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Welcome to the Guthrie County Guide. This annual guide for Guthrie County residents and visitors is styled by the publishers of the Lake Panorama Times and paid for by the local businesses that advertise in these pages. It's designed for easy readability and offers quick answers to common questions. Keep this community resource handy all year long; you'll be glad you did.

In the pages that follow, you will find resources available in the county and contact information, but this is more than a standard directory. The Guthrie County Guide offers information about your city council and school board representatives, a listing of area churches and information about local events planned for the upcoming year.

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Of course, things change a lot within a year, so be sure to contact the individual groups listed here for updates. If you notice any errors, omissions, or if you have advice on something new you'd like to see, contact our editor, Tammy Pearson, at 515-953-4822 ext. 302 or tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com.

And don't forget to keep this guide where you can easily find it and refer to it often. Guthrie County has a lot to offer, so get out and enjoy it!

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Attorney	641-747-3765
Auditor	641-747-3619
Board of Supervisors	641-747-3512
Clerk of Court	641-747-3415
Conservation	641-755-3061
Emergency Management	641-332-3030
Engineer	641-747-2274
Environmental Health	641-747-8320
Extension (ISU)	641-747-2276
General Relief	641-747-2546
Historical Village	641-755-2989
Human Resources	866-202-5968
Magistrate Court	641-747-8381
Public Health Nurse	641-747-3972
Recorder	641-747-3412
Tourism Council	641-755-2989
Transfer Station	641-747-3764
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

# • Polling Places

sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx

#### Parcel Data

beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?ApplD=395&LayerlD=5695 &PageTypelD=2&PageID=3076

# • Recycling Information

www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station

#### • Motor Vehicle Information

guthriecounty.gov/government/county-offices/treasurer/motor-vehicle-information

## • Tourism Information

guthriecounty.gov/government/boards-commissions/tourism-council

# • Township Trustees

guthriecounty.gov/township-trustees



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# **GUTHRIE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

200 N. Fifth St. Guthrie Center, IA 50115 641-747-3512 Fax: 641-747-3027

#### **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.

# **SUPERVISORS**

Jack E. Lloyd District 1

712-790-6198

**Clifford Carney** 

District 2 district2@quthriecounty.gov J.D. Kuster District 4

district4@quthriecounty.gov

Mike Dickson

District 5

district5@quthriecounty.gov

### **Everett Grasty**

District 3 district3@quthriecounty.gov

# **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: Brenna Bird 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: Glenda Edwards

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

# WWW.GUTHRIECOUNTY.GOV

# 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.arganbright@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: Marci Schreck First Deputies: Kim Christensen, Brenda Campbell, Michelle Rumelhart, Erica

Finster 641-747-3414 Fax: 641-747-3209

# VÉTERANS AFFAIRS

# VA.IOWA.GOV/BENEFITS

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Amy Davis Located in the Courthouse 641-747-2546

Call for appointment 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. (M-F)

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
- Application for Willicatticare Syste
- 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.

#### **VETERANS ASSISTANCE 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 a.davis@guthriecounty.gov, or visit online 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
- Apply for any and all benefits available from federal, state and local sources













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# **COUNTY SERVICES**

# **GENERAL RELIEF**

Located in the Courthouse

# **GUTHRIECOUNTY.GOV**

**Director:** Amy Davis, a.davis@guthriecounty.gov • 641-747-2546 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 and all benefits available from federal, state and local sources

# **GUTHRIE COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES**

2002 State St., Guthrie Center 641-747-3972 • Fax: 641-747-3839

- **COVID-19 Information.** For information about COVID-19 and immunizations, visit www.healthyguthrie.org/immunizeguthrie. The site includes links to information, resources and appointments. Guthrie County also has a COVID-19 hotline, 833-833-4600.
- Professional Home Health Care. For information about Guthrie County Professional Home Health Care, visit www.healthyguthrie.org/copy-of-adair-home-health. Services include nurse visits, aide visits, homemaking and physical, occupational and speech therapies.
- Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success. H.O.P.E.S. is a high-quality, family-centered, family support service. It is a long-term prevention strategy delivered as a home visitation program to visit pregnant women, parents of newborns, and other families with children 0 to 5 years of age. All families are offered primary prevention services, addressing a host of family issues, such as health and development, school readiness, socialization, parent-child interaction, parenting and family skills. For more information, visit www.healthyguthrie.org/h-o-p-e-s.
- Community Health. Other health-related services are offered, such as immunizations.

641-755-2141



#### ADAIR & GUTHRIE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

2002 State St., Guthrie Center **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.

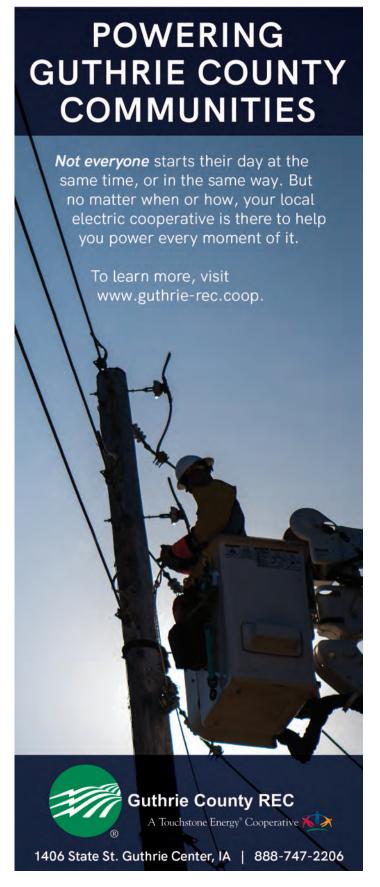
#### RECEIVE ALERTS

Sign up to receive alerts from the Adair and Guthrie County Emergency Notification System at www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=AGCountieslowaAlerts.

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 lowa; 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.

Alerts will originate from 69310 for text messages, 641-332-3030 for voice notifications, and noreply@agcema.us for email messages. Please be sure to save these in your phone and/or address book.



# **COUNTY SERVICES**

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

2002 State St., Guthrie Center 641-747-3972

Fax: 641-747-3839

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

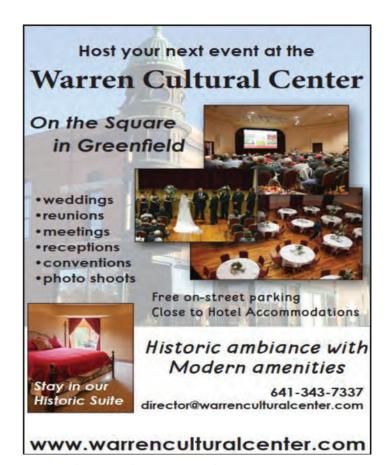
- Inspections of septic tanks/ portable toilet pumpers
- Time of transfer septic inspections

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.

In Guthrie County, the Sheriff's Department is trained to handle livestock neglect and abuse cases.

Burning and dumping issues are dealt with in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources.







# **GUTHRIE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION**

2349 Jaguar Trail, Guthrie Center 641-747-3764

For complete information about garbage, recycling and services, visit www.healthyguthrie.org/transfer-station

# Hours

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

Open the second Saturday of every month

Open the second and fourth Saturday between Memorial Day and
Labor Day

# Transfer station rates

• Solid waste: \$65 per ton

Construction/demolition: \$80 per tonMinimum 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: Cost is per pound (call to check)

• 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.



# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY ADAIR

Adair is located partially in Adair County and partially in Guthrie County just north of I-80 and along the historic White Pole Road Scenic Byway. Its population is around 700. Adair's water tower is an attraction in itself with its yellow smiley face.

# City Hall

320 Audubon St., Adair, IA 50002 641-742-3751 adairiowa@iowatelecom.net City Clerk Sandy Riley

# Mayor and Council

Mayor Joanne Byars Rick Stanley Perry Leeper Kyle Irlmeier Paul Gettler Jim Zimmerline

# **Adair Police**

320 Audubon St.

**Non-Emergency:** 641-742-3751 option 1

# Adair Fire and Rescue

www.facebook.com/adairfireandrescue 505 Fifth St

Non-Emergency: 641-742-3254 AdairFireandRescue@hotmail.com

#### Sanitation service

The City of Adair contracts sanitation service with MTS, Inc.

MTS, Inc. / M&K Mills Tree Service 2800 Olive St.

712-268-2259

If you are in need of a roll-off or dumpster, or have questions regarding extra trash or recycling, contact MTS directly.



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# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY BAGLEY BAYARD

Bagley is in the northern part of Guthrie County along Highway 141. 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 is around 300.

# City Hall

207 Main St. Bagley, IA 50026 641-427-5600 Bayard is also 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. Its population is around 330.

# 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

# 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 lowa's largest fully-exposed glacial deposits weighing more than 500,000 pounds. The population is around 420.

# 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



# **COON RAPIDS**

The majority of Coon Rapids is located in Carroll County. However, one of lowa'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 is around 1,250.

# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY GUTHRIE CENTER

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

#### **Utilities**

Utility Board meets the Wednesday following the first Council meeting of the month at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Utility Inquiries - 641-332-2190 Water/Gas Superintendent - 641-332-2164

#### **Utilities Board of Trustees**

Chairman Scott Gonzales Dan Nickell Elden Wolfe

# Mary J. Barnett Memorial Library

400 Grand St., Guthrie Center 641-747-8110 mjblib@netins.net www.guthriecenter.lib.ia.us **Director:** Jerri (Downing) Hawkins Meeting rooms available upon request

### Library hours:

Monday - Thursday: noon to 6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# The Aquatic Center

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

**Hours:** Open daily May 28 - Aug. 12, 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.

# Join a board, commission or committee

The City Council is taking applications for vacancies on all appointed boards, commissions and committees created by the Code of Iowa. Applications can be found at City Hall. This application process is in an effort to ensure diversity and representation of the community. Submit completed applications to City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All applicants must be 18+ years of age. Most of these boards, commissions and committees are uncompensated positions. All applications are subject to the open records laws of the State of Iowa. Volunteers and appointees are subject to pre-volunteer, pre-appointment drug screens.

# **Guthrie Center Offices/Departments**

Union Cemetery - Sexton Bob Secoy	641-332-2987
Water Department - Erick VanCura	641-332-2164
Gas Department - Erick VanCura	641-332-2164
Streets Department - Supt. Bob Secoy	641-332-2987
Police Department - Sheriff's office	641-747-2214
Mary J. Barnett Memorial Library	641-747-8110
Wastewater - Bob Secoy	641-332-2987
Aquatic Center	641-332-2989
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# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

# JAMAICA MENLO

Jamaica, with a population of about 200, 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 is around 250.



# 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 is around 470.

417 Sherman St., Menlo, IA 50164 641-524-2411 menloia@netins.net

Hours: Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

and 1-2:15 p.m.

# Mayor and City Council

Mayor Carol Sheldahl Doug O'Brien Troy Miller Larry Jacobson David Jacobson Michael Merical



# Menlo Public Library

504 5th St., Menlo, IA 50164 641-524-4201

director@menlo.lib.ia.us

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

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



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# THE TOWNS OF GUTHRIE COUNTY

# PANORA

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, Square Fridays Farmers Market, and Lake Panorama National Conference Center. The population is around 1,500.

# City Hall

102 N.W. Second St. Panora, IA 50216 641-755-2164 pclerk@netins.net

City Administrator: Lisa Grossman

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, 1-5 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

# **CITY DEPARTMENTS**

## Administration

Located at City Hall

City Administrator — Lisa Grossman

lisagrossman@netins.net

**Deputy City Clerk** — Joyce Calmer

pclerk@netins.net

# • Building and Zoning

Building permits are administered by the City's building inspector, Jason Van Ausdall of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., 3000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. IA 50266

515-850-2964

Inspect: 515-850-2980 jvanausdall@v-k.net



# • 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)

PO Box 189, Panora, IA 50216 641-755-3300

pride@panora.org

# - Panora Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 73, Panora, IA 52016 641-755-3300

### - Midwest Partnership

615 S. Division St., PO Box 537, Stuart, IA 50250 515-523-1262

info@midwestpartnership.com

# • Panora Municipal Electric Department

Electric Substation

312 N.W. Third St., Panora, IA 50216

**Electric Superintendent** — Doug Long

doug@cityofpanora.com

641-757-0200

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, 1-5 p.m.

# Report outages

During business hours, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 641-755-2164

After hours: 641-757-0200

The Electric Department is responsible for maintaining the electrical infrastructure of the City, this includes the substation, street lights, lines, poles and generators. For outages or questions, contact the department. Visit the website www.cityofpanora.com for links to information about operation, energy saving brochures, rebate programs and customer tools.



# • Emergency Services

# In case of emergency, dial 911

The City has a volunteer fire department. It also has an EMS department. Panora Emergency Medical Services holds the only Critical Care Transport rating in Guthrie County. It provides 911 EMS transport to approximately 310 square miles of Guthrie County, covering Panora, Lake Panorama, Guthrie Center, Yale, Jamaica, Bagley and Bayard. The department is also the primary ground transport service for Guthrie County Hospital. The department operates four ambulances, three of which are equipped at the ALS (Advanced Life Support) level, and one equipped as BLS (Basic Life Support). The Department has paid staff and volunteers.

# • 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.

**Services:** Ancestry.com; Notary; Proctoring Service; Local Newspapers; Magazines; Large Print Books; Adult & Children DVDs; Fax Machine; Free WI-FI; Meeting Room; Books On CDs; Interlibrary Loan; 10 Public Computers

# • Police Department

Located at City Hall

# **EMERGENCY: Dial 911**

641-755-2087

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

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

# • Public Works

501 S.W. Second St., Panora, IA 50216 641-755-2164

**Public Works Director** — Tony Monthei tony@cityofpanora.com

The Panora Public Works department maintains the infrastructure of the City, which includes streets, sanitary sewer, storm water, sidewalks and traffic signs. Public Works also supports the water department in meter reading and maintenance of water mains.

## • Maintenance Department Weather Station

For detailed weather information, visit the City's weather station dashboard, which includes information about current conditions as well as weather history, www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KIAPANOR4

# • Water Utility

Water Treatment Plant 211 Soldier Trail, Panora, IA 50216

#### Water/Wastewater Plant Superintendent:

Brent Christofferson 641-755-2188

bchristofferson@netins.net

# Water Distribution Superintendent:

Tony Monthei 641-755-2164

The City of Panora Water Utility is responsible for the treatment and distribution of water for the City. The City of Panora operates a surface water plant and treats water directly from the Raccoon River. In 2013, a reverse osmosis system was installed which not only helps with the treatment of nitrates in the river, but provides soft water to residents. Staff works diligently each year to detect water leaks, upgrade water lines, and replace out-of-date meters and hydrants. For water

quality questions or concerns, contact Brent Christofferson. For leaks or water usage questions, contact Tony Monthei.

# • Utility Billing

Panora City Hall 102 N.W. Second St., P.O. Box 98 Panora, IA 50216 pclerk@netins.net 641-755-2164 For online payment, visit ubi.gworks.com/ panoraia.

# Lake Panorama

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 lowa'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. For more information, visit https://lakepanorama.org.

# 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, 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 is around 1,600.

# City Hall

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

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

111 E. Front St. 515-523-2152

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 Saints Center for Culture and the Arts 320 N. Fremont St., Stuart, Iowa 50250 For information or to book an event, contact: Greg Dudley at 515-205-6202 or info@saintscenter.com

Historic All Saints was built from 1908-1910 in the Byzantine and Romanesque style with an Italian Baroque interior. It served the Catholic parish in the Stuart area and was once voted the "most beautiful church in lowa" by the readers of The Des Moines Register. In 1995, an arsonist set the church on fire to, in his words, "take the heart and soul out of a small town." It didn't work. After the parish built a new church at a different location, the community banded together to restore the building as a community cultural center.

The Learning Museum, located in Historic All Saints, offers a self-guided video tour on interactive kiosks that explain the world's religions in a non-promotional, unbiased format. You'll learn about Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Indigenous, Chinese Traditional and even Non-Religions. Throughout your learning experience, the Saints Center doesn't ask you to endorse anyone's faith, but hopes you will respect the richness and diversity of human faith and people's religious freedom.

# 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 is around 370.

# Yale City Hall

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

# Mayor and City Council

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



#### **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.

# JOIN US FOR OUR

# **EVENTS YEAR ROUND**



# CHAMBER LED COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Class Night
- Heart of Guthrie County
   Garage Sales
  - Sidewalk Sales
    - Food Drive
  - Teacher Coffee
  - Fall-O-Ween Festival
- MJB Li-BOO-rary Bash
  - Trick or Treat
  - Holiday Showcase
  - Reindeer Express
- Guthrie's River Ruckus
  - Guthrie County Fair



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332-2665

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427-5713

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747-2276

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★ Gold Membership	★ Silver Membership	★ Bronze Membership
AUTOMOTIVE	FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
<ul> <li>Growmark FS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Edward Jones Investments(641) 747-3899</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asset Inspections(641) 332-266</li> </ul>
• M & L Service(641) 747-2760	205 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	er, IA
106 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	<ul> <li>Farm Bureau Financial Services(641) 747-3014</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Baxter &amp; Wild Law Offices, PLC(641) 332-290</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The Washing Machine(641) 757-0893</li> </ul>	203 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	105 S. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
2316 School St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• GCSB Investment Center(641) 755-2799	<ul> <li>Berkshire Hathaway Home Services/</li> </ul>
	15	First Realty, Vicki Crannell, Realtor(641) 757-119
BEAUTY & FITNESS	• GIT Insurance(641) 747-8370	505 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
<ul> <li>Creative Hands Hair &amp; Nail Salon(641) 747-9960</li> </ul>	Center, IA 50115	<ul> <li>Bruner, Bruner, Reinhart &amp; Morton</li> </ul>
314 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	<b>A Guthrie County State Bank</b> (641) 332-2218	Law Firm(641) 332-221
<ul> <li>Cut Loose Salon &amp; Spa - Gracie Chafa (641) 332-2887</li> </ul>		207 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
322 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	Horizon Financial Resources(641) 332-2355	* Buttler Agronomy Svcs (New Coop) (641) 332-221
• Cut Loose Salon & Spa -	211 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	2221 215th Road, Guthrie Center, IA 50115
Michelle Laughery(641) 332-2887	★ Lisa Calvert, CPA(641) 332-2115	• Dahl's Custom Meat Locker(641) 427-571
322 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115		
• Jean's Styling Corner(641) 332-2727	× Peoples Bank(641) 747-3100	• Elderbridge Agency on Aging(641) 243-360
103 N. Third St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115		<del>-</del>
	• Rumelhart Financial(641) 747-3825	• Guthrie County Abstract(641) 332-233
COMMERCIAL / OTHER	50115	er, IA
<ul> <li>Alliant Energy</li> </ul>	• State Farm Insurance(641) 332-2263	<ul> <li>Guthrie County ISU Extension(641) 747-227</li> </ul>
www.alliantenergy.com		212 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
<ul> <li>Guthrie County Farm Bureau(641) 747-3014</li> </ul>	• State Street Insurance(641) 747-3678	• Guthrie County Veterinary Services (641) 747-315
203 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	IA 50115	2305 Maple Ave., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
🖈 Guthrie County Rural Electric Cooperative		<ul> <li>Imagine the Possibilities(653) 652-525</li> </ul>
(REC)(641) 747-2206	FOOD & DRINK	imagineia.org, 409 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
1406 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• Cabbage Rose(641) 747-3110	• Mitzie Rue's Canine Corral(641) 755-379
<ul> <li>Guthrie Stock Pavillion(641) 747-8305</li> </ul>	313 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	2706 Roost Lane, Guthrie Center, IA 50115
407 S. Third St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	★ Café on the Hill(641) 332-2310	• New Opportunities(641) 747-384
• Helena Chemical(641) 747-8303	2003 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	400 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
705 N. First St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• Casey's General Store(641) 747-3816	• Twigg Funeral Home(641) 332-203
• Main Street Guthrie Center(641) 332-2674	100 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	506 Prairie St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
403 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	Guthrie County Quality Meatswww.gcqualitymeats.com	
🗡 Mudslayer Manufacturing	1507 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	RELIGIOUS / CHURCHES
1063 Highway 44, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	* Hometown Foods(641) 747-2291	<ul> <li>United Methodist Churches (Bowman Chapel UMC</li> </ul>
* Rose Acres(641) 747-3748	200 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	and Guthrie Center UMC)(641) 332-240
2143 215th Road, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• M & L Ice Cream(641) 747-2760	405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
<ul> <li>Rutledge Enterprises(641) 757-1510</li> </ul>	106 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	
2304 School St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• Prime Time Restaurant(641) 747-8571	RESIDENTIAL MEMBERS
		• Larry Brandt
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLISHING	• Sparky's One Stop(641) 747-3235	<ul> <li>Jim &amp; Becky Carico</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Big Green Umbrella Media, Inc(515) 953-4822</li> </ul>	12053 Highway 71, Carroll, IA 51401	<ul> <li>Randy &amp; Carol Hansen</li> </ul>
8101 Birchwood Court, Suite D, Johnston, IA 50131	• Teo's Bar & Grill(641) 747-8573	<ul> <li>Jim &amp; Janice Vandevanter</li> </ul>
Central Iowa Publishing/	104 S. Third St, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	<ul> <li>Shannon Neff-Muell</li> </ul>

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409 Main St., Bayard, IA 50029	HEALTHCARE	<ul> <li>Steve &amp; Nancy Smith</li> </ul>
* Guthrie Center Communications (641) 332-2000	• Allen Family Chiropractic(641) 747-8247	Roberta Gilson
403 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	108 N. Third St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	Darwin Hughes
<ul> <li>Guthrie County Times Vedette(641) 755-2115</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Central lowa Family Eyecare(641) 747-8207</li> </ul>	
111 E. Main St., Panora, IA 50216	405 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	RETAIL
• KKRF-107.9(515) 523-1055	• Country View Estates(641) 332-2129	<ul> <li>Art on State/Guthrie Co. Arts Council (641) 332-2267</li> </ul>
www.raccoonvalleyradio.com	100 Industrial Road, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	320 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
	• Dowd Drug(641) 747-8317	• Dollar General(712) 634-0632
EDUCATION & CHILDCARE	307 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	410 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
• AC/GC Schools(641) 332-2972	• Guthrie County Hospital(641) 332-2201	• Dowd Drug(641) 747-8317
	710 N. 12th St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	307 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
<ul> <li>Little Charger Early Learning Center (641) 332-2028</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Guthrie Family Medicine PLC(641) 332-2365</li> </ul>	• Dub P Apparel(401) 310-0216
207 Park Ave., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	502 Main St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	Guthrie Center
	<b>Hospice of the Midwest(641)</b> 332-3006	<ul> <li>Eighmy Friedrich Monument Co(641) 464-3110</li> </ul>
ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	104 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	101 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
<ul> <li>Firefly Creek Ranch(515) 554-5489</li> </ul>	• The New Homestead(641) 332-2204	• Farm Girl Studio 304(641) 332-2348
www.fireflycreekranch.com	2306 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	304 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
• Guthrie Activity Center(641) 332-2115	* Springbrook Family Dentistry(641) 332-3100	<ul> <li>Gap Creek Quilting Mercantile(641) 747-8575</li> </ul>
209 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	214 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	112 N. Third St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
<ul> <li>Guthrie Center Library</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Synergy Wellness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Guthrie Redemption Center(641) 332-2127</li> </ul>
(Friends of the Library)(641) 747-8110	www.synergywellness.info	205 S. Second St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
400 Grand St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115		<ul> <li>Midwest Blooms &amp; Co Floristry(641) 740-1519</li> </ul>
Guthrie's River Ruckus	HOME SERVICES	322 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
www.guthriesriverruckus.com	<ul> <li>Cyclone Pest Management(641) 757-0605</li> </ul>	• Nine Livez(641) 757-9558
* Incredibowl Family Center(641) 332-2352	4786 Panorama Drive, Panora, IA 50216	107 S. Third St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
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<ul> <li>Midway Motel(641) 747-2261</li> </ul>	2164 Highway 25, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	
2301 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• Haver Lumber(641) 747-3747	Orscheln Farm & Home(641) 747-8295
	301 S. Third St, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	1902 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
	<ul> <li>Kautzky Tree Care(712) 249-9725</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pearls &amp; Lace Country Boutique(641) 757-2072</li> </ul>
(	2815 Frontier Road, Adair, IA 50002	407 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
	* R & S Waste Systems, Inc(641) 744-6013	<ul> <li>Pink Poppy Apothecary &amp; Co, The(515) 729-6437</li> </ul>
	• Rumelhart Building Co(641) 747-3171	106 S. Fourth St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
	105 Industrial Road, Guthrie Center, IA 50115	• Strawberry Patch(641) 747-8412
Guthrie		311 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
Center		<ul> <li>Vintage Studio 562(562) 552-0495</li> </ul>
	The Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce advocates	302 State St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115
OF COMMERCE by leading the effort to g	for and supports the economic success of its Members by leading the effort to grow and retain business.	
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or contact 2021-2	or contact 2021-2022 President Shannon Neff-Muell at 641-332-2218.	at 641-332-2218.

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# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Whether you were a member in 2021, years past, or have never been a member, the Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce invites you to consider membership in 2022. Our Chamber members include all kinds of businesses – service oriented (including professional, health & beauty, autocare, etc.), manufacturing, retail/dining/shopping, farming operations, and some members are simply individuals and/or retired residents who believe in Guthrie Center and the future of our business environment who want to see our community, and business owners like you, thrive.

# Memberships start at \$30 for individuals

The membership application can be found here





and can be submitted to gcchamberofcommerce@gmail.com.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shannon Neff-Muell • 641-332-2218

Welcome to the Guthrie County Guide!

The Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization comprised of business organizations and community members working together to enhance our community. Together, we can foster an environment that leads to increased growth

in our businesses and neighborhoods. Throughout the year,

the Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce sponsors numerous events for those who live and/or work in the area. We offer training opportunities and ribbon cuttings for our Chamber members, and we assist with promoting your business or organization through various marketing channels. Please contact us if you are thinking of moving to or expanding in Guthrie Center!

Our website, <u>www.gcchamberofcommerce.com</u>, provides the community with a place to go for information on local businesses and events in the area.

We invite you to become acquainted with the Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce by attending one of our monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month at Noon. We rotate the location of each meeting, so please contact us for the current month's location.

We look forward to your involvement!

# GUTHRIE COUNTY HISTORY

# WWW.DISCOVERGUTHRIECOUNTY.ORG/HISTORY

Guthrie County was originally part of old Keokuk County, which was comprised of approximately the western two-thirds of the state of lowa. 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 lowa sent to the Mexican War. Captain Guthrie was mortally wounded in hattle

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 lowa 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 lowa — running from Des Moines, through Panora, to Fonda, lowa, 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.











# GOLF

# Lake Panorama National Golf Course

5071 Clover Ridge Road, Panora 800-879-1917

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.

#### Lake Panorama West Golf Course

6616 Panorama Road, Panora 641-755-2250

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.

# Coon Rapids Golf Course

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

www.coonrapidsgolf.com

This 9-hole golf course/36-par is located on the southeast edge of Coon Rapids.



#### **Guthrie Center Golf Club**

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

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# SWIM

# Coon Rapids Aquatic Park

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

www.coonrapidsiowa.com/pview.aspx?id=35912&catid=465

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# **Guthrie Center Aquatic Center**

206 W. State St./Highway 44, Guthrie Center 641-332-2989

www.guthriecenter.com/aquaticcenter.html

This 6,559-square-foot facility boasts two water slides, a zero-degree 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

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.

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# 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

#### GC/A-C

The school districts of Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center have combined junior high and high schools through a whole grade sharing agreement. Each has its own elementary school and school board.

# AC/GC High School

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

Principal: Ethan Lensch

# AC/GC Junior High

3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002 641-746-2241 or 641-742-3661 **Principal:** Chris Douglas **Bus Garage:** 641-746-3335

# ADAIR-CASEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent:** Dennis McClain Superintendent's Office 3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002 641-746-2241 or 641-742-3661



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# Adair-Casey Elementary School

3384 Indigo Ave., Adair, IA 50002 641-746-2242 or 641-742-3310 **Principal:** Chris Douglas **Bus Garage:** 641-746-3335

# 641-332-2972

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**GUTHRIE CENTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL** 

906 School St., Guthrie Center, IA 50115

Superintendent: Dennis McClain

Superintendent's Office

# **Guthrie Center Elementary School**

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

Principal: Diane Flanery

# PANORAMA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Panorama Schools serves 800 K-12 students from the communities of Panora, Yale, Jamaica, Bagley and Linden, including the Lake Panorama area.

#### **District Office**

**Superintendent:** Shawn W. Holloway shawn.holloway@panorama.k12.ia.us 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

# **Board of Education**

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# 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. The West Central Valley School District consists of four schools with an enrollment of more than 800 students.

#### **District Office**

3299 White Pole Road, Stuart, IA 50250 515-523-2187

Co-Superintendent: Anthony Lohse Co-Superintendent: Rusty Shockley Elementary Principal: Drew Stonewall Assistant Principal/Activities Director:

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

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



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# ATTRACTIONS



# SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK

2437 160th Road, Guthrie Center, IA 50115 641-747-3591

**Reservations:** 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, swimming, camping and more.

The park offers six rustic family cabins that provide great opportunities for an economical getaway. Available for weekly rental, the cabins will accommodate up to four people. They are equipped with refrigerators, stoves, water and flush toilets. Hot water is not available; however, showers are located in the campground. The cabins can be reserved for a fee through the Internet at www.reserveiaparks.com or by calling toll-free 1-877-IAPARKS.

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 lowa 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. dallascountyiowa.gov/services/conservation-and-recreation/conservation/trails-land-and-water/raccoon-river-valley-trail.

# COUNTY CONSERVATION SITES

Visit MyCountyParks.com to learn more about all of the county's parks and facilities.

### CONSERVATION OFFICE AND HISTORICAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

205 W. South St., Panora, IA 50216 Conservation office: 641-755-3061 conservation@guthriecounty.gov Museum office: 641-755-2989

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.

# GUTHRIE COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE

205 W. South St., Panora 641-755-2989

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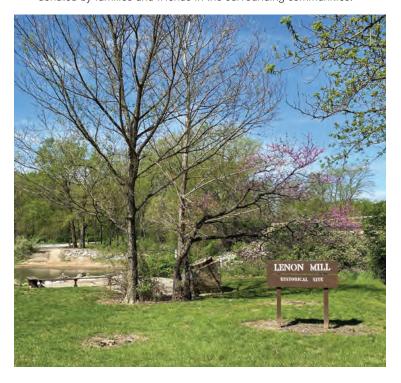
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Also open by special appointment during the season.

**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 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 lowa'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.

# ATTRACTIONS

# • 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)

#### 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.

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## • 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

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.

**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 for more information.

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# ATTRACTIONS



# LAKE PANORAMA, PANORA

www.lakepanoramanational.com

Originally established in 1968, Lake Panorama is the largest private lake in lowa 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 only.



# • SAINTS CENTER FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS, STUART

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/

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 off of 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.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. Bonnie and Clyde, however, got away.

# • CHAD ELLIOT MURAL, COON RAPIDS

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

lowa'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

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 lowa'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  $5c723270-f91b-4aec-970a-186c8b487f97.filesusr.com/ugd/f1bbab_43c9e6feb7d34a3e8181efe9e85802fe.pdf$ 

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

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.

To request a map of the county's ghost towns, visit www. discoverguthriecounty.org/contact

# **1853 NEWTON STAGECOACH ROUTE**

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! For a printable map, visit the Guthrie County Tourism website, www.discoverguthriecounty.org.

# **GUTHRIE COUNTY EVENTS**

# **GUTHRIE COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL**

206 W. South St. Panora, IA 50216 641-755-2989 info@discoverguthriecounty.org

**NOTE:** Check www.discoverguthriecounty.org for more information. Details for some events had yet to be released by press time, including, Jesse James Chuckwagon Days in Adair and Panorama Days. Changes may be made, so confirm information 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

# • Square Fridays Farmers Market

Town Square Park, Panora Main Street and N.W. Second Street Every Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mid-May through late September

# · Casey's Farmers Market

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

# WHITE POLE ROAD MARATHON SALE Saturday, June 4, 2022 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 that are being restored, 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.

# SCOOP THE LOOP Saturday, June 4, 2022 Main Street, Stuart

Enjoy this vintage auto event with no registration fees, prizes or gifts. The casual atmosphere has made this event one of the larger in the region with car enthusiasts. Street food and music are also a part of this family-friendly evening.

# ART IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE Saturday, June 4, 2022 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 4, 2022, 9 a.m. to noon Richland Cemetery, Bagley, just north of Yale on Highway 44 or east of Bagley on Highway 141

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# STUART GOOD EGG DAYS June 10-12, 2022 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's held on Father's Day weekend in June and includes three days of fun for the whole family. Watch for updated information to be posted at stuartia.com/good-egg-days.

# **HEART OF GUTHRIE COUNTY GARAGE SALES**

# June 10-11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guthrie Center, Panora and Lake Panorama

Guthrie Center Chamber and Panora Chamber have teamed up again this year for the 2022 Heart of Guthrie County Garage Sales.

# **BACooN RIDE** June 18, 2022 Starts in Waukee

The 71-mile ride along the Raccoon River Valley Trail starts and ends in Waukee. Riders will find numerous bacon stops, a baconthemed 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 lowa charities.

# JESSE JAMES CHUCKWAGON DAYS June 23-26

Adair

Adair's annual Jesse James 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.

# WWW.DISCOVERGUTHRIECOUNTY.ORG/CELEBRATIONS

# UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN GUTHRIE COUNTY: GUIDED TOUR

Saturday, June 25, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guthrie County Historical Village and Museum

Join Rod Stanley, from the Dexter Historical Society Museum and Guthrie County Historical Village Foundation, and Kristine Jorgensen, GCHV Curator, for a guided historical tour through the back roads of Guthrie County to learn about the history and route of the Underground Railroad through Guthrie County. The tour will start at the Historical Village near the Implement Building. Directions and maps will be distributed. Discussion will include John Brown and his trip through lowa in 1859, which included a stop at the Porter Hotel in Dalmanutha. Participants will need to pre-register for this event, bring a picnic lunch, and will need to drive their own vehicles. If you do not have a vehicle but would like to attend, we will try to match you up with a driver. Pre-register by June 23 by contacting the Historical Village: gchv@netins. net or 641-755-2989.

# YALE 4TH OF JULY July 4, 2022 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.

# CASEY FUN DAYS July 2022 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.

# RIVER RUCKUS July 28-30, 2022 Guthrie County Fairgrounds, Guthrie Center

Guthrie's River Ruckus is one of the most complete weekend get a ways for any country music fan. What started as a small one-night event in 2009 has grown into a large three-day event with a range of entertainers from

local talent to big headliners. Past entertainers have included Gretchen Wilson, Brad Morgan, Big & Rich, Eric Church and Hank Williams, Jr. Camping is available with more than 700 spots onsite. Free entertainment, a mechanical bull, a Ferris wheel, and food will be located in the campgrounds.

# PANORAMA DAYS Aug. 5-7, 2022 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 details.

# GOSPEL SING Aug. 5-6, 2022 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 preforming outside in one afternoon. It has now grown to a two-day event with groups coming from lowa, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri. 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. 5-6, 2022

# Grimes to Manilla

The Highway
141 Garage Sale is
the longest garage
sale in lowa, 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 or beef burger sandwiches, which you'll need to keep your energy going.

# GUTHRIE COUNTY FAIR Guthrie Center Sept. 1-5, 2022 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 lowa State Fair. The fairgrounds have lots of camping sites available for visitors and loads of entertainment for all.

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# GUTHRIE COUNTY CHURCHES

# **ADAIR**

# Adair Methodist Church

403 Cass St., Adair 641-746-2210

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1107 Broad St., Adair 641-746-3802 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 641-439-2458

# **BAYARD**

# **Bayard United Methodist Church**

500 Third St., Bayard www.umc.org 712-651-2307

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

124 Prairie St., Bayard www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org 641-747-3843

# **CASEY**

# Saint John's Lutheran Church

104 E. First St., Casey www.idwlcms.org 641-746-2734

#### United Methodist Church

100 E. Second St., Casey www.umc.org 641-746-2210

# **GUTHRIE CENTER**

#### First Christian Church

105 N. Fourth St., Guthrie Center www.christianchurchgc.com 641-332-2571

#### First United Methodist Church

405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center www.gcumcia.org 641-332-2408

# First Presbyterian Church

701 State St., Guthrie Center 641-332-2425

# **Guthrie Center First Baptist Church**

113 N. Fifth St., Guthrie Center www.guthriecenterbaptist.com 641-747-8198

# Guthrie Center Seventh Day Adventist Church

1305 North St., Guthrie Center www.guthriecentersda.com 641-322-2778

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church

713 N. 12th St., Guthrie Center www.immanuelgc.org 641-332-2918

# Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

1300 Grand St., Guthrie Center www.jw.org 515-747-8524

# Open Bible Church

606 Prairie St., Guthrie Center 515-747-3961

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

603 Main St., Guthrie Center www.guthriecountycatholicchurches.org 641-747-3843

# Seventh-Day Adventist Church

1305 North St., Guthrie Center www.adventistdirectory.org 641-332-2761

# Wesleyan Church

101 S. Seventh St., Guthrie Center 641-747-3844

# **MENLO**

# Methodist Episcopal Church

402 Seventh St., Menlo

# **Primitive Church**

504 Third St., Menlo



# **PANORA**

# Calvary Chapel of the Raccoon River Valley

604 E. Main St., Panora 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 641-755-3034

#### First Christian Church

102 E. Church St., Panora www.panorafcc.org 641-755-2227

# Fountain Of Life Church

2322 Wagon Road, Panora www.FOLCPanora.com 641-755-2322

# Lighthouse Assembly of God Church

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

# Lutheran Church of Hope

5405 Chimra Road, Panora 515-222-1520

# Panora Community Church

2322 Wagon Road, Panora 641-755-2322

#### Saint Thomas Lutheran Church

21<mark>00</mark> N. Highway 4, Panora 641-755-2051

# St. Cecilia 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 515-523-1493

# First Congregational Church

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

# Jefferson Center Chapel

1298 130th St., Stuart 641-524-5358

# New Beginnings Open Bible Church

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

#### Stuart Friends Church

723 N. Fremont St. 515-523-1541

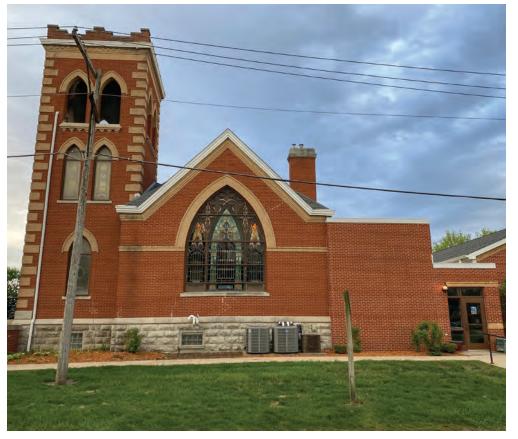
# Stuart-Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

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

# YALE

# **Church of Christ**

304 Lincoln Ave.



# 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.



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











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