
Contest Details

The Greenwood County Scavenger Hunt is an opportunity for friends and families to explore the history and scenery of beautiful Greenwood County. Investigate the answer to the clues and then hit the winding gravel roads of the county. The answers should be documented in a scrapbook type display that will be turned in to the Matt Samuels Community Building in Eureka on Friday, July 26th, 2013 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.. The display should include the answers to the clues, and also the experiences and imaginations of the participants. Be sure to stay off of private property and pick up any trash you see laying around as you travel the backroads.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three scavenger hunt displays. 1st place will receive \$100, 2nd will receive \$75, and third \$50.

The Greenwood County Historical Society Museum located in Eureka would be an excellent place to investigate the answers to the scavenger hunt. Additional resources would be your local city library. The Greenwood

County Conservation District or the Greenwood County Extension office can provide assistance on the plants of Greenwood County.



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2013 Greenwood County Fair Scavenger Hunt

**Explore and experience the
excitement of Greenwood
County!**

**Enter for your chance at one of
three cash prizes!**

Grand Prize is \$100!



1. Early settlers to Greenwood County would often use the seeds of this tree as a substitute for coffee. In fact, the common name of this tree includes "coffee". If you try to roast your own, be sure to heat the seeds to 150° for at least three hours to remove the toxins found naturally in the plant. This tree can be found in the country and also in urban areas. Although excellent for shade, the many seed pods it produces can be a nuisance. Collect a seed or seed pod of this tree and include it in your scrapbook along with the name of the tree.
2. This man-made structure is a very distinguishable feature on the landscape of western Greenwood County. Although this landmark is often thought to be the highest point in Greenwood County, it is over 100 feet lower than the actual highest point. It still can be seen for miles and is often used as a landmark to guide travelers. The site is located on private property, so no traveling through the pasture to the structure. Snap a picture from the gravel road and list what was the purpose of the structure and what the locals call it.
3. This cemetery underwent a major improvement to the perimeter fence several years ago as a result of a gift from a former resident. The cemetery is located one mile east of the town. Photograph the entrance sign of the cemetery and place in your scrapbook. This former resident also has a very prominent home in the area that can be seen from the county road. To see the home, travel north from the cemetery ¾ of a mile and turn west at the intersection. Travel west 4 miles.
4. The remains of a store/filling station sits along a gravel road about midway between Lamont and Virgil and serves as evidence of the town that

once existed. A recent event has ensured the name of this town will forever be etched in Greenwood County history. Photograph the road sign showing the crossroads where the town site was located and include the name of the town.

5. There are several unique eating establishments spread throughout the county. Their presence often serves as an opportunity for the locals to catch up on local happenings or for neighbors to find out where their stray cow ended up. Many of these establishments offer food "just like grandma cooked" and are places that you'll tell your friends about. Stop and get a bite to eat at a minimum of two of the following eating establishments. Lo-Mar Drive In, Eureka; Jim & Lila's Café, Piedmont; Tri-Corner Restaurant, Fall River Lake; Holmes Sundries, Hamilton; or Red Brick Café; Madison. Be sure to tell them you are doing the Greenwood County Scavenger Hunt and have your server sign the receipt if it doesn't include the name of the establishment. Include the two receipts in the scrapbook.
6. This rock standing tall above the prairie marks the approximate location of a booming oil town. The town was never incorporated, but estimates put the population at around 600 people. On the trail leading to the rock, you can still make out some of the old foundations that held up the shacks spread out across the oil lease. Rocks were originally piled in this location to guide travelers roaming across the plains. Plan your trip so you arrive at this special place while the sun sets on the horizon. Enjoy the serenity the open prairie provides. Bring along a tripod, rest your camera on the car, or bring along a friend and take a portrait of all the scavenger hunt participants in front of the rock.

7. Greenwood County is located in the Flint Hills eco-region. Landscapes are made up of native Tallgrass Prairie with a diverse plant community. This plant is the most prevalent grass in the Tallgrass Prairie. The seed heads are commonly called "turkey's foot". Press this plant between old newspapers and the pages of a large book to prepare them for your display. You need to do some detective work to make sure you obtain the correct plant and not one of the many other similar plants that occur in the Tallgrass Prairie.

8. In the early 1950's many Greenwood County rural schools were forced to close their doors. These one room schools provided educational experiences unlike modern day schools. Children learned at their own pace and were often assisted by older students in the classroom. Many country schools still stand today as glimpses of the school life of early citizens in Greenwood County. The buildings are also testaments to the structural marvels built by the early stonemasons. Both of these schools are on private property but can be seen clearly from the county road. Please, no trespassing to get a closer look. Once found, photograph both of these structures and place the picture along with the name of the school in your scrapbook.

- This country school closed its doors in 1950 and consolidated with the Harmony School District. The District Number for this school was #23.
- This school is named for the family that has ranched in this area since 1907. A member of this school's namesake retired in 2012 after practicing medicine for over 35 years in Greenwood County. The school building lies east of an elegant Victorian home you certainly don't want to miss.