

Historic Sites
of **BUENA VISTA COUNTY**

ALBERT CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM* 4

Great family adventure! Search for bullet holes in the walls of the railroad depot lobby, where a bank robber was killed while resisting arrest. Visit a priceless antique car collection. Re-live life in a historic turn of the century home or go to school in a one room school-house.



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Albert City
212 North 2nd Street
712.843.5684

Albert City THRESHERMEN AND COLLECTORS SHOW 4

Bring the family and don't forget Grandpa! This Albert City event, held the second weekend in August, includes demonstrations of antique farm implements, and a blacksmith shop, barn, general store, and one-room school. Children's activities are offered.



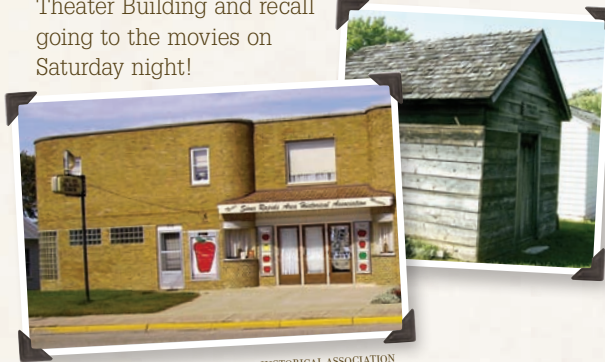
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NW of Albert City
5015 210th Avenue, Hwy M54
712.843.2076

Visit our website at:
www.albertcitythreshermen.com

6 SIOUX RAPIDS AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Visit the oldest home in the area where the county's first settler, Abner Bell, staked his claim. Walk through a furnished turn-of-the-century household and review military history with uniforms and gear. Visit the Sioux Theater Building and recall going to the movies on Saturday night!



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Sioux Rapids
3rd and Main
712.283.2344 or 712.283.2165

Visit our website at:
www.siouxrapids.com

7 LINN GROVE

The Catfish Capital of Iowa located on the O'Brien Glacial Trail Scenic Byway. Take a timeless canoe trip on the Little Sioux River exploring the historic Inpaduta Canoe Trail. Excellent wildlife watching.



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Linn Grove
110 Weaver Street
712.296.0918

Visit our website at:
www.linngroveiowa.org

HISTORIC HANOVER VILLAGE 8

Dance to the Beer Barrel Polka in Hanover! Located on Buena Vista County Road M27 and 20th Avenue, this re-creation of German heritage comes to life with polka bands, home made cooking and hands-on demonstrations of century old customs and traditions. Annual Polka Celebration is the last Sunday in August.

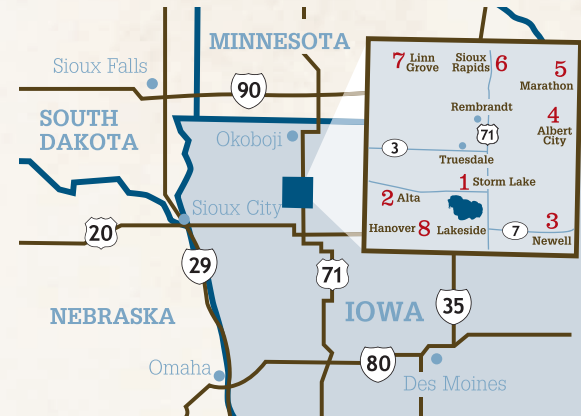


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Hanover
County RD. M27 & 20th Avenue
712.225.1980 or 712.434.5410

Contact: vwinterhof@ilechsi.com



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT:
www.co.buena-vista.ia.us
www.visitstormlake.com
www.visitwesterniowa.com

Storm Lake HARKER HOUSE* 1

You will appreciate this grand 1875 Victorian (French Mansard) style home with open porches and an imposing widow's walk. Filled with original furniture which has been preserved over the years.

Storm Lake
328 Lake Avenue
712.732.3267

Visit our website at:
www.harkerhouse.com



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Storm Lake BUENA VISTA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1

Find your Buena Vista County ancestors at the County Genealogical Library located inside the Buena Vista County Historical Museum. There is a vast collection of town, county, church and family histories as well as cemetery indexes, probate files, and newspapers from local and area towns.



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Storm Lake
221 Railroad Street

Hours are 2-4PM on Thursdays or call:
(712) 732.7111 or (712) 284.4027 to make an appointment.

Visit our website at:
www.stormlake-ia.com/bvchs

Storm Lake BUENA VISTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1

Make your first stop at the indoor historic main street exhibit featuring a livery, barber shop, lawyer's office, general store, historic Halverson House, pharmacy and bank. Exhibits rotate to feature different communities in the county. Also visit a restored country school and log cabin. 60-minute tour, \$2.00 each.



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Storm Lake
214 West 5th Street
712.732.4955

Visit our website at:
www.stormlake-ia.com/bvchs

Storm Lake SANTA'S CASTLE* 1

Merry Christmas all year round! One of the largest operating collections of antique animated Christmas displays in the Midwest is on exhibit at the historic Carnegie Library building in Storm Lake.



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PHOTO COURTESY: SANTA'S CASTLE

Storm Lake
East 5th and Erie Street
712.749.9247

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www.facebook.com/pages/Santas-Castle/36688621443

Storm Lake LIVING HERITAGE TREE MUSEUM 1

Take a drive along beautiful Lakeshore Drive to Sunset Park to see a very unique museum. Storm Lakes' Living Heritage Tree Museum is an eclectic collection of trees that have their heritage in the history of the United States and the world. Tree markers identify the origin of each tree. An audio tour is available to download from the City of Storm Lake web page at www.stormlake.org



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Storm Lake, Sunset Park
316 West Lakeshore

Visit our website at:
www.heritagetreemuseum.com

Alta BUENA VISTA COMMUNITY THEATRE AT THE ROXY 2

Plan to attend a performance at the restored historic Roxy Theatre where the stage is set for both the Alta Community School District and the Buena Vista Community Theatre performances. Check the website for the latest listing of performances and picture gallery.

Downtown Alta
218 South Main Street

Visit our website at:
www.touchofbroadway.com/bvct.html



MARATHON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 5

Ride the rails around the L.M. & O. railroad complex which features a fully-equipped depot, restored caboose, railroad memorabilia and a railroad yard.



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Marathon
508 South Neptune Street
712.289.6481 or 712.289.2246

BUENA VISTA COUNTY BARN QUILTS

Travel throughout Buena Vista County spotting the unique patterns of the county's beautiful barn quilts. Quilt patterns at each site are identified on the website as well as a map* giving directions. Enjoy your tour!



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info@barnquilts.com

Visit our website at:
www.bvbarnquilts.com

* Maps will soon be available at the
Storm Lake United Tourism Office
119 West 6th Street, Storm Lake



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Newell ALLEE MANSION* 3

Here's your chance to be a guest in a Victorian home. You can tour this 1891 Queen Anne Victorian mansion to experience a time remembered for proper etiquette and manners and entertaining family and guests with a pump organ or Victrola. Stain glass windows grace the foyer leading to an open oak staircase. Restored by the Newell Historical Society to reflect a true Victorian life style. Individual, student and group tours welcomed.

One mile South of Newell
2020 640th Street

712.272.4566

Visit our website at:
www.newellhistorical.org



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* On the National Register of Historic Places