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# Jackson County

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### 2024 Schedule of Events

- February 24:** Jackson Farm & Home Show
- June 1:** Sun & Fun Summer Kickoff
- June:** Summer Shopping Extravaganza
- August 14:** Jackson Days Golf Tournament
- August 14:** Jackson Days Parade
- August 15:** Jackson Days Block Party
- August 15-17:** AGCO Jackson Nationals
- October 24:** Trunk or Treat
- November 29-30:** HolidayFest

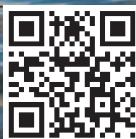
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# WELCOME TO JACKSON COUNTY!

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau welcomes you to Jackson County. We hope the information in this visitor and information guide will help you discover the many interesting and unique things we have to offer. There are numerous lodging facilities, restaurants, shopping and outdoor activities available throughout the area. These will all help to make your stay unforgettable!



**Corey Christopher**

Do you like to exercise? You can walk or bike on more than 10 miles of trails around Jackson and along the Des Moines River or around the campgrounds by Loon Lake and Pearl Lake or hike the trails at Kilen Woods State Park to the northwest of Lakefield. If golfing is more your style, choose from a variety of lustrous greens in the county,

including the Loon Lake, Lakefield and Jackson golf courses. Swimming can be done indoors at the Jackson County Central High School's indoor pool or at Heron Lake Elementary school's indoor pool. Outdoor swimming facilities are available at the Family Aquatic Center in Lakefield.

Need a little speed? The newly renovated Jackson Motorplex is one of the elite dirt track venues in the entire nation and the Jackson Nationals are quickly becoming one of the premier events in sprint car racing. Racing runs from May through August. To find a complete schedule and track information, visit [jacksonmotorplex.com](http://jacksonmotorplex.com).

Interested in history? Our area has a strong commitment to local heritage and history. The Jackson County Historical Society Museum in Lakefield houses artifacts and exhibits, a microfilm collection of newspapers and genealogical information. The Jackson County Veterans Memorial is also nearby. Fort Belmont in Jackson is a re-creation of a civilian fort originally built in the early 1860s to protect area settlers. Heron Lake boasts a wildfowl refuge that has been around since 1906 and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church that is on the national register of historic places.

Have time for a tour? If so, be sure to stop by AGCO's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Jackson. Tours begin at the brand-new Fendt Lodge, the premier destination for Fendt North America customer visits, launch events, dealer meetings, factory tours and corporate gatherings. Amenities include a hands-on history center, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, sweeping views of the factory's assembly line and even a coffee bar and gift shop. While the lodge hosts frequent customer, dealer and corporate gatherings, it is also open to the public for visitor tours.

Looking to relocate? While Jackson County is a great place to visit, the area also offers substantial opportunities for employment, housing options and access to quality health care and schools. Each community boasts small-town living at its finest and can be a welcome change from the hustle and bustle of big-city life. Many amenities are enjoyed by area residents, such as the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, biking and walking trails, a countywide public library system, a "one of a kind" Historic State Theatre boasting digital and 3D movie viewing capabilities and more than 50 social and civic organizations. We also have a variety of area lakes you can visit, whether you want to camp, fish, boat, swim or just be by the water!

Feel free to visit our website at [jacksonmn.com](http://jacksonmn.com) for more information. You may also stop by the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce office or give us a call.

Here's wishing you a wonderful stay, and we're so glad you're here!

-Corey Christopher, director

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## ANNUAL EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 6, JCC Winterfest Coronation, Jackson
- 10, Father-Daughter Dance, Jackson
- 12, HL-O Winterfest Coronation, Okabena
- 24, Farm and Home Show, Jackson

### MARCH

- 26, Easter Egg Hunt, Lakefield
- 31, Firemen's Dance, Jackson

### APRIL

- 20, Fireman's Dance, Lakefield

### MAY

- 2-4, Citywide Garage Sales, Jackson
- 16-18, JCC Spring Play, Jackson
- 20, JCC Pops Concert, Jackson
- 24, HL-O Graduation, Okabena
- 27, Memorial Day Parade, Jackson
- 31, JCC Graduation, Jackson

### JUNE

- 1, Sun & Fun Summer Kickoff, Jackson
- 6, Hot Dog Dash, Jackson
- 10-16, Summerfest, Lakefield
- 10-22, Summer Shopping Extravaganza, Jackson
- 29, Blue Heron Days, Heron Lake

### JULY

- 4, Fourth of July Celebration, Okabena
- 11, Pork Chop Open, Jackson
- 12-13, Rhythm of the River, Jackson
- 23-27, Jackson County Fair, Jackson

### AUGUST

- 9, Party on the Prairie, Lakefield
- 14, Jackson Days Golf Tournament, Jackson
- 14, Jackson Days Parade, Jackson
- 15, Jackson Days Block Party, Jackson
- 15-17, Jackson Nationals, Jackson
- 24-25, Pioneer Days, Jackson

### SEPTEMBER

- 7, Prairie Winds Kite Fly, Jackson
- 12-14, Citywide Garage Sales, Jackson

### OCTOBER

- 24, Trunk-or-Treat, Jackson
- 31, Halloween Parade, Lakefield

### NOVEMBER

- 29-30, Holiday Fest, Jackson





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## HISTORY AND ATTRACTIONS



### HISTORIC FORT BELMONT: STEP INTO HISTORY


Can you imagine what it would be like to have lived in Jackson County in the late 1800s? Make plans to visit Fort Belmont this summer and take a step back in time to the days of early pioneers. Many settlers traveled to the area in covered wagons. An original wagon is one of the featured displays inside the fort's museum. From covered wagons to a sod house, the first settlers were a very hardy people. Due to the lack of trees on the prairie, they made their homes from 2-foot strips of prairie sod. The fort's sod house was built by hand using the same methods pioneers used in the 1860s.

A blacksmith shop is located close to the sod house. You get the feeling the "first" business to locate in a settlement was an important one. The blacksmith could make anything metal — nails, machinery parts, kitchen utensils and horseshoes were made on the spot. Walk along the prairie grass to an exact replica of the log cabin and stockade constructed to protect early settlers. Eleven families (60 to 70 people) crowded into the original log cabin (except for winters) for most of two years. Since Fort Belmont was completely occupied and constructed by neighbors, it is classified as a civilian fort, one of only two civilian-built forts constructed in the Midwest in the 1800s.

From the log cabin, walk down into the valley to a one-third-scale replica of a waterwheel-operated flour mill that uses wooden gears to stone-grind flour. Families came from as far away as Sioux Falls, S.D., to the mills operating in the Des Moines River Valley. Bring your camera as you head up to the fort tower for a breathtaking view of the Fort Belmont complex and expanding river valley. Originally built on the south side of town by Buren and Evelyn Watland, the tower was saved from demolition and moved to the present-day Fort Belmont in 2010. Buren and Evie were local history buffs with ties to the original settlers to the area. It is a wonderful tribute to their dream that the preservation of Fort Belmont and local history continues.

To the south of the museum you will find the 1873 Lysgard farmhouse and summer kitchen. Many displays here tell the story of everyday life in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The 1902 Delafield Church was also an important part of the early farming community in Jackson County. It was a place to worship and socialize. The church is still used often today for weddings, baptisms and Sunday evening services during the summer.

Fort Belmont is open daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day. The park is located just west of Asa Auto Plaza in Jackson at the end of Belmont Lane. School field trips and special tours are available, along with building and church rentals. For additional information, call the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau at (507) 847-3867.




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# HISTORY AND ATTRACTIONS

## RICH IN HISTORY

Rich in history and ever mindful of the past, Jackson County is home to a number of fascinating historical sites and modern facilities designed to interpret those sites for the benefit of current and future generations.

All are great wayside stops or destination trips.

### Coursolle marker

The life and times of one of Jackson County's most colorful characters is noted on a newly erected marker near Belmont Park in central Jackson County. The signboard tells the story of Joseph Coursolle, a trapper, trader, farmer, soldier, guide and interpreter known in annals of local history as "Gaboo."

Call (507) 662-5505 for more information.

### Heron Lake

Located in northwestern Jackson County, the city of Heron Lake has been the home of a renowned wildfowl refuge since 1906 and the stunning Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Call (507) 793-2826 for more information.

### Holthe cabin/Hoxie Rathbun dugout

The "Ole Holthe Cabin" and dugout site is located at the east edge of Kilen Woods State Park. The cabin is a well-preserved early pioneer home. The dugout is the site of the first modern recorded death in Jackson County (1865), of Hoxie Rathbun, early mail carrier. The site is open to the public. Cabin entrance is by appointment. Call (507) 662-5505.



### Jackson Center for the Arts

Located in historic downtown Jackson, the Jackson Center for the Arts is a community center that provides art experiences for all ages and offers support and creative opportunities for local artists. The Jackson Center for the Arts features a gallery showcasing exhibits by local artists, a classroom and open studio space and a spot for intimate concerts and presentations from musicians, artists and writers. Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Classes, concerts and events are posted on the Jackson Center for the Arts Facebook page and online at [jacksoncenterforthearts.com](http://jacksoncenterforthearts.com). Call (507) 849-7415 for more information.

### Jackson County Courthouse

Located in Jackson, the courthouse is situated on a prominent site west of the business district. Constructed in 1908, it is executed in neoclassic architectural design. The dome and courtroom are embellished with painted murals executed by regional artists and craftsmen. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Open during business hours.

Call (507) 847-4182 for more information.

### Jackson County Fair

The 156th Jackson County Fair will run July 23–27 at the historic Jackson County Fairgrounds in Jackson. This year's great Jackson County get-together will feature live bands, a bull-riding competition and hypnotist show, as well as barrel racing, livestock shows and general exhibits, plus other tons-of-fun attractions. A complete listing of events may be found online at [jacksoncountyfairmn.com](http://jacksoncountyfairmn.com).

### Jackson County Fairgrounds

The Jackson County Fairgrounds, located on the east edge of Jackson, is the site of a historic street of furnished buildings, including a barbershop, blacksmith shop, depot and caboose. Open during county fair week.



### Jackson County Historical Society Museum

Located on Highway 86 in Lakefield, the Jackson County Historical Society Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum features more than two dozen special displays that illustrate the history of Jackson County, from bison and buckboards to Megadeth and everything in between. The historical society also maintains an extensive onsite historic local newspaper, manuscript, book and photo library for reference and genealogical research, as well as a gift shop offering local historic literature. The museum is also the launching point of a self-guided tour that takes visitors to several sites of historical significance within the county. Call (507) 662-5505 or visit [jchsmn.org](http://jchsmn.org) for more information.

### Massacre memorials

Jackson County pays honor and tribute to early settlers killed at the hands of uprising Dakota braves in 1957 and 1862 with a pair of monuments and memorials — one located in Jackson's historic Ashley Park next to the recently restored Olson-Slaabakken cabin and another dedicated to the Langland family at the site of an 1862 massacre in rural Jackson County.

Call (507) 662-5505 for more information.



# DINING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Pizza Ranch

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# PARKS AND TRAILS



## COUNTY PARKS

### Anderson Park • 71816 475th Ave., Jackson

This 25-acre park campground is located on the west shore of Pearl Lake. It hosts a 36-unit campground. The shelter house, bathrooms, playground equipment and observation tower are just a few of the amenities.

### Belmont Park • 52005 850th St., Jackson

This 80-acre park, located on the east bank of the Des Moines River, is home to southwest Minnesota's newest natural-surface single track for mountain biking enthusiasts — more than five miles of winding trails, which offer a thrill of a ride for all ages and experiences.

### Brown Park • 71777 483rd Ave., Jackson

This campground lands between the shores of both Pearl and Loon lakes. The landscape is a combination of woodland and open space with a creek running through the center of the park. The park features a swimming beach and offers a bridge connection to Brown Park South. This natural variation results in an unending opportunity for recreation.

### Brown Park South • 71693 483rd Ave., Jackson

This new campground includes wide open spaces featuring camping cabins, designated handicap-accessible campsites, newer restrooms, new playground equipment, a shelter house and access to the bike trail.

### Clear Lake Recreation Area • 78428 490th Ave., Jackson

Enjoy casting your line off the shoreline or from the floating fishing dock and expect to catch a variety of fish, including bluegill, northern pike and walleye.

### Community Point Park • 83953 432nd Ave., Lakefield

This small park sitting on the east shores of South Heron Lake provides an excellent site to enjoy and observe all types of waterfowl species. The combination of sandy beaches and shaded park area makes this park a very unique and popular area during the summer months.

### Obie Knutson Park • 608 South Shore Dr., Windom

A beautiful, small park located on the south side of Fish Lake, adjacent to a state-owned public access, Obie Knutson Park is a great place to cast a line. The park also offers restrooms, a picnic shelter, playground equipment, picnic tables and beautiful shade trees.

### Robertson Park • 48804 715th St., Jackson

A 46-acre park located on the southeast shore of Loon Lake, this park is completely wooded and is abundant with natural flora and fauna surrounding the dozens of designated camping spots and primitive camping areas. Soak up the sun and enjoy the fishing from a floating dock.

### Sandy Point Park • 41699 850th St., Lakefield

This 24-acre park, located in rich farm country, is on the west shore of South Heron Lake. It hosts camping areas with newer playground equipment. The park also provides an excellent area from which to observe shore birds, white pelicans, Canada geese and many other species of waterfowl.

## CAMPGROUND GUIDE

	Restroom	Flush toilets	Pressure water	Boat ramp	Dock	Picnic area	Grills	Shelter house	Fireplace	Electricity	Observation tower	Playground	Dump Station	Hot Showers	Volleyball	Stands
<b>ANDERSON COUNTY PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>BROWN COUNTY PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●		
<b>BROWN PARK SOUTH CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		
<b>JACKSON KOA</b>	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<b>JACKSON MOTORPLEX CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●			●		●			●			●		
<b>KILEN WOODS STATE PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
<b>ROBERTSON COUNTY PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<b>SANDY POINT COUNTY PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
<b>SPARKS PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	●	●	●								●			●	●	



## PARKS AND TRAILS



### EXPANSIVE TRAIL SYSTEM IS FAST BECOMING REGIONALLY-RENOWNED AMENITY

What is fast becoming a renowned amenity throughout the region, Jackson County's sprawling walking and biking trail system continues to grow.

New legs of trail were added recently, and more miles are set to be laid in the near future, making Jackson County's walking and biking trail system one of the most expansive and widely used in the area.

The Nelson Creek Trail runs along Nelson Creek behind the Good Samaritan Society Center and Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Jackson, then east/west along County State Aid Highway 34. The views are breathtaking, the scenery terrific and the ride or walk is also challenging, as hills and valleys make it a workout for young and old alike.

The trail was the second constructed in the city of Jackson, joining the Des Moines River Trail, which traverses along both sides of the river, from Dann's Island Park on the southern edge of town to the Ashley Park area, and along Riverside Drive to behind Sunshine Foods.

Also joining the county trail system is the Loon Lake Trail, connecting the county parks along Loon Lake in the southern part of Jackson County.

Recently completed is a segment of trail joining the Loon Lake Trail with the popular Mini-Wakan State Park trails in Iowa, one of the first interstate trails systems in the country.

Another recent addition is the Sunset Trail, which connects the end of the Nelson Creek Trail at Old Highway 16 to the Sunset View housing subdivisions in Jackson, then travels along Springfield Parkway east to Highway 71. And the first leg of a trail intended to connect the Springfield Parkway Trail with Fort Belmont was just laid along Highway 71 North in Jackson.

In 2015, a segment of trail was laid in Lakefield with plans to lay a second segment in the works at present.

In the summer of 2022, five miles of single-track mountain bike trails were constructed in Belmont Park, just north of Jackson. Local trails advocates hope to field a regional bike team for area sixth- through 12th-graders in near future.

A state-authorized regional trail that will connect the Iowa Great Lakes with Murray County's Lake Shetek through the heart of Jackson County is also in planning stages.

Jackson County's trails are designed for non-motorized users, including walkers, bikers and runners, though the state authorized regional trail may accommodate snowmobile groups and equestrians.



### OTHER PARKS

#### City of Heron Lake parks

Heron Lake's city park has playground equipment, restrooms and a shelter house with electricity and grills. The community swimming pool is located in the Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary School.

Call (507) 793-2826 for more information.

#### City of Jackson parks

The city of Jackson has a number of parks. All have playground equipment except Dann's Island Park, Getty's Park and Memorial Park. Ashley Park has a shelter house with electricity, sand volleyball and basketball court. Central Park has a tennis court and gazebo. Patterson Park has a shelter with electricity. Dumont Park has a basketball court and softball diamond. Sunset Park has a shelter. Zimmerli Park has playground equipment. Memorial Park features an outdoor skating rink and warming house, trail extension and green space.

For more information, call (507) 847-4410.

#### City of Lakefield parks

Lakefield has four city parks. North City Park has new playground equipment, a shelter house with electricity and restrooms, skateboard facilities, grills and gazebo. West City Park has playground equipment, a shelter with electricity, horseshoes, restrooms and a softball diamond. The south city park has playground equipment and tennis court. Sparks Park is home to the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, which offers environmental education to both children and adults.

The Lakefield Family Aquatic Center features four water slides and a zero-depth pool that also has a five-featured water apparatus for little kids and a number of waterspouts that shoot water straight up into the air, a feature many little ones find fun just to run through.

Stan King Athletic Complex is located on the east side of Lakefield. Facilities include ball diamonds, sand volleyball and tennis court.

#### City of Okabena parks

The city park has a shelter house with electricity, softball diamond, basketball court, restrooms, picnic tables and grills. The park is host to the annual Okabena Fourth of July celebration.



# RECREATION

## INDOOR REC

### Countywide community education programs

The Jackson County Central School District, which covers the communities of Lakefield, Jackson and Sioux Valley, and the Heron Lake-Okabena School District, covering the communities of Heron Lake and Okabena, provide year-round community education activities for all age groups in those communities. For JCC community ed, call (507) 847-6627. For HL-O community ed, call (507) 853-4507 or (507) 853-4503.

### Heron Lake-Okabena swimming pool

Heron Lake's community pool is located in the Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary School. Call (507) 793-2826.

### Jackson County Central swimming pool

The pool is open year 'round. Swimming lessons and open swimming are scheduled during summer months. The facility has a whirlpool and kiddie pool. Call (507) 847-5030.

### Jackson County Libraries

Jackson County Libraries in Jackson, Lakefield and Heron Lake offer children's programs year 'round and adult book discussion groups meet monthly. Library cards are available free of charge. Bestsellers, current movies and a large selection of children's materials are available for checkout. Free public-access computers are available with Internet access and WiFi. The Jackson County Libraries are a member of the Plum Creek Library System. For more information, call the Jackson County Library in Jackson at (507) 847-4748, the Lakefield library at (507) 662-5782 or the Heron Lake library at (507) 793-2641.



## OUTDOOR REC

### Big Bend Snow Riders trails

Big Bend Snow Riders Inc. grooms hundreds of miles of snowmobile trail in Jackson County during the winter months. For trail conditions and more information, call (507) 822-0831, (507) 820-9758 or (507) 822-3292.

### Des Moines River State Canoe Route

The Des Moines River has few rapids and none are more difficult than Class I. River width is between 50 and 200 feet. Stream flow usually peaks in early to mid-April. Because there are few rapids to cause problems in low water, the level is usually sufficient for canoeing. Call 1-888-MINN-DNR for river levels prior to launching.

### Des Moines Valley Gun Club

Located along the Des Moines River, the club features a clubhouse, three trap houses, 100-yard rifle range and archery range. Open to members and guests only, starting the middle of April. League shooting is on Monday night. Call (507) 847-3466 for more information.

### Jackson Golf Club

### Jackson KOA

Located at the Interstate-90 exit at Jackson, the award-winning campground has camping cabins, tent areas with grills and plenty of level pull-through camper and RV sites, along with a camp store, pavilion, heated pool, game room, playground and free WiFi. The campground is open from April 23 to Oct. 10. Call (507) 847-3825 for more information.

### Lakefield Family Aquatic Center

The Lakefield Family Aquatic Center features four water slides and a zero-depth pool that also has a five-featured water apparatus for little kids and a number of waterspouts that shoot water straight up into the air, a feature many little ones find fun just to run through.

### Lakefield Golf Course

Located on Lakefield's north edge, the Lakefield Golf Course offers terrific views and challenging play for golfers at every skill level. Well-groomed fairways and greens keep the course difficult yet friendly, and the staff can offer tips and tricks for playing your best round. Designed by Bloom and Goldstrand, the nine-hole course offers 5,436 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 35. For more information, call (507) 662-5755.

### Loon Lake Golf Course

	<p><b>Jackson Library:</b> 311 Third Street, Jackson, MN 56143 Phone: (507)847-4748 Monday, Tuesday &amp; Thursday: 10 AM-7 PM Wednesday &amp; Friday: 10 AM-5 PM Saturday: 10 AM-3 PM Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p><b>Lakefield Library:</b> 410 Main Street, Lakefield, MN 56150 Phone: (507)662-5782 Monday: 1 PM-5:30 PM Tuesday &amp; Wednesday: 11 AM-5:30 PM Thursday: 11 AM-7 PM Friday: 11 AM-5 PM Saturday: 10 AM-1 PM; Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p><b>Heron Lake Library:</b> 401 9th Street, Heron Lake, MN 56137 Phone &amp; Fax: (507)793-2641 Sunday &amp; Monday: Closed Tuesday &amp; Thursday: 2 PM-6 PM (Open from 1 PM-6 PM during the Summer months) Wednesday: 3 PM-8 PM Friday: 11 AM-5 PM; Saturday: 10 AM-12 PM</p>
<p><b>All Three Libraries Closed Saturdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day</b></p>	
<p><b>Services &amp; Collections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• App: Aspen LiDA</li> <li>• Copy/Fax/Scanning Machine</li> <li>• Free WiFi</li> <li>• Laminating</li> <li>• Meeting Room with Built-in Projector</li> <li>• Programming for All Ages</li> <li>• Public Access Computers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items Available for Checkout:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Books &amp; Audiobooks for All Ages</li> <li>o Cake Pans</li> <li>o DVDs</li> <li>o eBooks &amp; eAudiobooks on Libby</li> <li>o Hot Spots</li> <li>o Outdoor Games</li> <li>o Puzzles</li> <li>o STEM Kits</li> <li>o &amp; More!</li> </ul>
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## JACKSON MOTORPLEX

The recently renovated Jackson Motorplex features an action-packed 2024 race schedule.

One of the biggest highlights at the track this year is the three-day FENDT Jackson Nationals, featuring the World of Outlaws, Wyffels Hybrids RaceSaver Sprint Car Series and MSTs Sprint Cars. Racing action runs Aug. 15-17.

The season kicks off May 24 and continues through the month of August. Other big events include the Joel Pigeon Trucking 410 Shootout on July 12 and the Merle Johnson Memorial 410 Border Battle on July 26.

For complete coverage of all the action at the Jackson Motorplex, visit [pilotracewaynews.com](http://pilotracewaynews.com). For a complete 2024 schedule, visit [jacksonmotorplex.com](http://jacksonmotorplex.com) or download the Jackson Motorplex app from the app store.

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<p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 24</b> SEASON OPENER</p> <p><small>MSTS 280 MIDWEST SPRINT TOURING SERIES, WYFFELS HYBRIDS RACE SAVER SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY HESER AUTO &amp; DETAILING</small></p>	<p><b>BORDER BATTLE</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY, JULY 26</b> <b>MERLE JOHNSON MEMORIAL</b> BORDER BATTLE PRESENTED BY NEW FASHION PORK <b>\$7,000 TO WIN!</b></p> <p><small>410 OUTLAW SPRINTS, WYFFELS HYBRIDS RACE SAVER SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY HESER AUTO &amp; DETAILING</small></p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, JULY 12</b> <b>MSTS 410 SPRINT CARS</b></p> <p><small>410 OUTLAW SPRINTS, WYFFELS HYBRIDS RACE SAVER SPRINT CARS PRESENTED BY HESER AUTO &amp; DETAILING</small></p>	<p><b>THURS, FRI &amp; SAT</b> <b>AUGUST 15-17</b> <b>\$25,000/WIN</b></p> <p><small>WORLD OF OUTLAW NOS ENERGY DRINK SPRINT CARS WYFFELS HYBRIDS SPRINT CARS MSTS 360 SPRINT CARS</small></p>



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# HUNTING AND FISHING

## HUNTING



Jackson County's varied terrain of grassy field-side waterways, wooded creek bottoms and hilly treestands make it an ideal location for hunting any number of species of game.

From trophy-sized bucks to good-eating rooster pheasants, Jackson County has it all and more, offering hunters and sportsmen a

true rural Minnesota outdoors experience.

Jackson County has nearly 10,000 acres of waterfowl production area (managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and wildlife management area (managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources) open for public hunting.

Species hunted in the county include big game (white-tailed deer), small game (rabbit, squirrel, partridge and pheasant) and waterfowl (ducks and geese).

Call (507) 831-2220 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), (507) 831-2917 (State of Minnesota Wildlife Management Area) or (507) 847-4394 (Jackson County DNR Enforcement Officer) with questions of for more information on public hunting rules, regulations and seasons.

### North Heron Lake Preserve

The preserve protects 232 acres of rich wildlife habitat on the northeast shore of North Heron Lake and the northwest shore of South Heron Lake.



## FISHING

### Clear Lake

Located west of Jackson, this 415-acre lake has two boat access ramps and a floating handicapped pier. Fish to be caught are northern, walleye, crappie, bass, perch and bullheads.

### Fish Lake

Located in the northern part of the county, the lake has a state access boat ramp on the southwest corner and also a floating handicapped pier. Catfish, crappie, walleye, northern, bass, perch, bluegill and bullheads can be caught in this lake.

This small 112-acre lake, located in the northeast part of Jackson County, has one boat ramp on the south side. Walleye, crappie, bluegill, perch, northern and bullheads can be hooked out of this lake.

### Little Spirit

This 572-acre lake hugs the Iowa line in the south-central part of the county and has a state access boat ramp on the northeast. Fish to be caught are northern, walleye, bass, perch, crappie and bullheads.

### Loon Lake

Found in the south-central part of Jackson County, this 679-acre lake has a boat ramp on the west side and also in Robertson Park. There is also a floating handicapped pier in Robertson Park. Walleye, crappie, northern, bass and bullheads can be caught in Loon Lake.

### Pearl Lake

Located near Loon Lake, this is a 155-acre lake that has a boat ramp at Anderson Park. Northern, walleye, crappie, and bullheads are available in the lake.

### Round Lake

Round Lake, located in southwest corner of Jackson County, is one of the best places to fish come November, according to Minnesota Sportsman magazine.

The 1,024-acre lake was ranked one of the state's top three choices for the fall month in a February issue.


The lake has three access points: a double concrete boat ramp on the east side owned by the DNR, a gravel ramp suitable for trailers on the south owned by the township and a county-owned gravel access on the north side.

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- Jackson County Courthouse and downtown Jackson on National Register of Historic Buildings
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**June: Tri For Health;**

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**July: Jackson County Fair;**

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**August: Jackson Nationals;**

Fort Belmont Pioneer Days;

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**September: Fly-in Breakfast;**

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Jackson County  
Parks & Trails



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JCC High School

## JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jackson County Central is dedicated to preparing its students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Since its founding in 1997, the district has experienced continued success in the classroom, as well as in extracurricular activities. JCC students have excelled in academics, athletics, fine arts, FFA and much more. JCC has earned state team championships in baseball, competition cheerleading, football, softball, volleyball and wrestling, to go along with a host of state and national FFA championships. JCC students have also fared well in regional and state music, speech, drama, robotics and knowledge bowl competitions.

In recent years, JCC expanded concurrent enrollment, has promoted postsecondary coursework and career pathways

programming geared toward equipping students with the skills necessary to be successful. As part of this effort, the district is partnering with local businesses to facilitate valuable work-based learning opportunities for students.

JCC has maintained and expanded facilities for the students and communities. The Middle School (built in 2021) has provided students with many opportunities for learning. It is also a great resource for community education classes and tournaments. This, along with the expansion of the daycare at Riverside Elementary and the High School career and technology addition, was part of the approved building bond. The daycare at both elementary schools is a successful resource for our smallest learners and a way the school is able to give back and help the community.

### JCC High School

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### JCC Middle School and Pleasantview Elementary

703 Mill Road E, Lakefield  
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### Riverside Elementary

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### Discovery Place Preschool

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### Discovery Place Preschool

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## JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS District #2895



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### HUSKY PATHWAYS

JCC High School provides a comprehensive and relevant curriculum that offers 57 college credits through concurrent enrollment at the school. The recent enhancements in career and technical education have further developed the successful Husky Pathways program, benefiting hands-on learners. This 2023 career and technical education addition provides students with work based skills and experience to match the needs of the industry.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2023 State Champions: Wrestling, Sideline Cheer  
 2022 State Champions: Wrestling, FFA  
 2022 State Finalist Teams: Wrestling, Volleyball, Sideline Cheer, Competition Cheer, FFA  
 2021 State Finalist Teams: Wrestling, Sideline Cheer, FFA  
 2020 State Finalist Teams: Football, Sideline Cheer, Boys Basketball, Competition Cheer, Knowledge Bowl, FFA  
 2019 State Finalist Teams: Sideline Cheer, Competition Cheer, Boys Golf, FFA  
 2017 State Finalist Teams: Football, Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, Robotics, History Day and FFA  
 2016 State Finalist Teams: Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, FFA, Robotics and History Day  
 2015 State Finalist Teams: Football, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Robotics and FFA  
 2013 State Champions in Wrestling, Cheerleading, Robotics and FFA.  
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### District Office

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# SCHOOLS

## HERON LAKE-OKABENA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Heron Lake-Okabena Public School District is comprised of a grades-seven-through-12 high school situated in Okabena and preschool to sixth-grade elementary school located in Heron Lake. The high school is proud to have the advantage of a small-school atmosphere, while at the same time providing a diverse curriculum that prepares students for the next stage in their education.

### HL-O Elementary School

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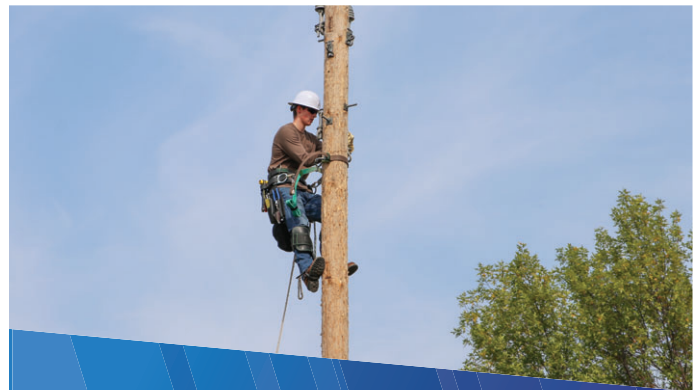
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### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Enrollment: Grades K-6, 132
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# SCHOOLS

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**Heron Lake-Okabena Preschool**  
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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS



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#### Pilot Raceway News

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#### Tri County News

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## AIRPORT



### JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

A state-of-the-art terminal and spacious multi-aircraft hangar await visitors and business travelers alike at the Jackson Municipal Airport, located on 270 acres just north of Jackson.

The terminal houses the airport manager's office, a commons area, an expansive conference room, a pilots' lounge and clean restrooms.

Construction of a 3,600-foot runway was recently completed to ensure the airport's continued viability and to continue to serve businesses, visitors and medical facilities in the community and surrounding area.

Beyond the terminal, the airport features a 24-hour arrival-departure facility and is in close proximity to many area attractions, including dining and lodging, with a courtesy car available at the airport.

Certified for occupancy in 2012, the airport's newest hangar is insulated and heated to 58 degrees for creature comfort and also so air systems work better.

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The airport's AWOS number is (507) 847-5810, NBD 353. The airport terminal phone number is (507) 847-3599; airport manager Paul Sanders' phone number is (507) 236-6688.

The Jackson Municipal Airport hosts the annual fall Fly-In Breakfast and the annual Prairie Winds Kite Fly sponsored by the Prairie Ecology Bus Center the second weekend in September.

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405 Fourth St., Jackson

### Offices at the Courthouse

**County Attorney** • 847-2850

**Auditor/Treasurer** • 847-2763

**County Coordinator** • 847-4182

**County Assessor** • 847-4033

**County Recorder** • 847-2580

**District Court Civil-Criminal-Family** • 847-4400

**Court Services-Probation** • 847-5660

**Probate-Traffic-Juvenile** • 847-2566

**Driver's License Office** • 847-4774

**Emergency Management** • 847-4774

**Veteran's Service Officer** • 847-4774

### Community Health

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Located inside the Jackson County Government Center  
407 Fifth St., Suite 209, Jackson • 847-2366

### Health and Human Services

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

407 Fifth St., Jackson • 847-4000

### Jackson County Extension Service

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

607 S. Highway 86, Lakefield • 662-5293

### Jackson County Land Management

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

603 S. Highway 86, Lakefield • 662-6682

### Jackson County Libraries

#### Jackson Public Library

311 Third St., Jackson • 847-4748

#### Heron Lake Library

401 Ninth St., Heron Lake • 793-2641

#### Lakefield Library

410 Main St., Lakefield • 662-5782

### Jackson County Sheriff's Office

400 Sherman St., Jackson • 847-4420

### Public Works

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Shop Hours: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Engineer • 847-2525

Highway Shop • 847-2525

## CITY GOVERNMENT/ORGANIZATIONS

### ALPHA

#### Alpha City Hall

Hours: 8 a.m. to noon  
145 Main St. N., Alpha • 847-3557

#### Utility Services

##### Electric

Federated Rural Electric • 847-3520

##### Telephone

Qwest Business • 800-603-6000

Qwest Residential • 800-244-1111

Cable TV - StarCom • 800-367-4198

##### Internet

Federated Broadband • 1-800-321-3520

### HERON LAKE

#### Heron Lake City Hall

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
312 Tenth St., P.O. Box 315, Heron Lake  
793-2826

#### Offices at City Hall

Heron Lake Watershed District  
793-2462

Senior Citizens Center • 793-2826

#### Other City Departments

Fire Department/Ambulance Service  
796-2381

Municipal Liquor Store • 793-2482

Police Department • 793-2813

#### Utility Services

##### Electric

Alliant Energy • 800-255-4268

Federated Rural Electric • 847-3520

##### Gas

Ferrellgas • 800-743-5803

##### Telephone

CenturyTel Business • 800-872-4017

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#### Jackson City Hall

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cityofjacksonmn.com • 847-4410

#### Offices at City Hall

Economic Developer • 847-4423

City Administrator • 847-4410

#### Other City Departments

Electric Department • 847-3225

Street Department • 847-4612

Water Department • 847-2723

Jackson Municipal Airport • 847-2772

Jackson Ambulance Service • 847-5306

Jackson Fire Department • 847-3121

Jackson Municipal Liquor Store •

847-2826

#### Utility Services

##### Electric

City of Jackson • 847-4410

Federated Rural Electric • 847-3520

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#### Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce

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114 Third St., Suite B, Jackson • 847-3867

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### LAKEFIELD

#### Lakefield City Hall

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
301 Main St., Lakefield • 662-5457  
lakefieldmn.com

#### Offices at City Hall

Economic Development Office

662-5457

Administrative Clerk

Financial Manager

#### Other City Departments

Water Department • 662-6363

Street Department • 662-6442

Police Department • 662-5353

Lakefield Fire Department/

Ambulance Service • 662-5148

#### Utility Services

##### Electric

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Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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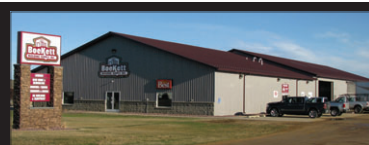
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Rich in history and economic stability, farming has been the staple of our communities for generations.

### **Crops and Livestock**

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Animal production is quite varied in Jackson County, with producers here ranking sixth in the state in breeding sheep and lamb production and eighth in hog production.

According to a recent Agriculture Census, Jackson County has:

- 392 livestock farms
- 205 cattle operations
- 110 beef operations
- 12 dairy operations
- 168 hog operations
- 46 sheep operations
- 23 poultry operations

### **Farm Organizations**

Jackson County supports its producers with a wide array of agricultural-based organizations, designed to be of assistance to the men and women who are the backbone of the county's economy.

### **Farm Service Agency**

**601 S. Highway 86, Lakefield • Phone: (507) 662-5203**

The Farm Service Agency, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers farm commodity and conservation programs for farmers and makes farm loans. FSA programs are primarily directed at agricultural producers or, in the case of loans, at those with farming experience. More information on FSA programs is available at [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

### **Jackson County Extension Service**

**607 S. Highway 86, Lakefield • Phone: (507) 662-5293**

The main mission of the Jackson County Extension Service is to help producers make better informed decisions. Agriculture priorities at the Jackson County Extension Service include crop farming, feedlot issues and marketing and risk management. Environmental practices are another important concern of Jackson County citizens, so environmental education is offered to area schools and organizations.

Perhaps the most high-profile responsibility of the Jackson County Extension service is the wildly successful 4-H organization, which helps children of all backgrounds, not just farming, gain valuable life skills. Jackson County Extension Service personnel are based in Lakefield.

### **Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District**

**603 S. Highway 86, Lakefield • Phone: (507) 662-6682**

The Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District is a local unit of government specifically developed to assist the county's landowners and operators protect and preserve our working lands. Working in partnership with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, the SWCD promotes and implements all federal, state and local conservation programs.





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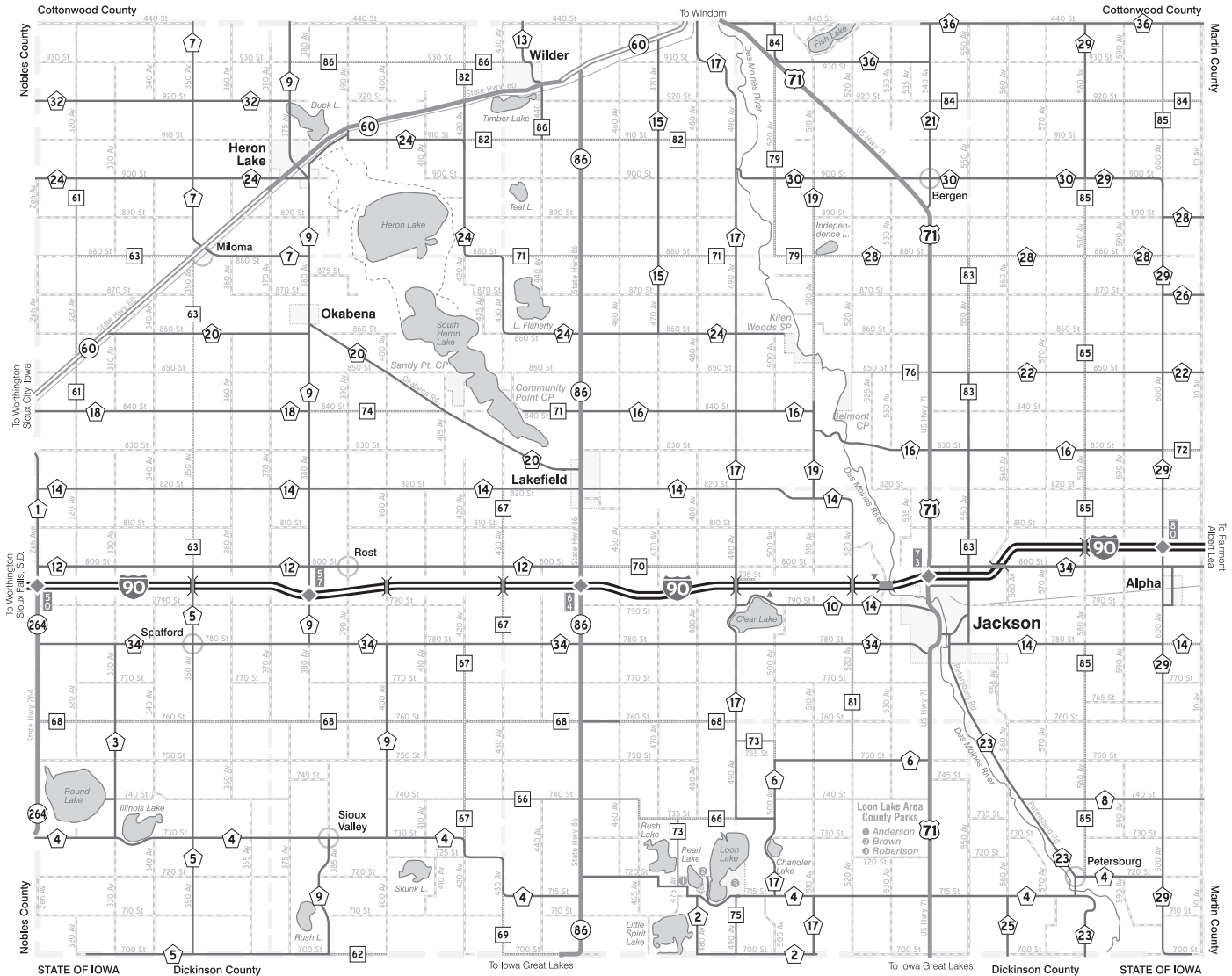
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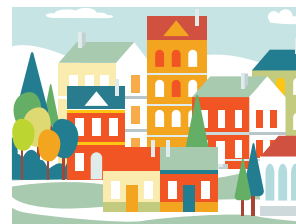
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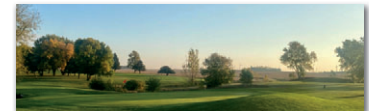
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