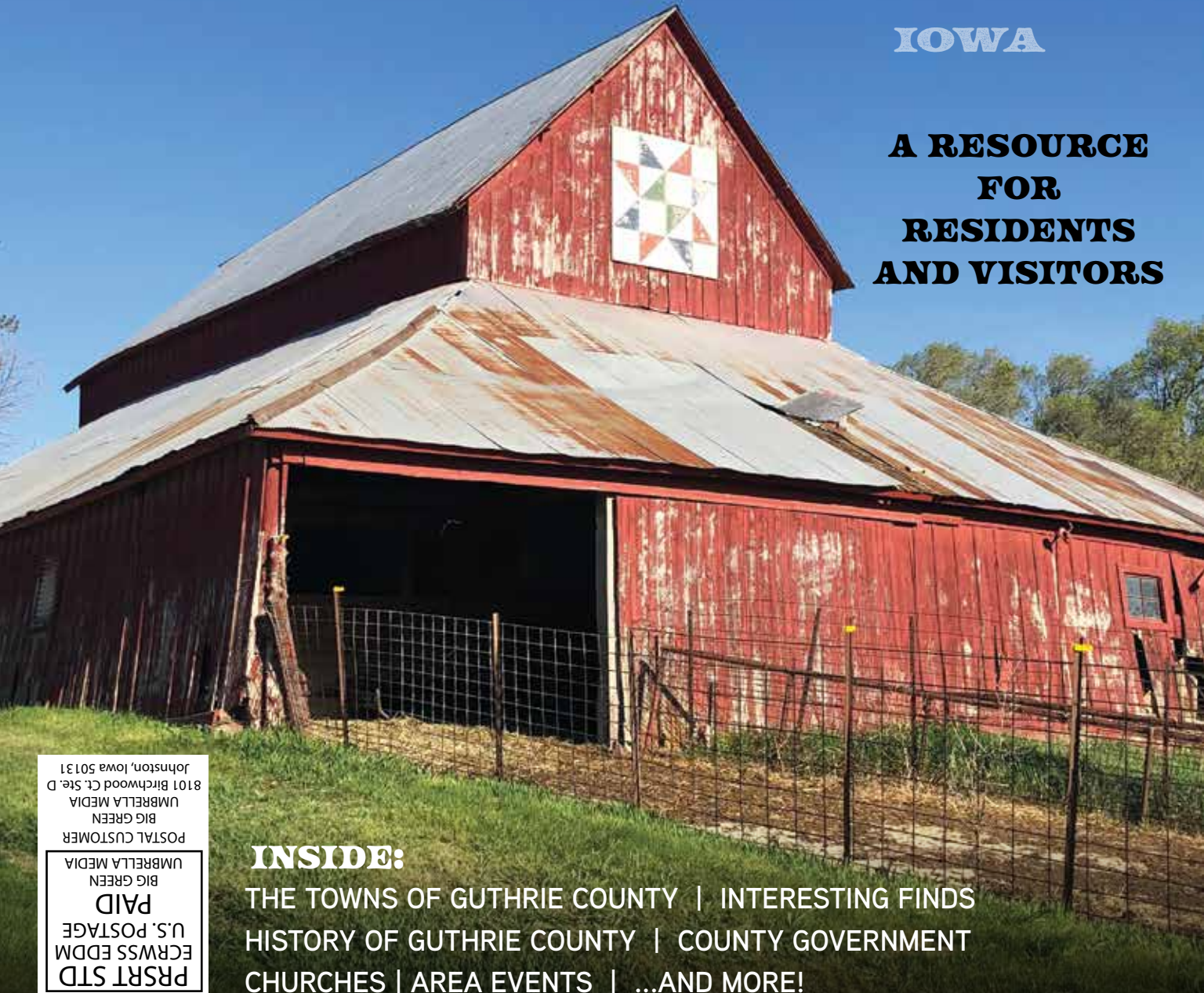


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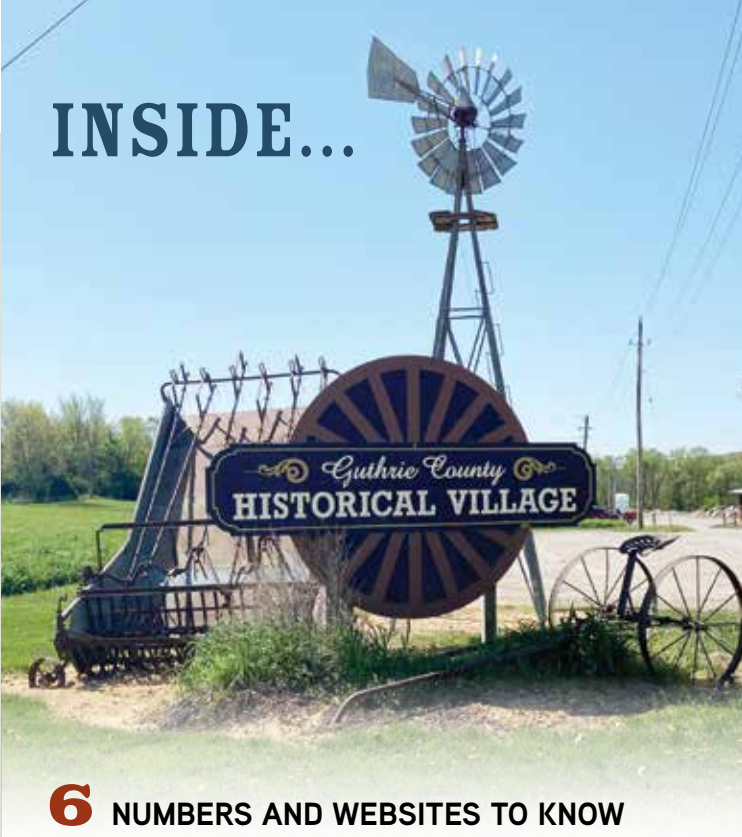
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County Auditor .....	641-747-3619
Board of Supervisors.....	641-747-3512
Clerk of Court .....	641-747-3415
County Conservation .....	641-755-3061
Emergency Management .....	641-332-3030
County Engineer .....	641-747-2274
Environmental Health .....	641-747-8320
Extension (ISU).....	641-747-2276
General Relief .....	641-747-2546
Historical Village .....	641-755-2989
County Human Resources.....	866-202-5968
Magistrate Court.....	641-747-8381
Public Health Nurse .....	641-747-3972
County Recorder .....	641-747-3412
Tourism Council .....	641-755-2989
Transfer Station .....	641-747-3764
County Treasurer .....	641-747-3414
Veterans Affairs.....	641-747-2546
Guthrie County Regional Airport.....	641-747-2218

# WEBSITES TO KNOW

- **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)
- **Recycling Information**  
[www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station](http://www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station)
- **Motor Vehicle Information**  
[guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/treasurer/motor-vehicle-information](http://guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/treasurer/motor-vehicle-information)
- **Tourism Information**  
[guthriecounty.gov/government/boards-commissions/tourism-council](http://guthriecounty.gov/government/boards-commissions/tourism-council)
- **Township Trustees**  
[guthriecounty.gov/township-trustees](http://guthriecounty.gov/township-trustees)

# GUTHRIE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## GUTHRIE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

200 N. Fifth St.  
Guthrie Center, IA 50115  
641-747-3512

### **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 (two days), Christmas (two days), 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 [guthriecounty.gov/government/boards-commissions/board-of-supervisors/agendas-minutes](https://guthriecounty.gov/government/boards-commissions/board-of-supervisors/agendas-minutes).

### **SUPERVISORS**

**J.D. Kuster**, District 1  
[district1@guthriecounty.gov](mailto:district1@guthriecounty.gov)

**Brian Johnson**, District 2  
[district2@guthriecounty.gov](mailto:district2@guthriecounty.gov)

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## COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

### **ASSESSOR**

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Assessor:** Nikki Carrick  
**Chief Deputy:** Jessi Heimerman  
**Appraiser:** Lynne Pennock  
641-747-3319  
Fax: 641-747-8206

### **ATTORNEY**

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Attorney:** Dana Minteer  
**Secretary:** Johanne Godwin  
641-747-3765  
Fax: 641-332-2423

### **AUDITOR**

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Auditor:** Danielle Fink  
**Chief Deputy:** Bryann Marsh  
641-747-3619  
Fax: 641-747-3027

### **CONSERVATION**

206 W. South St., Panora  
**Conservation Director:** Brad Halterman  
**Natural Resource Manager:** Tylor Nelson  
**Museum Curator:** Kristine Jorgensen  
641-755-3061  
Fax: 641-755-4066

### **ENGINEERING AND SECONDARY ROADS**

2211 215th Road, Guthrie Center  
**County Engineer:** Josh Sebern  
**Office Manager:** Ginnie Herron  
641-747-2274  
Fax: 641-747-3604  
Hours: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
After-hour emergencies may be reported to the Sheriff's office.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Region XII COG is the contract zoning administrator for Guthrie County.  
1009 E. Anthony St., Carroll  
**Zoning Administrator:** Chris Whitaker  
712-792-9914  
Fax: 712-792-1751

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### **RECORDER**

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

### **SHERIFF**

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Sheriff:** Marty Arganbright  
**Chief Deputy:** Jeremy Bennett  
641-747-2214  
Fax: 641-747-3346  
Email: [m.arginbright@gcso.gov](mailto:m.arginbright@gcso.gov)  
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

### **TREASURER**

Located in the Courthouse  
**County Treasurer:** Brenda Campbell  
641-747-3414  
Fax: 641-747-3209

# VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA.IOWA.GOV/BENEFITS

**Administrator:** Beth Watson

Located in the Courthouse

641-747-2546

Email: [b.watson@guthriecounty.gov](mailto:b.watson@guthriecounty.gov)

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
- Application for VA Healthcare System
- Headstones and grave markers
- Obtaining military records
- Application to Iowa Veterans Home
- 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 RELIEF PROGRAM

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

The Guthrie County Veterans Relief program is funded by the County to provide emergency assistance for basic needs to resident veterans and families. Call the office or email [b.watson@guthriecounty.gov](mailto:b.watson@guthriecounty.gov), or visit online [guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/veterans-affairs](http://guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/veterans-affairs) for a link to an application. Applications can be accepted in person by appointment, by 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.

### 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
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Call to schedule an appointment and find out what documents are needed. This program is for emergency needs that cannot be met by other means. General Relief provides emergency assistance for the needy and poor in Guthrie County and refers individuals by helping identify resources available to them. General Relief is funded by the County to provide emergency assistance for basic needs to county residents.

Call, email or visit <https://guthriecounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Application-for-County-Assistance.pdf> for an application. Applications can be accepted in person by appointment, by mail, email, and via the drop box at the east entrance of the courthouse.

### Basic needs help available:

- Rent/shelter
- Utilities
- Food and provisions
- Medical services (emergency dental extraction or prescriptions)
- 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 HEALTH SERVICES

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• **COVID-19 Information.** For information about COVID-19 and immunizations, visit [www.healthyguthrie.org/immunizeguthrie](http://www.healthyguthrie.org/immunizeguthrie). The site includes links to information, resources and appointments.

• **Professional Home Health Care.** For information about Guthrie County Professional Home Health Care, visit [www.healthyguthrie.org/copy-of-adair-home-health](http://www.healthyguthrie.org/copy-of-adair-home-health). Services include nurse visits, aide visits, homemaking and physical, occupational and speech therapies.

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• **Community Health.** Other health-related services are offered, such as immunizations.

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**Emergency Manager:** Bob Kempf

**Deputy 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](http://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

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The Guthrie County Environmental Health Department provides a wide range of services to the residents of Guthrie County, including:

- Well programs (testing, construction permits, plugging and renovation)
- Private sewage system programs (percolation tests to size systems, permits for construction, inspection of installations, and answering questions for residents)
- Water testing
- Radon testing
- Swimming pool, spa, tanning bed, and tattoo parlor inspections
- Inspections of septic tanks/portable toilet pumpers
- Time of transfer septic inspections

Complaint investigation is also a function of this department. It receives and investigates complaints on animal neglect and abuse, dumping and other garbage issues, illegal burning and animal bites. Iowa law requires that all animal bites be investigated by this department to follow up on proper care of the person bitten and to see that the animal is confined or vaccinations verified.

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## GUTHRIE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

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For complete information about garbage, recycling and services, visit [www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station](http://www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station)

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### TRANSFER STATION RATES

- Solid waste: \$65 per ton
- Construction/demolition: \$80 per ton
- Minimum fee 200 pounds and under: \$6
- 19-inch screen CRTs (computer monitors and TVs): \$10
- 19- to 37-inch screen: \$15
- Larger than 37-inch screen: \$20
- Tires: \$11 per pound
- Fridge, freezer, air conditioner, dehumidifier: \$15
- Antifreeze: No charge
- Automotive batteries: No charge
- Brown goods (Electronics such as computer hard drive, VCR, DVD, printer): No charge
- Brush: No charge
- Chemical containers (must be triple rinsed): No charge
- Fluorescent tubes: No charge
- Oil (no barrels): No charge

- Oil filters: No charge
- Scrap metal: No charge
- White goods (except freon appliances): No charge  
(NOTE: Do not drop off during closed hours)
- Yard waste: No charge
- Curbside recyclables: No charge (Includes: boxboard, cardboard, household batteries, paper, tin, glass, plastic containers — only No. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.) No plastic bags and no Styrofoam.

### RECYCLING PROGRAM

Residents have been recycling for more than 20 years in the Guthrie County area. During this time, more than 90,000 tons of materials have been collected from the curb or recycling drop boxes and have eventually ended up at the recycling center in Carroll. At the recycling center, the materials are sorted, processed and sent to a mill or manufacturer where they are made into something “new.”

### REMINDERS:

- Rinse all containers and put them in the bottom of your recycling bin.
- Do not mix paper products with your containers. If your materials are dirty or paper products are mixed with containers, or materials are included which are not part of the recycling program, your local hauler will be forced to treat materials in the bin as trash or will not be able to collect it.

To see what is accepted, visit [www.healthyguthrie.org/recycling](http://www.healthyguthrie.org/recycling).



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### City Hall

320 Audubon St., Adair, IA 50002  
641-742-3751  
[adairiowa@netins.net](mailto:adairiowa@netins.net)

### Adair Police

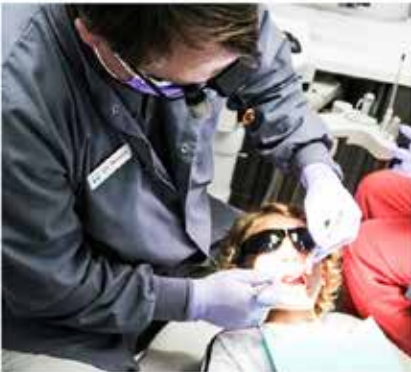
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# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

## BAGLEY

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Discover Bagley, situated in the heart of Guthrie County. With a rich history spanning 140 years, Bagley was established during the construction of railroads in Iowa. Thus, Bagley became a thriving hub of commerce and culture, and today it continues to embody the pioneering spirit of Iowa's past. Bagley's roadside park offers a nice stop for travelers and is a hotspot during the annual Highway 141 Garage Sales. On the west side of town, travelers will notice the "high water mark" sign noting the height of the flood water in 1986. The town's population was 233 in the 2020 Census.

### City Hall

207 Main St.  
Bagley, IA 50026  
641-427-5600  
cityofbagley@gmail.com

**City Clerk:** Jennifer Ingles

### Mayor and City Council

Mayor Ruth Riley  
Ken Beaudet  
Deanna Gibson  
Scott Richardson  
Lexee Bonus

### 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

[WWW.CITYOFBAYARDIOWA.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFBAYARDIOWA.COM)

Bayard is defined less by boundaries on a map than by the sense of shared values its residents hold dear. "We take pride in maintaining a wholesome lifestyle, rich in cultural history, along with a deep commitment to the preservation of our environment and a progressive approach to local business." Its population was 405 in the 2020 census.

### City Hall

403 Main St.  
Bayard, IA 50029  
712-651-2001  
bayardch@iowatelecom.net

**City Clerk:** Gina Arnold

**Hours:** Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.;  
Thursday, 4-7 p.m.; and 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

Arnold Kesselring  
Jack Stone  
Brandon Patrick  
Heather Bielenberg

### 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  
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picnicking areas surrounded by  
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## CASEY

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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 387 according to the 2020 census.

### City Hall

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

**City Clerk:** Gwen Blass

**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 Nicholas Lindberg  
Leland Acker  
Rick Richter  
Bret Wedemeyer  
Theresa Schiller  
Rick Blake





# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

## 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 fairgrounds and the town are flooded with thousands of people who come from all over the country to experience “River Ruckus,” an annual, two-day outdoor country music event. The population is around 1,600.



### City Hall

400 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115  
641-332-2190  
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, Mayor Pro-tem  
Chuck Cleveland  
Fidel Hernandez

### Mary J. Barnett Memorial Library

400 Grand St., Guthrie Center  
641-747-8110  
mjblib@guthriecenter.lib.ia.us  
www.guthriecenter.lib.ia.us

**Director:** Jerri (Downing) Hawkins

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**Hours:** Monday - Thursday: noon to 6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### The Aquatic Center

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

**Hours:** Open daily Memorial Day weekend through mid-August, 1-4:45 p.m. and 6-7:45 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

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Police Department - Sheriff’s office..... 641-747-2214  
Mary J. Barnett Memorial Library ..... 641-747-8110  
Wastewater - Bob Secoy ..... 641-332-2987  
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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 was 1,300 in the 2020 census.

# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

## JAMAICA MENLO

[WWW.CITYOFMENLOIA.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFMENLOIA.COM)

Jamaica is located along Highway 141 and the northern Raccoon River Valley Trail "loop" that connects Dallas County and Guthrie County trails. 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 195 in the 2020 Census.



**City Hall**  
316 Main St., Jamaica, IA 50128  
641-429-3026

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 345 in the 2020 Census.

**City Hall**  
417 Sherman St., Menlo, IA 50164  
641-524-2411  
menloia@netins.net  
**Hours:** Monday through Thursday,  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Friday: varying hours

**Mayor and City Council**  
Mayor Carol Sheldahl  
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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 1,091 in the 2020 Census.

### City Hall

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

**City Administrator:** Lisa Grossman  
lisagrossman@netins.net

**Deputy City Clerk:** Joyce Calmer  
pclerk@netins.net

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1-4:30 p.m.

### Mayor and City Council

The City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 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 Patrick Parker - 641-755-2736

Brian Dorsett - 641-755-3356

Tom Flanery - 641-755-3398

Shane Gliem - 641-757-2217

Stan Landon - 641-755-3816

Curt Thornberry - 641-755-3882

### Panora Public Library

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

**Hours:** Monday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.

Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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### Emergency Services

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• Police Department  
102 N.W. Second St.  
641-755-2087

**Police Chief** — Matt Reising  
matt@panorapolice.com

**Police Officer** — Rock Armstrong  
rock@panorapolice.com

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

• **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)**

P.O. Box 189, Panora, IA 50216  
641-755-3300  
pride@panora.org

- **Panora Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 73, Panora, IA 50216  
641-755-3300

- **Midwest Partnership**

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



## 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 1,400-acre lake.

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

# GUTHRIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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.

For more information, visit [www.desmoinesfoundation.org/affiliates/guthrie-county](http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/affiliates/guthrie-county).



**Grant recipients in 2021 included the Menlo Community Building, \$12,169, for remodeling.**



# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

## STUART

Located 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 and aquatic center and the Stuart Speedway. Its Good Egg Days celebration features family fun and community pride. The population was 1,782 in the 2020 Census.



[STUARTIA.COM](http://STUARTIA.COM)

### Saints Center for Culture and the Arts

[www.saintscenter.com](http://www.saintscenter.com)  
320 N. Fremont St., Stuart, Iowa 50250  
515-205-6202

**For information or to book an event, contact:** Greg Dudley at 515-205-6202 or [info@saintscenter.com](mailto:info@saintscenter.com)

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.

### City Hall

119 E. Front St., Stuart, IA 50250  
515-523-1455

[stuart4@coonvalleytelco.com](mailto:stuart4@coonvalleytelco.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 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, with additional special meetings called as needed.

Mayor Dick Cook  
Kristina Renslow  
Michael Kalbach  
Cory Kirkpatrick  
James Morgan  
David Doely

### 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](http://stuartlibrary.org)

111 E. Front St.

515-523-2152

[stuartlib@stuart.lib.ia.us](mailto:stuartlib@stuart.lib.ia.us)

**Library Director** Lisa Sherman

**Hours:** Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

## YALE

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. Yale is known for its round gymnasium. The population was 267 in the 2020 Census.

### Yale City Hall

211 N. Main St., Yale, IA 50277  
641-439-2313

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

### Mayor and City Council

Mayor Tom Godwin 641-431-1193  
Tim Walker, 515-250-9683  
Buffy Louk, 641-431-0077  
Gerald McComb, 641-757-9272  
Clint Deardorff, 406-600-4263  
Steve Stanton, 641-757-9300



[WWW.YALEIOWA.COM](http://WWW.YALEIOWA.COM)

### 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.



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# GUTHRIE COUNTY HISTORY

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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 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

## 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

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.



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# GOLF

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[www.lakepanoramanational.com/lpn-golf-course](http://www.lakepanoramanational.com/lpn-golf-course)

Since its establishment in 1972, Lake Panorama National Golf Course has offered 18 holes of challenging golf to its players. One of the finest courses in Iowa, Lake Panorama National has hosted numerous events, including the Iowa Open. It is open to the public.

## LAKE PANORAMA WEST GOLF COURSE

6616 Panorama Road, Panora  
641-755-2250

[www.lakepanoramanational.com/panorama-west-golf-course](http://www.lakepanoramanational.com/panorama-west-golf-course)

This is a 9-hole golf course/par-3 (with par-4 option on five holes) located on the west side of Lake Panorama. It is open to the public.

## COON RAPIDS GOLF COURSE

731 S. Fifth Ave., Coon Rapids  
712-999-2880

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

This 9-hole golf course/36-par is located on the southeast edge of Coon Rapids. Visit online for membership form.



## GUTHRIE CENTER GOLF CLUB

2604 State St./Highway 44, Guthrie Center  
641-332-3558

A 9-hole golf course located on the east edge of Guthrie Center.

## 5X80 GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

1086 State Highway 25, Menlo  
641-542-2345

[5by80.com](http://5by80.com)

A 9-hole course with clubhouse dining, pool and tennis. Visit online for membership information.

# SWIM

## COON RAPIDS AQUATIC PARK

925 North St., Coon Rapids  
712-999-SWIM (7946)

[www.coonrapidsiowa.com/pview.aspx?id=35912&catid=465](http://www.coonrapidsiowa.com/pview.aspx?id=35912&catid=465)

Swimming, body-flume water slide, zero-depth entry and water toys. Concessions available.

## GUTHRIE CENTER AQUATIC CENTER

206 W. State St./Highway 44, Guthrie Center  
For information, call City Hall, 641-332-2190  
[www.guthriecenter.com/aquaticcenter.html](http://www.guthriecenter.com/aquaticcenter.html)

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



## SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK

Highway 25, Guthrie Center  
641-747-3591  
[www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks)

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.

## 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.

# SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT & GUTHRIE CENTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ACGC HIGH SCHOOL

906 School St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115  
641-332-2236

**Principal:** Ethan Lensch

### ACGC JUNIOR HIGH

3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002  
641-746-2241

**Principal:** Ed Den Beste

### ADAIR-CASEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002  
641-746-2242 or 641-742-3310

**Principal:** Ed Den Beste

### GUTHRIE CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

**Principal:** Diane Flanery

### ADAIR-CASEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent:** Josh Rasmussen  
Superintendent's Office  
3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002  
641-332-2972



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

### SCHOOL BOARD

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### GUTHRIE CENTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent:** Josh Rasmussen  
Superintendent's Office  
906 School St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115  
641-332-2972

### SCHOOL BOARD

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## 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

### 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



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

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# INSPIRE

*Join the Panorama Family!*

The Panorama Community School District serves 700 students in grades PreK-12. Located in rural Guthrie County, our district provides a small-school setting filled with big-school opportunities. Our staff are well-supported with ongoing professional development and resources to help create opportunities for success for all within our student-centered learning environments.

## Panorama A Place to Call Home



### About Our Community

Lake Panorama is Iowa's largest private lake, with three beaches and two golf courses nearby. The family-oriented community is filled with some of the best destinations for nature lovers in the state. About 40 minutes from Des Moines, Lake Panorama's surrounding communities of Panora, Yale, Jamaica, Bagley, and Linden offer the safety and charm of a small community while remaining close to the amenities provided by a larger metropolitan area.

### Our Schools

Panorama Elementary School  
Grades PreK-5

Panorama Secondary School  
Grades 6-12

### Panorama Schools by the Numbers

- 14:1 Student-to-staff ratio
- 96% Attendance at parent-teacher conferences
- 86% Students completing one or more college courses
- 662 Total number of college credits earned
- 97% Graduation rate
- 38 Extracurricular activities available to middle & high school students



### Join Us!

Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting  
[www.PanoramaSchools.org](http://www.PanoramaSchools.org)

The numbers above are from the 2021-22 school year.



# SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## 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  
**High School Principal:** Justin Williams  
**Middle School Principal:** Drew Stonewall  
**WCV Elementary Principal:** Andrew Mayes  
**WCV Elementary Assistant Principal and Activities Director:** Ethan Calvert

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

1375 High St., Redfield, IA 50233  
515-833-2331

### WCV HIGH SCHOOL

3299 White Pole Road, Stuart, IA 50250  
515-523-1313



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# ATTRACTIONS



## 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 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.

## THE RACCOON RIVER VALLEY TRAIL

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.

Trailheads are located in: Panora - 600 E. Main St.; Yale - Corner of Railroad and South Street; Herndon - Herndon Road; Jamaica - South Main Street.

Buy Raccoon River Valley Trail Passes online at [www.dallascountyia.gov/services/conservation-and-recreation/conservation/trails-land-and-water/raccoon-river-valley-trail](http://www.dallascountyia.gov/services/conservation-and-recreation/conservation/trails-land-and-water/raccoon-river-valley-trail).

## COUNTY CONSERVATION SITES

Visit [MyCountyParks.com](http://MyCountyParks.com) 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

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

**Museum office:** 641-755-2989

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

**Conservation Director:** Brad Halterman

**Natural Resource Manager:** Tylor Nelson

**Museum Curator:** Kristine Jorgensen

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.

# ATTRACTIONS

## • Guthrie County Historical Village

206 W. South St., Panora

641-755-2989

thegchv.com

**Hours:** Open May 1 - Oct. 15

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.



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.

## • Bundt Prairie

190th and Nice Ave., Guthrie Center

(3 miles north and 1/4 mile east of Guthrie Center)

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.



## • 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



- **Highway 141 River Access**

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

- **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. Deer, turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, quail, raccoons, coyotes, and a variety of songbirds can be seen at the park. Nature trails can be found throughout the park, and a self-guided nature trail is located on the east side of the park, on County Highway P28. The South Raccoon River, which is the first point of access on the South Raccoon River Water Trail - Route B, also provides quality catfishing. A favorite spot for fishing is the old swimming hole just below the shower building.

**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.

**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.

# ATTRACTIONS

**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.

- **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.



- **Saints Center for Culture and the Arts, Stuart**

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

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.



- **"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 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.dexter-iowa.org/index.php?page=historical-marker](http://www.dexter-iowa.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.

# 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://www.filesusr.com/ugd/f1bbab_43c9e6feb7d34a3e8181efe9e85802fe.pdf) or scan the QR code.

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 forty-niners. 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.

# GUTHRIE COUNTY EVENTS

[WWW.DISCOVERGUTHRIECOUNTY.ORG/CELEBRATIONS](http://WWW.DISCOVERGUTHRIECOUNTY.ORG/CELEBRATIONS)

## GUTHRIE COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

206 W. South St.  
Panora, IA 50216  
641-755-2989  
[info@discoverguthriecounty.org](mailto:info@discoverguthriecounty.org)

**NOTE:** 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.



## FARMERS MARKETS

### • Stuart Farmers Market

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

### • Guthrie Center Farmers Market

N. Fourth Street, downtown Guthrie Center  
Saturday mornings from 9-11 a.m.  
June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug.  
12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23 and Oct. 14.

### • Casey Farmers Market

Casey City Park  
300 E. Second St.  
Every Saturday from 9-11 a.m.  
July through August

## WHITE POLE ROAD MARATHON SALE

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
Dexter to Adair

This fun garage sale takes place along the White Pole Road Scenic Byway. The WPR stretches 26 miles in the southern part of Guthrie County and includes Adair, Casey, Menlo, Stuart and Dexter (in Dallas County).

While traveling from town to town in search of bargains, visitors will follow the poles painted white and pass several barn quilts, the restored Sacony Mobile Gas Man, the old Stuart Depot and Hotel, and the 1923 viaduct in Adair. The WPR sale will not only be a bargain-hunting trip, but a beautiful sight-seeing tour of some of Guthrie County's most beautiful countryside. It is definitely worth a drive.

## ART IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE

Saturday, June 3, 2023  
Town Square, Panora

Join the Guthrie County Arts Council for a full day of art, music, youth activities, food and wine at the annual Art in the Village Square. Artists from Guthrie County and central Iowa will have booths throughout Panora's Town Square Park, displaying and selling their artwork — pottery, painting, photography, woodworking, jewelry and more. Live music all day so be sure to bring a lawn chair and stay awhile.

## SAVING OUR HISTORIC CEMETERIES

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 9 a.m. to noon  
Richland Cemetery, Bagley, just north of Yale on Highway 44 or east of Bagley on Highway 141

The Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum is presenting this program to educate and assist in the networking of people interested in protecting, restoring and preserving historic cemeteries. Attendees will learn how to clean and repair broken tombstones, headstones and monuments. Registration is requested through the Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum's Facebook page.

## STUART GOOD EGG DAYS

Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, 2023  
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 two days of fun for the whole family.

## BACoon RIDE

June 17, 2023

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 benefits the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, RAGBRAI's Dream Team, and other great Iowa charities. For more information, visit [baconride.com](http://baconride.com).

## CHUCKWAGON DAYS

June 23-24

Adair

Adair's annual Chuck Wagon Days Celebration is sponsored by the Adair Chamber of Commerce. The two-day event is full of entertainment, food, music and activities for the entire family. Check for updates on the Adair Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

## YALE 4TH OF JULY

July 4, 2023

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.



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# GUTHRIE COUNTY EVENTS

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## CASEY FUN DAYS

July 2023 TBD

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.

## JESSE JAMES DAY

July 21

Adair

Adair is hosting a special Jesse James Day festival this year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Jesse James robbery. Check for updates on the Adair Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

## RIVER RUCKUS

July 27-29, 2023

Guthrie County Fairgrounds, Guthrie Center

Guthrie's River Ruckus is one of the most complete weekend getaways for any country music fan. What started as a small one-night event in 2009 has grown into a large multi-day event with a range of entertainers from local talent to headliners. The 2023 event features HARDY, Ernest, Tank Anthony and Scott Kirkhart on Thursday; Riley Green, Larry Fleet, Drew Parker and Danny Grause on Friday; and Chase Rice, Kameron Marlowe, Darryl Worley, Connor Smith and Brandon Davis on Saturday.

## PANORAMA DAYS

Aug. 4-6, 2023

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.

## GOSPEL SING

Aug. 4-5, 2023

Guthrie Center

The event is two full days of music held at the Events Center located at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. The Gospel Sing started with only three quartets performing outside in one afternoon. It has now grown to a two-day event with groups coming from around the region. The groups performing range from soloists to quartets to families. The music that is performed is a wonderful mixture of hymns, big band sounds, country songs and patriotic numbers. Free-will donation appreciated.

## HIGHWAY 141 GARAGE SALE

Aug. 4-5, 2023

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, like homemade sweet rolls and beef burger sandwiches, which you'll need to keep your energy going.

## THE 2023 IOWA STAR PARTY PUBLIC NIGHT

Friday, Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Whiterock Conservancy, Coon Rapids

Area astronomy enthusiasts invite the public to enjoy an evening of stargazing and conversation. After a short introduction to the night sky, members of the public 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, and appropriate attire for the weather, as well as a blanket, are recommended.

## GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR

Guthrie Center

Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2023

[guthriecountyfair.com](http://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.

## SCOOP THE LOOP

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, 4-9 p.m.

Main Street, Stuart

Enjoy getting together with other car enthusiasts and "scoop the loop."



# GUTHRIE COUNTY CHURCHES

## ADAIR

### **Adair United Methodist Church**

403 Cass St., Adair  
641-746-2210

### **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

1107 Broad St., Adair  
641-746-3802  
[www.facebook.com/goodshepherdadair](http://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdadair)

### **Saint John's Catholic Church**

501 Adair St., Adair  
641-742-5045

## BAGLEY

### **Bagley United Methodist Church**

401 Main St., Bagley  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)  
641-439-2458

## BAYARD

### **Bayard Church of Christ**

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

### **Bayard United Methodist Church**

503 Third St., Bayard  
On facebook  
515-370-0533

### **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

214 Prairie St., Bayard  
[www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org](http://www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org)  
641-747-3843

## CASEY

### **Saint John's Lutheran Church**

104 E. First St., Casey  
[www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org)  
641-746-2734

### **United Methodist Church**

100 E. Second St., Casey  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)  
641-746-2210

## GUTHRIE CENTER

### **First Christian Church**

105 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center  
[www.gcchristian.org](http://www.gcchristian.org)  
641-332-2571

### **First United Methodist Church**

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

### **First Presbyterian Church**

701 State St., Guthrie Center  
[50115presbyterians.tripod.com](http://50115presbyterians.tripod.com)  
641-332-2425

### **Guthrie Center First Baptist Church**

113 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center  
[www.guthriecenterbaptist.com](http://www.guthriecenterbaptist.com)  
641-747-8198

### **Guthrie Center Seventh Day Adventist Church**

1305 North St., Guthrie Center  
[www.guthriecentersda.com](http://www.guthriecentersda.com)  
641-322-2778

### **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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

### **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**

1300 Grand St., Guthrie Center  
[www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)  
515-747-8524

### **Saint Mary's Catholic Church**

603 Main St., Guthrie Center  
[www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org](http://www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org)  
641-747-3843

## MENLO

### **Jefferson Center United Methodist Church**

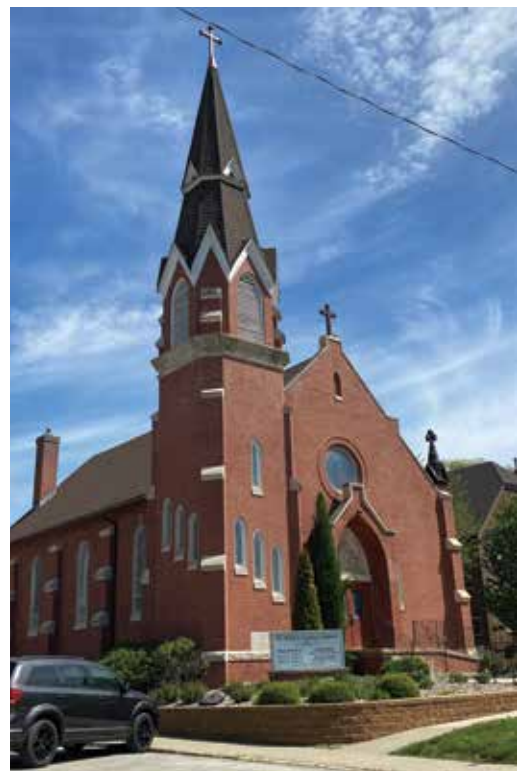
301 Fifth St., Menlo  
641-524-4561

### **Menlo Church of Christ**

Corner of Sherman and Third, Menlo  
<http://menlochurchofchrist.weebly.com>  
515-210-0465

### **Primitive Church**

504 Third St., Menlo



## PANORA

### **Calvary Chapel of the Raccoon River Valley**

604 E. Main St., Panora  
[calvaryraccoon.com](http://calvaryraccoon.com)  
641-755-4268

### **Church of the Brethren**

2946 200th Road, Panora  
641-755-3800

### **Faith Bible Church**

2096 Highway 4, Panora  
[www.fbcpanora.com](http://www.fbcpanora.com)  
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 Church**

400 S.E. Third St., Panora  
www.panoralighthouseassemblyofgod.com  
641-755-3060

**Lutheran Church of Hope**

Meets at The Port on Lake Panorama  
5405 Chimra Road, Panora

**Saint Thomas Lutheran Church**

2106 Highway 4, Panora  
www.panoralutheran.com  
641-755-2051

**St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**

220 N. First St., Panora  
www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org  
641-747-3843

**United Methodist Church**

119 W. Main St., Panora  
panoraumc.org  
641-755-2655



**STUART**

**All Saints Catholic Church**

216 All Saints Drive, Stuart  
stuartallsaints.org  
515-523-1943

**Fairview Congregational Christian Church**

1706 Stuart Road  
On facebook  
515-523-1493

**First Congregational Church**

224 N. Division St., Stuart  
www.stuartfccbible.org  
515-523-1570

**Morrisburg Church**

2676 Wagon Road, Stuart

**New Beginnings Open Bible Church**

207 S.W. Seventh St., Stuart  
stuartnbchurch.org  
641-757-0192

**Stuart Friends Church**

723 N. Fremont St.  
515-523-1541

**Stuart-Mount Vernon United Methodist Church**

219 N.W. Second St.  
umcstuartia.org  
515-523-1078

**YALE**

**Church of Christ**

304 Lincoln Ave.





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# Guthrie County Public Health



## ABOUT US

THE GUTHRIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS IN GUTHRIE COUNTY. OUR DEPARTMENT OFFERS A RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDING IMMUNIZATIONS, HEALTH SCREENINGS, FAMILY PLANNING, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL, AND HEALTH EDUCATION. OUR STAFF ARE HIGHLY TRAINED PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF GUTHRIE COUNTY.



## OUR SERVICES



### COMMUNITY HEALTH

- FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS ( H.O.P.E.S.)
- RESOURCE NAVIGATION
- COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- FIRST AID AND CPR CLASSES
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



### PUBLIC HEALTH

- IMMUNIZATIONS
- DISEASE PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE
- FAMILY PLANNING
- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SCREENING
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



### HOME HEALTH

- NURSING
- HEALTH AIDE AND HOMAKER SERVICES
- RESPIRE
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## OUR SERVICES



### WATER QUALITY

- FREE WELL WATER TESTING**
- COMMERCIAL POOL INSPECTIONS**
- WELL PERMITTING**
- WELL PLUGGING - ( \$500 DOLLAR REBATE TO RESIDENTS)**
- WELL REHABING - ( \$1000) DOLLAR REBATE TO RESIDENTS)**



### SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- SEPTIC INSPECTIONS**
- TIME OF TRANSFER INSPECTIONS**
- SEPTIC PERMITS**
- SEPTIC MAPPING**
- PERCOLATION TESTS (SOIL ANALYSIS)**



### ENVIRONMENT

- RADON TESTS**
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