



Harrison County Development Corporation

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Thoughts from the Director.....

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Are you experiencing cabin fever? Do you miss the usual fall days of festivals, community ice cream socials and picnics? Then you're not alone. We long for the days of getting out, meeting friends and family and having those special outings like we remember.

Picking apples, going for a bike ride, walking on a trail — wait — we can still do those things! There are lots of places and experiences that are available right here at home—even during COVID. In this issue we will revisit those wonderful places that are right in our back yard of Harrison County and Iowa.

Those businesses, parks and recreational areas are not only a great escape for us but they also rely on our business. They need us to visit them and keep them going as well. Remember by working together we can accomplish great things. Let's make it happen!



Visit Virtually: Explore Iowa From Home

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There are plenty of ways to explore and discover new things from the comfort of home. From online museum tours to family-friendly educational materials to explore the outdoors, here are fun ways to visit Iowa virtually.

When you visit the site listed below you will find a treasure trove of things to see and do in Iowa—virtually. Parks and zoos, museums and wildlife webcams, free downloadable fun family things to do— there really is something for everyone on this site.

Just type *Visit Virtually: Explore Iowa From Home* into your search engine. Your adventure awaits just a few clicks away.



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Local Things To See & Do.....

Below are just a few of the many attractions in Harrison County that are available during the Corona Virus pandemic. As things are quite fluid and changing all the time please call or visit their websites prior to visiting in case of any changes in their hours of operation.



Duncan's Poultry and Primitive Museum—The museum is open during our normal store hours. You can also call to make an appointment. Our number is (712)644-2322. <https://duncanspoultry.com/>

Over the years we have been accumulating poultry memorabilia and then our wonderful customers started bringing us poultry related items. When we looked at it all together, we realized that we want to share it with our community. And so...the Poultry and Primitive Museum was born! Our museum is housed in a replica gas station. The lights outside the museum are from Mary's Cafe and Home Oil, which was located in Norfolk, Nebraska and the lights work. The museum is a work in progress with the exhibits changing as we are constantly adding to the number of items on display. There is no cost for you to visit the museum but donations are accepted for the upkeep of the building and the artifacts. Also, don't forget to sign our guest book in our Country Store!

Loess Hills Lavender Farm—Open May through October with normal business hours 11-5 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We are open 1-5 on Sunday. (712)642-9016 <http://www.loesshillslavender.com/>



My husband and I visited the lavender fields of Sequim, WA, during the 2005 Sequim Lavender Festival. It was love at first sight! Cutting bundles of fresh lavender and inhaling the aroma, I knew I had to learn more about this amazing herb. I was in awe and resolved to bring that same beauty to our home in the Loess Hills of Iowa. By the summer of 2011, we had a lovely little gift shop, a kitchen for making balm and lotion, and small presentation area where I could host tour groups and arts and crafts events including lavender wand making and American High Tea. We opened the gift shop in the summer of 2011 and in addition to all of our lavender products we also showcase the work of over 40 local artisans. On display we have photos, paintings, barbwire sculptures, jewelry, woodwork, linens, and wonderful seasonal crafts too numerous to mention.



Small's Fruit Farm - Open 7 days a week from the Sales Shed 8am—6pm (712)646-2723 <http://www.smallsfruitfarm.com/>

On a trip to this area in 1894 my Great Great Grandfather purchased some apples from a local grower. Remembering them to be extremely tasteful, he returned the following year, purchases the farmers land and started his fist orchard. I am the 5th generation of Smalls to run the orchard. It wasn't as easy as my parents made it look but my wife Renee and I keep learning everyday how to provide our customers with the same quality that the generations before me have given. Our son Trevor joined us in 2009 and the legacy and learning continues. Apples, squash, pumpkins, guards and cider are our Fall regulars you won't want to miss and pick your own apples beginning Sept. 5th.

***There are many things to see and do safely at this time in Harrison County . Get out and enjoy what we have to offer right here at home.**