

Our Story

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Congratulations, Story County, Iowa, Recorder's Office

2018 Tyler Excellence Award Winner

During the Tyler Connect event in Boston, Tyler took great pride in honoring the Story County Recorder's Office with a 2018 Tyler Excellence Award. The panel of judges evaluated all entries to determine which jurisdictions demonstrated the best leadership, innovation, and excellence in using their Tyler Records & Document Solutions software. Story County presented Tyler's judges with a very memorable success story.

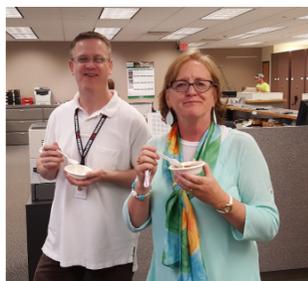
Because Story County's legacy records management solution required its own unique hardware and software, employees had to search, index, and scan documents on specific computers. Taxpayers also had to visit multiple offices to collect information, then search for documents on a single, public computer. By replacing the legacy solution with Eagle Recorder™, the staff was able to capture, secure, and manage land records; edit documents; and access records from any office computer. Employees in offices using Tyler's Incode™ solution could also login to search for and view records, and taxpayers could easily research property records from any public computer.

Tyler recognizes that it takes hard work and commitment to earn an Excellence Award. They hosted a special ice cream celebration for the Story County team as a way to express their appreciation.

Those interested in learning more about Story County's real estate system or the County Recorder's Office, please contact, Stacie Herridge, Story County Recorder, 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201 or via phone (515) 382-7230.



Kim Frisby, Vice President of Support Services, Tyler Technologies, presenting to County Recorder Stacie Herridge



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Upcoming Events

- First day to submit absentee ballot requests for the November General Election - July 9th
- RAGBRAI traveling through Story County - July 24-25th
- Story County Fair - July 20-26th
- Story County/Red Cross Blood Drives - August 16th (Human Services Center - Ames) and August 17th (Administration Building - Nevada)
- Property Taxes Due beginning September 1st

Story County Offices will be closed Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

Story County Board of Supervisors meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Public Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Story County Administration Building, Nevada.

For more Story County events and classes through Story County Conservation, please visit



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Prepping for the 2020 Census

2020 Local Update of Census Boundaries and Addresses

Story County is already assisting many of the cities in the county to prepare for the 2020 US Census even though it is two years away.

County staff and city officials are working to update Consolidated Boundary and Annexation Surveys (CBAS) and the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) - homework local jurisdictions need done before Census employees begin counting the number of people in the United States. The new boundary updates will complete the US Census Bureau's geographic framework for data collection, tabulation and dissemination, and are vital to the success of not only the US Census, but the American Community Survey (ACS), Population Estimates Program (PEP) and many other censuses and surveys.

The U.S. Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) provides a voluntary, once-a-decade, opportunity to local governments to review and comment on the Census Bureau's residential address list prior to the decennial census. The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census.

Accuracy of the CBAS and LUCA information is essential and provides benefits. The federal government allocates more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually for health, welfare, infrastructure, education, and other federal programs and services. Responding to the 2018 BAS ensures that your local government receives the funds for which it is entitled and has the best data available for its decision-making processes.

Please direct any questions regarding either of these programs or the 2020 Census to Story County Planning and Development at pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov or 515-382-7245.



Watershed Awareness

We all live in a watershed. A watershed is the area of land draining rain water or snow to a waterbody such as a stream, lake or wetland. These waterbodies then source our drinking water, provide water for agriculture and manufacturing, offer opportunities for recreation, and offer habitat to numerous plants and animals. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed June as Watershed Awareness Month. As part of that ongoing awareness, Prairie Rivers of Iowa and Story County Conservation unveiled new signs being placed on watershed boundaries throughout the County as part of an educational campaign on the importance of protecting our water and local watersheds. Story County's effort is unprecedented in scale, being one of only a few projects to mark watershed boundaries in addition to creek crossings.

The Board of Supervisors, County Conservation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission met on June 18th to collectively receive an assessment of

all the watersheds in Story County. The effort to complete this project kicked off in early 2017 when the Board of Supervisors brought on a consulting firm to develop countywide watershed assessments throughout Story County.

Looking at watersheds at the smaller level - technically, the Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 10 and 12 watershed levels - we are developing a comprehensive assessment that identifies watershed specific goals and develops implementation strategies addressing education, outreach and water quality improvement goals.

Story County is leading the state as the first county to look at watersheds at the countywide level. We hope this project helps define the health of our watersheds and sets the stage for future commitments for generations to follow.



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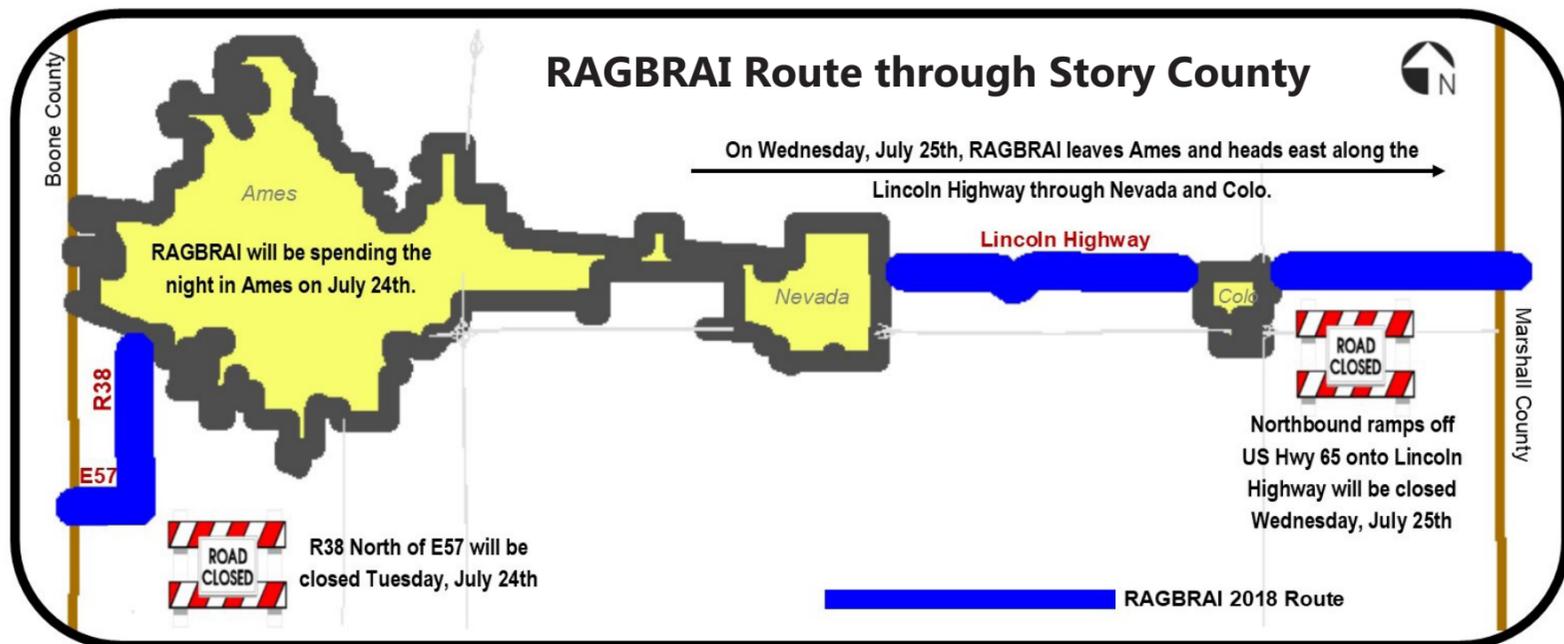
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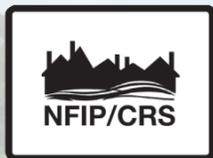
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Bicyclists Heading Our Way - RAGBRAI 2018 Visits Story County



On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 24-25th, thousands of bicyclists and their support crews will make Story County their resting spot. RAGBRAI enters the county on Tuesday the 24th, coming in from Boone County on E57 south of Ames and heading north along R38 to the Ames city limits. If you commute to and from Ames, Nevada, or Colo, use I-35, as Hwy 69 may be closed south of Ames on Wednesday, July 25th when RAGBRAI 2018 leaves the overnight stay in Ames and heads east across Story County along the historic Lincoln Highway. As RAGBRAI travels through each of the towns, various roads and your normal traffic patterns may be affected. Be sure to check out the city websites for more information.

Floodplain Management in Story County



Story County has an established history of floodplain management programs, participating in both the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS). CRS rewards communities that go beyond the minimum NFIP floodplain management requirements to lessen or eliminate flood exposure. One way communities benefit from CRS participation is through lower flood

insurance premiums passed on to individual property owners.

To look at your property and determine whether it is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), visit the Story County Assessor's website at www.storyassessor.org. Enter your address in the search box, and once the report comes up showing your property, click on the "Map" icon in the upper left corner. Another great resource to find an official flood map, access flood hazard products and understand flood risk is FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. On that site, you can search by address and use other tools to find your property.

Across the state of Iowa, real-time flood information is provided by the stream and river sensors installed at various locations. If you are tracking progress of floodwaters, visit the Iowa Flood Center's IFIS tool at <http://ifis.iowafloodcenter.org/ifis/main/?v=b>.

Bike Trail between Ames and Gilbert Now Complete

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of a new bike trail between Gilbert and Ames took place on Saturday, June 9th. The 10-foot wide paved bike trail connects the two communities for bicycles and pedestrian travel.



Soon after completion of the new Gilbert High School, city and school officials approached the Story County Board of Supervisors requesting the County pave Gretten Street (which is also known as Grant Avenue within Ames city limits). Along with improving the roadway to increase safety, the opportunity arose to include the bike trail as part of the overall transportation network improvements.

Through a successful public-private partnership, including funding and support from the City of Gilbert, Gilbert School District, private donations, and Story County, the bike trail provides an amenity for the community and a safe environment for those biking or walking along the roadway.

Interested in Operating a Home Business in Story County?

A variety of home businesses currently operate with home business permits throughout unincorporated Story County (including in rural subdivisions) ranging from internet sales, animal care, contracting to antique re-purposing and repair. Home businesses provide practical and economical ways for citizens to operate businesses while having limited impacts on the property and neighborhood. Story County's home business provisions allow for a small business in a portion of a dwelling or in an accessory structure on a residential property in order to maximize efficiencies and conveniences.

Story County adopted zoning in 1958, and regulations specific to Home Businesses have been on the books since then. The Story County Planning and Development Department reviews applications for meeting the requirements of

Chapter 89 of the Story County Land Development Regulations. Standards address the number of employees, types of services or products offered, dwelling size, use of accessory buildings, parking and service vehicles, outside storage, property values, signs and lighting, and impacts to the neighborhood related to appearance, odors, gas, dust, smoke, noise or other nuisances.

The standards also include an annual review of a Home Business permit. Two common areas of concern commonly noted during the annual reviews are the number of employees reporting to the home business and outdoor storage. The current regulation permits up to one person outside of those residing in the dwelling to be employed at the home business and no outside storage and display of materials or items associated with the business is permitted.

Citizens currently operating home businesses without Home Business Permits are encouraged to review the County's regulations and submit a Home Business Permit application and fee. Planning and Development staff reviews the application, observes current site conditions, provides guidance and where necessary, offers conditions to assist property owners to meet the requirements of the regulations.

Please contact the Story County Planning and Development Department at 515-382-7245 or at pzweb@storycountyiowa.gov with questions about the Home Business Permit application submittal process, the regulations or an existing Home Business's compliance status. The link to the County's Home Business Permit Application is at: <http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7450>.

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Phone: 515-382-6581

Animal Shelter
Phone: 515-382-3338

Engineer and Secondary Roads
Phone: 515-382-7355

Human Service Center
Phone: 515-663-2930

Justice Center Attorney
Phone: 515-382-7255

Justice Center Sheriff
Phone: 515-382-6566

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Lucy Martin

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Rick Sanders

Supervisor
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