

## The Elkader 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Scavenger Hunt

1. The Elkader Opera House at 207 North Main Street has served as the center of social activity in Northeast Iowa. In addition to housing a theater, the building once contained a dance floor on the lower level where city offices are now located. The building underwent complete renovation in 2003 to return it to its original design. What year was the Opera House built? Find answer is in the pediment on the building's façade. Answer: **1903**.
2. Constructed in 1889, the Keystone Arch Bridge is the longest bridge of its style west of the Mississippi River. How long is the bridge? Find the answer by looking at the sign on the east end of the bridge by the pedestrian sidewalk. Answer: **346 feet long**.
3. The Carter House Museum was built in 1855. It is described as the "finest pure" example of a Greek Revival home in Iowa. The house is a mirror duplex divided by double triple doors. What are the names of the two brothers who built the Carter House Museum? Find the answer by visiting the museum. Answer: **Henry and Ernest Carter**.
4. The Turkey River runs through Elkader. Two parks border the river. What are the names of the 2 larger parks on the south end of Elkader. Answer: **Founders' Park and Elkader City Park/Campground**.
5. The Elkader Public Library sits on the foundations of two former buildings. What businesses were originally located in these buildings? Find the answer by looking at the old photographs in the library. Answer: **Thompson Mill and Schmidt Brothers Electric Company**.
6. You can tell from its roofline and form that the clubhouse at the Elkader Golf and Country Club was originally a barn on the farm. What specialty crop used in brewing to flavor beer was grown on the farm? You will find this plant growing on trellises on the east wall of Deb's Brewtopia at 106 Cedar St. NW. Answer: **Hops**.
7. Table Rock was the site of one of the first Independence Day celebrations in Clayton County. It was moved from its original site near Pony Hallow Creek north Elkader in. What year was one of the first Independence Day celebrations in Clayton County? Find the answer on the plaque on Table Rock located near the white shelter house in the Elkader City Park. Answer: **1838**.
8. Elkader's two cemeteries are St. Joseph Cemetery located just south of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Eastside Cemetery located at the southeast corner of the city. What was East Side Cemetery's original name? Find the answer on the entrance arch located at South High Street? Answer: **Elkader Cemetery**.
9. The Veterans Memorial by the swimming pool commemorates community members who served in World War II. How many names are listed on this plaque? Answer: **NEED TO GO DOWN And COUNT!**
10. The George Maier Rural Heritage Center is housed in a 1919 livestock pavilion built for the Elkader Fair. When the fair ended, what business did the building become home for? Answer: **Elkader Sales Barn**.
11. The first Elkader swimming pool was constructed in the Elkader City Park in 1954 . The current pool was built at the same location and opened in 1990. What animal is featured as a fountain in the children's wading/splash pool? Answer: **Dolphin**.

12. Elisha Boardman was one of the first settlers of Boardman Township and Elkader in 1836. He built a cabin along the southeast side of the Turkey River. Later this site was the location of the Elkader Depot. What business is located along the River Walk from the Keystone Bridge to the Elkader City Park. Answer: **Innovative Ag Services**.
13. This beautiful limestone building at 601 East Bridge Street served as the Clayton County Jail from 1870 until 2006. What business is now in this building? Find the answer on the boulder in the front lawn. Answer: **Elkader Jailhouse Inn**.
14. Many people drive by St. Joseph Catholic Church without realizing that they are driving by two churches. The first church now serves as the Parish Hall. The current St. Joseph was dedicated in 1898 and built with limestone quarried on the hillside just south of the church. What architectural style is the church? Answer: **Victorian Gothic**.
15. The love story of early settler Lou Milville and Native-American White Cloud ends tragically at this rock formation along the northeast bank of the Turkey River? Answer: **Lovers Leap**.
16. Timothy Davis, one of Elkader's founders, constructed his home between 1845-1850. Mr. Davis' home now has the address of 405 1<sup>st</sup> Street Northwest. What business now occupies the house? Answer: **Grau Funeral Home**.
17. The Bayless Hotel sits at the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and W Bridge Streets. It was constructed by Frank D. Bayless, Elkader entrepreneur who also served in the Iowa Senate from 1884 to 1892. What business is now located in the Bayless Hotel? Answer: **Turkey River Mall**.
18. The first half of the Clayton County Courthouse was completed in 1868. The second half was completed in 1878, and the clock tower was built in 1896. Two memorials sit on the southeast lawn. Who do the memorials commemorate? Find the answer on the memorials. Answer: **"Our nation's defenders" from the Civil War to World War I and "Those who died in Vietnam."**
19. In 1846, Timothy Davis suggested naming Elkader after Emir Abd el-Kader. Emir Abd el-Kader was a religious and military leader who led the struggle to free his North African country from French colonial invasion in the mid-1800s. He was admired during his lifetime for his view on human rights. What country was Elkader's namesake from? Visit Mascara Park next to City Hall to find the answer. Answer: **Algeria**.
20. Central Community School District's preschool building is named for what long-time school district superintendent? Visit the preschool building to find the answer. **Robert D. Buckner**.
21. The school district's auditorium is named for what Elkader native and long-time school district teacher? Visit the school auditorium to find the answer. **LoRene L. Lenth**.
22. The school's sports complex is named after what Elkader native, major-league baseball player, and University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Famer? Hint: Visit the sports complex next to the Elkader City Park and Campground to find the answer. Answer: **Jack Dittmer**.