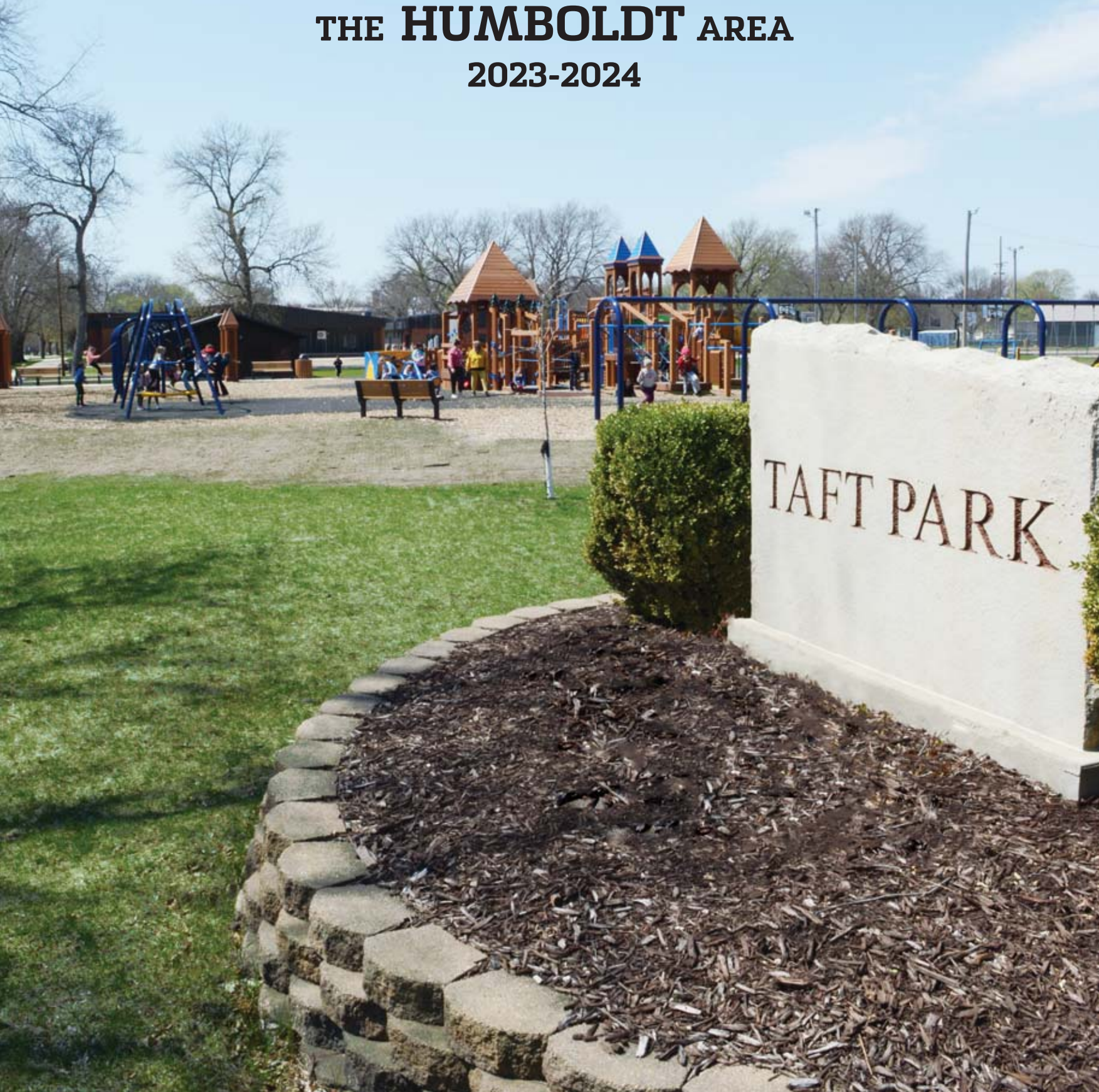


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HUMBOLDT, EST. 1863

By Humboldt Mayor Dan Scholl

With our community recognizing its 160th year of existence, the word that comes to mind to reflect on where we've been to where we are going is.... Perseverance. From our visionary founders, most notably Stephen H. Taft, until today, the one constant has been Perseverance.

Mr. Taft had five stated goals for his idyllic community of which two, ethical and moral fundamentals, are still being pursued and prioritized. Which, I feel, is a testimony as to why we are experiencing the continued growth and prosperity we are in today's world.

Growth in Education; the Humboldt Community School District has recently approved a multi-million-dollar site plan for expansion and upgrades at its facilities.

Growth in Health Care; Having survived the Pandemic and the wake of its aftermath, the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital is positioned for expansion of its own. Most recently with its new Mental Health Services Center.

Growth in Manufacturing; Our gifted industry leaders are always searching for new ways to be more innovative and efficient in delivering their best products.

Growth in Housing; Not just the success of private building contractors, but the city has partnered with the Building Trades Program through the school system and has also partnered with a regional vendor to prioritize affordable work force homes; and lastly, rehabilitating less than desirable homes throughout the community through the efforts of the Humboldt County Housing Development Corporation.

Growth in Retail: A particularly challenging market, but accented with numerous small business achievements.

Growth in Recreation: In full disclosure, my favorite topic;



Mayor Dan Scholl

and based on conversations generated in the city and county, it's evidently a high priority for others too. It certainly goes without saying, but we can't start any discussion without again recognizing the generous and valuable gift the Ken and Marilyn Nielsen family bestowed on the city. In today's vernacular, "it's a game changer!" But there's more. The city's recreation programs are being used at record levels; ie. youth soccer in the Spring of 2023; 400 + participants.

The city is in the process of developing the property adjacent to the West Fork of the Des Moines River on both sides of its banks and the possibility of expanding the

Three Rivers Trail system, just to name a few.

Why is this important? Statistics show that people have more time and disposable income for these recreational activities. And if that premise is true, I don't know about you, but I'd rather have those individuals spending their dollars here locally.

With the success that each of these above segments are experiencing, I can't help but recognize the approach that the city council, city administrator, individual department heads, and staff are exhibiting on a daily basis.

I recently read that "Diligence is the bridge between goals and accomplishments." I think that is an accurate description of how everyone is performing their duties.

Perseverance is a key principle to the vitality of our community. I look forward to the promise the future has to bring! **Today.... Tomorrow...Together...**

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The bronze statue of Gotch stands proudly in Bicknell Park in Humboldt.

HUMBOLDT, HOME OF WORLD CHAMPION WRESTLING LEGEND FRANK GOTCH

Humboldt is the hometown of wrestling legend Frank A. Gotch.

Gotch was world champion for eight years from 1908 to 1916. A statue of Gotch stands proudly in Bicknell Park in Humboldt, located at the west end of Humboldt's downtown. The park is the historic training site of Gotch and draws visitors from all over the country.



The bronze statue of Gotch was unveiled on July 4, 2012. The Frank Gotch Statue Committee, a non-profit organization, raised \$100,000 over a two-year span. The eight-foot tall statue was created by Jeff Adams of Mount Morris, IL.

Gotch trained at the site in 1911 when Gotch defeated George Hackenschmidt, known as the Russian Lion, in a world championship match in Chicago.

Many famous wrestlers, including Farmer Burns, considered the top wrestling trainer of all-time, came to Humboldt to help Gotch prepare for his match with Hackenschmidt. Hundreds of fans and sportswriters


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poured into Humboldt from all over. A special train from Fort Dodge brought fans by the hundreds. One particular day, a newspaper writer from Chicago estimated there were over 2,000 fans in Humboldt watching Gotch train.

The match between Gotch and Hackenschmidt took place in what was then the new baseball park in Chicago, Comiskey Park. The event drew an estimated crowd of 30,000 fans. It was the largest crowd ever to see a wrestling match for another half century. Gotch won easily and never lost again.

Frank Gotch won the heavyweight wrestling title in 1908 and never lost again, winning 88 consecutive matches before retiring in 1916 undefeated. Author and historian, Mike Chapman, has written that Gotch was as well-known as any athlete in his era.

"Gotch is the best-known athlete per era, in Iowa history, even when you compare him to Bob Feller, Nile Kinnick, Dan Gable or even Olympian Shawn Johnson," Chapman said.

The character of Gotch was the star of a play that went up and down the east coast and Europe for many years to sellout crowds. Frank Gotch was invited to the White House by President Teddy Roosevelt. Gotch was also wooed by young Hollywood to become a movie actor.

Gotch was also courted to run for governor of Iowa. Gotch was the co-owner of an automobile company, owned

nearly 1,000 acres of prime farmland in Iowa and Minnesota and was on the board of directors of several companies.

Gotch was one of the first athletes to appear on a sports trading card and also became the first athlete to be used in commercial endorsements. A cigar box was named after him as well as many farm implements and many babies.

In 1924, the Des Moines Register conducted a poll to find out what Iowan was most admired in the state, in any field of endeavor. Frank Gotch won easily.

Gotch was born on a farm three miles south of Humboldt on April 27, 1878, and never left his roots despite becoming a world famous athlete. Gotch died at the age of 39 on Dec. 16, 1917, of kidney failure in his home, what is now 110 6th Street North in Humboldt.

During Gotch's heyday, many promoters in New York, Chicago, Des Moines and Omaha urged Gotch to move to a larger city. New York promoters told Gotch, "you can sell out Madison Square Garden and you'll make so much money."

Frank told them, "I was born an Iowa farm boy. I was raised an Iowa farm boy. And I'll die an Iowa farm boy."

Frank Gotch had so much loyalty to this community. He has brought so much notoriety, the committee felt the statue would provide a long-lasting monument and help cement his legacy, as well as become an added tourist attraction that members of the committee would like to see expand over time.

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Incorporated in 1858, Dakota City is the county seat of Humboldt County and the location of the Humboldt County Courthouse.

It is home to Gunder Church Furniture and Chantland-MHS Company, as well as many small businesses.

In Dakota City you will also find the Humboldt County Historical Museum, Dakota City Park and Campground, Herb Zinnel Memorial Playground, Humboldt County Three Rivers Trail and Kiddie Cats Child Care Learning Center.

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DAKOTA CITY, EST. 1858

By Dakota City Mayor Sean Phillips



Mayor Sean Phillips

Dakota City is a small friendly town, the County Seat of Humboldt County, a great place to live, and offers a short commute to work at the many manufacturing places in Humboldt County and outlying towns. The citizens of Dakota City take great pride in improving the appearance of town, making it an appealing and friendly place to live.

The city was established in 1858, and at the current time the population is just under 900. Sitting on a hill overlooking the east branch of the Des Moines River it is bordered by Humboldt on the west side.

Dividing Dakota City and Humboldt is an old railroad bed that has been made into a beautiful hiking trail. Three Rivers Trail is 33 miles long. The trail attracts many that like to walk, run or ride bikes. In the wintertime it is groomed and used by snowmobiles. Much beauty can be found all along the trail, with magnificent wildflowers, trees, shrubs and bridges

that cross the river. It is not unusual to be walking the trail and see deer ahead of you. Humboldt County is fortunate to have some of the richest farm ground in the state, producing top quality grain and livestock.

On the east side of Dakota City situated on the river, is Memorial Park. Campsites are connected to city water and electrical service. A major project was leveling the center of the campground making more campsites available. The electrical service was upgraded and improvements made to the playground.

The John Wickre Shelter is partially enclosed, with shelves and electrical outlets. On any given day, the park is usually busy with people enjoying its beauty and serenity. The playground is a popular place for those who provide childcare. Children enjoy all the playground has to offer. The park includes a bathhouse with showers and modern flush toilets. There are many spots to have a picnic with two small shelters and a large shelter.



The playground consists of new modern play equipment and tires to crawl on. A sand area with a digger is a favorite for all children. A regulation sandpit volleyball court is a very popular area for young and old.

Around the play area are benches and a porch swing for those who just like to sit and relax. Just off the main shelter are horseshoe pits, which are another popular spot for all ages.

The banks of the river are lined with benches for those who enjoy watching the river and those playing on its sandy beach. Fishing is popular and there is a boat ramp

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for those who want to go up or down the river. There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy and do together.

The John Wickre Shelter is busy all summer and is for anyone to use for a special occasion. Contact City Hall to reserve the shelter for your event.

Across the river to the east is the Humboldt County Historical Museum with a variety of antiques and farming equipment. You'll find an old schoolhouse, many artifacts of Humboldt County and the surrounding area, along with Indian artifacts. This is the old mill site that was used until the dam washed out in 1951.

Dakota City is very proud of its courthouse and history. There is a great deal of industry in the area. Dakota City has two manufacturers. Gunder Church Furniture makes church furniture that is shipped all over the United States. Chantland MHS is a manufacturer of conveyors, bagging equipment, palletizers and pulleys. Chantland's main office and North Plant are located in Dakota City.

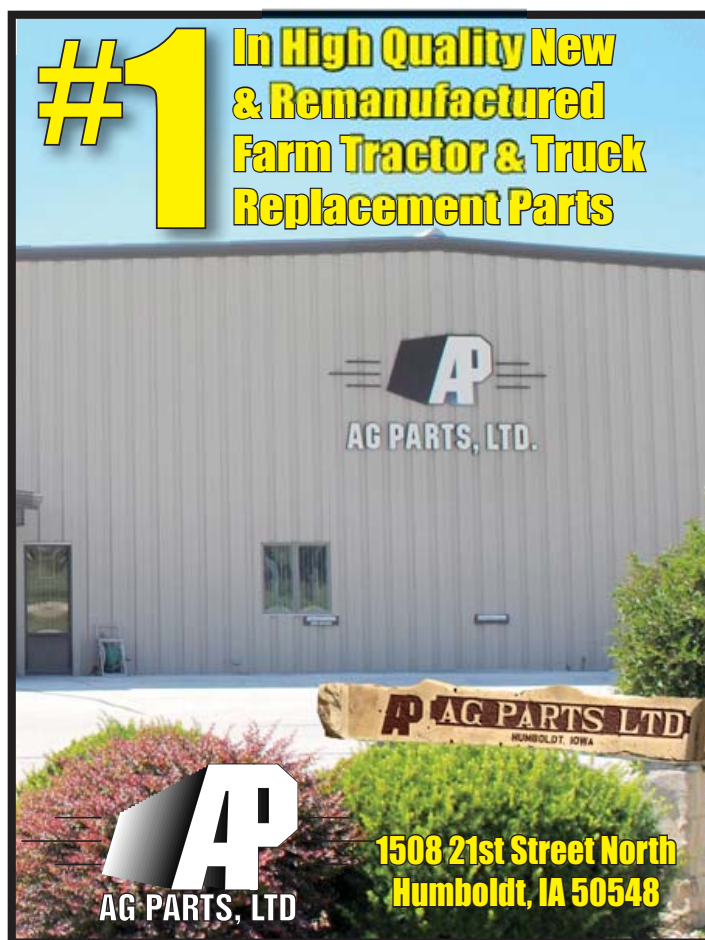
We feel the Humboldt Community School system is one of the best. Dakota City's Clyde Mease Elementary houses the school administration and preschool through kindergarten. Grades first through high school are held in Humboldt. Located next to Mease School is the Head Start Pre-School facility. New in 2018, also connected to Mease School, is the Kiddie Cats Child Care and Learning Center. The new child care center is a wonderful asset to our community.

Dakota City is a town where neighbors help neighbors and they take pride in their community. As the locals say, "It's a great place to call home and raise a family."

Over the last 15 years we have worked diligently to improve our water treatment plant, replaced a drinking water well, upgraded our wastewater treatment plant and continue to slip line our sewer mains to provide the best of service for our citizens and allow for future growth. Housing has been a high priority for us here in Dakota City also. We have new homes in the Dakota Heights subdivision and we continually apply for CDBG Housing Rehabilitation programs to help homeowners to make needed improvements on their homes.

Dakota City is a community looking to grow, we have great citizens and family values are of upmost importance. It is with pride that I say I live in Dakota City. Our city is proactive in improving our town and will continue working for an even better place to live. I am honored to serve Dakota City.

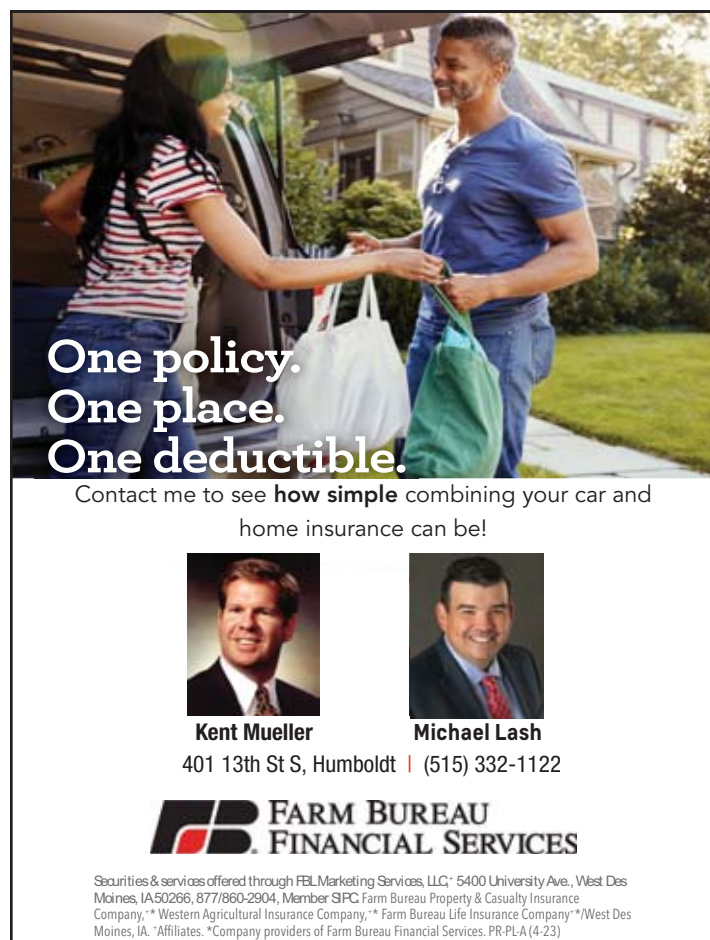
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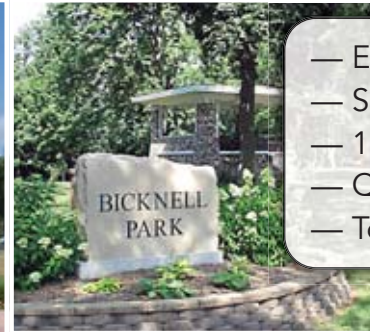
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HUMOTA THEATER



The non-profit Humota Theater is raising funds for two major projects, installing a furnace and air conditioning unit for the concessions area, plus installing more soundproofing on the walls of the theater.

They are currently getting bids on the furnace and air conditioning equipment for the lobby and concessions area. The soundproofing is an on-going project that they can add to at any time. Installing the soundproofing is done by the board.

Chad Theesfeld, president of the Humota Movie Group Board of Directors likes when labor can be done by the board, "It can really keep costs down, sometimes labor is half the cost of a project."

"We had a rough winter, it costs a lot to heat our big building, we had many movies that people could stream at home and that keeps our attendance down, plus The Humboldt County Community Foundation denied a grant to cover half of our projects this year, as they have done in the past. Now, fundraising is needed to cover all our projects this year," Theesfeld said.

Local manufacturer Chantland-MHS for the second time donated \$2,500 to help with The Humota's projects.

"Our local businesses have really helped us get through, every little bit counts when we need to do projects and still have everyday expenses. We still have a loan for our initial project. When we reopened, we remodeled the front area with the concession stand and restrooms, we felt it was something we just couldn't wait to do," Theesfeld said.

"Now we have to do smaller things every year so they don't pile up, at least that's our goal. I'm not sure

how old the old lobby furnace and ac unit is, all I know is it gets way too hot for our employees while they are making popcorn behind the counter," Theesfeld said.

Their other project will be adding more soundproofing to the auditorium. The soundproofing cuts down on the sound bouncing off the walls. "We will keep adding soundproofing whenever we can afford to do it," said Theesfeld.

"We were really doing well at the theater. COVID really knocked the wind out of our sails. Without our community support we wouldn't be here," Theesfeld said. "We constantly need the community's support, thankfully they keep us going."

Fridley owned and operated the Humota for many years.

When they announced plans they would be closing or selling the Humota, a non-profit group was formed to purchase the facility from Fridley. The transaction took place in early 2019.

The board started making improvements right away including installing TV screens in the lobby where movie posters could be displayed.

"It was getting hard to get actual paper movie posters. Now we're able to download the posters which show upcoming movies and show them on the TV screens," Theesfeld said.

The front area underwent a major remodel with new handicap accessible restrooms constructed, a new concession area, new carpet and new computer system.

Seats were replaced in the auditorium and Theesfeld said the board made sure there was adequate spacing between rows. Wheelchair locations are scattered throughout the theater.

"We've had some people thank us for that as many theaters only have wheelchair access at the back of the theater," Theesfeld said.

A new \$8,000 popcorn popper and accessories were donated by the Humboldt Rotary Club, which obtained a matching District Rotary grant to help with the costs.

A couple donated a slushy machine that is doing well for the theater. There's a refrigerator with bottled water and juice alternatives.

"We've just added Dippin Dots ice cream, we're willing to try anything. If people have suggestions they just need to let us know," Theesfeld said.

A new station was added to the concession stand recently to help speed up the process before the

feature presentation starts. “Concessions are our money maker. We don’t make much on tickets. Our ticket prices remain about as low as is allowed. We want people to be able to afford to come watch a movie,” Theesfeld said.

Some surprises include the cost of a bulb for the projector. Each bulb is about \$600 and lasts about 200 to 300 hours.

A system automatically dims the theater lights once the feature presentation starts.

“Someone used to have to leave the concession area and run upstairs to dim the lights,” he said.

Speaking of employees, Sarah Warner is the Humota Theater manager. She is assisted by Caitlynn Haack.

“They eat, sleep and breathe this place. They do a great job for us and always have great fundraising ideas,” Theesfeld said.

The Humota employs several high school-age students.

“We have a great staff and we also feel the Humota is a great place to work. We raised wages as soon as we took over the theater and we pay competitive wages,” Theesfeld said. “Our employees are very busy before the movie and after the movie cleaning up. We realize students have homework and they are allowed to do homework while it’s slow during the movie.”

The Humota Board of Directors includes: Chad Theesfeld, President; Chelsey Lindaman, Vice-president; Ashley Gochenour, Treasurer; Stacey Origer, Secretary; Kirk Meyer, Jeff Knutson, Taylor Smith, Sarah Warner, Manager and board advisor.

More board members are needed so if anyone is interested they can contact Theesfeld.

The Humota is a 501C3, so donations are tax deductible.

The cities of Humboldt and Dakota City have donated funds to the theater in the past. “I’m hopeful that Humboldt and Dakota City could donate again soon,” said Theesfeld.

While the goal is to make the theater self-sufficient, there are things that come up that need to be repaired or upgraded. Currently there is a leak in the roof that needs to be repaired. Theesfeld, who works in maintenance at Humboldt County Memorial Hospital, is looking for options to repair the roof leak.

Three old residential furnaces heat the theater, one of which quit working. Theesfeld is hopeful to make it through the heating season. But the air conditioning units are also aging and in need of replacement. “Sandes has been really good helping us find parts to keep repairing the old units. But when the time comes it will be a major cost,” Theesfeld said.

With the shift to multi-plex theaters with multiple screens, the Humota has one of the largest movie screens in the state.

“It’s massive. It’s one of the biggest screens in Iowa



and it’s great for watching a movie,” Theesfeld said.

The Humota Board is hopeful individuals, companies and organizations will continue to help support the Humota.

“The goal is to have it be self-sufficient. It would be very sad to drive down Sumner and see it closed. So far, the community has been very supportive and we appreciate all of the help. Every donation is very important,” Theesfeld said.

People can send donations to Humota Theater, PO Box 6, Humboldt, IA 50548, or drop off donations to the Humota at 515 Sumner. Donations can also be made directly to www.paypal.me/HumotaTheater, or directly on their Facebook page. People can also add the Humota to their AmazonSmile account and donate that way.

The Humota Theaters 2nd Annual Family Fun Day fundraiser is being planned for June 17th at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds, with many kids games during the day and the band, Riddled With Class that night.



COUNTY PARKS, TRAILS AND NATURE AREAS



Camping is growing in Humboldt County and Humboldt County Conservation is responding to the growing demand.

There are 12 new campsites in lower Sheldon Park west of Humboldt. The campsites are water and electric only and are located south of the boat ramps along the west fork of the Des Moines River. The campsites and a new public restroom should be open for the 2023 season.

Lotts Creek Park in Livermore has four new campsites, water and electrical only. Humboldt County Conservation is working with the city of Livermore to establish a dump station site close by, so campers will have a place to dispose of waste when done camping.

Rental cabins, expanded full hookup camping sites, a playground area and a new archery target course are all among the recent improvements to the expanded Sheldon Park west of Humboldt.

The idea for expansion began over five years ago when the Humboldt County Conservation Board sought to purchase almost 27 acres of land adjoining the south edge of Sheldon Park.

The cabins are 576 square feet each and feature two bedrooms and one bath.

Entering the cabins, there is a small kitchen on the right with the living room in the center and a bathroom on the right and two small bedrooms on the left.

The cabins feature a hide-a-bed couch in the living room, along with a sitting chair. There will be a smart TV mounted on one of the walls. There will be a kitchen table and chairs.

There is a mini-split air conditioning and electric heating unit with a power vent into the bedrooms. There is a small mechanical room for the hot water heater.

The cabin interiors have knotty pine siding and vinyl plank floors. The roof features architectural steel shingles.

The cabins are just two of the many amenities that have been added or are planned for the Naeve property addition to Sheldon Park.

"In creating the roads around the area, we were able to add seven new campsites that lie west of the cabins. Five are pull through, meaning that a person doesn't have to



back up their camper to pull in. That's very popular these days," Humboldt County Conservation Director Todd Lee said. All are full hookup with water, electrical and sewer.

A septic field was added to the new camping area, so campers using water for their shower and toilet don't have to use a dump station.

There are 21 campsites in the upper portion of the area along Sheldon Road. All have water and electrical, but only two have sewer hookup and one of them is for the camp host.

The 28 campsites in the southerly addition are in addition to 15 sites in Upper Sheldon Park off Highway 3.

Future plans at Upper Sheldon Park include a modern, enclosed shelter house. Additional campsites may also be added.

"What we are doing with the 26-plus acres of the former Naeve property is part of a bigger plan that ties into what is done with the Joe Reasoner Dam, improvements to the Des Moines River and an eventual connection of the Cottonwood Trail to Sheldon Park and the Three Rivers Trail," Lee said. Sheldon Park already has an extensive network of trails.

"That way, we could have people camp at Sheldon, ride their bikes through very scenic areas of Humboldt and all the way to Thor. They could go tubing on the river through Lake Nokomis and down to Sumner Avenue in Humboldt and back, or go kayaking, canoeing, boating or fishing.

There are 4-5 acres on the west side of the Naeve addition that Humboldt County Conservation would like



to develop into a native wetland and use for outdoor classroom activities. "We could have discussions about outdoor plants, native wildlife, invertebrates and other topics. We really think there is a great opportunity to add some of this space as an outdoor learning center," Lee said.

The Conservation Board would also like to develop a pond near the southeast corner of the new area with another playground nearby.

In addition to regular camping and outdoor river and

trail activities, Sheldon Park features special amenities and events.

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In addition to Sheldon Park, Gotch Park, located southeast of Humboldt, offers campsites, fishing and more.

Recreation at area parks and the river is not just limited to the spring, summer and fall. In the wintertime, Humboldt County Conservation has 30 sets of cross-country skis that are loaned out. It is a very popular service.

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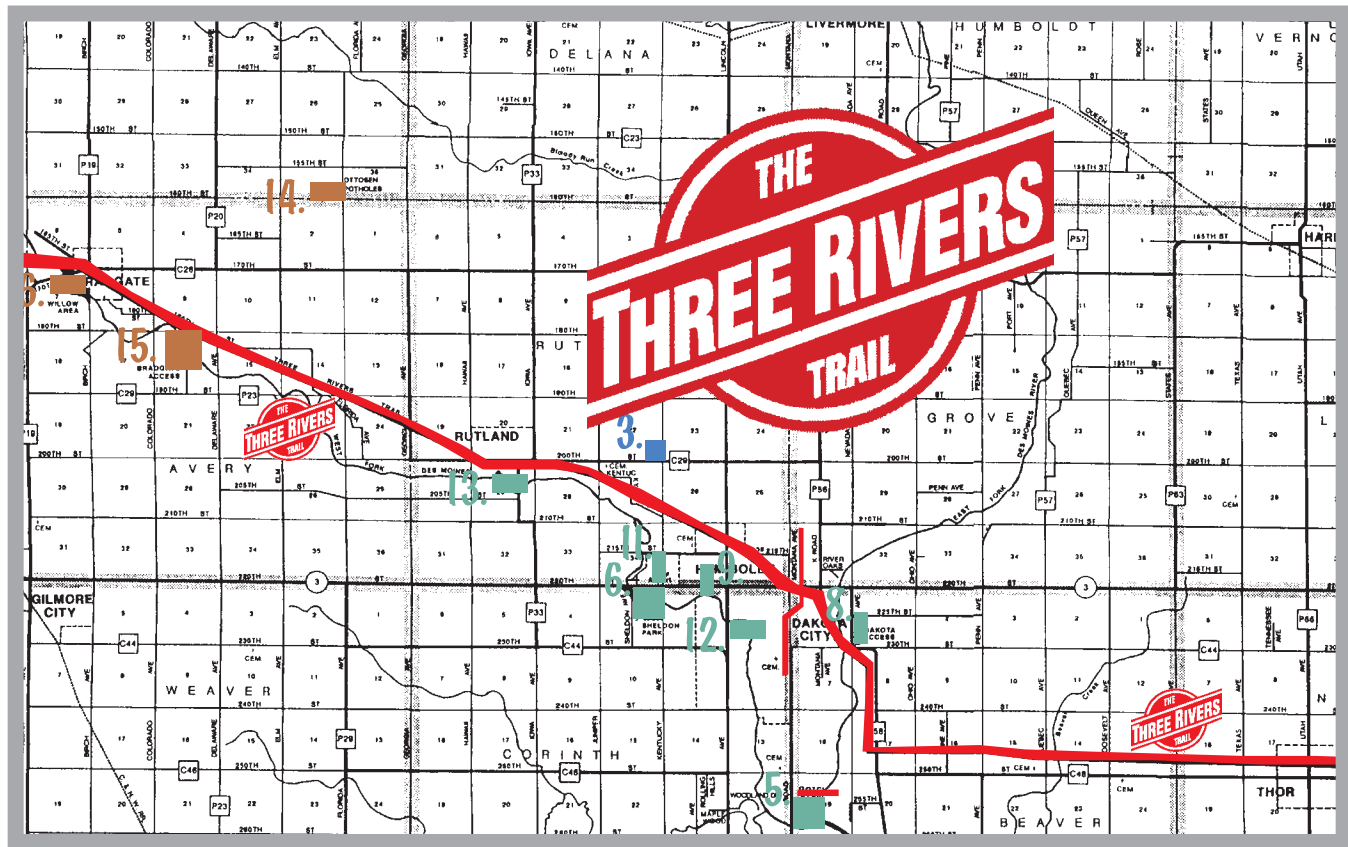
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The trails network in Humboldt County may be expanding in the near future. Funding is being sought to connect the Three Rivers Trail with trails in Webster County.

The Three Rivers Trail runs along 32 miles of the

abandoned Chicago and Northwestern Railroad right of way. The 10-foot wide trail follows the west branch of the Des Moines River from Rolfe to Bradgate, then runs on to Humboldt, before continuing westward into Thor, and on to Eagle Grove. A six-mile spur of the

Minneapolis and St. Louis line between Humboldt and Gotch State Park has also been incorporated into the Three Rivers Trail system and is known as the Gotch Park Spur. One access to the Gotch Park Spur is where Humboldt and Dakota City meet on Sumner Avenue near the NEW Cooperative elevator.

As the name implies, the trail crosses three rivers. These rivers include the East Fork of the Des Moines River, the West Fork of the Des Moines River, and the Boone River. Much of the western part of the trail parallels the West Fork of the Des Moines River, and passes through some of Humboldt County's most scenic woodlands, making that portion of the trail very popular.

As you continue eastward a variety of different habitats can be



observed. Some of those include shrubby grassland, native prairie, and marsh. The trail corridor has an abundance of different species of wild flowers and native grasses, as well as birds and mammals. A midsummer trip down the trail will especially showcase the vast colorful array of wild flowers located within the trail right of way.

The trail surface consists of crushed limestone, which sits atop the old railroad bed. Conservation staff regularly use a roller in order to compact the trail. The roller makes the surface very smooth and firm, which is ideal for biking and hiking. There are numerous bridges over rivers and highways that have been constructed using railroad ties. The bridge over the East Fork of the Des Moines River adjacent to Gotch Park is especially scenic.

There are several shelters available along the length of the trail. Restroom facilities are available at trailheads in Dakota City and Rutland. These amenities make an excursion on the Three Rivers Trail a great place for a family activity, or for anyone wanting a scenic place to get some exercise, while enjoying all of the beautiful landscapes Iowa has to offer.

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The airport is open 24 hours a day with pilot activated lights. The Humboldt Airport does not have an instrument landing system. There must be at least a 1,000-foot ceiling and three miles of visibility to land at the Humboldt airport.

The airport is maintained by the city of Humboldt and run by the Humboldt Airport Commission, which Dave Dodgen has chaired for the past 37 years.

When Dodgen was appointed to the Airport Commission he said there was a need for a lot of upgrading. The airport sufficiency rating (1 to 100) was in the mid-30s.

The airport needed runway maintenance and new runway lighting. It also needed taxiway crack repair and maintenance, and a new 24-hour automated fueling depot. The Airport Commission applied to the state and federal government to be approved as part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). By gaining that approval, they became eligible for State and Federal grant money for airport improvements and maintenance.

A long-range strategic plan was required as the first step to make major improvements. Some of those improvements included an overlay of the runway with a new surface, creation of turnarounds on each end of the runway, new runway lighting system, and moving the terminal building to the north. A new automated fueling system was also installed.

An old north-south landing strip was closed and became the new entrance road to the new tarmac and terminal building.

"That replaced an obsolete building that was built by local pilots with their own money years ago," Dodgen said.

All old wooden open aircraft hangars were replaced and new hangar space was offered for rent in a 10-unit building. In addition, a large conventional aircraft hangar was built and attached to the new terminal building. That



hangar is leased out to Last Pass Aviation, a commercial agricultural aerial spray service that has based here for the past 6 years.

Improvements completed in 2020 were security fencing and the new snow removal equipment (SRE) building. Planning is underway for future runway improvements in 2024.

By having the Master Airport Development Plan in place and continually updated based on a needs assessment, the Humboldt Airport qualifies for state and federal funding to help pay for improvements. Those funds come from national aircraft registration fees and aviation fuel tax.

"The largest portion of aviation fuel tax and aircraft registration fees go to the large commercial airports. A small piece goes to general aviation airports like Humboldt," Dodgen said.

The improvements made at the Humboldt airport have mostly received 90 percent federal grant funding with the city responsible for a 10 percent match. The Humboldt airport has completed about \$4 million of improvements over the last several years, with about \$3.5 million coming from grant funds.

"The Humboldt Municipal Airport has an annual operating budget of about \$60,000," Dodgen said. The Airport Commission has a five-member Board including Dodgen, Kirk Whittlesey, Harley Hett, John Cero and Bob Dodd.

The airport's sufficiency rating is now 72 and will improve with the runway work. The Humboldt Municipal Airport continues to have a positive economic impact on Humboldt County.

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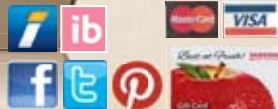
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HUMBOLDT SCHOOLS

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"Learning and Success for All" is not just a logo but also a belief. Continuous school improvement is a must as the district strategically gathers input from students, parents, staff, and community members. Student safety and connectivity with the school are critical to school success.

Strategic Priorities

Provide a safe, nurturing, and drug-free environment for all.

- Devoted time and support for socio-emotional learning, including mental health awareness and checkpoints.
- Inviting buildings with high leadership visibility
- Professional learning and support for all staff, including teachers, associates, activity sponsors, and coaches.
- Foster acceptance and appreciation of diversity within our community

Educational excellence and equity for every student.

- Professional learning for connecting with all students, including equity, dialogue, personalized learning, engagement, and diversity.



- Maintain a robust Multi-Tiered System of Support to meet the needs of ALL learners
- Provide academic opportunities and partnerships, including special education, future-ready, English language learners, and talented and gifted.

Strengthen communication and stakeholder partnerships.

- Support proactive, transparent, and honest communication to foster trust and collaboration.
- Establish and maintain strong partnerships among students, families, and staff.
- Be approachable and act with integrity to address stakeholder questions, issues, and suggestions.
- Effectively communicate with all stakeholders.

Fiscal Responsibility

- Continuous attention to student programs and opportunities, especially supporting innovative, growing, and flourishing ones.
- A long-range financial plan for projecting revenues and expenditures for the district to remain financially stable.
- Modernize facilities and communication infrastructure to ensure safety for the staff, students, and community members who use our facilities.

Personalized Learning

HCSD recognizes that students learn at different rates and through different instructional approaches. Teachers strive to provide learners with meaningful, authentic, and rigorous instruction while allowing them to have a

voice and choice to demonstrate learning. A combination of targeted instruction and student reflection and ownership ensures students receive a more customized approach that taps into their strengths and unique learning styles.

1 To 1 Computing

HCSD has been committed to 1:1 computing for many years. Each student in grades 5-12 is issued a personal Chromebook device. Grades PK-4 use a combination of iPads and Chromebooks. Utilizing technology is a powerful way to extend learning. Students can select technology tools to help them obtain and analyze information. They can use a variety of ways to demonstrate their understanding.

Teacher Leadership

HCSD and Twin Rivers (consortium) were among the first wave of schools to launch local teacher leadership plans through the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) System. This effort is to tap into top teacher leaders' expertise to assist their peers in improving classroom instruction and raising student achievement. Goals are:

- Attract and retain effective teachers by providing quality mentoring, coaching, team collaboration, and other enhanced career opportunities.
- Enhance the collective efficacy of teachers to impact student learning of grade-level standards through mentoring, coaching, and collaboration
- Provide multiple roles that have clearly defined responsibilities aligned to a specific teacher and student outcomes and offer a clear path of leadership opportunities that are compensated based on a range of teacher leadership responsibilities.
- Improve student achievement by strengthening instruction that ensures all students have equal access to grade-level standards through a robust Multi-Tiered System of Support.

New Teacher Support

Attracting and retaining top teachers new to the profession is one of HCSD's priorities. New teachers thrive in a school environment focused on reflection, feedback, and encouragement. Teachers in their first two years of teaching regularly collaborate with an induction coach and mentor. Both teacher and mentor are focused

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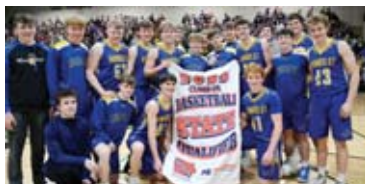
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on improving instruction and increasing student achievement.

Mease and Taft Elementary Schools

Preschool and kindergarten students attend Mease Elementary School. Taft Elementary School, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, houses first through fourth grades. Highly qualified preschool staff aligns their Creative Curriculum with the Iowa Learning Standards and the Quality Preschool Program Standards. Preschool students receive developmentally appropriate instruction that fosters social/ emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development and enhance literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology.

Preschool staff utilizes the GOLD program to assess students on 38 research-based objectives and designs ways to provide necessary supports for all students. Kindergarten through fourth grade teachers develop and analyze lessons as they focus on implementing the essential skills and concepts from the Iowa Core. They support their students' literacy development. Teachers utilize assessment data to establish small, flexible groups to provide intervention where needed. The elementary math curriculum uses the problem-solving approach and emphasizes analytical thinking with a strong number sense. Teachers utilize an inquiry approach to engage learners in Social Studies and Science. Elementary students receive supports through the Extended Learning Program, English Language Learner, and Special Education Programs.

Wellness is emphasized in physical education and an appreciation of the fine arts through music and art. Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) is implemented at both elementary schools. There are common expectations for classroom, lunchroom, restroom, playground, hallway, and bus behaviors. Students modeling appropriate behaviors are recognized and celebrated. The school-wide PBIS Matrix C-A-T-S is displayed throughout the buildings. C-Care about yourself and others. A-Act responsibly. T-Try your best. S-Stay positive.

Humboldt Middle School



Grades 5-8 are housed at the Humboldt Middle School, which was constructed in 2012. The building has many aspects to accommodate 21st Century Learning, such as a pods design for the 7-8 and 5-6 wings of the building to provide collaborative learning. Teachers trained in middle school concepts have an excellent grasp

of effective teaching strategies and help students reach their learning potentials. Students receive an excellent preparation and exploration base for their continuing education and developmental needs.

Students experience different exploratory classes in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Art, Health, and Agriculture. During "Prime Time," students are taught character lessons, get homework help, and enjoy activities with peers. Seventh and eighth-grade students are active in sports, band, and choir activities. New clubs form each year to keep students connected to the school. Children Achieving Total Success (CATS) is a time to provide tailored intervention to meet all students' needs.

Humboldt Middle School offers Extended Learning, English Language, and Special Education Programs to provide students with individualized instruction. Each year middle school students participate in different community service projects. Meals from the Heartland has been a long-term commitment. All students take part in fundraising and packaging meals giving back to the community. Students also help rake and clean debris up from city parks.

Humboldt High School

Humboldt High School has a history of high ratings with the Iowa School Report. The board curriculum offerings prepare students for college and career exploration. In addition to the core areas of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies, students are offered PE, Computer Science, Art, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Spanish and five different Career and Technical Education programs in Agriculture, Industrial Arts, Business, Family and Consumer Science and Health Occupation.

Over 90 percent of seniors enroll in at least one college class before graduation. A majority of the high school

teachers have Master's degrees. A strong partnership with Iowa Central Community College allows instructors to travel to the high school campus and teach courses. On average, students leave high school having earned 14 college credits. The high school also offers multiple Advanced Placement courses for students. Career guidance services and education programming support are made available to all students.

The high school also provides additional support such as the Extended Learning, Special Education, and English Language Learner Programs. The high school offers an Alternative Learning Program for the Humboldt Area (ALPHA), where student credit recovery options are available. Students can participate in 15 different extracurricular activities and organizations. Multiple activity involvement is encouraged. Over 80 percent of the high school students are involved in at least one activity. Marching band, concert band, and concert



chorale have earned Division 1 ratings over the past several years. Speech, clubs, and athletics have received state and national recognition. Humboldt students have won the North Central Conference All-Sports points race several years in a row.

Your Future Is The District's Purpose

Based on strong financial indicators, the district has a facility plan to meet the students' needs for years to come. Through the school Infrastructure Local Option Sales Tax, community support has facilitated updating our facilities, transportation fleet, and technology needs for the 21st Century. The community's generosity continues to allow updates such as the all-weather running track, weight room, multipurpose area, musical instruments, and much more. The district will continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities that prepare students for college and career success while ensuring a culture of excellence for every learner.

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As part of our daily learning environment, students' academic areas consist of phonics, reading and language arts, mathematics, and science and social studies. Students are also offered STEM and Library, Physical Education, Art, and Music classes. Saint Mary School offers students in kindergarten through grade six 1:1 Chromebooks. Software programs are tailored to student needs based upon the Diocesan and School Standards and Benchmarks.

Saint Mary School partners with Prairie Lakes Area Education Association to provide services in areas of speech, language, hearing, occupational and physical

therapy, school psychology, and social work. Saint Mary School also partners with our local public school to offer Title 1 reading and Special Education services within our building. In-school mental health services are also offered through Catholic Charities as well as Humboldt Memorial Hospital.

While at Saint Mary School, students are guided through rigorous, age-appropriate academic and faith-based learning environments. Student success is our number one priority. Saint Mary School is proud of our tradition of weekly student masses. Students have the opportunity to participate and serve as lectors, gift bearers, altar servers, and song leaders in our weekly student mass. Building future leaders of our schools, churches, and communities is a driving force of Saint Mary School staff.

Saint Mary School welcomes all faith and religious backgrounds. If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available at Saint Mary School, please call 515-332-2134 or visit our website stmaryhumboldt.org. We look forward to the opportunity to serve the needs of our students, parents, and community.

Gilmore City-Bradgate Schools

The communities that comprise the Gilmore City-Bradgate Community School District and West Bend-Mallard schools work very hard to take care of their students beginning at a very early age.

In the fall of 2005, Gilmore City-Bradgate School opened an on-site childcare center. The Center is a licensed center, which offers childcare from ages 0-12 between 5:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., each weekday. The Center also provides an opportunity for before and after school care for the elementary. The Center is located within the main school building and has five large rooms utilized for various ages and various activities and play. Children

at the center are given multiple opportunities to play in the gym, use technology, and have their own playground. Lead teachers in each room plan daily age-appropriate educational activities to encourage curiosity and creativity. In addition to this, ProCare app is utilized to keep parents constantly

St. Mary School Classes Offered

Classes Offered	Requirements	Hours and Days of Operation	Financial Assistance Available
Rising Stars Preschool	3 years old on or before Sept. 15 of the current school year	M/W/F Or T/TH 8:05 - 11:05 a.m.	Building Families Scholarships available
Shining Stars Preschool	4 years old on or before Sept. 14 of the current school year	M/T/TH/F (does not meet Wednesdays) 8:05 - 11:05 a.m. 12:05 - 3:10 p.m.	Free tuition through the <i>Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children</i>
Transitional Kindergarten	5 years old by Sept. 15 of the current school year	Daily 8:05 - 3:10 p.m.	Students are eligible for Educational Savings Account or MLTF and Diocesan Scholarships
Kindergarten	5 years old by Sept. 15 of the current school year	Daily 8:05 - 3:10 p.m.	Students are eligible for Educational Savings Account or MLTF and Diocesan Scholarships
Grades 1 - 6	Completion of prior grade requirements	Daily 8:05 - 3:10 p.m.	Students are eligible for Educational Savings Account or MLTF and Diocesan Scholarships

informed of their child's progress and daily activities.

The rates for the Center have remained affordable thanks to the contributions of the City of Gilmore City. Visit the school website at www.gcbschools.org for more information or call the Center at 515-373-6020.

GC-B Preschool is offered for students ages 3-5 and is located in two rooms of the main building. The 4-year-old program operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and is a full day program, a total of 28 hours per week. The 3-year-old program operates four half days a week, a total of 12 hours per week. The preschool children have the opportunity to work with technology in the classroom, participate in field trips, be a part of school programs, get exercise in the gymnasium, participate in the library program with the school librarian and have their own playground. The preschool teachers are state certified teachers who meet the Quality Preschool Program Standards.

The Gilmore City-Bradgate School has had growth over the past four years. We house preschool through sixth grade students in the district. Students continue to benefit from individualization with a smaller teacher to student ratio.

Technology (Smart Boards, iPads, laptops, 3-D printer, STEM tools, green screen, mystery science and moby max), project-based learning, field trips, student portfolios, community involvement nights, and are a major component of the students' authentic



education. In addition to this, we have a student garden, greenhouse and future bio-dome (run by a Seed to Table Manager), Grow-getters, Little Chefs, 4-H, and after school program, that students have the opportunity to participate in. The building goal revolves around increasing students' academic and social emotional growth through multi-tiered systems of support. Teachers meet weekly to look over data and plan interventions. Our school counselor supports emotional health through small group counseling. A mental health

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therapist also comes weekly from UnityPoint Berryhill Center. The Covid-19 pandemic has created new, evolving challenges for educators and learners. We look for all the ways to meet students where they are and support their growth.

Since the 2011-12 school year, a whole-grade sharing agreement between Gilmore City-Bradgate and West Bend-Mallard School exists for our seventh through 12th grade students.

The vision of the GC-B Elementary school is “inspiring today’s learners to be tomorrow’s leaders.” Our mission is providing a safe, nurturing environment for all students to learn and grow to reach their fullest potential.



Twin Rivers Schools

The Twin Rivers Community School District provides an exceptional education program in a positive learning environment. The program includes Pre-K through fifth grade. Students in grades 6-12 attend school in Humboldt, compliments of a whole grade sharing agreement between the two districts.

Twin Rivers provides the community with an Iowa Quality 4 Star Rated Preschool by the Department of Human Services. The preschool classroom has been totally renovated and shares the same technological advancements as the K-5.

Presently the 4-year-old preschool is funded through the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Grant. Many of the 3-year-olds are funded with scholarships. The preschoolers enhance their learning through educational centers and imaginative play. The state-of-the-art elementary playground is filled with preschool and elementary age-appropriate equipment.

Twin Rivers is continuously improving facilities to provide a comfortable and inviting learning environment for students. The most recent upgrades include an updated Media Center with new shelving and furniture and a brand new Bus Barn. The old shop is now a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) room.

In January 2020, Twin Rivers started an After-School Program to meet the needs of the community. The program is open to all elementary age students and it is facilitated by school staff members. The program includes an after school snack, homework support, health and wellness activities, STEM projects and creative time. Students enjoy spending the extra time with their teachers and peers and the program provides parents with more flexibility and support.

Twin Rivers Elementary exemplifies a strong sense of

community and belonging. A low student/teacher ratio allows teachers to provide one-on-one instruction and build quality relationships with all of their students. Administrators, teachers and support staff are constantly collaborating to ensure students’ academic, social and emotional needs are being met. The district provides quality professional development opportunities for teachers to stay up-to-date with the most recent academic standards, learning strategies, and social/emotional supports.

The district prides itself on creating fun and engaging learning experiences for students and families. Students are given unique life experiences and learning opportunities through field trips, assemblies and classroom activities. These captivating experiences get the students excited about learning!

In addition to a strong academic focus, the district has a system in place to support the students’ social, emotional and behavioral needs. Staff members are certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid and trained to recognize risk factors and guide students through challenges. Teachers use various Social Emotional Learning strategies in their classrooms such as Check in/Check Out, brain breaks, yoga, journaling, role-playing and positive talk. All students learn about SEL topics such as self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making through weekly guidance lessons. Students also learn life lessons to foster resilience through sports in P.E. class.

Twin Rivers provides a strong focus on character and citizenship. The district follows the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) framework to provide social expectations for students and recognize their

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positive behaviors and interactions. All students are taught expected behaviors in the classroom, lunchroom, restroom, playground, hallway, and on the school busses. Students are recognized continuously for modeling positive behaviors, which fosters a positive climate throughout the entire building among students and staff.

An advantage to a small district is greater access to technological advances. Since the 2011-12 school year, students in kindergarten through fifth grade have been using one-to-one laptop computers. Additionally, Smart boards and iPads are used daily in the classrooms. Students have access to two Z-space computers to extend their learning. Classrooms are able to utilize a Hydroponic Garden Tower to grow fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other crops for learning purposes.

Another advantage to attending Twin Rivers is their unique scholarship program. In May of 2017 Twin Rivers students who attended the Twin Rivers Elementary for at least two years and then completed their 6-12 education at Humboldt and received a high school diploma, also earned approximately \$6,500 in scholarship funds from the Twin Rivers Education Foundation. This scholarship allows each Twin Rivers student to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities.

The Board of Education, administration, staff, students, and parents are involved in collaborative partnerships that show pride in the Twin Rivers family. Twin Rivers provides experiences to strengthen family relationships and build

competence in our children. The district hosts Family Nights each quarter to foster relationships and allow opportunities for students and families to spend time together and connect with the school community. Twin Rivers Elementary has a small-town feel, with a progressive, educational advantage!



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HISTORY

THE HISTORY OF DAKOTA CITY AND HUMBOLDT dates back to the time when this area between two rivers was only wilderness, occupied by wildlife.



Humboldt County was created in 1851. Humboldt is located along the west branch of the Des Moines River and adjacent Dakota City, the county seat, is located along the east branch of the Des Moines River. The two branches merge a few miles south at Gotch Park.

Pioneering people endured incredible hardships to see their vision of a beautiful community become a reality.

"I well remember the delight with which I first looked upon this beauty spot of the Des Moines valley. It was the afternoon of a perfect September day, and I can never forget the impression it made upon me by its wild and marvelous beauty," Humboldt's founder Stephen Taft wrote.

At one time, Humboldt and Dakota City were about one mile apart. With time, the two towns grew together. Humboldt County was formed in 1857 and Dakota City, the first town in the county, was selected as the county seat.

Springvale (later to be renamed Humboldt) was laid out by Rev. S.H. Taft in 1863. Springvale was originally selected as the town's name because several fine springs were found along the river.

"Springvale was changed to Humboldt with the intent that under it Dakota (City) and Springvale might be

merged into one town," Taft wrote.

Taft rode a train from New York to Cedar Falls where the railroad ended. From there, he hired a team and continued the journey, meeting covered wagons bringing settlers west.

With the nearest grist mill miles away, Taft constructed a dam to form a mill pond which would supply sufficient power to a saw and grist mill. During the summer of 1863 and the following winter, the dam was put in and during the summer of 1864, the saw mill began running.

In 1865, an iron corn cracker was brought to grind meal and graham flour, which brought many customers from adjoining counties. Often customers remained overnight, waiting their turn in having their grain processed as the mill ran day and night.

The first county fair was held in Dakota City in 1858, moving to Humboldt in 1873. In 1913, the present fairgrounds along Highway 3 was used for the first time.

Electricity lighted the homes and businesses of Humboldt for the first time in 1899, and at first demand was so small (as was the generating capacity of the light plant) that it was available only a few hours each evening.



A group of local businessmen organized the Humboldt Light Company to distribute the first electric current to the town.

Humboldt College opened its doors in 1872 with the goal of becoming the "Harvard of the West." The college operated with much support from wealthy people from the east coast. It closed for a time and reopened from 1895 until 1916, when it closed due to a disagreement over taxes. The college was moved to Minneapolis and became the Humboldt Institute.

One of Humboldt's most famous citizens was Frank Gotch, who became a World Champion wrestler between 1910 and 1920.

To the visitor, the first impression of Humboldt is most likely to be one of wide streets and tree filled lawns and parks. It is the way Stephen Taft dreamed it would be when he first laid out the town.

The town has continued to grow and prosper over the years. Humboldt-Dakota City is home to approximately 5,500 people and Humboldt County has a population of about 10,000.

Humboldt County towns include: Pioneer, Gilmore City, Bradgate, Ottosen, Bode, Livermore, LuVerne, Rutland, Hardy, Renwick, Thor, Dakota City and Humboldt.

Information for this abbreviated history was taken from "The History of Humboldt-The First 100 Years," by Oliver H. DeGroot.

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The logo for the Humboldt Area Arts Council (HAAC). It features a vertical rainbow brushstroke background. At the top, the text "Humboldt Area Arts Council" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the letters "HAAC" are prominently displayed in a large, red, serif font. A black paintbrush is positioned diagonally across the letters, with its tip pointing towards the bottom right. A yellow banner with the text "EST. 2005" is draped across the middle of the letters. The paintbrush has a green handle and a white bristle tip.

Humboldt Area Arts Council

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Humboldt Education Association

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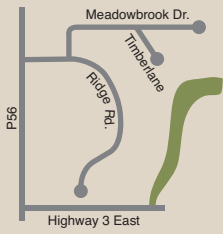
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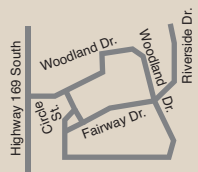
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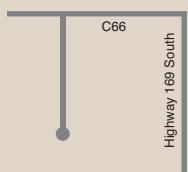
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The Humboldt Recreation Center has well over 2,500 members ranging in all ages and fitness levels. Since opening, the facility has been host to many different sporting competitions and community events.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Memberships are:

\$50 per month for a family

\$40 per month for a single

\$25 per month for senior couple

\$15 per month for a senior single.

The Humboldt Recreation Center has added a young adult membership for those 16-22 years old for \$20 per month. Two sizes of lockers are available to be rented by the month or year and a shower towel service is also available on a single, monthly, and yearly basis.

The Humboldt Recreation Center also offers single day passes for \$10 or \$20 for a family. Daily pass punch cards are also available and include 10 punches for \$80.

The facility features a 200-meter track, two full-length basketball courts (with volleyball standards available), three pickle ball courts, weight room area, treadmills and other exercise equipment, two racquetball courts, batting cage room, yoga/dance studio, CrossFit™ training room, spin bike room, locker rooms with showers, a sauna room and much more!

This year the Humboldt Recreation Center will be adding an Exergame Room for youth that will offer interactive exercise games and activities.

Every family membership at the Humboldt Recreation Center includes childcare services. Childcare is offered Monday – Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The

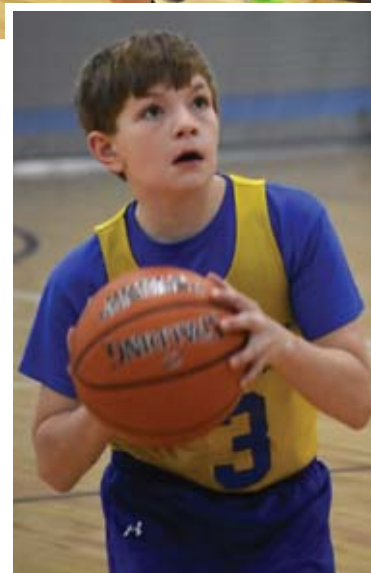


children must be 1-year-old or older to attend childcare. Our childcare room is filled with toys and activities for kids of all ages and interests! Expanded hours and times will be added after the Exergame Room is installed.

A number of classes are being offered including kettlebell, spin, body blast, yoga, and Older Adult Fitness. Our

group fitness instructors are always excited for new participants and are always able to adjust workouts for all individuals.

Since opening, The Humboldt Recreation Center has had the opportunity to add a personal trainer, Matt

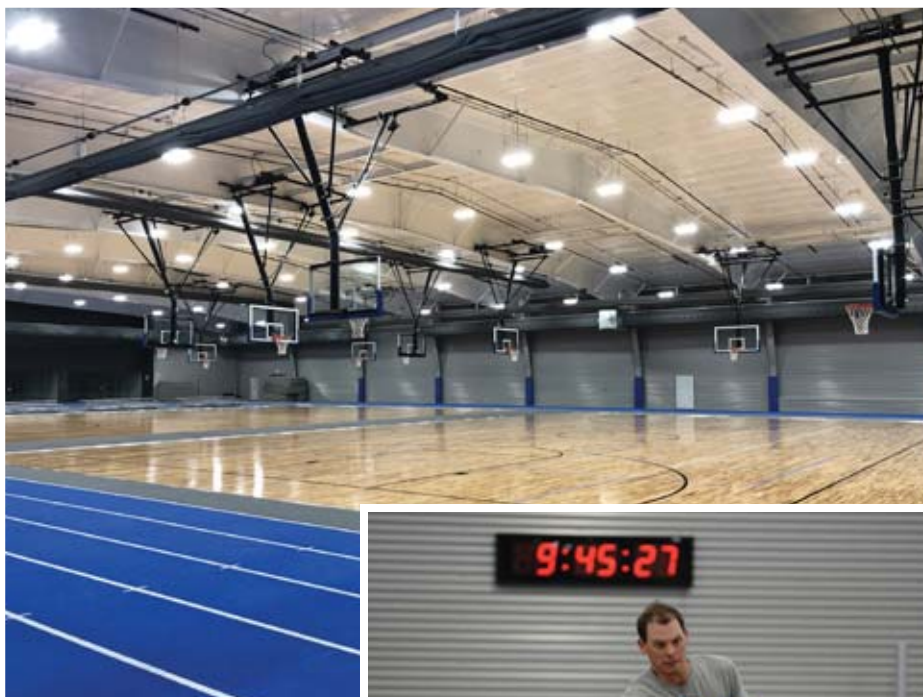


Sanders, to the staff. The personal trainer is available to work with members on individual health and fitness goals and are able to work with any fitness level! The cost of personal training varies on the length and amount of sessions purchased, but a free consultation is offered to all members wanting to learn more!

One of the rules of the facility is you must carry in your workout shoes and change into them. Another rule requires anyone sixth grade or below to be accompanied by an adult.

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In 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Humboldt County continued to support Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. As a result, small businesses, entrepreneurs, agribusinesses, and farmers connected with education and resources so they could remain financially solvent, find alternate markets, and increase their profitability. With Master Gardener and ServSafe® classes, we engaged Iowans in improving food supply, safety, and access. These efforts addressed local needs including nutrition education, donation gardens, farmers markets, and food system coalitions. Through our 4-H program we expanded educational opportunities for youth with programs that sparked youth interest, supported academics, and promoted youth resiliency.

Some of the Extension program highlights from 2022

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include the following:

- **4-H Babysitting Clinic** - The Babysitting Clinic is designed for students in grades 5-7. Participants learned the basics of First Aid and CPR, home safety, ages and stages of youth development, and how to make a healthy snack. Bank Iowa provided participants with information about money management and the mechanics of opening a savings account.

- **Farmland Leasing and Management** — ISU Extension farm management specialist, presented information and updates on farmland leasing topics including current cash rental rates, land values and crop price survey results, determining a fair cash rent, tenant/landowner topics, and approaches to writing and terminating a farm lease.

- **Master Gardeners** — Humboldt County was involved in the regional coordination of the fall Master Gardener Hybrid Program with Hamilton and Webster counties. Participants learned about plant propagation, visited the Soil Testing Lab in Ellsworth, learned about houseplant care and planting, and heard a presentation about herbs.

- **Grant Writing** — During the three-hour workshop facilitated by ISU Extension economic development specialist, participants learned how to locate available grants, tips on how to put together a well-written grant, and ways to make a submission stand out from competition. Participants represented local businesses, nonprofit organizations, ministerial associations, local governments, and schools.

- **Radon in the Home** — Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. Radon is odorless and invisible, and can have a big impact on indoor air quality. Participants learned about ways to measure radon levels and what to do if levels are high. Each household attending received a free radon home test kit.

Showcasing 4-H at the Humboldt County Fair

The Humboldt County Fair provided the opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they had learned through their 4-H project work over the past year, from showing

their livestock in the show ring to exhibiting static exhibits. They also had the opportunity to showcase their communication events in the exhibit hall, plus their clothing items in the Fashion Review show. The Humboldt County

Fair is a valued summer highlight for many!

For more information, contact Kiersten Gatewood, Humboldt County Youth Coordinator, or Sherry Carlson, Humboldt County Office Manager, or Dorothy Goodell, Humboldt County Program Coordinator, 515-332-2201, xhumboldt@iastate.edu

The graphic features a yellow background with a green border. At the top left is a photo of a white sheriff's vehicle with "SHERIFF" and "HUMBOLDT COUNTY" written on it. To the right is the Humboldt County Sheriff's Seal, a seven-pointed star with a blue center containing a scale of justice and the words "SHERIFF STATE OF IOWA HUMBOLDT COUNTY". Below the seal, the text reads: "Welcome to the Humboldt County area...", "We're here to serve you!", "HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT", and "Dean Kruger, Sheriff • 515.332.2471".

HUMBOLDT LIBRARY

By Julie Larsen Library Director, Humboldt Public Library Director

In 1992, additional space was constructed at the Humboldt Public Library. Large windows give the area an openness that beckons readers to sit and enjoy the many adventures within the books, periodicals and other media contained in the building. This new area made the library handicap accessible from the north entrance, an elevator takes visitors to the second floor.

Aside from the preservation of the 1909 building, the library continues to honor the past. A section of the Library containing Iowa history is available for research. The Humboldt County Genealogy Society allows people to research their heritage through articles on a state-of-the-art digital microfilm system from the Humboldt Independent and newspapers no longer in circulation such as *The Humboldt Republican* and *COSMOS*. Articles from these archives can be printed at a nominal fee.

The library is also a leader in computerized media. The circulation catalog is computerized, and several computers are available for use throughout the building including WiFi. The library provides up-to-date fiction and non-fiction, best-sellers, a genealogy corner, interlibrary loan, fast answers through an infinite variety of information, a large Christian fiction section, new and classic DVDs, best sellers in large print and on CD. Downloadable audio books, eBooks, and eZines are available through our Bridges consortium. Also available is Freegal, a free downloadable music program, along with MyLIBRO, an app you can choose to download to help manage your library account and connect seamlessly with library staff.

An important stop on the Information Highway, the webpage for the library is www.humboldtpubliclibrary.com and the e-mail is director@humboldtpubliclibrary.com. The fax number is 515-332-1926.

Community members are invited to share hobbies or collections by displaying them in the large display case on the upper level of the library. If you are a quilter, please contact the library, we would love to feature your quilt for a 4-6 week period.

An informal book discussion group "Humboldt Reads!" meets several times a year for book discussion, no registration is needed for book club. Various other adult programs are offered throughout the year such as Pie Day and Cookbook Club. Be sure to check the library's



website and Facebook page for programs.

The Young Adult section is nestled in the right wing of the library, and offers teenagers their own cozy nook where they can feel free to express themselves—in whatever way they please. In this section you will discover a variety of nonfiction, fiction, manga and graphic

novels across a never-ending variety of topics. Also available for use are arts and crafts, board games, STEM activities and technology.

The Young Adult section also has a wide array of books and movies that are more appropriate for their age as they mature out of being children and are on their way to adulthood. This department focuses heavily





on the concept that one is never too “old” for reading. It is not simply something you age out of. The goal of this department is to put a book in the hands of every teenager that wanders in, brought in by the enchantment of the Carnegie.

The children’s department is located in the lower level of the library. There you will discover a large offering of fiction and non-fiction books featuring many genres for infants through fifth grade. There is also a selection of movies, music and magazines. All are available for checkout.

The children’s department offers The Early Literacy Station™ (ELS) that is designed specifically for our youngest patrons ages 2-8 and features over 4,000 localized learning activities. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills, and reference. An internet computer is available in the children’s department that can be accessed using your library card. There are also games, puzzles and a learning center, which changes during the course of the year.

Throughout the year programs are offered for all ages including story time, after-school seasonal activities, playgroup pals and a summer reading program during June. Visits to local daycare centers and preschool are also arranged during the school year. The door is always open to the children’s department; it is never too early to introduce children to the love of books and reading.

A book is the door to expanding your imagination! Stop by the library today and escape through the pages of a book.

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AGRICULTURE

Humboldt County has some of the most productive and valuable farm land in the world.

The county has nearly 247,000 crop acres, of which about 134,600 are harvested for corn. The average corn yield tops 200 bushels per acre, which means Humboldt County farmers generate in excess of 26 million bushels of corn annually.

Humboldt County farmers plant about 97,000 acres of soybeans each year with an average yield greater than 55 bushels per acre. This translates into more than 5 million bushels of soybeans produced in Humboldt County.

Corn and soybeans are the two main grain crops raised in Humboldt County, but farmers also raise corn for silage, grass, alfalfa, oats and other crops. A number of seed companies raise their seed products in Humboldt County's rich black soil.

About 11,000 acres in Humboldt County are dedicated to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) where producers place land into grasses, forbs and legumes to help protect the environment. Included in those acres are about 2,000 acres of filter strips alongside creeks, rivers and drainage ditches to filter water before it goes into the streams and reduce runoff of harmful chemicals and nitrogen. There



are also 4,500 acres that are dedicated to wetland restoration where the farmers restore areas where water sits on their farms. This allows the water to sit in these potholes and low lying areas, creating an area that wildlife can utilize and holds the water before

it enters streams. About 2,000 acres in Humboldt County are in Pollinator Habitat, which is mostly native flowers (forbs and legumes) that are planted to help the pollinators including bees and butterflies.

For the first time in several decades, Humboldt County farmers are planting hemp, which has several uses.

In addition to grain crops, Humboldt County farmers also raise more than 155,000 hogs and 10,000 cattle, plus there is significant chicken and egg production in the county.

WEATHER

Temperatures in Humboldt County are generally mild with highs in the 70s during the spring, summer and fall, and in the 30s over the winter.

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While location is a vital asset, Humboldt County has more to offer than just location. The Humboldt County Development Association is a not-for-profit corporation organized to retain and grow the business industry of Humboldt County. HCDA's Board of Directors and its committees seek to be a resource for existing businesses, to recruit new business to the area, and to be proactive in development that fosters community growth.

Humboldt County is rich in industry that produces a wide variety of world-class products.

The Northwest Industrial Park offers five shovel-ready acres for development.



CUMULATIVE

Organizational Statistics 2010-2022

CAPITAL INVESTMENT:

\$53.25 MILLION

NEW JOBS:

347

RETAINED JOBS:

669

ADDITIONAL TAXABLE VALUATION:

\$38 MILLION

The Humboldt Business Park includes nearly 30 acres for industrial and commercial projects and has highway frontage along U.S. Highway 169 North.

HCDA recently acquired a 130-acre tract of land north of the Northwest Industrial Park for development as an industrial park for business growth. It's called the Three Rivers Industrial Park and offers 40 shovel-ready lots for development.

HCDA offers assistance to businesses interested in obtaining the necessary funding for major capital improvements, new developments and business expansions. Incentives include low-interest revolving loan funds, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and potential state incentives like high quality jobs. Our utility providers, Midland Power Cooperative, Corn Belt Power Cooperative and MidAmerican Energy are major providers of reliable, cost-effective energy and are happy to assist with business expansion and recruitment projects as they relate to utility infrastructure.

Humboldt County offers an excellent manufacturing labor pool and a highly educated workforce. Iowa Central Community College (ICCC), located 15 minutes away, partners with business and industry for training and re-training needs and certifications. The Iowa Jobs Training and Iowa New Jobs Training programs are available to help lower



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Or feel free to contact Humboldt County Development Association: Alissa O'Connor, Director, 29 5th Street South, Humboldt, IA 50548. Phone: 515.332.2557 or email: alissa@humboldtcountryiowa.com

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HUMBOLDT AREA ARTS COUNCIL

The Humboldt Area Arts Council is a non-profit organization with the mission to enrich our community's quality of life by encouraging the education and appreciation of the visual, performing and literary arts.

Faith Betts was elected President of the HAAC in February of 2023. The HAAC is working with several organizations around town to plan some new and amazing events for 2023. We will be at the Humota Fun Days on June 17 with some fun crafting projects. We are pairing up with the Humboldt Farmers Market to do a Kids' Tent on July 22 from 9 a.m. until noon. We are teaming up with the Humboldt Library to do an event at the Art Center focusing on art through reading. Just to name a few! The funding for the activities and projects of the HAAC comes solely from donations and memberships. There are numerous levels of support available so that people and businesses of all means are able to show their support of the arts in Humboldt.

Volunteers are important to our organization's events and vital to the growth and success of the HAAC. We are in need of board and general members to volunteer their time; we have some positions open. For high school students, we offer many opportunities for Silver Cord hours. If you are interested, please contact Faith Betts at 515-890-7002 or email at faithbolen13@gmail.com.

The Humboldt Area Arts Council (HAAC) was first introduced in the fall of 2005, the result of a discussion among a handful of artisans, which took place around a kitchen table. The first meeting of this board was held at Bank Iowa as the group searched for a more permanent space to call home. Eventually, opportunities opened to the HAAC to rent meeting space in the old Coca-Cola Bottling Company (built in the 1920s on the west end of Sumner Avenue bordering the west fork of the Des Moines River). As time and goals progressed, the Humboldt Area Arts Council outgrew its original meeting room and expanded into the entire front area of the "Old Coke Plant" in 2010. As one drives across the Sumner Avenue Bridge and looks east down the main street of the Humboldt business district, the organic and artistic facade of the new Humboldt Art Center is the first thing that catches the eye. Humboldt is extremely lucky to have a devoted and dedicated



group of individuals who strive to bring a strong presence about the arts to the community and the surrounding areas.

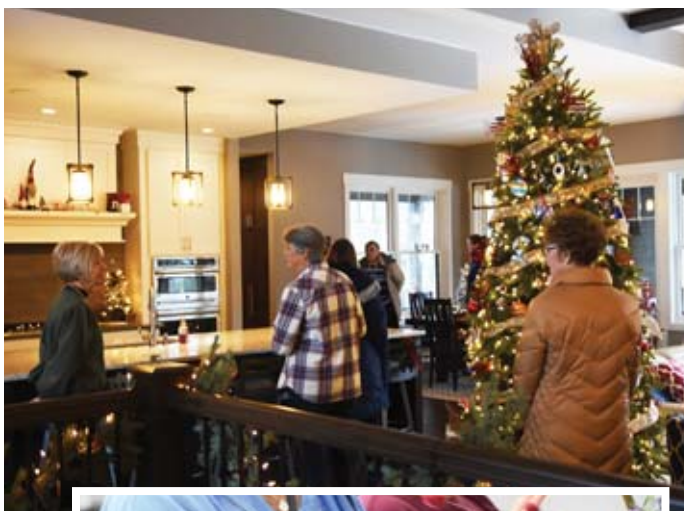
Our largest priority of the HAAC is to bring more art opportunities to the people of Humboldt County, with an emphasis being made to support and include the youth of the area. The HAAC is able to do this through the support of many businesses, families and individuals who donate through the annual

membership drive.

The HAAC annually presents art scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to study in an art field, as well as monetary donations to the art departments of Humboldt County. An ART AWARD is presented to the top senior level 4-H'er who exhibits in the Visual Arts category at the Humboldt County Fair.

Social events occur at the art center, generally offering live music, refreshments and social opportunities for the community. The Humboldt Area Art Council offers numerous art classes and opportunities throughout the year.

Interest and financial support may be directed to: Humboldt Area Arts Council, P.O. Box 173, 906 Sumner Avenue, Humboldt, IA 50548. Visit the HAAC website at www.artsinhumboldt.com or email artsinhumboldt@gmail.com. The HAAC could not function without the volunteer support and the financial donations of this wonderful community of Humboldt County.



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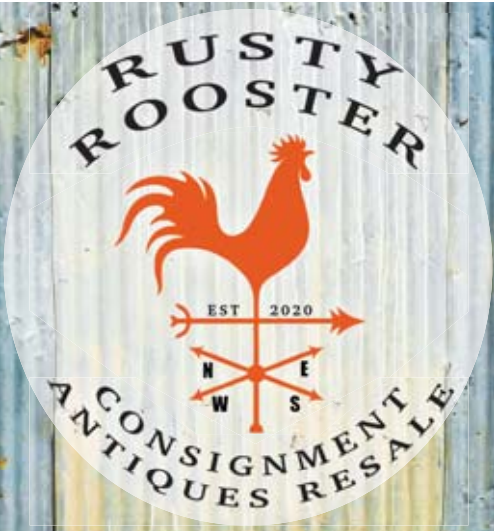


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Golf is even offered during the winter months with an inside simulator at Humboldt Country Club.

Spring Valley Golf Course, located north of Livermore, is an award winning 18-hole golf course operated by the Berte family.

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Since 1962 the Humboldt County Historical Association has been “preserving the past for future generations” at the Humboldt County Museum, located at 905 1st Avenue North in Dakota City.

The Museum complex includes several historical structures that represent the early history of the county. The gem of the collection is the Mill Farm House, an Italianate residence built in 1878, by miller Corydon Brown. The house is decorated in the Victorian style, from the formal ballroom to the summer kitchen, and offers visitors insight into day-to-day life in the late 1800s. The collections displayed in the house include that of Humboldt’s world champion wrestler, Frank Gotch, antique clothing and toys, a ballroom full of interesting displays including an old ear trumpet that works. A lookout has been constructed near the Mill Farm House so that visitors can view the ruins of the old mill that was built and run by Corydon Brown.

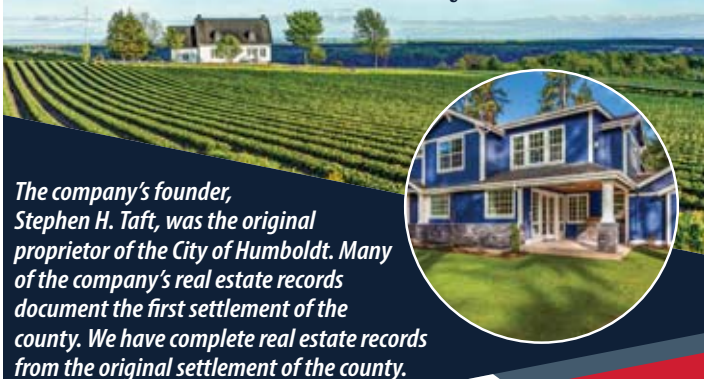
A Log Cabin was built on the grounds in the 1970s and is an exact replica of a one-room pioneer log cabin. It



The Mill Farm House, a stately Italianate house, was built in 1878. The Humboldt County Historical Association has decorated the house in the Victorian style of the era.

is furnished with items that would have been used by a family living in the cabin. An oak bucket and dipper sit on the dry sink, along with soap dish and baking pan. The bedstead is a hand-tooled wooden frame with rope strung between wooden pegs to support the mattress filled with cornhusks. A bearskin rug provides extra warmth for cold nights. Overhead is a loft accessible by ladder, the sleeping place for children. The north wall

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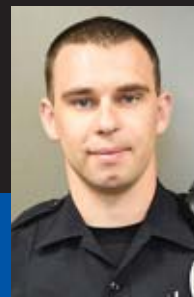
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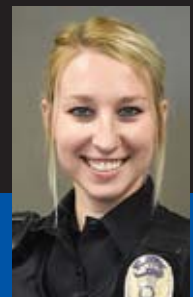
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has a fieldstone fireplace that is used to demonstrate how pioneers cooked with a kettle on a crane.

Next to the Log Cabin, is the Kettle Shed which houses a large iron kettle once used on the Sidney Parsons farm south of Humboldt. Clams taken from the river were boiled for hog feed and the shells were sent off to make pearl buttons. Applesauce, soap, dyes for clothing were stirred in it and pigs were scalded before butchering. Also, on display are the tools and implements for doing laundry, butchering and canning.

Today, walking into Willow School is like stepping into the pages of a history book. The building has been restored to depict a typical rural school of the 1890s, with painted blackboards, desks, textbooks, and a recitation bench for separate classes to use when it is their turn to be instructed. On the teacher's desk are lesson plans and attendance records from the school. There are records of some 50 former teachers, records of all former pupils, copies of teacher contracts, pictures of former teachers, old books and maps, as well as a diary that was kept by Mr. Biondahl while he was building the schoolhouse. Volunteers instruct visiting children in the ways of the old country schoolhouse and get to pull the long rope that rings the bell.

The Rutland jail exhibit began as a project taken on by association member Dr. Linn and his son. The badly deteriorating jail was refurbished and brought to the grounds where it is a popular exhibit, especially for the school children. Every year fifth graders from the Humboldt school and second graders from the Catholic Church school visit the museum and tour all of the buildings.

The Red Barn is an essential element in the history of agriculture in Humboldt County. Built in 1941, it was donated by Adrian and Mabel Erickson in 1974. It

was moved to the museum grounds from the Erickson farm east of Rutland in 1971. Side wings were later added to increase the display area. The Red Barn houses the Museum's agricultural exhibits. Tools used by the carpenter, tinsmith, veterinarian, as well as the farmer are exhibited in this building.

The blacksmith shop houses tools and implements used by the blacksmith during the turn of the century. This building shows off a huge bellows, a collection of tractor seats and horseshoes for mules, oxen and horses.

The Clancy Building houses a Military Room and a display of Native American artifacts. There are also exhibits of photography, shoemaking, banking, postal,

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medical and general store, as well as antique cars, wagons, sleighs and a 1934 fire truck. This building also offers a research room and a meeting room.

The Hardy Church is a wonderful addition to the museum. Built in 1882, this building is known for its beautiful stained-glass windows. It is available for hire for weddings, funerals, and other occasions.

The Erickson building houses the machinery and implements used in the upkeep of the grounds and buildings. It also contains the climate-controlled



storeroom for storage of items that are not on display. On display there are a hayloft door with a painting of a bull and an antique threshing machine.

The Museum grounds display several gardens. The largest is planted with the flowers and plants that early settlers would have included in their gardens. It is next to the Hardy Church and is used for weddings and photographs. The kitchen garden, east of the Mill Farm House, displays examples of heirloom plants and herbs. There is a butterfly garden, which is a stopover for migrating Monarch butterflies as well as a plot of land being returned to the original prairie grasses. The Museum also has a Memorial Tree program and the grounds are gradually being planted with trees dedicated to the memory of loved ones.

The Millhouse and Museum office is open mid-April through May 31 and the month of October Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission being \$5 for adults and children 18 and under free. The regular season is June 1 to Sept. 30, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission during the regular season is \$10 for adults and children 18 and under are free.

Visit the museum's website at www.humboldtcohm.org for more information.



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More important than the size of the hospital is the depth and quality of the staff. They stand ready to improve and adapt their skills as innovations and new treatments are introduced. The hospital currently employs 250 dedicated people.

The hospital is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Trustees. The hospital appreciates the fact that they also have an active Foundation, Auxiliary and Hospice Foundation which help support the growth of the facility.

Humboldt County Memorial Hospital is a community

network hospital affiliated with UnityPoint Health – Fort Dodge through both a formal management agreement and a Critical Access Hospital network agreement.

This relationship enables the medical center to retain its governance structure while taking advantage of greater system-wide resources, clinical platforms, best practices and many other advantages, which will benefit the people in the communities the hospital serves. HCMH remains locally governed by a board of trustees while the CEO position is employed by UnityPoint Health – Fort Dodge to oversee the day-to-day operations of the hospital and its employees.

In addition, this relationship affords HCMH the management expertise and educational offerings of a larger organization that would not otherwise be readily available to a county hospital. The management agreement and Critical Access Hospital network agreement with UnityPoint Health – Fort Dodge makes HCMH a vital member of Iowa's largest healthcare provider network.

HCMH offers a variety of services, some of the most common outpatient services include:

- The HCMH Surgery Center utilizes the latest state-of-the-art equipment and instrumentation to provide our patients with the best surgical experience possible. Our outpatient surgery center is connected to the hospital

with its own private entrance on the northwest corner just past the emergency room. There you are welcomed into a modern, convenient facility with privacy and comfort as added conveniences. Our two operating rooms, endoscopy suite, and private outpatient consultation rooms are designed for patient comfort and maximum efficiency.

Above and beyond the technology and modern-day conveniences, HCMH has an exceptional nursing and supportive staff who compliment the surgeons and anesthesiologists in providing excellent care! Our goal is to assure each patient has a seamless and comfortable transition throughout their entire surgical stay from admit to discharge. HCMH is proud to be able to provide these services right here at home, within our own community.

- HCMH's Pain Clinic is located inside the HCMH Surgery Center and provides a holistic approach to pain management and is dedicated to serving people with chronic pain and helping them live functional lives. A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist that specializes in pain management provides consultations on the following; low back injury; neck injury; spinal disc herniation or derangement; spinal facet syndrome; radiculopathy; neuropathy; work-related injury; sports-related injury; vehicular accident injury; myofascial (trigger point) syndrome; arthritis; sacroiliitis; chronic pain syndrome; cancer pain and compression fractures.

- In an effort to provide specialized health care locally,

HCMH offers patient access to many traveling healthcare providers in our Outpatient Specialty Clinic. Many of the tests and procedures ordered by these providers can be done right here in Humboldt for your convenience.

For a complete listing of visiting physicians, please go to www.humboldthospital.org.

- Rehabilitation Services including physical, occupational and speech for all ages is located on the second floor of our new wellness hub.

The physical therapy staff of HCMH provide expert care beginning with a thorough evaluation. A treatment plan is designed to meet your specific needs and goals which includes a home exercise program to maximize recovery.

Occupational Therapy is a valuable tool to restore independence in daily activities. Therapists work with patients on specific needs to help them return to their leisure activities and work. The licensed staff are experienced in helping patients suffering from physically disabling conditions and cognitive impairment due to injuries and illness.

The licensed speech-language pathologist of the HCMH rehab department is highly qualified to evaluate and treat speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing and voice disorders in individuals of all ages.

- The HCMH Radiology Department provides a wide

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range of imaging services for both outpatient and inpatients. Diagnostic imaging services include X-ray, ultrasound, 64-slice CT scanning, low dose lung cancer screenings, calcium scoring, MRI, nuclear medicine, bone densitometry, 2D and 3D mammography. Radiology has grown into an essential diagnostic tool used to determine the care and treatment plans for many patients. The hospital employs six radiographers and one sonographer who strive to provide the best care to every patient every day.

- HCMH provides a full-service clinical Laboratory for Humboldt County and surrounding area. Over 100,000 tests per year are performed in our CLIA accredited High Complexity laboratory. Because our laboratory utilizes state-of-the-art equipment and highly qualified personnel, we are able to perform a multitude of tests to furnish your physician with the needed information to aid in your diagnosis and treatment. The laboratory engages in strict quality control and improvement programs to ensure accurate and precise test results.

- Cardiopulmonary Services include cardiac rehab, pulmonary rehab and respiratory therapy. Cardiopulmonary consists of patient education, exercise and cardiac monitoring for anyone who has experienced symptoms of angina, balloon angioplasty, chronic heart failure, coronary artery bypass surgery, heart attack or valve replacement. The goal of the cardiopulmonary team is to help the patient resume a normal, healthy active lifestyle while also minimizing the risk of future heart problems by increasing the patient's knowledge of cardiovascular disease and risk factor modifications. At Pulmonary Rehab, staff will assist people with pulmonary disease gain understanding of their pulmonary condition through education and exercise.

The goal is to promote recovery, restore maximum function and ensure safety. Our hospital staffs a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT). The CRT cares and treats patients suffering from asthma, COPD, pneumonia, RSV, emphysema, bronchitis and fibrosis.

- Our Diabetes Center is staffed by a Certified Diabetes Educator along with Registered Dietitian. Patients will receive education in a group or individual setting based on their individual needs: basics of diabetes, new diagnosis of Type 1, Type 2, or gestational diabetes, unexplained or frequent hypo/hyperglycemia, A1C greater than 8 percent, insulin pump and continuous glucose monitoring, medical nutrition therapy, activity and exercise, stress and coping techniques, and risk reduction, monitoring blood sugar, medication information and basic problem-solving skills. Our registered dietitian is committed to providing exceptional patient centered care using evidence-based medical nutrition therapy to meet patients' and family's diverse needs. Patients under the care of a physician can be referred to a dietitian for nutrition counseling. Once the dietitian receives the referral, you will be contacted to set a convenient appointment time for a nutrition consultation. A personalized meal plan may be developed to help with the management of diabetes and

weight loss among other health concerns.

- Keeping our Humboldt County employees healthy, safe, productive and on the job is an important investment in the future of our businesses and industries. HCMH's Corporate Health and Wellness service line offers a full spectrum of occupational and industrial health services. Services include: physical exams, respiratory clearance testing, immunizations, wellness services and education.

- Humboldt County Public Health is Humboldt County's Department of Health, with the Board of Health providing oversight for many of the activities.

The HCMH public health staff interacts with the community at large through immunization clinics, the H.O.P.E.S. program, Maternal Child Health and WIC services, and many other programs. Humboldt County Public Health offers a variety of services, such as skilled nursing and homemaker services to all ages of residents in Humboldt County. They are staffed with licensed RNs and certified home care aides.

- HCMH's Mental Health & Wellness Center provides services to anyone seeking support/help with their emotional health and mental well-being. Within a confidential, private, compassionate and respecting environment, you, as a client, are encouraged to discuss current and past stressors, events and situations which may be interfering with your day-to-day life. You will establish a professional relationship with your therapist and together, we will walk alongside you in your journey to better emotional and mental health. Individual, couples and family therapy as well as parental trainings and consultations are available to help you reach your mental health goals.

- HCMH's Walk-In Clinic hours are 3-7 p.m., Fridays and 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. This clinic located inside of HCMH provides the same wide array of high-quality, affordable wellness services for all ages. No appointment is necessary.

- HCMH prides itself on providing a full continuum of care to the residents of Humboldt County. HCMH offers senior living services: Springvale Independent Living, Springvale Assisted Living, and LongTerm Care. The Springvale Independent Living Community is attached to the west of the hospital and Springvale Assisted Living to the north end of the hospital. The Springvale Independent and Assisted Living facilities provide a continuum of services emphasizing independence, choice and security to individuals and families. There are 40 independent and 16 assisted living apartments. Long Term Care has capacity for 28 residents.

Humboldt County Memorial Hospital is not only convenient, but also fully equipped to take care of many of your health care needs. Where you receive care is ALWAYS your choice. Humboldt County Memorial Hospital wants to care for you as they fulfill their vision to be the region's healthcare leader, providing the highest quality of service to you right here in Humboldt. Your care is our mission.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

There has been a growing interest in community gardening. The city of Humboldt offers a portion of land that can be shared by its resident gardeners.

Humboldt's community garden has increased to a total of 60 plots and the city is willing to add more if the interest is there.

The community garden is a place to grow high quality produce at the lowest possible price. At \$5 a plot, it's reasonable. Those interested in growing your own produce at the community garden, can contact the City Recreation Department at (515) 332-5447, or email paxtonp@cityofhumboldt.org, or stop by the Humboldt Recreation Center.



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PARKS



A total of 14 parks provide community areas for fun and recreation throughout the Humboldt area. These restful areas are maintained by the Humboldt Parks Department.

Descriptions of some of the city parks follow.

Probably the most famous of the parks is Taft Park. Named for Humboldt's founder, the park covers three city blocks. At the south end of the park can be found Taft School. In the early years, Sunday afternoon found Humboldt residents riding in their carriages around the park. Trees on each side of the path around the park provided a canopy to protect citizens from the hot sun. Some of those same trees still line the outside of the park. A modern shelter house, a skateboard area, basketball courts, and a ball diamond are also found at the park.

In August 2022, the Wildcat Wonderland playground structure was rebuilt to resemble some of the features of the old structure. The new playground is handicap accessible and provides different play structures to accommodate children of all ages including a ninja warrior course, multiple types of swings, music area, an area for younger children, and many other features. With the rebuild the playground was relocated to the east of the shelter and south of the skate park to allow for more space and continuing additions and improvements. The new playground was built between Aug. 8-20, 2022. It was a community build and all interested volunteers showed up and donated their time and skills to help build this new playground for the kids to enjoy for many years.

Bicknell Park is located on the east side of the Des Moines River. Its band shell is the scene of Memorial Day services as well as many family gatherings. The park contains swings and play equipment for children. Bicknell Park sits along the trail where a statue of the legendary Frank Gotch, World Champion Wrestler, trained for his championship.

Since Humboldt was a town devoted to the Northern Cause, it is no surprise that Civil War names dot its original streets and John Brown Park is named for the famous Civil

War figure. It, too, covers one full square block. In the center of the park is a fountain built by Father Doberstein, who built the Grotto at West Bend.

Worthington Park, located on the southwestern edge of the community covers a city block. The Jennifer Ruzicka Memorial Playground provides safe play

structures for children, even the very young. A gazebo, constructed by community volunteers welcomes visitors to Humboldt.

The Jim Heinz Youth Sports Complex is located on Highway 3 West in Humboldt and features three ball diamonds, batting cages, playground, concession stand and restrooms, plus a paved parking lot. It's used extensively in the spring and summer months for the youth baseball and softball programs.

Humboldt added a new park with swings and playground equipment to the Eagle Ridge Addition in 2017. Eagle Ridge now has a half-court basketball court and an open air shelter installed with the help of a Humboldt County Community Foundation grant.

Along with the parks, two established trails give citizens the opportunity to enjoy nature. The Cottonwood Trail begins near the south end of the millrace and travels around the fish hatchery ponds, under the four-lane highway bridge, along the West Fork of the Des Moines River, and ends at Lake Nokomis. The Humboldt Parks Department and Humboldt County Conservation are in the engineering process to get a bridge across the river and trails established in the wooded nature area just north of the lot where the playground equipment is at in Eagle Ridge. The Three Rivers Trail is built upon the bed of old railroad lines, which once traversed northwestern Iowa. The trail provides opportunities to walk along wooded areas viewing native grasses and flowers; unimaginable vistas of the rivers and surrounding country can be seen from railroad trestles no longer in use.

The citizens of Humboldt enjoy the beauty of the parks, while the parks provide restful, safe areas where people can enjoy nature.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR

The Humboldt County Fair, held the last part of July each year, is one event, which unites Humboldt County. The 2022 Humboldt County Fair is July 19-25.

People from all four corners of the county find the fair offers something for everyone. Some of the fun events include: livestock judging, tough truck competition, tractor and pickup pulls, comedians, Humboldt County Fair Queen crowning, midway rides, equipment displays, cookout contest, horse shoe throwing, mud volleyball and a great variety of food.

Humboldt County 4-H and Humboldt High School's FFA members are active both at the fair and throughout the year with the support of the Humboldt County Extension Office.

The fairgrounds offers a multi-purpose year round facility that is located in the northeast part of Humboldt along Highway 3. The Events Center is used for wedding receptions, large gatherings, auctions and other events.

The Humboldt County Fair traces its roots back to the formation of the Humboldt County Agriculture Society, started in 1858. The first official fair was held in 1873. The fair moved to the present location in 1913. The fair is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers that make up the Humboldt County Fair Board.



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Veterans memorial in Humboldt

By KENT THOMPSON

Creating a lasting memorial, one that will go on being an area dedicated to the service and memory of our military veteran men and women, that's the goal.

"While traveling I would stop at veteran memorials. It struck me that we didn't have one here in Humboldt," Daryle Zwiefel said. Daryle is the retired Humboldt postmaster and is an Army veteran from the Vietnam era. He is also chairing a group wanting to build a memorial.

The location will be the southwest corner of Worthington Park, right along Highway 169 and across the road to the east of Miller's Landing.

"We want a high visibility area that is easy to access by the public. We wanted it in one of the public parks. Humboldt Parks Superintendent Clayton Vorland suggested Worthington Park and we think that is the perfect spot," Zwiefel said.

The Humboldt County memorial will be based after the one built in nearby Whittemore. That's Zwiefel's old stomping grounds. "I was surprised by the number of schoolmates and people I knew who were honored there," he said.

In addition to Zwiefel, other members of the Humboldt Veterans Memorial Association are Dean Ewoldt, Ariel Echevarria, Vicki Schwint, Scott Zipse, Ron Rasmussen, Dennis Trenary Jr., Paul Yost, Alan Long and David Scholl.

The committee began meeting in November of 2021, discussing concerns over the loss of names and information about the local veteran population.

"More veterans, even ones from the Vietnam era and younger are dying every day. Once they are gone, a lot of their stories are gone as well," Zwiefel stated. "A lot of vets don't like to share their stories. It's like breaking open a fresh wound."

History is lost

"The Humboldt Veterans Memorial Association believes that a great portion of our history is being lost on a yearly basis as our veterans grow older and stories go untold. We believe there should be a listing of every service person's name, service organization and years served," the committee said in its application to the Humboldt County Community Foundation.

The group is seeking to gather names of all veterans from the county who have served in the military, including reservists. The veterans do not have to have served during wartime to have a brick included in the memorial. "As many as 4,750 bricks could be included in the memorial," Zwiefel said.

Ewoldt said the group is working with the Humboldt County Historical Association to collect some of the names. "There is one veteran who served in the war of 1812 that we plan to include. We have a bunch of Civil War names."

Rasmussen noted the large monument in the northern



part of Union Cemetery that is devoted to soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

Ewoldt serves as the county's veterans' affairs director, so he has a lot of one-on-one contact with veterans and the families of former veterans who are now deceased.

Zwiefel said the committee currently has approximately 100 names encompassing 416 years of military service. "Unbelievable. And all from Humboldt County."

While some memorials feature huge rocks with names engraved, the proposed Humboldt Veterans Memorial is going to be about brick pavers with names and information sandblasted on the bricks, to create a lasting tribute.

The memorial itself is roughly 2,400 square feet. There will be 8-foot sidewalks in stamped and stained concrete around the south and west sides and 6-foot sidewalks around the north and east sides. The memorial will be entirely ADA accessible. The interior of the memorial will be laid out in a diagonal fashion. There will be large U.S., Iowa and MIA/POW flags near the western sidewalk. The rows of stones will project from a 45-degree angle from the three flags.

The project calls for polished granite stones (4-by-8-inch pavers) with the name of the veteran, branch of service and years served sandblasted into the stone. Veterans killed in action will be on a larger (8-inch by 8-inch) darker polished granite stone. Stones being used are made in the United States. They also hope to have special stones to recognize the VFW and American Legion posts.

"The Renwick, Bode and Livermore veteran memorials are very nice. We wanted something where the emphasis is on the individuals and those who served in whatever capacity they were in, and whatever timeframe," Zwiefel said.

"By putting in bricks we have the flexibility and versatility to change it and add more over time," he added. "We see this as a long-term project, but with successful public interest and participation, the bulk of the work will be done from 2023 to 2025."

"A neat thing is that future generations can find the stone of a relative or ancestor. That's a great thing. And families

don't have to go to a museum or a battlefield to find it. It's right in their own backyard at Worthington Park," Ewoldt said.

Rasmussen helped put in a time capsule that was buried in the park as part of the nation's Bicentennial. It will remain buried in the memorial.

Personal recollections

Perhaps the best way to tell the story is let the seven committee members who sat down for an interview in early February tell about their experiences and the reasons they decided to volunteer their time for this effort.

- Daryle Zwiefel: I was in the Army after college and was sent to the East Coast and had orders to go to Vietnam but ended up and went to Korea and then Germany and Jordan and all over. I hated it when I was in but I think it's important to recognize all who have served our country and I'm proud to have a small part in this community effort.

- Vicki Schwint: I did not serve in the military but I wanted to serve on the committee to honor my dad and my brothers and my other relatives who served before. I feel veterans have made our country what it is.

- David Scholl: Served in the Army in Vietnam and was a computer order operator. "The Army buys everything from a 5-cent washer or a \$300 million aircraft. Someone has to place those orders." This country has always fought for freedom and independence, especially against tyrannical governments, and any man or woman who fought needs to be recognized.

- Dennis Trenary Jr.: Served in the military from March 1968 to December of 1997; five years with the National Guard in Fort Dodge and then with the Army in Germany and five months in Bosnia. Dennis finished his tour of duty at Fort Campbell, KY. "My reason for being on the committee is about honoring my family and the past forefathers in Humboldt County and for people to remember the sacrifice they gave that allows us to live in this cozy little town of Humboldt.

- Ron Rasmussen: While Ron is today a gunsmith and a minister, when he was in the military he had one of the most dangerous jobs there was, explosive ordnance assembly and disposal. Ron joined the Air Force and was stationed in New Hampshire and later in Puerto Rico. "I armed and disarmed nuclear weapons. I handled not only bombs but napalm. For me, volunteering is for those who have given of their time and walked away from many things to serve their country. Some from my era were spit on and had rocks thrown at them when they returned."

- Alan Long: I served in the Marines from 1980-89 and in the National Guard after. I'm a third generation and my son is 4th generation military. I served during the Cold War so there was a lot of training and not much fighting. Being in the military and serving is a generational thing for my family and I have ancestors who helped settle Humboldt County.

- Dean Ewoldt: Served in Germany in the Army in the 1970s. He has been the Humboldt County Veterans Affairs director for nearly a decade. "It's important for citizens and future generations to know what our forefathers went through to protect this county and make it safer. I feel like this memorial honoring the whole county should have been constructed first."

Fundraising is ongoing

The organization has received individual donations and the Taft Elementary School second graders did a fundraising campaign for the memorial and raised \$560.

"That was just great. It was really a fun time going to talk to them and finding out what they had done to help us," Zwiefel said.

A big shot in the arm came this past summer when MidAmerican Energy announced that the Humboldt Veterans Memorial Association was one of 10 groups who received a \$1,000 award through the MidAmerican Energy CARES, corporate citizenship effort.

The 10 non-profit groups who received the daily award were then put into another drawing and the local group received an additional \$10,000 grand prize!

"The Humboldt Veterans Memorial Association has been raising funds for a local veterans memorial it plans to build and we hope this \$11,000 donation honors both the group's efforts and also the veterans it seeks to honor," Kathryn Kunert, MidAmerican Energy vice president of economic connections and integration, said

Other lead donations have been received from Johnson Wealth and Income Management, Hy-Vee and the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Veterans Meals Committee. The average cost of a brick is \$140, but rather than buying a brick, organizers are seeking freewill donations of whatever the individual, family, business or organization feels comfortable in giving.

It is important that veterans and families of deceased veterans send DD214 proof of service papers. Zwiefel said personal and confidential information on the forms may be omitted, as long as proof of service is established. Ewoldt and the group will work with families who don't have the papers.

Donations are tax deductible through the non-profit Friends of the Parks and can be sent to: Humboldt Veterans Memorial, PO Box 111, Humboldt, IA 50548. Checks can be made payable to: Humboldt Veterans Memorial. People can also electronically send funds via Venmo@humboldtvetmemorial

An official Facebook page has been set up at [facebook.com/HumboldtVeteransassociation](https://www.facebook.com/HumboldtVeteransassociation). Questions can be emailed to info@humboldtvetmemorial.com.

People may also contact Zwiefel at (515) 368-0479

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Humboldt-Dakota City area is host to a number of fun events throughout the year. Some of those events are listed below.

January

- Humboldt County Memorial Hospital Founder's Event.

February

- The Humboldt Community Chorus and Big Band presents an annual show in early February in the R. Wesley Carlson Auditorium at Humboldt High School. The Chorus is directed by Terry Nelson (515) 379-1072 and always welcomes new members.

March

- Annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt held the Saturday before Easter.

May

- Racing starts at the Humboldt County Dragway.
- Annual Memorial Day salute.
- The Humboldt Family Aquatic Center and Humboldt County Historical Museum open.
- The annual Rendezvous is held at Sheldon Park.
- Harness races begin at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.
- The Farmer's Market starts downtown and continues the second and fourth Saturday until fall.

June

- Downtown Summer Block Party - June 15, 2023
- Humota Family Fun Days - June 17, 2023

July

- The July 4 weekend brings a full day of activities including 5K and 10K walk/ races, harness racing, evening parade and a spectacular fireworks display.
- The Humboldt County Fair is held in late July.
- The Humboldt Area Arts Kids Tent will be at the July 22, 2023 Farmers Market.



August

- The Humboldt Rotary Club Fly-In Breakfast.
- Humboldt Area Arts Council Rummage Sale - August 11-12, 2023

September

- On Labor Day weekend, Humboldt turns into the Polka capital of the Midwest with the annual Midwest Polka Fest coming to the VFW in Dakota City.
- On Labor Day weekend Rock in Picnic is held at Sheldon Park.

- The annual Cy-Hawk Rivalry is held in downtown Humboldt prior to the Iowa-Iowa State football game.

October

- Pumpkins and Ponies is held the second Saturday & Sunday in October at SpringVale Farm.

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100+ Women Who Care, Humboldt County, has donated \$404,101 since starting in June of 2016.

The group meets quarterly at VFW Post 5240 in Dakota City. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. (although women are coming earlier and earlier). Everyone is welcome, even if you just want to check it out.

People can join as an individual or a team of two or four people. Each individual or team writes a \$100 check that night to the individual or non-profit that is chosen.

When people check in, they receive a name badge, a nomination slip and a voting card. There is a white board

with suggested nominations. Not everyone has to submit a nomination.

At 6:05 p.m. a basket containing all of the nominations is spun and three are randomly drawn out. The person(s) who submitted the three nominations then come up and tell a little bit about their nominee.

The group is given about 10 minutes to vote. The votes are tabulated and the winner is announced. The winner is then called to see if they are able to come in for a photo.

Everyone writes a check directly to the recipient. Those who can't attend are able to drop off their check at Humboldt Engraving and Gifts.

The group voted to donate to a non-profit two times a year and to individuals the other two times a year.

Another impact from the group is they pick a side cause to give to each meeting. They've brought items for the Humboldt County Food Pantry. Humboldt schools, hats

and mittens for youth, Brave Bags, Lotus House and more. The side cause is optional.

100+ Women Who Care, Humboldt County, was the sixth chapter to form in Iowa, and now there are 19 chapters in the state and 600 nationwide.

The initial goal was to have 100 members. They are now at more than 150 with a new goal of reaching 300 members. With teams the actual number of individuals involved is 286.

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KIDDIE CATS CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER



The non-profit organization, Kiddie Cats Child Care and Learning Center, is located at 25 3rd St. N., in Dakota City. Center Director Kirstin Skow is passionate about the mission and values upheld by the center and reiterates the importance of early childhood education in the success of community growth.

Kiddie Cats currently has 95 enrolled children. The facility is licensed to hold 152 children. Of those children enrolled, 15 are infants, 25 are toddlers, 27 are preschoolers, and 28 are school agers. To accommodate families with school-aged children, Kiddie Cats has arranged for school buses to pick up and drop off students who attend St. Mary Catholic School and Taft Elementary School in Humboldt. Additionally, the center provides quick access to Mease Elementary School which is internally connected to the center via hallway!

“Our parents love that the center acts as a central hub for school-aged children drop-off and pick-up; especially when they have younger children who attend the center during the day,” Skow said. “It’s fortunate that children who attend Mease Elementary School can walk to daycare on early-out days, which relieves parents from leaving work early or finding alternative transportation for their children.”

Families and children who are interested in utilizing the center can call (515) 332-9710 or email director@kiddiecatschildcare.com with any inquiries. Families are welcomed to stop by the center between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, to tour the center or discuss prospective enrollment. Families can also gather information from the center’s website, kiddiecatschildcare.com, and their Facebook page.

“The safety, well-being, and emotional, cognitive, and social development of our children is our top priority. We can enrich our children’s lives by exposing them to daily

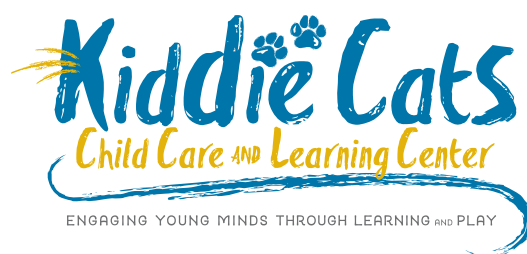
learning activities that will prepare them for the future while have a lot of fun

along the way,” states Skow. “We do implement daily schedules, organized structure, and age-appropriate curriculum to help our children grow and learn. We believe that children learn by immersing themselves fully and deeply into the world around them—there is no better way to do that than with play.”

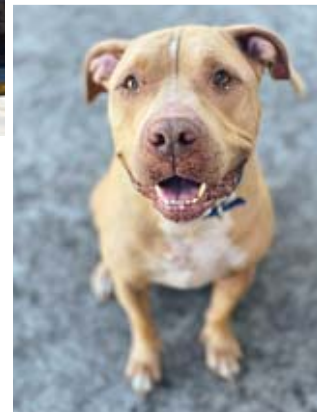
“The Humboldt Community School District has been a great partner in guiding the center toward success,” Skow said. “The school provides us with daily breakfast and lunch and grants us access to their library, music room, playground, and gymnasium during the summer months.”

Kiddie Cats is open Monday-Friday, and is only closed on the six major holidays, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.

The center does accept students on a drop-in basis depending on the availability of staff. Skow states, “there is no better way to serve the community than to help younger generations flourish and grow into future leaders and advocates. At Kiddie Cats, we have the pleasure of doing just that.”



MOFFITT ANIMAL SHELTER



Humboldt County is packed FULL of animal lovers. Moffitt Animal Shelter opened their doors on Nov. 30, 2020, and it's quickly become a point of pride for the community.

If you're longing for your first pet or another pet to add to your growing family, check with the shelter and see who is available for adoption. All animals are fully vetted and vaccinated before being placed for adoption, as the shelter's number one goal is disease prevention among their furry crew of friends.

Moffitt Animal Shelter not only takes in pets that are not able to stay with their owners, but they're also the county pound. If your dog or cat happens to go out on an adventure, and you suddenly can't find them, check with the shelter. You may just find the volunteers there giving your good boy or girl treats and snuggles while they wait for you to pick them up.

A new fence encompassing the entire back yard has been put up and is great for the dogs, Director Miranda Peterson said. "We are now working on getting volunteer groups to build an agility course for the shelter dogs, and replacing rock in the outside portion of the kennels and the side yard with a turf that can be cleaned and sanitized," she added.

More information on the shelter can be found on their Facebook page: [MoffittAnimalShelter](#) or by calling (515) 604-6242. Donations can be mailed to Moffitt Animal Shelter, PO Box 123, Humboldt, IA 50548.

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- **Water service** is provided by the city of Humboldt (515) 332-3435. The City of Humboldt provides water, sewer, landfill and garbage for all residential customers.
- The city of Dakota City provides **water and sewer service** to residents. Phone number at Dakota City Hall is (515) 332-3083.
- **Phone service** providers include Comm1 (800) 469-3772, Twin River Valley Telephone (515) 379-1070, CenturyLink (866) 379-4984, or Mediacom (855) 633-4226. Mediacom and Comm1 also provide cable television service.
- There are numerous **Internet providers** including Comm1 (888) 825-3996.

City Hall

The City of Humboldt Municipal building is located at 29 5th Street South, Humboldt, IA 50548. Phone number is (515) 332-3435.

The Dakota City Municipal building is located at 26 5th St. S., Dakota City, IA 50548. (515) 332-3083.



Recreation Center

The Humboldt Recreation Center is located at 1501 Wildcat Road. (515) 604-6494.

Humboldt Family Aquatic Center

The Humboldt Family Aquatic Center is located at 14 3rd Street South. (515) 332-7140.

Library

Humboldt's Carnegie Library is located at 30 6th Street North. (515) 332-1925.

Post Office

The Humboldt Post Office is located at 601 Sumner Avenue (515) 332-3506. The Dakota City Post Office is located at 408 Main (515) 332-4255.

Driver's License

Driver's licenses and license plates are processed at the Humboldt County Treasurer's Office located on the first floor of the Humboldt County Courthouse in Dakota City (515) 332-2993.

Voter Registration

Voter registration can be completed at the Humboldt County Auditor's Office on the first floor of the Humboldt County Courthouse in Dakota City (515) 332-1571.

Transit

Transportation can be arranged by Co-City Transportation (800-287-7433).

Law Enforcement

The Humboldt County Law Enforcement Center, located at 430 Sumner Avenue, houses both the Humboldt Police Department (515) 332-2600, and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department (515) 332-2471. Emergency number is 911.

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The Humboldt Community School District administration office is located at Mease Elementary in Dakota City (515) 332-1330.



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SUNDANCE LANES

A common question for the Sturtz family, who has owned and managed the local bowling alley for the last 40 years, “What’s new this season?”

Previous answers have been new lanes, computer scoring system, bumper bowling and of course the fan favorite Cosmic bowling.

This season: A new lane conditioner machine. Similar to a Zamboni for an ice rink, the lane conditioner machine cleans and applies a specific pattern of oil to the lane. The new machine, the Kegel Ikon Walker, is capable of cleaning and oiling all 10 lanes without human intervention.

The oil helps to create a more consistent playing surface and protects the lane from the pounding of the bowling balls. The pattern of the oil can vary depending on the type of bowling that is being played. For example, a different pattern of oil would be used for a league bowling game than would be used for a tournament.

Generally, tournament patterns require more precision from bowlers and league patterns are more forgiving, resulting in higher scores during league play.

Sundance Lanes has 10 synthetic lanes with all lanes capable of bumper bowling. Shoes are available in all sizes ranging from youth size 6 to adult men’s size 18. Balls range from 6 to 16 pounds. Bowling ball ramps are available for younger children or handicapped players. Bowling is one of a few games that can be enjoyed by young and old, nearly anyone.

Winter leagues have about 400 bowlers participating weekly.

There are men’s leagues on Mondays and Thursdays and two on Wednesdays. Men’s teams can also have women members.

Women’s leagues are Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Friday afternoon league has both women and men bowlers.

There is a Youth League 8-for-8 bowling available. For just \$8 a week for eight weeks, children can bowl for 90 minutes.

Held on Sunday afternoons, fourth graders and younger start bumper bowling at 12:30 p.m., with older youth selecting bumper or regular bowling at either 2:10 p.m. or 4



p.m.

After full payment, the youth bowlers will select their own new bowling ball in a variety of colors and the proper weight. The ball holes are drilled by Sundance Lanes to fit the child’s fingers.

This program is held twice a year, starting in October and January. After a child has a ball, the next season, they can choose a bag to match and even get their own bowling shoes. It’s a great way to start a lifelong sport.

Another fun thing the bowling center does is the Birthday Club. Just sign your kids up and they will mail birthday postcards to the kids, who can present the cards for two free games of bowling, free shoe rental, free candy and pop.

After the bowling is done, the fun doesn’t stop. There are pool tables, car and motorcycle video games in the arcade area. They even offer pinball machines!

Since 1983, owned by the now retired Jackie Sturtz, the bowling center is co-managed by her sons, Cary and Shawn. Hours vary depending on the time of year, but Sundance Lanes is open year round with lanes available for use nearly every day.





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KIWANIS CHRISTMASLAND

Kiwanis Christmasland in Humboldt is a magical place where everyone can feel like a child for the first time.

Kiwanis Christmasland features nearly \$200,000 in animated displays. It opened in 1981 and has grown every year. Several thousand people tour the attraction on a yearly basis. People visiting Kiwanis Christmasland can see moving reindeer, elves, polar bears, Eskimos, snowmen and women, Santa and Mrs. Claus, woodland creatures and much more.

For 2023, there will be changes inside and out. The outside will have an updated look and inside there will be new inflatable displays and other updated scenes.

In 2018, the club members and volunteers created a scene of Disney's "Frozen" for the front entrance with large cutouts of the characters.

In 2019, volunteers updated one of the most popular attractions at Christmasland, the model railroad display. The old direct current track was replaced with a Digital Command Control (DCC) system, allowing locomotives on the same electrical section of track to be independently controlled. New trains and village attractions were added.

Also in 2019, Santa's house, where good little boys and girls get to visit the jolly old elf, was completely redone, thanks to the artistic efforts of club member Kristi Carlson.

Visitor's comments include "cool, wonderful, kids love it and never miss it."

Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented Christmasland from opening in 2020. The Kiwanis Club partnered with Santa Claus and Jess Tepner to offer a virtual Zoom experience instead. The club also hosted a coloring contest with lucky winners receiving a Christmas basket of gifts or a new bicycle!

In 2021, Kiwanis Christmasland reopened to the public. This year will mark the 41st year of the exhibit, which is being enjoyed by three generations of area families as well as visitors from throughout the U.S. and foreign lands. Christmasland is located directly south of Humboldt City Hall at 407 1st Avenue South.

It is open on selected dates from the Friday after Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve. Regular hours are 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the evenings and 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Check current schedules for days of operation.

In addition to posted hours, Christmasland is open for group tours by arrangement by calling Dave Lee at (515) 890-0116.

A little history on the all-volunteer project — former Humboldt Chamber of Commerce Director and Humota Theater Manager Fred Meyer helped start Christmasland. He and his wife went through a display in another state and asked, "Why can't we do this in Humboldt?"

The first year started with a large round-backed chair, a bridal wreath and Santa Claus. There were some round-faced characters and a jack-in-the-box in a downtown storefront. Meyer thought those would be perfect for



Christmasland, so the next year they were added.

Maintaining and improving Christmasland is an effort of local Kiwanians and community volunteers.

One of the members who makes it all go is Kiwanian Dave Lee, who can often be found at Christmasland repairing the train, putting a new motor in one of the animations or changing something in one of the scenes.

Dave has also served as the main Santa Claus for the attraction for many years. Tours end with a visit from Santa and a candy cane. He is assisted by Bret Davis and Kent Thompson.

"As Santa, you know all about the toys good kids want each year," Lee said. "You can just about tell after the second day what the popular toy for the year will be."

"There are many families who come through today who came through as little kids back in the 1980s. We are now working on several generations who have visited Christmasland," Lee said.

"It's neat to see. It's become a family tradition for people from throughout the area," he added.

The attraction is free of charge. The Humboldt-Dakota City Kiwanis Club appreciates the goodwill donations that help improve and grow the attraction.

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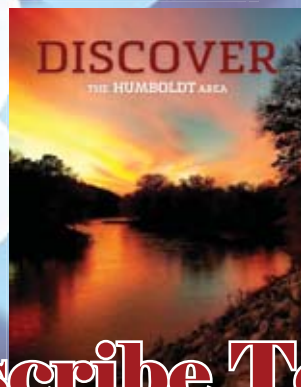
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