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We have designed this guide to be easy to read and even easier to use. Need a phone number? Looking for a church? Wondering what’s happening this year? It’s all in here. Think of it as part directory, part community cheat sheet, and part “how did we ever live without this?”

Inside, you will find everything from city and school information to local events and area churches. It is more than listings. It is a snapshot of what makes Guthrie County tick (and, yes, there is much more going on than you

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And, seriously, don’t lose this guide. Stick it somewhere obvious. Guthrie County has plenty to offer, and now you have got the shortcut to all of it.

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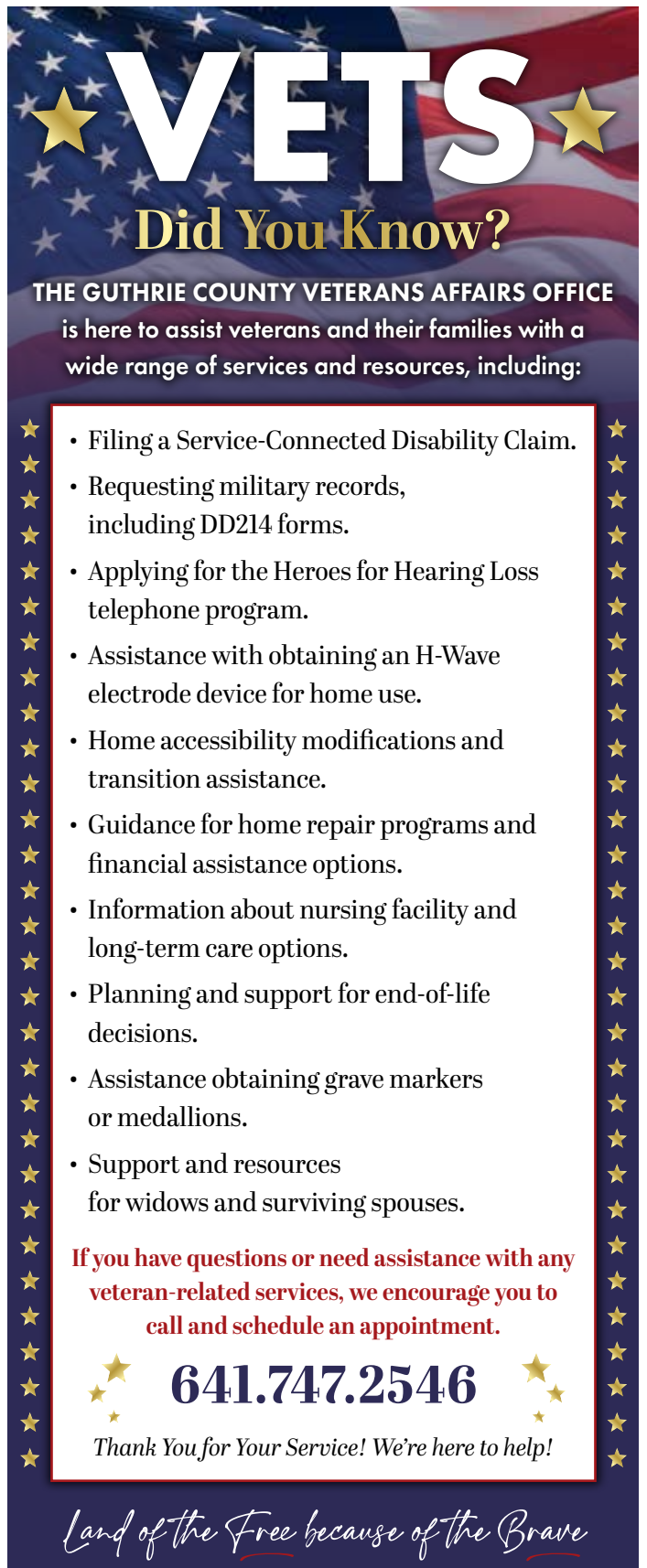
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# VETS

## Did You Know?

**THE GUTHRIE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
is here to assist veterans and their families with a wide range of services and resources, including:

- Filing a Service-Connected Disability Claim.
- Requesting military records, including DD214 forms.
- Applying for the Heroes for Hearing Loss telephone program.
- Assistance with obtaining an H-Wave electrode device for home use.
- Home accessibility modifications and transition assistance.
- Guidance for home repair programs and financial assistance options.
- Information about nursing facility and long-term care options.
- Planning and support for end-of-life decisions.
- Assistance obtaining grave markers or medallions.
- Support and resources for widows and surviving spouses.

**If you have questions or need assistance with any veteran-related services, we encourage you to call and schedule an appointment.**

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## Numbers to Know

<b>EMERGENCIES.....</b>	<b>CALL 911</b>
<b>County Assessor.....</b>	641-747-3319
<b>County Attorney.....</b>	641-747-3765
<b>County Auditor.....</b>	641-747-3619
<b>Board of Supervisors.....</b>	641-747-3512
<b>Clerk of Court.....</b>	641-747-3415
<b>County Conservation.....</b>	641-755-3061
<b>Emergency Management.....</b>	641-332-3030
<b>County Engineer.....</b>	641-747-2274
<b>Environmental Health.....</b>	641-747-3972
<b>Extension (ISU).....</b>	641-747-2276
<b>General Relief.....</b>	641-747-2546
<b>Historical Village.....</b>	641-755-2989
<b>County Human Resources.....</b>	641-332-3297
<b>Public Health.....</b>	641-747-3972
<b>County Recorder.....</b>	641-747-3412
<b>Sheriff's Office (non-emergency).....</b>	641-747-2214
<b>Transfer Station.....</b>	641-747-3764
<b>County Treasurer.....</b>	641-747-3414
<b>Passports.....</b>	641-747-3972
<b>Veterans Affairs.....</b>	641-747-2546
<b>County Zoning Administrator.....</b>	712-792-9914
<b>Guthrie County Regional Airport.....</b>	641-747-3563

## Websites to know



### GUTHRIE COUNTY ORDINANCES

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/guthrieicoia/latest/overview>



### ELECTION INFORMATION

[guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/auditor/elections](http://guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/auditor/elections)



### POLLING PLACES

[sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx](http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx)



### PARCEL DATA

[beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=395&LayerID=5695&PageTypeID=2&PageID=3076](http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=395&LayerID=5695&PageTypeID=2&PageID=3076)



### PASSPORTS

<https://guthriecounty.gov/passports/>



### RECYCLING INFORMATION

[www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station](http://www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station)



### DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

[https://guthriecounty.gov/treasurer/drivers\\_license/](https://guthriecounty.gov/treasurer/drivers_license/)



### GUTHRIE COUNTY CONSERVATION

<https://guthriecounty.gov/conservation/>



### TOWNSHIP INFORMATION AND OFFICIALS

[https://guthriecounty.gov/about/township\\_information/](https://guthriecounty.gov/about/township_information/)



### IOWA PROPERTY TAX REVIEW

<https://revenue.iowa.gov/taxes/tax-guidance/property-tax/iowa-property-tax-overview>



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## HOURS

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.\*

\*Hours may vary; see departments for details

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, Christmas and the day before, New Year's Day

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board consists of five supervisors, each elected by citizens in the county. Individuals serve overlapping four-year terms, with elections held every two years. The Board elects one of its members annually to chair its activities.

The Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 200 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center. During budget discussions and deliberations, the supervisors meet on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. as well. Meetings are open to the public.

To be placed on the Board's weekly agenda, contact the County Auditor's Office at 641-747-3619 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of the Board meetings are available for public viewing in the County Auditor's office in the Courthouse or online at [https://guthriecounty.gov/supervisors/meetings\\_minutes/](https://guthriecounty.gov/supervisors/meetings_minutes/).

## SUPERVISORS

**J.D. Kuster**, District 1

district1@guthriecounty.gov

**Brian Johnson**, District 2

district2@guthriecounty.gov

**Maggie Armstrong**, District 3

district3@guthriecounty.gov

**Steve Smith**, District 4

district4@guthriecounty.gov

**Mike Dickson**, District 5

district5@guthriecounty.gov

## COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

### ASSESSOR

641-747-3319

Located in the Courthouse

**County Assessor:** Nikki Carrick

**Chief Deputy:** Jessi Heimerman

**Appraiser:** Lynne Pennock



## ATTORNEY

Located in the Courthouse

**County Attorney:** Dana Minter

**Assistant County Attorney:** Charles Abel

**Office Manager:** Casey Jones

641-747-3765

## AUDITOR

Located in the Courthouse

**County Auditor:** Danielle Fink

**Deputy, Payroll and Real Estate:** Bryann Marsh

641-747-3619

## CONSERVATION

206 W. South St., Panora

**Conservation Director:** Brad Halterman

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**641-332-3030**

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2211 215th Road, Guthrie Center  
**County Engineer:** Josh Sebern  
**Weed Commissioner:** Tim Masters  
**641-747-2274**  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
After-hour emergencies may be reported to the Sheriff's office.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

2002 State St., Guthrie Center  
**Director:** Jotham Arber  
**Environmental Health Director:** Kent Irwin  
**Financial Coordinator:** Thia McCaughey  
**641-747-3972**

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Located in the Courthouse  
**Director:** Beth Watson  
Appointment required  
**641-747-2546**

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Located in the Courthouse  
**HR Coordinator:** Jamie Lindsay  
**641-332-3297**

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Region XII Council of Governments  
1009 E. Anthony St., Carroll  
**Zoning Administrator:** Chris Whitaker  
**712-792-9914**

## RECORDER

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Recorder:** Tristen Richard  
**Deputy:** Lisa Johnson  
**Clerk:** Carly Heckman  
**641-747-3412**

## SHERIFF

Law Enforcement Center  
200 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center  
**County Sheriff:** Matt Harmann  
**Chief Deputy:** Todd Thorn  
**641-747-2214**  
Window Service: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
Foyer: 24/7 with intercom service  
Jail: Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m. excluding holidays  
These relevant links are available on the county's website under the Sheriff's Department, see <https://guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/sheriffs-office/>

- Sex Offender Registry
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Iowa Department of Public Safety
- Iowa State Patrol
- Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Concerns of Police Survivors
- Officer.com - The Source for Law Enforcement
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## TREASURER

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Treasurer:** Brenda Campbell  
**Driver's License Deputy:** Kim Christensen  
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 Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday  
 Call or email for appointment.

The Guthrie County Veterans Affairs Commission provides assistance to all eligible veterans discharged from active military service under honorable conditions and/or their family members in applying for federal benefits and other veterans' aid, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Service-connected disability compensation
- Non-service-connected pension
- Surviving spouse pension
- Aid and attendance/housebound
- Headstones and grave markers
- Obtaining military records
- Applications for Iowa Veterans Trust Fund Assistance

For more information about services and benefits available to veterans, visit the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs website: [va.iowa.gov/benefits](http://va.iowa.gov/benefits).

### VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Guthrie County Veteran's Relief program is funded by the county to provide emergency assistance for basic needs to resident veterans and families. Call the office or contact via email and request an application. Applications can be returned in person by appointment, by postal mail, email and via the drop box at the east entrance of the courthouse. Call the office to find out what documentation you need to provide with your application. The program is for emergency needs that cannot be met by other means. **Basic needs addressed:**

- Rent
- Utilities
- Food and provisions
- Prescription medication
- Transportation (fuel)
- Burial assistance (Note: You must make application after death and before burial.)



**To be eligible for this program, you must meet the following requirements:**

- Be a veteran with an Honorable Discharge (Under Honorable Conditions/General Discharge is acceptable.)
- Be a resident of Guthrie County
- Meet county income guidelines
- Apply for any and all benefits available from federal, state and local sources

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Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**641-747-2546**

General Relief provides emergency assistance for the needy and poor in Guthrie County and refers individuals by helping identify resources available to them. The General Relief office is located at 200 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center. You must call for an appointment to discuss your situation and to make sure you bring the required documents with you.

General Relief is funded by the county to provide emergency assistance for basic needs to county residents. Call the office or email for application. Applications can be accepted in person by appointment, by mail, email and via the drop box at the east entrance of the courthouse.

This program is for emergency needs that cannot be met by other means.



**Basic needs help available:**

- Rent/shelter
- Utilities
- Food and provisions
- Medical services
- Transportation (fuel)
- Burial assistance (Note: You must make application after death and before burial.)

**To be eligible for this program, you must meet several criteria, including the following requirements:**

- Be a resident of Guthrie County
- Actively seek employment in most cases
- Meet county income guidelines
- Apply for any benefits available from federal, state and local sources

**GUTHRIE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

2002 State St., Guthrie Center

**Director:** Jotham Arber

**Financial Coordinator:** Thia McCaughey

**641-747-3972**

The Guthrie County Health Department is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health of the residents of Guthrie County. The department offers a range of services including immunizations, health screenings, family planning, communicable disease control and health education. Staff members are highly trained public health professionals who work closely with community partners to improve the overall health and well-being of Guthrie County.

# County Services

• **H.O.P.E.S. (Helping Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success)** is a home visiting family support program offered by Public Health, specifically designed to cater to families with children ages 0-3. A comprehensive range of services are offered aimed at empowering parents and ensuring the healthy development and well-being of their young children. A team of professionals, including nurses, social workers and early childhood educators, offer personalized support, guidance and resources to parents, fostering a nurturing environment that promotes the growth and success of both the child and the family.

Through H.O.P.E.S., families receive vital assistance in various areas, such as parenting skills, child health and development, early education and access to community resources, fostering a strong foundation for lifelong success and happiness.

• **Home Health services** offer essential care and support to individuals in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes. From skilled nursing care and medication management to physical therapy, personal care assistance and homemaker services, the home health department strives to meet the unique needs of each patient. By delivering compassionate and personalized care, they empower individuals to maintain their independence and achieve optimal health outcomes.

Whether it's recovering from an illness, managing a chronic condition, or simply needing assistance with daily activities, home health is committed to supporting individuals in their journey to wellness. Visit [https://guthriecounty.gov/public\\_health/home\\_health/](https://guthriecounty.gov/public_health/home_health/) for more information.



## COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health therapy through County Health Services (serving Audubon, Guthrie, Cass and Adair counties) offers a vital lifeline to individuals who are seeking support and guidance in managing their mental well-being. Our services are designed to be accessible and affordable, ensuring that individuals from diverse backgrounds can receive the care they need. County health services has a team of trained mental health professionals, including therapists and counselors, who are equipped to address a wide range of mental health concerns.

Through County Health Services, individuals can receive evidence-based therapy approaches tailored to their specific needs. These services encompass various therapeutic modalities, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, psychoanalysis, and mindfulness-based interventions. Call **641-747-3972** to schedule.

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**Emergency Management Coordinator:** Jeremy Cooper  
**641-332-3030**

The mission of the Adair and Guthrie County Emergency Management Agency is to support, coordinate and maintain local homeland security and emergency management activities for Adair and Guthrie counties and their citizens.

It works with local governments, business, industry and citizens to maximize survival and preservation of life, property and the environment in the event of any natural or man-made disaster or major accident. It helps to coordinate and make available personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies or other resources to respond to emergencies.

### RECEIVE ALERTS

Sign up to receive alerts from the Adair and Guthrie County Emergency Notification System at [smart911.com](https://www.smart911.com).



In the event of an emergency or severe weather, an alert will be sent to the phone number and/or email address provided by voice, text and/or email.

This is a free service provided by Adair and Guthrie County and the state of Iowa; however, normal message fees may apply. To receive text messages to your cell phone, your cell phone must have text messaging capabilities. Notifications are dependent upon external providers and receipt of notifications by the intended recipient cannot be guaranteed.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

2002 State St., Guthrie Center

**641-747-3972**

**Director:** Jotham Arber

County Health Services Environmental Health Department is responsible for protecting the public health and safety of residents in Guthrie County. The department works to prevent

and control environmental hazards that can have an impact on public health, such as unsafe water, waterborne diseases and air pollution. Staff members are highly trained and dedicated professionals who are committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of the county's residents.

The department provides a variety of tests related to septic systems, radon and water. For a list of rates, visit [https://guthriecounty.gov/environmental\\_health/rates/](https://guthriecounty.gov/environmental_health/rates/).



### GUTHRIE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

2349 Jaguar Trail, Guthrie Center

**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Second Monday of each month, open until 6 p.m.

**641-747-3764**

**Director:** Jotham Arber

For complete information about garbage, recycling, rates and services, visit [https://guthriecounty.gov/transfer\\_station/](https://guthriecounty.gov/transfer_station/).



### RECYCLING PROGRAM

Residents living within city limits are provided with weekly curbside recycling services. Recycling collection is the same day as garbage collection. Each household is provided one recycle container free of charge.

#### Guthrie County rural recycling locations

- **Adair:** Full-time at the city maintenance shed
- **Bagley:** Third week of each month
- **Bayard:** Fourth week of each month near the old school house site
- **Jamaica:** Second week of the month along Railway Street
- **Panora:** Full-time at the Heartland Cardrol on E. Clay Street
- **Guthrie Center:** Full-time at the Redemption Center on S. Second Avenue and Recycling Transfer Station on Highway 44 West
- **Yale:** First week of each month north of the city park on Railroad Street



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## ADAIR

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### CITY HALL

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City Clerk: Lorene Grubbs  
City Supervisor: Ryan Billheimer  
Mayor: Joanne Byars

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# The towns of Guthrie County

## BAGLEY



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### CITY HALL

**207 Main St.  
PO Box 52  
Bagley, IA 50026  
641-427-5600  
cityofbagley@gmail.com  
https://cityofbagley.com**

**City Clerk:** Michelle Halbur  
**City Maintenance:** Collin Clark

### Mayor and City Council

Mayor Amanda Waltz  
Emily Chapman-Oleson  
Steven Joy  
Mark Mozingo  
Janet Bennett  
Kylie Carmichael

### BAGLEY CITY PARK

Unwind and recharge at Bagley's beautiful 4-acre city park, located on the picturesque east edge of town along Third Avenue. The park boasts a wide range of amenities to suit every interest and age, including a spacious shelter house perfect for picnics, fun-filled playground equipment for kids, and a well-maintained ball diamond for sports enthusiasts. Whether you're looking to spend quality time with family and friends or simply enjoy some solo relaxation, this park is the perfect destination.

## BAYARD



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Bayard is defined less by boundaries on a map than by the sense of shared values its residents hold dear. Residents take pride in maintaining a wholesome lifestyle, rich in cultural history, along with a deep commitment to the preservation of the environment and a progressive approach to local business. Its population was 404 in the 2023 census.

### CITY HALL

**403 Main St.  
Bayard, IA 50029  
712-651-2001  
https://cityofbayardiowa.com**

**City Clerk:** Gina Arnold  
**Water/Sewer Superintendent:** Lee Roy Wagner

### Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
First and third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Mayor and City Council

The City Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Tom Wardyn  
Nathan McAlister  
Michelle Nowak  
Arnold Kesselring  
Jack Lloyd  
Sue Dorr

### ATTRACTIONS

Bayard is a stop along the Highway 141 Garage Sales. In the downtown area, you will find the Hall of Pride museum and park honoring the Bayard High School. Bayard also offers visitors two other city parks with tennis courts, playground equipment and picnicking areas surrounded by beautiful trees.

## CASEY

Casey, which is situated partly in Adair County and partly in Guthrie County, is just north of I-80 and along the historic White Pole Road Scenic Byway. Casey's downtown area, with its original brick street, is home to a library, Veterans' Memorial Park, and the Cultural Center, located in an old church, with its restored stained glass windows. Just a few miles southwest of town, you'll want to be sure to check out Slayton's Rock – one of Iowa's largest fully-exposed glacial deposits weighing more than 500,000 pounds. The population was 385 according to the 2023 census.

### CITY HALL

**104 W. Sherman  
Casey, IA 50048  
641-746-3315  
cityofcasey@netins.net  
www.cityofcaseyia.com**

**City Clerk:** Gwen Blass  
**Public Works Director:** Jon Welker  
**Public Works Assistant:** Tim Knapp  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Mayor and City Council

The City Council meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Community Center Wing of City Hall. If the first Monday is a holiday, the council meets the Thursday after the holiday.  
Mayor Bruce Vorm  
Leland Acker  
Rick Richter  
Bret Wedemeyer  
Theresa Schiller  
Rick Blake



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# COON RAPIDS



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The majority of Coon Rapids is located in Carroll County. However, one of Iowa's "Great Places," Whiterock Conservancy, is south of Coon Rapids in Guthrie County. Formerly Garst Farms Resort, this 4,300-acre haven is located along the Middle Raccoon River. The population of Coon Rapids was 1,268 in the 2023 census.

# GUTHRIE CENTER



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Guthrie Center, the county seat, is located in the heart of the rolling hills of Guthrie County and along the Western Skies Scenic Byway. The Guthrie County Courthouse and the Guthrie County Fairgrounds are both located here. Mitchell Park, with its Aquatic Center, sits next to the fairgrounds. Every summer, the Guthrie County Fair draws residents to the fairgrounds for a tradition that was established in 1858. The 2026 fair is Sept. 3-7. The population was reported at 1,579 in 2023.

### CITY HALL

**400 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115**  
**641-332-2190**  
[cityhall@guthriecenter.com](mailto:cityhall@guthriecenter.com)  
**Hours:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

### Mayor and City Council

The City Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. To be on the agenda, contact City Hall before 9 a.m. the Friday before the meeting.  
 Mayor Mike Herbert  
 Carolyn Masters  
 Garold Thomas  
 Ian Steensen  
 Erica Finster  
 Fidel Hernandez

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**Director:** Jerri (Downing) Hawkins  
 Meeting rooms available upon request  
**Hours:** Monday - Thursday: noon to 6 p.m.  
 Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Sunday: closed



### THE AQUATIC COMPLEX

**206 W. State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115**  
**641-332-2989**

**Hours:** Open daily Memorial Day weekend through mid-August, Noon to 5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

The Aquatic Center is a 6,559-square-foot facility boasting a bathhouse, two water slides, a zero-depth entry, a concession area, diving board, and lounge chairs for relaxing. Group swimming lessons are provided at the Aquatic Center.

### Guthrie Center Offices/Departments

- Union Cemetery - Sexton Darin Sloss ..... 641-332-2987
- Water Department - Derek Betts ..... 641-332-2164
- Gas Department - Derek Betts ..... 641-332-2164
- Streets Department - Darin Sloss ..... 641-332-2987
- Police Department - Sheriff's office, Emergency ..... 911**
- Non-emergency..... 641-747-2214
- Fire Department, Chief Cory Campbell, Emergency..... 911**
- Mary J. Barnett Memorial Library, Jerri Hawkins..... 641-747-8110
- Wastewater - Darin Sloss ..... 641-332-2987
- Aquatic Center ..... 641-332-2989
- Utility Billing Inquiries..... 641-332-2190
- City Clerk/Administrator Kris Arrasmith..... 641-332-2190
- Zoning Questions ..... 641-332-2190
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# The towns of Guthrie County

## JAMAICA

Jamaica is located along Highway 141 and the northern Raccoon River Valley Trail "loop" that connects Dallas County and Guthrie County trails. The town also features a go-cart racetrack with an asphalt track and a dirt track. Races are on Sundays. Jamaica is also a stop along the Highway 141 Garage Sales. The band Slipknot recorded its Billboard No. 1 album in 2009 in a music studio in Jamaica. It has since closed. The population was 196 in the 2023 Census.

**CITY HALL**  
**316 Main St.,**  
**Jamaica, IA 50128**  
**City Clerk:** Jacki Morey

**Mayor and City Council**  
 Mayor Dennis Meinecke  
 Mike Fagen  
 Josh Atwell  
 H.D. Meinecke  
 Matthew Meinecke  
 Dina Martinez

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**316 Main St.**  
**641-429-3362**  
**jampublib@netins.net**  
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## MENLO



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Located along the White Pole Road Scenic Byway, Menlo introduces itself as "A town of few, a friend to all." The town boasts historical landmarks such as the Sacony Mobile Gasoline Station and the Methodist Episcopal Church, which resembles a castle. The city park allows for camping and picnicking. The population was 343 in 2023.

**CITY HALL**  
**417 Sherman St.,**  
**Menlo, IA 50164**  
**641-524-2411**  
**menloia@netins.net**  
**menloia@gmail.com**

**Hours:** Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday: Closed

**City Clerk:** Alicia Bentler  
**Maintenance Supervisor:**  
 Jon Edgington

**Mayor and City Council**  
 Mayor Chad Weddell  
 Molly Griswold  
 Steve Renslow  
 Dorothy Korradi  
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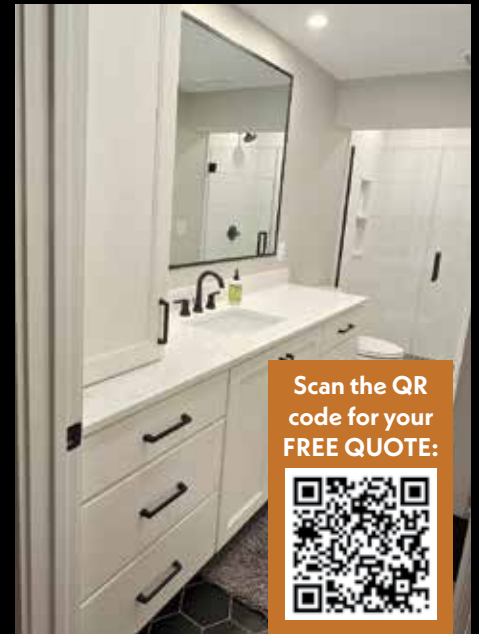
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**504 Fifth St.**  
**641-524-4201**  
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# PANORA



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Panora, the oldest community in Guthrie County, is located along Highway 44, the Western Skies Scenic Byway, and the Raccoon River Valley Trail. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Raccoon River Valley and Lake Panorama, it is home to the Guthrie County Historical Village and Lake Panorama National Conference Center. The population was 1,083 in the 2023 Census.

### CITY HALL

**102 N.W. Second St.  
Panora, IA 50216  
641-755-2164**

**City Administrator:** Lisa Grossman  
lisa@cityofpanora.com

**Deputy City Clerk:** Joyce Calmer  
clerk@cityofpanora.com

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,  
1-4:30 p.m.



### Mayor and City Council

The City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Only one regular meeting is held in December, and certain regular meetings are rescheduled due to holidays. Special or work session meetings are held as necessary. Mayor Curtis Thornberry - 641-755-3882  
Brian Dorsett - 641-755-3356  
Tom Flanery - 641-755-3398  
Roger Dorr  
Blake Michelsen  
Mark Sheeder

### PANORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**102 N. First St., Panora, IA 50216  
641-755-2529  
pnralib@netins.net**

[www.panoralibrary.com](http://www.panoralibrary.com)

**Hours:** Monday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m.  
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Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY..... 911**

**Police Department ..... 641-755-2087**

102 N.W. Second St.  
Police Chief – Matt Reising, matt@panorapolice.com  
Police Officer – Rock Armstrong, rock@panorapolice.com  
Police Officer – Colin Price, colin@panorapolice.com

**Panora Volunteer Fire Department..... 641-755-2164**  
607 E. Market St.

### Panora Emergency Medical Services

Panora EMS is a Critical Care Transport ambulance service located in the city of Panora. The department is staffed by volunteer and paid EMTs, paramedics and certified drivers.

### PANORA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Located at City Hall. Available programs include Tax Abatement, Downtown Facade Rebate, and Sidewalk Rebate programs. The City of Panora partners with three organizations to promote economic development:

**Panora Area Development Group (PRIDE)..... 641-755-3300**  
P.O. Box 189, Panora, IA 50216, pride@panora.org

**Panora Chamber of Commerce..... 641-755-3300**  
P.O. Box 73, Panora, IA 50216

**Midwest Partnership ..... 515-523-1262**  
615 S. Division St., P.O. Box 537, Stuart, IA 50250,  
info@midwestpartnership.com



## STUART



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Just north of I-80, Stuart is located in both Adair and Guthrie counties along the historic White Pole Road Scenic Byway and the Western Skies Scenic Byway. It introduces itself as "The home of 1,700 good eggs ... and a few stinkers." The town's architectural treasures include the Masonic Temple and the Saints Center for Culture and the Arts, and many are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stuart's amenities include a city park, aquatic center, American Legion skate rink and the Stuart Speedway. Its Good Egg Days celebration features family fun and community pride. The population was 1,855 in the 2023 Census.

### CITY HALL

119 E. Front St., Stuart, IA 50250  
515-523-1455  
stuart4@coonvalleytelco.com  
https://stuartia.com

**City Administrator:** Ashraf Ashour

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Mayor and City Council

The Stuart City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, with additional special meetings called as needed.  
Mayor Cory Kirkpatrick  
Craig Russel  
Michael Kalbach  
Angie Capps  
Zach Ingwers  
Trevor Nelson

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

**In case of emergency, dial 911**

**Police Department Office:**  
515-523-1896

**Guthrie County Dispatch:**  
641-747-2214

**Fire Department & Rescue Unit:**  
515-523-2400

### STUART PUBLIC LIBRARY

stuartlibrary.org  
111 E. Front St.  
515-523-2152  
stuartlib@stuart.lib.ia.us

**Library Director** Lisa Sherman  
**Hours:** Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

**Services:** Public Access Computers; Photocopy, Scan To Email and Fax Services; Contactless Pickup and Limited Delivery Service

### SAINTS CENTER FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS

320 N. Fremont St., Stuart, Iowa 50250  
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The Historic All Saints Church in Stuart was transformed by a \$4 million restoration project and now is the Saints Center. The former church was once voted the Most Beautiful Church in Iowa by the readers of the Des Moines Register, but then fell victim to a hate crime in 1995 by an arsonist who wanted to "take the heart and soul out of a community."

The parish has since built a new Catholic church on the outskirts of town, but the Project Restore Foundation didn't give up over the years and successfully rallied for its restoration. After being awarded a Vision Iowa grant, the City of Stuart passed a tax referendum in order to help pay for the old church to become a community cultural center. This much-needed public space now serves as host to concerts, school events, weddings, family gatherings, conferences and more.

### STUART AMERICAN LEGION, JAMES C. MCGHEE, POST 146 SKATING RINK 323 S.W. Second St., Stuart | 515-523-1666

Since 1979, The Stuart American Legion has provided affordable family entertainment by providing the community with a roller skating facility, which is open to the public September through May. Visit their Facebook page for more information.

## YALE



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Yale is one of the stops along the Raccoon River Valley Trail. Its park provides restroom accommodations and a pleasant place to relax before hitting the trail again. The park provides playground equipment, basketball court and pickleball courts. The Yale Saddle Club holds horseshows throughout the summer. Check out their schedule on Facebook. The City is continuing to plan for the annual July 4th celebration that has many activities for people of all ages. Yale is known for its round gymnasium. The population was 264 in the 2023 Census.

### YALE CITY HALL

207 Main St., Yale, IA 50277  
641-439-2313  
cityofyale@netins.net

### Mayor and City Council

City Council normally meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Mayor Clint Deardorff, 406-600-4263  
Tim Walker, 515-250-9683  
Anna Arganbright, 515-408-7702  
Diane Chase, 515-473-4941  
Christie Ocker, 641-757-0293

### COMMUNITY CLUB

Started by 17 local business men and women in 1965, the Yale Community Club has worked to promote and improve the town of Yale. With a membership that grew to as many as 130 people, they tackled projects consisting of starting the annual July 4th celebration, building a community building and later its replacement, dedicating parks and raising funds to make it all happen.

In 2014, the Yale Community Club began offering a \$500 scholarship to graduating students with a Yale address.

The Yale Community Club normally meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at the Yale Community Building. Meeting times are subject to change.



# Discover Guthrie County



## LAKE PANORAMA



[LAKEPANORAMA.ORG](http://LAKEPANORAMA.ORG)

Lake Panorama is the largest private lake development in Iowa with 1,160 acres of lake surface within the development and more than 30 miles of shoreline. The Lake Panorama Association was formed in 1968 and represents more than 1,750 member/property owners.

The Association owns Lake Panorama National Resort, which offers an 18-hole championship golf course, par 3 golf course, full-service restaurant, banquet and meeting room facilities and lodging, all in one location.

The main attraction is the par-72 golf course that has been

recognized as one of Iowa's most popular and well-conditioned courses for the past four decades. The course has earned a 4-Star Rating from Golf Digest in its "Places to Play in America" publication.

Other amenities include an outdoor swimming pool, sports courts that include pickleball, basketball and tennis, fitness center and access to private beaches and boating on the beautiful 1,160-acre lake.

Lake Panorama National Resort is owned by the Lake Panorama Association.

## GUTHRIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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The mission of the Guthrie County Community Foundation is to foster giving, strengthen service providers and improve the local conditions and quality of life. To these ends, the Guthrie County Community Foundation promotes philanthropy, endowment building, community building, capacity building, grant making, organizational collaborations, and public leadership for the benefit of Guthrie County.

The Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life throughout Guthrie County by investing in area nonprofits

through its grant programs and by providing individuals, families and area businesses a way to give back. The Foundation offers a variety of charitable giving fund options.

Grants are available to 501(c)3 organizations and government entities serving Guthrie County. Grant selections are made in an effort to create a better quality of life for people in Guthrie County. The local governing committee reviews the applications from charitable organizations serving their community. Applications are due the end of January.



Guthrie County was originally part of old Keokuk County, which was comprised of approximately the western two-thirds of the state of Iowa. Later Keokuk County was organized with its present boundaries and Guthrie County was then part of a vast unorganized region until legislation divided the region into counties, one of which was Guthrie, in 1851. Guthrie County was named for Captain William Guthrie, formerly of Keokuk, who was the captain of the only company Iowa sent to the Mexican War. Captain Guthrie was mortally wounded in battle.

The first county seat was Panora, but that would not last long. The fight for the county seat lasted for 14 years (1859-1873) between Panora and Guthrie Center. In the end, Guthrie Center prevailed with the votes, and the construction of the first brick courthouse in Guthrie Center started in 1877 for an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Guthrie County was the first county in the state of Iowa to comply with legislation requiring a county high school to be located in each county. The county high school was located in Panora. The Guthrie County High School was organized in 1876 and remained a respected institute of learning until a special election vote in 1930 abolished the county school.

The first mill in the state that was located west of Des Moines was constructed by John Anderson in 1852. The mill was located on the Raccoon River 1.25 miles northwest of Panora. The mill would later be

## QUICK FACTS

- Established:** 1851
- First County Seat:** Panora
- First Town Established:** Panora, 1851
- First Permanent White Settler:** Benjamin Kunkle
- First Birth of Settler:** Malinda Jane Kunkle, 1849
- First Marriage of Settlers:** George Messinger and Lucinda Casteel, 1852
- First Death of Settler:** Mr. McCullough, 1850

called the Hanyan-Beamon Mill. Customers came to the mill from as far west as Council Bluffs. Some drove as far as 200 miles, arriving as early as 2 a.m. and often remaining for several days.

The first railroad to be built in Guthrie County was the narrow gauge railroad, which was owned by Fredrick M. Hubbell of Des Moines and ran under the name of Des Moines and Northwestern Railroad. It was the longest stretch of narrow gauge in the state of Iowa — running from Des Moines, through Panora, to Fonda, Iowa, totaling 113.8 miles. Later, the railroad became part of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. The route of the old track is now the Raccoon River Valley Recreational Trail.

*Information and photos from The Guthrie County Tourism Council, [www.discoverguthriecounty.org](http://www.discoverguthriecounty.org)*



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### Exceptional Care Close to Home

To ensure we continue to meet the healthcare needs of our patients, Guthrie County Hospital has begun a **2 ½ year - \$46 million dollar** project to update and expand the hospital. This project will achieve **five** goals.

**Modernize** the overall look and feel of the hospital to create the best healing environment. **Empower staff** to deliver the most efficient and highest quality care possible. Increase **access to broader outpatient services**, with emphasis on access to primary care and specialty clinic services. **Improve safety** and infection prevention for patients and visitors. **Improve efficiency** and reduce costs through integration of building mechanical systems.

We are excited about this project and confident the hospital along with our rural health clinics will be in a better position to serve the healthcare needs in Guthrie County in the future.

### Our Rural Health Clinics

- Adair Clinic
- Guthrie Center Clinic
- Panorama Clinic
- Stuart Clinic & Stuart Rehab Clinic

### Supporting Our Mission

The Guthrie County Hospital Foundation plays a vital role in supporting patient care, facility improvements, and healthcare education. For more information, contact Dennis Flanery at 641-332-3879.

### Stay Connected

For more information on our services, visit our updated website at [guthriecountyhospital.org](http://guthriecountyhospital.org).

*Dennis Flanery*

Dennis Flanery  
Foundation Director

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# Upcoming Events

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**July 14, 2026**

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## GUTHRIE CENTER AQUATIC CENTER

206 W. State St./Highway 44, Guthrie Center  
 641-332-2989 | <https://guthriecenter.com/city-hall/city-parks-aquatic-complex/>



This 6,559-square-foot facility boasts two water slides, a zero-depth entry, concession area, diving board and lounge chairs for relaxing.

## LAKE PANORAMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER POOL

5071 Clover Ridge Road, Lake Panorama  
 800-879-1917 | [www.lakepanoramanational.com/resort](http://www.lakepanoramanational.com/resort)



The 1,500-square-foot heated pool and eight-person spa is open to the public with purchase of a day pass or season pass. Located on the south side of the LPN Conference Center at Lake Panorama.



## SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK

Highway 25, Guthrie Center | 641-747-3591  
[www.iowadnr.gov/places-go/state-parks/all-parks/springbrook-state-park](http://www.iowadnr.gov/places-go/state-parks/all-parks/springbrook-state-park)



Springbrook's 14-acre lake offers a sandy beach for sunbathing and unsupervised swimming. There is no charge for swimming. The park is located 5 miles north of Guthrie Center on Highway 25.

## STUART AQUATIC CENTER

324 S. Second St., Stuart | 515-523-1553  
<https://stuartaquaticcenter.wixsite.com/website>



The aquatic center has three slides, a diving board, a basketball hoop, a floating alligator and a splash pad. Water aerobics and swimming lessons are available.

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Four school districts are located in Guthrie County: Adair-Casey Community School District, Guthrie Center Community School District, Panorama Community School District, and West Central Valley Community School District.

## ADAIR-CASEY & GUTHRIE CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT



[WWW.ACGCSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.ACGCSCHOOLS.ORG)



### ADAIR-CASEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent:** Josh Rasmussen  
 Superintendent's Office, 3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002  
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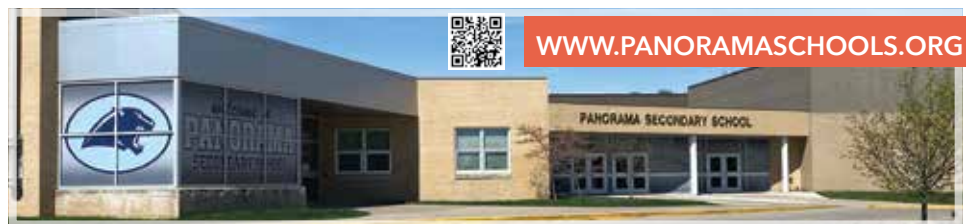
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 641-746-2242 or 641-742-3310

### GUTHRIE CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

900 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115  
 641-332-2720

## PANORAMA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Panorama Schools serves K-12 students from the communities of Panora, Yale, Jamaica, Bagley and Linden, including the Lake Panorama area.



### DISTRICT OFFICE

701 W. Main St., Panora, IA 50216  
 641-755-4144  
 Superintendent: Kasey Huebner, kasey.huebner@panorama.k12.ia.us

### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

701 W. Main St., Panora, IA 50216  
 641-755-2317

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

401 Panther Drive, Panora, IA 50216  
 641-755-2021

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# WEST CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

West Central Valley is located along I-80 and serves the communities of Dexter, Menlo, Redfield and Stuart.

## DISTRICT OFFICE

3299 White Pole Road, Stuart, IA 50250  
515-523-2187  
Superintendent: Rusty Shockley

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## STUART ELEMENTARY

320 N.E. Third St., Stuart, IA 50250  
515-523-1018



## DEXTER ELEMENTARY

803 Washington, Dexter, IA 50070  
515-789-4480

## WCV MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK

[www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Springbrook-State-Park](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Springbrook-State-Park)  
2437 160th Road,  
Guthrie Center, IA 50115  
641-747-3591



SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK

Springbrook State Park provides for a wide variety of outdoor recreation. It features two open picnic shelters. The one located on the lakeshore near the beach may be reserved for a fee through the park office. Picnic areas have tables, grills, water and restroom facilities. Enjoy fishing, hunting, hiking, swimming, camping and more.

Stay overnight in The Sherburne House, with four bedrooms, three bathrooms, two living rooms and a full kitchen. The cabin sleeps 10-14 people and offers scenic views of the area near the west side of the park.

The large campground has 118 campsites (81 with electrical hookups). Modern showers and restrooms, a trailer dump station, fireplaces and tables available. Advance campsite reservations can be booked through the park reservation system. Some of the campsites are left available for self-registration on a first-come, first-served basis.

The park has trails for hiking and biking. Great hiking trails totaling 12 miles lead to the heart of Springbrook. In winter, snowmobiling is allowed on four miles of designated trails. The Central Iowa State Park Bike Route is a 160-mile loop connecting Big Creek, Ledges and Springbrook primarily utilizing paved county highways and the paved Raccoon Bicycle Trail. The route ambles through 14 charming towns and is relatively flat, with a few challenging hills as you make your way across the picturesque valleys of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers.

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### TRAILHEADS

**Panora:** 600 E. Main St.

**Yale:** Corner of Railroad and South Street

**Herndon:** Herndon Road

**Jamaica:** South Main Street

The Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) is an 89-mile multi-use recreational trail that extends from Clive, in the Des Moines metropolitan area, to Jefferson. In 2013, the 33-mile-long North Loop was completed, adding the communities of Dallas Center, Minburn, Perry, Dawson and Jamaica and creating a 77-mile complete loop that some riders can do in one day.

The trail winds its way through the Middle and North Raccoon River corridors with areas of prairie and canopies of timber that remind us of what Iowa was like in the 1870s. From the trailhead in Waukee going west, you will experience the communities of Dallas, Guthrie and Greene counties. Going east, the RRVT connects with the extensive trail system in Des Moines.

In 2004, a nonprofit organization, the Raccoon River Valley Trail Association, was formed to promote and market the trail.

## COUNTY CONSERVATION SITES

Visit [guthriecounty.gov/conservation/](http://guthriecounty.gov/conservation/) to learn more about all of the county's parks and facilities.



### CONSERVATION OFFICE AND HISTORICAL VILLAGE AND MUSEUM

206 W. South St., Panora, IA 50216

Conservation office: 641-755-3061

Email: [conservation@guthriecounty.gov](mailto:conservation@guthriecounty.gov)

Conservation Director: Brad Halterman

Museum Curator: Kristine Jorgensen

Museum office: 641-755-2989

[gchv@netins.net](mailto:gchv@netins.net)

The Guthrie County Conservation Board invites you to enjoy the county's conservation and recreation areas encompassing more than 1,010 acres in Guthrie County. Discover original prairies, flowing rivers, scenic roadways, historic towns, and miles and miles of trails. The county manages 13 individual parks, prairie remnants, wildlife areas, historic sites, and a portion of the Raccoon River Valley Trail. Recreational opportunities include camping, hunting, fishing, canoeing, biking, bird watching, picnicking and much more. Whether you stay for an hour, a day, or a lifetime, there truly is something for everyone to discover in Guthrie County.



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# CLINICS

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[guthriecountyhospital.org](http://guthriecountyhospital.org)



GUTHRIE COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE

### GUTHRIE COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE

206 W. South St., Panora

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[www.thegchv.com](http://www.thegchv.com)

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Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays and holidays, 1-4:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Also open by special appointment during the season.

**Admission:** Adults: \$2, Children 6 to 17: \$1, Children 5 and younger: Free

The Guthrie County Historical Village is located on a beautiful 4-acre complex on the southwest side of Panora, just a few blocks away

from the scenic Middle Raccoon River, historic Lenon Mill Park, and the Raccoon River Valley Trail. The Village features 12 buildings, a Milwaukee caboose, numerous exhibits, and thousands of artifacts that explore the history of Guthrie County from 1850 to the early 20th century.

The museum is a county-wide project that started in 1968 with the acquisition of the Panora Depot. The majority of the collection has been donated by families and friends in the surrounding communities.

### **LENON MILL PARK**

500 W. South St., Panora

Lenon Mill Park is nestled along the scenic Middle Raccoon River and is the original site of the old Lenon Mill, built in 1863. The mill no longer stands but visitors can view the one grindstone that remains to mark the historic spot or sit by the river and watch it flow over the old dam.

Lenon Mill Park is the first point of access on the Middle Raccoon River Water Trail - Route A. The park also offers excellent fishing. Species of fish commonly caught at Lenon Mill Park include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, walleye, channel catfish and an occasional northern pike.

Lenon Mill Park features primitive camping, RV camping with electric hook-up, water, bathrooms, a shelter house, swing set, horseshoe pit, picnic tables and canoe access. Visit [MyCountyParks.com](http://MyCountyParks.com) to learn more.



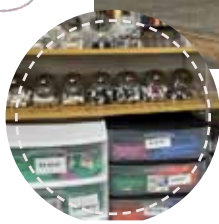
### **BENNIE HALL WILDLIFE AREA**

3267 248th Trail, Linden (2 miles east and 4 miles south of Panora)

Bennie Hall Wildlife Area is named after the late Bennie Hall, an avid trapper and hunter from Guthrie County who left his estate to the Prairie Woodland Conservation Foundation to be used for conservation purposes. The 220-acre area lies adjacent to existing public land and created a 517-acre wildlife habitat complex. The area's primary use is as wildlife habitat for game and non-game species. One can enjoy hunting, fishing, bird watching, hiking, canoeing and kayaking in the area.

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## **BUNDT PRAIRIE**

190th and Nice Ave., Guthrie Center  
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Bundt Prairie is a rare gem located where a one-room country school originally sat. Just 3 acres remain of this original native prairie that has never seen the plow. Historically, prairie once covered 75 to 80% of Iowa's landscape. Now, less than 0.1% of original prairie remains, scattered throughout tiny areas around the state. A variety of native prairie grasses and flowers inhabit this site. Bring your identification book and your camera to capture the beauty of this remarkable ecosystem.

**Friendly reminder:** Please don't pick any wildflowers.

## **GREENWOOD CEMETERY PRAIRIE**

Viceroy Trail, Panora (1 mile east of Panora and 1/2 mile south)

Greenwood Cemetery Prairie sits next to one of the older cemeteries (1860s) in Guthrie County. Just 3 acres remain of this original native prairie. A variety of native prairie grasses and forbs can be found at this site. Friendly reminder: Don't pick any wildflowers and be respectful of cemetery rules.

## **HIGHWAY 141 RIVER ACCESS**

1388 Highway 141, Coon Rapids (East of Coon Rapids on Highway 141)

## **MIDDLE RACCOON RIVER ACCESS**

3177 248th Trail, Panora

This access offers a river access ramp, picnicking and fishing.

## **MONTEITH WILDLIFE AREA**

2625 Oak Ave., Guthrie Center (3.5 miles south and 1 mile east of Guthrie Center)

The Monteith Wildlife Area consists of 240 acres and is mainly used as a public hunting area with excellent habitat for upland game species, whitetail deer and wild turkey.

## **NATIONS BRIDGE PARK**

2997 Wagon Road, Stuart (9 miles south of Panora and 6 miles north of Stuart on P28)

Nations Bridge Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities to the public and is a favorite spot for many. Its 81 acres can be used for camping, picnicking, kayaking, hiking, bird watching, fishing, disc golf and horse shoes. Wildlife is abundant at Nations Bridge Park.

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**Note:** Swimming is not allowed in the river.

### S.E. ROBINSON WILDLIFE AREA

3181 255th St., Panora (5.5 miles southeast of Panora)

S.E. Robinson Wildlife Area is a 110-acre wildlife area located along the Middle Raccoon River. The wildlife area is primarily used for public hunting with excellent habitat for deer, turkeys, squirrels and rabbits, but is also a nice area for hiking, bird watching and river fishing.

### SEELY CREEK TIMBER

Frost Trail, Guthrie Center (6 miles west and 1 mile south of Guthrie Center)

Seely Creek Timber consists of 187 acres of beautiful rolling oak-hickory timber. The area offers excellent deer, turkey and squirrel hunting but is land-locked. Permission must be acquired to get access to the area. For more information, contact the Guthrie County Conservation Board at 641-755-3061.

### SUTCLIFFE WOODLAND

Frost Trail, Guthrie Center (7 miles west and 1.5 mile south of Guthrie Center. Follow the road signs.)

Sutcliffe Woodland is a beautiful, 55-acre oak-hickory area designated as a wildlife refuge. It offers a 31-post, self-guided interpretive nature trail, as well as picnicking, hiking and pond fishing.

## OTHER SITES OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

### WHITEROCK CONSERVANCY

[www.whiterockconservancy.org](http://www.whiterockconservancy.org)

Whiterock Conservancy is a 5,500-acre nonprofit land trust that balances sustainable agriculture, natural resource protection and public recreation on the landscape. Located near Coon Rapids along seven miles of the Middle Raccoon River valley, it is open to the public every day for recreation and exploration. Some of the many opportunities are highlighted below. See the website for complete information.

**Trails:** Whiterock Conservancy features extensive trails for people on foot, bicycles and horses. Mountain biking can be enjoyed on 16 miles of bike-optimized, single-track trails and 12 miles of shared-use trails (cost \$5 per day). Six miles of equestrian trails meander through the rolling hills in the river valley. In addition, 15 miles of multi-use trails are open to equestrians. Trail use is \$10 per horse per day. Parking for horse trailers is available at the River Campground and at the Oak Ridge RV Campground/trailhead. Trails close when they are wet.



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# Attractions

**Canoeing and Kayaking:** An 8-mile Middle Raccoon River water trail starts at Riverside Park in Coon Rapids and ends at the main campground. This scenic float trip with breathtaking views of sandstone outcroppings, prairies, savannas and historic points of interest takes approximately two to five hours (depending on water flow). For a shorter float, you can start at Roadside Park in Coon Rapids. Whiterock Conservancy rents canoes and kayaks, along with shuttle service, every day by reservation. For more information about rentals, contact guest services at 712-790-8221 ext. 5 or [guestinfo@whiterockconservancy.org](mailto:guestinfo@whiterockconservancy.org).

**Fishing:** Whiterock Conservancy offers access to 12 fishing ponds around the property, free of charge. See the website for regulations and places that have bait available.

**Bison:** Whiterock is also the home of a small herd of bison that can be seen in the pastures on the south and west sides of the Garst Home Farm and can often be seen from the Town Loop trail as it heads towards the visitor center or winds around the ponds. New calves are born in late spring and can be easily spotted because their fur is much lighter in color than the mature bison.

**Art and history:** From statues to murals, public art can be seen at the Riverhouse, the roadside park on Highway 141, and throughout the community of Coon Rapids. A collection of paintings of Whiterock's land by Nancy Thompson can be seen in the Bur Oak Visitors Center during office hours. Or explore the Roswell and Elizabeth Garst Farm



Historic District. Interpretive signs throughout the property describe historical events and current day practices. Guided tours and history talks can be arranged for groups. Contact guest services at 712-790-8221 ext. 1 or [guestinfo@whiterockconservancy.org](mailto:guestinfo@whiterockconservancy.org) for more information.

**Accommodations:** Spend a night in the comfortable, individual rooms in the historic Garst Farmhouse or rent a country cottage with comfortable beds and full kitchens. Or stay at one of three campgrounds, a single primitive campsite or the remote primitive cabin.

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## SAINTS CENTER FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS, STUART

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The Saints Center, located in Stuart, opened February 2010 as a community cultural center and as the Learning Museum of Religious Tolerance. The historic Saints building was once voted the most beautiful church in Iowa. However, in 1995, an arsonist set fire to it. The Project Restore Foundation led the effort to raise funds and restore the building. The museum and building are open to the public and available for rent.

## GUTHRIE COUNTY FREEDOM ROCK, GUTHRIE CENTER

[www.traveliowa.com/destination/guthrie-county-freedom-rock/10235/](http://www.traveliowa.com/destination/guthrie-county-freedom-rock/10235/)

Located directly north of the Guthrie County Fairgrounds on the north side of Highway 44. Guthrie County's Freedom Rock was based on specific stories of the veterans from Guthrie County. Artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, who has been painting Adair County's version of the "Freedom Rock" every year since 1999, added Guthrie County to

the list of counties which have commissioned him to create a version of the Freedom Rock. The work of art is painted on a 5-ton, nearly 11-foot-tall rock.

## LAKE PANORAMA, PANORA

[www.lakepanoramational.com](http://www.lakepanoramational.com)

Originally established in 1968, Lake Panorama is the largest private lake in Iowa with 1,400 acres of lake surface and more than 30 miles of shoreline. The Lake offers public golfing, but all camping and usage of the beach and parks is reserved for members and their guests.

## "LISTEN TO THE WIND" BYWAY SCULPTURE, GUTHRIE CENTER

Located on the corner of Third Street and State Street/Highway 44

The "Listen to the Wind" sculpture, located in Guthrie Center on the Western Skies Scenic Byway, is part of a 15-piece "Art on the Byway" series. This sculpture was designed by artist Hilde DeBruyne and inspired by a Native American proverb entitled the same. The sculpture is based on the concept of a windmill, and the series of leaves in the middle is an active

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# Attractions

component. At night, the sculpture is illuminated and shadows from the words are cast upon the wall to the east. Street parking is available and a quaint park setting with a water fountain and seating allows visitors to enjoy the sculpture.

## DEXFIELD PARK HISTORICAL MARKERS

[www.dexteriowa.org/index.php?page=historical-marker](http://www.dexteriowa.org/index.php?page=historical-marker)  
Two historical markers can be found in Dexfield Park, Dexter. One commemorates the shootout and capture of some members of the Barrow Gang, which was hiding in the park while tending to wounds received in a prior gun fight in Missouri. The other commemorates the once popular “Beautiful Dexfield Park.”

## CHAD ELLIOT MURAL, COON RAPIDS

[www.traveliowa.com/destination/chad-elliott-mural/13578/](http://www.traveliowa.com/destination/chad-elliott-mural/13578/)  
Artist Chad Elliott, a former Coon Rapids resident with deep ties to the community, was commissioned to paint a landscape mural on the east side of the Mohr Construction and Lumber building on Fifth Avenue near Main Street. Elliott was inspired by paintings by famous artist Grant Wood. The resulting mural depicts the Middle Raccoon River flowing through the rolling hills south of Coon Rapids.

## M & M DIVIDE

Western Skies Scenic Byway/Highway 44, Guthrie County  
Iowa’s great divide, the Missouri and Mississippi Divide, sits at an elevation of 1,440 feet. This divide is a topographically high area between two watersheds, known as a hydrologic divide, over which no water can flow. At this location, the water to the west flows to the Missouri River and water to the east flows to the Mississippi River. The exact location sits about 7 miles west of Guthrie Center along the Western Skies Scenic Byway.

## WESTERN SKIES SCENIC BYWAY

[www.discoverguthriecounty.org/byway](http://www.discoverguthriecounty.org/byway)  
The Western Skies Scenic Byway stretches 140 miles and spans the four counties of Guthrie, Audubon, Shelby and Harrison. The designation is intended to help tourists experience Iowa’s natural beauty, history and culture. The byway begins in Stuart (southern Guthrie County) and heads north on County Road P28 where it connects with Highway 44 in Panora. On this route, travelers will find Nations Bridge Park, the ghost towns of Morrisburg and Dale City, waterway access to the Middle Raccoon River, the Guthrie County Historical Village, and the Raccoon River Valley Trail in Panora. The byway then heads west through Guthrie Center, rolling along a ridge top and on into Hamlin (Audubon County). At the western end of the byway, travelers gradually emerge in the unique landform known as the Loess Hills, formed by wind and river-sculpted glacial silt deposits that formed a front ridge adjacent to the Missouri River.

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# Interesting finds in Guthrie County

## BARN QUILTS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

For a map and list, visit [5c723270-f91b-4aec-970a-186c8b487f97.filesusr.com/ugd/f1bbab\\_43c9e6feb7d34a3e8181efe9e85802fe.pdf](https://5c723270-f91b-4aec-970a-186c8b487f97.filesusr.com/ugd/f1bbab_43c9e6feb7d34a3e8181efe9e85802fe.pdf).

The Guthrie County Barn Quilt Project was started in 2007 by several volunteers. Although the group is no longer together, their hard work and artistic vision left the county covered with 32 beautiful barn quilts for both residents and visitors to enjoy.

The mission of the Barn Quilts of Guthrie County is to promote tourism in rural areas and celebrate the unique agricultural experience of Guthrie County. The barn quilt project showcases the natural, agricultural, and architectural beauty of the county. At the same time, it highlights the beautiful quilt patterns as unique art and the historically significant aspects of each building.



## GHOST TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

[www.discoverguthriecounty.org/ghosttowns](http://www.discoverguthriecounty.org/ghosttowns)

Over the years, many towns have emerged in Guthrie County only to become a mere memory of the past. This unfortunate ending was usually due to either location and/or circumstance. For information about these towns and directions, visit the website.

## 1853 NEWTON STAGECOACH ROUTE

[www.discoverguthriecounty.org/newtontrail](http://www.discoverguthriecounty.org/newtontrail)

In 1853, Eder B. Newton was employed to lay out a stage road across Guthrie County. The route was similar to the trail used by previous westward travelers, like the 49ers. In 1951, a small Guthrie County Tourism group placed homemade signs along the old stage route for the county's centennial, but by 2005 most of the signs were missing or illegible.

In 2008, William Frels, a member of Boy Scout Troop 127, researched the route, had new signs created with funding from local businesses, and installed the 19 signs along the 29.4-mile route for his Eagle Scout Project. If you are looking for an adventure, follow the stagecoach signs and enjoy your trip off the beaten path. Printable map available online.

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Check [www.discoverguthriecounty.org](http://www.discoverguthriecounty.org) for more information and updates. Details for some events had yet to be released by press time and changes may be made, so confirm details before attending.

### HISTORICAL VILLAGE PROGRAMS

**Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum,**

206 W. South St., Panora

Every summer, the Guthrie County Historical Village offers free educational programs and events to the public. Popular programs include the local history of Bonnie and Clyde, a tour along the Newton Stage Coach and Underground Railroad, and a Quilt Walk. Check the Historical Village's website for upcoming events: [www.thegchv.com](http://www.thegchv.com)

### FARMERS MARKETS

**Stuart Farmers Market**

Lawbaugh City Park, Stuart  
Corner of Third and S. Division Street  
Every Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Mid-May through mid-October

**Guthrie Center Farmers Market**

N. Fourth Street, downtown Guthrie Center  
Every other Saturday morning, 9-11 a.m.  
June through October

**Panora Farmers Market**

Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum, 206 W. South St., Panora  
Every other Saturday morning, 9 a.m. to noon, June 7 - Sept. 13

**Casey Farmers Market**

Casey Railroad/Kite Park  
300 E. Second St.  
Every other Saturday, 9-11 a.m. July through August

### STUART GOOD EGG DAYS

**June 19-20, 2026 | Stuart**

Stuart's annual celebration is called Good Egg Days. The name comes from the town motto that was adopted many years

ago: "Home of 1700 Good Eggs and a Few Stinkers." It includes fun for the entire family with food vendors, tournaments and contests, kids activities, live music and more.

### CHUCKWAGON DAYS

**June 19-20, 2026 | Adair City Park**

Adair's annual Chuck Wagon Days Celebration is sponsored by the Adair Chamber of Commerce. The event is full of entertainment, food, music and activities for the entire family. Check for updates on the Adair Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Saturday at 7 a.m. is the event's 5K and Mile Run/Walk. Other highlights include the kiddie parade Friday evening, main parade Saturday, games, a BBQ battle Sunday, volleyball tournament, live music and much more.

### BACooN RIDE

**June 20, 2026, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Raccoon River Valley Trail, Centennial Park, Waukee**

The 71-mile ride along the Raccoon River Valley Trail starts and ends in Waukee. Riders will find numerous bacon stops, a bacon-themed lunch, and numerous drink specials at establishments along the way. Not only will the BACooN RIDE be great fun, but 100% of the proceeds benefit the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, RAGBRAI's Dream Team, and other great Iowa charities. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/@baconrideiowa](http://www.facebook.com/@baconrideiowa).

### WHERE THE HILLS BEGIN: GUTHRIE COUNTY BEFORE 1860

**June 27, 2026, 1:30 p.m. | 206 W. South St., Panora**

Discover the dramatic transformation of Guthrie County from its glacial origins to the dawn of the pioneer era. This talk, presented by Curtis Thornberry, a GCHV Foundation Board Member and local archaeologist, explores how the last glacial advance 14,000 years ago created our unique local landscape, providing a home for native groups, including Chief Johnny

Green (Che-me-use) and his band of Potawatomi and Meskwaki.

### YALE 4TH OF JULY

**July 4, 2026 | Yale**

If you are looking for patriotic fun on the Fourth, Yale is the place to be. The small town hosts a big celebration, which kicks off with a parade that winds its way through the town. The day is full of food, games and entertainment. Spectacular fireworks and a dance conclude the all-day event. For schedule, visit [www.facebook.com/annualyale4thofjulycelebration](http://www.facebook.com/annualyale4thofjulycelebration).

### CASEY FUN DAYS

**July 17-18, 2026 | Casey**

Casey's Fun Days Celebration is sponsored by the Casey Service Club. The two-day event includes a parade, food and games and activities for the entire family throughout the town and concludes with a street dance.

### PANORAMA DAYS

**July 31-Aug. 2, 2026 | Panora**

Panorama Days is a fun-filled and entertaining event with many great family activities, including a parade, games, food, live music, a water skiing show, a fun run and a street dance. Many classes host their class reunions during this weekend, and the Alumni Banquet takes place on the Saturday evening of the celebration. Watch for updates at [www.panorachamber.org/panorama-days](http://www.panorachamber.org/panorama-days).

### HIGHWAY 141 GARAGE SALE

**Aug. 7-8, 2026 | Grimes to Manilla**

The Highway 141 Garage Sale is the longest garage sale in Iowa, and if you've never been, you will certainly want to make it this year. Every year the sale grows bigger and bigger with more treasures to be found. The sale starts in Grimes and stretches 115 miles west to Manilla. Bargain hunters will find countless sales set up in city parks, side streets, parking lots and farm homes. Local groups and civic organizations also serve great food.



### GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR

**Sept. 3 - 7, 2026 | Guthrie Center**  
[www.guthriecountyfair.com](http://www.guthriecountyfair.com)

One of the best county fairs in Iowa, the Guthrie County Fair, started in 1858 by the Guthrie County Agricultural Society, is a tribute to local rural families and farmers. It's their hard work and perseverance that have shaped local history. Over the last 150 years, the fair has grown in size from one town block the first year to more than 7 acres of land along the river, with a grandstand, 4H building, community building, schoolhouse museum, many exhibit halls and a large campground.

The cotton candy, corndogs and carnival rides delight the crowds. Special events include the Saturday-morning parade, rodeo, live entertainment for the whole family, figure 8 races, and bingo. An amusement park with rides keeps the kids entertained. Don't forget to tour the

4H Exhibit Hall, the Art Hall, the Baker No. 2 country school museum, and the livestock barns. The Guthrie County Fair is held every Labor Day weekend. It is one of the few fairs to take place after the Iowa State Fair. The fairgrounds have lots of camping sites available for visitors and loads of entertainment for all. For details, visit [www.guthriecountyfair.com](http://www.guthriecountyfair.com).

### SCOOP THE LOOP

**Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, 3-8 p.m.**  
**Main Street, Stuart**

Scoop the Loop is the best rolling car event in Iowa. No registration fee, great trophies and prizes. Casual and fun atmosphere in the historic downtown loop.

### IOWA STAR PARTY

**Oct. 8-11, 2026**  
**1436 Highway 141, Coon Rapids**

All are welcome to look through various telescopes. If the weather is clear, visitors

will have the chance to see galaxies, nebulas and stars millions of light years away, as well as some of the planets in our cosmic backyard, the Solar System. All ages are welcome.

### THE HAUNTED VILLAGE

**Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026, 5-7 p.m.**  
**Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum, 206 W. South St., Panora**

The Haunted Village is a family-oriented Halloween activity for children in fifth grade and younger that has been a favorite for more than 20 years. Activities include games and fortunes, tattoos and stickers, treats, storytelling, crafts, a haunted museum, hayride and a movie, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," in the church – with free popcorn. Children must be accompanied by an adult and must stay with their adult at all times. Admission is free. Costumes, even for adults, are encouraged.



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405 Audubon St., Adair

**Adair United Methodist Church**  
404 Cass St., Adair  
641-746-2210  
[www.umc.org/en/find-a-church/church?id=50556](http://www.umc.org/en/find-a-church/church?id=50556)

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
1107 Broad St., Adair  
641-742-3802  
<http://goodshepherdadair.com>

**New Life Baptist Church**  
218 Audubon St, Adair, IA 50002  
[www.newlifeadair.org](http://www.newlifeadair.org)

**Saint John Catholic Church**  
501 Adair St., Adair  
515-742-3230  
<https://adairstjohn.org>

## BAGLEY

**Bagley United Methodist Church**  
401 Main Street, PO Box 40  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

## BAYARD

**Bayard Church of Christ**  
401 Second St., Bayard  
[churchofchristbayard.org](http://churchofchristbayard.org)  
641-757-1175



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bayard United Methodist Church**  
503 Third St., Bayard  
On facebook  
515-370-0533

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
214 Prairie St., Bayard  
<https://st-mary-patrick-cecilia.com/st-patricks>  
641-747-3843

## CASEY

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
104 E. First St., Casey  
641-746-2734  
[www.idwlcms.org/congregation.php?id=29](http://www.idwlcms.org/congregation.php?id=29)

**Casey United Methodist Church**  
100 E. 2nd St., Casey  
641-746-221

## GUTHRIE CENTER

**Bowman Chapel United Methodist Church**  
2397 Bowman Ave., Guthrie Center  
641-332-2408

**First Christian Church**  
105 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center  
641-332-2571  
[Christian.org](http://Christian.org)

**First United Methodist Church**  
405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center  
641-332-2408  
[www.gcumcia.org](http://www.gcumcia.org)



ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

**First Presbyterian Church**  
701 State St., Guthrie Center  
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**Guthrie Center First Baptist Church**  
113 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center  
641-747-8198  
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**Guthrie Center Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
1305 North St., Guthrie Center  
641-322-2778  
[www.guthriecentersda.com](http://www.guthriecentersda.com)

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
713 N. 12th St., Guthrie Center  
641-332-2918  
[www.immanuelgc.org](http://www.immanuelgc.org)

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
1300 Grand St., Guthrie Center  
515-747-8524  
[www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

**Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
603 Main St., Guthrie Center  
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# Guthrie County churches



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**Linden United Methodist Church**  
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## **MENLO**

**Jefferson Center United Methodist Church**  
301 Fifth St., Menlo  
641-524-4561

## **Menlo Church of Christ**

504 Sherman St., Menlo  
<http://menlochurchofchrist.weebly.com>  
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## **PANORA**

**Church Of The Brethren**  
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641-755-3800

## **Calvary Chapel Of The Raccoon River Valley**

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641-755-4268

## **Faith Bible Church**

2096 Highway 4, Panora  
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641-755-3034

## **First Christian Church**

102 E. Church St., Panora  
[www.panorafcc.org](http://www.panorafcc.org)  
641-755-2227

## **Fountain of Life Church**

2322 Wagon Road, Panora  
[www.folcpanora.com](http://www.folcpanora.com)  
641-755-2322

## **Lighthouse Assembly of God**

400 S.E. Third St., Panora  
[www.panoralighthouseassemblyofgod.com](http://www.panoralighthouseassemblyofgod.com)  
641-755-3060

## **Lutheran Church of Hope**

5405 Chimra Road, Panora  
515-222-1520

## **Panora United Methodist Church**

119 E. Main St., P.O. Box 601, Panora  
[www.panoraumc.org](http://www.panoraumc.org)  
641-755-2655

## **Saint Cecilia Catholic Church**

220 N. First St., Panora  
[www.st-mary-patrick-cecilia.com](http://www.st-mary-patrick-cecilia.com)  
641-747-3843

## **Saint Thomas Lutheran Church**

2106 Highway 4, Panora  
<http://panoralutheran.com>  
641-755-2051

## **STUART**

### **All Saints Catholic Church**

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart  
515-523-1943

### **Fairview Congregational Christian Church**

1706 Stuart Road  
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### **Morrisburg Community Church**

2688 Wagon Road, Stuart  
[www.facebook.com/morrisburgchurch](http://www.facebook.com/morrisburgchurch)  
515-494-7846

### **New Beginnings Open Bible Church**

207 S.W. Seventh St., Stuart  
[stuartnbchurch.org](http://stuartnbchurch.org)  
641-757-0192

### **Stuart First Congregational Church**

224 N. Division St., Stuart  
<https://www.facebook.com/StuartFCC>  
515-523-1570

### **Stuart-Mount Vernon United Methodist Church**

219 N.W. Second St.  
[umcstuartia.org](http://umcstuartia.org)  
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