



Jones County Tourism E-News

Early in the morning, the new fall sun up but a short time, clouds of dust could be seen rising along country roads as horse drawn family vehicles from surrounding farms and neighboring towns began the exciting trek to Monticello and the Great Jones County Fair. Lone horsemen, buckboards, and lumbering two and four-horse wagons overflowing with family, kinfolk, baskets of chicken, mountains of pie—all were headed for the pleasure and excitement that brought a glorious climax to the end of summer and harvest. That was what the paper said in 1874, the year the fair was moved to Monticello.

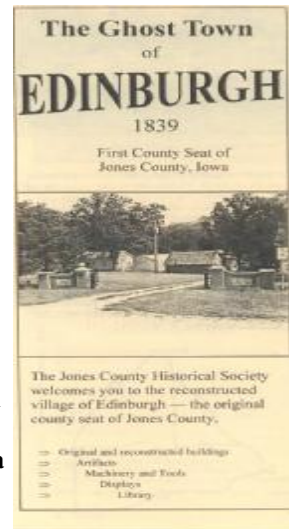
It is still the best five days of the summer, with the price of gas going up every day, why not take a “Staycation” this year and plan to spend some time at the Great Jones County Fair and Food fest. Some of the top entertainers in the country will be performing at the fair again this year. And don't forget some of the best livestock shows and judging will be happening, the midway will also be one of the best you will be able to find at any Iowa fair, The Great Jones County Fair and food fest is still one of the best buys you will find and will not take much gas to get there.



We should shout it from the roof tops about the best five days of the summer. The great Jones County Fair

Edinburgh - Have you been there?

In almost the center of Jones County is a ghost town of Edinburgh, actually the first County seat of Jones County. They had a courthouse and held court there, the only problem they had was no one wanted to live there, so they moved the County Seat to Anamosa after much conversation with other towns in Jones County. Well why would you want to visit it now? There is probably one of the best museums about local history and people you will find in any county in Iowa. There are twelve buildings filled with antiques and artifacts that you can actually touch and examine. Most of the buildings are original and have been moved here from their original location, A group of very dedicated individuals called “The Jones County Historical Society” volunteer their time and efforts to maintain this great place. May 1, 2011 they will have their annual Pancake Breakfast to kickoff their season, from then through September they will be open every Sunday afternoon for you to spend as much time as you wish to explore the history of Jones County or to just relax and spend some time in the shade of this wonderful place. There is no charge but they do accept donations, If you are looking for a place to show off Jones County to some visiting relatives or just want to show your family what a great place Jones County is, we recommend you visit “The Ghost Town Of Edinburgh” for more information give me a call at Jones County Tourism 319-462-4101



Things we all need to think about



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On the lighter side...scientific discovery:

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: 'California archaeologists, finding traces of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.'

One week later, The Pioneer Press, a local newspaper in Minnesota, reported the following: After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Embarrass, Minnesota, Ole Olson, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Minnesota had already gone wireless. Thank Heavens for Ole.

“There is a better way for everything. Find it.”