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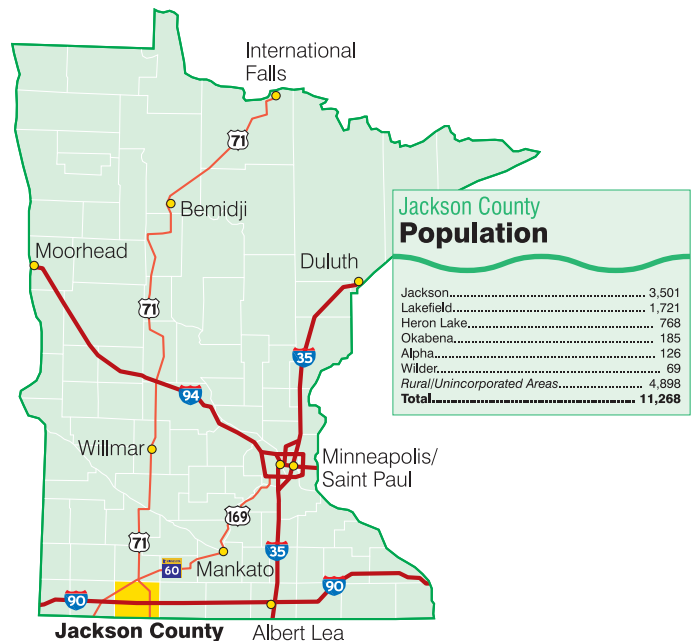
Marilyn Reese

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to welcome you to Jackson County. We hope the information you find within this visitor and information guide will help you discover many interesting things to do. There are many fine lodging facilities, restaurants and shops throughout the area. Our county park system is one of the best for camping and family fun. Fishing and boating opportunities are provided at Loon and Clear

lakes for the outdoor enthusiast.

We invite you to spend the day in Lakefield at the outdoor Family Aquatic Center. Slides for all ages, zero entry and water toys, along with a concession stand on premise, provide a full day of fun for the entire family. The aquatic center is located on the eastern edge of town, just off Menage Avenue.

While in the vicinity, be sure to see what's new at the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, located along Highway 86 in Lakefield next to Sparks Park on the northern edge of town. Learn about nature and



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Jackson County has a strong commitment to our heritage and history. The Jackson County Historical Society Museum in Lakefield houses local artifacts and exhibits, a microfilm collection of newspapers and genealogical information. Nearby is the Jackson County War Memorial, which honors county veterans who lost their lives in World Wars I and II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Explore the re-creation of Fort Belmont, a civilian fort built to protect area settlers back in 1862. The site features a stockade with log cabin, 1902 church, blacksmith shop, 1873 farmhouse, sod house and recently completed grist mill. A rendezvous is held at the fort every year the weekend after Labor Day. Fort Belmont is open daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day, and located south of Interstate 90, exit 73 in Jackson.

Finally, if you are looking for fast-paced action on Saturday nights, check out the racing at the Jackson Speedway. Long known for being one of the best half-mile dirt tracks in the Midwest, the weekly program provides a variety of classes, including outlaw sprints, IMCA stock cars, 305 sprints, IMCA sport mods, IMCA hobby stocks and hornets.

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau office is located at 82 W. Ashley St., within the Jackson City Hall complex. Feel free to stop by or call for information about the area. We are here to help visitors, businesses and the residents of Jackson County.

Welcome to Jackson County!

— Marilyn Reese, chamber executive director

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Annual Events

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January

21–23 • Winter Crazy Days, Jackson

February

6 • Wild Turkey Federation Banquet, Jackson

26–27 • Jackson County Art Guilds Dinner Theatre, Jackson

March

20 • Farm and Home Show, Jackson

26 • Fireman's Dance, Jackson

April

3 • Easter Egg Hunt, Jackson

18 • JCC FFA Banquet, Jackson

23–24 • Citywide Garage Sales, Lakefield

24 • Fireman's Dance, Lakefield

24 • JCC Prom, Jackson

May

1 • Citywide Garage Sales, Jackson

8 • SSC Prom, Okabena

21 • Sprint Car Nationals, Jackson

28 • SSC Commencement, Okabena

31 • Memorial Day Parade, Jackson



June

6 • JCC Commencement, Jackson

17 • Franks A Lot, Jackson

21–27 • Summerfest, Lakefield

23 • Library Summer Reading Program Kickoff

27 • Fort Belmont Jam Session, Jackson

July

4 • Okabena Fourth, Okabena
15 • Pork Chop Open, Lakefield
16–18 • Race Days, Jackson
16 • Road Race/Fitness Walk, Jackson
16–17 • Rhythm of the River, Jackson
17 • Summer Crazy Days, Jackson
17 • Race Days Parade, Jackson
17 • Art in the Park, Jackson
17 • Sanford Kids' Triathlon for Health, Jackson
18 • Fort Belmont Tower Dedication, Jackson
28–Aug. 1 • Jackson County Fair, Jackson



August

1 • Jackson Saddle Club Horse Show, Jackson
5 • Family Night Out, Jackson
7 • Relay for Life, Jackson
12 • Corn Cob Open, Jackson
20–21 • Sprint Car Nationals, Jackson

September

11–12 • Fort Belmont Rendezvous, Jackson
11 • Prairie Winds Kite Fly, Jackson
11 • Fly-in Breakfast, Jackson
18 • Citywide Garage Sales, Jackson
25 • Stock Car Nationals, Jackson

December

4 • HolidayFest, Jackson
4–5 • Pioneerland Gun Show, Jackson



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Dining

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Dairy Queen

1021 Highway 71 N.
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(507) 847-4662

The Jackson Dairy Queen is where Jackson County goes for hot eats and cool treats. Located conveniently along Interstate 90, the DQ serves up burgers, baskets and some of the best ice cream around.

ExpressWay - Jackson

1021 Highway 71 N.
Jackson, MN 56143
(507) 847-2070

Great food ready to go almost anytime of every day, the Jackson ExpressWay features fresh deli sandwiches, pop, candy and coffee.

ExpressWay - Lakefield

401 N. Highway 86
Lakefield, MN 56150
(507) 662-6233

Featuring a full line of Hot Stuff foods, as well as fresh deli sandwiches, pop, candy and coffee, Lakefield's ExpressWay is a one-stop shop for quick and delicious food.

Pizza Ranch

206 Third St.
Jackson, MN 56143
(507) 847-5555

Known for its noon and evening all-you-can-eat buffets as well as speedy-quick delivery, Pizza Ranch in Jackson is a favorite among locals and visitors.

Santee Crossing-Embers

I-90 and Highway 71 N.
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Boasting the best breakfast in the county, as well as a full menu of lunch and dinner options, Santee Crossing-Embers is located right off the interstate.

Subway

812 Third St.
Jackson, MN 56143
(507) 847-5004

Featuring a variety of sandwiches piled high with your favorite toppings and served with a smile, the Jackson Subway is Jackson County's top spot for the freshest and finest in fast food.

Sunshine Foods

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	American Legion Club	411 First St., Jackson	(507) 847-2004				D				C	•	•		
	Amigo's	415 Highway 71 S., Jackson	(507) 847-3212	•			LD				C				
Back Cover	Belmont Lane Beer Pub	AmericInn, 110 Belmont Lane, Jackson	(507) 847-2444		•		LD					•	•		•
	Bergen Bar & Grill	89982 540th Ave., Windom	(507) 831-2200	•		•	D					•			
24	Bridget's Bucksnot's Brew Ha-Ha & Grill	105 Sherman St., Jackson	(507) 847-4595	•			LD				DC	•		•	•
	Burger King	2000 Highway 71 N., Jackson	(507) 847-4647		•		BLD		•		C				•
24	Casey's Carry-out Pizza	603 Third St., Jackson	(507) 847-4192		•		BLD				C	•			•
6	Coffee Choices	404 Second St., Jackson	(507) 847-4065	•			BL				C				•
9	Dairy Queen	1021 Highway 71 N., Jackson	(507) 847-4662	•	•		LD		•		C				•
	Emerald Valley Golf Course	101 Valleybrook Rd., Lakefield	(507) 662-5755	•		•	LD		•	•	C	•	•	•	•
9	ExpressWay—Jackson	1021 Highway 71 N., Jackson	(507) 847-2070		•		BLD				C	•			•
9	ExpressWay—Lakefield	401 N. Highway 86, Lakefield	(507) 662-6233		•		BLD				C	•			•
	Garden Steakhouse	2007 Highway 71 N., Jackson	(507) 847-3110	•		•	D		•	•	C	•	•	•	•
	Hage Oil	501 S. Highway 86, Lakefield	(507) 662-6666		•		BLD				C	•			•
	Hilltop Cafe	206 S. Highway 86, Lakefield	(507) 662-5400	•			BLD		•		C				
	Hi-Lo Supper Club	80626 Highway 86, Lakefield	(507) 662-5992	•		•	D	•	•	•	C	•	•	•	•
	Horse Barn & Hunt Club	46421 860th St., Lakefield	(507) 662-5490	•		•	D	•	•	•	C	•	•	•	•
	New China Restaurant	300 W. Ashley St., Jackson	(507) 847-2800	•			LD	•			C				•
	Okabena Municipal Liquor Store and Cafe	100 Jackson St., Okabena	(507) 853-4562	•			BLD		•		C	•			•
	Pillars Pub & Eatery	507 Second St., Jackson	(507) 847-9901	•		•	LD		•	•	DC	•		•	•
21	Pizza Ranch	206 Third St., Jackson	(507) 847-5555	•			LD	•	•		DC	•	•	•	•
	P.J.'s Mini Mart and Cafe	891 Highway 60, Heron Lake	(507) 793-2651	•			BL								
	Reggie's Cinema Barista	600 Second St., Jackson	(507) 847-4360								C			•	•
21	Santee Crossing-Embers	I-90 and Highway 71 N., Jackson	(507) 847-3841	•		•	BLD		•		C		•		•
11	Subway	812 Third St., Jackson	(507) 847-5004	•	•		LD		•		C			•	•
Inside Back Cover	Sunshine Foods	908 Highway 71 N., Jackson	(507) 847-2074	•			BLD	•			C			•	•
	Taco Depot	600 Second St., Jackson	(507) 847-4360	•	•		LD				C			•	•
24	The Shed	Highway 86 N., Lakefield	(507) 662-5133	•			LD				C	•			•

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Parks and Trails

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Jackson County Park System Campgrounds

The Jackson County Park System offers some of the most well-maintained and popular campgrounds in the area.

Campgrounds usually open around April 15. Call (507) 847-2240 to check on opening dates or for more information.

Anderson County Park

A 25-acre park located on the west shore of Pearl Lake. Facilities include: campground, restrooms, playground equipment, pressure water system, boat ramp, picnic area with grills and tables, shelter house with fireplace and electricity, and observation tower.

Brown County Park

This 15-acre park is located on the shores of both Pearl and Loon lakes and is renowned for its combination of woodland and open space. Facilities include: campsites, picnic area, restrooms, shelter house with fireplace and electricity, pressure water system, footbridge, grills, tables and playground equipment.

Community Point County Park

A 5-acre park located on the east shore of South Heron Lake. This park provides an excellent site to enjoy and observe all types of waterfowl. The combination of sandy beaches and shaded park area makes this park a unique and popular area

during the summer months. Facilities include: restrooms, grills, picnic tables, shelter house with fireplace and electricity, well with hand pump and playground equipment.

Robertson County Park

A 46-acre park located on the east shore of Loon Lake, this park is completely wooded and is abundant with natural flora and fauna. Facilities include: picnic area, restroom, shelter house with fireplace and electricity, well with hand pump, grills, tables, observation tower, trails, playground equipment and a campground.



Sandy Point

This 24-acre park, located on the west shore of South Heron Lake, provides an excellent area to observe many species of waterfowl. An observation tower increases the quality of waterfowl observation. The sandy beaches are suitable for sunbathing, and fishing and boating are also popular. Facilities include a shelter house with fireplace, electricity, water supply, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, restroom, boat ramp, dock, volleyball stands and camping.

State Park Campground

Reservations at state park campgrounds are recommended on holidays. Call (507) 662-6258 to check on opening dates or for more information.


Kilen Woods State Park

The park is located 9 miles northeast of Lakefield and the entrance is on Jackson County Highway 24, 5 miles east of Highway 86. Nestled in the wooded hillsides and grassy ravines along the west bank of the Des Moines River are 200 acres of nature and tranquility. There are numerous all-season trails and abundant wildlife can be observed throughout the park. Facilities include: 5 miles of hiking trails, 1½ miles of cross-country skiing trails, 3½ miles of snowmobiling trails, public access to the Des Moines River and camping.

The year-round campground has 37 campsites (four are walk-in, 11 have 30-amp electrical hookups), semi modern with tables, water and hot showers (from May 1 to Oct. 1), picnic area and year-round shelter building.



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The Jackson County Park System invites you to visit their county park system. Camping is available at four of our County Parks – with 90 developed campsites at the Loon Lake Campgrounds. The campgrounds offer hot showers and electrical hook-ups. Other facilities include shelters with electrical outlets, restrooms, pressured water, playground equipment, paved bike trails, observation decks and dump station. Camping, boating, fishing, volleyball and hiking are all popular activities at our parks.

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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 Southwest Star 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 Island Park, Getty's Park and Benes Recreational Area. Ashley Park has a shelter house with electricity, sand volleyball and tennis court. Central Park has a tennis court and gazebo. Patterson Park has a shelter with electricity. Dumont Park has sand volleyball and softball diamond. Sunset Park has a shelter. Zimmerli Park has playground equipment. Benes Rec Area features disc golf.



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

City of Lakefield parks

Lakefield has three 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, horse-shoes, restrooms and a softball diamond. The south city park has playground equipment and

tennis court.

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.

Obie Knutson Park

A small park located on the south side of Fish Lake, adjacent to a state-owned public access, this popular park offers restrooms, a picnic shelter, playground equipment, picnic tables and beautiful shade trees.

Sparks

Environmental Park

This 40-acre park, located on the north edge of the city of Lakefield, serves as the home base of the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, which offers environmental education for both children and adults.



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	Restroom	Flush toilets	Pressure water	Boat ramp	Dock	Picnic area	Grills	Tables	Shelter house	Fireplace	Electricity	Observation tower	Playground	Dump station	Hot showers	Volleyball stands
Kilen Woods State Park Campground	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•
Anderson County Park Campground	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Brown County Park Campground	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•
Robertson County Park Campground	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sandy Point County Park Campground	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			

Expansive trail system is fast becoming renowned amenity

What is fast becoming a renowned amenity throughout the county and the region, Jackson County's sprawling 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 trail system one of the most expansive and widely used in the area.

Recent additions to the trail system include a span of paved trail along Nelson Creek in Jackson and a leg in the scenic Loon Lake area of southern Jackson County.

Completed in 2007 and dedicated just last year, the Nelson Creek Trail runs along Nelson Creek behind Good Samaritan 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, completed in the fall of 2006 and

spring of 2007, connecting the county parks along Loon Lake in the southern part of Jackson County, and the Heron Lake/Okabe-na Trail, completed in 2007, connecting those two towns on the western side of Jackson County.

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

Future trail plans include the Fort Belmont Trail, which will connect an area near Riverside Elementary School in Jackson with Fort Belmont. It is hoped construction will begin shortly.

A proposed Sunset Trail would connect the end of the Nelson Creek Trail from Old Highway 16 to the Sunset View housing subdivision in Jackson, then traverse along Springfield Parkway toward Riverside Elementary School, where the Fort Belmont Trail would already be in place.

Jackson County's trails are designed for non-motorized users, including walkers, bikers and runners.



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Racing

Jackson is home to the fastest half-mile dirt track in the five-state area.

Located on the historic Jackson County Fairgrounds on Jackson's east side, the Jackson Speedway features sprints, limited sprints, modifieds, IMCA stock cars and IMCA hobby stocks.

The Jackson Nationals feature three big nights of racing every third weekend in August, thrilling fans from all over the United States and Canada.

The Jackson Speedway has races every Saturday night from May through September, thrilling edge-of-your-seat action that is known far and wide as some of the best family entertainment around.

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Bowler's Inn in downtown Lakefield is Jackson County's spot for pulverizing pins. The multi-lane bowling alley can be reached at (507) 662-5418.

Countywide Community Education Programs

The Jackson County Central School District, which covers the communities of Lakefield, Jackson and Sioux Valley, and the Southwest Star Concept 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 or (507)

662-6625. For SSC community ed, call (507) 853-4507 or (507) 853-4503.

Historic State Theatre

Built in the 1920s, the Historic State Theatre in downtown Jackson is an original art deco classic single silver-screen cinema that retains all the unique charm from the day it was built. Call (507) 847-4360 for what's playing.

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 Wi-Fi. The Jackson County Libraries are a member of the Plum Creek Library System. For more information, call 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.

Southwest Star Concept Swimming Pool

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

Outdoor Rec

Benes Park Rec Area

Home to Jackson County's newest outdoor activity, disc golf, Benes Park Rec Area is located along the banks of the Des Moines River on the south edge of Jackson.

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 Kart Club

Kart club races take place every other Sunday, May through September. Classes racing are rookies, junior I, junior II and adults. It is a non-points track, racing for trophies. The track is located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Call (507) 847-5826 for more information.

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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.

Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club Trails

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Jackson Golf Club

Located on the north side of Jackson along Highway 71, this 3,275-yard par-37 nine-hole layout takes advantage of the

rolling hills of the Des Moines River Valley. The well-maintained course is 60 years old and has the beautiful mature trees to prove it. Enjoy the clubhouse over snacks and drinks and also the deck overlooking greens seven and nine. Party facilities are available for special occasions. Call (507) 847-2660 for more information.

Loon Lake Golf

Taking advantage of the Jackson County rural setting, this 3,092-yard par-36 golf course, located on the north side of Loon Lake, 9 miles

southwest of Jackson or 7 miles southeast of Lakefield, has a layout suitable for all levels of golfers. The newly remodeled clubhouse features a snackbar

and bar, and a screened-in porch overlooks the first green. Call (507) 847-4036 for more information.



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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.

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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.

Independence 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 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 4:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and other times by appointment.

The museum features more than two dozen special displays depicting historic settings from Jackson County's past. A manuscript book and photo library are located here as is a gift shop area offering local historic literature and research guides.

Call (507) 662-5505 for more information.

The building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Open during business hours.

Call (507) 847-4182 for more information.

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 barber shop, blacksmith shop, depot and caboose. Open during county fair week.

Call (507) 847-2402 for more information.

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. The site is open to the public.

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.

Langland Family Memorial

In August 1862, four members of the Langland family were massacred by Sioux Indians at this site. This was part of what is known as the "Belmont Massacre," which resulted in the deaths of 13 Jackson County settlers.

Following this, all settlers moved, leaving the county a deserted land for two years.

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Loon Lake Cemetery

Many settlers were buried in this pioneer cemetery in southern Jackson County.

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Recalling the late 1800s, Fort Belmont has been a major tourist attraction in Jackson County since the 1950s. The fort was first established on a plot of land in south Jackson by Buren and Evie Watland in 1958. The Watlands were local history buffs with strong historical ties to the area and built the fort and log cabin, which were based on those built by Norwegian settlers who lived here in the 1860s.

Eleven families (60 to 70 people) crowded into the original 18-by-26-foot log cabin (except for winters) for most of two years. Still fearing Native Americans after the 1862 Springfield Massacre, the settlers felt they needed the stockade as protection. As Fort Belmont was completely occupied and constructed by neighbors, it is classified as a civilian fort, one of only two civilian-built forts ever constructed in the Midwest.

Today, Fort Belmont consists of 23 acres on the south side of Interstate 90. An exact replica of the historic log cabin and stockade are featured on the land, as well as the 1902 Delafield Church and the 1873 Lysgard farmhouse and summer kitchen. A hand-built sod house and blacksmith shop provide a picture of how the early prairie pioneers lived. Last year, a grist mill was completed with the help of many volunteers. The waterwheel-operated flour mill is a one-third-scale replica that uses wooden gears to stone grind flour. Also, located on the

site is a museum complete with many relics depicting the early history of Jackson County.

Two large projects are on the agenda at Fort Belmont in 2010. First, is to save the old fort tower from demolition, moving it to the current Fort Belmont site and restoring it for public use and enjoyment. The second project is to replace the deteriorating shingles on the Delafield Church. Both will take much-needed funding to see completion this year. The Fort Belmont volunteer board greatly appreciates any and all donations to these special projects.

The last Sunday of June, everyone is welcome to attend the Fort's "JAM Session." Talented musicians come together from local and long-distance areas to provide entertainment for both young and old. Bring your musical instrument and/or your voice and share in the fun! Then, gather with the buck-skinners at the annual Fort Belmont Rendezvous on the weekend after Labor Day to celebrate the lifestyle of years gone by. Primitive camping, cooking over



an open fire, blacksmithing, demonstrations of pioneer living and other trades of the 1800s era will be on display to experience. Watch or join in the Black Powder Rifle shoot on Saturday, take a horse-drawn wagon ride or just enjoy the beautiful fall prairie flowers.

Fort Belmont is open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day. School field trips and special tours are available, as well

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The Southern Minnesota Peach reaches more than 42,000 readers in more than 12,000 homes across six counties each week. Inserted into seven southern Minnesota newspapers each Thursday, including the Jackson County Pilot and Lakefield Standard, the Peach has cover-to-cover readership. A free local electronic version of the Southern Minnesota Peach can be downloaded from www.jacksoncountypilot.com and www.lakefieldstandard.com.



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The Farm Market News is a free twice-monthly ag/farm publication serving the entire southwestern and south-central Minnesota, northwestern Iowa and southeastern South Dakota

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The Pilot Raceway News Web site has quickly become one of the area's top sources of racing information and photographs. The site covers racetracks and go-kart tracks in Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. Race fans will find weekly updates with racing action shots, winner photos, results, point standings and season schedules.

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Airport

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Jackson Municipal Airport

A brand new, state-of-the-art terminal awaits visitors and business travelers alike at the Jackson Municipal Airport, located on 270 acres just north of Jackson.

The new, cutting-edge terminal, completed in July 2008, houses the airport manager's office, a commons area, an expansive conference room, a pilots' lounge and new restrooms. The facility replaces the former terminal, constructed more than a half-century ago, in 1952.

Jackson City Administrator Dean Albrecht said the new terminal speaks volumes about the city's progressive outlook on attracting visitors and busi-

nesses to the community and surrounding county.

"It's a project that Jackson really needed to do," Albrecht said. "And the end result is a facility of which the city can be proud. That was the goal and we have reached it."

Beyond the new, modern 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.

The facility offers 100LL, Jet A fuel and features full maintenance facilities, provided by PS Aviation.

The airport's AWOS number is (507) 847-5810, NBD 353. The airport terminal phone number is (507) 847-3599, air-

port manager Paul Sanders' phone number is (507) 236-6688 and Albrecht, the airport contact person, can be reached at Jackson City Hall at (507)

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The Jackson Municipal Airport hosts the annual fall Fly-In Breakfast the first Saturday in September.



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Industry and Agriculture

Industry plays a vital role in the economic landscape of Jackson County. From ethanol to wind energy, motorcycle hitches to farm implements and gas fireplaces to aluminum decking,

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Contributing to that pro-industry attitude is the Jackson Economic Development Corp., a forward-thinking group of locals dedicated to promoting the Jackson area as the ideal place for industry to plant roots.

Jackson County's major industrial park tenants include:

- AGCO, Jackson
- Technical Services for Electronics, Jackson
- Accent Insurance Recovery Solutions, Jackson
- Kozy Heat Fireplaces, Lakefield
- Erickson Trucks-N-Parts, Jackson
- HitchDoc, Jackson
- USF Holland, Jackson
- Heron Lake BioEnergy, Heron Lake
- Pioneer, Jackson

- New Fashion Pork, Jackson
- Last-Deck, Jackson
- B&H Manufacturing, Jackson
- Ziegler Ag Equipment, Jackson
- Minnesota Hearth Products, Lakefield

Though the county's industrial parks are teeming with activity, JEDC members and other economic development-minded individuals are constantly looking toward the future.

Those interested in industrial park development opportunities in Jackson may call the Jackson economic development office at (507) 847-4423.

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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.

Jackson County Extension Service

Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

P.O. Box 309, 419 Main Street

Lakefield, MN 56150

Phone: 662-5293

www.extension.umn.edu/county/

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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.

Farm Service Agency

Hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

802 State Street

Lakefield, MN 56150

Phone: 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 www.fsa.usda.gov.

Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District

Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

602 South Highway 86

Lakefield, MN 56150

Phone: 662-6682

The Jackson County 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. Through these programs, producers and landowners reduce wind and water erosion, improve water quality, provide wildlife habitat and make Jackson County a better place to live.

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401 7th Ave. N.
Lakefield, 662-6453

Church of the Good Shepherd

311 Sverdrup St.
Jackson, 847-3419

Evangelical Lutheran Church

1022 County Road 9
Heron Lake
793-2762 or 831-2232

Fellowship Church

Dewey and North Highway
Jackson, 841-1578

First Baptist Church

921 Hills Ave.
Jackson, 847-2369

First Presbyterian Church

601 4th St., Jackson
847-4722

Grace Lutheran Church

78396 340th Ave.
Worthington, 842-5634

Heron Lake Lutheran Church

231 11th St.
Heron Lake
793-2762 or 831-2232

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

PO Box 1010
Lakefield, 662-5938

Immanuel Lutheran Church

5th and Bush Streets
Lakefield, 662-5718

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Kimball Township
639-6541

Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses

77271 U.S. Hwy. 71 S.
Jackson, 847-3518 (lv. msg.)
847-3638

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

100 Kimball Ave.
Jackson, 847-3693



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

120 N. Front St.
Okabena, 853-4648

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

614 Logan Ave.
Jackson, 847-2856

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321 9th St.
Heron Lake, 793-2357

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500 North Highway
Jackson, 847-3861

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100 Market St.
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Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
405 Fourth St.
Jackson, MN 56143

Offices at the Courthouse

County Attorney 847-2850
Auditor/Treasurer 847-2763
County Coordinator/
IS Administrator 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
Environmental Health & Pollution
Control 847-2240
Park Planning & Zoning 847-2240
Veteran's Service Officer 847-4774

Jackson County Community Health

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Located inside the Jackson County
Resource Center, second floor
407 Fifth St., Suite 209
Jackson, MN 56143
847-2366

Jackson County Department of Human Services

Hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
310 Sherman St.
Jackson, MN 56143
847-4000

Jackson County Extension Service

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
419 Main St.
P.O. Box 309
Lakefield, MN 56150

Jackson County Highway Department

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shop Hours: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
County Road 34
Jackson, MN 56143

Engineer 847-2525
Highway Shop 847-3482

Jackson County Sheriff's Office

400 Sherman St.
Jackson, MN 56143
847-4420

Jackson County Libraries

Jackson Public Library
311 Third St.
Jackson, MN 56143
847-4748
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401 Ninth St.
Heron Lake, MN 56137
793-2641
Lakefield Library
410 Main St.
Lakefield, MN 56150
662-5782

City Government/ Organizations

Alpha City Hall

Hours: 8 a.m. to noon
145 Main St. N.
Alpha, MN 56111
847-3557

Utility Services

Electric
Federated Rural Electric 847-3520
Telephone
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Heron Lake City Hall

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
312 Tenth St.
P.O. Box 315
Heron Lake, MN 56137
793-2826

Offices at City Hall

Heron Lake Watershed District
793-2462
Senior Citizens Center 793-2826

Other City Departments

Volunteer Fire Department/Ambulance

Service 796-2381
Municipal Liquor Store 793-2482
Police Department 793-2813
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Jackson City Hall

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
80 W. Ashley St.
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www.cityofjacksonmn.com

Offices at City Hall

Jackson Area Chamber of
Commerce 847-3867
Economic Developer 847-4423
City Administrator 847-4410

Other City Departments

Electric Department 847-3225
Street Department 847-4612
Water Department 847-2723
Police Department 847-2442
Jackson Municipal Airport 847-2772
Jackson Volunteer Fire Department/
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Jackson Municipal Liquor Store
847-2826

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Jackson Economic Development Authority

The Jackson Economic Development Authority serves an active role in a number of economic development projects, including the Downpayment Assistance Program, housing rehabilitation programs and subdivision development.

Jackson Economic Development Office

The city of Jackson employs a full-time economic development coordinator who is available for inquiries from businesses and industries. For more information, call (507) 847-4423.

Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Jackson, MN 56143
847-3867
www.jacksonmn.com

Lakefield City Hall

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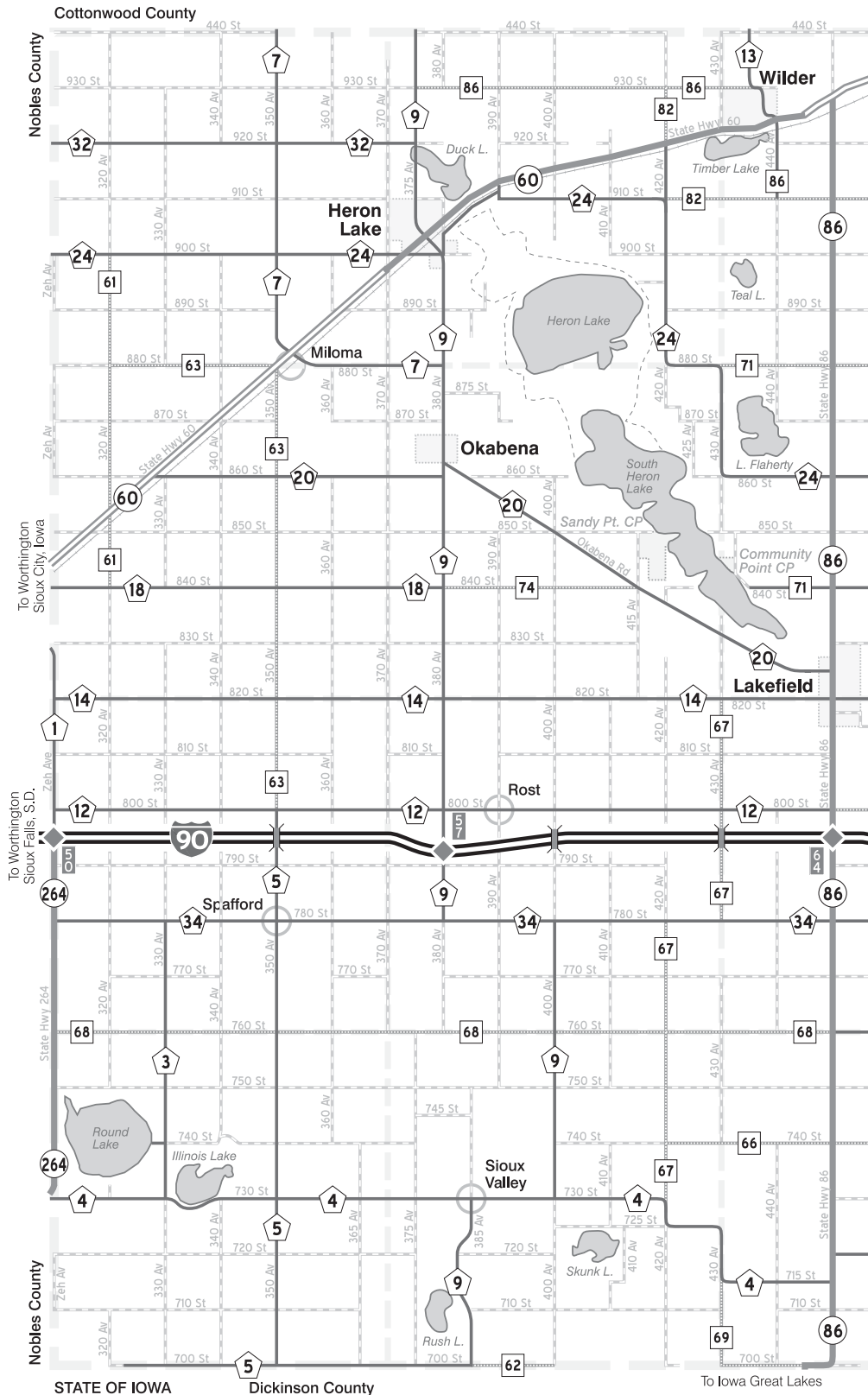
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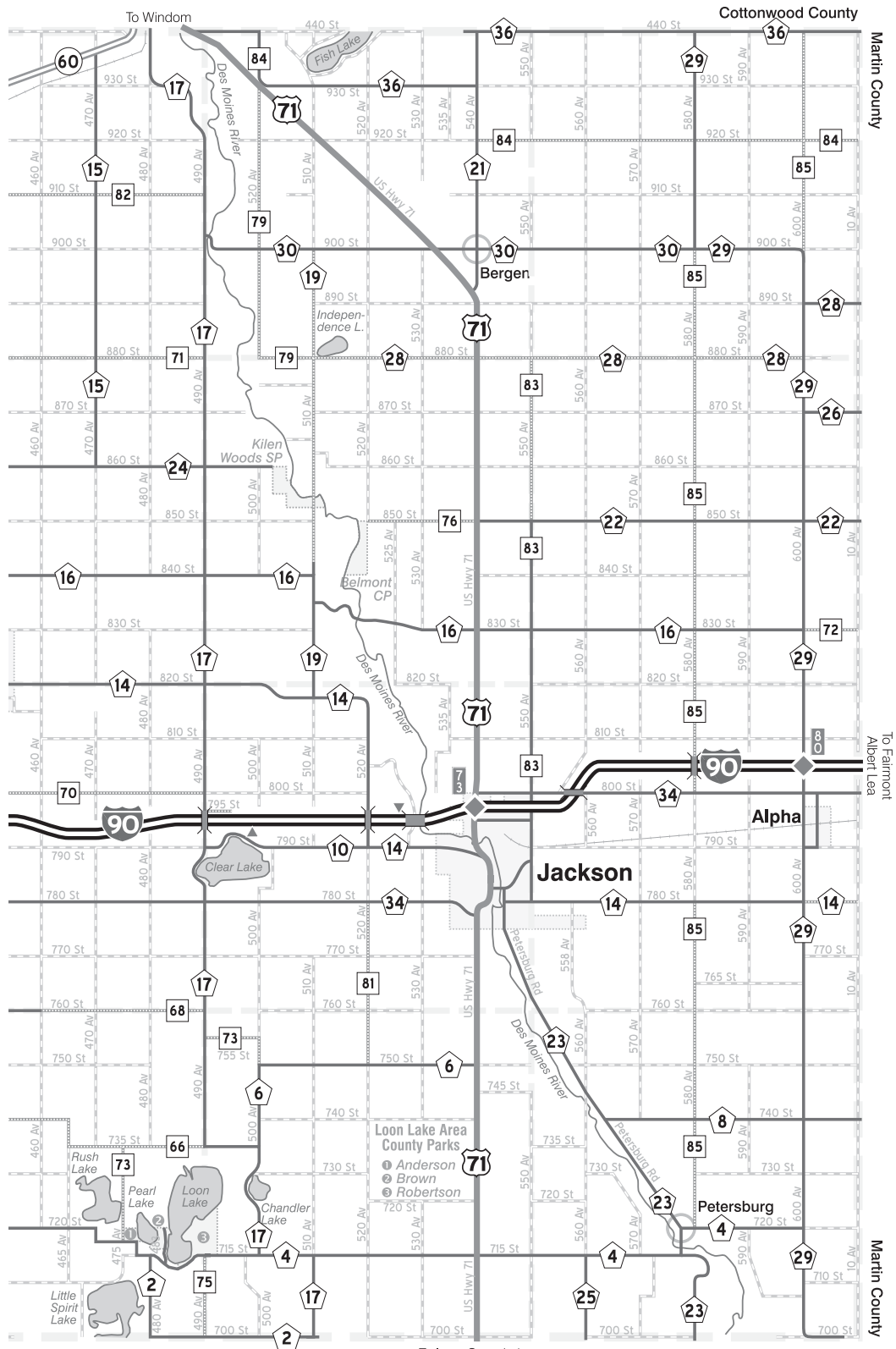
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JCC students have proven their talents in sports, academics, fine arts, FFA and much more. JCC has earned state team championships in volleyball, football, wrestling, baseball and softball, to go with a host of numerous FFA state and national championships.

In fine arts and academics, the JCC Math League and Music Listening teams have placed high at the state level, while speech and drama students continue to perform well year after year.

District voters approved a \$19.6 million referendum in 2001 that paved the way for a renovation and construction project, primarily at JCC High School, including its 500-seat auditorium, as well as new technology, science and agriculture departments at the high school, a fitness center and auxiliary gym and many other additions.

In 2007, voters in the JCC district approved a \$949-per-pupil operating referendum, allowing the school to continue to maintain its outstanding staff, curriculum and extracurricular opportunities for the students of JCC.

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Southwest Star Concept School District

Created in 1997 with the consolidation of the Heron Lake and Okabena school districts, Southwest Star Concept was based on the concept of hands-on, reality-based learning.

It's not unusual to find SSC students working in the community as a way to further their education. An innovative block schedule means students have four longer periods per day. Class schedules change every nine weeks. SSC has also been very successful in extra-curricular activities, sending many FFA teams to state and coming home champions, as well as winning several state track team titles. Fine arts, music and academics play a big part in the educational process at SSC, as does state-of-the-art technology.

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124 North Minnesota, Box 197
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Other Schools

Immanuel Lutheran Elementary

Immanuel Lutheran School offers accredited Lutheran ed-



ucation for children in preschool through grade 8. The aim at Immanuel is to prepare the whole person—physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual—through God's word. Extra-curricular activities in sports, music and fine arts are offered in addition to academics and spiritual growth to support a unique educational system taught by Christian educators.

5th and Bush Street
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Sioux Valley Lutheran Secondary School

Sioux Valley Lutheran Secondary School, which opened in the fall of 2001, offers education from a Christian perspective. The school affords students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to learn about faith in a smaller class setting, with plenty of student/teacher interaction.

72957 400th Avenue
Lakefield, MN 56150
839-3517

St. John's Christian Day School

Utilizing a faith-based approach to education, St. John's Christian Day School teaches children in preschool through eighth grade a traditional curriculum with a Christian perspective.

Affiliated with the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) Lutheran Church, St. John's offers its students a wide array of activities, such as holiday services, science fair, Bible fair and basketball tournaments. At the same time, smaller class sizes allow for a higher teacher-to-student ratio.

100 W. Market St.
Okabena, MN 56161
853-4550

Preschools

Discovery Place Preschool

A part of the Jackson County Central School System, Discovery Place's philosophy is that children learn by doing. By providing a stimulating environment for children to develop the physical, social, intellectual and emotional skills they need for school, Discovery Place promotes enthusiasm. Parental involvement is also a focus, so students attend Early Childhood and Family Education classes with their children, as well. Students age 3½ meet once a week, while the older students, ages 4-5, meet twice a week.

407 Fifth St.
Jackson, MN 56143
847-5868

First Beginnings Preschool

The First Beginnings Pre-

school staff believe children learn best through hands-on activities. In addition to kindergarten readiness, children attending the licensed preschool also learn behavioral, social and relationship skills. Three-year-olds meet twice a week, as do 4- to 5-year-olds.

219 Main St.
Lakefield, MN 56150
662-6409

Gingerbread Nursery

The longest running preschool in Jackson, Gingerbread Nursery is licensed by the state of Minnesota. In addition to kindergarten preparation, the staff aims to instill a love for school, not just a mastery of skills. Classes are offered once a week for 3½-year-olds and three times per week for 4- to 5-year-olds.

1015 Sherman St.
Jackson, MN 56143
847-3585

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

662-5718

Little Huskies Daycare Center and Preschool

Little Huskies Daycare Center and Preschool offers care and educational instruction for children anywhere from 6 weeks to 12 years old. Little Huskies opened in September 2006 and is licensed by the state of Minnesota. Teachers use a weekly theme to make learning more interesting for students. Students also celebrate significant holidays such as Mother's Day, Father's Day and Halloween and go on several field trips in the summer.

111 Torgerson Lane
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847-3355

St. John's Christian Day School

853-4550

Western Community Action Head Start

Head Start focuses on kindergarten readiness and is aimed at children ages 4-5 in families that may not have the resources to otherwise send their kids to preschool. Meeting four days a week, children in Head Start learn not only the academic skills they will need for success in school, they also learn life skills, such as self-help techniques and behavioral skills. Parental involvement is also a priority at Head Start, with parental visits scheduled once a month. Parents also receive monthly curriculum books so they know what their child is learning and can get involved with the activities.

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Jackson, MN 56143
847-4783

Higher Education

Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Jackson Campus

Offering a liberal arts education in an intimate setting, Minnesota West, Jackson campus, is part of the larger five-campus Minnesota West system (Canby, Granite Falls, Pipestone and Worthington), allowing students the opportunity to network in the MnSCU system. In addition to technical degrees, Minnesota West also allows students to pursue the first two years of a four-year degree, offering many general education courses. The campus has long been known for preparing technicians in the fields of electrician and power lineman. A recent addition at the Jackson campus is the cosmetology program, which began classes in the spring semester of 2007.

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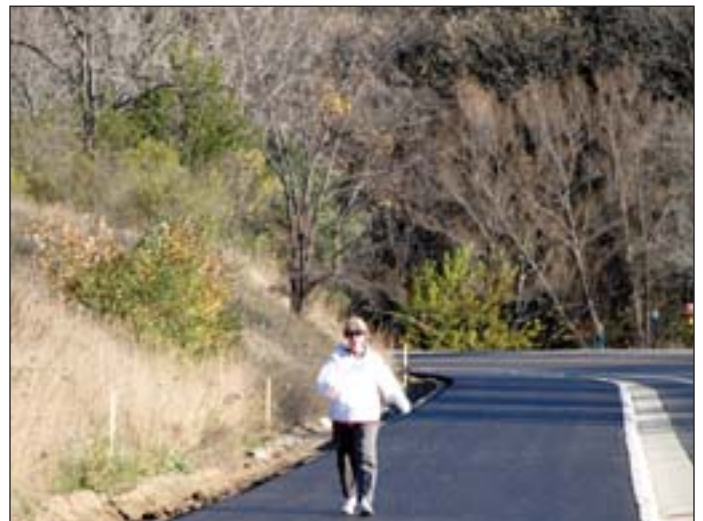
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