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Service Dogs



What Is a Service Dog?

service dog helps a person with a disability lead a more independent life. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service dog is "a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability."

"Disability" is defined by the ADA as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including people with history of such an impairment, and people perceived by others as having such an impairment. The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications.

A service dog is trained to take a specific action that helps mitigate an individual's disability. The task the dog performs is directly related to their person's disability.

For example, guide dogs help blind and visually impaired individuals navigate their environments. Hearing dogs help alert deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to important sounds. Mobility dogs assist individuals who use wheelchairs or walking devices or who have balance issues. Medical

alert dogs might also signal the onset of a medical issue such as a seizure or low blood sugar, alert the user to the presence of allergens, and myriad other functions.

Psychiatric service dogs assist individuals disabilities such with obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, and other conditions. Examples of work performed by psychiatric service dogs could include entering a dark room and turning on a light to mitigate stress-inducing repetitive condition, interrupting behaviors, and reminding a person to take medication.

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Sod is grown under ideal conditions with organic soil, fertilization and irrigation. It's then cut, loaded and relocated to a site that is hot, dry and unforgiving. New home lawns suffer due to heavily compacted, infertile soil and the misconception that sod is already established and therefore needs little help. In reality, a lawn is considered "new" for the first 20 years - even when sodded! After the first winter, the nutrients in the soil are often too depleted to stimulate growth, making your lawn appear lifeless and brown. Most times this is associated with "excessive thatch" but the poor color is the result of little or no new growth. Fertilizer stimulates shoot growth and regeneration making a fertilized lawn stand out above those with poor color, starving for food

The situation above is very common. Every spring we receive phone calls from people who think their lawn died over the winter. They want their lawns de-thatched, aerated and over-seeded or even, fully replaced! Instead, we can save money and valuable time with a simple fertilization program.



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LINN COUNTY 228,567

Cedar Rapids	129,195
Marion	36,774
Hiawatha	7,157
Mount Vernon	4,522
Robins	3389
Center Point	2,494
Fairfax	2,409
Ely	2,001
Central City	1,272
Springville	1,123

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Linn County is named in honor of Senator Lewis F. Linn of Missouri. Linn County was organized by the first legislative assembly of the Iowa Territory on January 15, 1839. A site was selected for its first county seat along Indian Creek, and was named Marion, after the Revolutionary War general Francis Marion. As early as 1855, there were debates over moving the county seat to the fast-growing Cedar Rapids, southwest of Marion, but it was not until November 6, 1919, that there were enough votes in favor of the move . The first rail line was built through Cedar Rapids in 1859, and made the town (and the county) a major commercial hub in eastern Iowa.

LINN COUNTY, IA

2021 POPULATION

228,567

1.31% 1-YEAR GROWTH

2021 POVERTY RATE

9.57%

1.95% 1-YEAR INCREASE

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2021 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$70,360

4.55% 1-YEAR GROWTH

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2021 MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE

\$167,000

3.34% 1-YEAR GROWTH

2021 MEDIAN AGE

37.9

0.531% 1-YEAR INCREASE

2021 EMPLOYED POPULATION

121,069

1.07% 1-YEAR GROWTH

Economy

The economy of Linn County, IA employs 121k people. The largest industries in Linn County, IA are Manufacturing (20,714 people), Health Care & Social Assistance (17,167 people), and Retail Trade (13,875 people), and the highest paying industries are Utilities (\$89,901), Mining, Quarrying, & Oil & Gas Extraction (\$84,625), and Public Administration (\$64,610).

Housing & Living

People in Linn County, IA have an average commute time of 18.9 minutes, and they drove alone to work. Car ownership in Linn County, IA is approximately the same as the national average, with an average of 2 cars per household.

Education

In 2021, universities in Linn County, IA awarded 3,682 degrees. The student population of Linn County, IA in 2021 is skewed towards women, with 14,682 male students and 18,868 female students.

The most popular majors in Linn County, IA are Liberal Arts & Sciences (829 and 22.5%), General Business Administration & Management (229 and 6.22%), and Registered Nursing (225 and 6.11%).

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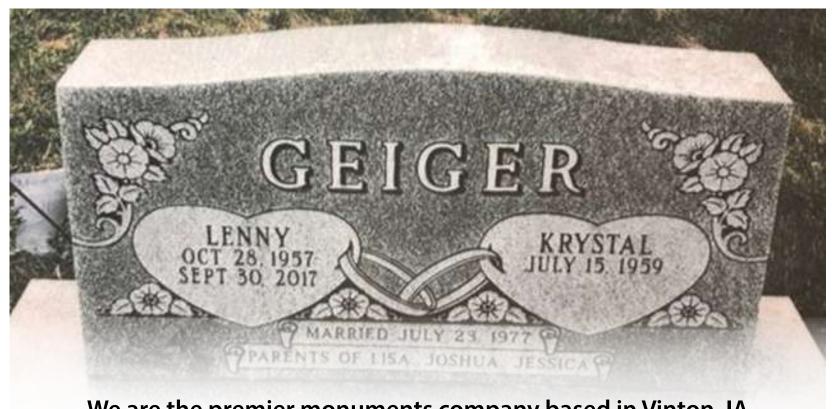
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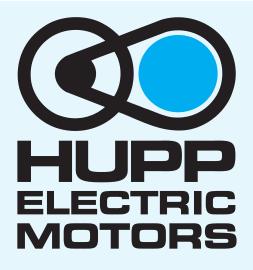
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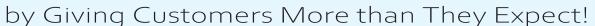
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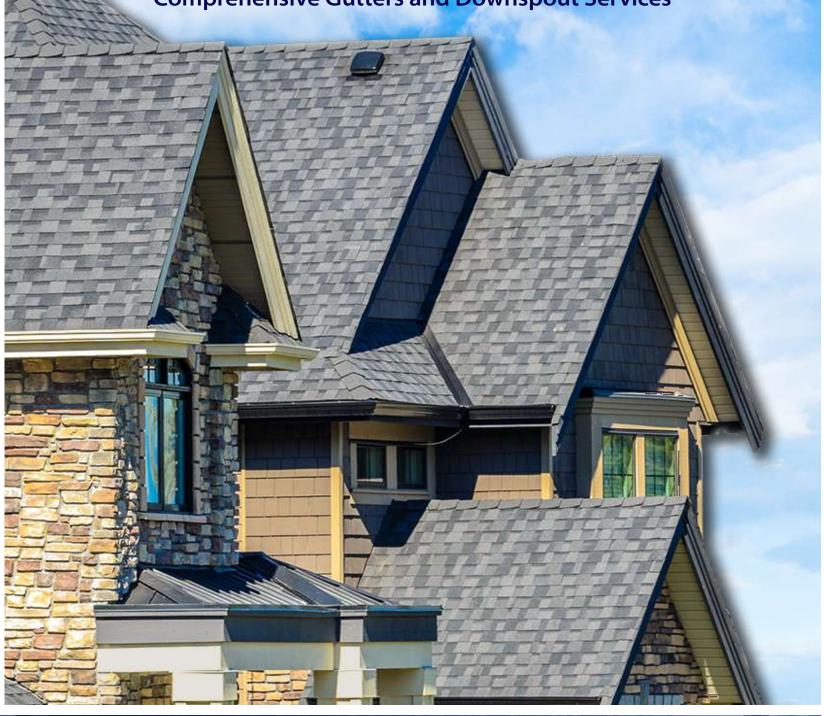
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During the spring and early summer, male American goldfinches exhibit a striking appearance with their black forehead, bright yellow plumage, black wings adorned with white markings, and white patches above and below their tails. Adult females tend to be less vibrant, displaying a duller yellow color beneath and an olive hue above. In the winter, these birds lose their vibrancy. They appear unremarkable with their plain brown feathers, complemented by blackish wings and two pale wing bars.

Places to Visit and things to do

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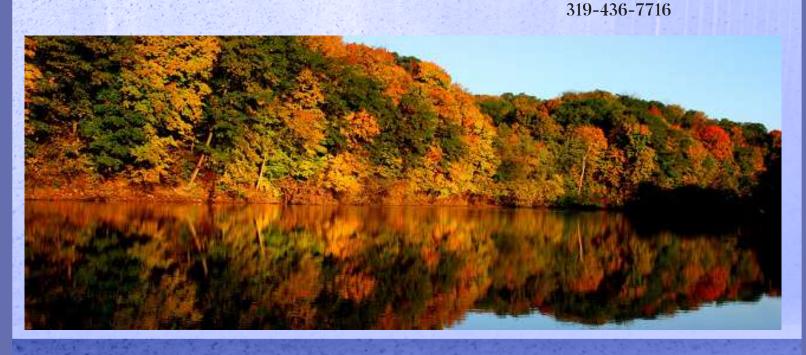
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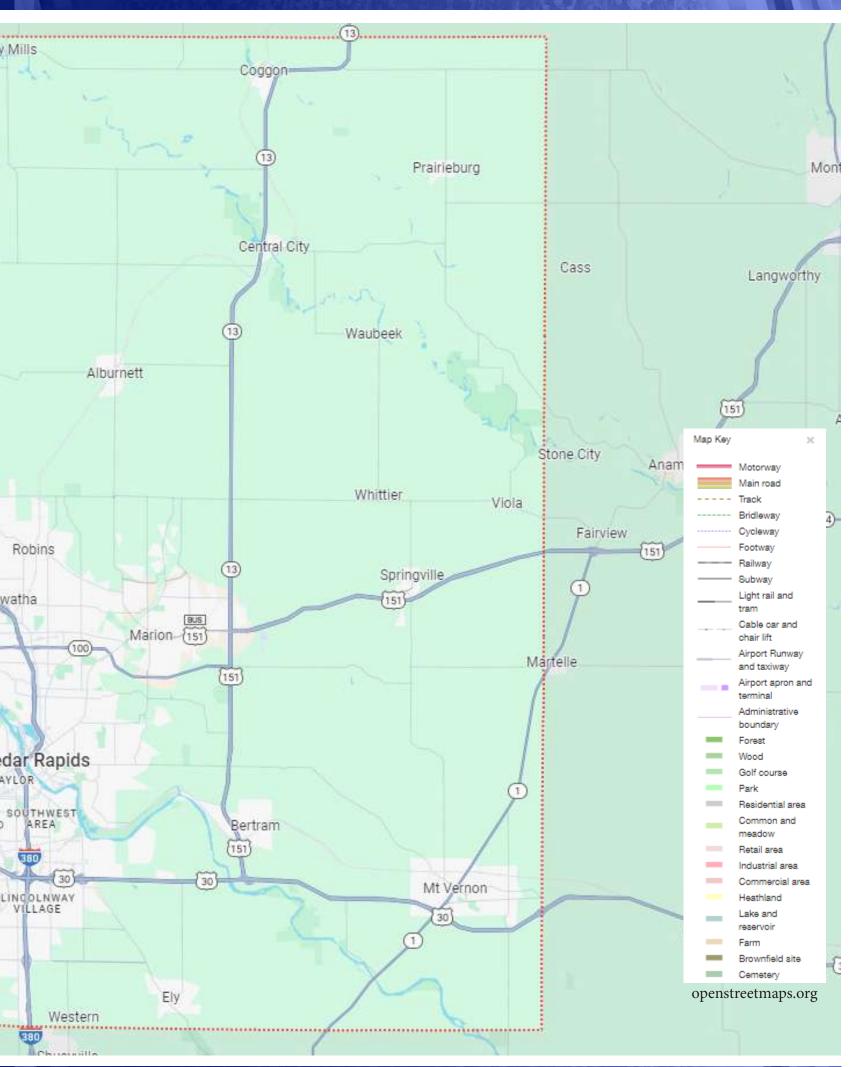














Did you know that not all applesauce is created equal? That's the truth. Any time I'm forced to buy store-bought applesauce it's a struggle. It's like buying store-bought jam. Every single brand and type has so much sugar, and most of them don't even taste very good. Am I sounding like a total applesauce snob? I'm sorry, but homemade applesauce is just so easy and so GOOD, especially if you have an instant pot. The first time I made applesauce in the instant pot I was blown away. That machine just continues to amaze me! (I have this 6qt instant pot). It was so incredibly easy and turned out perfect, with very little time or effort on my part.

How to make applesauce in the instant pot:

First, you choose your apples. I like a blend of sweet and tart apples to make really great flavor for the applesauce, without having to

add extra sweetener. Granny Smith and Honey Crisp combination is definitely my favorite. Peel, core and slice the apples. I use a johnny apple peeler to peel, core and slice the apples super guickly. Add your apples to the instant pot. Toss the apples in water, cinnamon and lemon juice, and cook them on manual or high pressure for 8 minutes. After a controlled quick release, open up the lid and the apples have literally turned to applesauce! You don't need to do anything but give them a little stir. The taste is AMAZING-perfectly sweet, especially with a little extra cinnamon on top. If you used different apples, and feel that it needs to be sweeter, you could add some white or brown sugar. I love applesauce that I can feel good about feeding my kids. I know exactly what's in it, and everyone LOVES it! It's its own type of delicious comfort food, don't vou think?

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and roughly chopped
- 4 large Honeycrisp apples, peeled, cored and roughly chopped

1 cup water

1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

- Peel and core apples. I use a johhny apple peeler to do all three steps at once (peel, spice and core).
- Add water, lemon juice and cinnamon to instant pot and stir to combine. Add apples and toss to mix.
- Secure lid and cook on manual (high pressure) for 8 minutes. Do a controlled quick release or allow the pressure to naturally release.
- Mash the apple mixture a few times with a potato masher, if desired. (If you like a smoother texture you could pulse it in the blender.)
- Transfer contents to a bowl and allow to cool completely. Stir in more cinnamon, if desired, to taste. Enjoy warm or cold. Store in the fridge for up to 7-10 days.

PREP 5 MIN COOK 15 MIN TOTAL 20 MIN MAKES 8 SERVINGS

Black Footed Ferrets

Black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes), also known as the American polecat or prairie dog hunter, is a species of mustelid native to central North America.

Black-Footed Ferrets were listed as endangered in 1967, and by 1974, the last known wild ferret County, SD, just 81 miles away from Badlands National Park) vanished. Just four years later in 1980, the last captive Black-Footed Ferret died, and the species was thought to be extinct...

...until Shep came along. Shep was a ranch dog on a farm in Meeteetse, Wyoming who killed a it to his owners in 1981. Shep's owners took the ferret to a local



population (located in Mellett closely by wildlife biologists. Unfortunately, this population suffered from disease. By 1987, only 18 of the original 130 ferrets remained. At this point, scientists captured the remaining Black-Footed Ferrets, and these ferrets became the foundation for later reintroductions.

Conservation Efforts

Beginning with Wyoming in 1991, Black-Footed Ferrets have been reintroduced to 29 sites across 8 states, Canada, and Mexico. About 280 Black-Footed Ferrets are currently living in captive breeding facilities and, according to Nature Conservancy, about 200-300 ferrets now live Black-Footed Ferret and brought in the wild. About 3,000 Black-Footed Ferrets are necessary to fully recover the species.

taxidermist, who informed them of Although the hundreds of living ferrets today is an improvement upon the importance of Shep's discovery. near-extinction, the Black-Footed Ferret is still an IUCN (International A small relic population of 130 Union for Conservation of Nature) endangered animal and is one of the ferrets was discovered on the most endangered animals in North America. The species is still at risk Wyoming farm and was monitored from disease, loss of habitat, and related declines in prey.

Predators of the Black Footed Ferret include golden eagles, owls, it comes to sylvatic plague, which is coyotes, badgers, and bobcats. While it's normal for small animals to have so many predators, reintroduced ferrets are at a heightened when found in animals. Sylvatic risk because animals raised in captivity typically lack some survival skills. Although predators of the Black-Footed Ferrets can be found in abundance, one of the most serious risks to the long-term survival of the species is disease. Ferrets have faced serious challenges when



the name used for the Black Death plague is a fast-spreading bacterial disease which is carried by fleas, and conservationists have come up with creative ways of preventing the spread of this disease to ferrets. One is a peanut-butter flavored oral vaccine bait. This bait was developed with prairie dogs in mind, helping them to build immunity against the disease. If prairie dogs can avoid the plague, ferrets are at less risk, too. Organizations like the World Wildlife Fund and the US Fish and Wildlife Service are also experimenting with drones to see if they can drop this bait across thousands of acres of prairie dog colonies.

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A Day in the Life

A day in the life of a ferret isn't really a day at all - ferrets are nocturnal, meaning that they are active at night, as opposed to diurnal critters which are active during the day. Ferrets sleep up to 21 hours per day and wake up at night to hunt, eat, and tend to their young. Black-Footed Ferrets are solitary animals with the exceptions of breeding season and caring for their young.

Mating season for ferrets runs from March to April. Black-Footed Ferrets have a gestation period of 41-43 days and commonly produce litters of around 3-5 kits, but extreme litter sizes can range from 1-7 kits. Kits are born blind and helpless – they stay underground until they're about two months old, and diseases which can decimate at which point the jills will move their litters to various burrows within their home ranges and start taking kits on hunting forays. At around 90 days of age, kits are about 90% of their full size, adept at killing prairie dogs, and ready to start out life on their own.

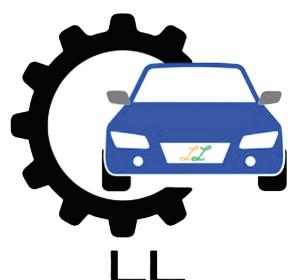
In addition to being nocturnal, **Black-Footed Ferrets** are fossorial, meaning that they live underground. Ferrets live in abandoned prairie dog burrows to maximize their proximity to food sources, raise their young, and escape harsh weather and predators. Their choice of home is a double-edged sword: prairie dogs are plentiful and food is never far, but the human activities

prairie dogs can also decimate Black-Footed Ferrets.

Ferrets rely heavily on prairie dogs not only for their homes, but also for food. Prairie dogs make up a whopping 90% of a Black-Footed Ferret's diet (with the remaining 10% made up of prey like squirrels, mice, and other rodents). One ferret eats a prairie dog about every three days. One Black-Footed Ferret can easily eat around 100 prairie dogs a year, and the average ferret family requires at least 250.

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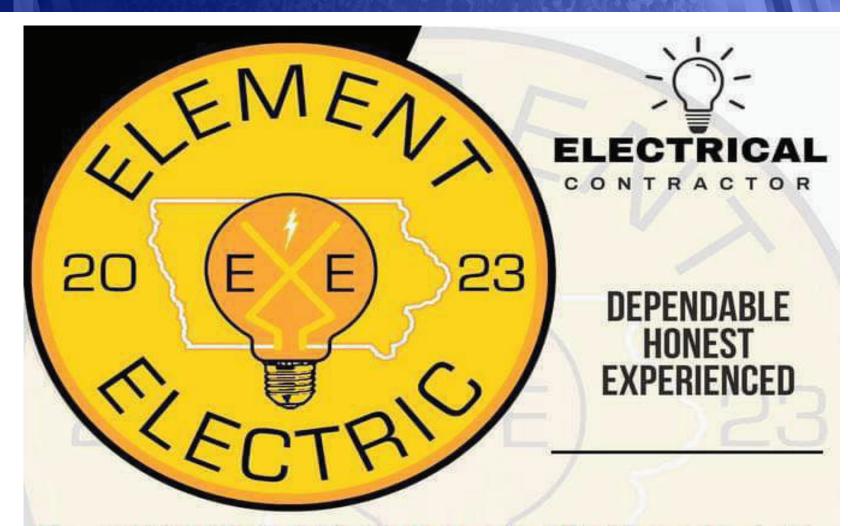
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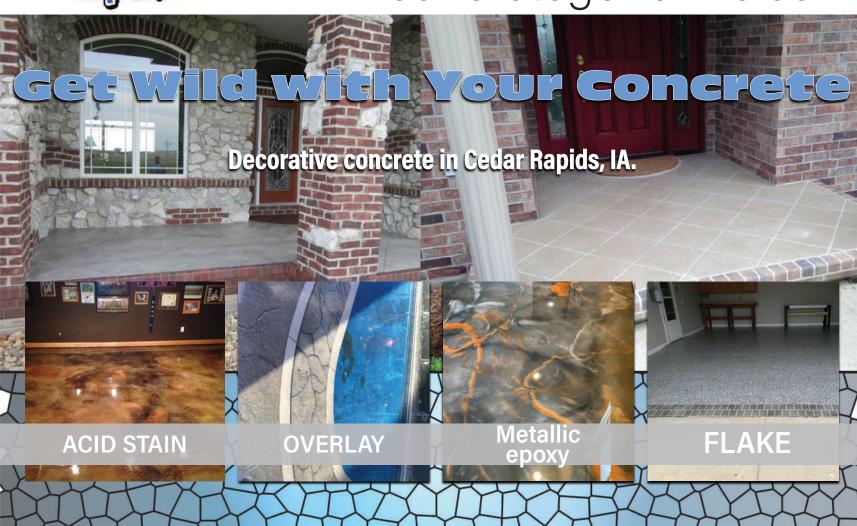




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