



## POLKA MUSIC & KOLACHES



Clutier's Summer Band Concerts are the best way to connect with local residents and experience the Czech flavor. Enjoy polka music by Barefoot Becky, Mollie B, and Jim Busta Band. Get there early to buy locally made kolaches, rohlicky, tea rings, and buchtý.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

#### CHELSEA

CHELSEA CAR SHOW  
LAST SATURDAY IN JULY

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
FALL FESTIVAL, SUNDAY OF  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

#### VINING

TESTICLE FESTIVAL  
1ST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY

FLEA MARKET,  
ANTIQUES, & COLLECTIBLES  
1ST SUNDAY IN APRIL

#### ELBERON

TOWN FISH FRY  
3RD FRIDAY OF OCTOBER,  
NOVEMBER, JANUARY,  
FEBRUARY, AND MARCH  
COMMUNITY CENTER 5-8PM

#### CLUTIER

SEE FACEBOOK PG:  
"BOHEMIAN PLUM FESTIVAL  
BAND CONCERTS CLUTIER"  
FOR DATES & TIMES  
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

THESE ARE SMALL,  
RURAL TOWNS.  
QUIET. SCENIC.  
FULL OF  
AMERICANA.



### BRING YOUR BIKE

Iowa's Czech Trail roads are low traffic, well maintained, and scenic. Don't miss the wildflowers & the century old bridges on the backroads.

### DRIVE OR BIKE THE CZECH TRAIL TOWNS OF TAMA COUNTY!

#### VITÁME VÁS

( WELCOME IN CZECH )

For more information and  
updates call Gerry Kopriva at  
319-961-9795

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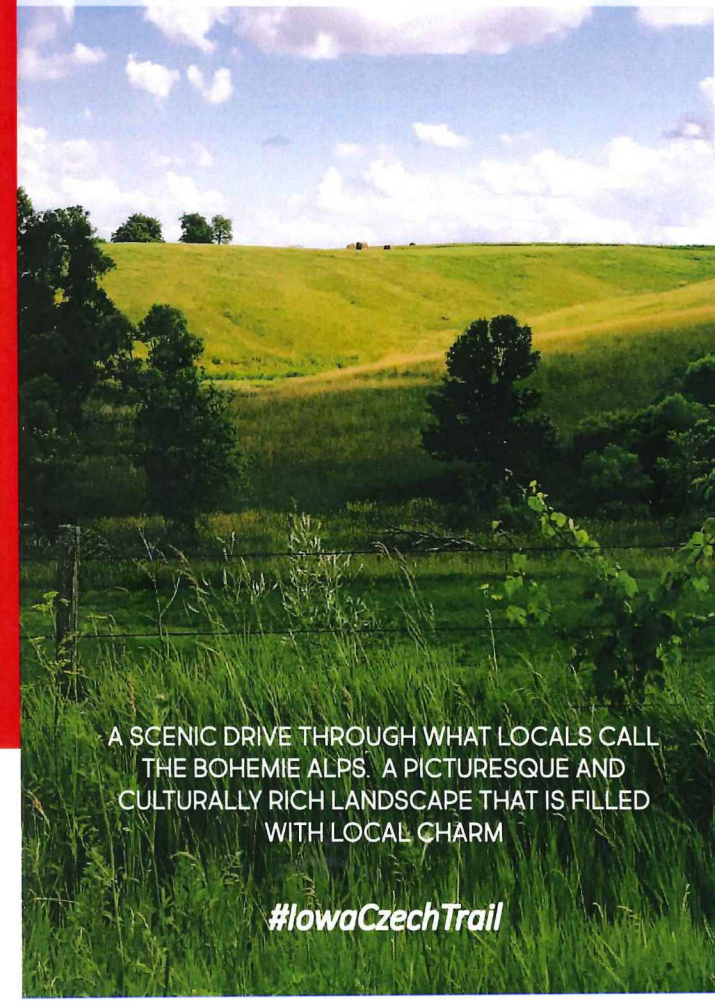


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## IOWA'S CZECH TRAIL

IN THE ROLLING HILLS OF TAMA COUNTY  
"WHERE THE WIND SINGS LIKE THE HOMELAND"



A SCENIC DRIVE THROUGH WHAT LOCALS CALL  
THE BOHEMIE ALPS. A PICTURESQUE AND  
CULTURALLY RICH LANDSCAPE THAT IS FILLED  
WITH LOCAL CHARM

#IowaCzechTrail



## DANCE HALLS & PAINTED STAGE CURTAINS

Don't let these simple white exteriors fool you, these dance halls have gorgeous wood floors, ornate tin ceilings, and tons of retro character.



## CLUTIER MUSEUM, BOHEMIAN VILLAGE, & HISTORIC TOWN JAIL

~ Where the past is forever present ~

Clutier, an authentic railroad boom town in 1900, became a settlement of Czech immigrants. The Clutier Museum and Bohemian Village preserve the Czech heritage of those early settlers as well as the history of the town and Oneida and Carroll Townships. A tool shed, milk house, summer kitchen, and the Country School Carroll #8 are also located on the grounds. The historic two-cell town jail is located nearby. The jail is always open for a photo opt. Clutier is also the home of the legendary Charging Czechs Girls Basketball State Champions of 1942. 2017 marked the 75th year, Diamond Jubilee, in celebration of their victory. The museum complex includes an exhibit honoring the Charging Czechs. To visit the museum or any of the 29 Tama County Pioneer Cemeteries call Arlene Cross at 319-442-7613.

## ZCBJ HALL AND CZECH LIBRARY, CLUTIER

This dance hall and lodge is used for community events throughout the year. The stage still has the Painted Advertisement Curtain. The second floor Czech Museum includes lodge memorabilia, photos, a complete 1940s original kitchen, and an impressive library of 700+ books written in the Czech language. Available by appt only. Call Arlene Schmidt 319-478-2477



## CSA HALL, VINING

Built in 1913, this dance hall is still heated with a large pot belly stove. Painted Advertisement Curtain and Painted Cityscape Curtain remain for the stage. Available by appt only. Call Tom Ledvina 319-479-2202

## CHELSEA COMMUNITY CLUB MURALS

An eclectic collection of ten murals painted by traveling artist Jack F. Esty between 1900 and 1915. See during town events or by appt. Call Amy Walters at 641-489-2159

## CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY

@ChelsealowaLibrary  
Collection of local history books and free public WIFI. Check Facebook for Hours. 641-489-2525

## PERIWINKLE PLACE MANOR, CHELSEA

Historic Hrabak Funeral Home Tours. Reportedly haunted. By appt. 319-551-3660

## DOING RESEARCH?

The Tama County Museum & Genealogical Library is located in nearby Toledo. 641-484-6767  
Tues - Sat 1 - 4:30pm



## NATIONAL CEMETERY

This 1930 Czech community cemetery has a rare wrought iron grand archway and an entry lane lined with evergreens. Located just southeast of Vining. Over a hundred gravestones written in Czech. Annual Memorial Day Service includes a 21 gun salute, speaker, and flag raising.

## COUNTRY CHURCHES

Schedule a special visit to see handcarved wooden church pews, stained glass, ornate altars, and carved stations of the cross.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
In the community of Chelsea  
Call Deacon Joe Behounek  
Office 319-444-3106

St. Wenceslaus Oratory,  
Cemetery, Chapels & Shrines  
Located in the countryside  
west of the community of Clutier  
Call Barb Svoboda 319-231-9401



## IOWA RIVER CORRIDOR OTTER CREEK OVERLOOK

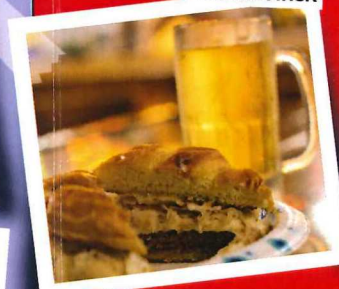
An eagle-shaped platform overlooking a 3,505-acres wetland complex. Walking trails start near parking lot. Entrance is discrete. Watch for large billboard for Iowa River Corridor. Located just northwest of Chelsea on Hwy E66.

## SILVER DOLLAR, CHELSEA

Home of the Haystack

Bar & Grill, Open since 1973. Billards, Bar, ATM  
Owner Larry Frese is there unless he is fishing.  
Open Seven Days a Week  
Sun - Thurs 7am - 10pm // Fri - Sat 7am - 2am  
641-489-2141

## THE HAYSTACK



## CZECH POINT PUB & RESTAURANT, CLUTIER

Pork w/ Czech Dumplings & Sauerkraut served Sundays  
Daily Specials, Czech Beer  
Open Thurs at 4pm,  
Fri/Sat/Sun at 11am  
319-479-2345

## CZECH POINT



## BIG R'S PIZZA



## VINING TAVERN, VINING

Hamburgers & Tenderloins,  
Locals Playing Cards, Cold Beer  
Hours Vary, Call the Landline  
641-489-2890

## BIG R's, ELBERON

Pizza, Ribeyes, Cold Busch Light  
Billards, Bar, Porch for Sitting  
Open Monday at 4pm,  
Tues - Sunday at 11am  
319-439-5200



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## CZECH HISTORY, ART, & CULTURE

Other Nearby Options:  
KE Black Mercantile, Dysart  
Breakfasts, Coffee Bar, Fresh Deli Style Lunch  
Closed Sun & Mon  
319-476-2665

1901 Chop Haus, Traer  
Steaks, Chops, Burgers  
Closed Monday  
319-478-0066

EXPERIENCE,  
EXPLORE, AND ENJOY  
THE NATURAL BEAUTY  
OF THE CZECH TRAIL



## WATHUM BRIDGE

PLACES TO EAT FOOD, DRINK BEER