxford Junction will be celebrating its sesquicentennial this year. A two-day event is planned for July 3 and July 4.

Tentative plans for July 3 include a variety of all-day activities for all ages: kids' games, area firefighter waterball contest, beard contest, Czech cookoff contest, a dance at the Legion and much more.

On July 4, tentative plans are for a community church service, color run, car show, chicken dinner, and fireworks at dusk.

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Events

Pumpkinfest

The Ryan Norlin GIANT Pumpkin Weigh-Off began in 1989 in Anamosa. The weigh-off competition was started by Tom Norlin, the uncle of Ryan Norlin, who dedicated the event to his 9-year-old nephew who lost his life in a boating accident earlier that year.

The weigh-off event generated such interest and enthusiasm that Anamosa community leaders came together to organize the annual Anamosa Pumpkinfest in 1990. In 1993 Anamosa was officially named the Pumpkin Capital of Iowa by the Iowa Legislature.

Held the first weekend in October, Saturday's events include: The Ryan Norlin GIANT Pumpkin Weigh-Off, 5K run/walk, chili cook-off, Detector Dogs, pumpkin toss, kids' games, the popular Pumpkinfest Parade, and more.

Sunday includes a golf tournament.

The winning pumpkin at the first Weigh-off in 1989 was 253 pounds. Since then, the state record for the largest pumpkin has been broken several times at Pumpkinfest.

There are also competitions for the longest gourd and biggest watermelon. The gourds have stretched to nearly 130 inches long, with watermelons weighing over 250 pounds.

For more information about Pumpkinfest and the Ryan Norlin GIANT Pumpkin Weigh-Off, visit AnamosaPumpkinfest.com or check out their Facebook page.

Olin Jamboree

The Olin Jamboree is attended by close to a thousand people every year. This event is known as the town's annual celebration.

In 2022, the Olin Jamboree will be held Friday through Sunday, July 29-31.

Events include: an ice cream social, Cutest Baby Contest, a kids' pedal pull, slow pitch softball, a color run, a volleyball tournament, a parade, a vendor show, a car show, BINGO, a street dance, and stick around for fireworks.

For more information, contact City Hall at 319-484-2875.

Hot Rods & Harleys

Sunday, Oct. 2 is the date for this year's Hot Rods & Harleys, which takes place in downtown Hopkinton, approximately 10 miles (or 15 minutes) north of Monticello.

This event has come to be known as "Northeast Iowa's Premier Outdoor Car & Bike Show." All kinds of makes and models of classic and radical cars, trucks, and motorcycles are displayed throughout downtown Hopkinton. Over 225 awards are handed out each year, all voted on by those who attend the event.

The event also includes classic music, food vendors, a craft show, and live entertainment.

For more information, visit <http://hotrodsandharleyscarshow.com> or follow the event on Facebook at "Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show."

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Events

Monti in Motion

The 10th annual Monti in Motion Show 'n Shine is held in downtown Monticello (E. First Street). This year, the event will take place Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is open to all classes of classic cars, trucks, and more. Sponsored trophies will be awarded for Best of Show and many more categories.

There is also a food court, open to the public.

For more information, contact Doug Herman at 319-480-6798.

Civil War Days

City leaders and volunteers in Hopkinton are bringing back a classic event: Civil War Days, June 3-5, on the historic Lenox College grounds. This will be the 50th anniversary since Civil War Days began. This year also marks 20 years since the last event took place.

This event will include a parade; live reenactments; craft, antique, and artisan vendors; food vendors; and more.

For more information, visit their Facebook page: "Delaware County Historical Museum."

Lenox Day

The Delaware County Historical Society hosts the Lenox Day celebration the last Sunday of August beginning at 9 a.m. ending at 3 p.m. The activities are held on the museum's historic Lenox College campus.

A lunch stand is available on the grounds, as well as a meat-smoking competition. Activities throughout the day include handcrafted item vendors, direct sales vendors, silent auction, and music by local musicians. For the kids, there are inflatable bounce houses, face painting, barrel wagon rides and old-fashioned games.

All the campus buildings are open and hosted throughout the day. You can purchase a wrist band on the grounds so that you may tour the museum buildings and view the collections.

Lenox Day is a fundraiser for the museum with proceeds used for restoration and maintenance.

For more information follow the "Delaware County Historical Museum" Facebook page for updates.

Wyoming: The Christmas City


Wyoming, a town of about 500 people, has long been known as the "Christmas City." The town puts on a spectacular display of Christmas lights as residents and visitors take in the sights.

This year's 30th annual "Christmas City Celebration" will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The celebration kicks off under a canopy of Christmas lights over Main Street.

Activities throughout the evening include: official town tree lighting, soup supper, tours of Wyoming's historical museums (including Calkin's Square), craft vendors, a visit from Santa Claus, desserts and refreshments, a candy and bake sale, Christmas music performances, horse drawn wagon rides for the whole family, and so much more.

The "Christmas City Celebration" is sponsored by the Wyoming Area Betterment Corporation.

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Parks & Conservation

PARKS

ANAMOSA

- **Wayside Park** – J&P Cycles of Anamosa maintains the Wayside Park on U.S. Highway 151 a mile north of Anamosa.

- **Aqua Court** – The park features the aqua court, with sand volleyball courts nearby. It is located on South Linn Street at Wapsiana Park.

- **Remley Woods** – This is a wooded area for family picnics. It is located on North Williams Street.

- **St. Patrick's Park** – A residential park with a ball diamond and playground equipment, on North High Street.

- **Athletic Park** – This includes six ball diamonds and the Monroe Tennis Courts. It is located by the Wapsipinicon River.

- **Grant Wood Memorial Park** – This park is located four miles east of Anamosa on Highway 64.

- **Fountain Park** – Located behind the Lawrence Community Center, it is a flower garden park with turn-of-the-century accents from historic downtown Anamosa.

- **Izaak Walton Park** – The Ikes maintain grounds along the Wapsi, just off Highway 151 south of Anamosa.

- **Wapsipinicon State Park** – This 400-acre park includes hiking, climbing, nature study, fishing in the Wapsipinicon River, modern camping, picnicking and golf.

- **Anamosa Chamber Park** – Located on North Huber Street in downtown Anamosa.

CENTER JUNCTION

- **City Park** – This park includes a ball diamond, playground equipment and picnic area.

- **Jones County Central Park** – This 297-acre park is located four miles southeast of Amber off County Roads X44 and E29 and Central Park Road. It features a 25-acre lake and seven-acre fishing pond, swimming beach, kayak and paddleboat rentals, sand volleyball area, hiking trails, storybook walk, campground, and Nature Center (open weekends, 1-5 p.m., Memorial Day thru Labor Day Weekend).

MARTELLE

- **Wayside Park** – This little park is located just off Highway 1. It features a picnic shelter and playground equipment.

MONTICELLO

- **City Park** – This park is home to the Great Jones County Fair (scheduled for July 20-24, 2022) and is located along North Maple Street.

- **Austin Smith Inclusive Playground** – Scheduled for completion in August 2022, this new playground is located near the Monticello

Aquatic Center. It is designed for children of all ages, all abilities. It contains components where children of different abilities can play together. There is also sensory equipment for children on the autism spectrum.

- **Jacobs Park** – The park includes a playground. It's located in the Goettsch Addition between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

- **Panther Park** – This park/playground is located behind Shannon Elementary School on South Street.

- **Pictured Rocks** – This 1,138-acre park is located four miles south of Monticello on Highway 38 and three miles east, near Camp Courageous of Iowa. It features a concrete river access, gathering site, hiking trail, rock climbing routes, picnic shelter, hunting, and stream fishing. Pictured Rocks is within the Indian Bluffs-Pictured Rocks Bird Conservation Area.

- **Pocket Park** – This opened in August 2016, and came about after a 2012 fire destroyed downtown buildings. It is located downtown on E. First St., and features picnic tables, benches and a water fountain.

- **Riverside Gardens** – This area, located along Bus. Highway 151 on the north edge of the city, features wetlands, nature trails, many flower beds, a picnic area, a gazebo and wishing well.

- **Willow Park** – Located right off Oak St., this shelter is home to the Farmers Market and horseshoe pits. It is adjacent to the 18-hole Baty Disc Golf Course.

- **Fountain Park** – This small park is located at Monticello's south entrance where Business Highway 151 intersects with South Cedar Street.

MORLEY

- **Miller Park** – This park features basketball and volleyball facilities.

OLIN

- **Olin City Park** – This park is located on Maple Street and features camping facilities, playground equipment, ball diamonds, an enclosed shelter and more.

ONSLOW

- **Chamberlain Park** – This park includes a picnic shelter and ball field.

OXFORD JUNCTION

- **Wapsie Park** – This park, located on the American Legion grounds, features ball fields, playground equipment and picnic areas.

SCOTCH GROVE

- **Bud Harms Memorial Park** – This park features a restored railroad depot and a picnic area. It is located along Highway 38 across from Scotch Grove.

Parks & Conservation

WYOMING

• The Smallest National Park in the U.S. –

This park is actually a monument across from the post office on Main Street on the Calkins property.

CONSERVATION AREAS

• **Mon-Maq Dam** – Located one mile northeast of Monticello along the Maquoketa River, this river access includes 44 acres of riverine habitat. Use extreme caution near the Mon-Maq Dam. People should not venture over, on, or close to these structures, or they will risk drowning.

• **Hale Wildlife Area** – This 261-acre area is located northeast of Hale and offers upland hunting, hiking and pond fishing.

• **Stone City Access** – One acre, along the Wapsipinicon River, this boat access is located within historic Stone City.

• **Ebys Mill Wildlife Area** – 525 acres of wild and undeveloped woodland ravines and bluffs along the Maquoketa River. Open to hunting, hiking, bird watching, and stream fishing.

• **Anamosa Boat Ramp** – Located at the entrance to the state-owned Wapsipinicon State Park, this modern boat ramp provides access to the Wapsipinicon River above the Anamosa Dam. CAUTION: Use extreme caution near the Anamosa Dam. People should not venture over, on, or close to these structures, or they will risk drowning.

• **Olin Recreational Area** – Located one mile north of Olin along Highway 38, this 19-acre area provides walk-in fishing at two ponds frequently flooded by the Wapsipinicon River.

• **Jungletown River Access** – This one-acre area, located three miles south of Hale, provides a boat ramp access to the Wapsipinicon River.

• **Oxford Mills Access** – This historic mill site includes a total of 16 acres in Oxford Mills, offering a river access and shelter house for gatherings.

• **Iowa 136 Access** – This undeveloped river and shore fishing access is located on three acres, seven miles south of Cascade along Iowa Highway 136.

• **Newport Mills** – Wapsipinicon River access with gravel boat ramp access on one acre, located six miles northeast of Olin.

• **Scotch Grove Prairie** – Hike the trails of this 69-acre restored prairie and wetlands. Public hunting is allowed.

• **Hamilton and Tapken Prairie Preserve** – Explore the native prairie remnants of these 80 acres, located north of Onslow on 60th Ave.

• **Whitewater and Lost Canyon** – Hike or cross country ski the trails through 562 acres of timber, restored prairie, and riverine habitat. Hunting is allowed. Located east of Cascade on Highway 151, and south on Curroe Road.

DNR WILDLIFE AREAS

• **Muskrat Slough** – This 727-acre site is open to hunting, hiking and wildlife viewing. It's an excellent location for birding, kayaking or canoeing.

• **Indian Bluff Wildlife Area** – It has 1,400 acres of mostly undeveloped wooded bluffs and upland along the Maquoketa River south and east of Monticello.

• **Olin Access** – This is a nine-acre Wapsipinicon River access site on the north edge of Olin.

• **Oxford Junction Wildlife Management Area** – 560 acres of grasslands, timber, and wetlands located along the Wapsipinicon River just southeast of Oxford Junction. Hunting allowed.

• **Searry's Cave State Preserve** – This 43-acre natural cave created by water movement through limestone bedrock is located 10 miles southeast of Cascade in Jones County.

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Farmers Markets

Monticello

Monticello's farmers market is located in the Willow Shelter by Pizza Ranch off E. Oak Street. Vendors open for the season beginning in May and close up shop in October when the weather starts to turn.

The farmers market is open on Wednesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 11 a.m.

Anamosa

Anamosa hosts a farmers market during the warmer months, generally June through October, unless the weather turns cold earlier than expected.

Their farmers market is open on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to noon. It's located at the intersection of Main Street and Scott Street.

Hopkinton

The Delaware County Historical Museum campus (Lenox College) hosts outdoor vendors for the farmers market on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. beginning the first Thursday of June ending the first Thursday of October.

Various vendors set up under the beautiful tree canopy to sell vegetables, baked goods, maple syrup, potted herbs and hand-crafted items. All vendors are local individuals who have a variety of goods to please everyone.



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communities

Monticello

In 1836, Daniel Varvel from Kentucky and William Clark from Ohio came from the lead mines near Dubuque, seeking to settle on fertile land in the wilderness. They selected the south bank of the Maquoketa River on the site of what is now known as Monticello, because of the closeness to both the river and Kitty Creek.

Monticello, named by the early settlers after Thomas Jefferson's home in Virginia, was incorporated in 1867.

Monticello had its beginning, from the first two lonely settlers, the pioneer village grew until today where it is a bustling, progressive town of over 3,800 in population.

Located on Highway 151, the town was also served by the Milwaukee Railroad and the Greyhound Bus Line.

Anamosa

Anamosa was once known as Lexington, and became the official county seat of Jones County. Some of the earliest settlers were Gideon H. Ford, who built the first sawmill and tavern/inn. It was here where a Native American family stayed during their visit to Anamosa.

In 1842, a family was passing through and visited the Ford Inn. The little girl was named Anamosa. After the family moved on to the West, they seemed to leave quite an impression on the town. Following the family's departure, the publisher of the

Anamosa Journal-Eureka, Edmund Booth, suggested the town's name be change to Anamosa. The name change became official in 1851.

Wyoming

The town of Wyoming was incorporated in 1873, and named after Wyoming County, N.Y.

In the 1850s, James A. Bronson came from Wyoming County, N.Y., and bought the present town site from Thomas Green at \$14 an acre. With his brother, B.K. Bronson, and C.J. Marsh, the men platted the town in the winter of 1855, unofficially calling it Marshfield.



Wyoming's claim to fame is being known as the "Christmas City." During the holiday season, visit Wyoming for its canopy of lights and other family-fun Christmas events.

The Hotel Williams Historic Museum contains three floors, 9,000 square feet, of exhibits. The hotel was built in 1878.

Amber

The village of Amber was founded in 1873 when W.H. Sanford established a store at a location two miles west of the Midland Railroad depot.

Amber was originally called Blue Cut. This name was derived from a deep cut the right-of-way builders drove through a nearby hill of solid blue clay. The name was changed to Amber in 1878 at the suggestion of Sanford.



communities

Center Junction

Center Junction had its beginning in October 1871, when its proprietors, James A. Bronson, S.W. Johnson, John M. Squires and Kinsey Elwood had the town site surveyed and laid out into lots and blocks.

It was about that same year when the Midland branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and the Davenport and Monticello branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad completed their lines through the village. The town, being located near the geographical center of the county and being at the junction of the two railroads, very naturally took the name of Center Junction.

Langworthy

Once a station for the "underground railroad," which transported slaves out of the South, Langworthy came



into being in January 1858. In that year, the village of Langworthy was laid out in town lots by Col. W.T. Shaw.

One of the chief industries of Langworthy was its creameries. The Crescent Creamery was established in 1879. The building was built near the old Langworthy depot. The Crescent Creamery butter was recognized as a superior article and found a ready market at the highest prices in New York and Philadelphia.

Martelle

Martelle, located in southwest Jones County, was platted in 1872 when the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroads were being built through the neighborhood. The town's beginning is much the same as Center Junction, due to the railroad.

Today, Martelle is home to about 240 residents.

Morley

The main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroads is responsible for the establishment of the town of Morley in southern Jones County. The town was originally called Viroqua, and was platted in 1873. In 1886, it was renamed Morley.

Today, there are approximately 50 residents.



Olin

Olin is the oldest platted town in Jones County. It was platted and surveyed in 1840.

Olin was first known as Elk Ford. It's located in southern Jones County, on the north bank of Walnut Creek, a short distance from the Wapsipinicon River. According to Indian legend, this was thought to be an ideal location, between two waterways; no tornado could strike here.

In 1878, a petition was circulated by D.A. Olin, superintendent of the Milwaukee Railroad, to change the town's name to Olin.

communities

Onslow

Onslow was founded in the spring of 1871 by E.M. Franks. The town was first called Franksburg, but Franks demanded to have the name changed to Onslow, the name of the first governor of the State of Maine.

Today, the town has a population of roughly 250 people.



Oxford Junction

Oxford Junction, or "OJ" to the locals, is located in the far southeastern corner of Jones County.

The town was originally known as Garfield. It was settled due to the cross over (or junction) of the Davenport, St. Paul, Sabula, Ackly, and Dakota Railroads in 1872. Those rails continued on to Monticello, also connecting Davenport to Cedar Rapids.

OJ has about 450 residents.



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