CELEBRATE the 4th of JULY in CRESTON June 30 - July 4, 2017

67 Years & Going Strong



10,000 Crestonians 67th 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 "A Hometown 4th of July."
- **UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE** A recreated complex of buildings in McKinley Park reminiscent of prospering villages in early lowa.
- **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 vendors.
- **THREE MILE LAKE RECREATION AREA** Located east of Creston with over 900 acres of great fishing, boating and camping.
- **GAME CART** Will be available at McKinley Park on the 4th with lawn games, balls, Frisbees, card & board games for loan in the park. Borrow free with ID.
- **CRESTON HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN/WALK -** a family friendly event and a fundraiser for the maintenance and expansion of the extensive trail system. Find updates on our website: crestonhalfmarathon.com

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 lowa. 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 lowa 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

A Hometown 4th of July

2017 Schedule of Events June 30 - July 4, 2017

(Subject to Change)

(* Indicates the event is sponsored by the 10,000 Crestonians) Call 641-782-7021 for more information or visit our website at

www.crestoniowachamber.com

June 30, 2017 Creston: Arts Gallery Open	9 a .m. – 2:00 p.m. 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 5 p.m. 7 p.m.
July 1, 2017 Creston: Arts Gallery Open	9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Dusk
July 2, 2017 Creston Half Marathon Creston 5 K Run/Walk Historical Village Open MC Chalk the Town	8:30 a.m
July 3, 2017 Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast. Mealsite Creston: Arts Gallery Open UT Chalk the Town MC Historical Village Open MC Farmers Market MC Elks Street Dance UT	10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

<u>July 4, 2017</u>	
*Flea MarketUT	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Friends of the Library Book Fair Mealsite	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Chalk the Town MuralUT	
Model RailroadersDepot	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Creston: Arts Gallery OpenUT	9 a.m 1 p.m.
Caboose on Adams, OpenUT	9:30 a.m Noon
*4th of July ParadeUT	10:00 a.m.
Lion's Club BingoMC	Noon to 9 p.m.
Historical Village Open (Pioneer Days)MC	Noon – 4:30 p.m.
Game Cart in the ParkMC	1 - 5 p.m.
4th of July Skate Board Competition MC	2:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts & VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony	5:30 p.m.
Evening Program:	
*Talent Show MC	6:30 p.m.

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

9:30 p.m.

Parade Route

