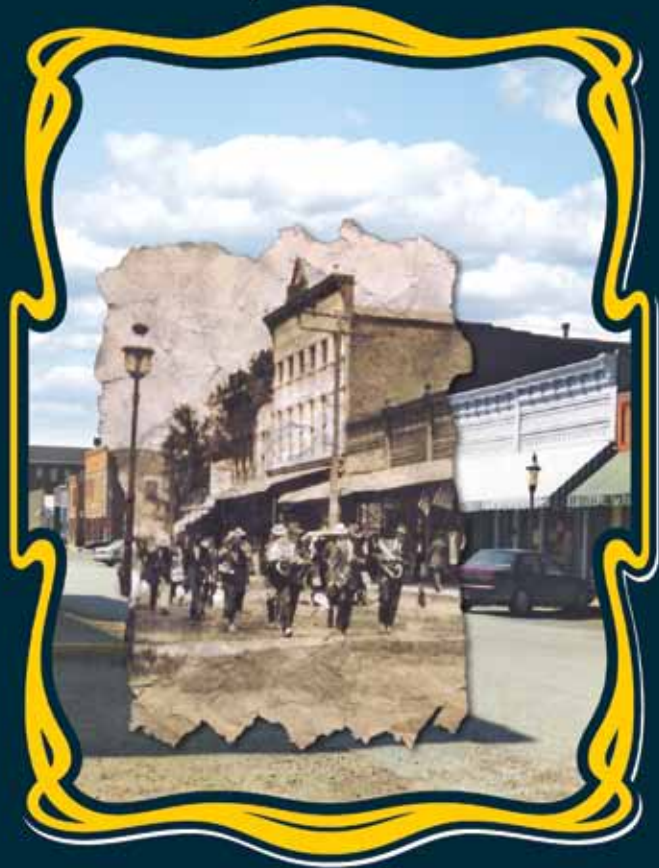


Villages of Van Buren

Step Back In Time



2017-2018 Visitors Guide

800.868.7822

VillagesofVanBuren.com



Welcome!

When visiting the Villages, make the Van Buren County Welcome Center & McCoy Historical Museum your first stop! You'll enjoy browsing through the 1890 quintessential Folk Style house admiring the collectible antiques, photos and memorabilia displayed throughout the brick & stone building. The helpful staff will provide you with fun things to see and do in all 11 Villages which include Birmingham, Bentonsport, Bonaparte, Cantril, Douds, Farmington, Keosauqua, Milton, Mt. Sterling, Selma & Stockport.



*Enjoy your visit in the Villages of Van Buren...
a world left untouched by time.*

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Shopping in the Villages

CANTRIL

Dutchman's Store ★★★★★

103 Division St., Cantril
319-397-2322

dutchmansstore.com

Visit our expanded store with a large selection of bulk food and candy items, fresh produce, deli, and many grocery items. Fabric & craft room, shoes, boots, homemade items and a variety of unique gift items. Seasonal specials,



spring bedding plants and SO much more! At Dutchman's Store you'll always find friendly, helpful service, low prices and unique merchandise! Come visit us today and take a step back in time! Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8a-6p, Sat. 8a-5p. Closed Sunday. ATM inside.



MILTON

Milton Creamery

202 East Hwy. 2, Milton
641-656-4094

miltoncreamery.com

The Musser family mixes fresh ingredients, art and passion to create internationally award winning cheese. Traditional Amish dairy farmers produce milk used at Milton Creamery.

The cheese makers craft each batch before hand-packing, pressing and aging to perfection. Stop by and sample their selection of curds and fine cheeses. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9a-5p & Sat. 9a-4p. Closed Sunday.



LEBANON

Yoder's Indian Creek Furniture LLC

22769 Route V-64, Milton, IA 52570 (South of Lebanon)

319-538-7332 (voicemail)

Visit our store for quality hardwood furniture. Great selection of tables, chairs, hutches, bedroom sets including high quality mattress sets, rockers, gliders, recliners, pie safes, end tables and lots of small gift items as well. Also, rustic cedar log furniture, maintenance free outdoor furniture, wind chimes, bird feeders, gazebos and so much more. Bring us your dreams and we will custom build to your needs. 4 m. North of Cantril or 3/4 m. South of Lebanon on Rt. V-64. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8a-5p. Closed Sundays. Also closed on Jan. 1, Jan. 6, Apr. 14, May 25, Nov. 23, Dec. 25-26.



★★★★★ *Denotes outstanding financial support for
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Shopping in the Villages

BONAPARTE

Addie May Fudge & Antiques

29181 Rte. J40, Bonaparte

641-233-7793

Established in 1990, the only Addie May Fudge in the county. 18 flavors of fresh butter and cream fudge available daily. Unique antiques are waiting for you at our temporary location. Located along the scenic Des Moines River in the 1860 historic Meek Mansion. Relax in our old porch swing or in my mother's glider. Enjoy the slow peaceful life of Van Buren County. Group catering and buses welcome. "Like" us on Facebook.



Sunrise Bakery

21913 White Ave., Bonaparte

319-677-0865 (voicemail)

NEW location early summer of 2017, watch for the Grand Opening! Visit the county's only Amish bakery for an assortment of delicious baked goods, canned goods and homemade noodles. Fresh donuts, cream-filled long johns and fry pies on Fri. & Sat. Homemade candy in the fall. Join them for their popular Amish buffet on Fri. & Sat. from 5-7:30p on Holiday Weekends or as advertised. (See www.villagesofvanburen.com for dates.) Catering service and special meals for family gatherings, etc. also available. Bakery hours: Tues.-Sat. 9a-6p.



BENTONSPORT

Bentonsport Artisan Co-op

21968 Hawk Dr. (Old Bank Bldg.), Bentonsport

Home to unique handmade items created by quality artisans in lapidary, photography, wood-working, infused olive oils & vinegars, scented soaps, textile crafts, original paintings and wire work art. Discover rough & polished rocks, rock slices and geodes. Come see these beautiful works in the old bank building of Bentonsport- the historic gem of Van Buren County. Wed.-Sat. 10a-5p, Sun. 12-5p (mid Apr.-Oct.) Weekends only Nov. - Christmas.



Bentonsport Quilt Company

21937 Marion St., Bentonsport

319-288-1042

bentonsportsquilts.com

We feature material, hand-dyed wool kits, classes, long arm quilting, antiques and collectibles.

Hours: Thurs-Fri. 10a-4p, Sat. 10a-3p. Sun-Wed. by chance or appointment. Check us out on Facebook!



Historic Greef General Store

21964 Hawk Dr., Bentonsport

319-592-3579

greefstore.com

Browse the local handmade crafts and a wide variety of antique furniture, china, books, toys, railroad and other collectible items. For info. on events & campgrounds, email: greefstore@netins.net



Iron & Lace

21952 Hawk Dr., Bentonsport

319-592-3222

ironandlace.com

Unique store featuring Queen Anne's Lace pottery, hand forged artistic ironwork, hand woven rugs & more. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10a-4p, or call for appt., weekends until X-mas.



Shopping in the Villages

KEOSAUQUA

Keosauqua Chamber ★★★★★

707 First St., Keosauqua

319-293-7737

keosauqua.com

Keosauqua, a community of friendly neighbors, has a unique blend of historic architecture, natural beauty, small-town values, quaint shops and business opportunity. Despite its size (pop. 1006), it still provides its citizens with vital goods and services. A full-service hospital and clinic, pharmacy and dentist office all operate within the community. Hospitality abounds at the several places to dine. Visitors may stay at the iconic Hotel Manning/Riverview Inn, Riverfront Cabins or Extended Stay while enjoying shopping, golf, tennis, a new swimming pool, hiking, 2 m. trail system or boating on the Des Moines River.



Wasko Hardware, Inc.

810 First St., Keosauqua

319-293-6468

waskohardware.com

Wasko Hardware, Inc. carries a variety of items for your convenience. Plumbing, electrical, kitchenware, camping supplies and more! Come see our new kitchen & bath showroom. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30a-5:30p, Sat. 8a-5p.



BATAVIA (Our Northern Neighbor)

Cedar Valley Winery

2034 Dewberry Ave., Batavia

641-662-2800

cedarvalleywine.com

Cedar Valley Winery produces nationally recognized, award-winning, estate grown and estate bottled wines from grapes grown exclusively in our 8-acre vineyard. Our annual wine production of approx. 2,500 gallons continues to increase each year. Visit our Tasting Room, tour the winery and enjoy your favorite wines on our outdoor deck, overlooking our picturesque vineyard, nestled in Southeast Iowa's beautiful countryside. Sophisticated serenity awaits you.



Leisure & Fun

Bloom and Bark - Keosauqua

18517 Rte. J40, Keosauqua

319-293-6168

bloomandbark.com

Glass Blowing Studio and Natural Farm. Take a class in beginning glass blowing. Make an ornament to call your own. Find the artist within! No experience needed, just a desire to create something fun! Join us on the farm where you will find fruits/vegetables, in season, jams/jellies all the time! Check out the clay ovens we built to make artisan bread. Find out why Bloom and Bark is a way of life! Open by appointment only.



Riverview Country Club - Keosauqua

217 Riverview Dr., Keosauqua

319-293-3200

theriverviewclub.com

Looking for outdoor fun? Visit Riverview! Enjoy our brand new outdoor pool, tennis courts, and the county's only 9-hole golf course. Public is always welcome! Open April-October, 8a-9p.



Leisure & Fun

Paddle, Pedal and More - Bentonsport

21903 Hawk Dr., Bentonsport

319-592-3220

Located on the Des Moines River in Bentonsport, IA. We provide rentals of: kayaks, canoes, tubes and a large raft. Bicycles, a tandem bike and a 4-wheeled surrey are also available. Shuttle service available- no fee to renters. Games such as Frisbee Golf, Corn Hole, etc. are available to rent. The "Belle of Bentonsport" pontoon boat will have tours on local lakes. (See www.villagesofvanburen.com for dates). Browse handmade gifts in our shop. Hours: 10a-5p Thurs-Sun. or by appointment.



Rent A Horse - Farmington

1116 Hwy. 2, Farmington

319-878-3596

westercamps.weebly.com

Ride a guided 3-hour trail ride on one of our horses or mules through Shimek State Forest for only \$35 per person or 1-hr. for \$25! We are open every day! Call for reservations.



The Calico Press- Birmingham

23096 Route J16, Birmingham

641-919-7323

TheCalicoPress.com

Historic Letterpress Print Shop featuring Platen, Cylinder, Proof and Etching presses from the late 1800's - early 1900's. Wedding invitations, Greeting Cards, Posters & Graphic Design. Call ahead for demonstrations! Open: Mon.- Fri. 9a-5p, Closed Wednesdays.



Villages Folk School - Keosauqua

809 First St., Keosauqua

319-288-0047

villagesfolkschool.com

Local artists open their studios to offer over 100 classes year-round in traditional and contemporary arts. Pottery, Sculpting, Painting, Letterpress Printing, Foraging, Blacksmithing, Rug Weaving and more.



VAN BUREN COUNTY TRAILS

Bentonsport River Trail - 1/2 m. hiking.

Bentonsport Nature Trail - 2 m. hiking w/interpretive signage.

Cantril: Waubonsie Park Trail - 1 m. gravel, bike & pedestrian, covered bridges, picnic areas.

Farmington: Shimek State Forest - Extensive trail system with rough terrain. Hiking, snowmobile & equestrian trails.

Farmington: Indian Lake Park - 2.2 m. gravel, bike & pedestrian. Benches and picnic area.

Keosauqua Loop Trail - 2+ m. with trail head at Roberts Memorial Bldg. on Hwy. 1 N. Bike & pedestrian trail with asphalt/gravel surfaces.

Lindsay Wilderness - NE of Bonaparte. 200a. of public hunting, hiking trails, 2 stocked ponds.

Lacey-Keosauqua State Park - Extensive trail system (approx. 13 miles), rough terrain.

Milton Trail Park - 1.5 m. gravel, bike & pedestrian with benches, covered bridges and a shelterhouse. Trail heads: Hwy. 2 or Old Main St.

Van Buren County Water Trail - 41 miles on the Des Moines River. Boats, canoe, kayaks. Eight access points from Selma to Farmington.

Leisure & Fun

Van Buren County Conservation Areas

vbcountryconservation.com

Bonaparte

Des Moines River Access – (8a.) 2 m. S. of Bonaparte (S. side of the river). Boat ramp, public hunting and fishing.

Lindsay Wilderness – (200a.) NE of Bonaparte. Public hunting & hiking.

Reno Timber – (60a.) NE of Bonaparte. Public hunting, hiking.

White Timber – (10a.) 2.8 m. from Bonaparte (Hwy. 2) then South & 100 yds. South of Highway 2. Public hunting.

Bentonsport

Bentonsport Timber – (60a.) NE of Bentonsport. Public hunting & hiking.

Selma

Shidepoke Access – W. of Selma. Boat access to Des Moines River. Fishing.

Keosauqua Area

Austin Park – 2 m. NE of Pittsburg on Des Moines River. Boat Access, primitive camping & fishing.

Chequest Wildlife Area – (38a.) 2 m. W. of Pittsburg. Public hunting & hiking.

Daugherty Timber – (83a.) 1 m. W. of Hwy. 1 on 240th Street. Public hunting and hiking.

Schultz Conservation Area – (2a.) 2 m. W. of Kilbourn (South side). Public hunting, fishing and hiking.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Complete Calendar of Events available at:
villagesofvanburen.com/calendar

Every Friday - All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. 4:45pm- 8pm. Archie's Banquet Center, 204 Cass St., Keosauqua.

February 10 - Keosauqua Lions Soup Supper & Auction. Begins at 5pm. Roberts Memorial Center, Hwy. 1 N., Keosauqua.

April 15 - Keosauqua Lions Easter Egg Hunt. 9am. Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, 1st Shelterhouse.

May 27 - Keosauqua Lions Memorial Day Breakfast. 7am-10am, Riverfront Park, Keosauqua.

May 27-28 - Bonaparte Spring Festival Sales Event. 9a-5p. Vendors, Yard Sales. 703 1st St.

June 2-4 - Birmingham Homecoming. Tractor & Car Show, Parade, Baking Contest, Live Music. 221 S. Wood St., Birmingham City Park.

June 17 - Fly Van Buren. All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast. 7am-10am. Keosauqua Airport.

July 4 - Keosauqua Lions 4th of July Celebration. 7am- 10pm. Breakfast, Lunch, Kids Games, Live Music, Fireworks at Dusk. Keosauqua City Park.

July 9-17 - Van Buren County Fair. Ranch Rodeo & C.J.Gaston on Fri., Tractor Pull on Sat. 4-H & FFA exhibits and shows.

July 22 - J40 Farm Crawl. Farm Tours, Artist Demonstrations, Wagon Rides, Amish Breakfast, Clay Oven Baking & more. No admission. www.facebook.com/J40FarmCrawl

August 19-20 - Bike Van Buren XXXI. Casual, Family-oriented Bicycle Ride through all of the historic villages.

September 16-17 - Keosauqua Lions Breakfast Buffet. Roberts Memorial Center, Hwy. 1 N., Keosauqua.

September 15-17 - End of Summer Cycle Rally. Live bands, Field Events, Vendors and More. VBC Fairgrounds, Hwy. 1 North, Keosauqua. www.statelinerally.net

October 14-15 - Scenic Drive Festival. Arts, Crafts, Flea Market, Parade, Turtle Farm Tour and More. Free Brochure & Map.

December 1-3 - Festival of Trees. Live entertainment, trees, wreaths and more. Roberts Memorial Building. Hwy 1 N., Keosauqua.

Explore Our History

Indian Artifact Museum

21929 Des Moines St., **Bentonsport**

View an extensive collection of Indian artifacts including an impressive display of arrowheads. The artifacts are displayed in intricately designed inlaid wood showcases. A "must see" for all visitors. Open weekends or by chance.



National Historic Bonaparte Pottery Archaeological Site

411 First St., **Bonaparte**

319-592-3620

bonaparte-pottery.com

The museum/gallery is an artist co-op with a wide range of pottery. Historically exact pieces available from the 1875 molds. Email: mdtompot@netins.net



Pearson House Museum Complex

718 Dodge St., **Keosauqua**

641-431-0581

This stone and brick house was built c. 1845. A trap door hiding place under the floor, which can still be viewed, endorse local legacy this was a station on the Underground Railroad, a dramatic escape route for runaway slaves. Also featured is a one-room schoolhouse with original desks. The Log Cabin is furnished for 1800's living. Open Sun. 1p-4p (Memorial Day - Mid Oct.) or by appointment.



Pioneer Museum

205 S. 4th St., **Farmington**

319-878-4040 / 319-878-3785

The First Congregational Church of Farmington was built in January 1848. The little church, modeled after the rural New England churches, houses many artifacts and historical items. It is the second oldest Congregational Church building west of the Mississippi. Open House on June 10-11, Oct. 14-15, Dec. 2-3 & 9-10. Open weekends 1-4 pm (Apr. 1- Oct) or by appointment.



Van Buren County Courthouse

902 Fourth St., **Keosauqua**

319-293-3129

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places this 1843 courthouse is the oldest in Iowa which has remained in continuous use and the second oldest in the United States. In 1846, the courthouse was the scene of the first legal death sentencing and hanging in Iowa. Open for free tours, Mon.-Fri. 8a-4p.



Twombly Museum

801 First St., **Keosauqua**

641-431-0581

Voltaire Twombly was the first Iowan to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. In 1875 he established a mercantile on the first floor and his home above in this unique limestone building. Museum artifacts showcase the rich history of Van Buren County. Open by appointment.



Historic Presbyterian Church

21827 Ridge Rd., **Bentonsport**

319-592-3222

Dedicated in 1855, it was one of four churches that served the town. The church is available for wedding rentals and is open to the public 10a-5p daily, May-Oct.



Explore Our History

Douds Depot

14168 Walnut St., **Douds**

319-293-3129 / 641-936-4485

The Douds Depot was built in 1907, replacing an earlier structure, and remained in service until 1972. It is presently a mining and railroad museum. Open by appointment.



Mt. Moriah Church

14889 120th St., **Douds**

319-293-3129 / 641-936-4485

The Mt. Moriah Methodist Church was built in 1892. It served a congregation until 1958. In 1997, the church was restored. The church is located 2 miles north of Douds. It is the only surviving country church in the county in near original condition located on the original site of a church/cemetery combination. The church is open during special events or by appointment.



Valley School No. 3

14779 Ferris St., **Douds**

319-293-3129 / 641-936-4485

This old country school was built in 1928 and served as a school until 1966. It remained as a community building and polling place until 1990. In 1995, the building was moved six miles into the Memorial Park in Leando. The school has been restored and is complete with period furnishings. Open by appointment.



Oak Grove Community

15818 Iowa Oak Grove Ave., **Douds**

319-293-3066

The Oak Grove School held its first classes in 1874. A new addition was built in 1909 and the building served students until 1959. The adjacent Oak Grove Church was built in 1895 and is one of the last remaining church/school house sites in the state. Open for special events or by appointment.



Selma Log Cabin

Hwy. 16 W., **Selma City Park**

641-936-8822

Selma's log cabin was built in 1846. The cabin was moved to the park from its original site east of town and restored in 1969. Open for special events or by appt.



Milton Heritage House

641-656-4926

The Heritage House was built in 1898 as a Presbyterian Church as it remained until 1950, when it was sold to the Nazarene Congregation. Today, it is owned by the Heritage Society and is under restoration. Open during special events or by appointment.



Aunty Green Hotel Museum

210 Washington St., **Bonaparte**

319-592-3677 / 641-919-1922

Built in c. 1848 the Hall & Parlor structure was the first brick home in Bonaparte. In c. 1851, it was converted into a hotel. It now houses the Public Library & Museum, open Sundays 1p-4p (May-Oct.) or by appointment.



Explore Our History

Peavine Line Museum- Stockport 319-796-2245

The depot/museum was built in 1882 at Longview (2.5m. NW of town). In 1890, the depot was moved on two flat cars to the current location at the 4-way stop in Stockport. You will find railroad memorabilia from the C.B. & Q. Railroad, and the Peavine Line that ran from Ft. Madison to Ottumwa. The railroad began as a narrow gauge, by 1890 it had changed to a standard gauge. The rails in front of the depot date back to 1889. Open during special events or by appointment.



Morris Park

10938 Timber Rd., Stockport
319-796-2253

In addition to camping, hiking and fishing, you can experience a piece of history in this quiet county park. The log cabin is furnished as it would have been in 1838, the 1868 schoolhouse has era-correct furnishings. The Big Barn is the highlight, with several pieces of antique farming equipment including a horse-drawn hearse, complete with a coffin. There is also a climate-controlled museum for historic textiles and other sensitive artifacts.



Mormon Trail

The Mormon Trail is the 1,300 mile route that members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints traveled from 1846 to 1868. The Mormon Trail extends from Nauvoo, IL, to Salt Lake City, Utah. On March 5, 1846 Brigham Young's party entered Van Buren County at Farmington and traveled along the NE side of the Des Moines River. They camped down stream from the current bridge at Bonaparte. Some then traveled 12 miles to camp on the banks of a stream called Indian Creek. Some of the families settled in Bentonsport and labored doing construction (many of these buildings still stand today.) Later, the Pioneers took a route along the Dagoon Trail (approx. where Hwy. 2 is) into Keosauqua, crossing the river at Ely's Ford in Lacey-Keosauqua State Park and on to Richardson's Point Camp (11251 Rt. J40, Milton) where the first deaths of the journey took place. The marked graves are now memorialized (see photo) with free access for visitors.



Wickfield Farm Sales Pavilion

17451 260th St., Cantril

The 4-story round barn was built in 1918 as farm sales pavilion and rooming house. It became known as the largest Hampshire Hog farm in the world with some 1500 hogs being fed at once. The barn is 52' in diameter and 65' tall. The basement complex included a dining room, kitchen, furnace room, electric lighting plant and a fruit cellar. The main floor was the sales pavilion, the 2nd floor loft had 8 dormitory rooms for workers and overnight guests and the crow's nest was a card room and social parlor. Perhaps no barn in Iowa has as colorful a history as Cantril's famed round barn. It has been a sales pavilion, a packing plant, dormitory and was raided as a "speakeasy" during prohibition days. Today, the barn is privately owned and has been placed for sale. Watch for special open houses.



Our Villages

KEOSAUQUA

319-293-3536

keosauqua.com



Keosauqua, pronounced KEE-o-SAW-kwa, the county seat, is the largest Village with a population of 1006. It is located on the north side of the natural "horseshoe"

shaped bend in the Des Moines River. Located in the heart of the County, Keosauqua offers a quaint downtown and is within close proximity to Lacey-Keosauqua State Park and Lake Sugema, Iowa's premier fishing lake. Keosauqua is home to several preserved historical sites such as the Pearson House Museum Complex, a confirmed safe house on the Underground Railroad and the Van Buren County Courthouse which is the oldest courthouse (in continuous use) West of the Mississippi and second oldest in the nation. Experience small town hospitality at its best!



BONAPARTE

319-592-3400

bonaparte-iowa.com

Downtown Bonaparte (pop. 426) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has received recognition as one of 12 Distinctive Destinations in the nation,

a prestigious acknowledgment given by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Bonaparte is home to specialty, gift and antique stores as well as the historic Bonaparte Pottery and the regionally renowned Bonaparte Retreat Restaurant.



STOCKPORT

319-796-2135

The area that was to become Stockport (pop. 291) was settled in the late 1800s, it was not incorporated until 1902, making it our youngest village. The railroad reached the settlement in 1882. Stockport's first school was organized in 1889. The village proudly shows its patriotism with an impressive "Avenue of Flags," display four times a year; Flag Day, Memorial Day, July 4th & Veterans Day.



MILTON

641-656-4454

Dr. Logan Wallis is credited with founding Milton (pop. 418) in 1847. It was platted in 1851 and incorporated in 1878. The first school was a log building built in the 1840s.

Milton is home to Milton Creamery and the Milton Depot (photo) which served the C.B.&Q. railroad from 1871-1969.



CANTRIL

319-397-2295

cantrilia.com

Cantril (pop. 221) was founded in 1872 and is currently the heart of an Amish and Mennonite community. A highlight for thousands of visitors is the Dutchman's Store, a Mennonite owned & operated general store. The beautiful 23 acre surroundings of Waubonsie Trail Park has a 1-mile trail with 3 covered bridges, a 9-hole Disc Golf Course, fishing, camping, picnics and events.



Our Villages

BENTONSPORT

319-592-3579

bentonsport.com

Bentonsport National Historic District was once a thriving port of call on the Des Moines River with an estimated pop. of 1000 people. Today, there are approx. 40 residents, most of them living in the original 1840 structures. The picturesque village was named 1 of the 10 most beautiful towns in Iowa by Culturetrip.com. You'll discover historic bed & breakfasts, rental cottages, antique and craft shops, resident artisans such as potters, blacksmith, quilters, sculptors and more. The old truss bridge is now a pedestrian bridge and the former lock and dam has been transformed into a beautiful Rose Garden. A visit to this Village is truly a step back in time.



BIRMINGHAM

319-498-4296

showcase.netins.net/web/djnsweb/bham/

Birmingham (pop. 441) was laid out in 1839. The railroad came through in 1882. Mary Ann Rutledge, the mother of Abraham Lincoln's boyhood sweetheart, is buried near here. William Beardsley, Iowa's governor in 1949, grew up and graduated from Birmingham. The city park features a new park shelter, a restored gazebo and historic log cabin. This outdoor setting provides an excellent environment for weddings, receptions, family reunions and community events.



FARMINGTON

319-878-3711

farmingtoniowa.com

Farmington (pop. 652), platted in 1839, is the oldest village of Van Buren County. It is home to the annual Strawberry Festival, Indian Lake Park and Shimek Forest.



DOUDS / LEANDO

Douds and Leando are fondly referred to as Van Buren County's "Twin Cities". Leando (south side of Des Moines River) was settled in the 1830s. Douds was platted about 30 years later but never incorporated. From 1830 to 1990 there was no buying or selling intoxicating liquor in Douds. The two towns saw much rivalry until the river bridge was built in 1898. Today the two cities have joined and are regarded as one community, Douds. Douds is home to the largest underground limestone mine in the state, which is operating today as Douds Stone, Inc.



SELMA / IOWAVILLE

In the NW corner of the county, these communities are rich in Indian lore and history. A battle was fought here when a Sac & Fox war party attacked the peaceful Iowans. Chief Blackhawk and Chief Keokuk spent time in this area. Blackhawk died in 1838 of natural causes and was originally buried near Iowaville. The Iowaville cemetery has stones dating back to the mid 1800s and originated with Indian burials.



Our Villages

LEBANON

Located W. of Keosauqua at the junction of J40 and V64. In 1878, the community was thriving. Today it is home to Old Order Amish families who moved here in the 1960s. Many are skilled in carpentry and woodworking. You will also find greenhouses, small engine repair, fresh produce and a farrier, just to name a few. You are welcome to stop at the businesses during normal business hours but the Amish do not conduct business on Sunday. The Amish have their own schools (one is located at the Lebanon junction), shun electricity and modern conveniences including photographs. If you are passing by an Amish home, admire them for their dedication to a simple way of life, but please respect their beliefs and do not take their photo.



VERNON

This was one of the earliest towns of Van Buren County, laid out in 1837, directly across the river from Bentonsport. On June 29, 1837 a license was issued for a ferry to run between Bentonsport & Vernon. It operated 7 days a week from daylight to dusk. In 1868, a second ferry was added, making this the only location on the Des Moines River with 2 operating ferries. The iron truss bridge was built in 1883 and served vehicular traffic until the bridge was closed in 1985 when the new bridge was constructed up river. Vernon is home to the studio (photo) of the late renowned water-color artist, Wendell Mohr.



PITTSBURG

Phil Stong, famed author of "State Fair", was born here and his father operated the general store. The Pittsburg Cemetery is the burial site of Voltaire Twombly, the first Iowan to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War.

MT. STERLING

Mt. Sterling was platted in 1853 as has been known as Wood's Mill, Union Corners, and Gwinnupsburg, but is most popularly known by its nickname "Dog Town." Mt. Sterling reached nationwide and international fame in 2003 when the late Jo Hamlett, then mayor, proposed a "No Lying Ordinance" for the town which regularly hosts hunters and fisherman. In fact, Mt. Sterling has nearly 3000 acres of public wetlands and hunting grounds, on which nearly 100 different species of wild life have been observed including ducks, geese, swans, turkey, deer, pheasant, quail, otters, and eagles.

FORGOTTEN VILLAGES

Discover the Forgotten Villages of Van Buren County and travel in the footsteps of Iowa's first pioneers. The Van Buren County Historic Preservation Commission has located these settlements and commemorated each with a plaque marker. Each plaque has historical facts on it about the Forgotten Village it marks. Want to add some additional excitement to your Forgotten Village quest? There are now a series of 36 Geocaches that coincide with the Forgotten Villages!



The map/brochure is available at the Welcome Center and at villagesofvanburen.com Happy Hunting!

Enjoy your Journey



through the Villages!



*Not sure where to start your journey?
Let us give you some ideas!*

8:30am- Dutchman's Store – Start here!! You won't be disappointed. Don't forget a cooler, it's going to be a long day!

10:00am- Milton Creamery – Fresh Cheese Curds and Award Winning Gourmet Cheeses, need we say more?

11:00am- Yoder's Indian Creek Furniture – Meet a local Amish family and check out their beautiful handcrafted furniture and gift-items.

11:45am- Lacey Keosauqua State Park – Head back to Keosauqua via the beautiful and scenic State Park. PHOTO OP!!

12:15pm- Keosauqua – Van Buren Co. Welcome Center & McCoy Historical Museum. Visit with the knowledgeable staff about all there is to see and do in the county, and most important, pick up your restaurant map!!

12:30pm- LUNCH TIME! Using your new map, find the perfect spot for your traveling party.

2:00pm- Bentonsport – Stroll through the shops, take in the Indian Artifact Museum and enjoy the beauty in the National Historic District. You may want to check about spending the night in one of the historic B&B's or cozy cottages.

4:00pm- Bonaparte – Take a tour of the Historic Bonaparte Pottery/Gallery which you'll find fascinating! Then visit Sunrise Bakery, an Amish Bakery, just a short drive North to help you out with your sweet tooth!

6:00pm- SUPPER TIME!! You deserve an amazing meal! The Bonaparte Retreat or the Bridge Cafe in Farmington will fix you right up!

Eats & Drinks

BONAPARTE

Bonaparte Retreat

713 1st St., Bonaparte

319-592-3339

bonaparteretreat.com

Located in a restored grist mill that was built in 1878. Enjoy a hearty meal in a truly unique atmosphere...make dinner an event at the regionally famous Retreat, a Southeastern Iowa tradition. Lunch served daily 11a-1p. Dinner served at 5p. Closed Sun. evening.



FARMINGTON

Bridge Cafe

101 Olive St., Farmington

319-878-4000

Featured in *Our Iowa Magazine's Directory of Iowa's Best Ma & Pa Restaurants!*

Established in 1932, we're still locally owned, serving quality food at reasonable prices. We are famous for our homemade pies, entree menu & specialty nights. Our popular buffets include weekend breakfast, nightly (Wed.-Sat.) and Sunday noon. Or enjoy a steak, salmon or shrimp dinner with your favorite wine! Walk into our cafe side and you're immediately one of the home folk. Open daily. Catering available. Free WiFi.



Eats & Drinks

DOUDS

Lunch Box Cafe

14191 Hwy. 98, Douds

641-936-4444

Open Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 11a-7p. Home cooked meals Thurs. & Fri. You'll love our Bigfoot Tenderloins, Texas Tators, Bug-Z Burger, Chicken Club & Salads. Catfish is served every Fri. night 5-7p and Homemade Tacos on Saturday. Stop in for some of the best cookin' around and enjoy browsing our extensive collections of memorabilia.



KEOSAUQUA

First Street Grille

719 1st St., Keosauqua

319-293-6462

Come and see why we have been named Top 10 in the Iowa Cattlemen's Best Burger contest for 4 years running! Serving delicious home-cooked food! Sandwiches, salads, steaks, seafood and a large appetizer selection. Check out our 73" big screen TV to watch your favorite game! We have 10 different beers on tap, some from Iowa breweries, and a large selection of import & domestic beers. Happy Hour: Mon.-Fri., 2:30-6p. Hours: 11:00am-?, serving food until closing. Open 7 days/week.



Misty's Malt Shop

106 Main St., Keosauqua

319-293-3185

We are located just off the bridge on Highway 1 in Keosauqua. Serving homemade tenderloins, sandwiches, wraps, salads and more for lunch & supper. Stop in for one of our tasty ice cream treats and be sure to try our world famous black raspberry ice cream! Indoor dining area and outdoor seating available next to our convenient walk-up ordering window. Open 7 days a week, breakfast served Monday - Saturday. Open until 10pm during the summer.



Great Day Cafe

202 Main St., Keosauqua

319-293-3581

We are a mostly made from scratch cafe, serving breakfast and lunch 6 days a week. We have a large menu with something for everyone. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 6a-2p.



Riverbend Pizza and Steakhouse

603 First St., Keosauqua

319-293-9900

We are a family restaurant serving great food for over 25 years. We take pride in serving our homemade pizzas and pastas, hand cut Iowa steaks, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. Mon. - Sat. 11am-9pm.



Town & County Tavern

203 Van Buren St., Keosauqua

319-293-3879

Open Mon.-Sat. Happy Hour: Mon.-Fri. 4-6p. Join us for our famous Bloody Mary's at "The Bar Where Friends Meet." Stop in and relax with the friendliest bar in town!



Places to Stay - Vacation Rentals

Alexander's Cottage

21930 Wall St., Bentonsport
319-592-3152 / 515-975-4179
showcase.netins.net/web/alexander

Relax in historic Bentonsport near the Des Moines River, listen to the birds sing, watch the deer dine on our hostas, or enjoy a campfire. The renovated 1840's cottage sits near the defunct Rock Island line and has a screened porch, deck, two bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, kitchen, living room and dining area. The cottage is fully equipped and includes TV, stereo, DVD, WiFi and washer & dryer. It is furnished with antiques and country charm. Email: alexande@netins.net



Droptine Cottage LLC

17481 185th Rd., Keosauqua
563-508-4633 or 641-569-0833

A back road get-away in Iowa's best deer country. Featuring all the comforts of home with 2 bedrooms (1 queen & 1 full/twin bunk bed). Relax outside on the deck or by the firepit. Perfect for a group of hunters, fishermen or a family visiting the Villages! Included TV, DVD, Washer & Dryer, Wi-Fi, Charcoal & Gas Grills. Daily or weekly rentals available.



Gold Rush Vacation Rental

400 First St., Keosauqua
319-293-9191 / 800-346-5325

Located just 1 block from downtown Keosauqua, this spacious rental is perfect for everyone! It offers 2 full baths, laundry facilities, full kitchen with dishes, linens, Wi-Fi, Dish TV, and outdoor deck overlooking the Des Moines River. There is a 2 car attached garage for tenants use. It features 2 bedrooms upstairs (1 Queen & 2 Twin) and a full basement (partially finished) with 3 beds. No pets. Handicap Accessible.



The Church Rental

26819 Rt. J40, Bentonsport
319-592-3203

Located in the historic village of Bentonsport, the Methodist Church (1847) served its congregation until 1988. It was a private residence and now a vacation rental. The main floor and loft contain beds for eight, 2 full bathrooms, open kitchen, dining area and living space. The ambience of the Church makes it perfect for vacations, retreats, family reunions, receptions, honeymoons & more. Hunters welcome. Ask about Wine/Cheese and Chocolate specials.



Bent River Extended Stay

701 Broad St., Keosauqua
319-293-7766
bentrivereextendedstay.org

2-bedroom suite with full kitchen, bath, living room and a large deck with patio furniture and grill. Pet-friendly. Located on Highway 1, two blocks from downtown.



Looker Retreat

24004 Rte. W-40, Bonaparte
563-889-9119
lookerretreat.com

Fully furnished, 3 bedroom, 2 bath retreat with satellite TV, on a 14 acre park with 2 ponds. Perfect for groups of hunters, fishermen or families. Email: Teresa.Horton@yahoo.com



Places to Stay - Cabins

Pine Ridge Retreat & Lodging 24120 Lacey Trail, Keosauqua 319-293-3322

pineridgeretreat.com

Nine modern cabins with stocked kitchen, heat, air, grill, fire pit, picnic tables, RV hookups & TV in select cabins. We offer free golf passes, paddle boat rentals, tetherball, playground and other activities. Fish cleaning tables, deer hanger and private stocked pond. Located between Lacey State Park, with trails and swimming, and Lake Sugema for hunting and fishing. Details, fishing reports and continual updates on our website and Facebook. Open all year. Email: pineridg@netins.net



Red Fox Lodging Company 25092-25238 Jersey Avenue, Cantril 319-293-3041 **redfoxlodging.com**

While visiting Van Buren County, spend some time in one of our fully equipped, modern log cabins. Whether you're fishing, hiking, reuniting with family and friends, hunting, or just getting away from it all, there's no better place to do it than with us! Located on the south side of Lake Sugema, near the campground. We are a perfect choice for family reunions & group getaways. Fish cleaning facility & boat dock available.



Riverfront Cabins 903 Front St., Keosauqua 800-728-2718 **keosauquariverfrontcabins.com**

Three fully furnished modern cabins. Each cabin includes kitchen and cooking utensils, linens, central heating/air, and covered porch overlooking the Des Moines River in downtown Keosauqua. Located near the boat dock, picnic shelter in the city park and Hotel Manning. Open year round.



Waubonsie Cabins 601 W. North St., Cantril 319-397-2193 **cantrilia.com**

This quaint cabin, located in the campground area in Waubonsie Park, is ADA accessible and sleeps up to 6 people with 1 queen bed and 2 full size futons. Fully stocked kitchen, dining area, full bath/shower. The only thing you need to bring are your clothes, personal items and food! Free WiFi.



Lacey Trail Cabins 24438 Lacey Trail, Keosauqua 319-293-6424 / 319-759-5818 **laceytrailcabins.com**

Two cabins north of the lake with fully furnished kitchen, bath, shower, air, heat and free Wi-Fi. One cabin sleeps up to 4 people, the other up to 6.



Places to Stay - Hotels/Motels

AmericInn Hotel & Suites

2104 South Main, Fairfield

641-451-6600

americinn.com

AmericInn Fairfield is the newest

hotel in the area featuring a contemporary design. The

3-story hotel features an open lobby with a Beer, Wine & Beverage bar, breakfast dining area, business center and meeting room. The AmericInn Fairfield is constructed with special energy conservation features. Start your day with our free, hot, home-style breakfast and stay connected with free, hotel-wide, high-speed Internet. Guests enjoy our inviting indoor pool, hot tub, refrigerators & microwaves in every room and the cozy fire-lit lobby.



Boulders Inn & Suites

4901 Ave "O", Fort Madison

319-246-1401

bouldersinnfortmadison.com

An upscale hotel near downtown Ft.

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hot breakfast, free WiFi, and in-room refrigerators and microwaves.

We specialize in quality, comfort and convenience.



Hotel Manning B&B and Motor Inn

100 Van Buren St., Keosauqua

319-293-3232

showcase.netins.net/web/manning

On the banks of the Des Moines River stands

an Iowa Historic Hotel B&B with all antique filled rooms. Along side is a modern Riverview Motel.



Places to Stay - B&B's

Bentonsport Village B&B

21864 Walnut St., Bentonsport

319-592-3191

bentonsportbb.com

Be our guest at the 1847 Hancock House.

Step back in time and explore the Des

Moines River region once known as

the "far west". Tastefully appointed rooms with period antiques, modern conveniences and a sumptuous breakfast await you. Two rooms with private baths plus an additional room for overflow. One queen, one full and two twin beds. For quiet comforts in a historic river village call or visit us online to make your reservation. Free Wi-Fi.



Mason House Inn Bed & Breakfast & Caboose Cottage

21982 Hawk Dr., Bentonsport

800-592-3133 / 319-592-3133

MasonHouseInn.com

This historic Bed & Breakfast has been serving guests since 1846.

All nine rooms have private

bathrooms. Private caboose cottage rental available. Breakfast is included. Open all year. Ideal for reunions, seminars, church groups, quilt guilds, book club retreats, honeymoons, weekend getaways and murder mystery dinners. Free Wi-Fi.

Email: stay@masonhouseinn.com



Places to Stay - B&B's

Porch Time Bed & Breakfast

301 Elm St., Farmington

352-278-3191

An elegant arts & crafts home in Farmington just 3 blocks from the Des Moines River. Enjoy Porch Time under a canopy of trees, a huge living room with a fireplace and baby grand piano, four well-appointed bedrooms, delicious breakfasts, wine & cheese and all the special touches and comforts that make this feel like home. Ask about our meeting rooms and special weekly and monthly rates. We look forward to meeting you and making your stay memorable!



Places to Camp

River Valley Lodge, Campground & Horse Camp

29080 Hawk Dr., Farmington

319-878-3888 / 319-878-4208

rivervalleylodgeandcampground.com

rivervalleyhorsecamp.com

2017 Rates: \$32 water/electric includes 12'x12' stall (additional stalls \$8) Weekday rates: \$26/\$5. Primitive camping: \$15. Bunkhouse- sleeps 6: \$100, Cabins- sleep 2-6:

\$50-\$100. Western themed campground within 1 m. of Farmington on paved road. A/C shower house, laundry, shelterhouses, playground, Wi-Fi, bunkhouse & cabins. Fifty campsites with water/electricity. Fishing ponds on site. Primitive camping along Des Moines River. Equestrian facilities include 94 covered stalls, arenas, round pens, on-site extreme course and trail to adjacent Shimek State Forest. Lodge rental for group parties, weddings, reunions, etc.



Waubonsie Park

601 W. North St., Cantril

319-397-2193

cantrilia.com

The 23 acre Waubonsie Trail Park on the northwest edge of Cantril features 16 campsites (some with 50 amp service), a rustic camping cabin (sleeps 4) and ADA Cabin (sleeps 6). Handicapped accessible showers, sewer dump station, 2 picnic shelters, large playground, 1+ mile of graveled hiking trails, three covered bridges, a pond, 9-hole Disc Golf Course, horseshoe pits, bird watching station, tall grass prairie area and a wild flower section. Storm Shelter. Free Wi-Fi. Most credit cards accepted.



Morris Park

10938 Timber Rd., Stockport

319-796-2148

vbcountyconservation.com

2017 rates: \$12 electric, \$7 primitive. Located NE of Stockport on a quiet, 60 a. park. Featuring 7 buildings containing artifacts from the county's farming past. Visitors may view a glass sided horse-drawn hearse, a Utica huckster wagon, a rare hay stacker and so much more. A one acre pond is stocked with bluegill, bass and channel catfish. Enjoy the nature trails, picnic and playground area. 15 camping sites, showers, dump station and picnic shelter.



Places to Camp

Indian Lake Park

28163 Willow Ave., **Farmington**

319-878-3706

indianlakepark.com

Come enjoy a beautiful 177-acre nature retreat with a 44-acre lake for fishing, boating, canoe rentals and a beach. A 2 m. multi-purpose trail surrounds the lake. Tent and RV camping with showerhouse, stone lodge, shelters and playground equipment.



Bentonsport Campground

319-592-3579

vbcountryconservation.com

2017 rates: \$12 electric, \$7 primitive.

A peaceful setting with 23 modern sites with gravel camp pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and 30-50 amp electricity. Water hydrants. A shelter house is near with bathrooms and is open 24 hours.



Lake Sugema Recreation Area

319-293-3532 (Reservations May-Oct.)

vbcountryconservation.com

2017 rates: \$22 full service, \$17 modern, \$12 primitive. 574 a. no-wake, with largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, channel catfish and walleye. Approx. 3,600 a. for public hunting, hiking, bird watching and other activities. Campground facilities include 22 asphalt pads, 12 w/full service, 10 modern, primitive tent camping is also available. Amenities include shelter house, shower house, playground equip., dump station, boat ramps, universally accessible fishing piers, fish cleaning station and parking areas with electric outlets.



Lacey-Keosauqua State Park

22895 Lacey Trail, **Keosauqua**

319-293-3502

Reservations:

iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com

2017 camping rates: (May 1-Sept. 30) \$16

elec., \$11 Non-Elec. (Oct 1-April 30) \$11

Elec., \$6 Non-Elec. One of Iowa's largest parks with 1,653 acres. 77 campsites, 55 with electricity, modern restrooms, shower facilities and dump station. Two picnic shelters are available for rent. Thirteen miles of hiking trails. Lacey Lake (30 acres, no wake) has a boat ramp and excellent fishing. The swimming area is always popular during the summer months. Lodge rental is \$70/day. Cabin rentals are \$50/night. Shelters \$25/day. Beach House Lodge rental is \$70/day.



Shimek State Forest

319-878-3811

iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com

2017 rates: Primitive \$9 (May-Sept.), \$6 (Oct.-Apr.);

Equestrian \$12 (May-Sept.), \$9 (Oct.-Apr.)

One of the largest continuous areas of timber in the state with 9,000 acres. Four large ponds, stocked with largemouth bass, catfish and other pan fish. Electric trolling motors are allowed. Public hunting, cross country skiing and snowmobiling trails. Equestrian trails and camping facilities are available at the Lick Creek unit. Picnic tables, cook sites and primitive camping sites are throughout the forest.



Business & Services

BANQUET & MEETING FACILITIES

Archie's Banquet Center

204 Cass St., **Keosauqua**

319-293-3126

A spacious banquet center to provide a fun and exciting rental space for receptions, banquets and special events with full service kitchen & bar, along with a stage containing sound & light equipment for live entertainment as well as AV equipment for presentations. All-You-Can-Eat Buffet every Friday night 4:45-8p. In-house catering available.



The Stone House - A Village Meeting Place

26985 Rte. J40, **Bentonsport**

319-592-3222

The historic 1850 building is now a modern, handicap accessible all-season facility. Seats up to 80. Full kitchen and restrooms. Available for year round rental.



Roberts Memorial Center

20497 Hwy 1. N., **Keosauqua**

319-293-3794

A multi-purpose community center features such amenities as a large stage, sound system, full kitchen, tables and chairs to seat up to 300, and an ample parking lot. It is a perfect venue for weddings, receptions, reunions, community dinners, and any other special events.



CONVENIENCE STORES

Circle-B Market

111 Main St., **Keosauqua**

319-293-3079

Complete convenience store featuring Gas, Grocery, Subs, Fresh Deli Wraps, Sandwiches, Piccadilly Pizza, Pop, Beer, Ice, Iowa Lottery, large liquor & wine selection. New larger beer cooler with more variety. Two restrooms. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 5a-9p, Sat. & Sun. 6a-9p. Summer hours: 6a-10p. ATM



Casey's General Store

201 S. 4th St., **Farmington**

319-878-3318 / 319-878-4110 (Pizza)

caseys.com

This c-store offers pizza, donuts & sandwiches. We carry groceries, automotive products, health & beauty aids, etc. as well as biodiesel. Open: 6a-11p daily. ATM



Jet Stop

121 Hwy. 1, **Birmingham**. 319-498-4663

202 Washington St., **Bonaparte**. 319-592-3281

109 E. Hwy. 2, **Milton**. 641-656-4215

jetstops.com

Convenience stores with gas, pop, food, beer, ice, etc. Open 365 days a year. ATM



Business & Services

REAL ESTATE

Iowa Farm & Home Real Estate

701 Broad St., Keosauqua

319-293-3064

iowafarmandhomerealestate.com



Professional and knowledgeable buyer and seller assistance for residential, recreational, and farmland. Member of the local "Multiple Listing Service." Let us help you turn your dreams into reality!

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707 1st St., Keosauqua

319-293-2575

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For over 30 years, we have been at the center of real estate in Southern Iowa. From the latest market values, to how to maximize that value, to what gets it sold, our years of experience has you covered.

FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES

First Iowa State Bank ★★★★★

714 1st St., Keosauqua

319-293-3794 (Main Office)

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Offering full service banking. Offices in Keosauqua, Birmingham, Cantril & Bloomfield. ATM services at the offices in Keosauqua & Bloomfield as well as Keosauqua Circle B Market, Birmingham Jet Stop & Route 63 Quik Stop in Bloomfield. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

Farm Bureau Financial Services

713 Main St, Keosauqua

319-293-7101 (Main Office)

P. Alex Kessel, AEP, ChFC, CLU, CASL, FSS, LUTCF
Assoc. Manager, Financial Advisor, Agent

Offices located at:

106 N. 28th, Fairfield, IA - Ph. 641-472-2128

103 S. 2nd St., Farmington, IA - Ph. 319-878-3737

424 Main St., Donnellson, IA - Ph. 319-835-5126



Community Insurance Agency

718 1st St., Keosauqua

102 Division St., Cantril

319-293-3752 / 319-397-2401

Our goal is to serve our community with excellent service and competitive rates. Contact us for a free quote.



ADVERTISING / PRINTING

Gold Rush Advertising

107 Market St., Keosauqua

800-346-5325 / 319-293-9191

goldrushadvertising.com

Areas oldest (since 1980) and largest distributor of promotional advertising specialties at discount prices...downtown showroom.



J&A Printing

1155 Sherman Road, Hiawatha

319-393-1781

japrinting.com

One of Iowa's largest full service printers.

Contact Diane Albright at 319-750-1766

or email her at dalbright@japrinting.com to discuss your next upcoming printing and mailing project.



Business & Services

UTILITY PROVIDERS

Van Buren Telephone Co. ★★★★★

617 1st St., Keosauqua

319-293-3187

vbtelco.com

Independent telecommunications service provider serving the



Villages since 1923.

Offering an array of services including local service, features such as caller ID, internet service, broadband internet, wireless and long distance services. "Where Technology Meets Tradition."

Keosauqua Light & Power

319-293-3406

Serving the electrical needs of the residents of Keosauqua since 1950.

We take pride in taking care of our customers with top-notch service, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Northeast Power

573-769-2107

northeast-power.coop

Northeast Power serves 8 member-distribution co-ops in SE Iowa and NE

Missouri, including Southern Iowa Electric

Co-op in Bloomfield and Access Energy in Mt. Pleasant. Northeast

Power is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.



HEALTHCARE

Van Buren County Hospital & Clinics

304 Franklin St., Keosauqua

319-293-3171/800-873-8224

vbch.org

Affiliated with University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics.

VBCH has a full-time OB/GYN and six rural health clinics located in

Birmingham, Bonaparte, Cantril, Douds, Farmington & Keosauqua.



OTHER SERVICES

Pedrick Funeral Homes

1517 Broad St., Keosauqua

14006 Hwy. 98, Douds

319-293-3531

Funeral service and monuments.



AGRICULTURE

Cantril Feed & Grain ★★★★★

610 W. North St., Cantril

319-397-2215

The area's largest distributor of quality bulk and bagged livestock feed, mineral, vet

supplies, gates, fencing supplies and more. We also do custom hauling and on-the-farm pickup. Stop in or give us a call for all your farming needs. Email: cantrilfeed@live.com



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Our Neighbors

Eldon- Pop. 920

641-652-3352

americangothichouse.net

West on Hwy. 16, 25 min. from Keosauqua.

Home to the iconic American Gothic House, Grant Wood's famous painting.



Bloomfield- Pop. 2,640

641-664-1104

visitdaviscounty.com

30 min. West of Keosauqua on the Historic Hills Scenic Byway

(County Rd. J40). Abundant shopping opportunities and historic

courthouse. Drakesville, just North of Bloomfield, is rich with Amish tradition and several businesses.

Ottumwa- Pop. 25,023

641-684-4303

ottumwaiowa.com

50 min. Northwest of Keosauqua. You'll find many shopping

opportunities, large water park, several hotels and restaurants. The Pro Balloon Races are held annually in August.

Fairfield- Pop. 9,464

641-472-2828

travelfairfield.com

25 min. North of Keosauqua on Hwy. 1, a

unique community with diverse culture and the most eclectic dining scene in SE Iowa. Wide variety of festivals and shopping opportunities.



Mt. Pleasant- Pop. 8,668

319-385-3101

mountpleasantiowa.org

45 min. East of Keosauqua. Home to Iowa Wesleyan University,

great shopping opportunities. Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, 5 days ending on Labor Day, draws thousands of visitors every year.

Burlington- Pop. 25,663

319-752-6365

growburlington.com

60 min. East of Keosauqua, located on

the Mississippi with charming downtown shopping, casino, water park and home to Ripley's Believe it or not, Crookedest Street in the World...Snake Alley.



Ft. Madison- Pop. 11,051

800-210-TOUR

fortmadison.com

45 min. East of Keosauqua on Hwy. 2. Home to the first US military fort on the upper Mississippi River, which has been re-constructed and open to the public. Also home to the world's longest swing-span, double decker bridge which is open to traffic.

Keokuk- Pop. 10,780

319-524-5599

keokukiowatourism.org

50 miles SE of Keosauqua. Keokuk is home to the best Geode hunting in Iowa! Bald Eagle Appreciation Days is held annually on the 3rd weekend in January.





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