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Welcome to the Bondurant Community Guide — your go-to companion for living, visiting and figuring out “who to call.” This annual guide is brought to you by the locally owned and operated Bondurant Living magazine and made possible by the businesses you will find in these pages.

We designed this guide to be easy to read and even easier to use. Need a phone number? Looking for a church? Wondering what’s happening this year? It is all in here. Think of it as part directory, part community cheat sheet, and part “how did we ever live without this?”

Inside, you’ll find everything from city and school information to local events and area churches. It is more than a list — it’s a snapshot of what makes Bondurant tick.

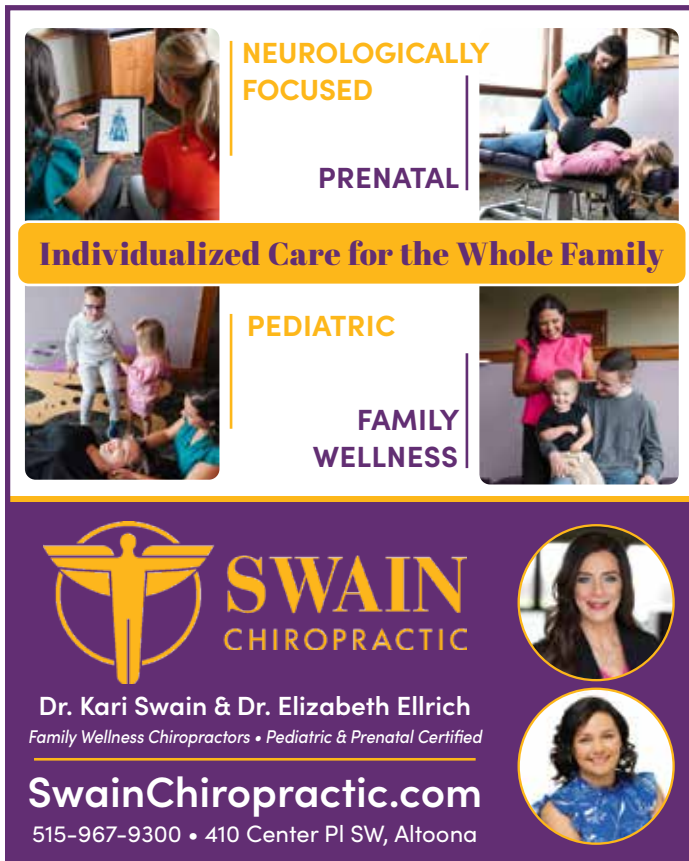
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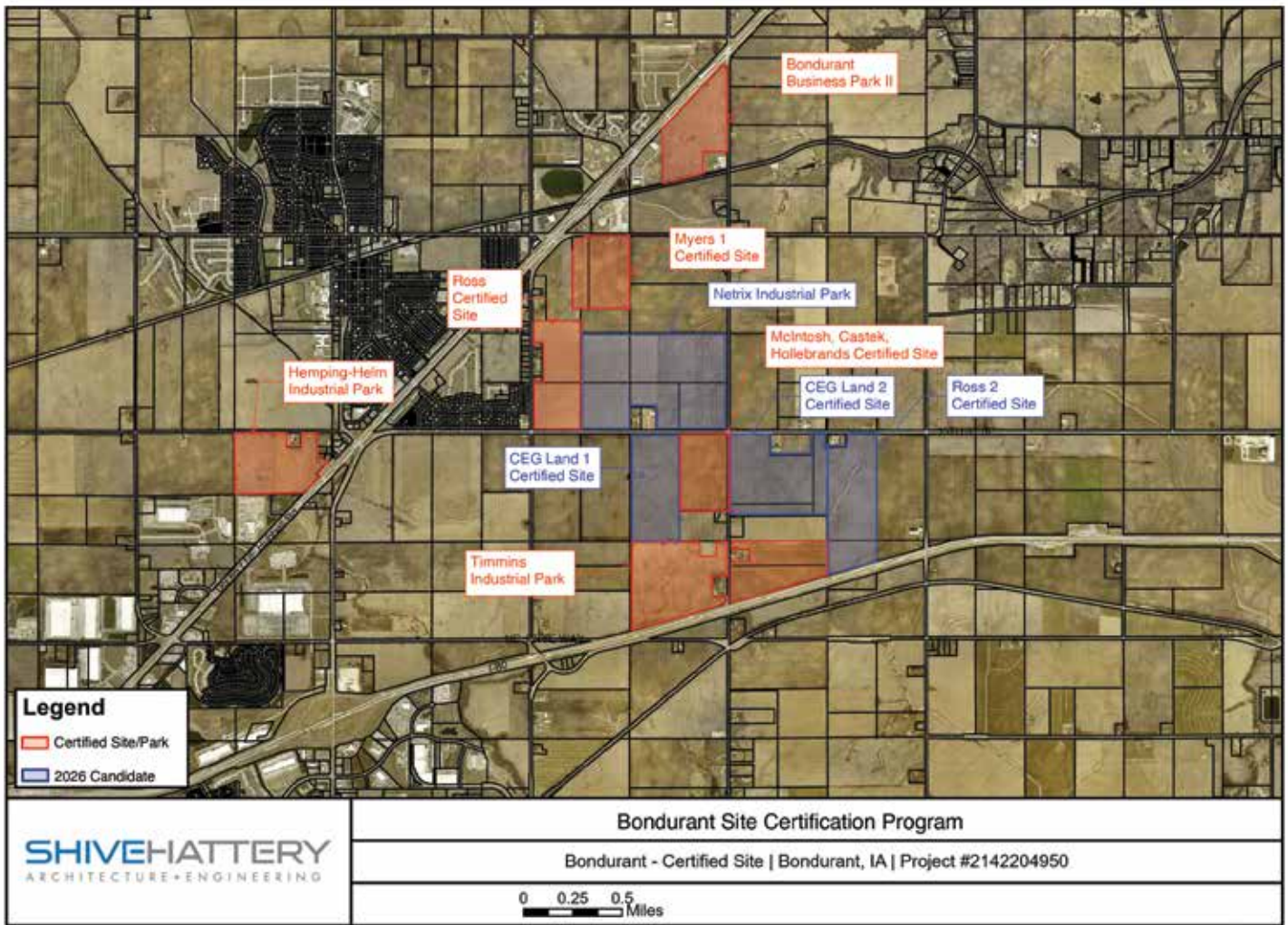
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POPULATION GROWTH meets purpose-driven ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City pairs industrial expansion with recreation, infrastructure and quality-of-life investments.



Silo Commons will feature an amphitheater, expanded green space, a play area, restrooms and enhanced trail connections.



Bondurant’s population has grown approximately 150% since 2010, but community leaders say the city’s success is about much more than population growth. Through strategic planning, infrastructure investment, industrial recruitment, quality-of-life amenities, and downtown revitalization, Bondurant is positioning itself as one of Central Iowa’s premier destinations for business investment and community development.

According to Economic Development Coordinator Tiffany Luing, one of the most significant recent milestones in Bondurant’s growth story is the development of Vermeer’s new \$102.65 million manufacturing campus in the city’s southeast industrial corridor.

“The significance of the Vermeer project extends far beyond a single facility,” Luing said. “The project serves as a catalyst for approximately 1,000 acres of industrial development opportunities in Bondurant’s southeast corridor and validates years of planning, infrastructure investment, and economic development efforts.”

The project recently celebrated its groundbreaking and was supported by a \$4.8 million Iowa Department of Transportation RISE Grant awarded to Bondurant for associated infrastructure improvements.

Many of the properties surrounding the Vermeer campus are already certified sites or are actively pursuing certification through the Iowa Certified Site Program. The combination of infrastructure readiness, utility capacity, transportation access, and available land positions Bondurant as one of the most competitive industrial growth markets in Central Iowa.

Bondurant continues to be a statewide leader in certified site development. In 2026 alone, the city achieved its sixth and seventh Iowa Certified Sites, continuing to build one of the strongest certified site portfolios in the region. Four additional sites are currently pursuing certification, including Ross 2, CEG Land 1, CEG Land 2, and Netrix.



Economic development

“Certified sites are critically important because they reduce risk and shorten development timelines for companies looking to expand quickly,” Luing said. “They provide certainty for site selectors and help communities compete for significant industrial and commercial investment opportunities.”

The city continues to receive strong interest from industrial prospects and site selectors. Bondurant recently submitted responses to multiple industrial Requests for Information (RFIs) and remains under consideration for several potential industrial projects.

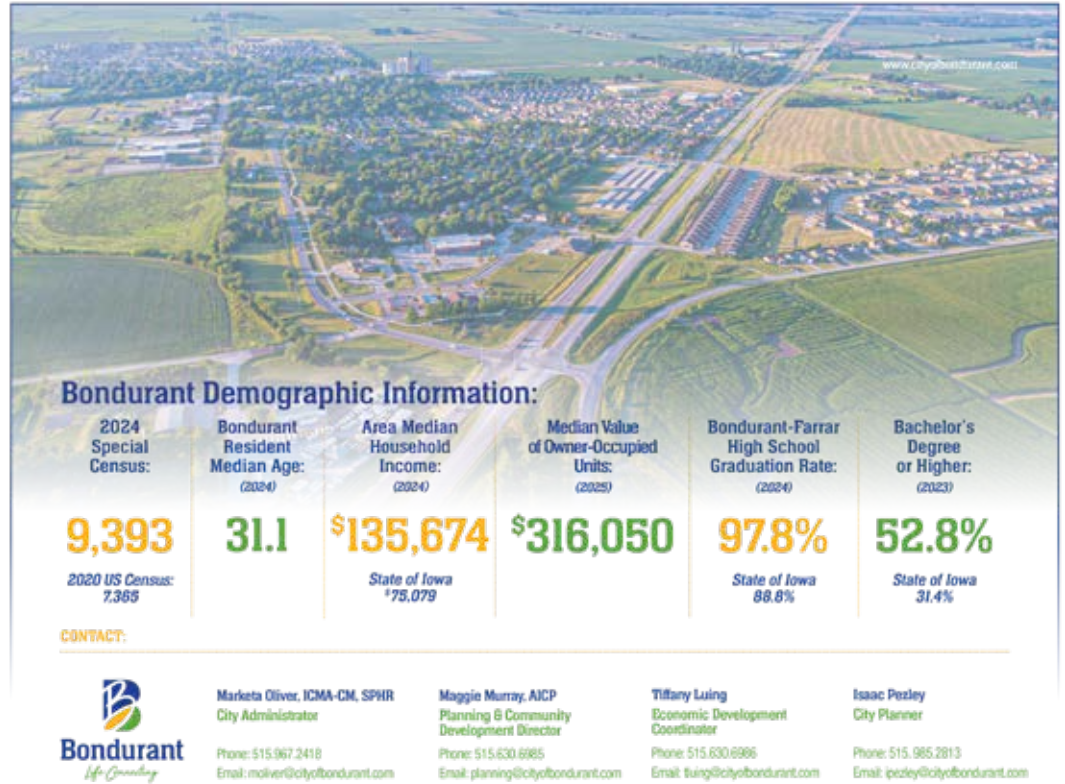
Bondurant’s location provides businesses with immediate access to Highway 65, Interstate 80, and proximity to Interstate 35, while ongoing partnerships with MidAmerican Energy and regional utility providers ensure infrastructure capacity remains aligned with future industrial growth.

Current industrial development opportunities include the McIntosh/Castek/Hollerbrands Certified Site, Bondurant Business Park, Bondurant Industrial Park II, Myers 1 and Myers 3 Certified Sites, Gholds Site, and numerous industrial and commercial development opportunities throughout the southeast growth corridor.

While industrial growth remains a major driver of Bondurant’s success, city leaders are equally focused on investing in recreation, placemaking, infrastructure, and quality-of-life amenities.

One of the community’s most transformative projects is the Grain District and Silo Commons redevelopment initiative. The project blends Bondurant’s agricultural heritage with modern placemaking and destination-focused development through the preservation and activation of the historic grain silos.


“This is one of Bondurant’s most exciting projects,” Luing said. “The Grain District is a transformative downtown redevelopment



Bondurant Demographic Information:

2024 Special Census: 9,393 <small>2020 US Census: 7,365</small>	Bondurant Resident Median Age: <small>(2024)</small> 31.1	Area Median Household Income: <small>(2024)</small> \$135,674 <small>State of Iowa \$75,079</small>	Median Value of Owner-Occupied Units: <small>(2025)</small> \$316,050	Bondurant-Farrar High School Graduation Rate: <small>(2024)</small> 97.8% <small>State of Iowa 88.8%</small>	Bachelor's Degree or Higher: <small>(2023)</small> 52.8% <small>State of Iowa 31.4%</small>
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initiative that blends Bondurant’s agricultural heritage with modern placemaking, redevelopment, and destination-focused design.”

The district incorporates public gathering spaces, mixed-use redevelopment opportunities, trail connectivity, public art installations, event spaces, and future restaurant, retail, and entertainment opportunities.

Construction on Silo Commons is anticipated to begin this summer following the recent bid opening. Initial work will include construction of the amphitheater and installation of a large-scale mural on the historic grain silos. The mural will be created by internationally recognized artists Yanoe and Zoueh, a California-based duo selected through a competitive proposal process.

The City has also partnered with University of Iowa students and regional partners to explore innovative activation concepts for the silo structures, including adaptive reuse opportunities, rooftop concepts, trail integration, and expanded public gathering spaces.

Additional recreation and community projects continue moving forward throughout Bondurant. The Wolf Creek basketball and pickleball courts recently opened and provide expanded recreation opportunities for residents. Additional tennis and pickleball courts

are under construction near Lincoln Street NE and the high school.

Blue Jay Landing Park, Eagle Park Disc Golf Course, the Garden at Lake Petocka, Pleasant View Park improvements, and ongoing trail expansion projects continue enhancing Bondurant's quality of life and recreational offerings.

Bondurant has actively pursued and secured several grant awards, including Destination Iowa, Polk County, Prairie Meadows, Land and Water Conservation Fund, RISE, BRIC Scoping, BRAVO, MidAmerican Energy, Metro Waste Authority, and others. The City's continued pursuit of outside funding demonstrates its strong commitment to leveraging partnerships, expanding trail connectivity, enhancing outdoor recreation, and investing in quality-of-life improvements for residents and visitors.

Infrastructure investments remain a critical component of Bondurant's growth strategy. Construction continues along the Truman Drive corridor, where stormwater ponds have been completed and additional recreational amenities are underway. Infrastructure improvements are also advancing throughout the Grain District, with Lincoln Street NE anticipated to reopen through the redevelopment area in early June.

A new elementary school under construction near Truman Drive reflects the community's continued investment in education and family-focused growth.

Bondurant's leadership also remains engaged at the state and federal levels to advocate for the resources needed to support growth. City representatives recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the offices of Senator Chuck Grassley, Senator Joni Ernst, and Congressman Zach Nunn to discuss infrastructure needs, economic development initiatives, public safety priorities, and opportunities for future federal partnerships.

As Bondurant continues to grow, city leaders remain focused on balancing industrial expansion, residential growth, recreation, infrastructure, downtown revitalization, and quality-of-life investments.

"We are intentional about growth," Luing said. "Our goal is not simply to become bigger. Our goal is to continue building a community where businesses want to invest, families want to live, and residents can enjoy an exceptional quality of life."

With major industrial projects, nationally recognized certified sites, downtown redevelopment initiatives, expanding recreational amenities, and continued infrastructure investment, Bondurant is increasingly becoming one of Iowa's most dynamic and strategically positioned communities.



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Polk County Conservation515-323-5300
Metro Home Improvement Program 515-304-3524

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For meeting schedules, agendas, and additional information, visit each board's page at www.CityofBondurant.com.

- City Council
- Board of Adjustment
- Library Board of Trustees
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Stormwater Advisory Committee
- Tree Board

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Pick up is as early as 6 a.m. on Wednesdays. Garbage and recycle billing is included in the city of Bondurant monthly utility bill with water and sanitary sewer fees.

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www.bfschools.org/fineartsboosters

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<https://bondurantchamber.com>

Bondurant Blue Jays Youth Football

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Bondurant Community Foundation

www.facebook.com/bondurantcommunityfoundation/

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Bondurant-Farrar After Prom Committee

www.facebook.com/p/Bondurant-Farrar-AFTER-PROM-100076167762141/

Bondurant Wrestling Club

<http://bondurantwrestling.wixsite.com/bondurantwrestling>

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<http://facebook.com/BondurantPack10>

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Education Foundation

www.bfschools.org/foundation

Elementary PTO (Parent/Teacher)

www.bfpto.com

Friends of Chichaqua Valley Trail

www.chichaquavalleytrail.com

Girl Scouts Council

www.girlscoutsiowa.org

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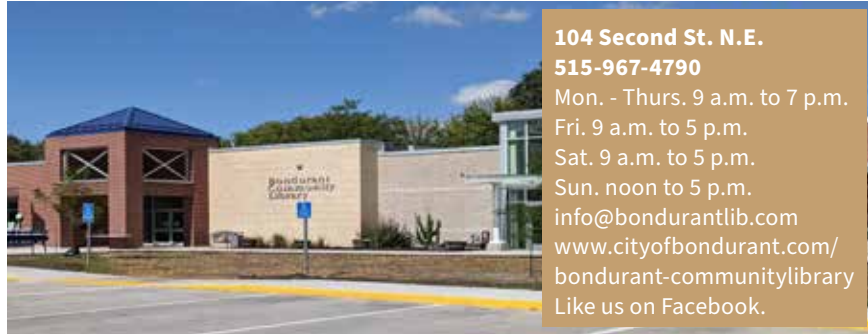
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Our district serves more than 2,800 students from preschool through grade 12 and is projected to grow annually for the next several years. The Garfield Street campus is 55 acres in size and home to two elementary schools, one intermediate school and the district's transportation facility. The Grant Street campus is home to the high school, junior high and Bluejay Stadium.

The district continues to evaluate our needs as we work to best support students and manage growth while remaining fiscally responsible with taxpayer funds. As we expand on new and existing facilities, current and future projects include a high school addition, new activity spaces at the Grant Street campus and a new elementary school. Funding for these projects was made possible by the community's overwhelming support of the district's 2023 bond referendum, which passed with 85% voter approval.

Technology is integrated into student learning at all levels. Students in first through 12th grades enjoy 1:1 technology environments. At Morris Elementary, kindergarten's student-to-device ratio is 2:1 through the use of Chromebooks and iPads. Additionally, the district strives to incorporate science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as computer science in unique and innovative ways.

The district takes pride in providing a variety of clubs, activities and athletic opportunities to students. Students throughout the district are active in the arts and often earn statewide recognition for their efforts in band, speech, choir and visual art. Our student-athletes are students first and excel both inside and outside of the classroom. Several clubs, such as our local FFA chapter, are available to students. Last year, junior high girls wrestling was offered for the first time, marking an exciting expansion of our athletic opportunities.

We feel fortunate for the many ways community groups, including booster clubs and parent-teacher organizations, provide year-round support for our students and staff. We consider ourselves lucky to have such generous and supportive partners in education. Go Bluejays.

BONDURANT-FARRAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BONDURANT FARRAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Bondurant Farrar Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization that supports students through high-quality programs, activities, facilities and sponsorships. The Foundation Board of eight consists of volunteer parents, alumni and community members. The board meets monthly, generally on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center or at a local business. The public is invited.

The foundation is funded primarily from private donations and gifts as well as grants. The Bondurant-Farrar Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which provides tax benefits for individuals interested in tax-deductible donations, estates and memorials.

The foundation works with the Bondurant-Farrar School District to support opportunities for students, teachers and staff. Funds are used for existing, annual sponsorships, such as supporting the lunch program, as well as one-off

needs, like providing funds for the shelving at the high school food pantry.

From 2012 to 2021, the Foundation coordinated an annual fundraising event, Party of Bluejays. During those 10 years, the event raised more \$1.1 million and has contributed to hundreds of initiatives.

To make donations, contact the Bondurant-Farrar Education Foundation via email at BFEFTreasurer1@gmail.com. Your contribution can be earmarked to match your specific passion or request. If your employer offers volunteer programs, employer monetary matches, or donations through the United Way, consider giving to the foundation.

Non-monetary contributions are welcome, too. The foundation welcomes volunteers for specific events and committees and encourages the sharing of ideas for how to better support students, staff and the district overall. Follow the foundation on Facebook at Party of Bluejays.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Regular meetings are typically held at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the multi-purpose room of the Bondurant-Farrar Intermediate School (enter through door No. 3010 on the north side).

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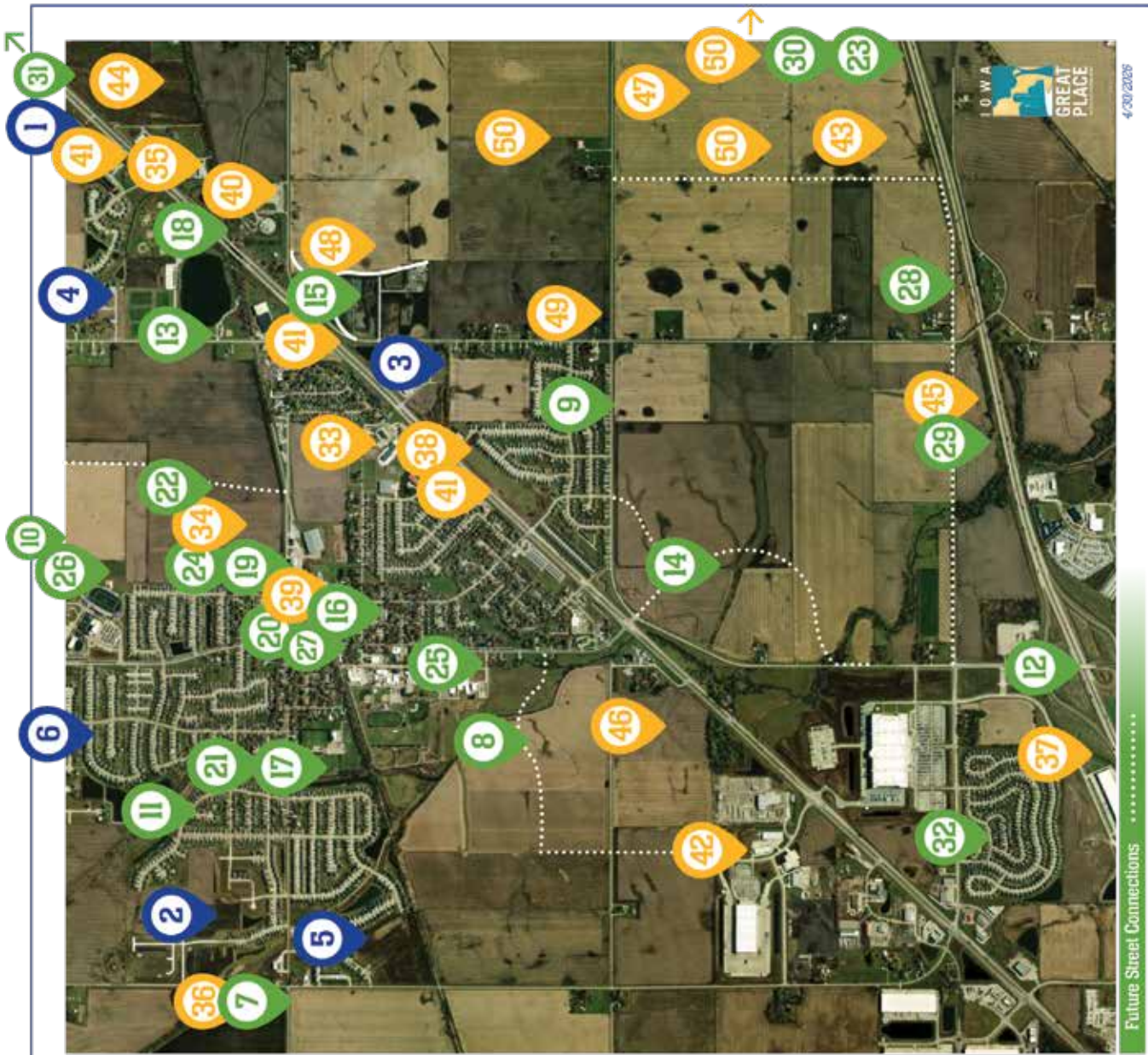


Residential Developments

- 1 Featherstone
 - 2 Harvest Meadows
 - 3 Hawthorne Pointe
 - 4 Petocka Run
 - 5 Quail Run II
 - 6 Sunkay Summit II
- Infrastructure / Planning**
- 7 2nd St NW Urbanization
 - 8 10th St SW/Bridge/Shiloh Rose Pkwy SW Design
 - 9 15th St SE Stormwater
 - 10 16th St NE Corridor
 - 11 Bluejay Landing Park Design
 - 12 Bondurant-Altona Trail Connection Planning
 - 13 BRSD/Lake Petocka: Trail Connection, ARTstock, Parking
 - 14 Central District Stormwater Improvements/Grant St S Realignment/The Eye of Imagination
 - 15 Civic Campus Buildings & Streets (Phase 1: Emergency Services)
 - 16 City Park Playground & Splashpad
 - 17 Collision Soccer Park Playground
 - 18 CVT East Extension
 - 19 Grain District, Silo Commons, Silo Mural, CVT Trail Ed. Streets, Moving Quaintly
 - 20 Downtown Parking
 - 21 Eagle Park Water Trail Access, Puddle Pavilions, Disc Golf, Parking
 - 22 Elementary School/Truman Dr NE
 - 23 I-80 Interchange Planning
 - 24 Pheasantview Park
 - 25 School Zone Street Design
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 - 27 The Station & Parking Lot Expansion
 - 28 SE Industrial Improvements
 - 29 SE Trunk Sewer
 - 30 Water Tower & Public Art
 - 31 Water Treatment Plant
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- 33 Bondurant Commercial Business Park
- 34 Bondurant Mixed Use Development
- 35 Bondurant Industrial Park
- 36 Casey's & Harvest Meadows Commercial Commerce Crossings I
- 37 Dollar Tree
- 38 Downtown Bondurant Businesses/Grain District
- 39 Dynamic Storage Bondurant
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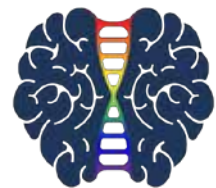
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City facts

Founded in 1884, the city was named after one of its first settlers, Alexander C. Bondurant. It was once an agricultural hub situated along the Chicago Great Western Railway.
- City of Bondurant

Economic Development efforts have netted more than 4,000 jobs over the past five years and have attracted an Amazon Fulfillment Center and an Amazon Sortation Center.
- Iowa Initiative For Sustainable Communities

Between the 2010 and 2020 Censuses, the city experienced a 91% increase in population.
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The community is highly educated and family-oriented, boasting a median household income of \$135,674 and a median age of roughly 32 years. - U.S. Census Bureau

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CHICHAQUA VALLEY TRAIL

The Chichaqua Valley Trail, a National Recreation Trail, spans 26 miles from Berwick to Baxter. The Bondurant Regional Trailhead is a centerpiece of the Eastern Polk County trail system and Chichaqua Valley Trail. Established in 2013, the 0.7-acre trailhead park, 2 Main St. S.E., features a 1,440-square-foot open-air shelter with restrooms and water bottle fill stations. This shelter replicates the original Bondurant train station that served train passengers from 1883 to 1962. Parking is located East of the Depot on Railroad Street.

For more information, scan the QR code.




Bike Trails in Bondurant

Legend

- Restrooms
- Existing Trail
- Future Trail

More Info about Bondurant Parks & Rec

Trail Amenities

Public Restrooms are available at The Depot (5 Main St. SE), Lake Petocka (520 Pleasant St. NE). These restrooms are open seasonally.

Trail Parking is located at across from The Depot (along Railroad St), Eagle Park (320 2nd St NW), Lake Petocka, Public Park along 1st St (110 1st St. SW), Polk County Conservation CVT Trailhead (8123 NE 88th St)

GAY LEA WILSON TRAIL

Gateway Park in Bondurant is home to the renowned Porch Swings and Fireflies art display, which serves as the focal point of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail in Bondurant and serves as an entry point to the community. Gay Lea Wilson begins at an underpass connecting the community from the south under Highway 65 through Gateway Park and guides pedestrians to downtown Bondurant.

The Porch Swings and Fireflies display in Bondurant received the 2018 All-Star Community Award, recognizing excellence in local government initiatives. Twelve senior art students from Bondurant-Farrar High School inspired the creation of the permanent visual art feature. Guided by Bondurant High School art instructor Christian Vandelaar, along with artists TJ Moberg and Dennis Reynolds, the students developed art designs that served as inspiration for the backs of the Porch Swings. A grant provided the opportunity for project artists to mentor the students, creating a lasting reminder to the Iowa community that art can be both visually and physically enjoyable, as well as a collaborative community effort.



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THE STATION

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2050 Jr. Haines Parkway N.E. (accessed by Pleasant Street N.E.)

Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex (BRSC) is situated on the northeast side of Lake Petocka and contains seven youth baseball fields and one field that is high school regulation size hosted by the Bondurant Little League. Bondurant Little League also has a small playground for children, a concession stand, a tornado safe room and restrooms. Adjacent are the soccer fields, known as the Bondurant East Soccer Complex.

CITY PARK

201 Main St. S.E.

City Park is an ideal place to relax. This park has a basketball court, large swing set, playground, flowers, and a large grassy area to play catch or run around, as well as the Park Shelter with restrooms.

City Park Splash Pad features many upright and in-ground spray features. The Splash Pad is open May through September from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. It may close unexpectedly due to weather conditions.

BONDURANT REGIONAL TRAILHEAD (DEPOT)

2 Main St. S.E.

The Bondurant Regional Trailhead is a centerpiece of the Eastern Polk County trail system and Chichaqua Valley Trail. The 0.7 acre trailhead park features a 1,440-square-foot open-air shelter with restrooms and water bottle fill station. This shelter is a replica of the original Bondurant train station that served train passengers from 1883 to 1962. The Trailhead sits on the historic Chicago Great Western rail line.

LAKE PETOCKA PARK

521 Pleasant St. N.E.

Lake Petocka is a beautiful, tranquil lake surrounded by a winding biking and walking trail (0.71 miles surrounding the lake). Lake Petocka Park is connected to the rest of the city by trail and to the Chichaqua Valley Trailhead. The south side of the lake, to the right of the entrance, offers a partially enclosed shelter and a playground with slides and swings. A sand volleyball court is on the west side of the lake, close to the park entrance. This court can be reserved along with the Volleyball Shelter next to the court, so parties with Volleyball Shelter reservations have priority. A small open shelter is also located on the east side of the lake (Men's shelter).

PAWTOCKA DOG PARK

521 Pleasant St. N.E.

The Pawtocka Dog Park sprawls over approximately an acre, including separate areas for large and small-breed dogs. There are several agility obstacles for your furry friend, including starter platforms, a canine condo, a tug-around interactive fixture, weave posts, a variety of jumping hoops, a recycled crawl tunnel with a dog house to allow sun coverage, and a custom a-frame scaler uniquely designed by the Bondurant- Farrar Industrial/Tech students and the Bondurant- Farrar Art students Class of 2023.

REGIONAL TRAILHEAD (DEPOT)



LAKE PETOCKA PARK



PETOCKA DOG PARK





REC-N-ROLL TRAILER



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OTHER PARKS:

- **Collison Soccer Park**, 315 Second St. N.W. behind the American Legion Building
- **Eagle Park**, 320 Second St. N.W.
- **Efnor Estates Park**, 401 Eva Point Drive S.W.
- **Gateway Park** (Porch Swings and Fireflies), 1499 Grant St. S.
- **Lincoln Estates Park**, 1201 Kadin Trail S.E.
- **Mallard Pointe Park**, 501 Mallard Pointe Drive N.W.
- **Petocka South Playground**, 521 Pleasant St. N.E.
- **Wisteria Heights Park**, 1310 13th St. S.E.
- **Wolf Creek Park**, 3207 Wolf Creek Road S.W.
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REC-N-ROLL TRAILER

The Rec-N-Roll Trailer is a mobile recreation unit packed with games, sports equipment and outdoor fun, available for Bondurant residents and Chamber members to use for block parties and community events. The trailer helps bring people together through play and connection, fostering a sense of community. The City of Bondurant is proud to partner with the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce to offer this resource and make community events even more memorable! For complete details and to reserve, visit www.CityofBondurant.com.

FISHING

Check out some fishing hot spots in Bondurant. Fishing is available at Lake Petocka, Wolf Creek West Pond, Eagle Park North Pond and Parkside Pond. If your regular fishing location is popular and busy, try out a new one where fewer people are fishing or come back at a time that is not so busy like early morning or later at night.

SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Park shelters are available to reserve from April 1 to Oct. 31. Submit your shelter reservation request online at www.tinyurl.com/BonduParksRec. To view their amenities, please visit us online!

- City Park Shelter at 203 Second St. S.E.
- Lake Petocka Volleyball Shelter at 520 Pleasant St. N.E. (near the sand volleyball court)
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ELEGANCE TO ASHES

A rare and early view of the elegant Bondurant family home

Pictured is the home of the town's founder, Alexander Conley Bondurant, (1829-1899) and his wife, Margaret Brooks (1844-1919), and their eight children.

It began as a one-room house. After their marriage in 1861, large additions were made over time to provide for their large family.

Additional lumber and building materials were hauled in wagons by teams of oxen from Iowa Center, located in Marshall County.

As additions were made, the Victorian-styled house featured ornamental architectural details, stylish spindle work and latticework with three brick chimneys.

Surrounded by groves of ornamental trees, the wrap-around veranda of the Bondurant family home was visible to passersby driving past in their wagons and carriages.

On Jan. 8, 1917, the beautiful elegant Victorian home that had once been the home of A.C. Bondurant and Margaret Brooks Bondurant was tragically burned to the ground.

The stately Bondurant family home, which had stood since the 1800s at 604 S. Grant St., was left with only smoke, ashes and charred remains.

Despite all efforts to save the house, the fiery flames destroyed the house and most of the furnishings in less than an hour.

At the time of the fire, The Bondurant Family Homestead was occupied by the Phillips family.

It was a cold winter day, and Mr. Phillips was sawing wood when he noticed smoke billowing from the house. The flames were so intense that even the nearby trees were scarred by the flames. Sadly, the once stately house was deemed a complete loss.



Shortly thereafter, in 1919, the property was purchased by the Morris family from the Bondurant Family Estate.

Using milled lumber from the grove of trees that grew thickly on the old Bondurant Homestead, Edgar J. Morris built a new home. The Morris house was built on the front section of the original foundation that remained after the 1917 fire.

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The Chicago and Great Western Railroad surveyed and installed the railroad in an easement through AC Bondurant's land. The station depot was originally constructed on the south side of the tracks in 1883, and the railroad company named it "Bondurant." The railroads enabled easier transport of consumer goods, such as baling twine, wire, utensils, fabric and specialty foods like oysters. It also enabled goods that local farmers produced, such as corn, wheat, pigs and cows, to be taken to market, whether it be the next stop, Valeria, or far away Chicago.

The depot was half office and half waiting room with, initially, a coal burning stove. The Historical Society now has the last-used coal scuttle in our archives. It was borrowed for the 1967 Bondurant-Farrar High School senior play, "Off the Track," and the last station agent did not want it back. The depot was demolished in the late 1960s. A new depot building was constructed in 2013 on the north side of the tracks as an open air shelter with restrooms. Located next to the bike trail, it is a convenient place to rest, have a snack and fill your water bottle. The city also uses it today as a central location for many activities throughout the year.

For more historical information about the Bondurant area and its residents, come to our programs. Our website also contains interviews of older residents, giving you a glimpse into what it was like as they were growing up.

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The original depot station circa 1960s. A BHS member stated the poles held telegraph wires, not telephone. Copyright Bondurant Historical Society. John Flannery Collection. Used by permission by BHS.



2025 picture of the new depot, dedicated in 2013. It was painted with the red and white color scheme that was typical of the time. Picture by Deborah Harwood



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