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August 29, 2005

The Mayor's Perspective

One of the greatest fears of any community leader is that your community is slipping backward instead of going forward. We have been very fortunate that Stanley does not currently fit that mold. The Stanley City Council is doing everything in their power to keep that from happening again. During the sixties, seventies and eighties the city went through a very difficult time during which we were losing many more businesses than we were gaining. Remember at one time that Stanley had 11 outlets where liquor was sold, six new car dealers and five implement dealers. Count the number of these businesses we have today and compare. You won't like the results.

I think Stanley has turned the corner and we are going in the other direction again. However, we were on that path and were very similar to a lot of other small Wisconsin cities and villages that have been going through some real difficult economic times. We lacked diversification and depended on farming and wood products to sustain us as a community. When I think of places far worse off, I think of places like Fairchild, Humbird, Longwood, Lublin, and Ingram to name just a few. Some of these places I remember as thriving little places and now during a visit you see many boarded up stores and few businesses actually operating. And in most of these communities, they no longer have a schoolhouse, either an elementary or high school.

What I am leading up to is an article that was brought to my attention by a friend. Some of you may have read it in the July 11, issue of Time magazine. The article was entitled, "The Land of the Free," and Daniel Kadlec authored it. The article begins with a report on the many towns in America's heartland that have died, are dying and those that are trying to do something to keep from dying.

In his opening paragraph the author says it so well, "The last thing that goes is the grain elevator. Shortly before that, the post office. Preceding those, more or less in order, go the hardware store, lumberyard, gas station, grocery, pharmacy, bank and then, most dishearteningly the schools. After the kids are gone, it's just a matter of time before Main Street—and what remains of the once cheery little houses rimming it—gets boarded up for good." How does this happen? Following is the scenario that the author states generally happens. The kids move away for college and work, and never come back. Town elders die and many times they were the World War II generation that stabilized the town. When the town elders die their money often leaves the town "...quickenning the community's descent to dust." Sounds pretty dismal doesn't it and it makes you think of some of the nearby communities that I mentioned above, or even where we could have been headed at one point.

Some enterprising communities in the Great Plains are trying to reverse the decline by offering land at little or no cost to anyone who will build a house and move in. Examples of towns that are trying this strategy are the Kansas towns of Marquette, Ellsworth and Minneapolis. These are all population-challenged communities. Some people are being attracted by the offers as they want to move their children out of the large cities and they themselves want to get away from congestion and higher crime rates. They basically can get much more for their money and a wholesome environment for their children. What allows some of these moves is the computer, and people using it to do their jobs at home. Communities that have been successful in giving land away have been La Villa, Texas, Chugwater, Wyoming, and New Richland, Minnesota. Programs to attract inhabitants are similar to the one that President Abraham Lincoln started in 1862 when settlers were offered 160 acres of land to encourage them to build farms and ranches out on the frontier.

Giving land away has been tried over the years in many different places. The chance of success seems to be more related to the town's location. If it is located near a larger city the chances of success are better. It still is a fact that people need to work somewhere in order to support a family.

The death of Stanley is not likely to occur anytime in the near future because of our proximity to the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Metro area and our location on Highway 29. Being close to a metro area where nearly 200,000 people live and work will help us survive and hopefully thrive. However, if we did nothing to foster development we would likely not have the tax base to sustain our community, its schools and be able to continue to make the Stanley area a good place to live and raise a family, or to grow old and enjoy retirement.

UNITED COMMUNITIES OF CLARK COUNTY
LOYAL CITY HALL
301 N. MAIN STREET
LOYAL, WI 54446
OCTOBER 26, 2005
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Neillsville Mayor Diane Murphy.

Population - 33,000 County Wide
The following were in attendance:

<i>203</i> - Village of Curtiss	President Arlan Hamm
<i>807</i> - Village of Dorchester	Trustee Joan Hunsader
<i>1,000</i> - City of Greenwood	Mayor Robert Moseley (arrived late)
<i>1,345</i> - City of Loyal	Mayor Randy Anderson
<i>2,931</i> - City of Neillsville	Mayor Diane Murphy,
	City Clerk-Treasurer Rex R. Roehl
<i>990</i> - City of Owen	Mayor Tim Swiggum
- City of Stanley	Mayor David Jankoski
<i>1,567</i> - City of Thorp	Mayor Diane Lesniewski,
	City Administrator Randy Reeg
Village of Withee	President Gary Mitchell
Clark County Supervisor Richard Hunsader	
Clark County Economic Development Executive Director Sheila Nyberg	

Others invited but unable to attend:

<i>1,969</i> - City of Abbotsford	Mayor Dale Rachu
<i>1,600</i> - City of Colby	Mayor James Schmidt
Village of Dorchester	President Bea Seidel
<i>385</i> - Village of Granton	President Russell Kuehn (non-member)
<i>452</i> - Village of Unity	President Angela Edblom (non-member)

Motion Owen Mayor Tim Swiggum, second Loyal Mayor Randy Anderson, that the minutes of the September 28, 2005 meeting be approved as presented. All Aye.

Owen Mayor Tim Swiggum, Treasurer, reported that the current checkbook balance is \$2,852.69, with no activity this period.

Motion Thorp Mayor Diane Lesniewski, second Curtiss President Arlan Hamm, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All Aye.

Sheila Nyberg, Clark County Economic Development Executive Director, reported that the Clark County Board has increased its budget funding for 2006. Clark County remains at the lower end of the scale in county funding for economic development.

Tourism
Nyberg stated that when you look at Clark County's big picture – four areas appear – business and industry, residential/schools, and downtowns. In your communities, the downtown is your core activity center.

Nyberg stated that the Clark County Economic Development Corporation has paid its membership dues and is a current member of the National Main Street Center. We have access to their database for revitalization and experts on just about anything (how do you start a community celebration, do a survey, etc.).

The National Main Street Center is built on four points:

Organization – framework and support

Design – buildings, streetscapes, spill-out area (planters, trees, benches, etc.)

Economic Restructuring – what mix of complementary business is needed to draw people to the downtown

Promotion – getting the word out

The National Main Street Center, like the State Main Street Program, is not financial - you get documentation and technical support.

Nyberg stated that she has been working with the state and our representatives to get a bill through to create a County-wide Main Street Program, using Clark County as the pilot program. We have a wonderful group already with the United Communities. The members may have to go to Madison to testify in support of this bill. We will need to work with local groups (Chambers of Commerce, economic development groups, civic organizations, etc.) to get their support, to buy in to the concepts to implement the main street programs in their communities.

Nyberg stated that most of your community leaders are on top of their industrial parks, but you have to look at the downtowns the same way – know what's going on, who's doing what. It won't happen overnight, but once a couple of downtown businesses start to fix up their places, the peer pressure will kick in and neighboring businesses will fix up, too.

Nyberg stated think of all the people that come into the area or just pass through from Milwaukee, out of state, etc. How do our communities grab them – is it the unique shops, recreational opportunities, natural or historic sites, etc.?

Nyberg asked what do you want your communities to look like? We have beautiful building stock in our communities – how do we show it off, enhance it (decorative street lighting, benches, other nice things)?

Nyberg stated that if the state passes the bill and Clark County becomes the pilot program, the Clark County Economic Development Corporation would like to act as the full-time director/manager for the program. Current state law requires a full-time employee to handle the main street program, which is not feasible in small communities.

Discussion continued.

Motion Curtiss President Alan Hamm, second Owen Mayor Tim Swiggum, that the United Communities of Clark County go on record in support of a County-wide Main Street Program. All Aye.

**Clark County Board of Supervisors
November 15, 2005
Clark County Courthouse
Neillsville, WI 54456**

Chairman Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 15, 2005.

Neillsville Post 73 along with Neillsville VFW 2241 presented the colors. Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Jensen. 27 Present. 2 Absent. Chairman Hendrickson declared a quorum present. Present were Supervisors, Nikolay, Hunsader, Strickland, Amacher, Fleming, Kodl, Holtzhausen, Kolzow, Jalling, Tyznik, Bower, Rogstad, Ashbeck, Hendrickson, Rueth, Olson, Haselow, Smith, Rollins, Karl, Boon, Kirn, Fitzmaurice, Hinkelmann, Garbisch, Harwick and Wesenberg. Absent were Supervisors Jakel and Henke.

Economic Development Report: Supervisor Rueth yielded the floor to Shiela Nyberg and Ken Dix. Shiela gave an update on projects that she has been working on. Ken gave a brief explanation of the County-wide Main Street Program.

Public Hearing: Chairman Hendrickson declared the public hearing on the 2006 budget open at 7:15 p.m. Appearances during the hearing were as follows:

Dan Coughlin, Town of Hendren – concerned with safety and welfare of the public. The county should not be cutting police protection and plowing of roads, there are other places to cut.

Bob Berglund, City of Loyal – Bob congratulated the County Board and the Ag & Extension Committee for putting together a successful Farm Technology Days. He thanked ADS for holding an open house to show the public how Clark County is taking care of the handicap and also Planning & Zoning, for hanging tough through all the criticism. Bob thanked the Finance committee for a job well done and for putting more money into Economic Development.

William Elmhurst, Town of York – stated there is no end to where the county could cut with a 57 million dollar budget. William also stated he would like to see the Bruce Mound ski resort placed in private hands.

After calling three times for additional appearances, Chairman Hendrickson declared the budget hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Appointments: Chairman Hendrickson reappointed Supervisor Wesenberg to the Veteran's Service Commission. Motion by Supervisor Rueth seconded by Supervisor Harwick to concur with the appointment of the Chairman. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Hendrickson appointed Mary Dorn to replace Joan Baker and reappointed Tom Bobrofsky and Cindy Campbell to the Clark County Library Committee. Motion by Supervisor Holtzhausen seconded by Supervisor Nikolay to concur with the appointments of the Chairman. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Hendrickson reappointed Gladys Olson to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service. Motion by Supervisor Tyznik seconded by Supervisor Harwick to concur with the appointment of the Chairman. Voice vote, motion carried.

Rueth moved the question. Roll call vote, motion carried. 24 YES, 3 NO and 2 Absent. Voting Yes were Supervisors Hunsader, Strickland, Fleming, Kodl, Holtzhausen, Kolzow, Jalling, Tyznik, Bower, Ashbeck, Hendrickson, Rueth, Olson, Haselow, Smith, Rollins, Karl, Boon, Kim, Fitzmaurice, Hinkelmann, Garbisch, Harwick and Wesenberg. Voting No were Supervisors Nikolay, Amacher and Rogstad. Absent were Supervisors Jakel and Henke.

RESOLUTION 52-11-05 TO REQUEST STATE LEGISLATORS TO RETURN TO PART TIME STATUS presented. Motion by Supervisor Rueth seconded by Supervisor Kolzow to adopt the resolution as presented. Voice vote, motion carried. Supervisors Nikolay, Strickland, Haselow and Olson recorded a NO vote.

RESOLUTION 53-11-05 IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY WIDE MAIN STREET PROGRAM presented. Motion by Supervisor Amacher seconded by Supervisor Jalling to adopt the resolution as presented. Supervisor Rueth yielded the floor to Sheila Nyberg to explain the resolution. Voice vote, motion carried. Supervisor Ashbeck and Boon recorded NO votes.

Supervisor Rogstad recognized Mary Sladich on behalf of the Aging & Nutrition Committee for her appointment to the Leadership Council of the Aging Network Modernization and Initiative.

ORDINANCE 184-11-05 RESCISSION AND RECREATION OF THE CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL MANURE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE presented. Motion by Supervisor Rueth seconded by Supervisor Garbisch to consider the first reading of the Ordinance. Motion by Supervisor Boon seconded by Supervisor Strickland to amend the Ordinance by striking the words "and recreated to read as follows:" on lines 19 and 20 and to also strike lines 21 through lines 649 which would rescind the entire Ordinance. Supervisor Garbisch yielded the floor to Greg Stangl, County Conservationist to explain the resolution. This Ordinance has been in existence since April 1985. The state has rules of its own, our revision matches the state language. Voice vote on amendment, motion failed. Voice vote on first reading, motion carried. Supervisors Nikolay, Wesenberg, Rogstad and Boon recorded NO Votes.

Minutes: The October Board Minutes were presented in written form for approval. Motion by Supervisor Holtzhausen seconded by Supervisor Rueth to approve the minutes as printed. Voice vote, motion carried.

Payroll: Motion by Supervisor Nikolay seconded by Supervisor Holtzhausen to dispense with the detailed reading of the payroll and to pay as calculated by the Clerk's office. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting: December 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Rueth seconded by Supervisor Tyznik to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

Christina M. Jensen
County Clerk
Neillsville, WI

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CLARK COUNTY TOWNSHIP STATUS

LEGEND:	Existing Town
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2. Thorp

Withee Township

3. Lombard
73. Sterling

Hixon Township

4. Withee
5. Owen
6. Clark

Hoard Township

7. Ralph
8. Curtiss

Mayville Township

9. Dorchester
10. Abbotsford

Worden Township

11. Worden

Reseburg Township

12. Reseburg

Longwood Township

13. Longwood

Green Grove Township

14. Green Grove
15. Atwood
16. Bright

Colby Township

17. Colby

Warner Township

18. Hemlock

Beaver Township*

19. Schilling
20. Coxie

Unity Township

21. Unity
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23. Romeo

Hendren Township

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25. Willard
26. Tioga
27. Gorman

Eaton Township

28. Greenwood
29. Owego
75. Janesville Settlement

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29. Loyal
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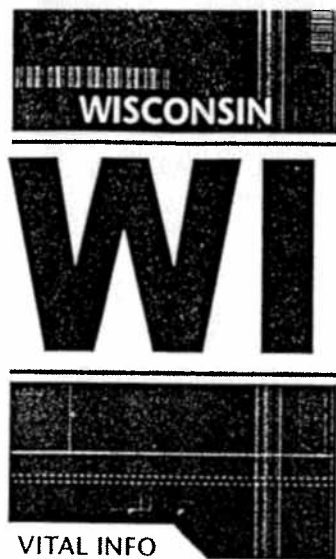
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VITAL INFO

- Wisconsin provides tax credits for energy used in manufacturing, and for R&D expenditures.
- Wisconsin's electric rates are among the lowest in the country; commercial and industrial water and sewer rates are also among the lowest in the nation.
- A Customized Labor Training Fund, and more than 500 technical outreach training locations, assists companies in their specific training needs.
- UW-Madison ranks first among the nation's public universities in R&D spending, and is one of the world's leading centers for biotech R&D.
- Wisconsin's Technology Zone Program includes eight multi-county zones. The zones are effective for 10 years, and \$5 million in income tax credits has been allocated to each zone.

WISCONSIN INCREASES ENTREPRENEURIAL FUNDING

>> During the last biennial session, Wisconsin's business climate underwent the most comprehensive regulatory reform in its history, which included adopting a single-sales tax factor. The state also created a sales tax exemption on the energy used in manufacturing processes.

It is now easier to site power plants in the state. And state officials created a board to review small business regulations.

Wisconsin officials have established a new tax credit program of up to \$170 million for companies that locate or expand in distressed areas of the state. A new manufacturing competitiveness initiative is also underway to help small- to medium-sized manufacturers increase productivity levels.

In an effort to raise the state's position from 46th for its rate of business creation, according to the Small Business Administration, a 10-year, \$91 million stimulus package was passed to support entrepreneurs. "This includes grants, loans and tax credits that angel and venture capital firms earn by investing in qualified new businesses," says Tony Hozeny, communications director, Wisconsin Department of Commerce. The credits are up to 25 percent during a two year period.

A part of the \$91 million package includes the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network, which features 50 intake centers located across the state. Entrepreneurs receive customized services, such as assistance locating capital, help with federal grants, learning to work in the federal procurement system and more.

Wausau officials are also enhancing their entrepreneurial business climate. The Wausau Business Development Center is a mixed-use incubator that will open in July. The center will feature spaces ideal for light manufacturing as well as office, service and high-tech related companies.

In the Chippewa Falls region, the community recently received a \$500,000 grant to support the development of a nanotechnology incubator, says Charlene Coulombe, executive director, Chippewa County Economic Development Corp. The incubator, which will break ground this year, will be an expansion of the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire.

INDUSTRIES

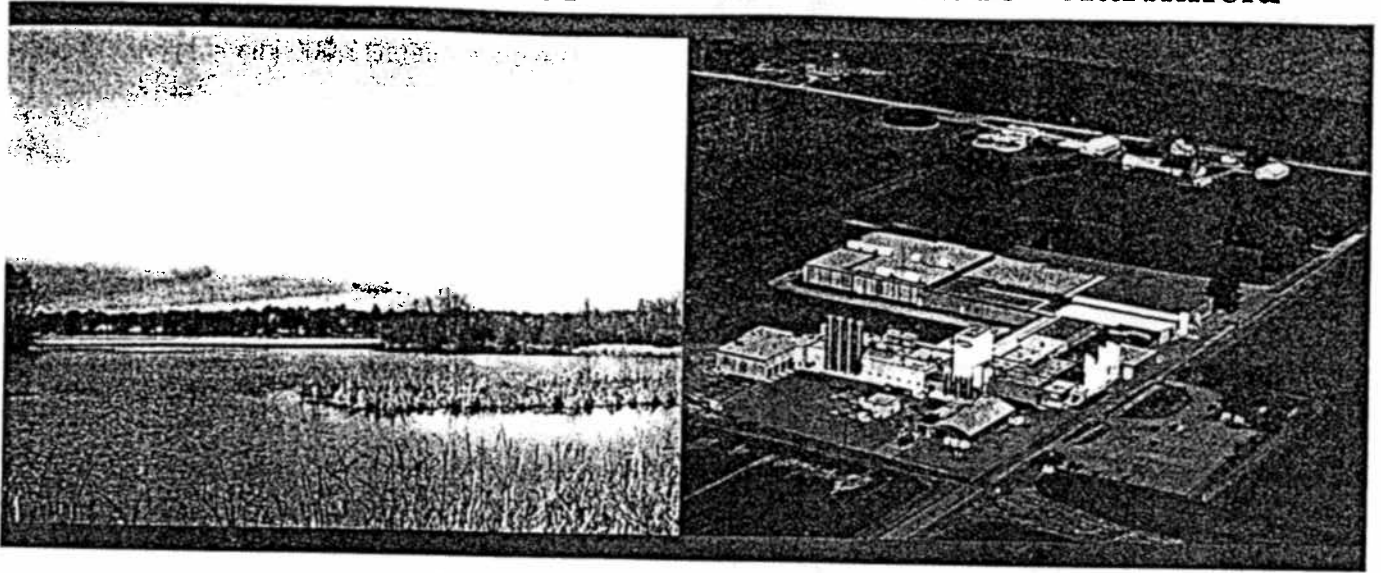
Hozeny says that Wisconsin is experiencing an emerging and strong biotech sector. The state's officials also consider information technology as an industry cluster. "We are seeing a lot of startups spinning out of our world-class universities," Hozeny notes. "During the last year, companies have created 140,000 jobs in the state, so we are coming out of the recent tough years."

The manufacturing industry represented 2,600 of these jobs.

Hozeny says because the state is a large manufacturing state, it is leading to record-setting exports. The exports from the state for the first half of 2005 were 18 percent above what they were in the same period in 2004. "This is significant for another reason because the national increase was about 10 percent, so we are outpacing the nation," Hozeny says.

The leading industries in the export sector include industrial

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- Affordable residential lots on lakes/rivers/trails/in woods-or in quaint communities
- Top-notch law enforcement agencies and courts-a safe environment
- Everything from agriculture to arts within your reach
- Agriculture status-1st largest dairy producing county in state of Wisconsin and 19th largest in the nation
- Recreation embraces camping, hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, horseback riding, ATVing, biking, golfing, skiing, hiking, swimming (abundant lakes and rivers)



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machinery, medical instruments, electrical machinery, transportation equipment and paper production. The state has led the nation for more than 50 years in the production of paper products.

Wood and paper manufacturing is an important industry in Wausau. However, Kristen Fish, business development director, city of Wausau points out the fact that the community features a balanced economy.

For instance, the community features a large insurance cluster, including Wausau Insurance and its different companies, such as Wausau Benefit. Wisconsin Physicians Service Health Insurance Corp. recently expanded from 500 employees to 800 employees.

Wausau also features a building materials cluster, highlighted by windows, and a food packaging cluster, mainly in cheese production.

Food processing is also an important sector in Platteville. In addition, machining companies do well because

LIFESTYLE

Boating and fishing opportunities are virtually limitless in Wisconsin. The state offers 15,000 inland lakes, more than 33,000 miles of rivers and streams, two Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

of the city's proximity to John Deere and Caterpillar, Inc. and other heavy industrial equipment manufacturing companies in the Midwest.

Platteville is also attractive to high-tech businesses. Officials recently sited the Japanese Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Corp. The company was attracted to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville's engineering program and area's telecom system, which includes a fiber ring. The university is in the process of growing to 8,000 students from 6,000 students, a third of whom are studying engineering, says George Krueger, executive director, Platteville Area Industrial Development Corp.

Another company tapping into the university's engineering program is AVISTA, a software engineering firm.

In Clark County, it is hard to get your arms around the industries as the community features such diversity, says Shelia Nyberg, executive director, Clark County Economic Development Corp. There are 13 cities and villages, each one with its own industrial or business park. The county is Wisconsin's largest dairy producer, and the 19th largest in the country. It also features artesian cheese factories, ethanol plants, a vodka distillery and emerging industries such as a discovery related to ethanol and renewable fuels, which hadn't been



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publicly named at press time.

The county also features machinery manufacturing companies, value-added ag processing, wood products and plastics production.

Plastics companies do well in Chippewa County, and officials are working on enhancing the industry to support medical device and high-tech companies. The county is also well suited to support logistics operations. The recently completed Highway 29 bypass features four lanes from Interstate 94 to Green Bay.

WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION

Corporations will find that Wisconsin offers excellent training and educational opportunities. Clark County is home to many branches and extensions of nearby universities and technical colleges, including Mid-State Technical College, North Central College and Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Wausau companies have strong partnerships in place for workforce training. "We have a lot of training

programs, even at the high school level to create a continued solid workforce flow to our employers," Fish says.

The Marathon County Partners in Education is an organization of businesses, education and government officials that mobilizes people and resources to raise the achievement of career-bound high school students. A board of directors guides the programs and initiatives of the Workforce Development Committee. The organization seeks to create systematic partnerships, such as helping school districts develop action plans that employers and educators jointly implement.

Fish notes although Wausau has a low unemployment rate, it doesn't mean the workforce is hard to find. It is more of an underemployed situation where workers would switch to higher paying opportunities. "We can draw from a 30 mile to 40 mile radius for our workforce," Fish says. "The reason Wisconsin Physicians Service Health Insurance was able to expand is because of the quality and

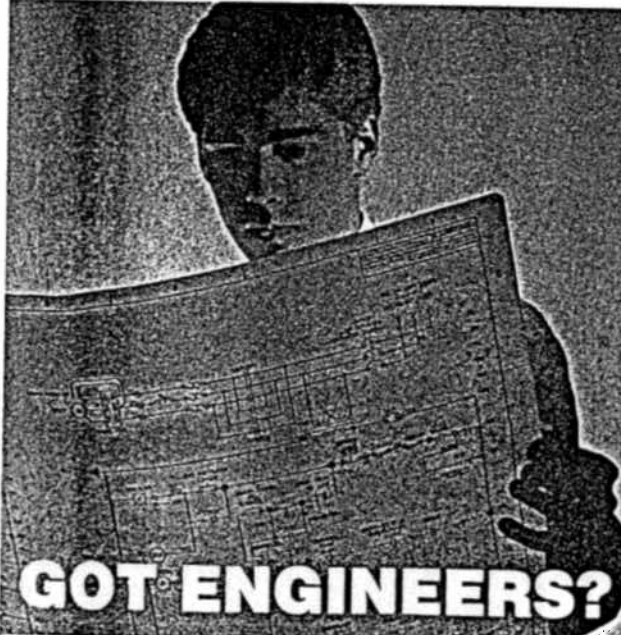
strength of our workforce."

Companies will find a supply of underemployed workers in Chippewa County, particularly in high-tech fields. These workers stayed in the area after local high-tech firms relocated to other areas. These workers commute to jobs in Minneapolis-St. Paul. "We will be conducting a household survey to demonstrate those people are here," Coulombe says.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

When it comes to available sites and buildings, Wisconsin's communities are prepared to support rapid timelines. In Clark County, Nyberg says there are hundreds of acres of business and industrial parks that are available. The county also owns properties and is organizing a 200-plus acre industrial park, which is located on Highway 29.

Wausau features two new TIF districts, one of which is located along Interstate 39 or state Highway 51. Officials hope to turn the vacant land into a commercial district. In terms




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Highway improvements, an overpass at the interchange between state Highway 29 and state Highway 31, and a new interchange to improve traffic flow.

Traffic flow has been enhanced in the Platteville area, which features a new four-lane state Highway 131, which runs from Madison to Dubuque, Iowa, providing faster connections to additional highways.

The Platteville Industrial Park benefits from the new highway being located less than a mile away. There are 60 acres available at the 180-acre light industrial park.

"The city is also in the process of annexing 370 acres to the south of the city, between the city and the new Highway 151," Krueger says. "It will be zoned for mostly commercial and industrial, and some residential."

Krueger notes that as Madison grows, more companies are starting to look at Platteville, especially with the improved transportation system, which puts Madison only one hour away. The land prices in the region are also less expensive than those in the Madison area.

In Chippewa County, companies will find available sites and land at the Lake Wisconsin Business Park, which is ideal for logistics operations.

In addition to available facilities and sites, businesses will find a Wisconsin location provides an affordable quality of life. Nyberg says Clark County features a medical hub that is ideal for businesses that want to provide quality health care for their workforce. Or for those that want to bring a health-related business to the area.

For instance, the county is home to a new medical clinic and features many satellites operations from surrounding communities. Located in nearby Marshfield is the world-renown Marshfield Clinic. It houses the National Farm Medicine Center, as well as a research department.

Wausau also offers businesses that sought after "play" component in site selection. The community features a world-class kayak course that runs through the downtown area, where Olympic trials and national competitions are held. The community also

has a world-class fishing and boating area with 100 miles of trails, but also has hiking trails. It also offers an art museum and a river for the visual arts.

In Clark County, outdoors enthusiasts will appreciate the 133,000-acre county forest, as well as 135 miles of recreational trails.

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Calendar of Events

Annual Smelt Feed
2nd Sunday in March

Annual Fireman's Ball
3rd Saturday in March

Thorp FFA Alumni Toy & Craft Show
Last Sunday in March

**Annual Thorp Area Historical Society
Thrift Sale** - April or May

Thorp Dairy Days
1st Weekend After Memorial Day

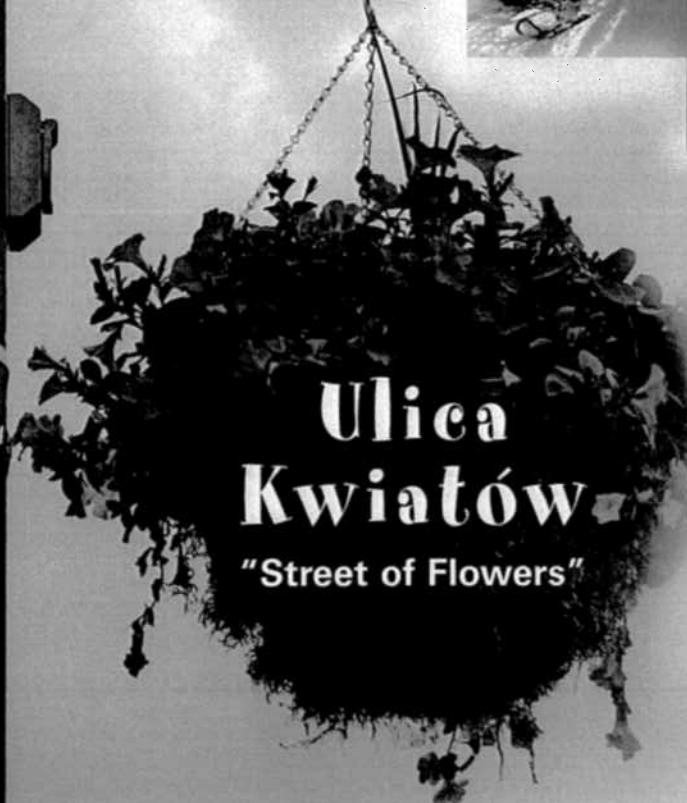
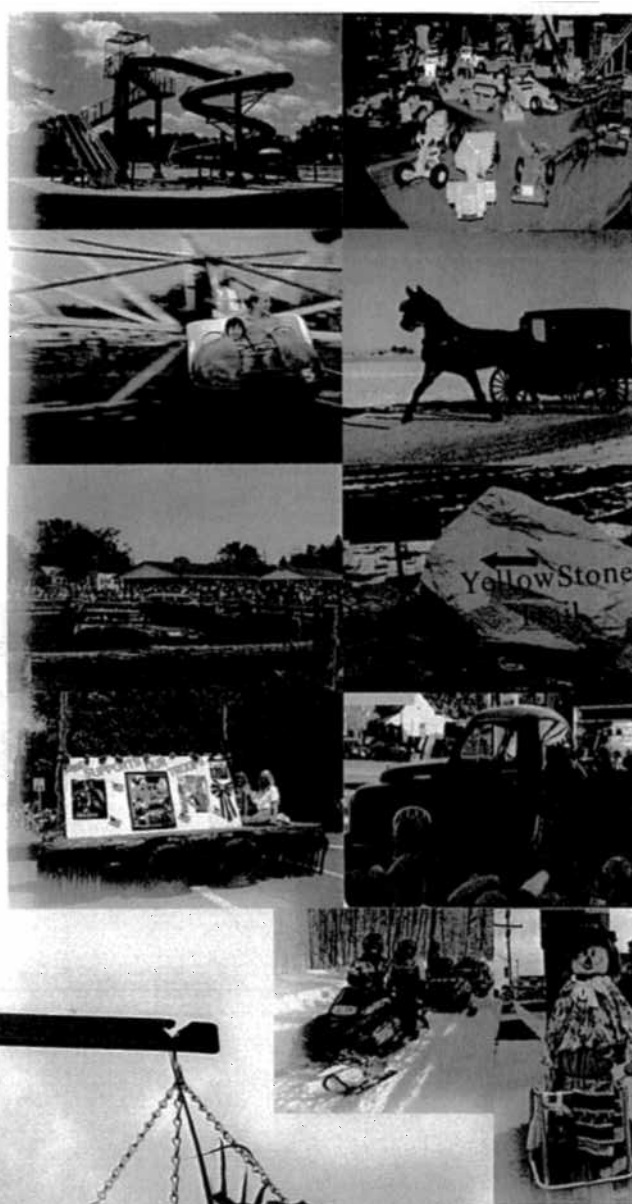
**Knights of Columbus Annual
Chicken BBQ** - June

Thorp Lions Demolition Derby
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Visit Clark County and enter a quieter world: no skyscrapers, rush-hour traffic, honking horns or frazzled nerves. Instead, find rustic roads, farmers working in their fields, grazing cows, a clothesline hung with freshly-laundered clothes, kids going fishing, an Amish buggy or two deer, eagles, white pines, and simply...serenity.

The magnificent landscape formed as the last glaciers pushed southward. The southwest corner, untouched by the glacial advance, offers breathtaking vistas from its high bluffs and hills.

Our rock-strewn rivers and streams abound with fish, beaver, otter, muskrat, heron, sandhill crane and eagle. Canoeists, anglers and roadside viewers take home memories from the tranquil life Clark County offers in its many forests, parks, campgrounds and trails.

Stop at one of our beautiful parks and listen to the sounds of nature: a cow calling to her day-old calf, an eagle's cry as it soars high overhead, a rooster crowing, a bumblebee, then closer by, birds chirping.

Here, each season offers a delightful change of pace. The reawakening of spring is impossible to resist. Brightly colored wildflowers fill the woodlands and roadsides. Sandhill cranes return and the earth is being tilled and planted.

Summer brings ATV riding, camping, hiking, biking, horse-back riding, swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, golfing, tennis, wild berries and more wildflowers. There are roadside stands with fresh farm produce and strawberries ready for picking. Enjoy community festivals, concerts in the park and fireworks.

Our autumn colors can't be rivaled. Hills and woods come alive with brilliant reds, yellows, oranges, and russets, making a nice contrast to the abundance of evergreens so famous here. Our many varieties of maples and other hardwoods beckon visitors. Farmers are busy harvesting crops.

Winter turns Clark County into a winter wonderland. Snow transforms the landscape into a sparkling fantasyland. It's the perfect place for sledding, cross-country skiing, bird watching, snowmobiling, or making a giant snowman with the kids.



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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Neillsville Winter Carnival last weekend in February. Events include a variety show, basketball, out-door coed volleyball, junior bowling, women's pool tournament, Special Olympics bowling, dart and cribbage tournaments, pancake breakfast, trophy trap shoot, men's pool tournament, and card playing tournaments. 743-6444 for more information.

MARCH

Owen-Withee Lions Ice Fishing Contest and Raffle held the second weekend. Millpond Park. 715-229-2404.

APRIL

Central Wisconsin Horse Sale- Wisconsin's largest horse sale that attracts buyers and sellers from across the United States. A wide variety of horse equipment and horse-drawn vehicles are sold, along with all classes of horses and mules. Held at the Clark County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 10, in Neillsville. Sale dates are the third week of April from Wednesday through Saturday. 715-238-8088.

Owen-Withee-Curtiss EMT Dance- 2nd Saturday in April. Held at the Old Owen school. dance and Raffle, local entertainment. 715-229-2404.

Colby Lions Smelt Feed 4th Wednesday in April. Largest in area. 715-223-4435.

MAY

Memorial Day Ceremonies at The Highground at 2 p.m. Located on Hwy. 10, 4 miles west of Neillsville.

JUNE

Dairy Breakfasts - Clark County is home to numerous Dairy Breakfasts held throughout the month of June. The Dairy Breakfasts are sponsored by local civic groups and are hosted in each community by a family operated farm and have petting zoos, informational booths, farm tours, and door prizes.

Thorp Dairy Days are held the first Thursday through Sunday in June at Thorp North Side Park. Family night, kids' games, bingo, queen's coronation, farmer tractor pull, music, flea market, volleyball tournament, kiddie tractor pull, horse pull, music, fireworks, parade, and antique tractor pull. Food stands. 715-669-3825.

Greenwood Dairy Days are held the second weekend in June. Events include an antique tractor pull, Dairy Days Stampede Run/Walk, bed races, carnival, parade, bingo, raffle, city-wide garage sales, bands and entertainment, queen coronation, firemen's brigade and dunk tank. An old timer's softball tournament also takes place. Be sure to visit the Branstiter Museum. 715-267-6500.

Greenwood Dairy Days Stampede 2 mile and 6 mile Run/Walk is held on the Saturday morning of the Dairy Days festival. Come and enjoy a peaceful run or walk around the scenic Greenwood community. 715-267-6205.

Dorchester Days are held the third weekend in June. Events include the Wisconsin State Championship Tractor Pull, mini-rod pull, truck pull, carnival, softball tournament, horseshoe tournament, bingo, charcoal chicken dinner on Sunday, kiddie parade, street dance, food and refreshments. 715-654-5006.

Withee Days are held the third weekend in June. Activities include a co-ed softball tournament, queen coronation, games bingo, and music. BBQ chicken dinner and a parade are held on Sunday. 715-229-4319.

Quad Quiver Mountain Bike Century is held the end of June. 100-mile off-road mountain bike ride through the Clark County Forest. 715-743-4137.

The Unity Horse Pull is held the last Sunday in June.

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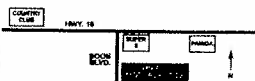
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JULY

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Public Ecumenical Service at 10:30 a.m. at The Highground.

Abbotsford July 4th Fireworks Display held in Red Arrow Park.

Neillsville July 4th Fireworks Display at the Clark County Fairgrounds

Polish Heritage Picnic celebrated the 4th of July at North Side Park in Thorp. 715-669-3825.

Owen Junior Fair is celebrated the second weekend in July at Millpond Park. Carnival rides Friday-Sunday, 3-on-3 basketball, dunk tank, fire department water fights, Old School Marketplace, citywide garage sales, music and fun. Fireworks on Saturday at dark. Parade and chicken dinner on Sunday. 715-229-2404.

Neillsville Heritage Days are held the second weekend in July. The celebration begins Thursday evening with a junior & senior karaoke

contest. Friday is the ATV pull, queen coronation and dance. Saturday: volleyball tournaments, lawn mower races, games for children, plus a live band. Sunday: American Legion chicken feed, parade, live band, money scramble for kids and a hat contest. 715-743-4768.

Greenwood Dairy Days 30 Mile Bicycle Race/Tour is held annually on the second Saturday in July. 715-267-6205.

Colby Cheese Days held annually the third week-end of July.

Willard Polka Fest held the third weekend in July.

Annual Chili-Fremont Firemen's Street Dance is held the third Saturday in July.

Loyal 4th of July Softball tourney and fireworks at the Westside Park. Chamber Concert in the Park on the 3rd Thursday of the Month.

AUGUST

Curtiss Days are held the first weekend in August.

The Clark County Fair is celebrated the second weekend in August, begins Wednesday night with the crowning of the new Miss Clark County. A PRCA Rodeo is held on Saturday at 1:30 and 8:00 p.m. Other activities include truck pulls, entertainment shows, Men's Club Demolition Derby, full line up of performers at the Listeman Band Shell, carnival rides, and great food.

2nd Annual Highground Motorcycle Benefit Tour is held the third Sunday in August starting at various locations in the state. Motorcycles will join the route to meet at The Highground for a picnic and celebration. 715-743-4224.

Annual Highground Bicycle Tour takes place the second weekend in August. 715-743-4224.

Holy Rosary Summerfest held the third weekend in August at Owen Millpond Park. Food, raffles and fun. 715-229-4081.

Loyal Corn Festival held the fourth weekend in August includes softball and horseshoe tournaments, horse, truck and tractor pulls, craft show, Spanky's Run/Walk, carnival, live music and great food including Loyal's famous corn on the cob. The Festival hosts one of the area's best parades including, hometown celebrities Steady Eddie and Travis, Guinness Book of World Record's Stilt Walkers. A hunt for the Golden Ear of Corn begins early August with clues given weekly in the Tribune Record Gleaner Newspaper. The winner receives a cash award. 715-225-8772.

Spanky's Run, a 5K and 10K annual road race held the Saturday morning of the Loyal Corn Festival. T-shirts are given to all participants along with medals to division winners. 715-255-9385.





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SEPTEMBER

Granton Fall Festival, a three day community festival, has been celebrated since 1951 on the first weekend following Labor Day. Focusing on children and family, activities include kid's games, carnival, ball games, flea market, flower show, and festival queen's contest, bed races, and a mile-long parade.

Old Owen School Arts/Antiques and Marketplace. (Formerly Art in the Barn.) Third weekend of September. Features works of local, rural, and small town artisans. 716-229-2245.

Central Wisconsin Horse Sale, Wisconsin's largest horse sale, is held Wednesday through Saturday in September. 715-238-8088.

OCTOBER

Thorp Pumpkin Festival held the first Saturday in October. This family event includes pumpkin carving, hay rides, crafters, farmer's market, bake sales, and much, much more. Enjoy many cultural activities amid the color of the season in Thorp. 715-669-5531.

NOVEMBER

Veterans Day Observance at The Highground at 2:00 p.m.

Loyal American Legion Craft Sale third Thursday of the month. 715-255-8373.

DECEMBER

Abbotsford Christmas Parade has been enjoyed for years by thousands of spectators on the first Saturday of December. The excitement of the lights and music add to the parade which is held at 7:30 p.m. The parade includes floats and walking units. Hundreds of characters participate. The event is sponsored by the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce.



"Christmas Traditions Home Tour" sponsored by Neillsville UCC is held the first Saturday in December. Call 715-743-2250 or 715-743-2147 for information.

Owen-Withee Jaycees Christmas Arts and Crafts Show and O-W Lions Santa Day. Visits with Santa, sleigh Rides. 2nd Saturday of December. O-W High School. 715-229-2404 .

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Abbotsford

Abbotsford, at the junction of Highways 29 & 13, is home to over 160 businesses and industries which provide a wide variety of services and employment opportunities. The school district offers a well-balanced curriculum with modern classrooms and technical facilities. The city has a library, bowling alley, softball and baseball diamonds, parks, movie theater, many

restaurants, a golf-driving range, indoor swimming pool and tennis courts. There are numerous antique shops in the city and surrounding area. Industry is served by two major highways and railway freight service.

Abbotsford is home to the annual Abbotsford Christmas Parade, held since 1971, on the first Saturday in December at 7:30 p.m. The parade features costumed characters and colorfully lit floats and delights thousands of spectators who come from all over Wisconsin each year. Another well-known Abbotsford attraction is the huge ice cream cone sold at a local dairy store. This community in the heart of dairyland is proud of its farm community heritage. ■



Colby

Colby, a small city in northern Clark County, was named for the Colby family who was instrumental in bringing the Wisconsin Central Railroad to the area in the 1870's. A historical marker notes the development of "Colby Cheese" by Joseph Steinwand in the 1880's. Steinwand's development stood apart from the others because it was the only natural cheese native to the United States of America.

The Clark County Historical Society has established the Rural Arts Museum in Colby. The Colby Chamber of Commerce and the Colby Future Farmers of America Alumni sponsor the annual Dairy Breakfast on a Colby area farm each June. Another annual event is Colby Cheese Days. Come and visit Colby, "Home of the Famous Colby Cheese!" ■



Curtiss

Curtiss is a friendly little village located at the intersection of County Highway E and State Highway 29. This section of County E was the route of the historic Yellowstone Trail.

Come see the Cloverdale Country Store and Abbyland Travel Plaza,

El Norteno Restaurant/Bar (houses an indoor basketball and volleyball court – the site of numerous events), a beautiful park with a shelter that has kitchen facilities and is the home of an annual Easter egg hunt with thousands attending. The Curtiss Community Center is a historic school that was built in 1912 and is being renovated. The building is, as its name implies, the Center of the Community. Curtiss is also the home of Abbyland Pork Pack, Inc, one of the area's largest employers. Better. Believe it! ■

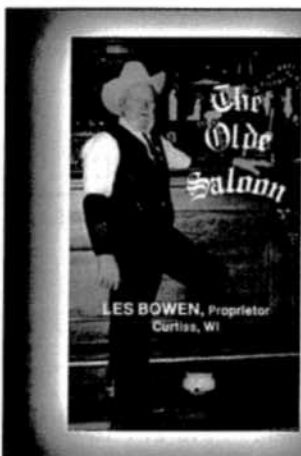


Dorchester

Named after Dorchester, Massachusetts (a suburb of Boston) the Dorchester name travelled west to Wisconsin with Charles L. Colby and the arrival of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company in 1873.

Dorchester was later incorporated in 1901. Dorchester is a small community with a large variety of year-round activities. Our beautiful 43-acre park is the site of the S.S. Dorchester Memorial, honoring over 600 men who died in WWII off the coast of New Foundland in 1942.

June brings the annual Dorchester Days. A June Dairy Breakfast is hosted by area farmers. Dorchester is a friendly, small village with something for everyone. ■



Les Bowen Builds A Sign

Les Bowen is a real booster of the Yellowstone Trail. Look at the sign he designed and put up at the east and the west approaches to the little town of Curtiss, Wisconsin.

Curtiss lies on the Trail and Bowen recalled that he walked the Trail every school day as a youth. Of course, in the 1920's, snow was really snow, there were no school buses, and Les remembers trudging the Trail. He said that everyone in the farming area knew the Trail well. It went right down the main street before making a right angle turn along a section line and moving west along what is now Willow Road.

Les is quite a character at 88, quick of step and smile. Curtiss owes much to his business acumen for he owns or has owned about half of the town, moving from cattle-buying in his youth to being a restaurateur at present, always in his Stetson hat.

Although Les, alone, caused the big welcome signs to be built, the local Lion's Club has taken an interest in the Trail and plans to erect a historic sign downtown, outlining the life of the Trail as part of the town's history. They also plan to erect road signs marking the Trail's route through town.

Good work, Les!





Granton

Granton is a modern little village of about 420 residents that serves approximately 3,000 rural people. The park, hills, ravines, woods, and river provide playgrounds all year round. Back from the main street stretch our homes, with their large shaded lawns, our churches, with their sturdy steeples, and our school, which is the pride of the entire

community. The Granton area is rich in agriculture with dairy farming and cheese making predominating.

The Granton Fall Festival is a major event held annually on the weekend after Labor Day. Granton is a small city with friendly people ready to greet you! ■

Greenwood



Greenwood, originating from the combination of two previous names, Greenland and Land of the Big Woods, was incorporated in 1891. Greenwood, the center of Clark County, boasts a thriving agricultural industry evident by the prosperous farms and milk processing plants along with, Grassland Dairy, one of the largest butter plants in the United States.

Summer events include June Dairy Days, the Stampede Run/Walk, a 45-mile bicycle race held in July, Concerts in the Park, truck pull, mud-bog race and numerous softball tournaments. Enjoy the Christmas Tour of Homes held the second Saturday in December every other year. The tour will be held again in 2006. Visit the Branstiter Main Streets of Greenwood Museum and the Robert Schofield House (listed on the National Register of Historic Places.) ■

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Loyal

Loyal was so named because of the patriotic nature of the men of the pioneer town who went off to protect the Union during the Civil War in the 1860's. Loyal was established in 1870. Logging and pioneer farming brought settlers to the area that is now well

known for its productive land use and dairy heritage, and serves as a hub of a large agricultural area.

Loyal has three City parks. The West Side Community Park has two baseball fields, a small golf course, volleyball court and a sheltered pavilion for family outings. The park is also home to a Veterans Memorial, honoring its past war veterans. It was inspired by the 2001-2002 eighth grade class, and funded by community donations.

The City may be best known for its annual August Corn Fest. It features Spanky's 5 and 10k run/walk, free corn on the cob, and evening truck and tractor pull and a Sunday parade down Main Street. August also features a classic car show on Nostalgia Night. ■

Neillsville

The City of Neillsville began as a lumbering site on the wide O'Neill Creek. Neillsville was platted for James O'Neill in 1855 and became a city in 1882.

Today, the O'Neill Creek flows through the center of town and drains into the rocky Black River. The Black River cuts its way through the moraines of Wisconsin and winds past Neillsville on its way westward to empty into the Mississippi River.

Visitors are drawn to the 1897 Jail Museum, The Tufts' Mansion, the WCCN Wisconsin Pavilion and Gift Shop, The Highground, and the Listeman Arboretum. Other activities include Neillsville Heritage Days, the Clark County Fair, and Neillsville Winter Carnival. The Neillsville area also offers several motels, a number of fine eating establishments, a golf course, tennis court and airport. ■



Owen

The City of Owen was founded in 1883 by the lumber baron, John S. Owen. Incorporated in 1904, the historic main street is still a reminder of the "Good Old Days".

The Woodland Hotel is the centerpiece of Central Avenue which is situated on the Yellowstone Trail. At the end of "Main Street" is the Old Owen School, recent addition to the State and National Historical Registers. The School is used today for many community events such as concerts, art fairs and an after-school program. The tranquil yet busy area is a welcome respite to weary travelers off busy Highway 29.

Outdoor recreation is the name of the game for Owen residents and visitors alike. Convenient to many fishing spots, hunting areas, hiking, biking and picnicking, the city parks are a get away of their own. Owen is central to many destinations on snowmobile trails as well. The Millpond is always an active place with its welcoming atmosphere. Our golf course offers 9 holes of challenging golf right within the city. Whether sightseeing or just passing by, Owen is a welcoming place that will bring you back! ■



Welcome to Loyal

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- Three city parks with baseball diamonds, a small golf course, volleyball, a serene pond, and covered shelters for outings
- New "City View Estates" housing subdivision
- Expanded Industrial Park

Event Calendar

June - Dairy Breakfast
 July - Fireworks. Concert in the Park
 August - Corn Festival & Parade
 Classic Car Show
 October - St. Anthony Fall Festival
 November - Thanksgiving Day Ecumenical Dinner
 December - Christmas Lighting Contest
 Yearly - American Legion Steak Feed
 3rd Monday of every month.

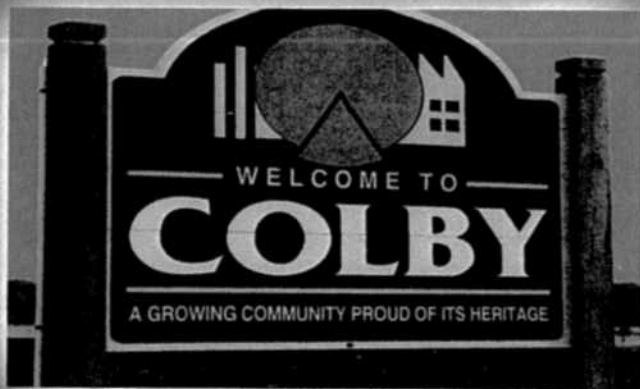
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June Dairy Breakfast

This event takes place on a Colby area farm on the 4th Sunday in June each year.

Lions Smelt Feed

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Colby Cheese Days

An annual event since 1965 held on the third Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in July. Activities include: ATV pull, Main Street Parade, Street Dances, Tractor Pull, Amusement Midway and free Colby Cheese. A Weekend of Entertainment and Fun for the Whole Family .



An Ideal Location

Colby is within an hour drive of Eau Claire, Wausau, Medford or Marshfield and only a few hours from Green Bay, Milwaukee, Madison or Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Colby features an industrial park, owned by the City of Colby. Some of our largest manufacturers are Colby Metal Inc. (contract sheet metal fabrication), Kelly Supply, Inc. (wholesale distributor to the food and dairy industry), Packaging Corporation of America, (one of the largest producers of paperbound and packing materials).



Monster Hall Campground

Campsites are either primitive or have water/electric hook-ups. The campground is also a member of Good Sam's, Woodall, Family Motor Coach, and Gulf Streamer's RV Clubs.



The Rural Arts Museum

The museum consists of the original railroad depot from the City of Colby and a one-room country school. A log home that was used for almost a century has also been added. The Rural Arts Museum entered a second era of development, the Heritage Building was built for the display of artifacts, during Wisconsin's sesquicentennial year. It features a rural main street in the 1890's. The Rural Arts Museum is operated by volunteers and benefactors and is open Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day and also by appointment. Call (715) 223-2712.

Stanley



Stanley is experiencing a "Rural Renaissance." The city is home to Ace Ethanol, Wisconsin's first large-scale producer of ethanol, and the Stanley Correctional Institution, a medium security facility housing 1500 inmates and employing 405.

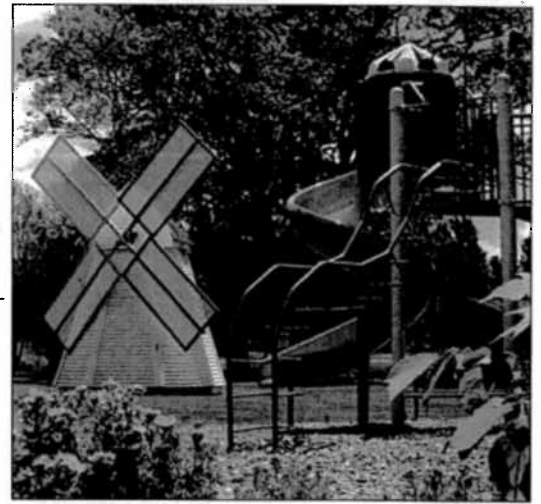
The community is known for Chapman Park, with its annual rodeo, modern campgrounds, game parks, ball fields, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts. Otter Lake recreation area is seven miles north of Stanley, and is just one of the areas offering fishing and hunting opportunities and recreational trails. The Stanley Area Historical Society Museum draws visitors from near and far, and the com-

munity has a pool and fitness center at the high school.

Stanley has motels close to unique downtown stores and restaurants, and businesses and professional services ready to meet the needs of residents and visitors. ■

Thorp

In 1870 the City of Thorp was a land of timber; the abundant pines and hardwoods were the base of the area's first industries, in shingles, barrel staves, and charcoal. The earth furnished red clay for bricks used to construct businesses and



homes, many of which are still in use. In the early 1900's, dairying was so well established that farmers brought cheese makers to the area to begin processing our now famous cheeses. These cheeses and traditional sausages can still be purchased as you travel through our beautiful four-season area.

The original Boardman and Indian trails became part of the famous Yellowstone Trail, where you will find excellent food, antique and gift shops, Mennonite and Amish markets, and wayside produce sales. ■

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Unity

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Creed and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Henry Darling first settled the Village of Unity in 1872. Creed was the one who chose the name Unity because of the unification of the people who had settled here. In 1873 a man named Mr. J.D. Spaulding came to Unity from Black River Falls and built a sawmill. This sawmill opened up many new jobs, created a high demand for hotels and homes to be built. Thus, Unity began growing. In 1874 Unity built its first one-room schoolhouse and in the same year, the railroad was completed. In 1883, John R. Salter organized the construction of the first High School; that burned down in the fall of 1890. A new grade school/high school was built in 1910. The first church was built in 1880; and destroyed by a tornado in 1905. Due to hard work, the small town became home to as many as 424 people. Unity established itself to be a very prosperous community with pride in the rich heritage that has been here before us. ■



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The City of Stanley knows how to enjoy the outdoors. Chapman Park Campgrounds, on the west side of Stanley, offers spacious sites, electricity, flush toilets, showers and a dump station. In addition, the park features numerous picnic areas, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, and deer and elk game parks.

moraine deposits in Wisconsin. In the Stanley area miles of well groomed snowmobile and cross-country ski trails provide enjoyment during the winter months.

Business and Industrial Parks - the city has purchased 420 acres of land along Highway 29. 390 acres are available for housing, business and industrial development.

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The Otter Lake recreational area is located 7 miles north of Stanley. The bountiful lake provides fishing during all seasons. An esker on the west side of the lake is one of the larger undistributed terminal

Willard

The first settlers arrived in Willard around 1907. In its early days, Willard was considered a logging area. Throughout the years, the land was converted and used for agricultural purposes.



Willard is widely known for its annual Polka Fest. There are numerous facilities that enhance the area such as Rock Dam and Mead Lake, two good fishing and recreational camping lakes within 7 miles of Willard. Snowmobile and ATV trails lead into Willard during the winter recreational seasons. ■

Withee

The Village of Withee is a small friendly community of about 500 people located off of State Hwy 29. The village was incorporated in 1901 and has gone from logging trails to super highways.



Withee has been progressive in business, pleasure and friendly in spirit, a place to raise families in a safe and prosperous environment.

Withee has a great mixture of old history plus new business and expansion. You could consider it the best of both worlds, keeping the tradition, but moving on with the times.

There are so many things that make Withee a fun place to live. We have leagues of summer softball, horseshoes, pool, darts, bowling, archery and many others. The Lions Park has a playground and a pavilion for parties. The village is located near the Black River for canoeing and fishing. Withee is also part of the Yellowstone Trail.

Withee is a great place for everyone - whether it's to raise a family, retire or start a place. Come see us! ■



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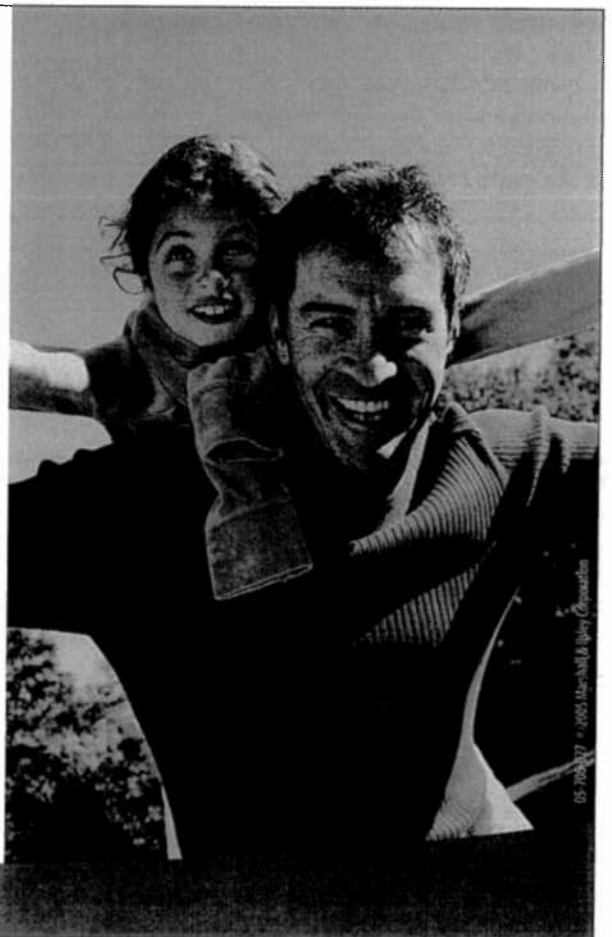
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Water Resources & Wildlife



Clark County has 590 miles of streams that are divided into three major river basins. They are the Chippewa Basin in the west, the Black River in the central, and the Wisconsin River in the eastern portion of the County. There are seven major impoundments that support sport fishing. Lake Arbutus, Mead Lake, and the Black River provide the most diverse fisheries in Clark County. Muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, and perch can be caught by anglers. Dickison Creek in Butler township is considered the best trout stream in Clark County. Many of the impoundments in Clark County are also managed for waterfowl habitat. Sportsman's Lake, north of Owen, and the Winx Flowage near Neillsville provide many acres of water-



fowl breeding, nesting and rearing habitat. Mallards, teal, wood ducks and geese commonly frequent these areas.

Clark County also has an abundant wildlife population, which attracts many hunters to the area. Whitetail deer populations average 20-25 deer per square mile of deer range. Turkey populations have been increasing county-wide with several zones of

hunting numbers. There is also a healthy population of black bear in the county. Ducks, geese, and ruffed grouse are numerous and provide ample opportunity for hunters.

Clark County is also home to a number of Wisconsin's endangered species, including the peregrine falcon, eastern massasauga rattlesnake, barn owl, red-shouldered hawk, great egret, blanding's turtle, bald eagle, cooper's hawk and the karner blue butterfly.

Clark County Forest

Wisconsin's County Forest Program is rich in history and admirable in accomplishments. County Forests originated in the Badger State and are found in only two others - Michigan and Minnesota. County Forests were created to rescue lands left abandoned by cut-and-run logging or failed homesteads of the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The Clark County Forest was established in 1934 and currently covers nearly 133,000 acres. The landscape of the County Forest supports thriving forest communities and abundant recreational opportunities.

Wildlife is an integral component of the biological communities and processes that occur within the Clark County Forest.



Literally hundreds of species of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish and insects may be found in the various habitats of the forest. Hunters take deer, bear, geese, ducks, grouse, turkeys and a variety of other game species.

There are many miles of County Forest trails designated for snowmobiling, ATVs, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. Additionally, roads and trails throughout the forest provide access for hunting and trapping, camping, scenic drives, wildlife observation, berry picking and fishing.

While providing important habitat for wildlife and meeting the needs of a recreating public, the Clark County Forest continues to be a tremendous supplier of raw forest products for wood-using industries. Through intensive sustainable forest management, these products and amenities are provided for future generations. For further information, please call Clark County Forestry and Parks Department at 715-743-5140.

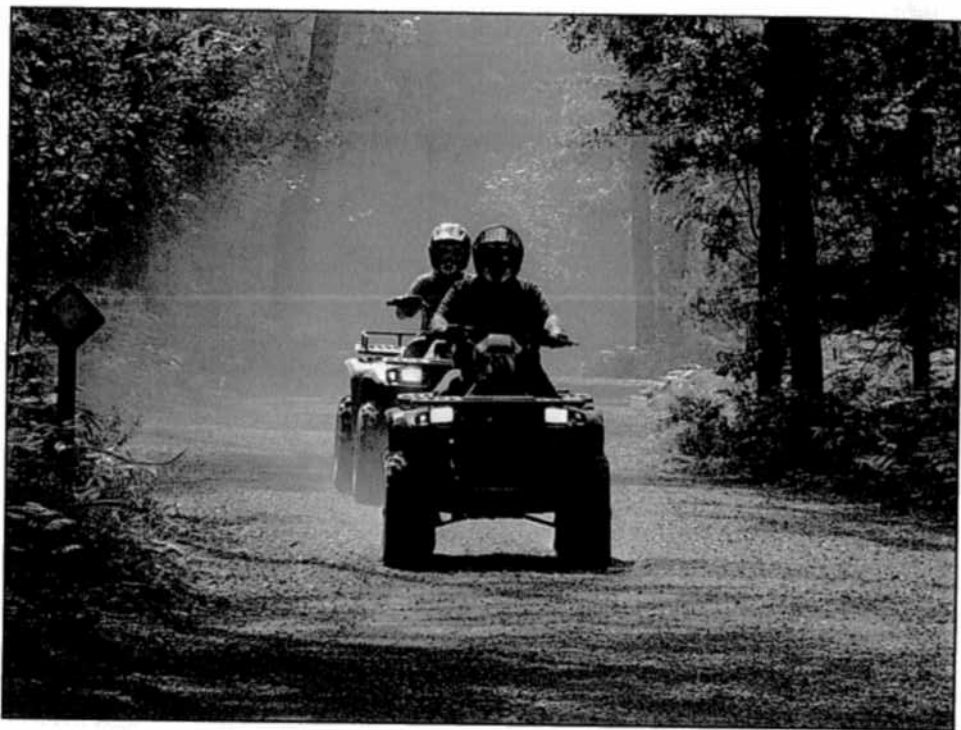
Clark County Agriculture

Clark County Agriculture revolves around the dairy industry. Clark County has more than 1,100 dairy farms and some 63,500 cows, more than any other county in Wisconsin. More than 1 billion pounds of milk, worth over \$13 million, is produced in Clark County, which ranks it as a top 20 dairy county in the United States. To produce all of this milk, the county's farmers grow and harvest more than 1 million tons of forage and over 8 million bushels of corn for grain.

Dairy processing is subsequently very important in the county's employment. Clark County is home to one of the largest butter producers in the United States. Nine different firms process milk or dairy products in Clark County. The products include grated parmesan cheese, colby cheese, bleu cheese, dairy flavorings and dry products as well as american-style cheeses.

Recreational Opportunities

For information, maps, brochures, trail conditions and updates contact the Clark County Forestry and Parks Department, 517 Court St., Neillsville, WI 54456. 715-743-5140 or 1-888-CLARK WI. The web-site address is: www.co.clark.wi.us.



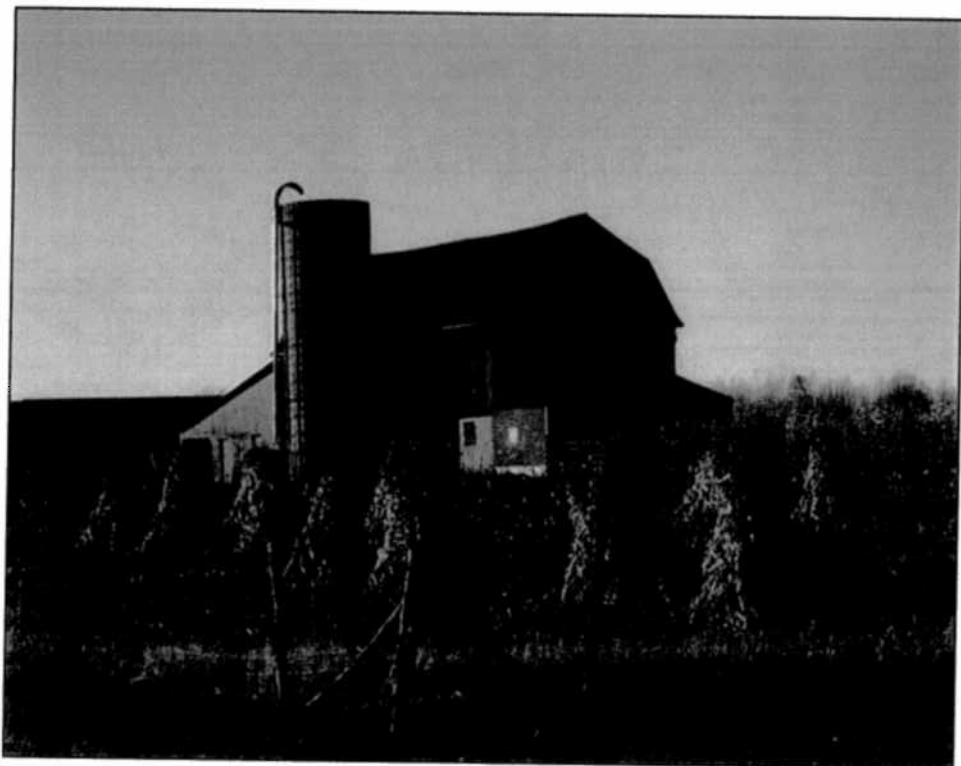
All Terrain Vehicles

More than 135 miles of summer use trails and routes wind and loop through the 133,000-acre Clark County Forest. Additional winter mileage is available. Convenient trail access is located throughout the County Forest and amenities include parking lots, loading ramps, day-use areas, fuel and food. In addition, the county's ATV trails offer access to five County

Campgrounds. Trails are closed annually from March 15 to May 1.

Bicycling

Lightly traveled town and country roads provide good opportunities for cycling. The scenic and rolling landscape of the Clark County Forest provides boundless adventures in a peaceful setting.





(Location in brackets - see map pages 18 & 19)

Bruce Mound Winter Sports Area (D-15)

We pride ourselves in being one of Wisconsin's premium downhill skiing, snowboard and tubing leisure activity destinations. Slopes are lighted for evening adventures and state of the art snowmaking assures plenty of snow throughout the season.

Golfing (I-12, I-3, K-8)

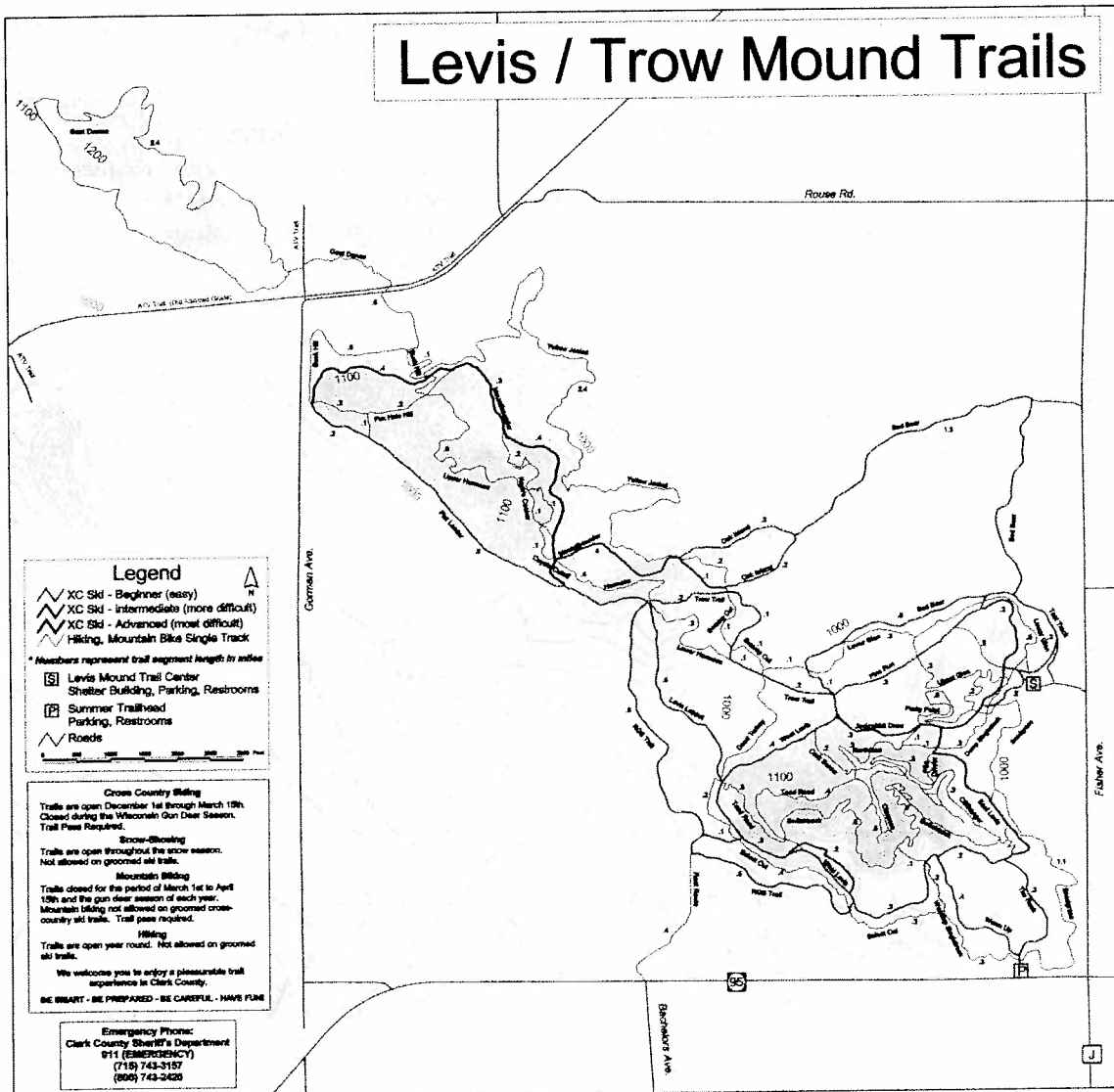
Clark County offers three golf courses that range in skill level and size. However, one item remains constant at all three: picturesque scenery and a relaxing experience. Neillsville Country Club and Meadowview Golf Course, located in Owen, offer nine challenging holes. Loyal Park features a five-hole course for the casual golfer.

Knobby Ridge Motorcycle Trail (E-11)

As one of only a few single-track motorcycle trails in Wisconsin, Knobby Ridge offers more than 16 miles of looped trail through the County Forest. The trail-head is located 8 miles west of Neillsville. Overnight accommodations are available nearby at county campgrounds.

Levis/Trow Mound Recreational Area (E-14)

Clark County is proud to offer one of the finest non-motorized trail systems in Wisconsin. Mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing are available on 34 miles of trail that journey through a portion of the 133,000-acre County Forest. The sandstone bluffs are just one of the unique natural features trail users enjoy here.



Snowmobiling

Clark County offers more than 370 miles of well-groomed trails. Private and public lands, woodlots and fields provide links to several communities. The trail system is a major link in the state corridor network and adjoining counties.

Water Based Recreation

Clark County offers visitors the silence of paddling a canoe, as well as the thrills of water skiing, and the relaxation of pleasure boating. In addition to the many county lakes and swimming beaches, the area has some 120 miles of canoeable streams.

Wildlife

Sight-seeing amongst the county's rolling, wooded hills interspersed with farms, streams, forests, lakes and marshes attracts visitors and residents alike. Scenic drives or casual hikes, especially in the fall, on the miles of roads and nearly 100 miles of trails presents the nature lover plenty of opportunity to experience wildlife in a natural setting. Hunting is available on the 133,000-acre County Forest along with other public

and private lands. The county boasts excellent deer, ruffed grouse, rabbit and squirrel pursuits. Varied species ranging from black bear to otter find the County Forest a favorable breeding ground. Fishing in Clark County provides opportunities to catch muskellunge, walleye, large and smallmouth bass, northern pike and panfish. Twenty miles of trout stream are also available.

Wild Rock Horse Trails (C-9)

More than 41 miles of interconnected trail loops, located near Wild Rock Campground, are available for horseback riders to explore. The trail system uses Clark County forest lands, and ranges from easy to more difficult terrain.

Campgrounds and Parks

Clark County offers seven campgrounds, ranging from primitive to modern. Modern campgrounds include shower house, flush



toilet, beach area, boat landing, shelter, play area, laundromat and convenience store amenities and much more. ATV, mountain biking and hiking trail access may also be found.

Advanced reservations are welcome at several Clark County Campgrounds while others are occupied on a first-come basis. Camping fees vary, depending on camping needs and preferences. For information, call 715-743-5140 or visit the website at www.co.clark.wi.us.

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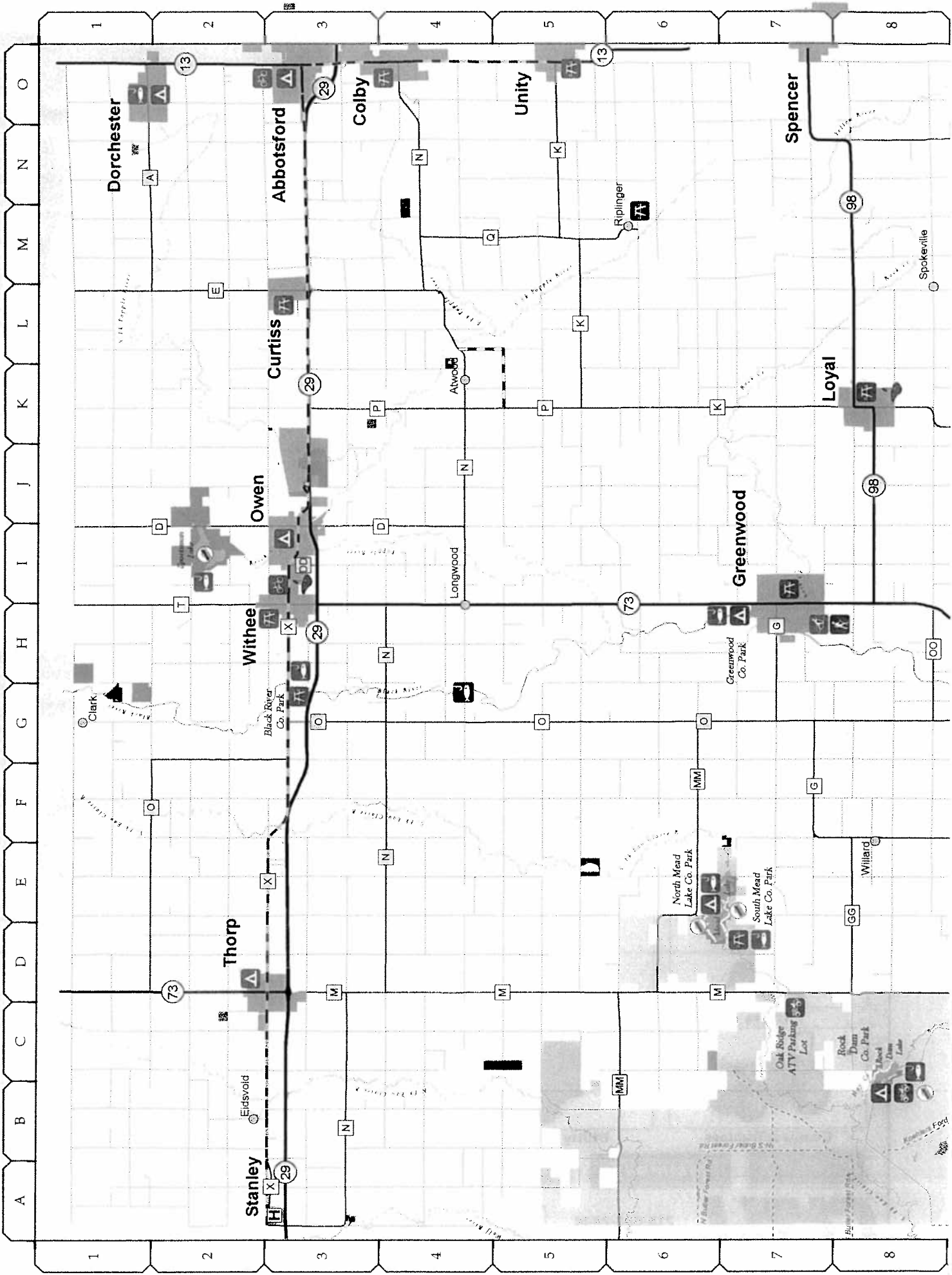


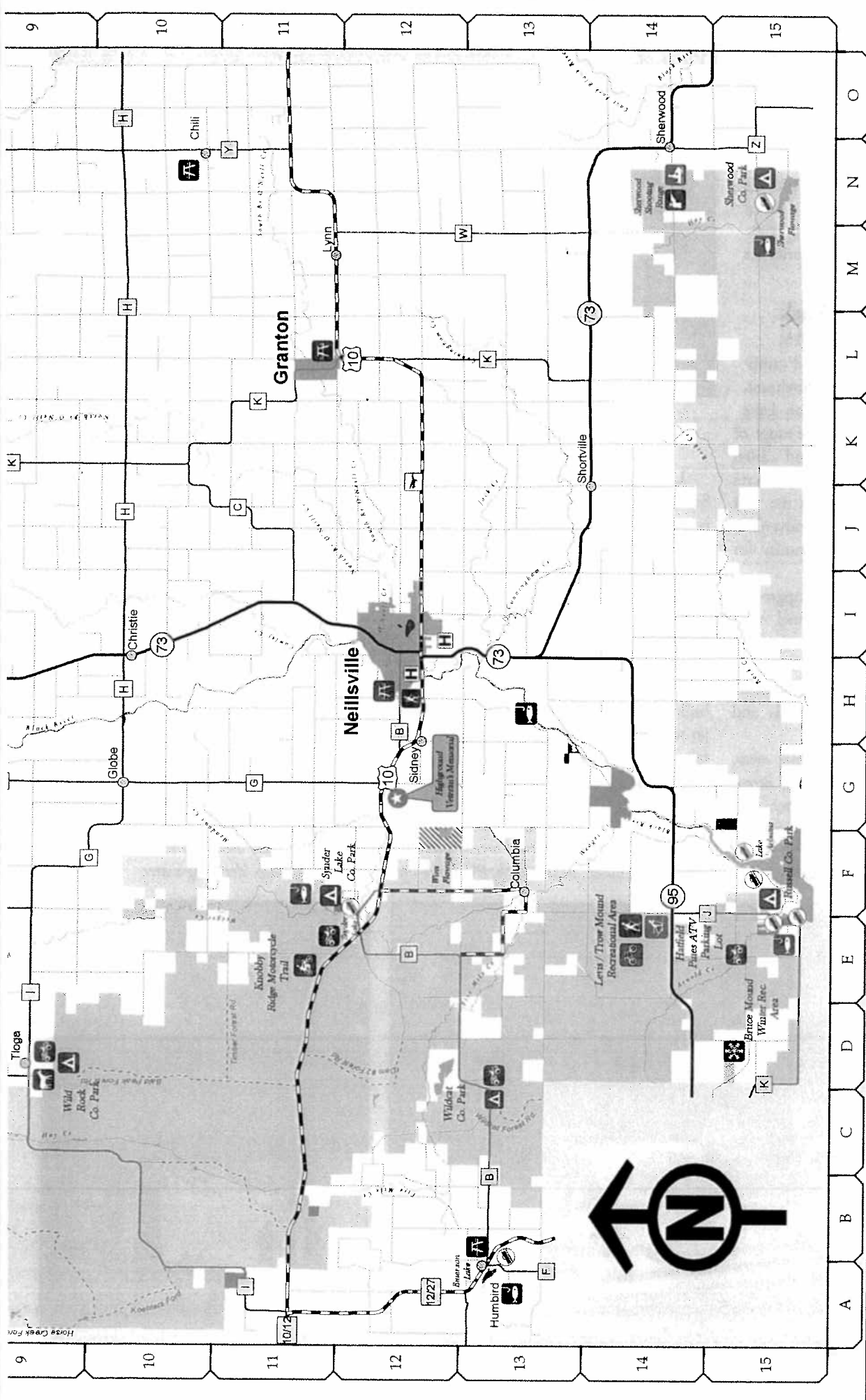
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	Bruce Mound Winter Recreation		Cross Country Ski Trail		Forest Roads
	ATV / Snowmobile Trail Parking		Snowmobile Parking Lot		Local Roads
	Public Fishing Access		Knobby Ridge		Yellowstone Trail
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			Public Boat Landing		
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Clark County's 11 parks are located throughout the vast 133,000-acre forest. Each offers special features to accommodate visitors and local residents – scenic vistas, picnicking facilities, spots for relaxation and reflection, and more.

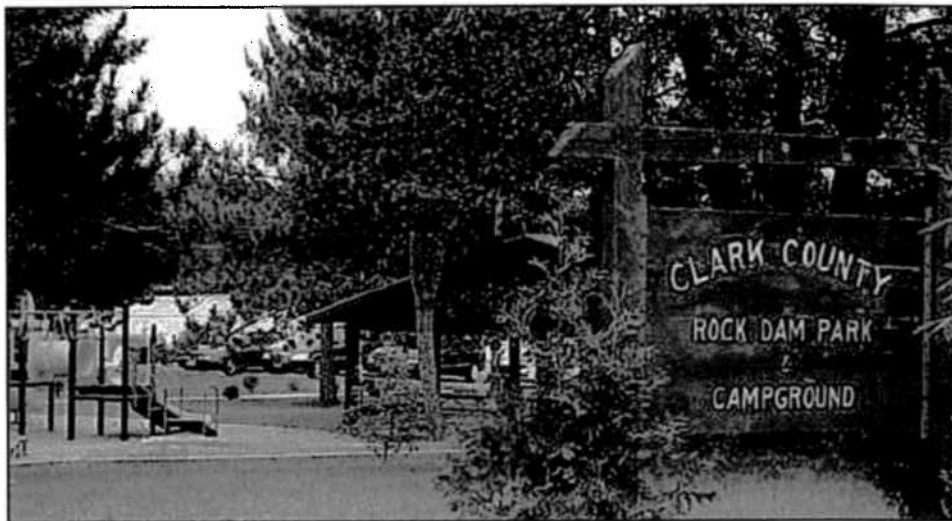
Clark County communities also provide countless day-use park facilities. Most facilities and ball fields are available without charge. You will see why memories are made in Clark County.

Russell Memorial Park and Campground (F-15)

Clark County's premier park and campground is in the Town of Dewhurst, Section 34, County Highway J on Lake Arbutus. Russell Park offers a wide range of modern amenities for campers and casual visitors. Lake Arbutus consists of 821 acres of surface water and is touted as the best fishery in Clark County. Four convenient boat landings offer ample opportunity for water-based recreation.

Russell Memorial Park and Campground is close to Levis Mound Recreational Area. Levis is commonly referred to as the best mountain-bike trail system in the Midwest. In addition to mountain-bike opportunities, Levis offers exceptional hiking trails and breath-taking scenery.

Amenities: 230 campsites, picnic areas, beach area, 3 shower houses, fishing access, trail access, flush toilets, drinking water, boat launch, paved roads, convenience store, firewood, R.V. full hook-up, laundromat, shelters, electric hook-ups, R.V. dump station, play areas.



Rock Dam Park and Campground (B-8)

Located in the Town of North Foster, Section 15, Camp Globe Road. Rock Dam is nestled in the heart of vast acreage of Clark County Forest. Modern camping and recreational conveniences provide for multi-season outdoor experiences. The associated Rock Dam Lake offers water-based recreation and relaxation.

Rock Dam County Park is a hub area for forest-based recreation. A heated shower building makes Rock Dam Campground a go-to place for the spring turkey hunt and fall deer season. ATV enthusiasts can enjoy immediate campsite trail access, with a wide variety of trail riding experiences.

Amenities: 150 campsites, beach area, firewood, 2 Shower houses, trail access, drinking water, flush toilets, boat launch, RV dump site,

paved roads, fishing access, play areas, RV full hook-up, picnic areas, electric hook-ups, convenience store, shelters, laundromat.

Mead Lake Park and Campground (D-6)

Located in the Town of Mead, Section 29, North Lake Road. Mead Lake is the second largest lake in Clark County, providing for excellent fishing opportunities. Two public boat landings serve the lake; one is at the campground.

Multi-season and extended camping stays were enhanced with the addition of a shower building and electric upgrades.

Amenities: 71 campsites, picnic area, firewood, shower house, shelters, RV dump site, vault toilets, play areas, fishing, electric hook-ups, boat launch, drinking water.



Sherwood Park and Campground (N-15)

Located in the Town of Sherwood, Section 34, Dyer Road. Sherwood County Park offers a quiet place to enjoy a slower pace of life. The setting is remote and the fishing is fine. Visitors feel like they're 100 miles away from the rest of the world.

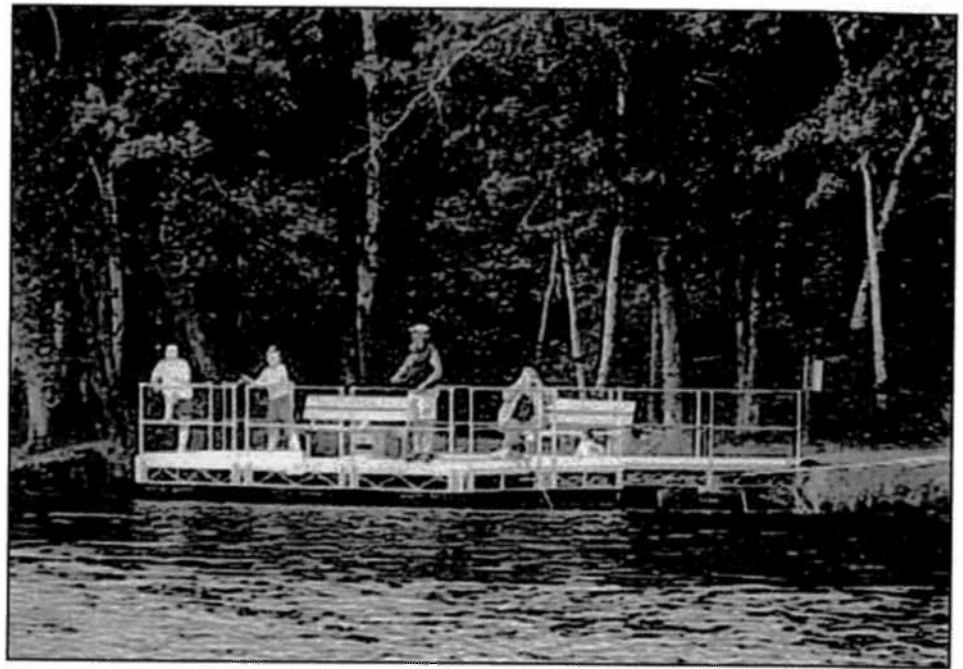
As with all Clark County campgrounds, recent improvements to camping and day use areas help visitors enjoy a quality outdoor recreation experience.

Amenities: 36 campsites, picnic area, vault toilets, beach area, drinking water, shelter, paved roads, boat launch, play areas, electric hook-ups, fishing access, firewood, R.V. dump station.

Snyder Park and Campground (F-12)

Located in the Town of Hewett, Section 11, Arndt Road. The peaceful and relaxing setting of Snyder County Park offers a quality family recreational experience. This park and campground is located on the 28-acre Snyder Lake. Snyder is a no-wake lake, providing for slower-paced water recreation. Recent improvements to Snyder Park and Campground have provided for exceptional camping opportunities.

Amenities: 32 campsites, beach area, RV dump site, vault toilets, trail access, drinking water, paved roads, boat launch, picnic areas, electric hook-ups, fishing access, play areas, firewood, shelters.



Wild Rock Park and Campground (C-9)

Located in the Town of South Foster, Section 1, Bald Peak Forest Road. Wild Rock Park is the most recent addition to Clark County's repertoire of quality camping facilities. Campground expansions and improvements are focused on establishing Wild Rock as an uncommon destination for ATV and horseback trail pursuits.

Wild Rock has long been recognized as a desired destination for horseback riding trails. Recent expansions now provide for more than 41 miles of horseback trail.

Centrally located within the Clark County

ATV trail system, Wild Rock is fast becoming a key destination for many ATV enthusiasts.

Amenities: 30 campsites, drinking water, RV dumpsite, vault toilets, picnic area, play area, electric hook-ups, trail access, firewood, shelters.

Greenwood Park and Campground (H-7)

Located in the Town of Warner, Section 34, West of Century Road. Greenwood County Park and Campground is located on the scenic Black River. This open-air park is a popular spot for family reunions.

Amenities: 14 campsites, shelters, drinking water, vault toilets, play areas, picnic areas, electric, fishing access.

Wildcat Mound Park (C-13)

Located in the Town of Mentor, Section 25, Wildcat Forest Road. Wildcat Mound is a spectacular feature in southwest Clark County. Wildcat offers hiking opportunities with outstanding scenic vistas. The park is a popular spot during fall color season.

Amenities: drinking water, vault toilet, picnic area, remote camping, trail access.

Humbird Park (A-13)

Located on Emerson Lake in the Town of Mentor, Section 29, County Highway F. Humbird County Park offers a convenient spot to relax and enjoy a family cookout.

Amenities: drinking water, shelter, play area, vault toilet, picnic area, boat landing, fishing access.

South Mead Lake Park (E-7)

Located in the Town of Mead, Section 29, South Lake Road. South Mead Lake County Park is a popular spot for family reunion gatherings and family recreation.

Amenities: *shelter, picnic area, play area, boat landing, fishing access, vault toilet, drinking water.*



Black River Park (G-3)

Located in the Town of Longwood, Section 5, State Highway 29. Black River County Park is an easy stop while traveling Highway 29. The park is located on the scenic Black River.

Amenities: *shelter, picnic area, vault toilet, drinking water, fishing access.*

Abbotsford (O-3)

Red Arrow Park is located in the western part of Abbotsford just south of the High School. The park has a 20'x36' picnic shelter on a slab with a peaked roof and half walls on 2 1/2 sides. It also has an added enclosed, heated shelter, next to the open picnic shelter with a complete kitchen, that can seat up to 40 in case of inclement weather, with bathroom facilities. There are picnic tables and six freestanding grills in a nicely landscaped area featuring large shade trees and play equipment. There are two tetherball poles, a large and small slide, six swings, a jungle gym, two whirligigs, four riding animals on springs and a volleyball court next to the playground area.

Ball Park is to the west of the High School. It has one fenced in practice field and a fenced and lighted playing field. There are bleachers, an announcer's booth and a scoreboard. It also has a 22'x40' shelter with an attached 22'x35' building

housing restrooms and a concession stand. Adjacent to the shelter is a large play area filled with sand and a few pieces of play equipment. Abbotsford High School plays its softball games on this field. Additionally, all of the summer little league and pop Warner baseball games are played here.

Shortner Park is an entirely new park made up of 40 acres just north of Abbotsford. There is camping, fishing, and a picnic area with two large ponds. An open-air shelter is available with picnic tables to accommodate up to 40 people. This park can be used for winter recreational activities such as sledding, tobogganing, small-scale skiing and skating.

Colby (O-3)

The **Ball Park** has a concession stand, picnic shelter, a sand box, and rest room facilities.

The **North First Street Park** has a basketball court, tennis court, volleyball court, and an open small shelter.

Kiddie Park has a playground, two picnic shelters, a tennis court, and a Colby historical marker.

Dalton's Park has a hill for sledding in the winter.

Curtiss (L-3)

The **Curtiss Village Park** is located in the center of town, near the bank, village office, and post office. The park includes a camping area with modern facilities. Curtiss has a ball diamond, tennis court, playground area, and a large modern shelter with attached kitchen. It's just the answer for summer reunions and other

gatherings. In winter, a well-groomed snowmobile trail runs through Curtiss.

Dorchester (O-1)

Dorchester Park is a beautiful 43-acre park offering tennis, basketball, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, camping, picnicking, hiking, biking, fishing (in our 10 acre lake), a cross-country ski trail and the simple serenity of enjoying nature. The park is also the site of the S.S. Dorchester Memorial, honoring over 600 men who died in WWII off the coast of Newfoundland in 1942. Snowmobile trails pass through Dorchester, providing outlets to all major trails in the area.

Granton (L-11)

The **Granton Community Park** on the banks of O'Neill Creek features two shelters with picnic tables, a fishing pond, gazebo, playground equipment, tennis courts, bathroom facilities, and one of Wisconsin's finest ball diamonds.

Greenwood (I-7)

The **Greenwood City Park** is located at 102 North Main Street. The park includes a Peace Monument, playground equipment, lion drinking fountain, park benches and picnic tables. It hosts concerts in the park during the month of July and an ice skating rink in the winter.

The **George Scherer Athletic Park** is located at 203 East Shofield Avenue. The park has 3 shelters that can be used for weddings, family reunions or just get-togethers. The park is host to many softball games and tournaments during the summer. The park is where our large firework display is held in July. The park consists of a volleyball court, basketball court, horseshoe pits, drinking fountain, playground equipment and bathroom facilities. Our Greenwood Dairy Days festivities are held at the park. During the winter months the basketball court becomes a hockey size ice skating rink.

Loyal (K-8)

The **West Side Community Park** has two baseball diamonds, a large shelter, volleyball court, golf course and a war memorial.

East Side Park has a fishing pond, shelter and an ice rink in winter.

Neillsville (H-2)

Schuster Park has two pavilions with picnic tables, toys for kids, a tennis court, skateboard park and a frisbee golf course.

Mt. Moldy Park is a toboggan and sled hill with an ice skating rink in the winter.

The Listeman Arboretum, composed of 50 acres of woodland groomed trails along the Black River offers benches, a shelter with picnic tables, baseball/softball diamond, and a fishing pond for kids under 12 years of age.

Cliff's Park has baseball/softball diamonds, basketball court, volleyball court, toys for kids and an ice skating pond in the winter.

Tock Field has baseball/softball diamonds, toys for kids and in the winter turns into an ice skating pond.

Town Square Park has a gazebo bandstand and park benches and town clock.

Fountain Park has horseshoe pits and a fountain near O'Neill Creek.

Owen (J-3)

Crowley Park is located on the Popple River. The park includes 8 campsites with electricity, water, a sewer/septic dump station and bathrooms.

East Side Park is a kiddie park with playground equipment.

Veteran's Memorial Park Near the Millpond Dam, it offers a serene place to remember those who have served in all branches of the armed services.

The Millpond Park has two open pavilions and one enclosed pavilion with cooking facilities available by reservation. The park has a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, ice-skating rink and handicapped accessible fishing dock. This is the site of the Owen Jr. Fair. Call 229-2404

Thorp (D-2)

Northside Ball Park is located at the northern city limits, just west of State Highway 73. The park includes a newly constructed ball diamond complete with lighting, dugouts and a viewing shelter. There is also a practice field with portable backstop. Three pavilions, a concession stand, modern flush toilet facilities, tractor-horse pull area and a judging box are also located at this park site.

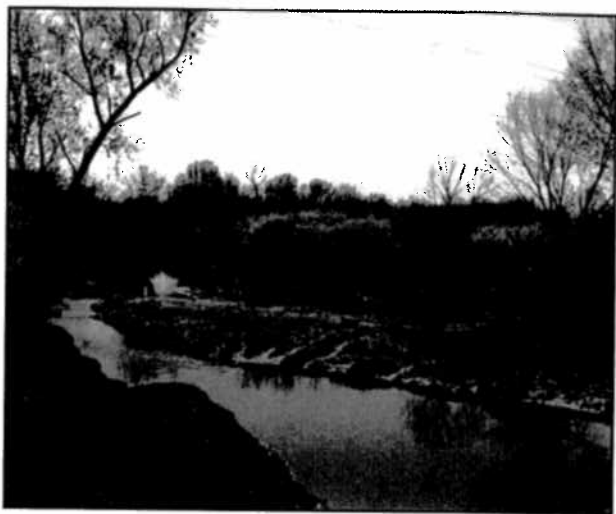
Four campsites with electric hook-ups were recently installed.

Keating Park is located in the northeast part of the City on North Boardman Street. Facilities at the park include picnic tables and playground equipment. There is a surfaced area that includes one full-size lighted basketball court.

Thorp City Park is located on the corner of Stanley Street and Clark Street. The park offers lighted tennis courts, a skating rink and warming house, flush toilet facilities, picnic areas, two pavilions, four sand volleyball courts, a large playground area, a walking bridge over McGrogan Creek, and the historic landmark windmill.

Conway Park is located on the southwestern part of the city limits off S. Adams Street. This is a park existing as a nature woodlot. A trail is located in the wooded area for hiking and cross-country ski activities. The park also has a playground with basketball backboards and covered picnic area.

Swimming Pool Park is an 8.6 acre parcel of land located off S. Conway Street and contains the Aquatic Facility. The



two acre parcel of land located off S. Conway Street where the municipal library is located and is predominantly an open playground.

Thorp Area Veterans Memorial Park is located along S. Washington Street and is dedicated to all veterans of the Thorp Community with a M-60 A-1 tank monument and small picnic area. Memorial Day services are held in that park.

Downtown Park is a small "green space" located at the corner of N. Washington Street and E. School Street. A gazebo and concrete table were donated for this park.

Unity (O-5)

Unity Park is a beautiful park/recreational area that has basketball/tennis courts, playground equipment, picnic areas and also includes some memories from the past. Unity Park has 2 cannons, both of which were used in wars.

Town of Unity (N-6)

Town of Unity Park has trail access, shelters, a play area, ball fields, bathroom, picnic tables and grills.

Athletic Park is located on the south end of Unity. This area includes a fully equipped baseball diamond, shelter, restrooms, playground equipment, picnic areas, and sand volleyball courts.

Withee (H-3)

Softball Park has a ball diamond and restroom facilities. Look for the Village of Withee to make some changes to this park in the future.

Lions City Park has a pavilion, playground, tennis courts, and restroom facilities.

City's Centennial Tree Grove and *time capsule burial site* are located in this park that is mostly an open playground.

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Abbotsford (O-3)

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Sleep Inn	300 E. Elderberry	715-223-3337

Hatfield (F-15)

Northwoods Resort	CTY Road J (at Park Entrance)	715-333-6600
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Humbird (A-13)

Humbird Motel	N3041 King Street	715-964-1001
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Loyal (K-8)

Loyal Hotel	303 N. Division	715-255-9983
Star Lodge	500 E. Elm Drive	715-255-9044

Neillsville (H-12)

Super 8 Motel	1000 E. Division Street	715-743-8080
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Thorp (D-2)

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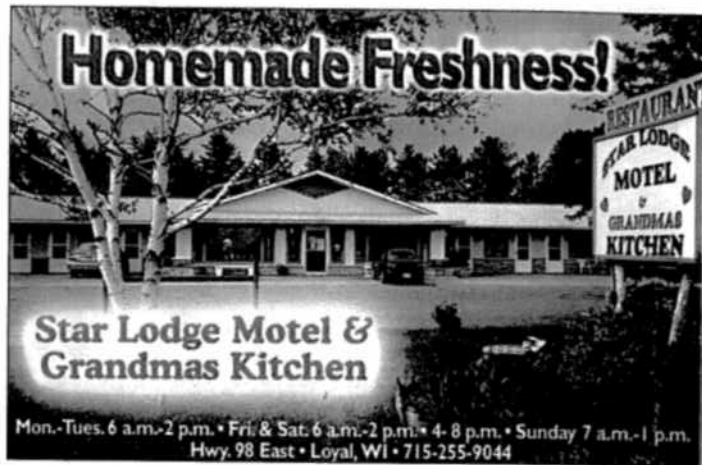
Stanley (A-2)

Super 8 Motel 555 S. Broadway St. 715-644-3332

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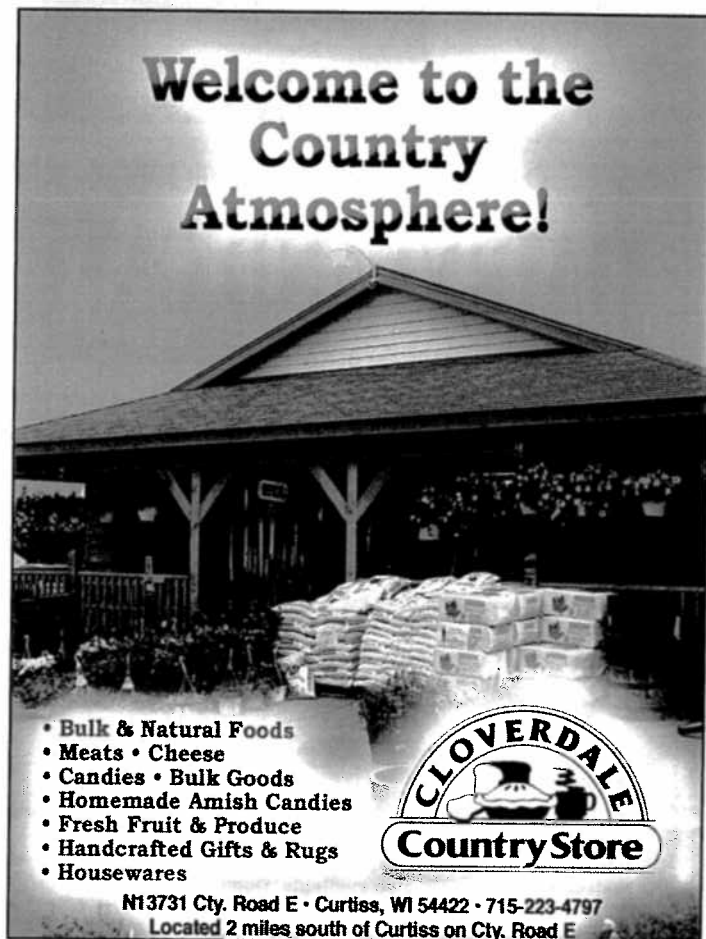
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The Medo's	311 N. Fourth St.	715-223-3612	Family Dining
Pizza Hut	Bus. Hwy 29	715-223-4045	Family Dining
Smokies Grill	301 Elderberry Rd	715-223-1900	Bar & Grill

Colby (O-3)

Subway	1210 Division St.	715-223-3878	Fast Food
Hardee's	1210 N. Division St.	715-223-6063	Fast Food
Colby Café	100 W. Clark St.	715-223-4006	Family Dining
M.T. Cup	Hwy 13 South	715-223-2610	Family Dining
Brat Barn	209 S. Division	715-223-4875	Seasonal

Curtiss (L-3)

Abby Land	218 Plaza Dr.	715-223-6666	Family Dining
El Norteno	318 Plaza Dr.	715-223-2040	Mexican Dining
Silver Spur Grill	14395 County Rd. E	715-223-8215	Bar & Grill

Dorchester (O-1)

Dairyland Café	810 E. Center Ave.	715-654-5244	Family Dining
Blue Odyssey	3694 County Rd A	715-654-5550	Supper Club

Granton (L-11)

JC's Bar & Grill	100 W. 1st St.	715-238-7563	Bar
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Greenwood (I-7)

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Laura & Jen's	313 N. Main St.	715-267-6702	Family Dining
Greenwood Family Restaurant	125 S. Main St.	715-267-3133	Family Dining


Loyal (K-8)

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Spanky's Bear	Creek Inn 401 N. Main St.	715-255-8000	Family Dining
Star Lodge Motel	Grandma's Café		
	500 E. Elm Dr.	715-255-9044	Family Dining
Loyal Drive-In	101 W. Mill St.	715-255-9990	Seasonal Fast

Neillsville (I-12)

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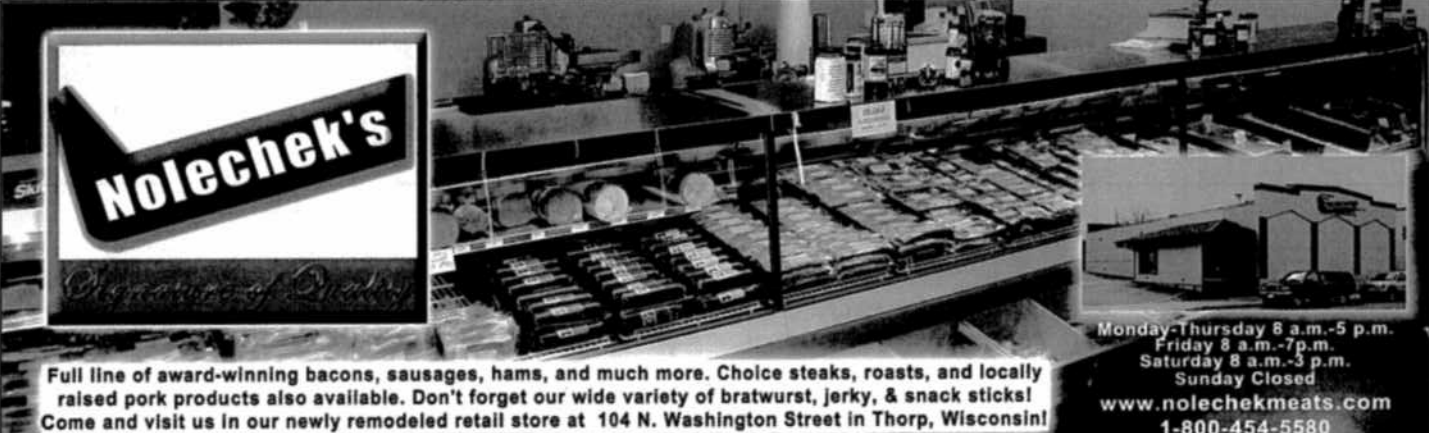


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Thorp (D-2)

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Unity (O-5)			
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Willard (F-8)			
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Withee (H-3)			
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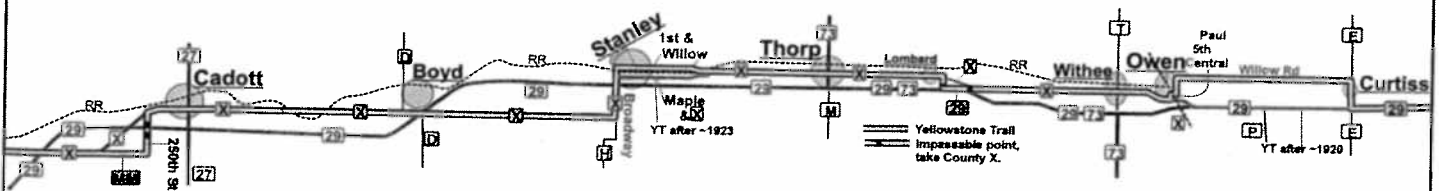
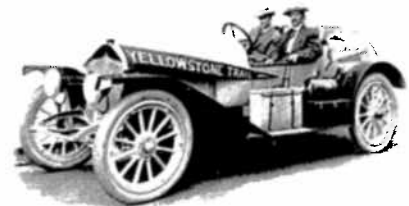
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Historical Sites and Museums

Rural Arts Museum (O-3)

The Clark County Historical Society bought the land and building of the Colby Cheese Box Company which became the beginning of the Rural Arts Museum. The museum is a collection of buildings that hold the stories, artifacts and memories of middle Wisconsin. The history of the railroad is complemented by the historical memorabilia of the dairy industry as well as modes of transportation, machines of written word and education.

The museum consists of the original railroad depot from the City of Colby and a one-room country school. A log home that was used for almost a century has also been added. The Rural Arts Museum entered a second era of development, the Heritage Building was built for the display of artifacts, during Wisconsin's sesquicentennial year. It features a rural main street in the 1890's. The Rural Arts Museum is operated by volunteers and

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Silver Dome Ballroom (F-2)

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Wisconsin Pavilion (I-12)

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Tufts' Mansion (I-12)

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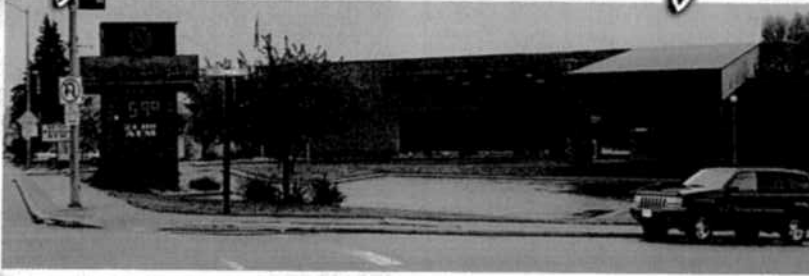
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Historical Sites and Museums

Branstiter Old Streets of Greenwood Museum (I-7)

Visitors to the Museum will take a step back in time as they walk along wooden sidewalks passing 17 store fronts of early 1900 Greenwood businesses, along with a church entrance. See a collection of over 400 items which include both tools and equipment used in the early dairying and lumbering days. Along with over 170 photographs of early Greenwood depicting people, places and events.

Visitors will enjoy an antique miniature car collection consisting of 38 cars and a coin collection with coins dating back to 1934. Another speciality includes a collection of 238 toy tractors

from 11 different manufacturers. A stamp collection is also available for viewing.

The Museum is located at 600 South Main Street on the south edge of Greenwood and is available for touring. Special appointments for events such as reunions, tours, and school groups are available. Call the Greenwood City Clerk at (715) 267-6205 for more information.

Thunderbird Museum & Gift Shop (E-15)

The Thunderbird Museum and Gift Shop located in the recreational community of Hatfield displays 21 rooms of antiques, history, Native American artifacts and more. Visitors will enjoy rooms such as an old store and cabin, church, school, outdoor scene and miniature Hatfield. Items on display include a gun collection, weapons, coins, dolls, Bibles, books, stamps, seashells, art work, and furniture from the old Price Mansion of Black River Falls.

The Thunderbird Gift Shop offers local Native American crafts, baskets, beadwork, sterling silver, pottery, books, unique gift items, art work, rugs and moccasins. The Thunderbird Museum and Gift Shop are open Memorial Day through Labor Day 9 to 5, and weekends in May and September or by appointment. Group tours are welcome. Large flea markets are held at the museum on Memorial Day weekend, July 4th weekend, 2nd weekend in August and Labor Day weekend. For more information call (715) 333-5841.

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1897 Jail Museum (I-12)

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places as of December 8, 1978 is the Clark County Historical Society Jail Museum. One part of the Jail Museum building consists of charming, old-fashioned living quarters with beautiful windows and spacious hallways. The other part is the cold, bare reality of barred windows, cell blocks, and a solitary confinement cell.

One enters the museum into the sheriff's residence, which includes an old-fashioned parlor, a grand open stairway, and many rooms of display including a delightful children's room, an authentic jewelry store, and the Listeman Music Room, an old photo room with scenes of Neillsville. In the jail portion of the building, one views the cell blocks, sheriffs peek holes, military floor with artifacts and uniforms from the Civil War through Desert Storm, and many other rooms. Hours are Sunday 1-4 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day. Groups of 10 or more by appointment only. Call 715-743-4799 or 715-743-6444 for information. Bus tours welcome.

Thorp Area Museum (D-2)

The Thorp Area Museum is located in the former Old St. Hedwig's Church Rectory. The Thorp Area Museum collects and displays history, genealogies, and artifacts of the area and world which have affected the local way of life. The museum also has a growing collection of early period farm equipment, machinery, clothing, household items, books and war memorabilia.



The old country cemetery which is in conjunction with the church is a very intriguing site. Come visit us as you take your weekend drive on the Old Yellowstone Trail along Co. Hwy. X. Open Saturday and Sunday 2-5 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day.



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Special Attractions

Cedar Mill Park (K-8)

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The Highground (G-12)

Welcome to our 140-acre veterans memorial park uniquely designed to capture your heart, refresh your spirit, renew your belief in human goodness, and reawaken your sense of wonder with the world around you.

Open year round, the Timberframe Information and Gift Shop located on the east end of the parking lot should be your first stop. We encourage visitors to check out a free audio tour that describes our background, tributes, artists, and mission. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.



An unrestricted view of 500,000 forested acres greets our visitors as they enter the parking lot on the north side of the plaza. Approximately 45,000 square feet, the plaza provides easy accessibility to 8 of the 10 tributes and a stunning view of the two tributes that rest on the adjacent hillsides. On the west end of the parking lot, visitors will find clean, well-kept, heated restrooms. A small partially paved road near the restrooms provides access to the Pow Wow Arena and picnic area and to a central set of trail head. Park hours are 24/7.

Visitors are encouraged to walk our 4 miles of trails, study our developmental forest, enjoy lunch or a good book on one of 25

tables along the trails, listen to a free audio tour, reflect and meditate in the newly constructed Meditation Garden, and browse in the Timberframe Information and Gift Shop.

All tributes on The Highground are designed to reflect our dual mission of healing and education and are meant to honor veterans and their service and sacrifice without glorifying the wars themselves.

Chartered in 1984, the first permanent structure at the park was the flag pole donated by the Clark County Area Veterans Council.

Our central tribute, Fragments, fulfills a promise made to a dying friend on a combat field in Vietnam and will remain the heart of this memorial park. Four figures comprise the tribute, three are men, one is a woman. The woman, a combat nurse wearing a poncho, gathers the fragments of the others into her arms. Under her poncho, bundles of names of those from Wisconsin who were killed in Vietnam are interspersed with chimes. The chimes represent the voices of those men and women and are believed to speak to us.

Our Doughboy, a classic statue recognized in many, many places and representative of World War I, boasts a basic difference in philosophy with other Doughboys. The raised hand welcomes visitors to the park. The raised hand of the truly classic statue may be clenched in anger or caught in the act of throwing a grenade.

The Globe, representing WWII, calls attention to the far-reaching scope of that time period and acts as gateway to the earth that is becoming the site of our 2-acre Meditation Garden.

On the north side of the parking lot the National Native American Vietnam Veterans Tribute surrounds itself with a black apron on which are engraved the names of Native Americans killed in Vietnam.

Sacred in nature, earth holds special meaning on The Highground. Two tributes, the Gold Star and the Earthen Effigy Dove are made of earth from many places. Measuring 65 feet across, the Gold Star honors Gold Star Mothers; the Dove, 100 feet from beak to tail and 140 feet from wing tip to wing tip, holds healing and peace in its wings and was dedicated to Prisoners of War (POWs) and those Missing in Action (MIAs). On The Highground, we have two sets of MIAs; those Missing in Action and those Missing in America.

The Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans were instrumental in bringing The Nurse, one of the first tributes to women in service, onto a

veterans memorial. The Nurse stands proudly in front of the flag pole and is often found with roses in her arms left by visitors who remember her kindness and care.

Newly created, the Wisconsin Counties United In Service tribute graces the central walkway with 72 county stones surrounded by the outline of the state of Wisconsin.

Plans are underway for the addition of a tribute to veterans of Korea in summer of 2006.

Legacy Stones, Meditation Stones, and the Gift Shop are important factors in the financial well being of the park. For 20 years, bicycle enthusiasts have participated in a Bicycle Tour with 5 routes covering from 150 to 350 miles that has been the financial backbone of the park. Our annual Motorcycle Rally continues to grow as a fun-filled fundraiser enjoyed by bikers from all over the Mid-West.

The park is located on US Hwy 10, 3 miles west of Neillsville and 28 miles east of Osseo at the junction of I-94 and US Hwy 10.

We may be reached by mail at The Highground, W7031 Ridge Rd., PO Box 457, Neillsville, WI 54456. By phone: 715-743-4224, fax; 715-743-4228; email: highgrnd@tds.net or visit our website at www.thehighground.org.

Listeman Arboretum (H-12)

The Listeman Arboretum in Neillsville is composed of 50 acres of woodland along the tumbling Black River. Nature trails are groomed and clearly marked. The entrance to the Listeman Arboretum is just west of Neillsville on Hwy. 10. Benches are provided for one to contemplate the forest beauty, the spring wild flowers, or the fast-flowing Black River.

Step through the Arboretum gate and enter the world of woodland in bloom. Smell the fresh scent of the earth, notice the canopy of leaves above you, the plants and shrubs near your feet, the quiet whisper of the wind, and the bubbling sounds of the Black River. Stay on the trails, take only memories and leave only footprints.

Yellowstone Trail (D-2, O-3)

The Yellowstone Trail was an early 1900's road which began at Plymouth Rock on the east coast and meandered through the United States on its way west to Puget Sound near Seattle. The Yellowstone Trail traveled through several towns in Clark County including Colby, Abbotsford, Curtiss, Owen, Withee, Thorp and Stanley. This trail was the nation's first interstate highway to be completed.

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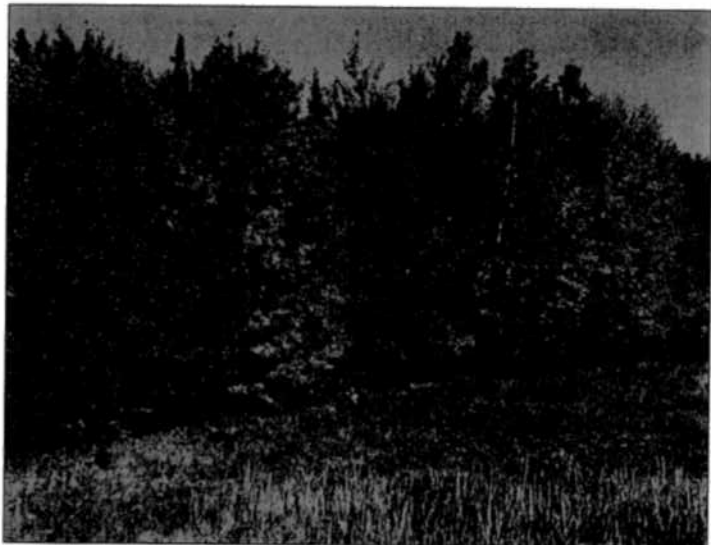
History

Clark County was named after a Revolutionary War hero, General George Rogers Clark. Due to his outstanding leadership during the war, nearly all the of the Mid-West Region of the country came under the flag of the United States. For these actions, the Wisconsin legislature honored him by naming Clark County after him.

James O'Neill was one of the first to settle in Clark County when he and his brothers discovered the ideal location for their sawmill. The Black River was the first "Highway" for this early industry. O'Neill served in the first legislature of Wisconsin in 1848 and helped form the State as we know it.

The great white pine was the attraction that drew these new settlers to the area. They were interested in harvesting the timber and using it for lumber in the mills. After the white pine and hardwoods had been harvested by the lumber barons, other settlers came to develop the land into farms. The dairy industry continues to be the main source of income in the county. Clark County is one of the top producers in the Wisconsin dairy industry.

Our livelihood has always been dependent on the land. Our close ties to the land and the work ethic associated with people who work the land has been the cornerstone of life in Clark County. To this day the Amish and Mennonite communities are a reflection of our past that lives with us today. With the "Old World" and the new living together as one community, you can see why Clark County is a very special place.



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 United Methodist 223-4764
 Zion Lutheran 223-2166

Curtiss (L-3)

Curtiss Alliance 223-3693
 St. Paul's Lutheran 223-4000

Dorchester (O-1)

Peace UCC 654-5333
 St. Louis Catholic 654-5089
 St. Peter Lutheran 654-5055
 Jehovah's Witnesses 654-5455

Granton (L-11)

Zion Lutheran Missouri Synod
 238-7422
 Zion American Lutheran
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Greenwood (I-7)

Immanuel United Methodist
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Loyal-York Ctr. Untd.
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Neillsville (H-12)

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Owen Mennonite 229-4138
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Thorp (D-2)

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The Owen millpond was built by Lumber Baron John S. Owen for storing logs enroute to the mill. The City grew and prospered around the pond and it still remains the center of it all. A nice park with picnic and playground facilities borders the pond. Each March the Owen-Withee Lions Club holds an ice-fishing contest with raffles and fun for all.



The annual Owen Jr. Fair is held at the park the 2nd weekend in July. The Fair has a full carnival and Arts & Crafts Sale at the Old Owen School. The Old School Gym is used for many events throughout the year including auctions, concerts, basketball and the Annual EMS Dance in April. Old School information call 715-229-2245.

The city is prepared for growth and welcomes any businesses or individuals to contact them with any potential ideas.

The East Side Industrial Park has easy access and visibility to Highway 29. It is a 10-acre site with approximately 7 acres remaining. The Manufacturing District is on the North edge of the city and has approximately 20 acres remaining with room to grow. Rail service is available and lies only 2 miles from Highway 29 making it a perfect place for business development.

The city has a 120-acre tract of land set aside for housing development.

Any questions or comments can be made to Owen City Hall at (715) 229-2404 or to the Owen Clerk by e-mail at owenclerk@dwave.net.

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Owen offers many activities for the outdoor sports enthusiast. Convenient to many fishing holes and easy access to the Chequamegon forest makes Owen a destination for nature lovers. Situated on the Clark County Snowmobile Trail System, it will connect you to just about anywhere you want to go.



Crowley Park is situated along the banks of the Popple River. The campground has eight sites available with electricity and public restrooms. The small town charm along with the trains and Amish and Mennonite cultures bring you back to a different time and place.

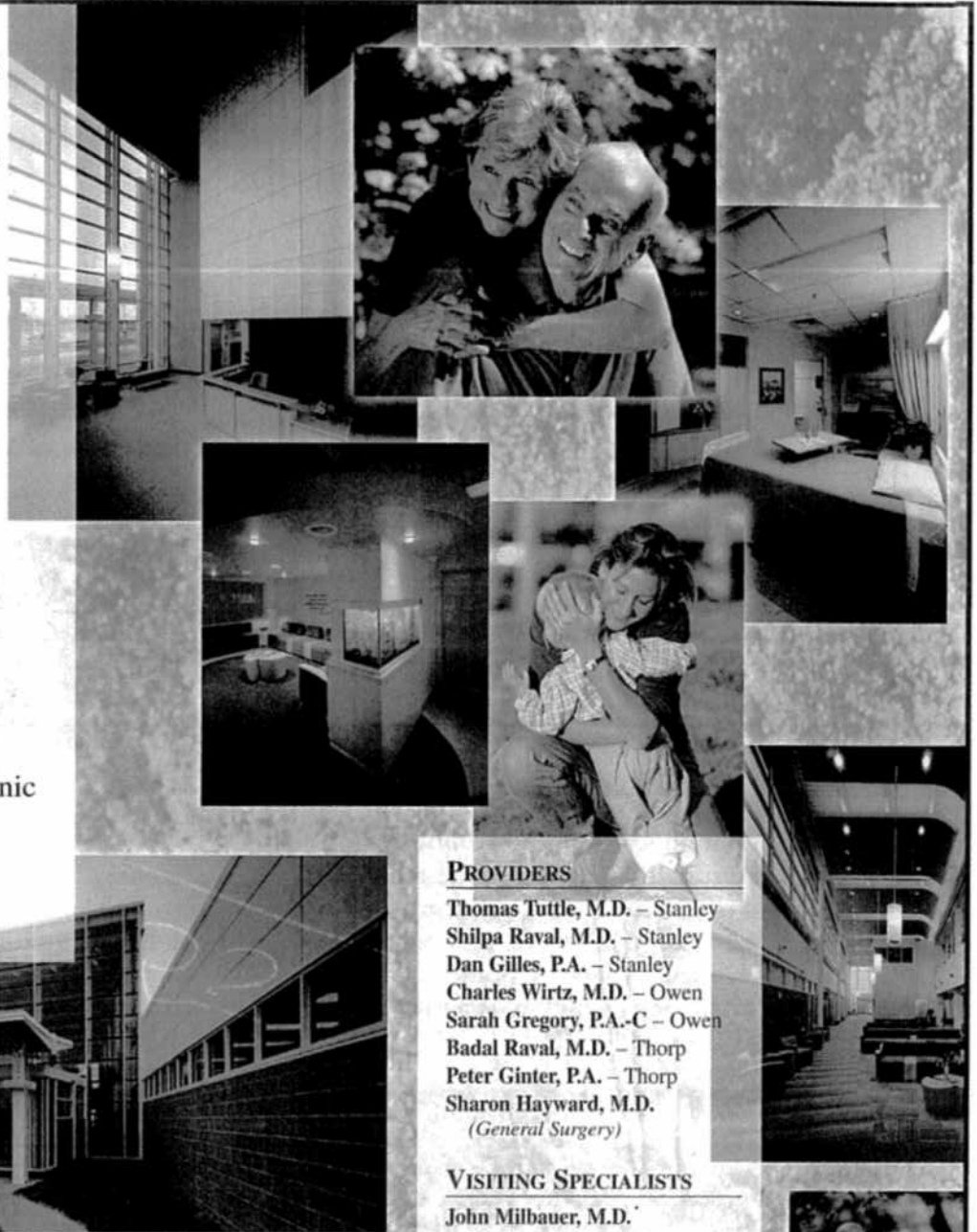


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