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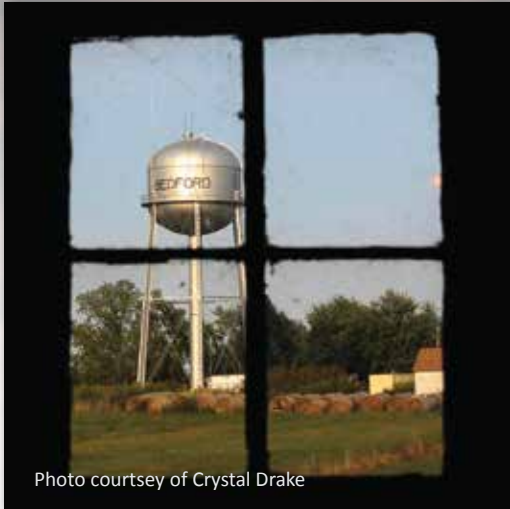


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to Bedford, Iowa



Welcome to Bedford, Iowa...whatever it is you are looking for, you can find it here!

Nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of Southwest, Iowa (and centrally located between Omaha, Kansas City, and Des Moines), our community offers big city services with the uncommon experiences of friendly neighbors, fantastic schools, and the option to live life at a bit slower pace.

Opportunity is around every corner. Residents can take advantage of award winning schools, affordable housing, and neighborhoods where everyone knows your name. They can get involved through athletics, volunteer with many organizations, and enjoy community based events where the sense of hometown pride is hard to find anywhere else.

Opening or expanding a business in Bedford also has it's advantages. Our Industrial Park offers sites ready for new construction and the opportunity to expand new or existing industry. Commercially zoned lots are also available for smaller or service based businesses looking for new construction options, or historic downtown buildings offer the rustic charm that is so popular today...with the hustle and bustle on the street and residential property above.

Visiting? Our historic downtown paved in brick streets offer visitors one-of-a kind retail, beautiful murals, and our majestic courthouse and Carnegie Library...the perfect backdrop to an afternoon spent with family and friends. This "Commercial Historic District" is on the National Register of Historical Places for its architectural and historic significance, and offers a unique look at one of the best preserved collections of brick commercial architecture dating back to the late 1880s. Our entire town is speckled with unique businesses, exciting experiences, and small town hospitality!

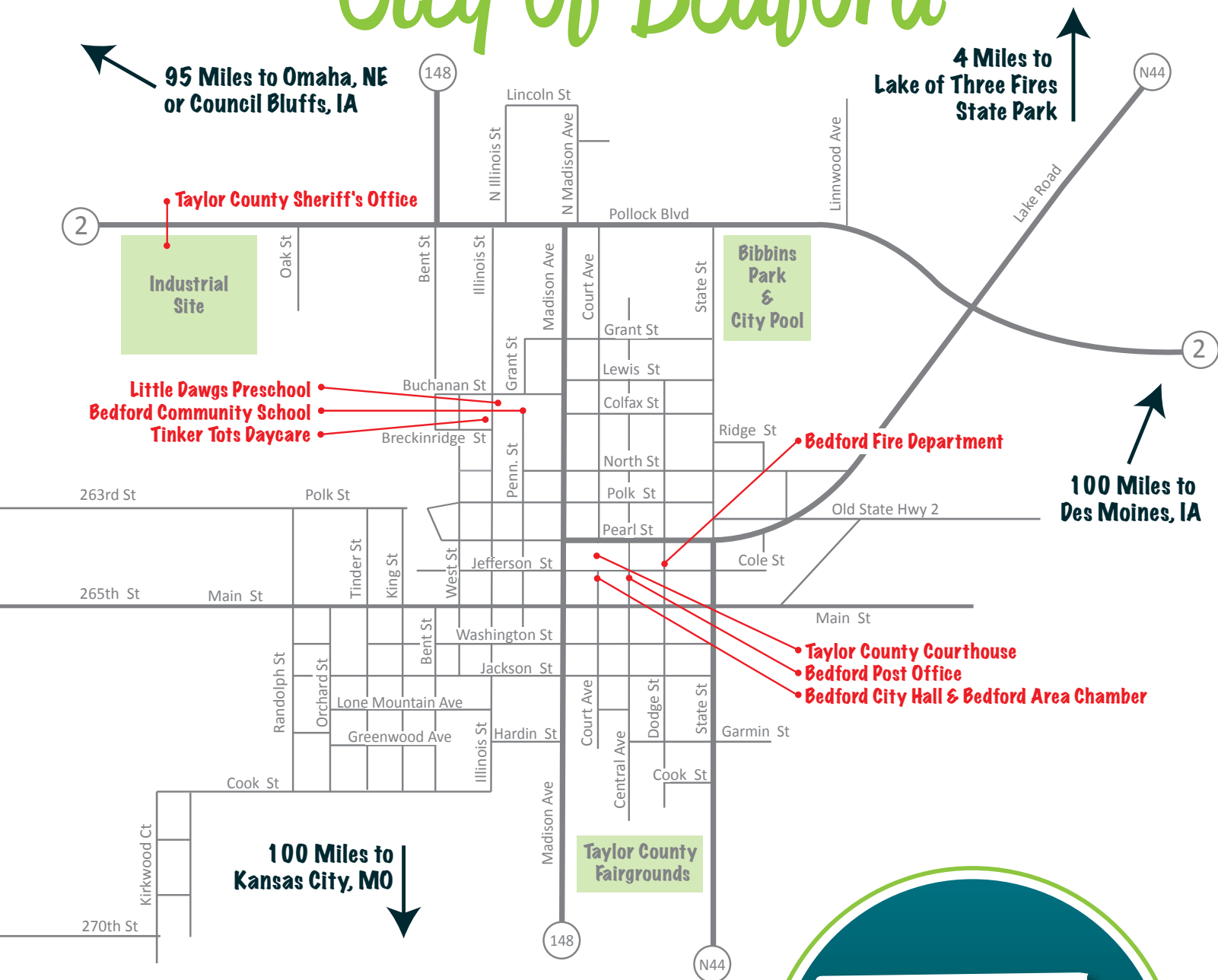
Most importantly Bedford, Iowa is a community on the move, and the Bedford Area Chamber is one of the leading organizations to help facilitate just that. It's vision is to "serve as the link between our past and present to build a prosperous future for everyone to live, work and play." This mission is accomplished by preserving the historic presence in our community, actively promoting the collective visions of our businesses and residents, and building meaningful relationships...all while maintaining our small town, rural flavor.

We hope whether you are looking at Bedford as a current or future resident, business owner, or visitor, we can provide you with any information you desire, and extend a warm welcome. While you are here, use this Community Profile as a guide to help you explore our community and everything that it has to offer. Thank you for "Believing in Bedford" and taking the time to make us a destination!

-- Bedford Area Chamber



City of Bedford



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One of two hand painted murals in town. This one is located on the corner of Court and Main Street, Downtown

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TAYLOR County



Taylor County is located in the southern most tier of Iowa and is third in order eastward from the Missouri River. It is bounded on the north by Adams County, on the east by Ringgold County, on the south by the northern boundary of the State of Missouri, and on the west by Page County.

Taylor County covers about 537 square miles made up of rolling hills and small valleys along the East, Middle and West forks of the Hundred and Two, Honey Creek and the Platte rivers. It has a population of 6,317, with a population density of 11.83/square mile, making it the ideal location for it's primary occupation of agriculture.

Taylor County is made up of seventeen townships and eight incorporated cities, Including Bedford (the County Seat), Lenox, New Market, Gravity, Sharpsburg, Clearfield, Blockton, and Conway.

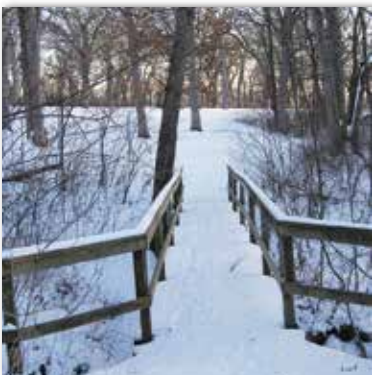


“ In 1833, what is now **Taylor County** was granted to the Pottawatomie Indians as a reservation, who relinquished all claims in June 1846. Taylor County became part of the state in 1847. From the date of its establishment until its organization, **Taylor County** was attached to Pottawattamie County for election, judicial and revenue purposes. It was formally organized in 1851. The county was named in honor of Major General Zachary Taylor, Commander of the Army of Occupation in the war with Mexico and later the twelfth president of the United States. Early settlers consisted mostly of persons from the southern states who thought they were in slave-holding northern Missouri.

” -- Information from www.iowapioneers.com



Taylor County has many things to offer visitors, investors and families. Those seeking a relaxing retreat with a slower pace, good values, and an abundance of opportunity will find it in **Taylor County** Iowa.

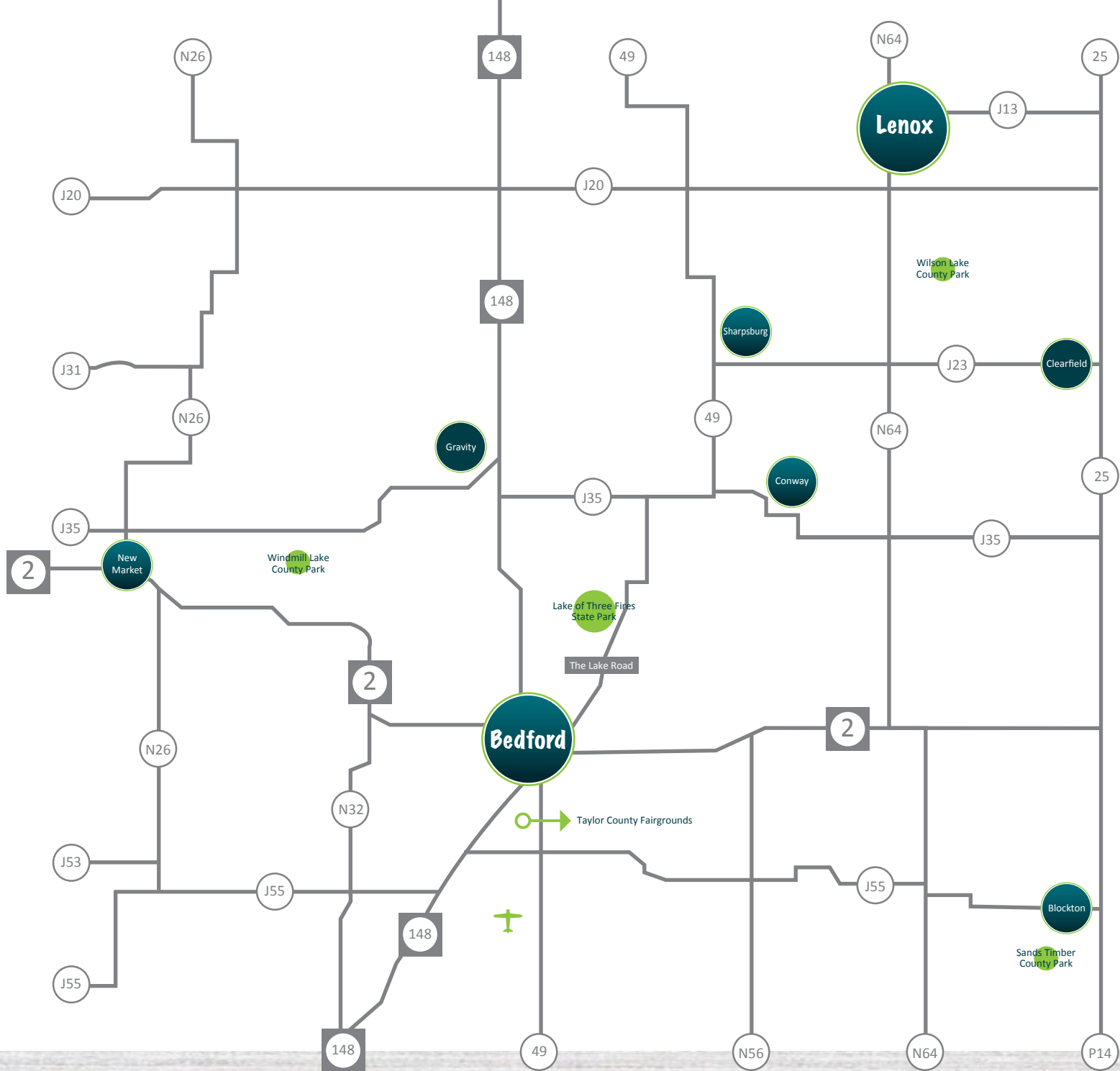


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Lenox

FAMOUS FOR: Christmas Light Display in City Park, Annual Rodeo and the filming of *The Crazies* (2010)

Think back to a simpler time where everyone knows everybody's name. Think **Lenox**. Some might prefer a big city along with the frantic pace. Others prefer a simpler lifestyle where you make friends for life and enjoy all the special things small town life has to offer... a community like Lenox.

Lenox was established in 1872 and is located in Southwest Iowa, in Taylor County, with a population of 1,400 plus. Legend has it that settlers' teams of oxen were so thin that the area was called "Lean-ox", which was later shortened to "**Lenox**".

With its friendly atmosphere, safe environment and progressive spirit, **Lenox** is a great place to live, work, play, worship and raise a family. Small town life does not mean a lack of activities or services. **Lenox** is proud to offer the following:

- Municipally owned Telephone, Cable TV & Internet
- Wind Turbine
- Public Library, Community Building & American Legion
- 5 Churches and 2 Medical Offices
- Volunteer Ambulance & Fire Departments

New Market

FAMOUS FOR: Annual 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

New Market was founded in 1881 when the railroad passed by the former towns of Memory and Dayton. The community of New Market was established as homes and businesses were relocated adjacent to the new rail line. Although New Market thrived and reached a peak population in 1920, it is still home to many residents who enjoy the quiet town and the sense of community it expresses. A few local businesses still serve these residents giving the town a daily buzz.

Each year community members (and neighbors!) celebrate their heritage with a tremendous 4th of July celebration which is always concluded with "southwest Iowa's finest fireworks display!" The two day event brings 1000s of people to the usually quite community where everyone enjoys the more simple things in life like:

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- ◆ New Employee Set Up
- ◆ Bookkeeping
- ◆ Transition Planning





"Fall for Bedford" Dinner | Photo courtesy of Crystal Drake

Gravity

FAMOUS FOR: Clever Town Slogan: "If Gravity goes, we all go!"

Founded in 1881, **Gravity** Iowa is the only town in the United States with its name and was named after the Old Gravity Post Office which still serves the town today. At the peak of its population in 1940, and one of the smallest towns in the county, it supported more churches than any other town in Taylor

Sharpsburg

Sharpsburg was founded in 1884 as a stop on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. A post office was established in 1886, and the city was incorporated in 1905. The small town is currently the home to roughly 90 residents where the post office is still in operation.

Conway

FAMOUS FOR: Birth Place of Mike Welday

Conway had its start in the year 1872 by the building of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad through that territory. The town was incorporated in 1878 and is the birthplace of Lyndon Earl "Mike" Welday, a left-handed Major League Baseball outfielder who played for the Chicago White Sox in 1907 and 1909.

Clearfield

FAMOUS FOR: Iowa State Fair Shuttles

The **Clearfield** Lions club started running the famous Iowa State Fair shuttles in 1964, and continue to do so each year. Proud to call **Clearfield** home, the Lions Club proves to be a prominent feature within the small community, with many dedicated members.

Blockton

FAMOUS FOR: Taylor County Freedom Rock

Blockton was founded by the Mormons in 1861, and it was originally known as Mormontown. After the Mormons left the area, the Chicago Great Western Railway was built through the town and it was renamed **Blockton** in honor of W. T. Block, a railroad official.

Blockton is also home of the **Taylor County Freedom Rock**, painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II. It was painted in 2014 as part of the Freedom Rock Tour of Iowa which aims to boost tourism and spread the message of thanking our Veterans while providing a uniqueness to their area. Freedom Rocks are located in all 99 counties in the great state of Iowa. Make sure to visit them on the web at www.thefreedomrock.com to see all locations!

It is worth the 22 mile scenic trip to visit this beautiful tribute to



HISTORY

of Bedford, Iowa



Bedford, the county seat of Taylor County was founded in 1853, with the first sale of lots occurring in July of 1853.

Edwin Houck, the person considered the founder of Bedford wrote of the sale: "No person attended the sale except the farmers of the county. A barrel of whiskey was on the ground, and after they had drawn freely, the sale commenced, and most of the lots surveyed were sold at prices varying from ten to twenty dollars, but not a single lot was paid for, or title bond given, and if any record was kept of the sale, it is not to be found among the records of the county. However, to say that these sales were regarded by the parties concerned, as binding upon themselves, and were so treated in nearly every instance."

The first building was built by O.W. Fenno who built a double log cabin which served as his home and a hotel on the corner of Main and Water (Central) streets, now the site of the Ahrens Memory Garden. The second building was across the street south and belonged to Mr. Houck.

Four times in Bedford's history the town was challenged for the county seat. Lexington, which was located north of the Lake of Three Fires, felt that since they were more near the center of the county they should be the county seat. They were defeated in all their attempts.

In 1892, the old stone courthouse which was located at the present City Hall site was replaced by the beautiful courthouse we have today.

In 1909 Bedford saw one of it's greatest changes when mud streets were paved with brick. These same streets and all of the 12 block downtown area are now on the Historical Register.

If you would like to know more about Bedford's long and colorful history, visit the Taylor County Historical Museum...and do we have stories to tell.

-- Sandi Salen

Volunteer, Taylor County Historical Museum



Photos courtesy of Taylor County Historical Museum



One of two hand painted murals in town, this one was a gift to the community of Bedford from State Savings Bank who celebrated 100 years of service in 2015. It can be seen on the back of City Hall.

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EVENTS *and* Attractions



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Take a stroll on our historic red brick streets and enjoy the Italianate-style architecture that has been preserved in our business district and residential areas. We are proud to share that our entire downtown district is featured on the National Register of Historic Places!

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, please take the time to enjoy the highlights of our community's charismatic way of living.



ANNUAL EVENTS

Spring & Fall Town-wide Garage Sales

Easter Egg Hunt

Red Brick Run

Red Brick Show n' Shine Car Show

Taylor County Fair

Bedford Fest

4th of July Parade & **Fireworks**

Harness Racing

102 Valley Tractor Pull

"Fall for Bedford" Community Dinner

Trick-or-Treat Downtown

"Trail of Fear"

Craft & Vendor Fair

Tis the Season to Believe featuring:

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(**Bold** print denotes events sponsored by the Bedford Area Chamber)

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Ladoga LaBlanche Orchard

Home of the "Little Red School House," **Ladoga LaBlanche Orchard** is the perfect place to take advantage of fresh apples and other produce. Homesteaded in 1875, the orchard is rich in history and welcomes school field trips or family gatherings. Tour the orchard and have a weenie roast, a hayride or a wedding...just make sure to enjoy your visit.



The Garland Hotel

East Main Street | 712.523.3187

Bedford House, also known as the **Garland Hotel**, was built in three stages. The first section was completed in 1857 and additions were completed in 1877 and 1910. Charles Steele, a local businessman, farmer, and banker, had the structure built and was its first owner. The original hotel was used as a stage coach depot until the railroad came to Bedford in 1872. It suffered some damage in a fire that destroyed five other commercial buildings in 1877. Until 1880 the building also housed a jail in the cement fruit cellar. The hotel was renamed the **Hotel Garland** by its new owner John Clark in 1906. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, and closed in 1997 after serving an estimated 150,000 guests. The 1910 addition collapsed in 2004, which almost caused the building to be torn down, however, it instead led to a community effort to save the building and the formation of the Garland Hotel Restoration Board.

Although not currently a functioning hotel, the beautifully furnished building can be toured if an appointment is made.



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The **Bedford Community School Hall of Fame** was created during the 2015-2016 school year. A committee was formed with different members of the school system and representatives of the communities the hall of fame represents. The communities that make up the Bedford Community School District are Bedford, Blockton, Conway, Gravity, and New Market. Anyone who has connections to these schools that now make up the current Bedford Community School District are eligible for induction into the hall of fame.

The purpose of the **Bedford Community School Hall of Fame** is to honor graduates, employees, teams, individuals, and friends of the Bedford Community School for their accomplishments at and/or service to the Bedford Community School, and also to inspire our students to become the best that they can be.

-- Michael Irvin

Secondary Principal, Bedford Community School



Bedford Country Club

State Highway 148 | 712.523.1017

Located just a short distance from Bedford, the **Bedford Country Club** is a beautiful 9 hole course surrounded by grazing cattle and rolling row crop fields.

Operated by a Board of Directors, this small course is host to many events, tournaments, and fundraisers, and also offers most of the amenities of a large course.

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A true honor to those who served our country and fought for our freedom, the **Avenue of Flags** is completely funded by donations and run by volunteers.

If you would like to honor your family member by adding a flag and cross, please contact Lary Wyckoff.



Taylor County Fair

2715 Linwood Avenue | 712.523.2326

What started more than 150 years ago continues to be THE summer event for Taylor County, Iowa. A group of citizens gathered to organize an Agricultural Society in Bedford, IA. A constitution and by-laws were drafted and in October of 1857, stock was issued. In 1865, a delegate was selected to meet with the State Agricultural Society in Des Moines...the **Taylor County Fair** had officially begun!

- Live Entertainment
- Rodeo
- Truck & Tractor Pull
- Demolation Derby
- 4H Contests & Displays
- Animal Showing
- Concessions
- Games...and MORE!

www.taylorcountyfair.net



The Round Barn at the Taylor County Museum

Our signature attraction at the Museum is the Lenox **Round Barn**. In 2018 we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the moving and restoration of the barn. It was built about 1907 by J.E. Cameron and was donated by his descendants, Dick and Evelyn (his granddaughter) Brammer. It was moved from south of Lenox, IA, to our site, nearly 20 miles away. The project started in late 1996 and was dedicated and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in May, 1998.

Project co-chairs and co-workers, Charles Dukes and Jim Parrish, led the formidable task of rescuing a great historical land mark. During an 18 month period, these two dedicated men and a host of volunteers, completed the daunting challenge of turning rubble into a prized treasure for Taylor County. Today the **Round Barn** stands as a majestic tribute to the vision, dedication, and gallant efforts of these Taylor County Heroes.

Charles Dukes lived in eastern Taylor county all of his adult life as a farmer and part time carpenter. Using his construction and engineering skills, combined with his passion for old barns, Charles led an army of volunteers and contractors in the

dismantling, moving and reconstruction of the **Round Barn**.

James Parrish spent his early years on a farm just east of Gravity. He made his home in California until his retirement, when he returned to that same Taylor County farm. Jim negotiated the acquisition of the **Round Barn**, and worked tirelessly to secure the vast amount of funding necessary for its renovation.

The **Round Barn** has been the setting for many weddings and other special events. It's a favorite of our visitors, and many stop as they drive by to photograph this beautiful barn.

It sits atop a hill on our 4.08 acre site along Highway 2 at the northwest edge of Bedford. Nearby exhibits include: Rock Island Caboose, The Ladoga Depot, 1878 Log Cabin, The Hess Schoolhouse, Small Chapel, Original Bedford Jail from 1880, and our two main buildings.

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-- www.mycountyparks.com/County/Taylor

Visit their Website!

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Wilson Lake

Lenox | J20 to Utah Avenue, 1 Mile South

A charming 50 acre site with a 20 acre lake which is a great destination for crappie, bluegill, bass, and catfish. New playground was installed Fall 2017 next to the campground.

- 10 Modern Camp Sites (with Electricity, no Water/Sewer Hookup) + Primitive Camping
- Non-modern Restrooms close to Campground
- 3 Picnic Shelters
- Only Electric Boat Motors are Allowed
- Concrete Boat Ramp

Windmill Lake

New Market | Highland Avenue & 220th Street

A beautiful 60 acre site with a 20 acre lake which is our best catfishing lake in the county. There will be a new playground coming to Windmill Lake next to the campground summer 2018 with the help of a Taylor County Endowment Foundation Grant.

- 14 Modern Camp Sites (with Electricity, no Water/Sewer Hookup) + Primitive Camping
- Non-modern Restrooms close to Campground
- 1 Picnic Shelter
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Sand's Timber

Blockton | County Road J55 & Yellowstone Avenue

A peaceful 235 acre site with a 76 acre lake. The fishery was renovated in 2015 and is now a great destination for fisherman to try, with a growing population of walleye, bass, bluegill, crappie, and catfish. There are also 3 miles of nature/hiking trails, and visitors are able to take the trails all the way around the lake.

- 7 Modern Camp Sites (with Electricity, no Water/Sewer Hookup) + Primitive Camping
- Non-modern Restrooms close to Campground
- 1 Picnic Shelter
- Only Electric Boat Motors are Allowed
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The Lake of Three Fires State Park could be best described as one of southwest Iowa's best kept secrets and it happens to be located just four short miles north of Bedford! Open year round, this is the ideal park for the outdoor enthusiast due to its wide range of activities that can be enjoyed any time of year!

Camping

Whether you have a tent or an RV, the Lake of Three Fires is a must visit park for campers! In addition to the many primitive camp sites, you will find several electric sites nestled beneath the large trees providing lots of shade! Several of the campsites can be reserved in advance while others are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The campgrounds also provide a dump station, fresh water supplies and showering facilities.

Cabins:

Six Family cabins are available at nightly or weekly rates. Each unfurnished cabin sleeps four people and is equipped with a full bathroom with shower, cook top, refrigerator, heating and a/c. Outside you will find lots of shade, a view of the lake, picnic tables and a grill!

Equestrian:

There is a separate campground dedicated to all things equestrian! Choose from electric or non-electric camping with either corrals, hitching posts or holding pens.

Trails:

Surrounding the Lake of Three Fires you will find 8 miles of marked trails. This provides a great opportunity to experience the lakes beauty year round through hiking, horseback riding or snowmobiling.

Hunting & Fishing:

On the north border of the park is a 220 acre public hunting area as well as a 160 acre public hunting area on the south border. Fishing boats are welcome (must be run at no-wake speed) and can be docked on the water.

Picnics:

There are two open picnic shelters that can be reserved. One has electricity and running water with a playground nearby. The Lodge, near the beach, is perfect for gatherings with indoor and outdoor capabilities, refrigerator and restrooms!

Additional Activities:

- Swimming (no lifeguard on duty)
- Sand Volleyball
- Horseshoes
- Frisbee Golf
- 2 Playgrounds
- Wildlife Watching
- Bring your Kayak or Canoe

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Siam Tract

Bedford | Taylor-Page County Line on J55

A 117 acre wildlife management area open to public hunting. The land is both timber and native grasses making it excellent for upland game and deer. Although there are no trails, nature lovers are welcome.

HOMES and Residential



“ Why I chose BEDFORD to raise my Family...

When Tyler and I sat down to have the conversation of where we would start our family, it was a conversation that was almost unlikely to take place from the start. See, Tyler and I went to high school together. We were even in the same class. But ask either one of us about the other one in high school, and we would have no clue. Neither one of us have any memories of each other from that time. We graduated in 2002 but it wasn't until 2011 when we actually “met”.

Tyler was living in Carlisle, IA and working in Des Moines, IA while I was living and working in Maryville, MO. We took turns every weekend for a whole year driving back and forth to see each other. One heading north one weekend, the other heading south the next. This continued until we did what most couples do over time; we had a long talk about our future. We knew we wanted to continue being with each other but did we do it in Maryville, or Des Moines, or hey, what about Bedford? It was our “home”. Almost all of Tyler's family lives here or close by. All of my family is close as well. We liked the big cities for the amenities and the proximity to things. But when it came down to brass tax for a family we couldn't see putting our future children through the very large schools that Des Moines had. Yes, they have good schools to offer, but would our kids have a voice there?

So, we went house hunting! We looked at our home, made an offer, and it was accepted all in one day! It was a step we weren't necessarily going to make that day but when the option presented itself, we couldn't really say no either. We've lived in the same house ever since and we're raising our family there now.

But why Bedford? I could make you a numbered list of reasons but I suppose it comes down to one main one; deep down it was always home. The community and schools are the second reason. We'll be able to tell our children they're attending the same schools that mom and dad did when they were younger. We liked the quiet community feel where you could know every person in your neighborhood by name. Now that we're here and we're weaving the tapestry of our lives it seems like Bedford was always the place we were meant to be.

I love driving down the four lane and waving at almost every car I meet because I know exactly who's coming at me. I love walking into the local restaurants and being greeted by several people I know as soon as I walk in the door. On summer days our family can be seen strolling down Main Street, stopping into almost every door chatting with the people inside. These businesses have come to know my children very well and spoil them with suckers and candies. I think of living in the bigger cities and knowing that probably wouldn't be so if we

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lived elsewhere. I'm not afraid to let my children run (just a little) ahead of me into the next business so they can see their favorite people inside. My children know these people by name. Think about that...my children who are very little know almost every person on Main Street, by name. That warms my spirit. These people take the time to get to know us, they take the time and ask about us and genuinely care how we're doing. That's one heck of a community if you ask me! I've heard it said often, and it is so true, "Here, everyone knows your name, like Cheers".

With the sense of community being so important to us it seemed a natural step for me to take when the City Council was having an election. It was something I wanted to do two years ago but we had very young twins at home and I was working full time. So now with our third child at home and me being a stay at home mom, I jumped at the chance to try to help my community. I want very much to do that if I can and learning about the city of Bedford from the council perspective has been an amazing learning experience this far. We've always felt like being involved in your community was important especially with seeing our generation moving back to Bedford and making it their home as well. It's fun to see our generation stepping up. We have classmates who are business owners now and are working very hard at making their dreams come true. Bedford is a place where that's possible. A small boutique, an electrician, and a graphic designer are just a few of the things my class alone has contributed to our community. We're proud to be from here, a part of here, and forever a Bulldog!



-- Jodi Still
City Council Representative

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Bedford Community Housing, also known as **Northside Apartments**, is an income based housing facility conveniently located at the junction of State Highways 2 and 148. Built in 1977, the project was funded through loans from the USDA and FHA and is governed by a local board of five individuals.

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“**Bedford Community School** offers students many opportunities to excel. Bedford Elementary School was recently selected for national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School and the middle school students hold the Pride of Iowa trophy for earning the top scores in the conference on their Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Our school is networked for technology. Grades six through twelve are part of our One-to-One Laptop Learning program, with each student furnished a laptop for school and home use.

Beyond the school day, students may be part of Bedford's proud athletic tradition, perform on stage in musical and drama productions, and show off their talents in art, music, speech, and academic competitions. Bedford students have won national awards and worked as state officers in Business Professionals of America and Future Farmers of America. Still we remain a close-knit community school where students are supported by staff who know them individually.

-- Joe Drake, Superintendent



Bedford Community School Kindergarten - Grade 12



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Why choose BEDFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

- **Excellent Facilities:** We strive to keep our facilities at the highest level possible and are constantly working to improve our school grounds and athletic facilities.
- **Caring Staff:** Our teachers truly care about the education of all students and are willing to go the extra mile to make sure students succeed.
- **Great Students:** The students at Bedford are very accepting of each other and all new students.
- **Iowa Report Card:** Our schools are named in the top 10%-20% of schools in Iowa on a yearly basis for success based on an overall performance review from the Iowa Department of Education.
- **Iowa Assessments:** More than 85% of our students earn proficiency on the state assessment.
- **National Blue Ribbon Winner:** Bedford Elementary was named to the National Blue Ribbon Winner from the US Department of Education for excellence in the classroom.
- **1 to 1 Computers:** The district strives to make sure technology is in our students' hands. Our classrooms include the use of technology to help our students learn, and in the upper grade levels the students are allowed to take the device home each day.
- **Variety of Extra & Co-Curricular Activities:** Students have the opportunity to engage in multiple activities while attending school. From sports, to academics, to the arts, the staff is willing to adjust schedules so students can be involved in activities at the same time.
- **Competitive Athletics & Activities:** The sports teams are traditionally very successful within conference play and at the state level. Our school boasts many state trophies in athletics, academics and arts.

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- Creston, IA
- 45 Miles Northeast

Little Dawgs Preschool

906 Pennsylvania Street | 712.523.2166



Little Dawgs Preschool is housed in a newly constructed building, which sits beside the Elementary School of Bedford Community Schools. **Little Dawgs** collaboratively partners with Taylor County Head Start and preschoolers who qualify for Head Start may also attend the **Little Dawgs Preschool**. **Little Dawgs** offers free tuition to children who are 4 years old by September 15th each year. Head Start also accepts 3-year-olds if spots are available. The program runs four days per week (M-Th) and is a full day for 4-year-olds and half day for 3-year-olds.

The mission of the **Little Dawgs** program is to help shape successful, independent children and families by providing a safe, high-quality learning environment that will give children the necessary skills they need to enter kindergarten successfully. Highly qualified, licensed preschool teachers successfully implement creative curriculum and follow the National Head Start Standards.

We believe that children should be provided with a safe, secure, learning environment. The **Little Dawgs** environment will provide a variety of successful experiences that help children make good choices, become independent learners, problem solvers, and learn to the best of their abilities. In this setting, children will become productive individuals and community workers. We believe that by being in partnerships with families, we will ensure the well-being and healthy development of the next generation.

For more information on the **Little Dawgs Preschool**, you may contact Bedford Elementary School.

-- Dana Nally, Elementary Principal



Bedford Public Library

The **Bedford Public Library**, built in 1916, was a gift from Andrew Carnegie. The new library building was very stylish, faced in stucco, trimmed in brick with a red clay tile roof. The inside has two fireplaces with dark pine finished woodwork. It is one of 101 Carnegie Libraries built in Iowa.

The **Bedford Public Library** is no longer just books; it now is home to five public access computers with high speed internet connections and public wi-fi access. Other modern technology added recently is a new copier, fax machine, scanner, many new software programs and educational games. The library also contains a large genealogy collection. The library offers something for all ages and our book and movie collection is constantly changing.

The **Bedford Public Library** offers many opportunities for the youth in the community including a Summer Reading Program, Lego Club, and movie days.



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Building a successful company in rural Iowa has its share of challenges, but the people we help and our employees make it all worthwhile. When you put people ahead of money, success is inevitable.

-- Advanced Restoration Services



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“ A Leap of Faith in BEDFORD

It was 2006. I can still remember the moment, Zeb and I were sitting in our tiny apartment in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, our backs against one wall, sitting side by side, staring at the other wall as if hoping some answer to our future would magically appear.

We were having that “fork in the road” conversation, knowing the decision to be made would forever change our lives. We had it pretty good for being 21 years old, Zeb was working for a hydraulic repair company, made good money, and had potential to move up the ladder to some great positions. I was in the last weeks of my bachelors of nursing program and had a job waiting for me in a pediatric unit of one of the nation’s greatest hospitals with my eyes set on being a pediatric flight rescue nurse. Sioux Falls was a wonderful city and we had a lot of great friends. Life was good. So what was prying at our hearts to leave all of that behind? Bedford.

We grew up in Bedford, and honestly took for granted all of the great things that come with growing up in a small town. We graduated, left town, and spread our wings like so many do. Granted, we had discussed going “home” a few times, but Zeb’s degree wasn’t one with job openings in Bedford, so why all of a sudden this ‘fork in the road’ urgency? Opportunity knocked. Zeb’s father had met a man from northwest Iowa who processed deer for a living. Bedford was known as having a plethora of whitetail deer and trophy bucks. This man’s business had a glimmer of hope of being a ticket home. This spurred the conversation that ultimately led to our decision. Children. While we hoped babies would be in our future at some point, they weren’t in the ‘any time soon’ category. However, with this opportunity at hand, it brought up the conversation of our future little ones, and what kind of life we wanted for them.

The decision to be made; were we willing to turn away from our comfortable “safe” future in Sioux Falls, and raise our kids in the city; or instead, take a leap of faith, and attempt to start a new business in a small town? That was a hard one to swallow... security or uncertainty? We knew it was now or never, and for us raising children near family in a caring community meant more than the comfort of financial security of the city. It was truly on a leap of faith and a prayer that we said “let’s do it” and our lives forever changed that day.

Zeb started an apprenticeship to learn the trade, ensuring we would hit the ground running with a time proven high quality product. He found an abandoned Napa building that offered potential, and with the help of family, friends, and our first employees, we had one summer to transform Napa into a meat locker. I became a labor and delivery nurse for St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, Missouri, and when I wasn’t working I helped Zeb however I could. It was all a blur, but the doors were open for the first hunting season that fall. We made it our goal to deliver a high quality product and to make sure to have fun

along the way. We were so excited when our first deer arrived. We had done it! We had ONE deer!

Flash forward 12 years, through God’s grace and a lot of hard work, we are blessed to have two children, are surrounded by family and friends, and Zeb’s Smokehouse has become more than we could have ever dreamed it to be. We are processing wild game from all over the country, serving hunters nationwide, selling our retail products in other stores, and we just expanded our services to become the first farm to table butcher in the state of Iowa.

This has been our venture, but we use this opportunity to reach out and invite others to make Bedford their home. Bedford is a great place to call home and a wonderful place to raise a family. For those of you with an adventurous spirit, Bedford still holds a lot of potential and opportunity for new dreams to become reality. Bedford is historic, beautiful, and alive. Our community, our schools, our churches, and our businesses are full of people who are friendly and truly caring. Our parks are breathtaking and the serenity of Bedford is beyond words. People from all over the United States who visit the smokehouse will say the same comment to us, “this is God’s country,” and they are right.

Security or uncertainty? We have learned that is an illusion. The truth is every day is in God’s hands, and all you can do is pray and follow your heart. That is where security lives. As far as the leap of faith to make Bedford a place to call home, or maybe even a place to start a new venture, as for us... we wouldn’t have had it any other way.



-- Andrea Schulke
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There several benefits to opening a business in a small community?

- ✓ **Lower Cost of Living:** can finance bigger risk to help get your business off the ground
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TAYLOR COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE



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Taylor County Environmental Health

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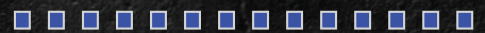
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Relocated to a 2nd location at 321 Main Street sometime between November 1939 and 1952. This was a single-front downtown building.
On February 29, 1952, the store relocated a third time and operated as the Bedford Supply Store, at Madison and Jefferson streets near downtown Bedford...currently Taylor County Neighborhood center, and pictured above.
This location had the first completely self-serve meat department in Taylor County and had a self-serve refrigerated vegetable counter. In August 1952, the store changed its name to "Hy-Vee".
The store moved one last time to it's current location on April 15, 1986.

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Our local grocery store offers a great variety of items for grilling or picnics, or dine at a local restaurant for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Did you forget something? Don't fret! One of our friendly retailers will be happy to assist you.

Our local retailers invite you to come in and visit...let our entire community be your host!



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- On average, **48%** of each purchase at a local, independent business is **recirculated locally**. Less than 14% is recirculated if spent at chain stores.
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- If every family in the United States spent an extra **\$10 each month** at a locally owned business, instead of a chain store, over **\$9.3 Billion** would be returned to our economy.
- Local businesses are **owned by people who live in this community**. They are less likely to leave, and are more invested in our community's future if supported.
- Locally owned businesses **contribute more to local charities and fundraisers**.
- Sales tax collected fund our community and **provide vital services** such as **police protection, street repairs and education**.
- **You receive better service**. Local business owners do what they do because they are passionate about their products and typically take more time to get to know their customers. You build relationships.



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The Bedford Area Chamber is responsible for both Economic Development and Tourism for our community?

The **Bedford Area Chamber** is a non-profit organization funded by business and community member sponsorships, donations, and the City of Bedford. As the leading organization within our community to promote tourism and economic growth, they strive to host memorable activities, assist in the promotion of business and/or organization events, and act as a community information center.

The primary goal of the **Bedford Area Chamber** is to sustain business in Bedford by building meaningful relationships, while simultaneously seeking new business prospects, attending informational forums, and writing grants for additional funds. They are dedicated to serving our community. By hosting skillfully advertised, well attended events, they are able to provide activities at a local level, while actively promoting tourism and impacting economic growth.

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Iowa is the heart of the nation with 33 million acres of land divided into 97,000 farming units. The number of farms has declined to a little less than half the number that were in the state a half century ago. The land used for agriculture based industry has decreased by 1.5 million acres over the last five decades due to acres being converted into recreational and conservation areas, interstate highways or commercial and residential developments. About a quarter of a million of the 2.9 million Iowa residents currently reside on farms... a mere one third of the the amount 50 years ago.

Like any other Iowa community, agriculture is a common way of life for those who call Bedford home. While not all families live on a farm, every resident is familiar with the sight of grazing cattle, the smell of fresh cut hay, and slow moving implements on the highway during the planting and harvest seasons.

If you have never experienced a harvest moon or breathtaking sunset over an Iowa corn field that has been recently combined...make sure to add it to your bucket list.



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You will find that the churches often work together to meet the spiritual needs of members of the community. Community worship services held during the Taylor County Fair, Holy Week Services or Baccalaureate Services at graduation are all examples of this cooperation.

There are also many other ways to get involved in the community that you call home. Whether the purpose is to make a difference, or to simply have fun, being involved is important! By building long lasting relationships with fellow community members, you make a difference.

The Bedford Area Chamber invites you to stop by their office to discuss your interests and put you in contact with the right organization for you.



ORGANIZATIONS

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Cub Scouts
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Little Dawgs Football
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Bedford Foundation
Bedford Area Chamber
Masons
American Legion
Sons of the American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary
Lions/Lioness Club
Young Mothers at Heart
Saddle Club
Taylor County Cattlemen
Taylor County Pork Producers
Modern Woodman
Emergency Management
Bedford Park Board
Taylor County Fair Association
Quilting Friends
Other: _____

CHURCHES

Faith Baptist Church

501 King Street
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faithinbedford@frontiernet.net
816.261.8706

First Baptist Church

808 Main Street
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712.523.2820
first-baptist-church-of-bedford.weebly.com

Sacred Heart Catholic

707 Main Street
Mass: Saturday at 6pm
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Seventh Day Adventist

1203 Madison Avenue
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712.523.3580
www.bedfordchurch.net

St. Timothy Lutheran

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