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Roast & Toast is a perfect destination

By Daniel Charland

Coffee shops have been popping up all over the county due to their rising popularity as places to relax and socialize in the midst of a busy day. Delhi's Roast and Toast is one such coffee shop that has seen booming business in its first six months since officially opening July 6, 2021. The shop serves not only coffee, but smoothies, light lunches, beer and wine and is staffed by one full-time manager and eight part-time employees who range from high schoolers to retired teachers.

The town of Delhi itself has seen significant growth in the past three to four years since the return of Delhi Lake, a local attraction lost in 2010 when the dam broke. Since the dam's reconstruction, traffic and population have increased in Delhi, which prompted several local entrepreneurs to ask the question, "What does Delhi need?" to fill the needs of the growing population. One of their answers was Roast and Toast, a location that has provided good food and socialization.

"It's a social place for all ages," said owner Nancy Preussner. "We have our elderly groups who come in on coffee and lunch breaks, our noon workers who come in on a regular basis, and high school kids love to come in and try all our new fancy drinks. The kids don't know what to order at Starbucks, so we're educating them on what things like lattes and macchiatos are. We want it to be a calm and relaxing place."

Preussner said Roast and Toast fills a gap that complements, rather than competes with, other local businesses such as neighboring diner Delhi Landing, saying, "Delhi Landing is a



"Coffee shops are the buzzword now, they're popping up everywhere. I think it's because it's calming. It's a place to chill out and catch up with friends of all ages."

- NANCY PREUSSNER -

great eating place for families. Their evening meals are great and they have nice lunch specials. Here at Roast and Toast, we offer more of the light lunches, paninis, soups, salads and sandwiches."

Emily Preussner, the manager, said, "Our baked goods have been the biggest seller. We don't have a bakery in town so we provide something sweet. Off the Hoof Meat Market is great as well to serve as a grocery store. We all complement each other as we try to figure out what Delhi needs."

Since opening, Roast and Toast has

surpassed its business plan for the first year and look forward to seeing how their first full year works out. Whether it's private clubs renting out the shop's meeting room or groups socializing on the patio, locals seem to love hanging about the coffee shop.

"When our outdoor patio is open in the spring, summer and fall, it's just comforting to socialize and enjoy the traffic and a cup of coffee in the morning," said Nancy Preussner. "In the evenings when the patio is open we offer the wine bar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Our patio was big last fall, especially when it was a nice night out. We'd close at eight and people would ask if they could stay longer."

Roast and Toast isn't just for residents of Delhi, though, as the increase in coffee shop popularity sees it often attracting customers from surrounding towns and even first-time visitors to Delhi.

Emily Preussner said, "A good number of our customers are from Delhi, but we do bring in a lot of people from other towns who have never been to Delhi but love the coffee shop areas. We bring them in and they can also see what else we have on Main Street."

While many of their goods have proven popular, some stand above the others, attracting clientele. They also work with other coffee shops in the area to promote the culture.

"Our cinnamon rolls and raspberry cream muffins are our most popular baked goods," said Emily Preussner, "while roast beef and turkey bacon ranch are our most popular paninis



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if you want lunch. Everything we offer is homemade. One unique drink we have is our frozen hot chocolate. We've already reached out to the surrounding coffee shops to promote each other instead of competing against each other. A lot of people are interested in seeing brochures to go to all the different coffee shops."

Nancy Preussner encourages anyone who's a fan of coffee shops or interested in trying them out to stop by Roast and Toast and explore Delhi.

"Coffee shops are the buzzword now, they're popping up everywhere. I think it's because it's calming. We're not hyped up with loud music, it's a place to chill out and catch up with friends of all ages."

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Conrad Park is the new home for disc golf

By Don Zieser

Thanks to the efforts of an Earlville Eagle Scout, the city has a new recreational opportunity for area residents — disc golf.

Matt Brehm, 17, of rural Earlville, was searching for something that would benefit the community as an Eagle Project, and enhancing the city's Conrad Park came to mind almost immediately.

"I thought Conrad Park needed something that would appeal to older people and families around town. There's a playground there, but really not much else for people to do," Brehm said. "I've been working with the city for several months on getting funding and raising awareness for the project."

Brehm's work will play a role in the City's efforts to improve Conrad Park, according to City Clerk Linda Gaul.

"Matt's project will add an opportunity for all ages to enjoy a small group or individual recreational game in Earlville's Conrad Park," Gaul stated. "The park is a great outdoor space seeing increased use by families, both residents of Earlville, as well as the surrounding area. Matt's project will further enhance the park, showcasing the City's commitment to continued recreational opportunities for residents, families and the surrounding area."



Along with planning and volunteer time, it takes funds to tackle such a project, according to Brehm.

"I applied for several grants. I received \$500 from the Delaware County Community Chest and \$500 from a Community Savings Bank grant," said Brehm. "I also received \$700 dollars from local businesses."

Brehm estimates the total cost of the project at approximately \$3700, with the City of Earlville assisting with city beautification and recreation dollars to offset the cost.

"Earlville is fortunate to be the recipient of Matt's Eagle Scout project," Gaul said. "He approached the City Council to have the project approved for placement in the park."

"Matt is responsible for the project, including all the research, gathering resources and materials, fundraising and installation. The city is working with Matt to assure that contributions received are properly accounted for, assisting in grant writing as well as the City's financial contribution to complete the project."

The disc course has some characteristics most expect from a golf course, but with a few necessary modifications.

"We have nine holes, just like a traditional golf course," said Brehm. "But it will have baskets instead of holes in the ground. Basically, you'll have a tee consisting of a board in the ground, which you'll stand behind. You'll throw your Frisbee and try to get it into the basket."

Matt is the son of Roger and Lois Brehm, and is a member of Troop 39. He has been active in scouting for 10 years, and his Troop Leader is Ami Steil.

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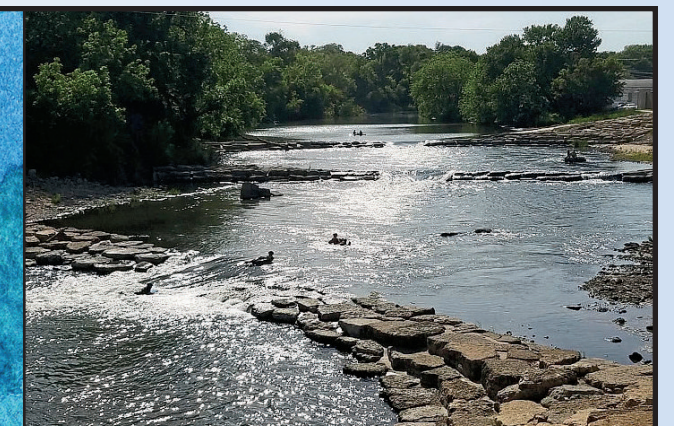


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By Mike Putz

Fairgoers at the Delaware County Fair might need to search the fairgrounds a little bit to find the Steer-N-Stein. But once there, patrons may enjoy Iowa beef products and a cold, craft beer in a quieter environment that is big on taste and friendly conversation and short on noise.

Located in the Northwest corner of the fairgrounds, the Steer-N-Stein is the brainchild of the Delaware County Cattlemen, offering a variety of beef

products as a way to promote the beef industry.

The idea for the tent came from a similar beef tent located at the Iowa State Fair, explained Delaware County Cattlemen Secretary Sarah Maurer. "We volunteer at the cattlemen's tent at the fair every year. They have all kinds of meals with beef. We thought it would be cool to bring something like this to the Delaware County Fair. Our goal as Cattlemen members is to

promote beef. What better way to do that than to sell the product?"

This summer will mark the eighth year of the Steer-N-Stein. Maurer said the first year the cattlemen had a lot of questions about their endeavor. "Our biggest concern is whether or not anyone would come and buy anything from us. It was a big undertaking."

Maurer and her cattlemen colleagues had nothing to worry about. With

offerings like a hot beef sundae, a six-ounce steak sandwich, and a 20-ounce steak with all the trimmings, the tent proved a hit with fair patrons.

According to Maurer, the Delaware County Cattlemen take care of the beef products, while the fair board handles beer sales. Beer offerings include some beers made by Franklin Street Brewery in Manchester.

As for the beef products, the hot beef sundae is a hot beef sandwich in a bowl topped with mashed potatoes, cheese and tomato. The six-ounce steak sandwich is a ribeye cut and proves to be a yearly favorite of hungry fairgoers. For those that want to give full measure to a beef meal, there's the Big Cattleman, a 20-ounce steak that is cooked to order and served with mashed potatoes, coleslaw and a dinner roll.

The Steer-N-Stein offers a daily special like a Philly cheesesteak, a brisket sandwich, a mushroom and Swiss burger and a bacon cheeseburger. Whatever patrons order, the Cattlemen offer quality food at a reasonable



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price. "We try not to overprice our food," explained Maurer. "We want everyone to enjoy our product. We're not in it to make a ton of money. We're in it to promote the beef industry."

Maurer said that any money the group does make is put back into the fair

The Delaware County Cattlemen utilize local volunteers to help them run the Steer-N-Stein. "It's a big undertaking,"

said Maurer. "We have volunteers from local businesses that also help out. They provide some volunteers and we promote their business all week in our tent." Maurer said plans are already underway for this year's Steer-N-Stein. Anyone wishing to volunteer in the tent may contact Maurer at smaurer@iowatelecom.net or by calling 563-608-5522.

The Steer-N-Stein is also available to rent for parties and receptions by calling the fair office at 563-927-6449.

Maurer said fair patrons love the location, which can be seen from the northwest corner of the show ring. "Folks definitely have to walk to find it. But that was kind of the point. We didn't want to be down by the track. We wanted a quieter, more laid-back spot where people could just sit back and talk without all the noise. Our customers love it. Many of them would much rather sit here and talk to their friends. When there's a nice breeze blowing through the tent it's a nice place to relax."

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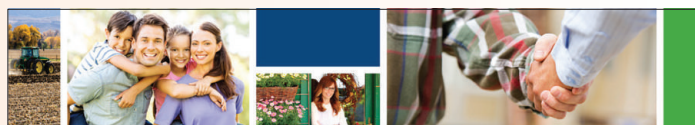
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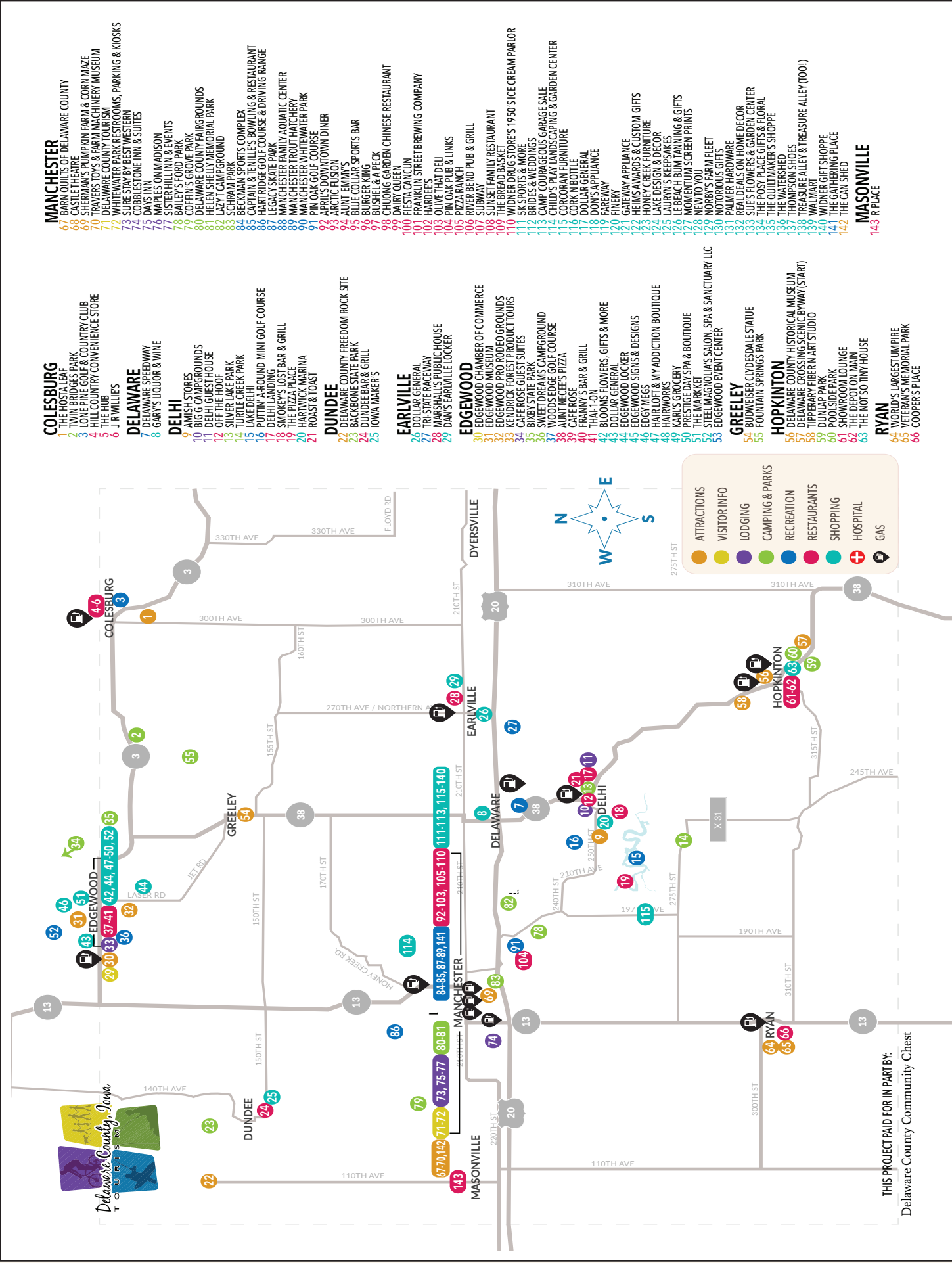
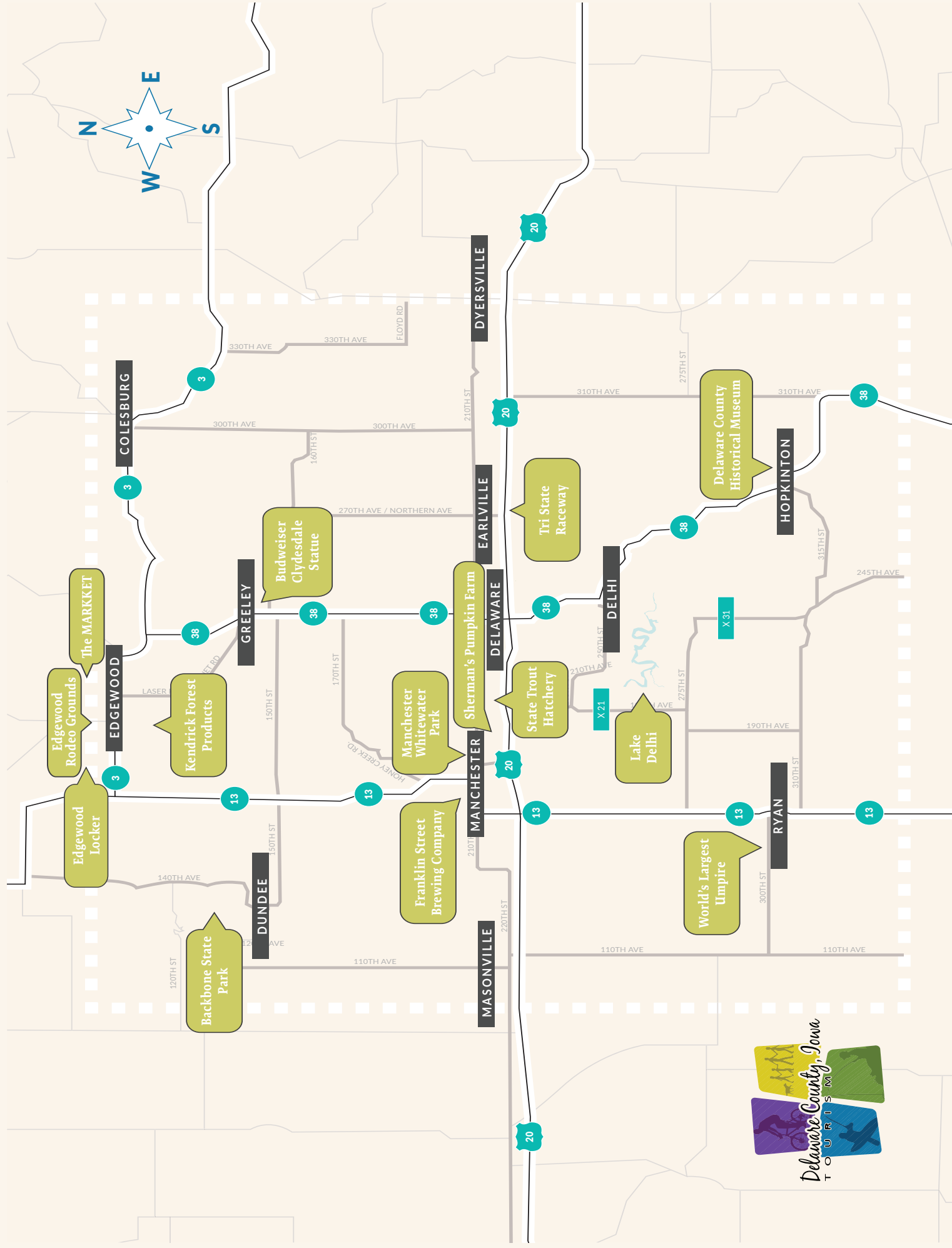
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Event center, coffee shop highlight sisters' love of cooking

By Mike Putz



Rose Totman, left, and Marge Rhines.

Growing up as the oldest two of seven children, sisters Rose Totman and Marge Rhines were encouraged to cook by their mother, Theresa Pape.

"Mom would sometimes give us the cookbook and tell us to cook something," Rhines said. "We kind of had free-range, which was fun."

That early encouragement has led the sisters to basically surround North Washington Street in Edgewood with their tasty treats. The two, along with Marge's husband, Tim Rhines, and Rose's partner, Randy Vogt, own the Edgewood Event Center. A block south of the event center, Marge and Tim have their coffee shop, Pie-Eyed & Flaky.

The two couples purchased the Edgewood Event Center from the

Edgewood Locker in November 2020. It was growth in Totman's previous spot, Café Rose, which led to the purchase.

"I had outgrown Café Rose for what I wanted to do," she explained. "I was looking to scale our meals and expand. With Covid, we were looking for more space. During that time, it was like 'where do we go from here?'"

Located at 303 N. Washington St., the Edgewood Event Center offers seating for 400 and full-service catering, either on-site or off-site. The center is climate controlled, with a full-service bar and a dance floor.

Totman and Rhines cater weddings, funerals, graduations and business meetings.

"We have similar recipes from Café



Raspberry White Chocolate Scones fresh from the oven are a popular item.

Rose and we also cater with recipes from the Edgewood Locker," Totman said.

Totman also has rooms for overnight guests at her former Café Rose location. Her Café Rose wines may be found at Karl's Grocery in Edgewood and at the Edgewood Locker.

She said she is looking to offer some retail hours in the future at the event center.

Those wishing to book the Edgewood Event Center may call 563-928-7342, online at www.edgewoodeventcenter.com or at their Facebook page, Edgewood Event Center.

A block south at 110 N. Washington St. Tim and Marge Rhines offer delicious pastries, pies and coffees at their Pie-Eyed & Flakey coffee shop. They are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to noon.

The couple opened the shop in October 2019.

"We are a small coffee and pie shop," Marge Rhines said. "We have a selection of fresh-made pastries

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The Edgewood Event Center offers full service catering.

and I make several kinds of pie every day. I always have cinnamon rolls, our scones, which are really popular, and I often have Danish. Sometimes I make muffins and our homemade cookies have really become popular."

She said the idea Pie-Eyed & Flakey came from working at Café Rose with Totman. "I had been making pies there with Rose. We started getting a lot of orders for pies and I thought maybe we could open a shop. Edgewood didn't have a coffee shop. We spoke with community people to judge the interest and people were really excited about the idea of having a coffee shop."

In addition to coffee and pastries, homemade soups from Totman are available. "There are usually a couple of different kinds of soup. Rose and I believe in cooking with basic ingredients. We don't use premade items or mixes. Everything is fresh."

Rhines said she attended barista training to learn how to make that perfect coffee.

"Good coffee, just like good baking, starts with good ingredients. Start with good beans freshly ground and have the perfect water temperature."

"Good coffee, just like good baking, starts with good ingredients."

- MARGE RHINES -

The shop offers lattes, mochas, cappuccinos, chai teas, and other specialty drinks. "We polled people about those drinks before we opened to see what they wanted. Those drinks have gone over very well, actually much more than I anticipated."

Those wishing to contact Rhines about pie or pastry orders may call the shop at 563-928-7458.

For Rhines and her husband, opening the shop was a chance to reconnect with friends and family after moving back from Illinois. "That's been the most fun for me," she said. "Connecting with the community and being back with family."

She said business has been good. "I am as busy as I can keep up. I'm always happy to take orders for baked goods."

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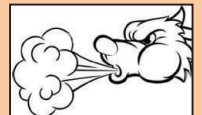
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PICKLEBALL

gaining popularity

HOW A SIMPLE GAME IS TRANSFORMING CITY LANDSCAPES

By Dylan Kurt

It's now officially the fastest growing sport in the United States and, as pickleball's popularity has absolutely exploded throughout Delaware County, more and more municipalities are making moves to add the appropriate infrastructure.

While the estimated number of pickleball players increased by over 12% in 2018, according to USA Pickleball Association data, the pandemic has likely played a huge role in increasing those numbers even further.

The sport, which combines elements from tennis, ping pong and badminton, is extremely easy to learn, doesn't take years to master and can be played by all skill levels, just several of the reasons the game has been embraced especially by people around retirement age.

Many of these older players practiced extra caution during the COVID-19 pandemic, including social distancing and quarantining when necessary. As restrictions lifted and vaccinations became more widely available, they didn't miss an opportunity to get out, exercise and fraternize when given the chance.

"It's an extremely social activity that provides an outlet for socialization coupled with an enjoyable physical activity," Manchester Parks and Rec Director Doug Foley said. "It's the perfect thing for both mental and physical health."

While players obviously enjoy the game itself, Foley said in Manchester the biggest draw to newbies are likely



Denise Parmley, left, prepares to return a shot while Ann Hanson watches during their pickleball game Nov. 2 at the Delaware County Rec Center.

the players themselves.

"This is a very welcoming community," Foley said of the growing pickleball base. "They're always inviting others to come to try the sport and I think it's just really caught on because everyone who's played it seems to enjoy it. It's also a good activity for people of a certain age who don't have a whole lot of other physical activities they can participate in."

While no one can precisely nail down just why the sport has exploded, one of the prevailing theories is that it's been brought back to the state by "snowbirds."

Snowbirds, or those who are retired and enjoy retreating to warmer states like Florida and Arizona during the harsh Iowa winters, have learned the sport down south and want to continue playing when returning to Iowa in the summer and spring.

"There is a huge, huge pickleball community down in the warmer climates," Foley said.

Another theory is that pickleball simply has begun to replace another popular sport: tennis. While tennis used to enjoy more popularity, and even the smallest of communities is likely to have a court, the pickleball alternative has gained a foothold because it is similar enough to tennis by way of rules, but it utilizes a smaller court, lighter paddles and the pace of play is more relaxed.

"Tennis has been declining over the years — it's a harder game to play compared to pickleball," Foley said. "In pickleball, there's less running and it's more senior citizen-friendly in terms of the size of the court."

Now that games have become a daily occurrence, more and more communities are adding dedicated pickleball courts to their park infrastructure.

The pickleball court is significantly smaller than the standard tennis court, which means it is easier to chase errant balls and eliminate a lot of the confusion. The game also requires a net that is about two inches shorter than a standard tennis net.

"Within the last three-or-four years it's just boomed — far more than we ever would have envisioned," Foley said, adding that while his department had planned adding more courts before the sport boomed, the increase in demand helped to push the timeline forward.

Previously, Manchester had four tennis courts, with pickleball lines painted on them, but those are now being replaced with actual pickleball courts.

"The other big advantage is dedicated pickleball courts obviously only have lines for pickleball, so you're not trying to distinguish which lines are for which sport in the middle of gameplay — it's a little less confusing and it makes it easier to react as the game goes on," Foley said.

When the City of Manchester came upon a \$20,000 grant being offered by Bud and Virginia Johnson, of Monticello, it made perfect sense to push forward with the project.

In response, the Manchester City Council decided to spend \$115,000 to add two new courts as well as a tennis court at Tirrill Park. Previously, pickleballers were utilizing the old tennis courts, which after years and years of asphalt resurfacing, produced a bulbous surface which some deemed a hazard.

"The existing facility was downright dangerous, I think," Councilmember Dean Sherman commented. "With the condition of the fencing and elevated court surface, it's a wonder no one



Rebecca Hansel and her son Isaac of Colesburg playing some pickleball.

ever broke a leg — it's overdue to be replaced."

"It kind of let us kill two birds with one stone — we were able to remove the aging courts at Tirrill Park and also provide two new pickleball courts," Foley added.

In Edgewood, a \$32,500 donation also from the Johnsons helped to get the ball rolling for new pickleball courts, and the new Woods Edge courts already have gotten a lot of miles on them since they were built in 2021.

Although a smaller community of around 900 residents, the additional recreational activity has brought a good percentage of the town together to share a new-found love of the game.

Paddles were made available free of charge at the Woods Edge Golf Course clubhouse, and it is free to use by all.

"The courts are getting used quite a bit, especially in the evenings," Edgewood pickleball player Art Johnson said. "We have had a number of people from Edgewood, as well as from outside the community, using the courts. It's great exercise, which is surprising for what appears to be a pretty simple activity. When you play it for just a few minutes, you have had quite a workout."

It seems all but certain that pickleball will only continue to gain even more momentum as more and more municipalities begin building new courts or retrofitting existing ones, a fact that is certainly relished by the dedicated fans of the sport.

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March

4 St. Peter & Paul Parish Fish Fry, Petersburg

5 Delaware County Dairy Banquet, Fairgrounds, Manchester

5 St. Mary's School Gala, Parish Center, Manchester

7 ISU Extension: Mondays in March, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester

12 Fire & EMS Steak Fry, Dundee

14 ISU Extension: Mondays in March, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester

17-19 Spring Retail Open Houses, Manchester

19 Edgewood Fireman's Steak Fry, Event Center

21 ISU Extension: Mondays in March, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester

24 Annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester

25 Fish Fry, St. Patrick Gym, Ryan

26 Turkey Banquet, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester

28 ISU Extension: Mondays in March. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester

April

1 Wood's Edge Comedian & Dinner, Edgewood

27 Manchester Chamber/Rotary Professional Staff Luncheon, Manchester

27-30 Edgewood City Wide Garage Sales

May

6-8 Experience Edgewood – It's All About Mom

Farmer's Markets' Open! at Colesburg, Edgewood, Hopkinton, Manchester. Dates and times vary.

June

2 Music on the Maquoketa, Riverfront Park, Manchester. Music: The Large Midgets

11 Rhubarb on the River & 5K Run, Manchester Chamber, Downtown

19 Romper Ride, Colesburg

23-26 Rodeo Days, Edgewood

23-26 Ridiculous Days, Manchester

25 Rodeo Parade, Edgewood

25 Nationals Car Show, Ryan

July

7 Music on the Maquoketa, Riverfront Park, Manchester. Music: Mark Zalznik

11-17 Delaware County Iowa Fair, Fairgrounds, Manchester



23 Delaware County Classic Dairy Show, Fairgrounds, Manchester

23 Manchester Day at the Cedar Rapids Kernals Baseball Game, Cedar Rapids

29 Bluegrass Festival, Delaware County Iowa

30 Delhi Days

August

4 Music on the Maquoketa, Riverfront Park, Manchester. Music by Elizabeth Mary Band

7 Butterfly Release, Noon at Lennox College Campgrounds, Hopkinton

6 Bacon N Hops Festival, Manchester Chamber, Manchester

6-7 Motorcycle Trials, Whitewater Park, Manchester

20 River Runner Regatta, Whitewater Park, Manchester

28 Hero Hustle Sprint Triathlon & Duathlon, Manchester

27 Lennox College Celebration on Campus, 9am-3pm, Delaware County Historical Society, Hopkinton

September

4-6 Quilt Show, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester

10 Youth Classic Dairy Show, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester

22-24 Manchester Retail Open Houses

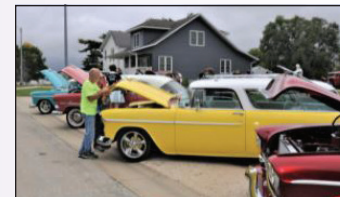
29 EmpowHer Women's Night, Manchester Chamber, Manchester

October

2 Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show, Hopkinton

15 Trail of Terrors & Haunted Hayride, Delhi

30 Sherman's 2022 Trunk-Trick-or-Treat 2-4pm



November

3-5 Retail Christmas Open Houses, Manchester

5-6 Heartland Quilters Quilt Show, Delaware County Pavilion, Manchester

12 Pheasants Forever, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester

December

1 Window Walk & Static Christmas Parade, Downtown Manchester

Jingle Bright Holiday Lights, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester

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Scenic art along the scenic byway

Delaware County gained new public art pieces over the last two years as a result of an initiative by the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway. The county's byway consists of a 36-mile loop through parts of Hopkinton, Delhi, Delaware, and Manchester, on some of the communities' most beautiful scenic roads.

One of the public art pieces, "Jump In" depicts a steel archway as a welcome to the Delhi City Park on the corner of Franklin and 3rd Streets. The concept was created by late artist and resident, Mike Seibert. "Jump In" features a family running across a dock to participate in water recreation,

drawing attention to Silver Lake and Lake Delhi.

Another public art piece can be found in Manchester at the home of the new riverfront park at 300 West Main Street. "Three Elements" features three sculptures designed and fabricated by artist Cara Briggs Farmer. The elements showcase the true pillars of Manchester's past, present and future: Agriculture, Sun, and Water.

The third piece of art was a bonus project that came from the initiative, with the help of the City of Manchester and Manchester Good to Great. Artist Dan Hatala turned an empty wall

alongside the Manchester Whitewater Park into a colorful masterpiece celebrating the excitement of the river. The mural depicts tubers and kayakers splashing through the waves of the Manchester Whitewater Park.

Delaware County's three new art pieces are part of 16 projects throughout the state of Iowa that make up the Byways of Iowa Public Art Initiative. The Byways of Iowa Foundation and Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) worked with the Byways of Iowa Coalition and partners across the state of Iowa to develop 16 large public art pieces in and along

Iowa's Scenic Byway communities. The Byways of Iowa Coalition is made up of representatives and coordinators from 10 state scenic byways, two national byways, and two heritage byways across Iowa, all working together to promote Iowa's Byways and develop and lead projects that improve and expand upon the intrinsic qualities and resources in byway corridors throughout the state. With their leadership, they've enhanced the byway traveler's experience and the quality of life for residents in Delaware County through these new public art pieces.

The design concepts were imagined and developed by local community leaders and residents in Delaware County. These beautiful, one-of-a-kind art pieces enhance our communities, encourage travelers to slow down and spend time in our historic downtowns, improve the social and economic vitality of Iowa communities, and foster economic development.

The short drive on the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway can either take you back in time or plant you in the present. Since the byway is a 36-mile loop route, it's easy to jump on or off at any point. Wherever you begin your travel, you'll enjoy spectacular views of farmland, rolling hills, and limestone bluffs. The entire county is considered the byway's "corridor", where byway travelers can hop out of their cars and enjoy all of the destinations and attractions the communities have to offer.

Together, Iowa's 16 art pieces create a body of art that epitomizes the culture and character of 15 small Iowa

communities along Iowa's scenic byways. Furthermore, the three art pieces along the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway beautifully illustrate the past, present and future of Delhi and Manchester's communities. Next time you are in the mood for a road trip, a scenic drive in the fall, or passing through on the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway, be sure to make a stop to experience "Jump In", "Three Elements" and the Whitewater Park mural.

For more information about the Byways of Iowa Public Art Initiative and the partners that made the project possible, visit www.bywaysofiowa.org/art.

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BASEBALL in the Heartland

In 1981 a career change was in the works for a Happy Chef in Cedar Rapids. That chef who sat outside the chain Happy Chef restaurant would soon be known as the largest umpire in the world. Nearly 40 years ago when the restaurant closed, the chef was transformed into an umpire who sits at the Ryan ballpark. The spoon was removed from his right hand and now he holds his index finger to signal "You're Out!" A fresh paint job turned his chef coat into an umpire uniform, chest protector and all, and he also gained a backward cap and wire facemask to top it off.

The umpire has become a signature destination for the town of Ryan, as people stop for a photo-op, come for a baseball game, or simply drive through town. At centerfield, the 18-foot tall umpire sits as king of the diamond and is a visual bonus as families come to watch their children play ball. A facelift in 2015 gave

him the striking appearance he still carries today.

In a place where the game of baseball is highly regarded, it's only fitting that the statue calls Ryan its home. In fact, he is just down the road from one of Iowa's hottest attractions, the "Field of Dreams." 2022 is the year for baseball as the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs battle onsite the iconic 1989 Kevin Costner feature film, "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville.

This is the second installment of Major League Baseball at Field of Dreams presented by Geico. "If you build it, they will come" will certainly come into play as fans flood the stadium Aug. 11, 2022. Those who haven't gotten a hotel room yet for this event may be out of luck. A MLB regulation field will house the game just north of the original field featured in the movie, and windows will allow the cornfields to be showcased



beyond the field.

In addition to the iconic umpire statue and the big game, there are plenty of fun activities to take part in revolving around ball games in Delaware County. With tee-ball, baseball camps, softball clinics, kids league, traveling teams, co-ed adult leagues, and school sports, the game is no stranger to the communities of the county. Fields are filled with ball games all summer long in the communities of Ryan, Dundee, Edgewood, Delhi, Earlville, Hopkinton and Manchester. Home to four fields, the Beckman Sports Complex in Manchester often hosts local and state tournaments throughout the season.

When it comes to ball, Delaware County is the place to be. See you on the field this summer.



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