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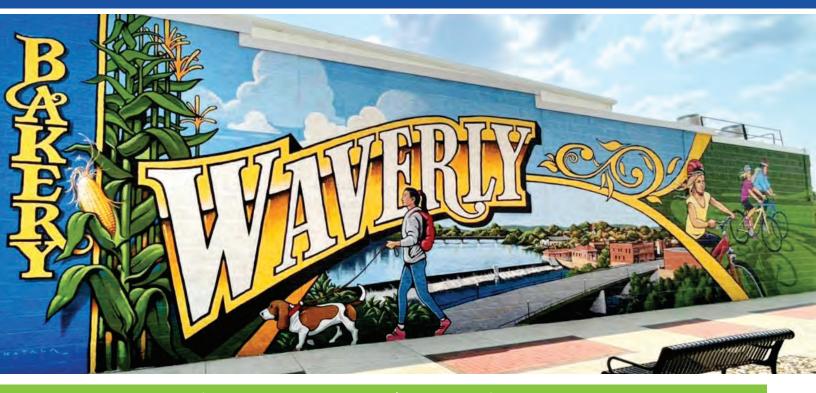


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Welcome to Waverly

Located in northeast lowa, Waverly is a beautiful, extraordinary community of over 10,000 residents. It is a place where families thrive and a community where residents enjoy a high quality of life, a bustling downtown and a college town atmosphere.

Waverly's central business district spans the Cedar River, while numerous other businesses and industries are uniquely nestled throughout the community. An impressive inventory of community assets includes 12 miles of recreational trails, two 18-hole golf courses, a spectacular public library, a top-flight indoor recreation center, and abundant cultural opportunities that can only be found in a college town.

Waverly's downtown is designated as a Main Street Iowa District. The district is home to a quality mix of service businesses, specialty shops, destination stores and restaurants. These businesses along with others are part of Waverly's evolving "life and leisure" business clusters.

Waverly maintains a focus on balanced growth and is an ideal location for commercial, industrial and corporate headquarters and retail developments. City government and economic development leaders have set the course for a prosperous future through their strong commitment to a safe community, investment in parks, trails and services, and through a unique partnership formed to bring economic success through the creation of employment opportunities and a revitalized downtown.

Waverly is a place where life comes together. It's your place. Welcome to Waverly.



Looking for ways to get plugged into the community or help grow your business? Contact the Waverly Chamber today! 319-352-4526



Looking to relocate? Check out Waverly Welcome Home to find out more today! waverlywelcomehome.com



Wake up early or wake up late, whenever you wake up, adventure awaits! Waverly offers multiple outdoor opportunities on the trails, on sports fields, down the block at your neighborhood park, on an award-winning golf course, or at the pool. In Waverly, we believe in working hard to play even harder. Welcome to Waverly!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS IN KOHLMANN

Kohlmann Park 101 1st St. NW

www.waverlychamber.com

Waverly's summer concert series, which features the Greater Waverly Municipal Band along with other local entertainment, takes place in June & July.

WAVERLY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

www.waverlychambermusic.org

Offering access to high quality art and music experiences to one's community is a fundamental aspect of how the arts enrich our local culture and our quality of life. The mission of the WCMS is to bring people together for the enjoyment of community and music by providing high-quality chamber music concerts for Waverly and the Cedar Valley.

WARTBURG COMMUNITY SYMPHONY

100 Wartburg Blvd. 319-352-8200

www.wartburg.edu/symphony

Since 1952, Waverly has been one of the smallest communities in the country to support a semi-professional symphony orchestra. The symphony performs four concerts a season, September through April. The symphony is open by audition to musicians from the Waverly area and to Wartburg College students and faculty.

WARTBURG COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

100 Wartburg Blvd.

www.wartburg.edu/music

Wartburg College is the epicenter for arts and culture within the entire Waverly community. Nearly 500 students participate in Wartburg's 18+ internationally acclaimed music ensembles, and dozens of concerts and recitals are held throughout the academic year. All are open to the public and most offer free admission.

FAMILY FUN

WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

1500 W. Bremer Ave. 319-352-1223

www.waverlyia.com/library

The Waverly Public Library is your window to information, recreation, and community. The library is a vital part of Waverly, and a highlight for residents and visitors alike. Whether you stop in to read the newspaper, preview the latest best seller, or attend any of the popular events for families, children, teens, or adults, there is always something to inspire you at the Waverly Public Library.

BUTTERFLY GARDENS

1500 W. Bremer Ave.

Come stroll along the paths and enjoy native plants and flowers. There are several benches, tables, and patio areas which make the garden an ideal location for snapping photos, reading, having a picnic, or working on your laptop or tablet while connected to the library's wi-fi network.

WARTBURG-WAVERLY SPORTS & WELLNESS CENTER (THE W)

100 Wartburg Blvd. 319-352-8311 www.the-w.org *See page 26 for more details.

WAVERLY BOWL INN

915 4th St SW *Opening Fall 2023

what to do

HISTORICAL INTERESTS

BREMER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

402 W. Bremer Ave. 319-352-1862

519-552-1602

www.bremercountyhistoricalsociety.org

Constructed in 1862 of native timber and brick from a local kiln, the Bremer County Historical Museum is a three-story brick structure and was the first large hotel and stagecoach stop in the area. Succeeding the hotel, the building housed the CaPhenin Chemical Co., a pill factory owned by the Dr. Frank Osincup family. Now the building houses many treasures from the area and tells of tales of life in Waverly and Bremer County. With artifact displays, theme rooms take visitors back to a time we no longer know. The museum is open May through October on Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

GOLF COURSES

PRAIRIE LINKS GOLF COURSE

19 Eagle Ridge Dr. 319-483-1765 www.prairielinksgolf.com

This British style "links" course features large elevated greens, spacious watered fairways, challenging sand play and attractive water features. Rated the number one golf course in lowa by Golf Advisor in 2017 and 2018 it is privately owned and open to the public.

WAVERLY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

705 8th St. SW 319-352-1530 www.waverlygolf.com

A progressive 18 hole public golf course. Prepare yourself for an unparalleled golfing experience. The course is a pleasure for golfers of any skill level to play. Test your accuracy with the fairways, water hazards and sand traps; they have everything you need to challenge you and improve your game.



IRA STURDEVANT HOUSE

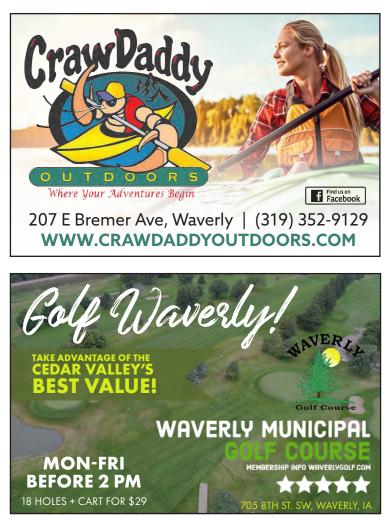
502 1st St. SW

Built of brick in 1855 and 1856, the Ira and Asenath Sturdevant house is the oldest surviving dwelling in Waverly, Iowa. Sold outside the Sturdevant family after Ira's widow, Asenath, died in 1867, descendants repurchased it at a sheriff's sale on April 14, 2009, Ioaning the money to the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance (now Preservation Iowa) who will own it until it has its own separate non-profit organization.

VETERANS TRIBUTE

Bremer Ave. & 4th St. SW ww.waverlyvets.us/veterans-tribute.html

Located on the corner of West Bremer Avenue and Fourth St. SW, the Waverly Area Veterans Tribute is the local site for many celebrations honoring veterans. An area in front of the tribute presents engraved bricks memorializing all veterans.



PARKS & RECREATION



Waverly prides itself as being a community with fantastic outdoor spaces and stunning views. The City of Waverly manages 21 individual parks in the community. From play units to basketball courts, pickleball & disc golf, Waverly's parks have something for everyone. For a complete listing of parks & recreational opportunities, visit www.waverlychamber.com. Welcome to Waverly!

CITY PARKS

PELIKAN PARK

1401 Cedar Lane Dr.

Along the back waters of the Cedar River on Cedar Lane east of Horton Road, Pelikan Park is a popular area for fishing or ice skating.

BROOKWOOD PARK

415 6th Ave. SE

A large area along the Cedar River boasts beautiful views and is the home to the Brookwood Park Disc Golf Course. This newly expanded 18 hole course runs along the scenic Cedar River. It includes a mix of park, prairie, and wooded holes and is the perfect fit for disc golfers of every skill level. Brookwood Park has several mature trees, open space and has an underdeveloped area to the east along the river, populated with walking trails. There is a non-motorized boat ramp and fishing opportunities galore.

THREE RIVERS PARK

1000 Adams Parkway

Features a double boat ramp and a boat dock. It is adjacent to Waverly Utilities Duck Pond area. The Duck Pond is popular for hiking and fishing.

MEMORIAL PARK

403 5th Ave. SW

A visit to Memorial Park will fill you with all the sensations of summer. The sounds of splashing water, children laughing, and baseballs smacking. Home of our beloved Kid's Kingdom park, sand volleyball courts, skate park, ball diamonds, picnic shelters, and outdoor swimming pool. Memorial Park is where friends and families gather to enjoy the classic park experience.

SOUTH RIVERSIDE PARK

701 1st St. SW

South of the Bremer Avenue Bridge is South Riverside Park. This 5-block stretch features scenic river views and a winding paved trail. South Riverside is a popular fishing location with lower riverbank access. The park also features play equipment and is the home of Waverly's Farmers Market, which is located in the newly constructed open air shelter at the North end of the park.

KOHLMANN PARK

101 1st St. NW

Situated in the heart of Waverly along the banks of the Cedar River, you will find one of our most scenic places to play; Kohlmann Park. It connects the bike trail north and the downtown loop. A unique feature of the park is the Amphitheater which hosts summer band concerts, weddings, and other events such as the annual Art Walk and Oktoberfest celebration. The park also features river access, well shaded seating, public restrooms and play equipment for patrons to enjoy.

Shades of Rhythm Amphitheater

The Shades of Rhythm Amphitheater, an award-winning design project by two lowa State University architecture students, is the location of many community events. The elegant design transforms the structure into a piece of public art and offers a special gathering space for all to enjoy in the heart of our community. The Amphitheater has become an iconic landmark in Waverly.

PRAIRIE PARK

North of Tumbleweed Tr. NE

This is one of the newer parks in Waverly and features a pickleball court along with a basketball court, a play unit and swings. This beautiful park not only has natural prairie, but also many young trees and open space. Prairie Park is accessible by a grassway from the East at Wild Rose Lane or West at Thistle Lane.

parks & recreation

OUTDOOR RECREATION

CEDAR RIVER PARK

602 Cedar River Pkwy www.cedarriverpark.com

Cedar River Park is an eight-field complex with an inclusive field and playground. The park provides the opportunity for youth of all abilities to play baseball and softball in Waverly. The Miracle League field provides children with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to play ball with their peers and experience America's favorite pastime. The park also has amenities including accessible concessions and bathrooms, a bike path connecting to the trails system, and a playground structure. www. cedarriverpark.com

INGAWANIS WOODLAND TRAILS

Spin your wheels and find some adventure. The Ingawanis Woodland Trails area has a lot to offer the mountain bike enthusiasts in the area. The 7.1 miles of trails include some easy flat trails, along with some rocky, rooty short steep climbs. Without going too far, these trails are worth making the short drive. Off road trail runners and hikers are also welcome on these soft trails.

CRAWDADDY OUTDOORS

207 E. Bremer Ave. 319-352-9129

www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com

Located in downtown Waverly, CrawDaddy Outdoors offers outdoor equipment rentals and adventure packages for a variety of recreational activities throughout the year.

PETSAFE® OFF-LEASH DOG PARK 1403 8th St. SE

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This 5-acre area is located on 8th Street SE, just South of the soccer complex. The park is a wonderful place for dogs of all sizes to stretch out and run. There are separately fenced large and small dog areas and paved walking paths throughout with covered seating areas along the path.

WAVERLY OUTDOOR POOL

510 5th Ave. SW, Waverly 319-352-6249

www.waverlyia.com/leisureservices/pool The outdoor pool, located in Memorial Park, is open during the summer months and features water slides, diving boards, lap swim lanes and a gated children's pool with toddler size slide and zero-depth entry. It attracts families and individuals of all ages and is also home to aquatic events such as swim meets and pool parties. Staffed with trained lifeguards at all times, it is a family friendly amenity enjoyed by many.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK SOCCER COMPLEX

Waverly-Shell Rock Soccer Association 202 Cedar River Parkway

The W-SR Soccer Complex includes 15 fields, including a lighted premier field. It has permanent restrooms, concessions and ample parking.

WAVERLY RAIL TRAIL

The Waverly Rail Trail is one of Northeast lowa's finest scenic bike trails. The 10-footwide asphalt trail begins in the city center and traverses east-southeast. Sidewalks connect to the trail providing paved access to nearly every park in Waverly. The Waverly Rail Trail is an essential segment of the Rolling Prairie Trail system. The 7-mile trail features several amenities including 8 bridges, 3 underpasses, and abundant flora and fauna typical of lowa's four seasons. Trail users will find parking and a picnic shelter at the trailhead. Benches at various stops along the trail offer a brief rest and beautiful views. Modern restroom facilities are available at the nearby Kwik Star in downtown Waverly and primitive restroom facilities are located at the 2and 6-mile markers. Several restaurants and shops in downtown Waverly are conveniently close. The trail is a popular family and pet friendly amenity. Walkers, joggers, and bikers alike utilize the trail for outdoor recreation and leisurely enjoyment. *see map on page 42





Throughout the year, Waverly and surrounding communities plan a variety of events for people of all ages to enjoy. Visit our online calendar of events for more info at waverlychamber.com. Welcome to Waverly!

FEBRUARY

CANDLELIGHT SKI Waverly Rail Trail

www.waverlyia.com

Enjoy a candlelit ski on the Waverly Rail Trail during the Annual Candlelight Ski event which takes place the 1st Saturday in February. 1.1 miles of the trail are illuminated for skiing and walking with over 400 luminaries, beginning at the trailhead located behind Kwik Star East, 400 E. Bremer Avenue. Complimentary Nestle hot cocoa is provided at the bonfire turn around. Snow shoes and cross country skis are available for rent at CrawDaddy Outdoors.

MARCH

SPRING MIDWEST HORSE SALE

Waverly Sales Barn 2212 5th Ave. NW, Waverly www.waverlysales.com

One of the oldest and largest semiannual horse sale auctions in North America, held the last week in March.



ART WALK Kohlmann Park

101 1st St. NW, Waverly www.waverlychamber.com

Art Walk is Waverly's annual juried fine arts and crafts show. It is held the first Saturday in May at Kohlmann Park along the beautiful Cedar River in downtown Waverly. Artists from the tristate area come to Kohlmann Park to sell their works of media ranging from: basketry, jewelry, pottery, photography, painting, and much more. There is also live music, food vendors, kids art activities and much more! Open to the public and people of all ages are invited to enjoy the day surrounded by artistic creations!

SPRING RETAIL EVENT

Waverly Merchants www.waverlychamber.com

The First Saturday in May, Waverly merchants host a Spring Shopping Event in conjunction with the Waverly Art Walk, featuring new spring merchandise and fun! Shop your way around town and enjoy spring savings, sweet treats, art and more!

WAVERLY CAR CRUISE

Waverly, Iowa

Uncover your classic, sports or muscle car and cruise the strip in Waverly! The fun kicks off at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday during summer months.

WARTBURG & W-SR GRADUATIONS

Wartburg College & W-SR High School, Waverly Graduation ceremonies are held Memorial Day weekend.

FARMERS MARKET

South Riverside Park 202 1st Ave. SE, Waverly Every Saturday, May - Oct 8:30-11:30 Every Tuesday starting in June 3-5:30 Offering locally-grown produce, crafts, pottery, baked goods, plants and more.

JUNE

CONCERTS IN KOHLMANN Kohlmann Park 101 1st St. NW, Waverly www.waverlychamber.com

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WAVERLY CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

Waverly, Iowa Second weekend in June.

GRUMP DAYS

Readlyn, Iowa www.readlyn.com Readlyn's annual town event held the third weekend in June.

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FOURTH OF JULY

Frederika, Iowa First week in July.

SHELL ROCK FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Downtown Shell Rock, Iowa www.shellrockiowa.org

Shell Rock is known for its annual Fourth of July Celebration, which includes a parade and a spectacular fireworks display.

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RIDICULOUS DAYS

Waverly Merchants www.waverlychamber.com

Shop ridiculously low prices on quality products from both local merchants and sidewalk vendors, during Waverly's annual Ridiculous Days! Mark your calendars and join the shopping fun on the second Saturday in July for this exciting event. The ridiculousness begins bright and early at 7:00 a.m.

PLAINFIELD DAYS

Plainfield, Iowa www.facebook.com/Plainfield-Days The annual celebration in Plainfield held the second weekend in July.

SUMNER DAYS

Sumner, Iowa www.mysumneriowa.com

Annual Sumner Days celebration held the third weekend in July.

WAVERLY CAR CRUISE Waverly, Iowa

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HERITAGE DAYS

Bremer County Fairgrounds 717 5th Ave. SW, Waverly www.waverlyheritagedays.com

Waverly Heritage Days is Waverly's town celebration. Lasting for three days during the third weekend in July, the festival kicks off Friday and continues on through the weekend. On Saturday morning, thousands enjoy the parade starting on Fifth Avenue NW and ending at the Fairgrounds. The entertainment continues at the Fairgrounds with activities for kids and families followed by a live band and fireworks.

JANESVILLE DAYS

Janesville, Iowa www.janesvilledays.org Annual Janesville Days celebration is held the end of July.

AUGUST

BREMER COUNTY FAIR

Bremer County Fairgrounds 717 5th Ave. SW, Waverly www.bremercountyfair.com

A Blue Ribbon Fair since 1875, the Bremer County Fair celebrates the best in local livestock and crafts. Also, don't miss the annual truck and tractor pulls, commercial and local exhibits, carnival, petting zoo and various contests, performances and concerts. Bremer County Fair is held the first week in August.

MOONLIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Waverly, Iowa www.waverlychamber.com

Grab your blankets and chairs and watch a movie under the stars! The movie will begin at dusk in Kohlmann Park. Moonlight Movie Night is FREE to the public and presented by the Waverly Chamber of Commerce and the Waverly Public Library.

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TRIPOLI DAYS

Tripoli, lowa www.facebook.com/Tripoli-Days Annual Tripoli Days is held the first weekend in August.

BREAK-AWAY DAYS

Denver, Iowa www.facebook.com/Denver-Break-Away-Days Annual Denver Break-Away Days is held

the third weekend in August.

SEPTEMBER

FALL RETAIL EVENT

Waverly Merchants www.waverlychamber.com

Shop fall retail open houses during Waverly's annual Fall Fest! Rake in the savings and see all the special items retailers have to offer for the upcoming fall season. This is a great chance for retailers to showcase fall merchandise and attract shoppers to their store with special discounts and savings.

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OCTOBER

OKTOBERFEST

Waverly, Iowa

www.waverlyoktoberfest.com

Family friendly event that features live music, food and beverage gardens & a family fun zone.

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JACK-O-LANTERN NIGHT

Downtown Waverly www.waverlychamber.com

This event is for all the little ghosts and goblins to join the fun and fill their bags with treats provided by participating downtown merchants during Waverly's annual Jack-O-Lantern Night! Held the Thursday before Halloween.

NOVEMBER

HOLIDAY RETAIL EVENT

Waverly Merchants www.waverlychamber.com

Kick off your holiday shopping in Waverly during Holiday Open House Event that happens the 2nd weekend in November! Stores will be decked out and stocked to the brim with all the seasons best gifts! Enjoy specials, prizes, samples and more at participating Waverly businesses! Holiday shopping doesn't get much better than this!

CANDLELIGHT WALK Waverly Rail Trail

www.waverlyia.com

Enjoy a peaceful stroll on the Waverly Rail Trail illuminated by over 400 luminaries with LED candles the 2nd Saturday in November. Walk about 1.2 miles to the Bonfire turnaround and enjoy a cup of Nestle Hot Cocoa and some other delicious treats before walking back to the start. The Candlelight Walk takes place on the Waverly Rail Trail, beginning at the trailhead located behind Kwik Star East, 400 E. Bremer Avenue.

DECEMBER

SANTA'S ARRIVAL Kohlmann Park

www.waverlychamber.com

Welcome Santa to Waverly at his house in Kohlmann Park the first Saturday in December! Bring your wish list and a camera to capture priceless memories with the Jolly Ol' Fella himself! You can also mail a letter to Santa by dropping it in his mailbox at Kohlmann Park. Be sure to include your full name and return address to ensure that Santa can reply!

CHRISTMAS WITH WARTBURG 100 Wartburg Blvd., Waverly www.wartburg.edu/christmas

Christmas with Wartburg is a traditional celebration, as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth in word and song.

DENVER'S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Denver, Iowa

www.cityofdenveriowa.com Annual Denver Christmas celebration features different events and Festival of Trees.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ON MAIN

Downtown Waverly www.waverlychamber.com

Hosted by the Waverly Chamber of Commerce and Waverly Merchants, Christmas Greetings on Main features decorated store fronts along historic Bremer Avenue that come alive with Christmas scenes throughout the evening. Be sure to see Santa listening to children's requests at his home in Kohlmann Park. Warm up with a cup of Nestle's hot cocoa at several "Hot Spots" located throughout downtown. Live ice sculpture carvings, a festival of trees and free horse drawn trolley rides are just some of the many highlights of this annual celebration held the second Thursday in December.



For a complete listing of events, visit us online at waverlychamber.com

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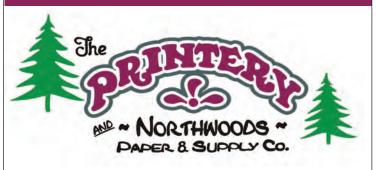




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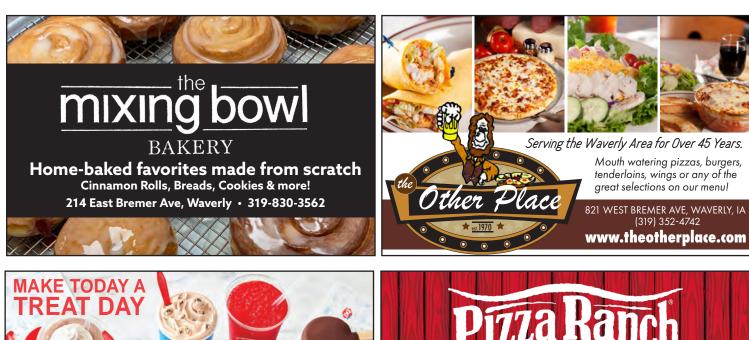
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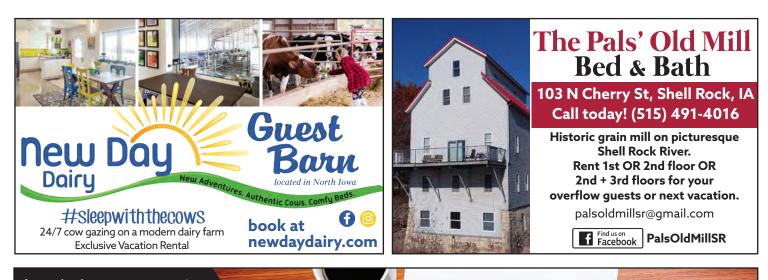
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CAMPGROUNDS

Campgrounds are open May 1 through October 31. The park gate is closed to vehicle traffic after October 31, but remains open to foot traffic. Hunting is allowed from November 1 to January 10 at Cedar Bend, North Cedar and North Woods Parks. The parks can also be used by cross-country skiers, snowshoers, birders, etc. during the winter months. Each park has electric and tent camping sites, depending on user preference. There are no designated sites and campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations are not taken and the sites feature self-registration at the park kiosk. Sites contain 20 to 30 amp outlets.

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Wartburg has a national reputation for athletic dominance and has consistently been ranked in the top 25 athletic programs in NCAA Division III for 18 of the past 20 years. Wartburg studentathletes have recorded 27 straight years of individual or team national championships, including the 2021 men's track & field outdoor national championship, the women's outdoor steeplechase champion, and two individual wrestling titles at the NWCA national meet. Visit www.go-knights. net to see schedules and learn more.

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• Six multipurpose courts for tennis, basketball, volleyball and more.





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Waverly is located in Northeast Iowa on the banks of the Cedar River approximately 80 miles west of the Mississippi River and 60 miles south of the Iowa/Minnesota border.

CLIMATE

Waverly's climate is continental in nature, characterized by four distinct seasons and a rather wide variation in temperature and precipitation.

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1. WorldAtlas.com ranked Waverly as having one of the eight best main streets in Iowa in 2023.

2. In 2015, Waverly was selected as one of the five cities in the nation to host Mumford & Sons "Gentlemen of the Road" tour.

3. Waverly's Christmas on Main and its "living windows" was featured on A&E's Holiday Town USA as the #3 best holiday event in the nation.

4. Zippia ranked Waverly #4 as a place with best work-life balance in Iowa.

5. Singletracks.com named Ingawinis Woodlands in Waverly to the top 10 best mountain bike trails in Iowa. **6.** NerdWallet named Waverly the #1 Best Place for Young Families in Iowa for its home affordability, prosperity and growth, quality of education and family friendliness.

7. Local Niche ranked Waverly in the top 10 cities in Iowa based livability using grades for weather, safety, schools and access to activities, jobs, housing and transportation.

8. The Waverly-Shell Rock School District has been ranked numerous times among the best in Iowa.

9. Waverly is a "gigabit city" with some of the fastest internet connections in the state.

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Located in northeast lowa, Waverly is a beautiful community of more than 10,000

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Bremer County is located in Northeast lowa. As of the 2020 census, the population was 24,276. Its county seat is Waverly. The county was named for Fredrika Bremer, a Swedish traveler, poet, and author. Bremer County is included in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA Metropolitan Statistical Area. Bremer County is made up of 8 cities: Denver, Frederika, Janesville, Plainfield, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli and Waverly. It also includes 4 unincorporated communities and is divided into 14 different townships.

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Called the Mile Wide City, Denver is known for its excellent school system, the progressive vision of its leaders and the opportunities for growth it offers both in the public and the private sectors. It has its own grocery store as well as a vibrant main street. Five council members and a mayor lead the city. The town's annual celebration, Denver Breakaway Days, usually takes place the third weekend of August. There were 1,919 people, according to the 2020 U.S. Census.



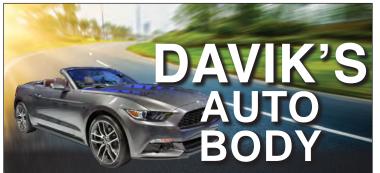




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Janesville, the first town platted in Bremer County in 1849, is small in size, but large in opportunities and abundant with friendly people. The population, according to the 2020 Census is 1,034 people. It is governed by a mayor and a five-member city council. Named after its founder's wife, Jane Barrick, today Janesville is a rural community with tree-lined streets nestled high along the rippling water of the Cedar River. It's bordered by rich farmland and forest green fields, plus Highway 218 (Avenue of the Saints that runs between St. Paul and St. Louis). Local people are proud of their town, which has several churches, a library, lumberyard, eating establishments, and numerous other factories and businesses. It is small enough to be "homey" but large enough in organizations so that there is something for everyone. Its excellent quality Pre-K–12 school has graduated outstanding talents and is staffed by caring, dedicated teachers. The Janesville Community is forward-looking and planning for future businesses and homeowners through long-range goals. The town's celebration is called Janesville Days and happens in late July.







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READLYN

Readlyn City Hall 128 Main Street, Readlyn 319-269-6753

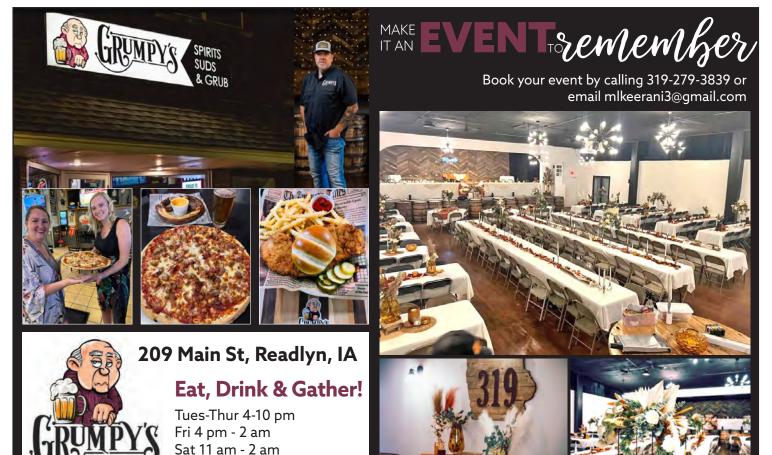
What do you expect from a town in Iowa that prides itself on an atmosphere where 851 friendly people co-exist with one old Grump?

Welcome to Readlyn, a town that offers the beauty of northeast lowa with its surrounding fertile fields, clean air and welcoming community by the Wapsipinicon River. The spirit and pride of the residents is evident in Readlyn, which boasts great quality of life. Friendly, educated, community-minded people are Readlyn's most valuable resource.

The town was named after a representative from the Townside Company, which came to the area in 1903 to build a station for the Chicago Great Western railway line that was to connect Waverly to Oelwein.

Today, Readlyn in governed by a five-member city council and a mayor and has 845 residents, according to the 2020 Census.

The town's annual celebration is called, appropriately, Grump Days, it takes place in June.



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PLAINFIELD

City of Plainfield 604 Main Street, Plainfield 319-276-3449

Plainfield has an estimated 438 residents according to the 2020 Census. It is governed by a five-member city council and a mayor.

In 2016, the town marked its 150th anniversary during its annual celebration in July.

The town offers a friendly and safe atmosphere with a great school system and a quality of life, amply captured in the city's motto, "The Heart of a Rural Community."

The town's annual celebration Plainfield Days happens the second weekend in July.

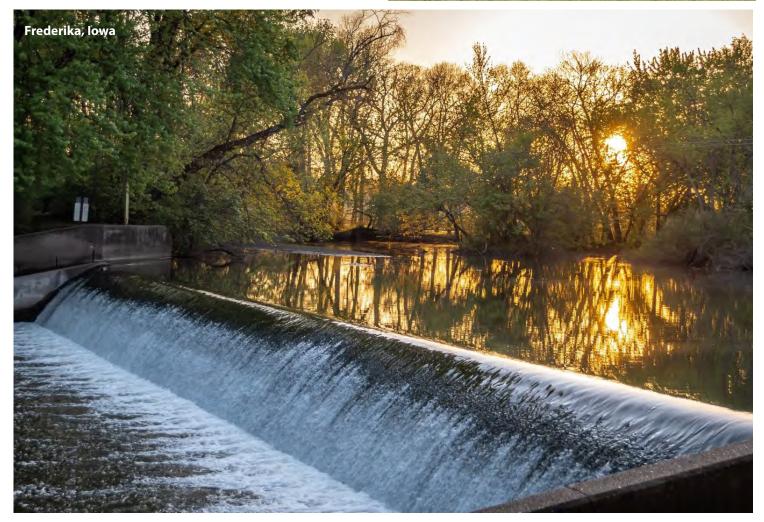
FREDERIKA

Frederika Town Hall, 111 3rd St., Frederika 319-275-4579

Frederika is a city in Bremer County, Iowa. The population was 204 according to the 2020 census. It is named for Fredrika Bremer (note different spelling), the Swedish author, for whom the surrounding county was also named.

Frederika is led by a mayor and the city council. The town's annual celebration is in early July, coinciding with the 4th of July celebration. Frederika is known for the hospitality of its people and the July 4th fireworks.





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TRIPOLI

Tripoli City Hall 303 South Main, Tripoli 319-882-4801

Tripoli is known as the "Home of Sweet Marsh," a wildlife area of 2,855 acres of pristine plant and animal species.

Known for its environmentally minded people, Tripoli today has 1,191 residents according to the 2020 Census, who are proud of a friendly downtown, the Tripoli school system and the 2,855 acre Sweet Marsh. Tripoli's community means dedicated volunteers, a tribute to veterans, five area churches and small town hospitality.

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SUMNER

Sumner City Clerk 105 E 1st St., Sumner 563-578-3242

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Nestled in Northeast Iowa, Sumner straddles Bremer and Fayette counties, along Highway 93.

Its motto, "A city with a future," captures the spirit of this quaint town.

Established in 1870, today its population numbers 2,021 according to the 2020 U.S. Census. The town is governed by a five-member city council and a mayor. Its annual celebration, Sumner Days, takes place on the third weekend in July.

Sumner features amenities that are standard in big city living, but come with a small town feel. The community prides itself on its family-friendly environment, newly reconstructed hospital, a modern public library, an aquatic center, a local grocery store, and many mom and pop shops on Main Street. Sumner is committed to education, business growth and opportunities for all.





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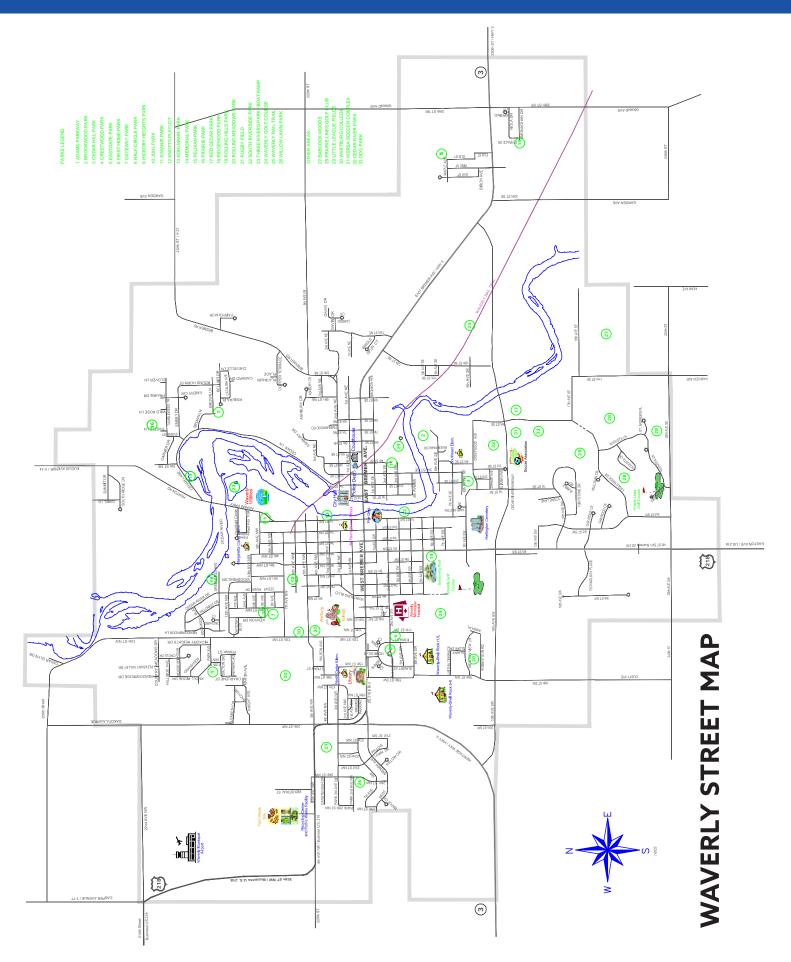
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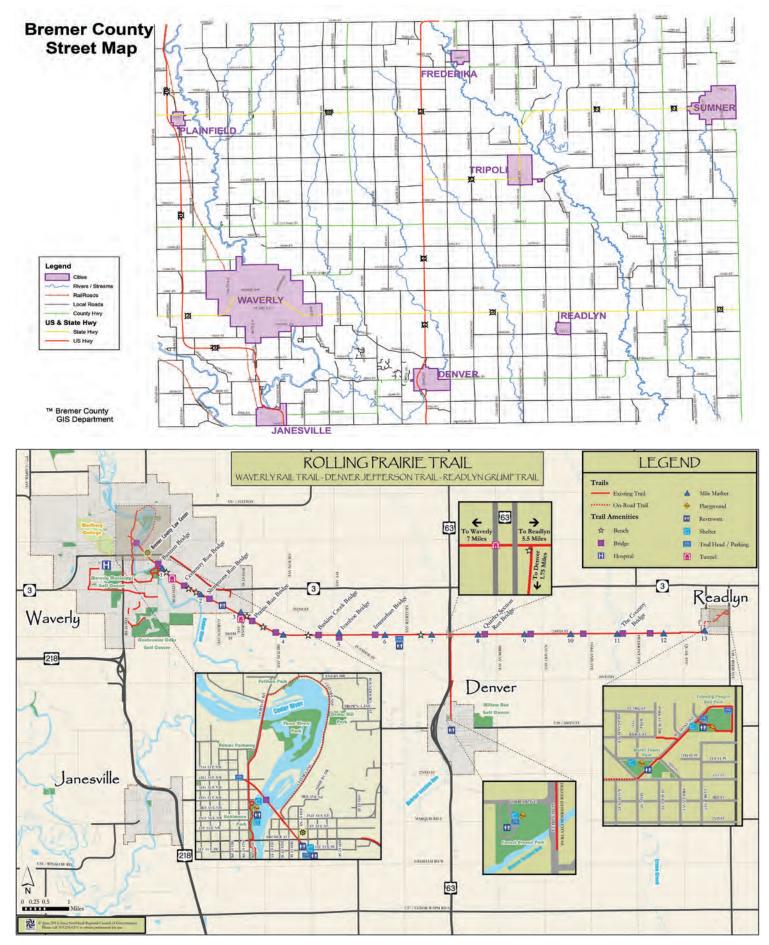
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