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The Foundation of Iowa's Swede Bend Settlement is dedicated to the preservation and documentation of the heritage, historical, and cultural aspects of the Swedish-Americans who settle at Swede Bend and the greater Swedish immigrant area beginning in the 1840s.

The museum houses and displays a collection of artifacts belonging to the area's Swedish pioneers. The research library offers a robust collection of genealogical materials including access to Swedish records, obituaries, cemetery records, church records, community histories and much more. Located at: 819 Goldsmith Street, Stratford, IA 50249 For more information or to schedule a visit, please email us at info@swdebend.com

▶ HAMILTON COUNTY DRIVING TOURS



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Explore the history of Hamilton County by taking the scenic route. Learn more about the rich history of the area. Tours include: Ghost Towns, Old Mills, Country Schoolhouses, Stagecoaches, Local Landmarks and Barn Quilts. Visit www.visitwebstercityiowa.com/driving-tours to download a map and route.

Scan the QR Code for Maps & Routes and Take a Drive!



▶ JANE YOUNG HOUSE



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The Webster City Women's Club and Jane Young House Foundation are celebrating a century of caring for the home this year. Located at 629 Elm Street, next door to the Kendall Young Library, visitors can learn the story of Kendall and Jane Young while touring their beautiful historic home, built 150 years ago. Tour the Vintage Clothing Exhibit on the second floor. Plus, our Festival of Trees returns in December.

The meeting room features seating for up to forty-nine, a perfect venue for meetings, showers, receptions, reunions, and similar activities. Call 515-835-9111 to book the facility.

Open hours are the fourth Saturday of the month from 10-3 and by appointment. Call 515-297-0846. Free-will offerings are appreciated.

Follow us on Facebook, Women's Club of Webster City, Iowa or learn more at www.janeyounghouse.com

▶ WILSON BREWER PARK



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In 1932, the family of Wilson Brewer conveyed a nine-acre tract from the Brewer homestead to the City of Webster City in exchange for the promise to forever preserve the land, its buildings, and any subsequent additions in the name of the Wilson Brewer Park.

The City of Webster City accepted the Brewer family proposal and has owned and maintained the Wilson Brewer Park for 85 years. The park includes: Historic Log Cabin, Original Hamilton County Courthouse, Country School House, Mulberry Center Church, Illinois Central Railroad Depot.

Open Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 pm, May 5th through September 30, 2023. For group tours call 515-832-9193.

▶ FREEDOM ROCK



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Hamilton County Freedom Rock is the 66th one painted.

With a theme of "Generations of Service in Hamilton County," the Hamilton County Freedom Rock depicts uniformed male and female service members from a variety of eras.

There was a Tuskegee airman born in Webster City, so we included that," said Sorensen as he put finishing details on the picture of a WW II Women's Air Corps member. "I can't include every branch of service on every rock, but I hope that every race and gender are represented somewhere on a rock in the state."

The rock in Stratford, which the artist, Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, estimates to weigh 25 to 30 tons, rests on a custom-made stand on a corner lot of Shakespeare Avenue.

HISTORY COMES TO LIFE



MULBERRY CHURCH

2023 Humanities Iowa Presentations at Mulberry Church

- May 20th - "Old and Creepy Dolls" Saturday at 1:00pm - Presenter Dr. Barbara Brown
- June 24th - "Webster City and the Civil War" Saturday at 1:00pm - Presenter Michael "Mike" Eckers
- July 22nd - Villisca Axe Murders Saturday at 1:00pm - Presenter Edgar "Ed" Epperly
- August 12th - "A System Like No Other" Orphan Train Saturday at 1:00pm - Presenter Dennis Wilson
- September 16th - "Nancy Drew: Iowa's Heroine to The World" - Saturday at 1:00pm - Presenter Barbara Lounsberry

Available for tours and weddings. Call (515) 297-4885 to arrange an appointment.