

BYWAY 136

Nebraska's Heritage Highway



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CORRIDOR COUNTIES - PAWNEE • RED WILLOW • RICHARDSON • SALINE • OTOE

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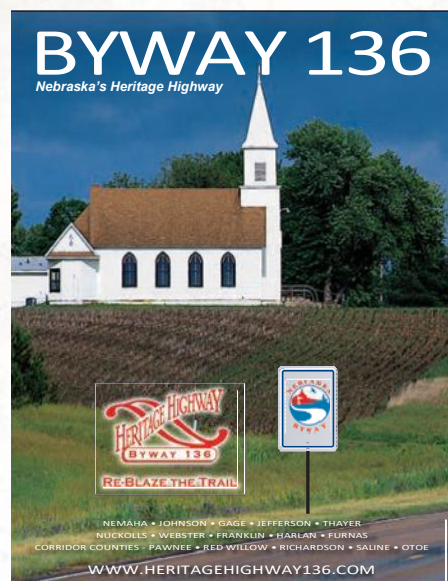
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Church at Gilead, Nebraska - Thayer County
Central point of Byway 136
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U.S. Highway 136 received recognition in 1999 when then Governor Mike Johanns named it Byway 136. In the early part of the 20th century it was State Highway #3 and was known as the "Goldenrod Highway."

The "Heritage Highway" name was selected by a group of tourism promoters in 1994 to represent the route from Brownville to Red Cloud and then north to Hastings. This group produced the first "Heritage Highway" brochure featuring many of the historic attractions in the counties along the route.

When the new Nebraska Byway program was announced in 1998, the Highway 136 nominating committee decided to keep the name: Heritage Highway. The route was limited to Highway 136 and now extends from Brownville in Nemaha County westward 238 miles to Edison in Furnas County. This route (going from east to west as the earliest trails did) includes the 10 counties of Nemaha, Johnson, Gage, Jefferson, Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, Franklin, Harlan and Furnas. This magazine will follow that same pattern. Since 1999, five corridor counties have expressed interest in being part of Byway 136. They are Otoe, Pawnee, Red Willow, Richardson and Saline.

In 2012, the first Trail of Treasures Flea Market/Garage Sale event was held. This event has grown each year and is becoming a tourism destination for many travelers, both in Nebraska and out of state.

The Byway 136 members are working on Trail of Authors, Arts and Architecture, Trail of Photos, Trail of Cemeteries/Churches and Trail of Historic Markers, in branding our Byway as "Re-blaze the Trail." Our membership categories have various Trailblazer titles depending on the membership payment.

Highway 136 has a rich history as it was one of the trails used by the Native Americans, pioneers and settlers who migrated through Nebraska in the 1800s. Within this 238 mile journey are several historic sites, state recreation areas, orchards, wineries, several natural prairie areas and many water-related hot spots.

The Homestead National Monument at Beatrice and the Willa Cather State Historic Site at Red Cloud are nationally known. Two sections of the Byway are named for famous and not-so-famous gentlemen. The Colonel Barney Oldfield Memorial Highway extends from the east Nemaha/Johnson County line west to the junction of Highway 136 and 50 at the eastern edge of Tecumseh. The Robert Taylor Memorial Highway extends from Filley to Beatrice on Highway 136. The Oregon Trail is rich in history and the Republican River offers majestic views and water related activities. Brownville is a great tourism destination.

Prominent features of our corridor counties: Otoe: Nebraska City is the home of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day; Pawnee: Pawnee City has a large Amish settlement; Red Willow: the home of Senator George Norris, the founder of the Rural Electrification Association (REA); Richardson: Falls City is the home of John Falter, nationally recognized artist and Saline: Wilber is home of the nationally recognized Czech Festival.

Byway 136 has a great deal to offer. Plan a trip to see the many historic sites, the beauty of the countryside and attend festivals and/or flea markets as part of your destination.

See you on the Trail!

Judy Coe
Judy Coe, President

NATIVE AMERICANS IN NEBRASKA

Many places in Nebraska are named after Native Americans, including our state. Nebraska gets its name from the Oto-Missourias. It is from two Oto-Missouria words “Ni-Brathge” (nee BRAHTH-gay) which means “water flat.” This name came from the Platte River which flows through the state and at some places moves so slowly and calmly that it is flat. The Omaha also claim origins for “Nebraska” as they share a common Siouan language base.

To learn more about the history of Native Americans in Nebraska and their challenges with the white man, read “I Am a Man” by Joe Starita and “An Unspeakable Sadness” by David J. Wishart.

To learn more about Nebraska Tribal history, check out the Nebraska Commission for Indian Affairs' website at indianaffairs.state.ne.us.

Two towns along Heritage Highway 136 have Native American names – Tecumseh and Red Cloud. Attractions also carry Native American names as in the name Indian Cave in Richardson County.

Heritage Highway 136 is very active in promoting our Native Americans. Our monthly meeting agenda includes a Native American report.



Chief Standing Bear was born on the banks of the Niobrara River in Nebraska where the Ponca people peaceably lived. In 1877, by federal treaty, Chief Standing Bear and the Ponca tribe were forcibly removed from their homeland in Nebraska to Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma.

Chief Standing Bear and the Ponca people walked over 500 miles from Nebraska to Oklahoma, enduring the hardships of travel, illness and the conditions of Indian Territory.

Sadly, many members of the tribe perished during the first year, including Chief Standing Bear's son, Bear Shield. His dying wish to his father was to be buried in his homelands along the Niobrara River.

Determined to grant his son his dying wish, Chief Standing Bear led thirty members, including women and children, on the long 500 mile walk back to their home in Nebraska, only to be arrested just short of their homeland and imprisoned at Fort Omaha for leaving the reservation.

In May of 1879, with the help of local attorneys, Chief Standing Bear sued the federal government seeking his freedom and right to return to his homeland. In his courtroom speech to the judge, Chief Standing Bear pleaded: “That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be of the same color as yours. I am a man. The same God made us both.”

Chief Standing Bear was victorious in court that day, where for the first time the court found that Indians are persons within the meaning of the law.

Work is being done on the Chief Standing Bear trail which goes through Saline and Gage Counties. Plans are to eventually have Federal Designation as the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail.



The summer buffalo hunt was the high point in the year for the Pawnee. The 1873 hunt was a massive affair, and was to prove to be the last of the great buffalo hunts. Sky Chief, Sun Chief and Fighting Bear were the leaders of a great Pawnee expedition, perhaps numbering some 250 warriors plus 100 women and 50 children. Their objective was to hunt buffalo along the banks of the Republican River.

Early in the morning of August 4, 1873, the Pawnee hunters began their hunt, moving north, up the divide, between the Republican and Frenchman Rivers, followed closely by the women and children who processed the buffalo kills. Sky Chief had just killed a buffalo and was in the process of skinning the animal when an advance guard of a Sioux war party came upon the scene and killed him, thus beginning the battle that we know today as the Battle at Massacre Canyon.

It was not much of a battle. Massacre is an apt name. Sioux warriors, with a 4-to-1 advantage over the Pawnee, quickly joined the advance party. While Pawnee warriors, women and children dropped everything and fled down the canyon toward the Republican, Sioux warriors from the Brule and Ogalala Sioux tribes rode along the ridges, on either side of the canyon, firing down on fleeing warriors, women and children. When the carnage ended, Sky Chief and 69 Pawnee warriors, women and children were dead (some reports say as many as 150), as the result of the Sioux attack. It is generally conceded that only six Sioux warriors died in the battle.

The Battle at Massacre Canyon was an important event in the history of the west. It was the last inter-tribal battle in Nebraska. It signaled the last great buffalo hunt. It caused the Pawnee to give up their Nebraska reservation, in exchange for land in the Indian Territory. It caused the Pawnee to leave Nebraska, their traditional home, and move to the Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma.

BARN QUILTS IN NEBRASKA

Barn quilts are becoming more popular as communities are seeing their value as a tourism tool.
Several counties along Byway 136 have them in their communities.

Shown below are a few along the first five counties as you travel from Brownville west to Edison.
The Corridor Counties of Pawnee, Richardson and Saline also are included.

We hope to have barn quilts in the five counties of Nuckolls, Webster, Franklin, Furnas and Harlan
as well as the Corridor County of Red Willow in the near future.



NEMAHA COUNTY
TILTED TULIP
NORTH SIDE OF AUBURN SENIOR
CENTER – HIGHWAY 75 & 11TH ST.,
AUBURN



JOHNSON COUNTY
DOUBLE WEDDING RING
COE-COE BROADCASTERS
175 S. 3RD, TECUMSEH



GAGE COUNTY
CRAYON BOX PATTERN
GAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1115 W. SCOTT RD., BEATRICE



JEFFERSON COUNTY
VARIATION OF STAR PATTERN
JANE & ROBERT BAKEWELL
47119 707TH, FAIRBURY



THAYER COUNTY
CROSSED CANOES
RHONDA BURKHART
7012 ROAD 5, ALEXANDRIA



RICHARDSON COUNTY
SILLY CHICKEN
NANCY CHAPMAN
65246 710 ROAD, FALLS CITY

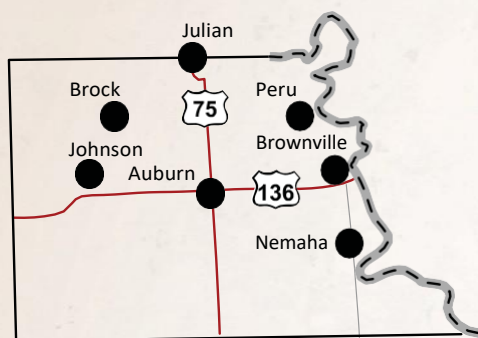


PAWNEE COUNTY
FAMILY SAMPLER
VANCE AND JEANNETTE ULMER
61782 HIGHWAY 8, PAWNEE CITY



SALINE COUNTY
UNKNOWN NAME
NANCY LINHART
2405 STATE HIGHWAY #41, WILBER

Auburn • Brock • Brownville • Johnson • Julian • Nemaha • Peru



Auburn Chamber of Commerce
1101 J Street
402.274.3521
www.auburnnechamber.org

History of Nemaha County

In the mid-1800s westward expansion started to bring many people to the Nebraska territory to settle. Nemaha County was found to be a convenient location due to its proximity to the Missouri River.

There were many early settlements including Brownville, Glen Rock, London, Nemaha City, Saint George, Peru, Middleport, Center, Saint Frederick, Sheridan and Calvert.

During the first regular session of the Territorial Legislature on March 7, 1855, Nemaha County was named and its boundaries were set (except for the western one). It was named Nemaha because of the Nemaha River that runs from the northwest to the southeast corners of the county. Nemaha County is about 399 square miles.

Brownville was declared the first county seat in 1855. The county seat was an issue of much debate and saw many appearances on the ballot for relocation of the county seat. The idea was defeated many times, however, in 1883, the voters elected to move the county seat to the newly formed Auburn.

The community of Auburn decided to build a limestone courthouse on "Court House Square" and used native rock quarried from Rohrs. The

Cornerstone was laid on May 25, 1900 and was completed in December 1900.

Fun Facts about Nemaha County

- Nebraska State Fair was held in Brownville in 1870-1871.
- Half Breed Tract is located just east of Auburn. It was a reservation set aside for offspring of Native Americas and fur traders. The original towns of Calvert and Sheridan became Auburn.
- Nemaha County is represented by a 44 on Nebraska license plates.
- January 1, 1863, Daniel Freeman filed the first claim under the Homestead Act for land in Nebraska at the Brownville land office.

ATTRACTIONS

AUBURN

Nemaha County Courthouse
1824 N St.

Nemaha County Veterans Memorial
Hwy. 75 & 10th St.

Nemaha Valley Museum
1423 19th St.
402-274-2608

BROWNVILLE

1854 Didier Log Cabin
2nd & Main St.
402-825-6001

Brownville Village Theater
402-825-4121

Brownville Concert Series
N. 2nd & Atlantic St.
402-825-3331

Brownville Depot & Railroad Museum
Hwy. 136 & Main St.
402-825-6001

Captain Bailey House Museum
4th & Main St.
402-825-6001

Carson House
3rd & Main St.
402-825-6001

Dr. Spurgin's Dental Office
222 Main St.

Flatwater FolkArt Museum
7th & Main St.
402-825-4371

Governor Furnas Museum
230 S. 6th St. & Water St.

Sage Memorial Museum
213 Main St.

Schoolhouse Art Gallery & Nature Center
427 Main St.
402-274-4146

The Furnas Arboretum
5th & Main St.
402-825-6637

The Land Office
2nd & Main St.

The Meriwether Lewis Dredge Museum
402-825-3982

The Wheel Museum
219 Main St.
402-825-6001

PERU

Peru Museum
5th & California St.

Peru State College and the Campus of a Thousand Oaks Arboretum
600 Hoyt St.
1-800-742-4412

PLACES TO STAY

AUBURN

Arbor Manor Steakhouse & Motel
1617 Central Ave.
402-274-3663
www.arbormanorsteakhouseandmotel.com

Auburn Inn (Motel & RV Park)
517 J St.
402-274-3143
www.auburnnemotels.com

City of Auburn RV Park

(Open April 1— October 31)*

Stays limited to no more than 4 consecutive nights

6th St. & Q St.

402-274-3420

Grand Central Hotel

1114 J St.

402-274-3148

www.grandcentralhotelauburn.com

Palmer House Motel

1918 J St.

402-274-3193

www.auburnmotels.com

BROWNVILLE

Pierce Cottage

402-825-4924

River Inn Resort (River Boat & RV Park)

72895 648A Ave.

402-825-6441

www.river-inn-resort.com

The Cottage

402-882-2690

PERU

Cabin at Honey Creek

402-872-7275

RECREATION

AUBURN

Auburn Country Club Golf Course

72722 Hwy. 75

402-274-4500

Auburn Recreational Complex

6th & Q St.

402-274-3420

Auburn Dog Park

6th & Q St.

Bowldog Alley

1818 Central Ave.

402-274-1310

Crestview Mini Park

26th & Kuhlmann Ave.

Irvin Park & Ariens Disc Golf Course

14th & Q St.



Chapel at Coryell Park near Brock

Legion Memorial Park

Hwy 75 & 10th St.

Rotary Island & Optimist Lake

Hwy 75 & 7th St.

BROCK

Coryell Park

73206 633 Ave. (Johnson)

BROWNVILLE

Boettner Park

2nd & Main St.

402-825-6001

Brownville State Recreation Area

65296 720 Rd.

402-833-2575

Steamboat Trace Trailhead

South Entrance

65296 720 Rd.

JOHNSON

Sportsman Park

West End of 2nd St.

NEMAHA

Indian Cave State Park

65296 720 Rd. (Shubert)

402-883-2575

PERU

Neal Park

Park Ave. and Neal St.

Sid Brown Memorial Park & Splash Pad

4th & California St.

Steamboat Trace Trailhead

North Entrance Park Ave. & 5th St.

PLACES TO EAT

AUBURN

Amigos

1002 J St.

402-274-2442

Arbor Manor Steakhouse

1617 Central St.

402-274-3663

Bowldog Alley

1818 Central St.

402-274-1310

Casey's Carryout Pizza

2208 J St.

402-274-3722



Downtown Peru. Photo courtesy of Peru State College.

Dairy Sweet

620 J St.
402-274-3359

Dutch Pantry

2402 J St.
402-274-1102

El Portal Mexican Restaurant

1905 J St.
402-274-1414

Great China Buffet

1300 Courthouse Ave.
402-274-3672

Hickory Road BBQ & Catering

914 Central Ave.
402-274-9988

Pizza Hut

909 Alden Dr.
402-274-4391

Sonic Drive-Inn

1010 J St.
402-274-3321

Subway

2322 Dahlke Ave.
402-274-3030

BROWNVILLE

Rivertowne Ice Creame Shop

121 Main St.
402-274-1723

Spirit of Brownville

72895 648A Ave.
402-825-6441

TJ's Tavern

105 N 1st St.
402-825-9902

JOHNSON

Johnson Quik Stop

108 Main St.
402-868-4305

Huckleberry's Bar & Grill

218 Main St.
402-868-4675

NEMAHA

Nemaha Country Market

501 1st St.
402-824-5655

Ruthie's Route 67

502 1st St.
402-824-5021

PERU

Casey's Pizza

73416 644A Ave.
402-872-3041

Zach's Bar & Grill

605 5th St.
402-872-8050

STATE HISTORICAL MARKERS

Auburn Post Office Mural

1936

Located in Auburn inside Post Office
Marker #495

Half-Breed Tract

Established 1830

Located on Hwy 136, 1/2 mile east of
Auburn Marker #58

Nemaha County Courthouse

Cornerstone May 25, 1900

Located in Auburn on Courthouse
grounds Marker #477

Lewis & Clark Campsite

July 15, 1804

Located in Brownville State Recreation
Area Marker #338

Muir House

Erected 1868-1870

Located in Brownville Marker #52

Nebraska State Teachers' Association

October 16, 1867

Located at Brownville Public School
Marker #417

Village of Brownville

Established 1854

Located in City Park in Brownville
Marker #159

Peru State College

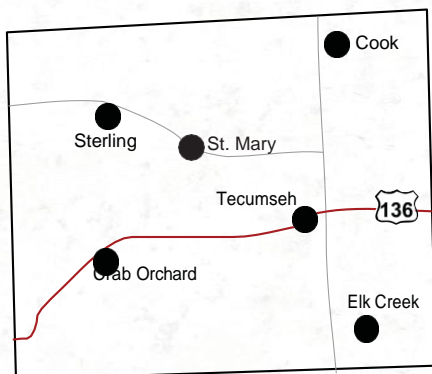
June 20, 1867

Located in Peru on campus Marker #80

COOK • CRAB ORCHARD • ELK CREEK • ST. MARY • STERLING • TECUMSEH



Johnson County Courthouse. Photo courtesy Judy Coe.



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Johnson County is comprised of the towns of Cook, Crab Orchard, Sterling, St. Mary and Tecumseh with Tecumseh being the county seat. In Nebraska Territory Johnson and Nemaha Counties were part of Forney County – in 1856 the two counties were divided into Johnson and Nemaha.

Tecumseh was founded in 1856 and was located at the intersection of the Nebraska City- Marysville and Brownville- Fort Kearny Trails. Today it is the intersection of U.S. Highways 136 and State Highway 50.

Because Tecumseh was a crossroads, in the early days there were seven trails that traversed through Johnson County.

In addition to the two listed above, there were Nebraska City –Beatrice, Tecumseh- St. Joseph, Pawnee City-Lincoln, Salt Creek and Settlement Trails.

Tecumseh was also home to a Carnegie library and an opera house.

In 1958, Tecumseh became the first historic district in Nebraska to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The best known landmark is the Johnson County Courthouse built in 1888. Tecumseh was also the site of the first rural free mail delivery in the State of Nebraska on November 6, 1896.

The legend about the old stone jail

located one block north of downtown on 4th Street is that it is said to have cannon balls in the walls.

Cook was known as the “Artesian City” because of the numerous artesian wells in the area. It was a combination of Bob Town, Spring Creek and Helena. Cook was founded in 1888 when the Missouri Pacific Railroad was extended to that point. It was named for Andrew Cook, the original owner of the town site.

Winning national recognition as “Best Small Town in America” in 1992 brought some well-deserved attention to the town.

Crab Orchard was platted in 1883 when the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad was extended to that point and was named from a grove of wild crabapple trees near the town site. It is said to have had the first school in Johnson County – a little log schoolhouse one mile west of town, built in 1867.

Elk Creek had its start in about 1873 by the building of the Atchison and Nebraska



Steam Engine - Case HP50 - Deer Creek Sodbusters Photo

Railroad through the territory. It took its name from Elk Creek nearby, which was named for the elk once seen there. The town was established as a compromise between an early settlement called "Butler" and a millpond site on the James Robinson's farm.

Sterling was named when William Mann, John Bentz and William Kneeland decided to flip a \$20 gold piece for the honor of naming their settlement. Mr. Mann, being the lucky one, named it Sterling, after his hometown of Sterling, Illinois. Sterling was platted in 1870 when the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad was extended to that point. The Deer Creek Sodbusters Antique Machinery Show is held 4 ½ miles south of Sterling on the second weekend of August each year.

St. Mary (formerly Smartville named after Robert Smart) has the very beautiful St. Mary's Catholic Church whose members serve delicious fish dinners during the Lenten season.

ATTRACTIONS

TECUMSEH

Johnson County Courthouse

454 Broadway St.
402-335-6300

First Rural Free Mail Delivery

484 Broadway St.
402-335-2007

Keim Stone Bridge

3 miles east & 1 mile north
402-335-0745

Civil War Soldier Memorial Statue

Courthouse Square
402-335-0745

World War I Cannon

Courthouse Square
402-335-0745

Bandshell

Courthouse Square
402-335-0745

Brandon Parkway Fountain

365 Clay St.
402-335-0745

Johnson County Museum

289 Clay St.
402-853-3614

Oldfield Exhibit

175 S. 3rd St.
402-335-0745

Old Stone Jail

161 N. 4th St.
402-335-0745

Montz Motorcycle Museum

342 Clay Street
402-335-0328

LODGING

TECUMSEH

Super 7 Inn

402 N. 12 St.
402-335-3100

Town & Country Inn

188 Hwy. 136
402-335-3386

RESTAURANTS

COOK

Sidelines Steak & Sports Bar

117 W. Main St.
402-864-2175

STERLING

Scott's Place The Legacy

175 Broadway St.
402-866-4081

Jet Stop

Hwy. 41 & Maple Streets
402-866-2255

TECUMSEH

Frazier's Café

472 N. 12 St.
402-335-3221

Harvest Bowl

Hwy. 50 & 136
402-335-2095

TNT BBQ

366 Broadway St.
402-335-7685

Tecumseh Central Market Deli

381 Clay St.
402-335-3660

Ramsey's Family Fountain

155 S. 3rd St.
402-335-1235

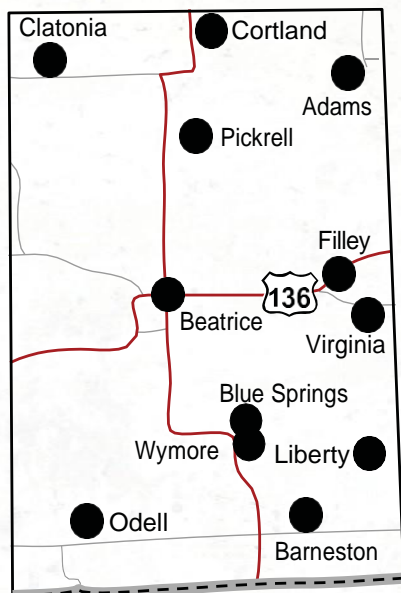
Pizza Hut

1425 Hwy. 136
402-335-4144

Subway

440 N. 12 St.
402-335-2322

Adams • Barneston • Beatrice • Blue Springs • Clatonia • Cortland
Fillye • Liberty • Odell • Pickrell • Virginia • Wymore



VISITBEATRICE.COM
402-205-3292

Gage County is home to 14 towns and villages. Each town or village has their own unique history to tell. Beatrice is the largest city and is the county seat of Gage County. Attractions to see within the community include the Gage County Historical Museum, Beatrice Public Library and the Gage County Courthouse.

Heritage Highway 136, (U.S. Highway 136), one of Nebraska's Scenic Byways, passes through Beatrice and Gage County. Following the Byway westward you will find the Gage County Historical Museum. The museum is located at the corner of Second and Court Streets and houses historical displays of Gage County from the turn of the century to present day. The museum is nestled near the junction of Indian Creek and the Big Blue River. The river runs through Beatrice and Gage County and was instrumental to the settlement of the area.

Continuing west on the Byway, and north onto State Highway 4, the trail leads to Homestead National Monument of America and the Homestead Heritage Center. Homestead tells the story of the Homestead Act of 1862.

Near downtown Beatrice is Ratigan-Schottler, located one block south of Heritage Highway 136 on Second St. It is the leading supplier of solid oak pews, chairs and chancel furniture. Also nearby is Beatrice Bakery Company, Home of

Grandma's Fruit and Nut holiday cake and other baked desserts. The company has been located at 201 South 5th St. since 1924.

The surrounding villages and towns have unique historical attractions. Odell has the Old West Trails Center, Wymore is home to the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre, Fillye has the Fillye Stone Barn and Barneston has the Oto Indian Mission School.

Family fun and historical treasures abound when you take the opportunity to discover Gage County!

ATTRACTIONS

BEATRICE

GAGE COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

101 N. 2nd St.

Gagecountymuseum.info

facebook.com/GageCountyMuseum

402-228-1679

BEATRICE BAKERY

201 South 5th St.

BeatriceBakery.com

402-223-2358 or 800-228-4030 x108

HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT OF AMERICA

8523 W. State Highway 4

Nps.gov/home

402-223-3514

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- Pioneer school
- Homesteader cabin
- Special events tell stories of industry, agriculture, immigration, migration and American Indian cultures
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- Digitized homestead records
- Farm implements and ever-changing special exhibits
- Bookstore operated by Eastern National
- Entrance is FREE to the monument, museum, exhibits, programs and all events!

Homestead Act Fast Facts

- Signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on May 20, 1862
- Offered 160 acres of free land to any qualified individual willing to live on farm and improve it for five years
- Single women and widows, most immigrants and African-Americans all qualified to be homesteaders
- Effective for 123 years (ending in 1986), with over two million claims covering 270 million acres of land
- One-room Freeman School, constructed in 1872, remains at its original location
- Gave men, women, African-Americans and immigrants a chance at the American dream
- Helped turn natural environments and American Indian Homelands into a developed, productive United States
- Gave away 10% of nation's land to over 2 million individuals across 30 states

Hours:

Open daily, all year round, except Thanksgiving Day, December 25 and January 1. The trail system and parking lot are open from dawn to dusk every day the park is open.

Summer season (Memorial Day to Labor Day) The Heritage Center, Education Center and other buildings are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fall, winter and spring seasons (Labor Day to Memorial Day) The Heritage Center, Education Center and other buildings are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
402-205-3292

CEDAR CREEK POTTERY

37639 South 80th Rd.

402-228-0138

COMMUNITY PLAYERS

412 Ella St.

www.beatricecommunityplayers.com

402-228-1801

CARNEGIE BUILDING

218 N 5th St.

www.visitbeatrice.com

402-223-2338

GAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

612 Grant St.

www.gagecountynebraska.org

402-223-1300



Homestead National Monument. Photos courtesy Gage County Tourism.

TRAUBEL'S POPCORN STAND

5th and Court Streets
communitypossibilitiesinc.com/traubel-s-
popcorn-stand.html
Monday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S LADY

113 N. 5th St.
www.yesterdayslady.net
402-223-5121

RATIGAN-SCHOTTLER MANUFACTURING

201 South 2nd St.
ratiganschottler.com
402-223-3200 or Toll Free: 800-383-1000

BLUE SPRINGS

GUY "THE CHAMP" CHAMBERLIN MONUMENT

312 W. 2nd St.
bluespringsne.com/chamberlin.html

BLUE SPRINGS CEMETERY

1 mile north of Blue Springs on North A St.

JOHNSON CABIN MUSEUM

Blue Springs City Park
Visit bluespringsne.com for opening dates.

FILLEY

FILLEY STONE BARN

13282 East Scott Rd.
www.gagecountymuseum.info
402-228-1679

ODELL

Old West Trails Center

301 Main St.
www.visitodell.com
trailscenter@diodecom.net
For tours call: Judy Baumann 402-766-4237,
Marilyn Lytle 402-766-4275 or Barbara
Zarybnicky 402-766-3780

Rice Lodge & Conference Center

302 Main St.
402-806-2174
ricelodge.odell-nebraska.us

WYMORE

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre

307 S. 7th St.
welshheritageproject.org
402-645-3186 or 402-645-3231

POINTS OF INTEREST

Chief Standing Bear Trail

www.chiefstandingbeartrail.com

Krider Hill

Journey south of Beatrice on Highway
77, continue south about nine miles on
Highway 112 to the highest point in Gage
County. Legend has it that Krider Hill is the
burial site for an Oto Indian chief.

Oregon Trail Marker

1 ¾ miles west of Lanham, Neb. at the
intersection of west Stateline and southwest
142nd Roads

Oteo-Missouria Indian Mission School

East of City Park, Barneston, NE 68309

Wymore Train Station Museum

Main St., Wymore
402-645-3744
By appointment only.

LODGING

BEATRICE

Capri Inn & Suites

3721 N. 6th St.
capricomfort.com
402-228-8808

Econolodge

3210 N. 6th St.
choicehotels.com
402-223-3536 or 1-800-4CHOICE

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

4005 N. 6th St.
hiexpress.com/Beatrice
402-228-7000

Travelers Lodge

3500 N. 6th St.
402-223-4074
booking.com/hotel/us/travelers-lodge-
beatrice.en-us.html

Victorian Inn

1903 N. 6th St.
victorianhotels.com
402-228-5955

WYMORE

Wymore Inn

601 S. 14th St.
402-645-3801

BED & BREAKFASTS

BEATRICE

The Cottage Bed & Breakfast

23400 SW 75th Rd.
402-239-9087

ODELL

Rice Lodge & Conference Center

302 Main St.
riceledge.odell-nebraska.us
402-806-2174

CAMPING

WYMORE

Arbor State Park

wymorebluesprings.com
402-645-3377

ODELL

Big Indian Recreation Area

6 miles east of Odell on Hwy. 8
402-228-3402
nrdec.org/area.php?image=big_indian

Odell Park

Main St.
402-766-3720
visitodell.com

Riverside Park

Sumner & Pleasant Sts.
402-228-5248
Call for current pricing

BEATRICE

Chautauqua Park

9th and Grable Sts.
402-228-5248
Call for current pricing

Gage Co. Fairgrounds

321 Logan St.
402-223-3247

Oak Aven Acres RV Park

23490 SW 75th Road
402-239-9087
oakavenacres.com

Rockford Lake State Recreation Area

7 miles east of Beatrice on Hwy. 136, 2 miles south
outdoornebraska.ne.gov/parks/guides/contact.asp
402-729-5777

GOLF

BEATRICE

Beatrice Country Club

1301 Oak St.
beatricecc.com
402-223-3639

Hidden Acres

Highway 136 west of Beatrice to Lilac Road, turn and go west ½ mile
hiddenacresbeatrice.com
402-228-2146

WYMORE

Wymore Country Club

1700 West D St.

RESTAURANTS

BARNESTON

Grand Avenue Bar & Grill

101 W. Grand Ave.
402-674-9902

BEATRICE

Arby's

2103 N. 6th St.
402-228-1333

Back Alley Barbecue & Grill

124 S. 23rd St.
402-223-5011

The Black Crow Restaurant, Bar and Catering

405 Court St.
402-228-7200

Burger King

501 N. 6th St.
402-223-4500

Classic's Bar & Grill

1301 Oak St.
402-223-1456

Dairy Queen

901 E. Court St.
402-228-3810

Dairy Queen

120 N. 6th St.
402-223-5328

Carsten's Café & Snack Shack

3000 Lincoln Blvd.
402-223-6000

Casey's Pizza

806 West Court St.
402-228-3209

Casey's Pizza

1116 N. 6th St.
402-223-2522

Casey's Pizza

1500 East Court St.
402-223-4868

Country Cookin' Café

512 S 5th St.
402-228-9819

El Canelo

590 Sargent St.
402-223-0090

4one8

418 Court St.
402-230-3400

Florio's

2205 N. 6th St.
402-806-4165

Godfather's Pizza

556 Sargent St.
402-806-4406

Kentucky Fried Chicken

1316 N. 6th St.
402-223-5974

McDonald's

1220 N. 6th St.
402-228-4106

Pizza Hut

2400 N. 6th St.
402-228-3317

Playa Azul

2102 N. 6th St.
402-228-7191

Risky's Sports Bar

2317 N. 6th St.
402-228-9500

Runza

1119 N. 6th St.
402-223-3656

Shanghai Inn

810 E. Court St.
402-223-2996

Subway

1219 N. 6th St.
402-223-5909

Subway

3620 N. 6th St.
402-228-7220

Super China Buffet

2205 N. 6th St.
402-228-3838

Taco John's

1215 N. 6th St.
402-228-1334

Valentino's Restaurant

701 Court St.
402-223-3573

Woodee's Diner

2205 N. 6th St. (Indian Creek Mall)
402-228-1848

CLATONIA

Legends

210 Washington St.
402-989-4109

FILLEY

Filley Tavern

200 Livingston
402-662-3755

ODELL

Kross Eyed Cricket

216 Main St.
krosseyed.cricket.9@facebook.com

The New Corner Bar

123 Main St.
402-766-3692

VIRGINIA

Terry's Steak House

200 4th St.
402-688-4286

WYMORE

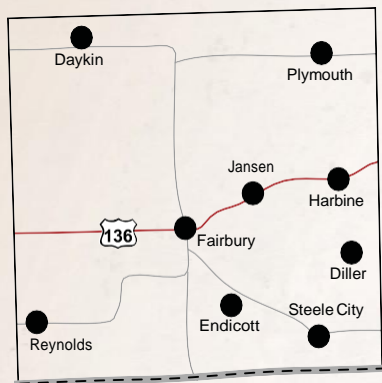
Casey's Pizza

119 N. 14th St.
402-645-3484

Subway

402 S. 14th St.
402-645-3030

Daykin • Diller • Endicott • Fairbury • Harbine • Jansen • Plymouth • Reynolds • Steele City



For more detailed
information contact:

Fairbury Chamber
& Visitor Center

518 E St., Fairbury, NE 68352
402-729-3000

www.VisitOregonTrail.org
www.fairburychamber.org

Located in the "Little Blue Valley," friendly Jefferson County is rich in historic lore, the route of the Oregon Trail having passed across the county, and in some places the ruts left by the wagons of the "49ers" can still be seen. A cluster of nine small, rural communities provide the nucleus for the best in small-town living. The communities of Daykin, Diller, Endicott, Fairbury, Gladstone, Harbine, Jansen, Plymouth, Reynolds and Steele City hold many treasures.

Historic spots along the Oregon Trail include the famous Rock Creek Station where "Wild Bill" Hickok killed David McCanles; the grave of George Winslow, the only grave along the entire trail marked with a stone; the burial place of many Mormons who died while camped along the trail (the Big Sandy crossing on the trail was the scene of many deaths). Jefferson County was the scene of possibly the largest battle ever fought between Indians. Ten thousand Sioux and Cheyenne battling 10,000 eastern Indians in 1832, was near where the Big Sandy Creek joins the Little Blue River. One of the last large battles between the Pawnee and Sioux was fought in this county in 1862. A cluster of nine small, rural communities provide the nucleus for the best in small-town living. The communities of Daykin, Diller, Endicott, Fairbury, Gladstone, Harbine, Jansen, Plymouth, Reynolds and Steele City hold many treasures.

ATTRACTIONS

DILLER

Anna C. Diller Opera House

C&C Food Mart & Processing
402-793-5820

ENDICOTT

Endicott Clay Products-Beehive Brick Kilns

South of Endicott & 2 miles west
402-729-3315

STEELE CITY

Steele City Canyons

Located west of Steele City

Steele City Historical District

Downtown
402-729-5131

Tri-County Oregon Trail Monument

5 miles east & 2 miles south

FAIRBURY

Campbell Bros. Circus Mural

Located in Fairbury
402-729-2620

District 10 School Museum

½ mile west & 1 mile southwest of
Alexandria State Lakes
402-729-5131

Fairbury City Museum

1128 Elm St.
402-671-6879 or 402-300-1318

Four-Corner Survey Marker

1 mile west and 1 mile north of Mahaska,
Kan.

Frontier Fun Park

Located in Fairbury
402-729-2148

George Winslow's Grave

Northwest of Fairbury

Jefferson County Courthouse

Downtown
402-729-6818

Little Blue River Trail

Located in Fairbury
402-729-2148

McDowell's Rose Creek Mausoleum

South of Rose Creek
402-729-3000

Rock Island Depot Railroad Museum

402-729-5131

W. C. Smith House & Lime Kiln

North of Fairbury/River Road
402-729-5131

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

FAIRBURY

402-749-7650

Alexandria

Located northwest of Fairbury near
Alexandria State Recreation Area

Flathead

Located in Fairbury

Rock Glen

Located east of Fairbury near Rock Creek
Station State Historical Site

Rose Creek

Located in Fairbury

LODGING

FAIRBURY

Capri Motel

1100 14th St.
402-729-3317 or 800-932-0589

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

1503 K St.
402-587-5082 or 888-693-8262

Fairbury Executive Suites

506 E St.
402-613-2063
www.fairbury.com

Grayhouse Inn Bed & Breakfast

615 6th St.
Call for pricing 402-613-2063

Sandy Creek Cabin

71749 565 Ave.
402-587-1211
sandycreekcabin@gmail.com

DAYKIN**Nebraska Prairie Rose Bed & Breakfast**

102 W. Hwy. 4
402-446-7471
neprairierosebb@yahoo.com
www.nebraskaprairierosebb.com

CAMPGROUNDS**DILLER****Village of Diller Campground Park**

15 miles southeast of Fairbury-Hwy. 103
402-793-5956
www.diller-ne.com/diller-park

ENDICOTT**Endicott RV Park New!**

www.endicotttrvpark.com
402-729-5621 or 402-587-1900

FAIRBURY**Alexandria State Lakes**

Hwy. 136 west 7 miles, north 6 miles, west 2 miles
402-729-5777
Nebraska Park Permit Required

Crystal Springs Park

1½ miles southwest
402-729-2148

Cub Creek Recreation Area

8 miles east, 3 ½ north
www.lbbnrd.org
402-228-3402

Rock Creek Station Historical Park

6 miles southeast of Fairbury
402-729-5777
ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov

PLYMOUTH**Leisure Lake**

Located southeast of Plymouth

REYNOLDS**Buckley Creek Recreational Area**

1 mile east, ½ mile north
www.littlebluenrd.org
402-364-2145

STEELE CITY**Historic Steele City Campground**

209 S. Iowa St.
402-442-2360



Mural. Photo courtesy the Fairbury Journal-News.

RESTAURANTS**FAIRBURY****9 and Dine**

at Fairbury Country Club
56881 709th Rd.
402-729-5314

Casey's General Store

622 E St.
402-729-6664

Classic Cones

611 6th St.
402-587-0166 or 210-380-0293

Griffey's Steakhouse

400 4th St.
402-729-9951

Harvest Chinese

616 E St.
402-729-6233

Jalisco Mexican

417 D St.
402-729-2197

Main St. Coffee House

510 E St.
402-587-2521

McDonalds

1429 K St.
402-729-3123

Pizza Hut

505 14th St.
402-729-6106

Pla Mor Café

517 D St.
402-729-2115

Ray's Apple Market

1415 K St.
402-729-2355

Rowdy's Steakhouse

321 F St.
402-729-5083

Runza

26630 Industrial Dr.
402-729-5248

Subway

1413 K St.
402-729-3995

The Fork & Knife

1011 K Street

Wal-Mart Deli

2831 Hwy. 15
402-729-3394

DILLER**The Field**

415 Commercial St.
402-793-8557

ENDICOTT**Criner's Corner**

402-729-3571

HARBINE**SideTrek Bar & Grill**

419 Hansen St.
402-754-4391

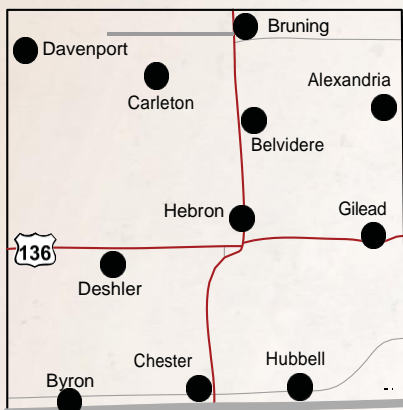
PLYMOUTH**Plymouth Brew House Grill**

303 Main St.
402-656-5475

STEELE CITY**Salty Dog Saloon**

200 W. Main St.
402-442-2233

Alexandria • Belvidere • Bruning • Byron • Carleton • Chester
Davenport Deshler • Gilead • Hebron • Hubbell



For more information call
402-768-7156

Oregon Trail Capital of Nebraska!

The beginnings of the Oregon Trail in Nebraska were made in 1813 by the little band of traders from Astoria in the Oregon Territory. The party, headed by Robert Stuart, was returning to St. Louis. They made their way down the Platte Valley. They left no tracks deep enough to be followed, but they did make known the way.

In 1830, Milton Sublette with 10 wagons left St. Louis and arrived at the Wind River Mountains. His wagon wheels were the first to cross Nebraska on a branch of the Oregon Trail. Travelers from the southern regions of the country entered Nebraska near present-day Alexandria and followed the Big Sandy Valley where water, wood and grass were available. After crossing the Big Sandy near Belvidere, the trail proceeded in a southwesterly direction to the banks of the Little Blue River. After the establishment of Thompson's Station, a few miles south of Belvidere, the trail followed the Eighteen-Mile Ridge across Thayer County.

The pioneers traveled in groups called trains, but often individual families would go out on their own. They could average about 16 miles per day. It took nearly one month for a wagon train to cross Nebraska and four months to make the 2,000 mile trip to either California or Oregon. Nearly 400,000 people traveled this network of rutted trails from the Missouri River to the Willamette River. The Oregon Trail was never a clearly defined trail.

ATTRACTIONS

ALEXANDRIA

District 10 School House Museum

402-749-3255
One mile west and one mile south of the Alexandria State Lakes. Open summers on Sunday afternoons or by appointment.

Alexandria State Recreation Area

7176 River Road (4 miles east and 1 south of Alexandria)
402- 749-7650
ngpc.Rock.Creek.Station@nebraska.gov
Fishing, picnic shelters and campsites with hookups and dump station.

BELVIDERE

Belvidere Train Watching Station

Corner of C St. and 6th St.
402- 768-6909
www.thayercounty.ne.gov

Thayer County Museum

110 9th St.
402-768-2147
thayercountymuseum.com

BRUNING

Bruning Opera House

1st St. & Main St.
402-353-2555
www.bruningbank.com

CHESTER

Barn Quilt Village of Thayer County

Around the village of Chester
402- 324- 5755
www.chesterne.com
Don Wassom of Chester had created over 60 barn quilts located throughout the village of Chester.

Christmas in Chester Light & Sound Show

210 Hebron St.
christmas.chesterne.com

Little Boy Blue Monument

Junction of old U.S. Hwy. 81 (Meridian Road) and Nebraska Hwy. 8
402-324-5755 or 402-324-5674
chesterne.com

Treasures Unlimited

Post Office Box 43, 107 Maple St.
402-366-7040

DESHLER

Centennial Park Arboretum

East Entrance to Deshler on the south side of U.S. Hwy. 136
402-365-4260
www.deshlerchamber.org

The Friendship Garden

912 Fourth St.
402-365-4260
www.deshlerchamber.org

Reinke Manufacturing Company, Inc.

1040 Road 5300 (Reinke Rd.)
402-365-7251
www.reinke.com
Call ahead for tours.

Sky Hawk Field

West of Deshler ¼ mile on U. S. Hwy. 136
402-365-4260
www.deshlerchamber.org
A field where remote control airplanes can fly.

GILEAD

District 17 Rock School

Rural Gilead. From U.S. Highway 136 go north on Nebraska Highway 53 two miles, then take county road N ½ mile west.
402- 68-2468

HEBRON

Arrowhead Gardens Arboretum

Jefferson Ave. between 7th and 8th Streets.
402-768-6322, for tours 402-768-7156
www.hebron.nebraska.us

Fort Butler Marker

The northeast corner of First St. and Willard Ave.
402- 768-6322
www.hebronnebraska.us

Hebron Post Office Mural

145 North 5th St.
402- 768-6127

Little Blue River in Thayer County

Southern boundary of Hebron
402-768-6322
www.hebronnebraska.us
Fishing, canoeing, hiking and hunting.
The Little Blue Wildlife Management Area --
two miles east of Hebron on River Road.
Rock Island Walking and Biking Trail also
follows the river in the south part of Hebron.

Thayer County Courthouse

225 North 4th St.
402-768-6126
www.thayercounty.ne.gov

One of the World's Largest Covered Porch Swings

5th St. and Jefferson Ave. at Roosevelt Park
402-768-6322 or 402-768-7156
www.hebronnebraska.us

HUBBELL

Sixth Principal Meridian Marker

Nine miles east of Hubbell on Highway
8 and three miles south on Road 7300.
402-768-7407
www.thayercounty.org
or www.visitthayercounty.com
This location marks the point where all
land in Nebraska, Kansas, and most land
in Colorado and Wyoming, and parts
of South Dakota were surveyed and
subdivided.

LODGING

HEBRON

Budget Host Inn – Rosewood Villa Motel

140 South 13th St.
402-768-6524

Riverside Motel

301 South 13th St.
402-768-7366

Wayfarer Motel

104 North 13th St.
402-768-7226

RESTAURANTS

HEBRON

81 Express Coffee Shop

1375 Dove Rd.
402-768-2223
taylor@candm.supply
Ice Cream- Grill- Champs Chicken

Blue Valley Bowl

518 Lincoln Ave.
402-768-6689
bluevalleybowl@windstream.net

Brand X Sports Bar and Restaurant

5th St. and Lincoln Ave.
402-768- 6432
brandxsaloon@gmail.com

Casey's Carry Out Pizza & Food

105 South 13th St.
402-768-7378
Casey's.com

D's Daylight Donuts

224 Lincoln Ave.
402-768-2255
dengle1992@gmail.com

Good 2 Go Hebron Valentino's Pizza

243 South 13th St.
402-768-6140
Special Freal Blending Bar Milk Shake
Machine. Also ice and frozen foods plus
other snacks.

Hannah B's Luncheonette

411 Lincoln Ave.
402-768-8743

Subway Sandwiches, Pizza, Ice Cream

1325 Dove Rd.
402-768-2303
Subway.com

ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria Lakes Snack Shack

56022-56032 718th Rd.
402-749-3111

BELVIDERE

Toad's LLC

305 C St.
402- 768- 9987

BRUNING

Betty's Place

109 Main St.
402-353-2725
BettyBrock253@hotmail.com

Good To Go Bruning/ Valentino's Pizza Express

6208 Spur 85 C
402-353-2040
www.valsbruning.com



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BYRON

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111 Kansas Ave.
402- 236- 8716

CARLETON

Shananigan's Bar and Grill

365 D St.
402-356-2022
melerickson1971@gmail.com

CHESTER

Footie's Cafe

524 Meridian Rd.
402-324-5674

DAVENPORT

R W's Dining and Drink

102 Maple Ave.
402-364-2319
rwsdavenport@gmail.com
R W's dining and drink on Facebook

DESHLER

C and M Supply (C-Stop)

101 First St.
402-365-7200

Fourth St. Tavern

507 4th. St.
402-365-7227, 402-613-7281
landocommando1313@yahoo.com

The Wheelhouse Restaurant

5411 U.S. Hwy. 136
402-365-7245

GILEAD

Pioneers Inn

305 Main St.
P.O. Box 45
402-768-7409

HUBBELL

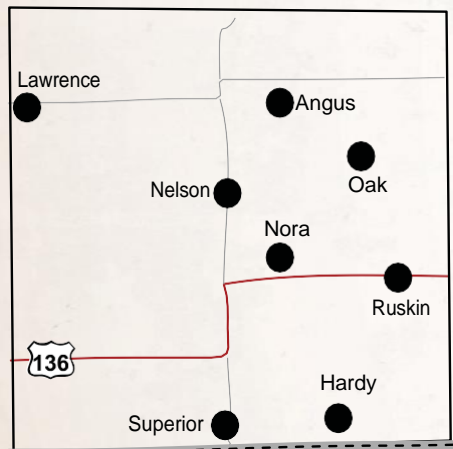
The Acreage Steakhouse

710 Johnson Ave.
402- 324-5088

Angus • Hardy • Lawrence • Nelson • Nora • Oak • Ruskin • Superior



Explore nature at a leisurely pace while canoeing down the Republican River. Photo courtesy Nuckolls County Visitors Committee.



Superior Chamber of Commerce
336 N. Central Ave.
402-879-3419
superiorcc@windstream.net

Other helpful links:
cityofnelson.com
402-225-4401

cityofsuperior.org
superiorne.com

lawrence-ne.com
nuckollscounty.ne.gov
nuckollscountyonline.com
jewellcountyonline.com

Over the years our citizens have shown resiliency not with “knuckles” but with “Nuckolls” as the county was named in 1859. Though we have royalty under our soil, agriculture reigns above ground with a near equal mix of corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and a good measure of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses.

While visiting Nuckolls County, you may get dust on your hiking boots while walking the Oregon Trail. From the late 1840s until about 1879 the trail was the equivalent of today’s interstate highway. The Pony Express route followed the trail across northeastern Nuckolls County. To learn more about the trail, visit the town of Oak where the trail passed down Main Street. Local tradition holds that Parson Bob raised Calamity Jane in a log cabin along the Little Blue River just northwest of Oak. There, she met Wild Bill Hickok after his shootout with the McCanles Gang at Rock Creek Station only a few miles to the east in Jefferson County. From Nuckolls County the two Old West characters fled to the Black Hills and into the pages of history.

If you want mud on your boots, explore one of our minimum maintenance roads and keep an eye out for the many kinds of wild animals and fowl that inhabit the area. Deer and wild turkeys are

plentiful and the county is located in the central flyway, which offers an abundance of birds during their annual migration. For those who want to cool off in the water, the area offers lots of opportunity. Canoe the Little Blue and Republican Rivers.

The Russ Synder Museum in Oak celebrates professional baseball, particularly the professional career of Russ Synder who played for five teams from 1959 to 1970.

ATTRACTIONS

HARDY

City Park

LAWRENCE

Lawrence Country Club

2233 Hwy. 4
402-756-7591

Liberty Cove

2 miles west & 2 miles south
402-364-2145

City Park

Downtown
402-756-7472

Veterans Park

Hwy. 4
402-756-7472

NELSON

Nuckolls County Courthouse

150 Main St.
402-225-2371

Cemetery Walkway

1,200 ft. walk between the town of Nelson and the cemetery
402-225-4401

Historic Carved Sandstone Faces on Stansbury Building

West side of 4th St.
402-225-4401

Elk Creek Country Club

877 S. Main St., City Park
Corner of west 3rd & Wheeler St.
402-225-4401

Harbine Park

900 S. Wheeler St.
402-225-4401

OAK

Russ Snyder Baseball Museum

402-225-9904 or 402-225-3237

City Park

Maple & Clay Streets

SUPERIOR

Nuckolls County Museum

612 6th St.
402-879-4144

Simic Skating Rink

518 E. 4th St.
402-879-4844

Superior Bowl

126 E. 2nd St.
402-879-9982

Crest Theater

106 E. 5th St.
402-879-3819

LODGING

NELSON

OxBow Motel

422 N. Main St.
402-225-2651

SUPERIOR

Victorian Inn

1540 Idaho St.
402-879-3245

Crazy Woman Lodge, LLC

339 Rd. 3550
402-879-3340 or 402-879-5757

RESTAURANTS

HARDY

Do Drop In

301 Main St.
402-279-3855

NELSON

CAPS Café & Grocery

440 S. Main St.
402-225-2158



Enjoying a rickshaw ride at the Vesty Festival in Superior. Photo courtesy Nuckolls County Visitors Committee.

D&D's Lyon's Den

472 S. Main St.
402-225-3581

C-Store

575 S. Main St.
402-225-2188

American Legion

390 S. Main St.
402-225-7541

LAWRENCE

Dick's Place

161 N. Calvert St.
402-756-7412

RUSKIN

Broken Spoke

951 Main St.
402-226-3081

Betty's Bed & Breakfast

650 Main St.
402-871-5057

SUPERIOR

The Velvet Rose

1800 Idaho St.
402-879-3305

Subway

510 N. Bloom St.
402-879-4010

Dairy Queen

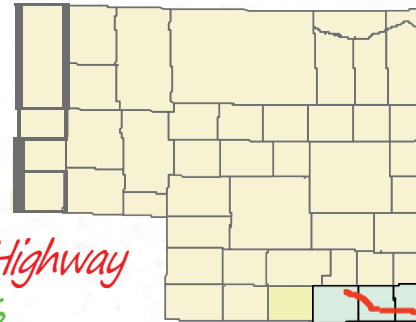
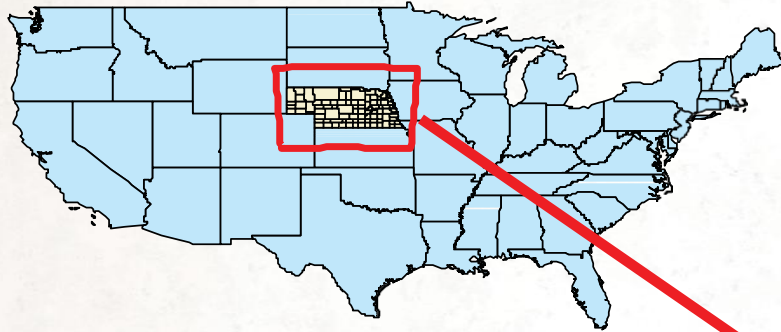
410 N. Bloom St.
402-879-4321

Dave's Place

243 Central St.
402-879-9905

Las Canteras Mexican Grill

156 E. 4th St.
402-879-3044

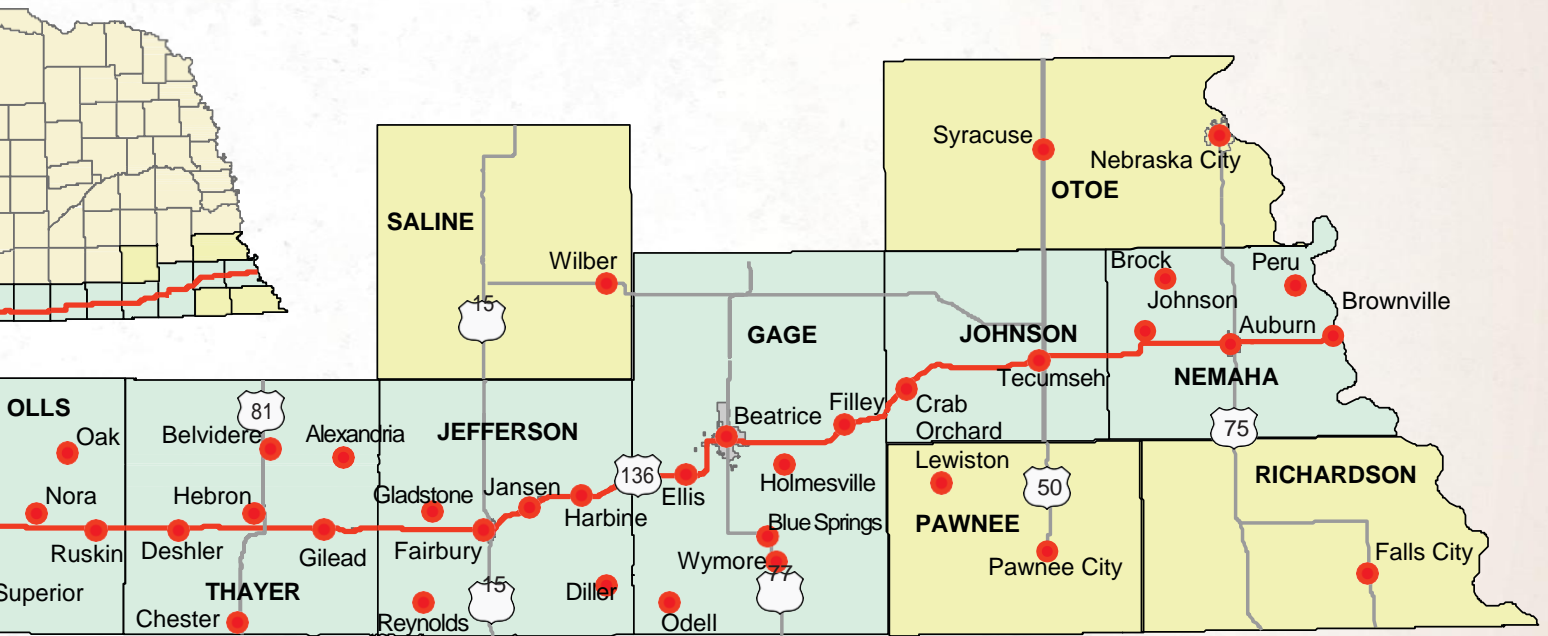


*Trail of Treasures route includes Heritage Highway
In addition to Highways 8, 14, 34 and 6*



Nebraska

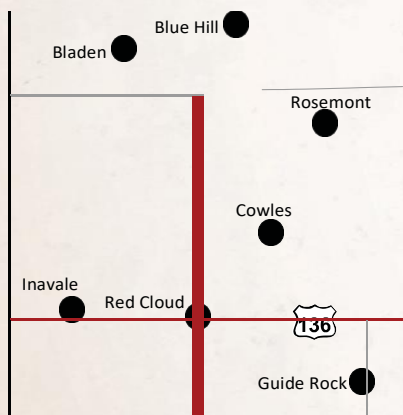
Heritage Highway 136



Bladen • Blue Hill • Cowles • Guide Rock • Red Cloud • Rosemont • Inavale



Cather Second Home



For more information call
402-746-2653

Webster County History

Webster County, located in the southern tier of counties approximately 150 miles west of the Missouri River, was first settled by whites in the spring of 1870. The first group consisted of 19 members of the Rankin Colony of Omaha

and a second group arrived from Beatrice later that same year. The organization of the county was approved by the voters and the county seat was located at Red Cloud. This community, the first in the county, was settled by Silas Garber and was conveniently located in relation to the more densely populated portion of the county. Webster County was named in honor of Daniel Webster (1782-1852), the American Statesman. Author Willa Cather spent her formative years in Red Cloud and rural Webster County. Today, over 40 sites associated with her are available to visit, including several via guided tours from the Willa Cather Foundation.

ATTRACTIONS

RED CLOUD

Red Cloud Opera House

411 N. Webster St.
402-746-2653

National Willa Cather Center

413 N. Webster St.
www.willacather.org
866-731-7304

Webster County Hist. Museum

721 W. 4th Ave.
402-746-2444

Farmers & Merchants Bank

338 N. Webster St.
402-746-2653

Grace Episcopal Church

546 N. Cedar St.
402-746-2653

Pavelka Farmstead

Road 1100
402-746-2653

Willa Cather Memorial Prairie

5 miles southwest side of Hwy. 281
402-746-2653



Red Cloud Opera House.

Burlington Depot

437 W. Welsh St.
402-746-2653

Willa Cather Childhood Home

241 N. Cedar St.
402-746-2653

Harling House

241 N. Seward St.
402-746-2653

St. Juliana Falconieri Catholic Church

425 W. 3rd St.
402-746-2653

Yost Farm School

1144 Rd. GH
866-731-7304

Starke Round Barn

1639 U.S. Hwy. 136
402-746-4165
www.starkeroundbarn.com

Auld Public Library

537 N. Webster St.
702-746-3352

Call 402-746-2653 for
more information on the
Wildlife Management Areas.

LODGING

BLUE HILL

Blue Hill Motel
515 N. Wilson St.
402-756-3901

RED CLOUD

The Red Cloud B&B at the Kaley House

909 N. Seward St.
402-746-3989

The Cather Second Home Guest House

541 N. Seward St.
402-746-2653

A.G. House

605 N. Locust St.
402-746-2856

Bell's Sleepy Valley RV Park

779 Hwy. 281
402-746-2919

Yost Farm Cottage

1144 Rd. GH
402-746-2856

Green Acres Motel and RV Park

791 N. Hwy. 281
402-746-2201

RESTAURANTS

BLADEN

K.O. Bar
219 N. Main St.
402-756-1130

BLUE HILL

Blue Hill Tavern
521 W. Gage St.
402-756-2600

WEBSTER COUNTY

Thrasher's Food Center

554 W. Gage St.
402-756-2221

GUIDE ROCK

The Rock Bar & Grill

145 S. Nebraska St.
402-257-3686

RED CLOUD

Casey's General Store & Pizza

612 N. Webster St.
402-746-2633

Fat Fox's

326 N. Webster St.
402-746-2249

Knock'em Over Alley

129 E. 4th Ave.
402-460-9160

On the Brix

437 N. Webster St.
402-746-3120

Red Brick Café

129 E. 4th Ave.
308-455-7313

Subway

407 N. Webster St.
402-746-3873

The Palace Lounge

124 W. 4th Ave.
402-746-9951

The South 40 Bar and Grill

330 N. Webster St.
402-746-2462

SHOPPING

BLUE HILL

Corner Nook
560 W. Gage St.
402-224-0437

RED CLOUD

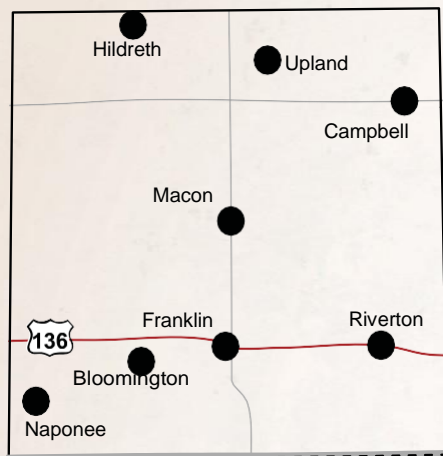
Lizzy's

326 N. Webster St.
(402) 746-2333

Shades West

333 N. Webster St.
402-746-2400

Bloomington • Campbell • Franklin • Hildreth • Macon • Naponee • Riverton • Upland



HISTORY

Archeological evidence indicates that the area around and including Franklin County and the Republican River was frequented by a nomadic people that were probably the forefathers of the indigenous Pawnee Indians. The Pawnee were a dominant power on the Central Plains until the 1870s and the Republican River was actually named after one of the four bands of the Pawnee tribe. The Pawnee culture revolved around regular buffalo hunts in the tallgrass prairie, and frequent raids and skirmishes with neighboring Indian tribes and pioneers. Known for their exceptional cunning and courage, the Pawnee's favorite pastime was stealing horses. In 1806, American explorer Zebulon Pike met with the Pawnee and in his reports described the land as a "hunter's paradise," thick with game. Indeed, herds of buffalo frequented the area numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Because of the plentiful game, fertile soil and abundant water resources, settlement started in the Franklin County area starting in the mid-1860s. As more westward migration began to take place, stores were opened, mail and delivery routes were established and pioneers began to settle land along the trails and creeks spurred on by generous homesteading incentives offered by the federal government. By the early 1870s, the population of Franklin County had blossomed from a mere handful to over 2,000 souls with the cities of Riverton, Franklin and Bloomington bustling with commerce and activity.



Rose Bowl Theatre. Photo courtesy Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

HISTORIC MARKERS

BLOOMINGTON

German WW II Cannon

Bloomington City Park

Old Rock Jail

Erected in 1899

MACON

Old Store Front

Macon, NE

FRANKLIN

Franklin Academy

10th and P Streets

RESTAURANTS

FRANKLIN

Black Powder Bar and Grill

1007 W. U.S. Hwy. 136

308-425-9919

Franklin Locker

1106 16th Ave.

308-425-9974 (serve lunch)

Frosty Mug

607 16th Ave.

308-425-3613

HILDRETH

Clint's Tavern

141 Commercial Ave.

308-938-5155

Koopers Korner

505 Hubbard St.

308-938-2058

NAPONEE

No Where Bar

602 Fennimore St.

308-269-2060

RIVERTON

Pete's Place

Hwy. 136

LODGING

FRANKLIN

Franklin South RV Camp Grounds

SW corner of state highway 10 and J Street

308-425-6295 - City Hall

Drop Tyne Lodge

104 16th Ave

308-425-6269

TOURISM

FRANKLIN

Franklin Co. Museum

1309 H Rd.

Franklin Veterans Memorial

City Park

Hwy. 10 and P St.

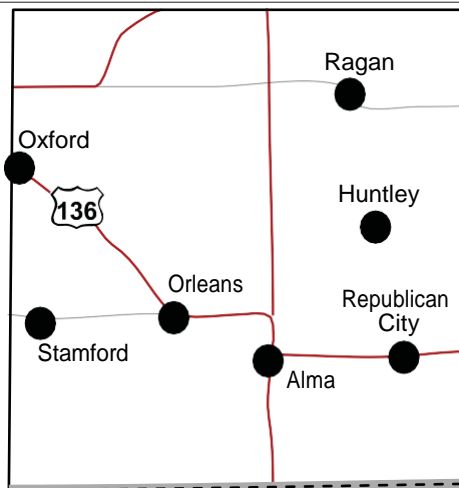
Franklin Golf Course

Spur 31D & P Streets

Rose Bowl Theatre

611 15th Ave.

Alma • Huntley • Orleans • Oxford • Ragan • Republican City • Stamford



For up-to-date information,
call, email or visit our
website:
Harlan County Tourism
800-762-5498
harlancountytourism@yahoo.com
harlantourism.org.

Located in the Republican River Valley on the border of Kansas, Harlan County, Nebraska, is many things to many people: a peaceful refuge away from the hectic pace of city life, a prime hunting and fishing region, a wide-open location in which to view and interact with nature, a family vacation destination with a diversity of both water-based and land-based activities to suit a variety of interests, and a cluster of small towns with an interesting variety of locally-owned businesses including restaurants and antique shops. Rich in both Native American and pioneer history, Harlan County and the Republican River Valley were once home to the largest concentration of buffalo on the Great Plains and were a favored hunting ground for the Pawnee, Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Harlan County Reservoir

Warned by the native populations about the common occurrence of major flooding along the Republican River, early Europeans nonetheless settled in the area, and in 1935 over 100 people drowned and most bridges and farm buildings were destroyed by an eight foot high wall of flood water moving



Harlan County Dam

downriver. The Harlan County Dam was then built to control flooding and manage irrigation, but as Nebraska's second largest body of water, the Harlan County Reservoir has since become one of the best-loved recreation destinations and wildlife havens in south-central Nebraska, with two popular marinas, Patterson Harbor and North Shore Marina; multiple well-maintained campgrounds; seven boat ramps; and two free fish-cleaning stations at Hunter Cove Park and Methodist Cove Park. As a federally-owned property, no state park permits are required, and at the time of this writing, alcohol is allowed to be consumed responsibly at the lake. A detailed downloadable lake map is available on the Harlan County Tourism website, harlantourism.org.

Harlan County Reservoir lies in the center of the North American Central Flyway and is a primary stopover for millions of migrating birds, including bald and golden eagles, American white pelicans, osprey, ducks and geese including Ross' and snow geese, seven species of gulls, and many more, including an occasional sighting of a great whooping crane.

Guided tours of the dam

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offers free tours of the Harlan County Dam. More information is available from the Corps at 308-799-2105.

RECREATION

Hunting, fishing and water sports

Over 17,000 acres of public hunting ground is available on U.S. Corps of Engineers property around Harlan County Lake. The area is rich with white-tail deer, waterfowl, turkey, pheasant and quail. Other hunted species include rabbit, squirrel, bobcat and coyote. Many local lodging facilities have kennels available.

The lake is known to fishing enthusiasts far and wide for its walleye, wipers, northern pike, largemouth bass, white bass, crappie and catfish.

Boating, water-skiing, tubing and jet-skiing are some of the most popular water sports at the lake. Check with the marinas regarding the availability of rentals.



ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

*Walking, biking, ATV,
horse and canoe trails*

Trail enthusiasts will find a wide variety of trail types in Harlan County. There is no fee for the use of any of the trails. Trail maps are available at harlantourism.org or their office in Alma.

The River's Edge Nature Trail

North side of the Harlan County Dam spillway, just east of the dam and within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' North Outlet Park.

The Pheasant Ridge Trail

A three-mile concrete walking and biking trail along the north edge of Harlan County Lake from a gazebo off Highway 183 and South Street in Alma all the way to the Methodist Cove boat-ramp parking area.

Cedar Run ATV Trail

470-acre family-friendly riding area located south of Republican City and southeast of the Harlan County Dam. The Corps of Engineers maintains a "Call Before You Haul" trail conditions' hotline at 308-799-2105.

The Peckerneck Horse Trail

A well-marked, volunteer-maintained horse trail meandering through the rugged hills bordering the south edge of Harlan County Lake.

The Republican River Canoe Trail

Also used for tubing, runs from the spillway in Harlan County to near Red Cloud, Nebraska.

HISTORY SITES

STAMFORD

Sappa Creek Bridge

2 miles east of Stamford

Trinity Lutheran Church

Two blocks west of Main St.

Old Bank Building

Northeast Corner of Main St.

Stone House

From Hwy. 89, approximately 3 miles east of Stamford

Sappa Peak

Approximately 4 miles west and 3½ south of Orleans, it is the Highest Point in Harlan County

ORLEANS

Prairie Dog Creek Bridge

8 ½ miles south and 1 mile west of Orleans

Flag Creek Bridge

On Maple Street at Railroad Street, approximately 4 blocks south and 4 blocks west of the intersection of Hwy. 136 and Orleans Ave.

Harlan County Museum

424 S. Harlan St. in Orleans

CB Preston Library

510 S. Orleans St.

Sod House

Approximately 3 miles west and 3 miles south of Orleans. On private property

ALMA

Hoesch Memorial Library

Corner of Hwy. 183 and Main St. in Alma City Park

Carnegie Library

111 John St.
Private Residence

A.C. Shallenberger Home

401 Kennedy St.
Past Governor of Nebraska private residence.
Alma's Ghost: 1902 Book *Alma, Towards the Year 2000* gives account of a black-clad female ghost seen repeatedly in March of 1902.

RAGAN

Turkey Creek Bridge

2 miles west and 1 mile south of Ragan
Scandinavia Township Historic Marker
725 Rd. at P Rd.

REPUBLICAN CITY

Theatre of the American West

Downtown Republican City
United Methodist Church
Truman Ave. at Second St.

LODGING

ALMA

Arrow Lodge

510 Hwy. 183
308-928-2167

Harlan House Bed & Breakfast

507 Brown St.
308-928-3137

Super 8 Motel

305 Hwy. 183
308-928-9911

Western Holiday Motel

210 Hwy. 183
308-928-2155

ORLEANS

Old Farmer's Bunkhouse

308-473-1074

Orleans Hotel

101 Pine St.

308-473-4025

OXFORD

Countryside Motel

813 N Hwy. 46

308-824-9111

Mort's Lodge

Hwy. 136

308-824-3123

North York's Farmhouse B&B

Rd. 725

308-995-7060

REPUBLICAN CITY

Blue Sky Cabins

12149 Rd. H

308-799-3635

Hilltop Inn

17 U.S. Hwy. 136

308-799-2736

Patterson Harbor Cabins

12121 Rd. 3

308-799-4600

Sportsmen's Apts.

11 Berrigan Rd.

308-799-2073

Stone's Country Cabin

Minutes south of Harlan

County Reservoir

308-799-4475

RESTAURANTS

ALMA

Alma Short Stop

1008 7th St.

308-928-2558

Between The Slices

800 W. Main St

308-928-3145

Bosselman's Pump & Pantry

710 Hwy. 183

308-928-2590

Dairy Barn

509 Hwy. 183

308-928-2572

Dragonfly Desserts and Coffee

717 W. Main St.

402-641-5189

Fisherman's Corner

703 Hwy. 183

308-928-2158

Hogeland's Market

703 Main St.

308-928-2606

K. J.'s Café

Hwy. 183 & Hwy. 136

308-928-9940

Simmy's Lakeside Grill

809 Main St.

308-928-9006

Subway

Hwy. 183 & Hwy. 136

308-928-8998

The Office Bar & Grill

814 Main St.

308-928-9906

The Station

Hwy. 183

308-928-9201

ORLEANS

Paddington Station

Hwy. 136

308-473-3135

OXFORD

Longbranch Sports Bar

319 Ogden St.

308-824-3323

Mulligan's

809 Country Club Dr.

308-824-9107

Wagon Wheel

309 Ogden St.

308-824-3553

REPUBLICAN CITY

Fat Willy's

12 Circle Dr.

308-799-2050

North Shore Marina Store

70738 Lake View

308-799-2315

Patterson Harbor Beach Bar

12121 Rd. 3

308-799-4600

The Island

1 Berrigan Rd.

308-799-2705

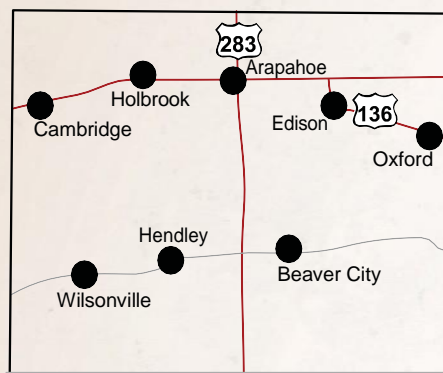
Outcasts Bar & Grill

70738 Lake View

308-799-2046



Arapahoe • Beaver City • Cambridge • Edison • Hendley • Holbrook • Oxford • Wilsonville



For more information:
Judy McCune - 308-697-4466

The pride and enthusiasm that early settlers placed in locating the seat of local government was possibly nowhere more evident than in Furnas County. Events there showed just how strong the emotions could become. When Robert W. Furnas became governor in 1873, the Legislature adopted an act to organize an area along the Kansas border and name this latest county in his honor. The influx of settlers that had preceded the Legislature's action had already resulted in the settlements of Arapahoe and Beaver City being established.

When the county's first organization election was held on April 8, 1873, ballots were cast at both sites. Election results from Arapahoe were filed with the secretary of state's office within the appointed time limit. The returns from Beaver City, however, were delayed en route to Lincoln because of a heavy snowstorm. As a result, Beaver City's ballots did not arrive until after the day on which the ballots were counted. The secretary of state issued certificates of election of officials in Arapahoe and ruled that settlement to be the county seat. What followed was a series of court orders and bitter political fights between the settlers in the north and south parts of the county. A court quickly ordered the secretary of state to canvass the Beaver City votes and issue certificates of election to the candidates who received the highest votes from the combined returns of Arapahoe and Beaver City, and to designate as the county seat the site



Memorial Services at Beaver City -- Photo Courtesy Roxy Lang

that received the greatest vote. A second election was held the following October. This time, Beaver City was declared the victor. Inhabitants of Arapahoe continued to claim victory based on the April election. It took three years of legal challenges before the Supreme Court ruled that Beaver City was indeed the county seat.

Continued dissension delayed the building of a courthouse until 1888. The first courthouse stood for 60 years before being declared unsafe for occupancy in 1948. The courthouse was dismantled the following year and after the county offices were housed in various downtown buildings for two years, the current courthouse was dedicated on May 4, 1951. The Furnas County Courthouse was extensively remodeled in 2016.

RESTAURANTS

ARAPAHOE

Cunningham's Feed Bar & Grill
603 Nebraska Ave.
308-962-7373

Derby Café

656 Chestnut St.
308-962-7901

Subway

610 Chestnut St.
308-962-4782

BEAVER CITY

Beaver Bar & Grill

415 9th St.
308-268-5144

Lucky R Drive Inn

820 Floyd St.
308-268-4585

CAMBRIDGE

Amateurs Bar & Grill

602 Paxton St.
308-697-4808

Town Talk

606 Patterson St.
308-697-4600

Shirley K's

624 Patterson St.
308-697-3399

FURNAS COUNTY

Furnas-Gosper Museum

308-962-7777

Crystal Movie Theatre

503 Nebraska Ave.

308-962-5341

Arapahoe Plunge

507 7th St.

308 962-8404

Wagner's Quilt shop

404 Chestnut St.

308-962-8458

BEAVER CITY

Furnas County Fair

July 18-22, 2017

CAMBRIDGE

Anew Travel Center

41501 Harvest Dr.

308-697-3060

Medicine Creek Reservoir

10 miles northwest of Cambridge

Cambridge Museum downtown

308-697-4385

Cambridge Library

Next to Museum

308-697-3836

Cambridge Museum

Downtown

308-697-4385

HENDLEY

Edwin Perkins, Inventor of Kool Aid

Birthplace of Victor Meyers

Born on last day of World War I

Killed on first day of World War II at Pearl Harbor.

HOLBROOK

William Pennington 1874 Log Cabin

2 miles east of Holbrook on Hwys. 6 & 34

Norwegian Lutheran Church

1½ miles west & 2 miles north of Holbrook

Holbrook Park

OXFORD

Loop

4 minutes off Hwy. 6 & 34 to View

Republican Valley



Casey's Pizza

422 Nasby St.

308-697-4830

Corner Café

401 Nasby St.

308-697-4974

HOLBROOK

HoJo's Hideaway

202 Center Ave.

308-493-5906

OXFORD

Kuch's Restaurant

105 E. Cornwall St.

308-824-9195

Mulligan's Bar & Grill

809 Country Club Dr.

308-824-9107

Longbranch Sports Bar

319 Ogden St.

308-824-3323

LODGING

ARAPAHOE

Arapahoe Motel

658 Chestnut St.

308-962-7948

www.arapahoe-motel.com

Shady Rest Motel

309 Chestnut St.

308-962-5461

Hunt Nebraska

409 Chestnut St.

308-962-8469

CAMBRIDGE

Bunkhouse Motel

120 Nasby St.

308 697-4540

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

41502 Harvest Dr.

308-697-4466

www.staycobblestone.com

Huskerfields

401 Nasby St.

308-697-4974

Cambridge Bed & Breakfast

606 Parker St.

308-697-3220

GOLF

ARAPAHOE

Arapahoe Municipal Golf Course

42371 Rd. 719

308-962-9555

CAMBRIDGE

Cross Creek Golf Links

900 Cross Creek Rd.

308-697-4768

OXFORD

Cardinal Country Club

308-824-3643

www.oxfordnebraska.com

ATTRACTIONS

ARAPAHOE

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

308-962-7777

CORRIDOR COUNTIES

PAWNEE COUNTY

Pawneecountynebraska.com

In Pawnee County, there are so many attractions that tour buses can pick and choose what they want to see in the amount of time they have to be in the County.

Anyone wishing to tour picturesque Pawnee County may call 402-852-3131 to get set up.

Attractions include a bison farm and sustainable farm for large groups to see. We have an Amish furniture shop, buggy shop and a discount store carrying bulk food. Baked goods can be ordered and sometimes during the Farmers Market in the summer their food will be available.

Pawnee County has five wildlife management areas where you can see many different kinds of birds or you can hunt. You can pick up a bird brochure at the tourism office located in Pawnee City. Two lakes provide water recreation in Pawnee County. Burchard Lake is located 8 miles west and 4 miles north of Pawnee City. It is a 150-acre lake. In the park around the lake, blinds have been constructed so you can watch prairie chickens booming in February, March and April. You can also fish in this lake. Iron Horse Trail Lake is located ¼ mile north of DuBois and 1 mile east where you can cast a line in the water.

PLACES TO EAT

PAWNEE CITY

Blazin' Bull

621 G. St.

Casey's

402-852-2337

Subway

402-852-2120

Pawnee Café

402-852-2002

SchillingBridge Winery & Microbrewery

402-852-2400

DUBOIS

DuBois Bar & Grill

402-859-4445



Wherry Library, Pawnee County.

LEWISTON

Jeannie's Place

402-865-4355

STEINAUER

Willard's

402-869-2240

LODGING

BURCHARD

Big Blue Ranch & Lodge

402-865-4335

Burchard Lodge

402-850-8227

DUBOIS

Osage Outfitters

402-859-4401

PAWNEE CITY

My Blue Heaven Bed and Breakfast

402-82-3131

Pawnee Inn

402-852-2238

STEINAUER

Convent House Bed and Breakfast

402-869-2230

Dana Farms of Mayberry

888-660-2706

ATTRACTIONS

PAWNEE CITY

Pawnee City Historical Society & Museum

529 P Street

402-852-3131

www.pawneecitymuseum.com

Pedal Clinic

Hiway 8 and I St.

To schedule an appointment call 402-852-2655.

Rinne's Private Toys & Dolls Collectibles Museum

1038 8th St.

To schedule an appointment call 402-274-1187.

Pawnee City Post Office Mural

7th & G Streets

Pawnee County Veteran's Memorial

6th and G Streets

TABLE ROCK

Table Rock Historical Society

Buildings are at various locations in downtown Table Rock

Call 402-839-3003 for an appointment.

STEINAUER***Heritage House in Steinauer***

602 2nd St.

Call 402-869-2276 or 402-869-2286 for an appointment.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

310 Hickory Street

BURCHARD***Harold Lloyd Home***

408 Pawnee Street

Call 402-865-4665 or 402-865-4725 for an appointment.

CZBJ Lodge Hall

Just north of DuBois, Nebraska.

Amish settlements

Over forty Amish families live in the countryside in Pawnee County.

HISTORIC MARKERS**PAWNEE CITY**

7th & G Streets

PAWNEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

East edge of Pawnee City

STEINAUER

¼ mile west of Highway 50 on Spur 67B

RED WILLOW COUNTY***Byway 136 coordinator for Red Willow County***

Betty Kenner with Accents Etc.

307 Norris Ave.

McCook, NE 69001

308-345-7480

accentsetc@accents-etc.com

McCook/Red Willow County Visitors Bureau

Carol Schlegel, Director

402 Norris Avenue, Room 318

P. O. Box 147

McCook, NE 69001

(308) 345-1200, ext 318

Fax: (308) 345-2152

Carol@VisitMcCook.com

www.VisitMcCook.com

McCook Area Chamber of Commerce

203 West 2nd St.

P.O. Box 337 McCook, NE 69001

308-345-3200

Tourism Hotline – 800-657-2179

Fax 308-345-3201

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Sherrie Dack 308-350-0126

**HISTORICAL
ATTRACTIONS****INDIANOLA*****Pawnee Woman's Grave***

Indianola City Park

BARTLEY***Mallalieu University***

Bartley Town Park

Bohemian Pioneers Monument Site

Bohemian pioneers camped on land owned by Jennings. A flash flood drowned many of them in the night.

McCOOK***DAR Stone Building***

Located on East M St. (Next to McCook Community Pool and the Community College).

Constructed by National Youth Administration in 1939. The contents from the building are located in the Museum of the High Plains Historical Society.

George Norris Home

706 Norris Ave.

308-345-8484

Nebraska State Historical Society. Hours: Wednesday thru Friday 1:00 to 4:30 and Saturday 1:00 to 3:30.

The Sutton House by Architect Frank Lloyd Wright

602 Norris Ave.

This is a private residence so you are not able to go inside but you may drive by. A book "The Sutton House" by Donald Morgan & John Altberg has the history of the home and wonderful pictures. It is available at Accents Etc. 307 Norris Ave., McCook, NE 69001 308-345-7480.

Museum of the High Plains

Historical Society, Carnegie Library, Bench and Plaque for KIA Soldiers

413 Norris Ave.

308-345-3661

McCook Army Air Base

7 miles north and 3 miles west of McCook

Southwest Nebraska Genealogy Society (Library & Research)

110 West C Suite M2 & D, PO Box 156,

swngs@hotmail.com

www.swngs.org

Sherrie Dack 308-350-0126

Sculpture of Ben Nelson

Ben Nelson with his parents located by his boyhood home

604 Norris Ave.

Norris Park Band Shelter and "Going Home"

Norris Park

Sculpture by Sondra Jonson - In Honor of All Veterans an Eagle Scout project by the Boy Scouts of America.

**HISTORICAL
MARKERS*****Red Willow County 1935 Flood Height Markers***

Markers were put out by the National Weather service one in Indianola at Latitude: 40.2327; Longitude: -100.4172 and the other in Bartley Latitude: 40.24972 ; Longitude: -100.30621. One is located in McCook at Barnett Park, S. Hwy. 83 on the shelter by the army tank.

Marker near Marion on the Massacre of the Nelson Buck Surveying Party

CORRIDOR COUNTIES



Carnegie Library, Red Willow County.

Marker on Hwy 6 & 34 by Red Willow School

The first homestead in Red Willow County filing made by William W. W. Jones Jan. 10, 1872, beginning of the white settlement and development of the county. Later William W. W. Jones State Supt. Pub. Inst. 1884 and 1885 - Dedicated 1934 to Geo. C. Hill, Pioneer

POW Camp

About 1 mile north of Indianola, it is on private land and at this point has only the foundations of the barracks, 10'x 10' building that was part of the hospital, a cave like shelter, chimneys and the water tower. No markers.

Perry (west of McCook)

Site of ruins of old fort to protect the early settlers from the Indians. Arrows embedded in the walls and earthwork protection still are visible.

NON HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

McCOOK

Mid-Plains Community College

1205 East 3rd St.
800-658-4348

Heritage Hills Golf Course

6000 Club House Dr.
308-345-5032

Skate Board Park

Kelley Park

Frisbee Golf Course

Kelley Park

Red Willow Dam and Hugh Butler Lake

11 miles north of McCook, west of Hwy. 83. Other lakes near McCook but not in Red Willow are Swanson Lake near Trenton and Harry Strunk Lake near Cambridge.

LIVE MUSIC & THEATRE

Please contact the business for
Performance Dates, Times and Ticket Info.

McCOOK

McCook Historical Fox Theater

McCook Concert Association,
headquarters at Hershberger's Music
Store, McCook, 308-340-2592 or check
with the McCook Area Chamber of
Commerce, 1-800-657-2179.

Sehnert's Bakery and Bieroc Café

312 Norris Ave.
308-345-6500

Loop Brewing Co

404 West A St.
308-345-5198

The Coppermill Steakhouse

N Hwy 83 & Coppermill St.
308-345-2296
Shows Tuesday and Saturday.

Lighthouse Marina and Grill Red Willow Reservoir

(11 miles north McCook, west of Hwy 83)
308-345-2292. Live music starting May
20th and going to September 2nd.

McCook Art Guild Gallery

209 Norris Ave.
308-345-4816
Hours Monday and Saturday 10:00 to
4:00, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
1:00 to 4:00

ANTIQUE SHOPS

BARTLEY

Lemon Street Antiques

501 Lemon St.
308-962-4669

McCOOK

Accents Etc

307 Norris Ave.
308-345-7480
www.accents-etc.com

Huegels Hutch

401 Norris Ave.
345-7564

Take Me Home Treasures

305 Norris Ave.
785-734-7769

The Painted Ladies

319 Norris Ave.
308-340-2623

RECREATION

BARTLEY

Bartley Town Park

INDIANOLA*City of Indianola Park***MCCOOK***Barnett Park**Kelley Park**Norris Park***RESTAURANTS****INDIANOLA***Rocket Inn*121 N. 4th Street
308-364-9906**McCOOK***Arby's Roast Beef*900 West B Street
308-345-7154*Citta' Deli*110 West 3rd Street
308-345-1515*Coppermill Steakhouse*N. Hwy. 83 & Coppermill Street
308-345-2296*El Puerto Mexican Restaurant*311 Norris Avenue
308-345-2936*Fuller's Family Restaurant*110 Norris Avenue
308-345-7464*Loon Brewing Co.*404 West A St.
308-345-5198*Mac's Drive-In*809 West B Street
308-345-2420*McDonald's*501 N. Hwy. 83
308-345-7474*Royal Buffet*305 West 10th Street
308-345-4117*Runza Restaurant*802 N. Hwy. 83
308-345-3786*Sehnert's Bakery, Bieroc Café, Tied House*312 Norris Avenue
308-345-6500*Subway Sandwiches and Salads*216 Westview Plaza (Hwy. 83 N.)
308-345-2322*Taco John's*710 West B Street
308-345-1980*Pizza Hut*N. Hwy. 83
308-345-4150*Taste of Texas BBQ*112 West 11th Street
308-345-1611*Tequilla's Mexican Restaurant*205 Norris Avenue
308-345-4036*The Garlic Shop*102 Norris Avenue
308-344-9390*Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers*226 N. Hwy. 83
308-345-7618*JHcupcakes*102 Norris Avenue
308-737-9139*Lighthouse Marina and Grill*Red Willow Reservoir (11 miles north
McCook, west of Hwy. 83)
308-345-2292**LODGING****McCOOK***Cedar Inn*1300 East C Street
308-345-7091*Chief Motel*612 West B St.
308-345-3700*Cobblestone Inn & Suites*1301 N. Hwy. 83
888-693-8262*Days Inn & Suites*901 N. Hwy. 83
308-345-7115*Economy 8 Motel*1103 East B Street
308-345-1141*Horse Creek Inn*1 Bison Dr. Hwy. 83 N
308-345-4505*Karrer Park*Hwy. 6 & 34 east end of McCook,
Has camper hookups and bathrooms with
showers during summer months.*Red Willow Reservoir and Hugh
Butler Lake*11 miles N. Hwy. 83 of McCook
Has camping with camper hook ups,
bathrooms and showers during summer
months**ATMS****BARTLEY***State Bank of Bartley*402 Commercial Street no ATM
308-692-3333**INDIANOLA***Adams State Bank*205 North 4th St.
ATM in the drive thru
308-364-2215**McCOOK***McCook National Bank*ATM at 215 West 1st, West 5th and D,
Junction of Hwy. 6 & 34 and Hwy. 83,
the main bank is located at 220 Norris
Avenue.
308-345-4240, 800-595-9286*AmFirst Bank*602 West B St.
ATM in drive thru
308-345-1555*First Central Bank*904 N. Hwy. 83, ATM in drive thru
308-345-4994*Wells Fargo*108 West D St.
ATM in drive thru
308-345-1575

CORRIDOR COUNTIES

Horizon Bank

312 West 1st St.
ATM on drive thru
308-345-1744

Great Western Bank

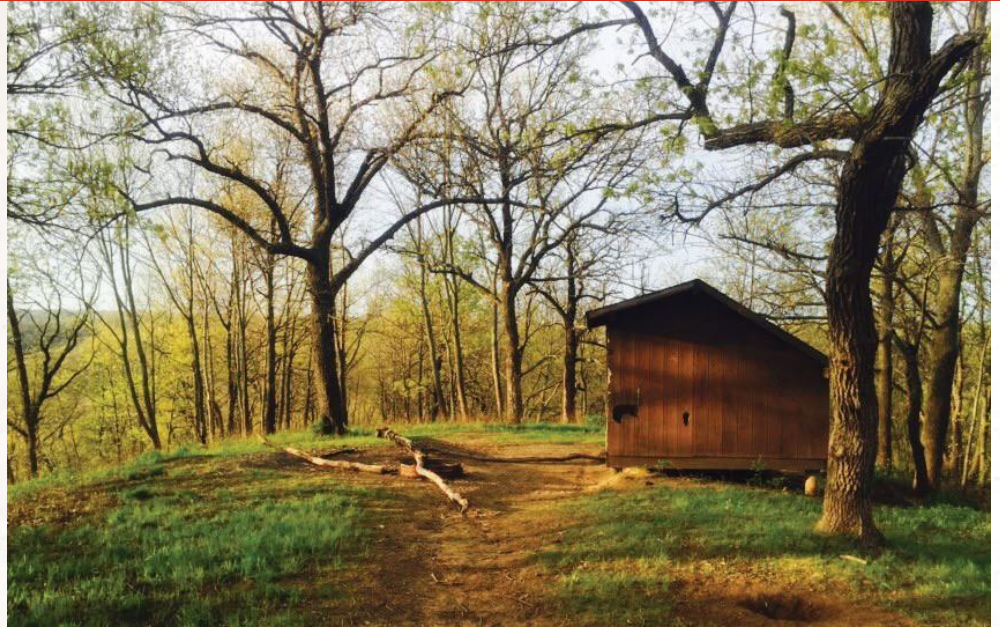
312 West 1st St., ATM in the lobby and 1
in the Library at the College,
308-345-5620

Lincoln Federal Savings Bank

221 Norris Avenue no ATM
308-345-2454

GAS STATIONS

McCook has at least 5 all located on Hwy
6 & 34. Indianola and Bartley each have
one.



Indian Cave State Park

RICHARDSON COUNTY

www.co.richardson.ne.us

Falls City
Chamber of Commerce
402-245-4228

Humboldt
Chamber of Commerce
402-862-2821

Richardson County is rich in historic,
natural beauty and tradition with many
seasonal activities for visitors. Falls City
is a two-hour drive from major cities in
Kansas and Nebraska and features many
historic museums. In 2013, the city earned
the Governor's Showcase Community
Award for civic vision in the Main Street

plan. The Humboldt City Square Park
includes a 125-year-old bandstand that is
surrounded by the Humboldt Commercial
District, which was placed on the National
Historic Register in 2005. It features his-
toric lighting, the Quad City Museum and
a mural illustrating the town's history and
heritage.

The 3,000-acre Indian Cave State Park
is operated by the Nebraska Game and
Parks Commission. Camping, horseback
riding and living history presentations
are part of the rustic experience. Stella
is known for its Arboretum. The Verdon
School Museum is a former 150-year-old
one-room school house. The Nebraska
State Historical Society Iron Monument
marks the original survey point for Ne-
braska and Kansas and can be reached by
a hiking trail south of Rulo.

GOLFING

FALLS CITY

Falls City Golf Club

64870 706 Trail
402-245-3624
www.fallscitynebraska.org

HUMBOLDT

Kirkman's Cove Recreational Area

Nemaha Natural Resource
71550 631st Ave.
402-862-2828
www.klgcgolf.com

HISTORICAL SITES

Richardson County Cemeteries

There are 57 burial sites in Richardson
County.
usgennet.org/usa/ne/county/richardson

FALLS CITY

Mini-Park Murals

Three hand-painted murals hang at the
Mini-Park in Falls City, summarizing the
town's history from its beginning through
the mid-1980s.

HUMBOLDT

The Humboldt Commercial Historic District

Placed on the National Register in 2005,
with the Nebraska Historical Marker located
in the Northeast corner of the city park.
ci.humboldt.ne.us

Humboldt Mural

The Humboldt mural illustrates the history
and heritage of Humboldt and depicts
all the pomp and pageantry of the
Richardson County Fair.

RULO

The Iron Monument

6 mi. S.E. of Rulo
402-245-3481
The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 used
the monument as a marker to map out
the location of the first eight Nebraska
counties and to measure the distances
to bordering states. Steps lead to the
monument, located 150 feet atop a bluff.
The monument is engraved with Nebraska
on the north, Kansas on the south, the
year 1854 on the east, and 40 degrees
latitude on the west side.

HUNTING & FISHING

HUMBOLDT

City Lake Park

Located in the south part of Humboldt
402-862-2171
www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

Kirkman's Cove Recreational Area

Nemaha Natural Resource
402-335-3325
www.nemahanrd.org

STANTON***Stanton Lake Park***

This camper park is next to a scenic lake and away from the concentrated residential areas. A concrete sidewalk circles the lake, with a playground nearby. Picnic shelters and fishing can be part of the experience. A fenced run for small or large dogs is nearby.

ATTRACTIONS**DAWSON*****Henry Heim House Museum***

Opened in Dawson in 2014. Major addition to the Henry Heim House Museum, a project of the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska. Just off Highway 75 northwest of Dawson. Call 402-855-4225 prior to your visit. Or call 402-239-649 to request a tour or hear an oral history about each building and its importance.

FALLS CITY***Richardson County Museum***

www.usgennet.org/usa/ne/county/richardson

Donated exhibits help the Richardson County Museum reflect the life of early years.

Military Memorabilia

Military Park is dedicated to our service men and women. The Courthouse hosts a military museum dating back to World War I.

HUMBOLDT***Quad County Museum******314 East Square***

Open the second Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. or call Duaine Stalder for a tour.
402-862-5338

VERDON***Verdon School Museum***

The former Maple Grove District 47 one-room schoolhouse is now the Verdon School Museum. Situated at 6th and Pine Streets in Verdon. Memorabilia from four schools: Verdon, Dawson, Dawson-Verdon, and District 47. Call 402-883-2386 for more details or to schedule a tour.

PARKS**FALLS CITY*****John Falter Memorial Park***

John Phillip Falter Memorial Drive (26th & Chase Streets).

Krumme Arboretum

www.arboretum.unl.edu (search by region).

Stanton Lake Park

This camper park is next to a scenic lake.

HUMBOLDT***Boy Scout Camp***

12 miles south of Humboldt.
www.CornhuskerCouncil.org
The camp contains 360 acres.

Humboldt City Lake Park

Located in the south part of Humboldt.
402-862-2171
www.ci.humboldt.ne.us

Humboldt City Square Park

Home of the Richardson County Fair since 1921.

Kirkman's Cove Recreational Area

Nemaha Natural Resource
402-335-3325
www.nemahanrd.org

SHUBERT***Indian Cave State Park***

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
Park permit required.
www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

STELLA***Stella Arboretum***

Member of the Nebraska State Arboretum and gained National Butterfly Certification. It is open year round.
Call 402-883-2546 or 402-883-2745.

THE ARTS**FALLS CITY*****Library and Arts Center***

www.fallscitylibrary.org

HUMBOLDT***Bruun Memorial Library***

402-862-2941
www.bruunlibrary.org
bmemoial@neb.rr.com

PLACES TO STAY**FALLS CITY*****Check-In Motel***

2824 N. Old Highway 73
402-245-2433

Grand Weaver Hotel

1800 Stone St.
402-245-2448
www.grandweaver.com

Vision Inn Motel

2621 Harlan St.
402-245-2459
www.visioninnmotel.com

HUMBOLDT***Humboldt Gandy House Bed & Breakfast***

Duaine & Sandy Stalder
715 5th St.
402-862-3278
www.gandyhouse.com

SALINE COUNTY

Saline County Information
Sheryl Kastanek, Saline
County Tourism Committee,
kastanekbs@hotmail.com
402.821.2668

Eight communities are located within the boundaries of Saline County, the largest and easternmost being Crete. To its west, on Highway 33, are Dorchester and Friend. Ten miles south of Crete on Highway 103 is Wilber, with DeWitt an additional seven miles south. The towns of Swanton, Western and Tobias are located on county roads west of Wilber off Highways 41 and 15.

Although subject to the winds of change, every county in Nebraska has been reported to be Republican except the county of Saline, which has registered Democratic for more than one hundred years. Some historians have attributed this to the Czech heritage. Saline County claims the heaviest population in the state of Czech descendants, who emigrated



Czech Dancers in Saline County.

from the Czech lands in the late 19th century and were known as “free thinkers.” Wilber maintains the distinction of having been declared the “Czech Capital of the United States” by President Ronald Reagan. To this end, the Czech populations located in Saline County celebrate this heritage every year during the first full weekend in August during the annual Czech Festival.

Nearly every community in Saline County displays large murals on business buildings, all painted by local artists and six historical markers have been placed in the area. Saline County is ideal for hunting and fishing and offers several Wildlife Management and Protection Areas. Visitors should not miss the Czech Festival in Wilber nor the newly developed Pumpkin Festival in Crete during the month of October.

Saline County is also home to Doane University in Crete, the Saline County Museum in Dorchester, Blue River Recreational Area, Warren Opera House in Friend, Sokal Hall in Wilber and historic Saline Center in the middle of this rural county.

ATTRACTIONS

CRETE

Doane College Osterhout Arboretum

The Doane College Osterhout Arboretum is an arboretum at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, named in honor of M. David Osterhout.

DORCHESTER

Saline County Historical Society and Museum

Southwest corner of Jct. NE Hwy. 33 & Washington St.
402-243-2356

WILBER

Wilber Czech Museum

102 W 3rd St
402-821-2183

Saline County Veterans Memorial

Northwest corner of the Saline County Courthouse. Four blocks west and one north of the downtown main intersection of Highways 41 and 103.

American Legion Auxiliary Veteran's Memorial

Legion Park campground in Wilber

FRIEND

Friend Historical Society/Warren Opera House

San Carlo Room, 511 2nd St., Suite B
Contact Marla Weber at 947-7901 or Carey Potter at 730-0276.

Garage Sale Trail

Garage Sale Trail is held the first Friday and Saturday in May. Communities on the Trail are Clatonia, Wilber, Swanton, Western, Plymouth and Dewitt.

HISTORIC MARKERS

Nebraska Historical Marker: Czech Capital

Nebraska Historical Marker: Nebraska Chautauquas

Nebraska Historical Marker: PFC Charley Havlat

Nebraska Historical Marker: Pleasant Hill

Nebraska Historical Marker: Sergeant Loedegar Schnyder

Nebraska Historical Marker: Swan City

LODGING

CRETE

Camping at Tuxedo Park

13th & Tuxedo Road

Super 8

1880 W. 12th St.
402-826-3600

Crete Inn

1515 Blue Acres Dr.
402-826-4341

Norma's Nook

710 Hawthorne Ave.
402-826-4148

WILBER

American Legion Campground

1000 School Street

Hotel Wilber

03 S. Wilson St.
402-821-2020

RESTAURANTS

CRETE

Antojitos Mejicanos de Gladys

1041 Main Ave.
402-826-3994

King Buffet

925 E. Hwy. 33
402-826-5599

9th Street Grill

915 Main Ave. # 1
402-826-4040

Elle's on Main

1103 Main Ave.
402-418-7101

D'Leon's Mexican Restaurant

925 E. Hwy. 33
402-381-0004

Christina's Family Restaurant

925 E. Hwy. 33 # 2
402-826-4533

Pizza Hut

1110 Arizona Ave.
402-826-4361

Valentino's

915 Main Ave. # 5
402-826-2626

Great Wall IV

1535 Blue Acres Dr.
402-826-1111

Someplace Else

1245 Main Ave.
402-826-9959

Burger King

438 E. 13th St.
402-826-5872

Dairy Queen

1739 Hawthorne Ave.
402-826-3853

Runza

1103 Main Ave.
402-826-4213

Subway Sandwiches & Salads

925 Main Ave.
402-826-5119

Pizza Hut Crete

845 E. Hwy. 33
402-826-2852

A & W All-American Food

342 E. 13th St.
402-826-5511

Somewhere Else

1245 Main Ave.
402-826-1775

Magic Wok

1302 Linden Ave.
402-826-5161

Amigos

342 E. 13th St.
402-826-5511

Casey's General Store

301 W. 13th St.
402-826-4003

Casey's General Store

415 E. 13th St.
402-826-2555

Crete Farmers Market

930 Main Ave.
402-826-2589

The Brew House

1206 Main Ave.
402-418-7070

Malone's Restaurant

Hwy. 33 W
402-826-2226

J D's

1230 Main Ave.
402-826-9935

Dusty's Bar & Grill

109 1st St.
402-826-5294

Vyhnalek's

360 Main Ave.
402-826-9980

Teresa's Tortilla Bakery

107 W. 14th St.
402-826-2421

Great Wall Buffet

1535 Blue Acres St.
402-826-2388

DE WITT**Red Zone**

311 E. Filmore Ave.
402-683-9901

Rj's

402 E. Fillmore Ave.
402-683-4935

DORCHESTER**Joe's Place**

703 Washington Ave.
402-946-2171

Rough Reigns Bar and Grill

708 Washington Ave.
402-946-2104

FRIEND**Green Top Diner**

1515 1st St.
402-947-2886

Coffee Corner

515 2nd St.
402-947-4181

Daisy Queen

101 State St.
402-947-2663

WESTERN**Southfork Steakhouse & Sports**

102 N. West Ave.
402-433-9101

WILBER**Subway Sandwiches & Salads**

511 S. Main St.
402-821-2002

Hotel Wilber

203 S. Wilson St.
402-821-2020

Casey's General Store

521 S. Main St.
402-821-3345

Wilber Bakery

104 W. 3rd St.
402-821-2995

Fox Hole Tavern

117 W. 3rd St.
402-821-2336

Randy's Place

120 W. 3rd St.
402-821-9909

Van's Grill & Ice Cream

511 N. Main St.
402-821-2646



Arbor Lodge. Photo courtesy Nebraska City Travel & Tourism.

OTOE COUNTY

Located in southeast Nebraska within easy driving distance of Omaha, Lincoln, and Kansas City, Otoe County is a lovely, rolling region of rich, cultivated soil, apple orchards, vineyards and untamed woods. It borders the dramatic bluffs and rapid water of the Missouri River to the east and, to the west, the High Plains. Otoe, as in the Oto Indians, is an abbreviation for Watota, which means "lovers of pleasure." And we're sure you'll find much pleasure discovering the geographic diversity of the area as well as the frankly surprising variety of historic, cultural, romantic and family-friendly attractions.

The region is known for its great wines, BBQ, and, of course, apple pie, but be sure to sample some of the local cafes and Mexican restaurants as well. Shopping is also a treat! You won't get many stores in these parts, but you will find some outstanding specialty boutiques, antiques, art galleries, quilt shops, clothing stores and green goods are the favorite.

So,join us for a sun-filled adventure at Arbor Day Farm or the Syracuse Aqua Center, or encounter culture and history at one of over a dozen museums, including Arbor Lodge State Historical Park, the Home of Arbor Day!

The Otoe County Visitors Committee invites you to select one of the area's unique lodging options so that you may take in all the area has to offer. B&Bs, lodges, campgrounds, hotels and motels await. For more information call 402-873-6654 or www.VisitOtoeCounty.com.

ATTRACTIONS

NEBRASKA CITY

Arbor Lodge State Historical Park

2600 Arbor Ave.
402-873-7222

Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Center

100 Valmont Dr.
402-874-9900

Steinhart Aquatic Center

121 N. Steinhart Park
402-873-5284

SYRACUSE

Williams Park

Near center of Syracuse
402-269-2173

Syracuse Aqua Center

1180 Chestnut St.
402-269-2601

Otoe County Museum of Memories

377 Poplar St.
402-269-2355

LODGING

NEBRASKA CITY

Whispering Pines B&B

2018 6th Ave.
402-873-5850 or 877-277-3577
www.whisperingpines.com

Deluxe Inn

1715 S. 11th St.
402-873-6656

Nebraska City Inn

2515 S. 11th St.
402-873-7000 or 877-397-1100
www.bestwesternnebraska.com

Economy Inn

1905 S. 11th St.
402-873-6610

Lied Lodge & Conference Center

2700 Sylvan Road
402-873-8733 or 800-546-5433
www.liedlodge.org

Victorian Acres RV & Campground

6591 NE Highway 2
402-873-6866
www.victorianacres-rvpark.com

SYRACUSE

Mustang Motel

940 Park St.
402-269-2185

Syracuse Campground

1st & Midland Streets
402-269-2601
www.syracusene.com

Syracuse Inn & Suites

130 N. 30 Rd.
402-269-2700

RESTAURANTS

BURR

The Last Chance Bar

360 4th St.
402-848-2392

LORTON

Lorton Lounge

8 Cypress St.
402-259-2545

NEBRASKA CITY

El Portal

1640 S. 11th St.
402-873-3134

Lied Lodge & Conference Center

2700 Sylvan Rd. 4
602-873-8740

The Keeping Room

717 Central Ave.
402-873-7797

The Depot

625 S. 6th St.

Johnny's Corner Café

606 Central Ave.
402-873-3585

Ladybug BBQ

610 S. 11th St.
402-873-1148

Runza

702 S. 11th St.
402-873-3545

Mary's Café

228 E. 4th Corso St.
402-873-1329

Subway

Jct. 2 S. Hwy. 75
402-873-4200

Valentino's Grand Italian Buffet

1710 S. 11th St.
402-873-5522

Prairie City Chop House

610 Central Ave.
402-256-5023

Imperial Garden

419 11th St.
402-873-4111

Tacos El Pueblito

123 S. 7th St.
402-874-9962

Scooter's Coffee

2104 S. 11th St.
402-873-2916

McDonald's

1500 S. 11th St.
402-873-6466

Little Teds

416 Central
402-713-0333

Taco John's

315 S. 11th St.
402-873-6755

Arby's

1649 S. 11th St.
402-873-5323

SYRACUSE

B&J's Family Restaurant & Lounge

347 5th St.
402-269-9917

A J's Coffee House

430 5th St.
402-269-3301

Dairy Chef

400 E. 17th St.
402-269-2669

Subway/Goodrich

910 12th St.
402-269-3337

Breadeaux Pizza

1111 Park St.
402-269-3456

Godfather's Pizza

110 N 30th Rd.
402-269-3700

Daylight Donuts

362 5th St.
402-269-3236

OTOE

Otoe Steakhouse

415 Main St.
402-265-9281

PALMYRA

Casey's

1000 I St.
402-780-5767

Palmyra Pub

333 S St.
402-780-9990

UNADILLA

The Bar

359 Main St.
402-828-2800



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OR BY CALLING 1-888-404-1315**



Huge Flea Market/Garage Sale Event
the First Weekend in October