

# CELEBRATE the 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY in CRESTON

June 24 - July 4, 2016

*66 Years & Going Strong*



## 10,000 Crestonians 66th Annual 4th of July Celebration THINGS TO SEE AND DO

**HISTORICAL DEPOT AREA** - Visitors are welcome to visit this turn of the century depot and enjoy the working model railroad display.

**PARADE** - July 4th at 10:00 a.m. through Uptown Creston. Each year over 100 entries form this spectacular parade including bands, antique vehicles, floats, children and horses. The theme this year is **"Star Spangled Celebration."**

**UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE** - A recreated complex of buildings in McKinley Park reminiscent of prospering villages in early Iowa. The Historical Village contains a church, general store, school, barber shop, blacksmith shop, log cabin, museum, caboose, signal tower, barn, print shop and period home.

**TALENT CONTEST** - On July 4th, the bandshell in McKinley Park is the setting for talent of all ages, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**FIREWORKS** - One of the largest displays of fireworks are enjoyed by thousands. They begin at 9:30 p.m. on McKinley Lake and the park provides a natural setting for spectators.

**GREEN VALLEY STATE PARK** - Located 2 1/2 miles northwest of Creston on County Road 186 in Union County. The park offers camping and a variety of recreational choices.

**McKINLEY PARK AND LAKE** - Located in West Creston, it provides a natural setting for the festivities and offers camping, picnicking, and a variety of food stands, and an antique tractor pull.

**THREE MILE LAKE RECREATION AREA** - Located east of Creston with over 900 acres of great fishing, boating and camping.

**CLASSIC & ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL** - Will be held at McKinley Park beginning at noon. Contact Rich Wenzig at 782-4266.

### HISTORY OF CRESTON

The 10,000 Crestonians Fourth of July Committee welcomes you to Creston, a community located in the beautiful rolling hillsides of Southwest Iowa. Thousands of people from across the country will attend the festivities that promises delight for both the young and the young at heart.

Creston began as a railroad town in 1868. It was built on the summit or "crest" of the prairie and was the high point of the Burlington Railroad between the Mississippi and the Missouri Rivers.

In the late 1800's the railroad's machine shops, division station and roundhouse were built. The roundhouse was of such great size that it was the second largest in the United States. The depot built during that time has been restored by the City of Creston and is now used as a City Hall and a senior center. Also present in the restored Depot is a working model train display, a presidential doll collection and art gallery.

Creston retains and takes pride in its railroad heritage. The community, however, has grown far beyond an agricultural and railroad town. It is an enterprising city where country charm and modern lifestyle go hand in hand. Today Creston serves as the regional hub of business, education, medicine, industry and recreation for a large portion of south central and Southwest Iowa in addition to being the county seat of Union County.

Come discover and enjoy the hospitality and activities that await you in Creston during the 4th of July Celebration and any time during the year.

The citizens of Creston are proud of their community and look forward to sharing it with you.

# Theme Star Spangled Celebration

## 2016 Schedule of Events June 24 - July 4, 2016 (Subject to Change)

(\* Indicates the event is sponsored by the 10,000 Crestonians)  
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### June 24, 2016

Creston: Arts Gallery Open .....	UT	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Historical Village Open .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
8th Annual Elm's Club Bike Night & Street Dance .....	UT	5 p.m.

### June 25, 2016

Creston: Arts Gallery Open .....	UT	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Historical Village Open .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### June 26, 2016

Historical Village Open .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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### June 27, 2016

Creston: Arts Gallery Open .....	UT	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Farmers Market .....	MC	4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### July 1, 2016

Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast .....	Mealsite	7 - 8:30 p.m.
Chalk the Town		
Creston: Arts Gallery Open .....	UT	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Historical Village Open .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Uptown Friday Night .....	UT	
Movie in the Park .....	MC	Dusk

### July 2, 2016

Chalk the Town		
Creston: Arts Gallery Open .....	UT	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Historical Village Open .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Shakespeare in the Park (Macbeth) .....	MC	7 p.m.

### July 3, 2016

Chalk the Town		
Creston Half Marathon & 5K Run .....	UT	7:30 a.m.
Historical Village Open .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Elks Street Dance .....	UT	9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

### July 4, 2016

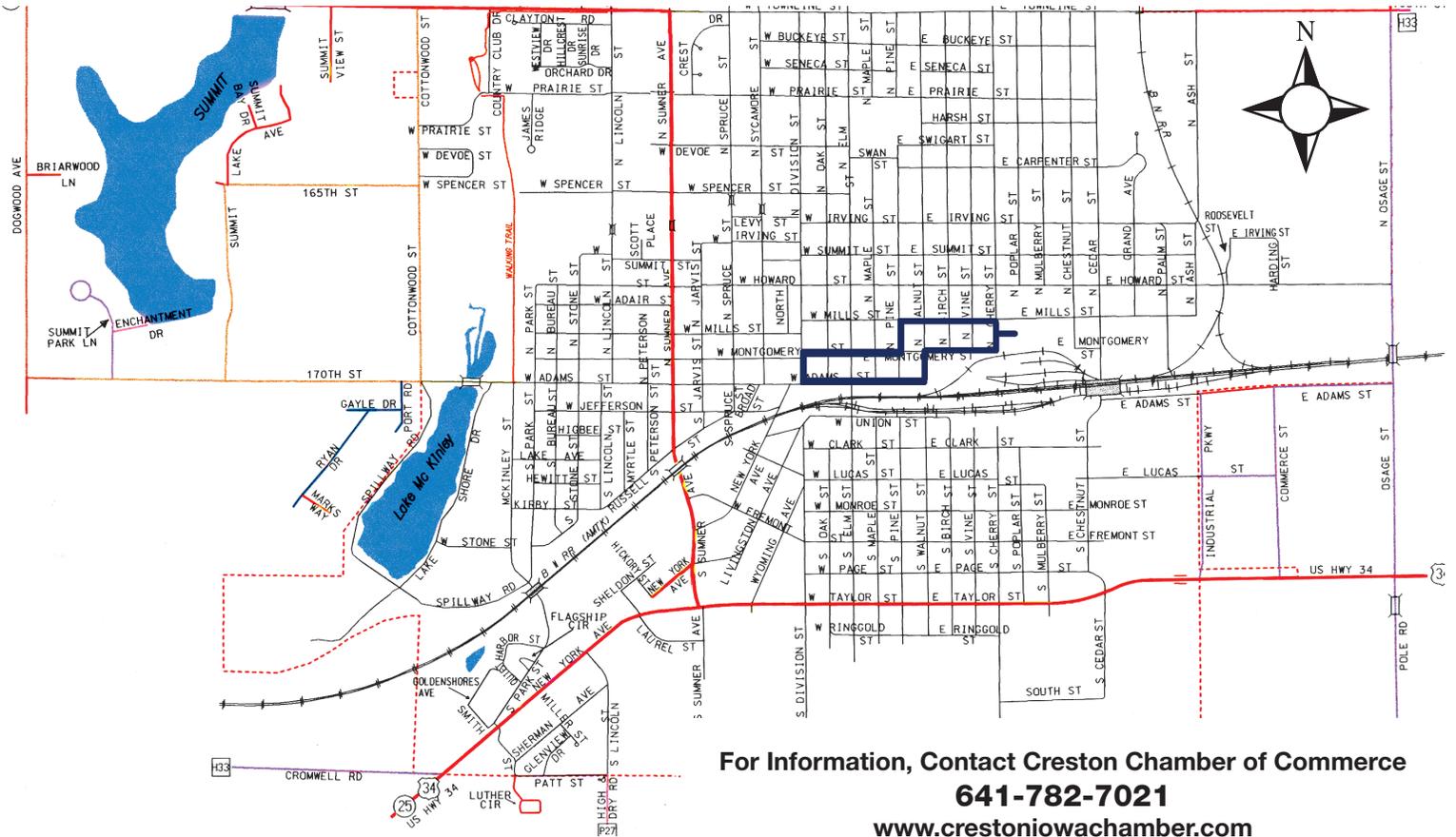
*Flea Market .....	UT	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Old Tyme Power .....	MC	8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friends of the Library Book Fair .....	Mealsite	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Chalk the Town Mural .....	UT	
Model Railroaders .....	Depot	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Creston: Arts Gallery Open .....	UT	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Caboose on Adams, Open .....	UT	9:30 a.m. - Noon
*4th of July Parade .....	UT	10:00 a.m.
Classic & Antique Tractor Pull .....	MC	Noon to Dusk
Lion's Club Bingo .....	MC	Noon to 9 p.m.
Historical Village Open (Pioneer Days) .....	MC	1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Uncle Sam Jam .....	MC	1 p.m.
Cub Scout Cub Mobiles .....	MC	2:00 - 4 p.m.
4th of July Skate Board Competition .....	MC	2:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts & VFW		
Flag Retirement Ceremony .....	MC	5:30 p.m.

### Evening Program:

*Talent Show .....	MC	6:30 p.m.
*Fireworks .....	MC	9:30 p.m.

**Food Booths will be open in McKinley Park on July 4th**  
MC - McKinley Park      UT - Uptown Creston

## Parade Route



**For Information, Contact Creston Chamber of Commerce**  
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