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National Register of Historic Places
Nomination Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Civilian Conservation Corps/Prisoner of War Recreational Hall

other names/site number CCC Camp Flying Goose Recreational Hall; POW Recreational Hall; POW Compound 13

2. Location

street & number 301 11th Avenue not for publication N/A

city or town Eldora vicinity N/A

state Iowa code IA county Hardin code 083 zip code 50627

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Barbara Mitchell DSHPO December 7, 2011
Signature of certifying official Date
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall Signature of Keeper Date of Action 1.27.12

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public- local
- Public- State
- Public- Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(do not include previously listed resources in count)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | buildings |
| <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | sites |
| <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | structures |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | objects |
| <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing listed (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social/meeting hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce trade/specialty store

Recreation & Culture/museum

Social/meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls wood

roof asphalt

other stone/limestone

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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7. Narrative Description

The Hardin County Fairgrounds in Eldora, Iowa is the home of the Civilian Conservation Corps/Prisoner of War (CCC/POW) Recreational Hall. It was built in October, 1933 (circa) as part of CCC Camp Flying Goose campsite. (Photo List 001 and 002) Located on the south side of the fairgrounds, the building is a quarter of a mile north of State Highway 175 (Edgington Avenue). Eleventh Avenue is north of the building and runs east and west through the fairgrounds. A gravel driveway west of the grandstand dips south to the building. The north side of the Recreational Hall faces the fairgrounds and the south, the Eldora Cemetery. (Figure 1) The Eldora Cemetery is south 18 feet 6 inches from the building and a fence is the border between the two properties. The Cemetery is not a part of this nomination.

CCC Camp Flying Goose was built amongst existing oak trees. (Section 10; Figure 3; Figure 7). Unfortunately, the CCC/POW camp has almost vanished. All that remains is the Recreational Hall, original driveway, part of the sidewalk, a foundation, footings from the barracks, and a small section of fence built by POWs. The following is a list of buildings that have been removed:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Officers Quarters (2) | Warehouses (5) |
| Sheds/Garages (2) | Hospital |
| Headquarters | Kitchen/Mess Hall |
| Latrine/Bath | Woodshop |
| Education Building | Barracks (5) |

A site plan of the camp shows officers quarters, garages, storage sheds, hospital, headquarters, kitchen/mess hall, and latrine to the west of the nominated building. Barracks and other support buildings were located to the north and east. (Figures 8, 9, 10, and 11)

The CCC/POW Recreational Hall is a one-story "T" shaped rectangular framed building. It has a low-pitched, trussed, gabled roof with asphalt shingles. Concrete footings with wooden cross beams *was* the original foundation; it *has been replaced* with a concrete pad and rebar. Before 2009, flooring consisted of three floors in the east-west section:

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(1) a painted sub flooring (1998); (2) narrow oak Weyerhaeuser flooring; (3) wide pine 4” tongue-in-groove. Flooring in the south section was unfinished fir, approximately 3” width. All flooring was removed in 2009 for the building’s new concrete pad; none of the original flooring remains.

Exterior walls are dark green pine lap boards with white trim along the roof line, corners, and window sashes. The original upper interior walls were painted ½” corn based fiberboard and the lower were painted ¼” plywood. In 1997, a modern wood paneling was applied over the original. The interior walls were removed in 2009 for the purpose of jacking up the building for a new concrete pad. Currently the interior reveals bare studs. Original insulator posts and some wiring are in place (but not usable); electrical wiring was brought up to code and standards in 2009.

Historic pictures document that the original roofs of the barracks had tar paper and lath. (Figure 8) It is believed that the Recreational Hall had tar paper and lath also as there is tar seepage through the boards in the south section of the building. Asphalt shingles were added later (unknown date). In 1997, the shingles were replaced by an Eagle Scout and again in 2010 after the hail damage of 2009. (Figures 17 and 18)

Today, the bottom of the ceiling rafters reveals nails and fibers indicating that there was a ceiling. A picture from a January, 1997, newspaper article about the Boy Scouts meeting in the Recreational Hall, reveals such a ceiling. (9, Connors) Another newspaper article indicates that ceiling tiles were taken out when the new electrical wiring was installed (1998). (Figure 14)

The original twenty-two windows each featured nine panes of glass. Broken windows were replaced haphazardly with one, two, and eight pane windows. Windows have been refurbished or replaced to nine pane. The inside of twelve windows (east/west section) of the Recreational Hall were originally hinged at the top with the bottom swinging in. It was discovered in 2010, that the 1997 remodeling had changed the windows to white wood trim with a wooden crossbar hopper to support the window as it opened at the top. Plans are to return the windows to the original top hinged model in the east/west section.

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Windows (all original) in the south section have a painted tin hopper with keyholes. (Photo 17) This allows the windows to be opened at the top with a brass pull lock. Windows may be lifted and adjusted into the keyholes for air circulation. The window frames have approximately six to eight painted screws on the front to adjust the window to different heights.

The building's original five paneled pine doors, located at each end, were approximately 28 inches wide. Current doors have the same five panel construction. The east door was widened to 48 inches to make it handicapped accessible. The south and west doors remain the original dimension of 28 inches.

Visible from the inside and out is the beautiful limestone fireplace which sits in the cap of the "T". Prior to 2009, the fireplace was missing a mantel and supporting post. The original pieces were believed to have been ironwood, which was harvested locally at Pine Lake State Park. This was historically restored in September, 2010. Original mortar consisted of Portland cement and sand/lime mortar. (3, Arbogast) Wires found on the outside of the chimney were used to lift the damper.

The contributing structures for this nomination are the sidewalks and the fence. The contributing building is the Recreational Hall built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

On the south side of the Recreational Hall red bricks were found which formed a small patio to the east and west sidewalk. Footings of barracks were found north of the east and west sidewalk (north of the building). These are approximately 18" x 18" concrete squares forming the corners of barracks #3 and #4. (Figure 10) To the east of the Recreational Hall and horseshoe court another 12" x 12" concrete square was found, it is believed to be the corner of the demolished educational building. (Figure 10) The footings of the barracks and education building are of small significance and are not considered to be contributing structures. However, the corner footings do remain within the dirt at this time.

Another significant feature is the original woven wire fence and angle posts. (Photo 9) The upper portion has the original barbed wire. Italian prisoners put the fence up to keep the townspeople out of camp and the prisoners in. Woven wire is attached to the fence on the outside of the posts instead of on the inside closer to the building. The angle of the

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“razor wire” bars are toward the Eldora Cemetery instead of the CCC/POW building. This construction validates the fence was to keep townspeople out. (14, Clark)

All seven aspects of integrity (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association) are maintained at good levels. Several related buildings have been demolished. The CCC/POW Recreational Hall is in its original location and has good integrity of setting and feeling due to the remaining trees, sidewalks, fence, and driveways. The CCC/POW Recreational Hall design elements are largely intact, or where necessary have been renovated with historically appropriate replacements. The recent rehabilitation project removed the walls, original flooring, and hail damaged windows. Flooring was replaced with a concrete pad and windows were refurbished to their original state. No work has been done on the walls at this time. The building has been repainted to its original color put on in the 1930s. A comparison of historic and current photographs of the CCC/POW Recreational Hall suggests the current condition of the building’s exterior is the same as when constructed.

This building is believed to be the only remaining Recreational Hall used by **both** the CCC and POWs in the United States, leaving the building with a good integrity of association as well. With further research a case could be made for statewide and national significance.

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8. Statement of Significance

Areas of Significance

(Enter Categories from instructions)

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Conservation
Entertainment/Recreation
Military

Period of Significance

1933-1946 circa

Significant Dates

1933 circa

1943 circa

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Civilian Conservation Corps

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary Location of Additional Data:

State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
 Local government
University
Other
Name of repository: _____

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Civilian Conservation Corps/Prisoners of War (CCC/POW) Recreational Hall is of local significance under Criterion A because of its association with the CCC and POWs. This nomination includes three contributing resources (the building, sidewalk, and footings) and one non-contributing resource (the horseshoe pitching court).

The building's simple low-pitched gables, tar and lath covered roof, and lap board exterior reveal that these were economically depressed times. This building marks a time when a nation was pulling together to lift itself out of a depression and fighting a war to preserve peace, pride, and freedom. (Figure 6) Franklin D. Roosevelt established the CCC to help bring the United States out of the Great Depression. He indicated his strategy as follows:

I have proposed to create a Civilian Conservation Corps to be used in simple work, not interfering with the normal employment, and confining itself to forestry, the prevention of soil erosion, flood control, and similar projects... The type of work is of definite, practical value, not only through the prevention of great financial loss, but also as a means of creating future national wealth...

Control of such work can be carried on by executing machinery of the Departments of Labor, Agriculture, War, and Interior. The enterprise will...conserve our precious natural resources and more importantly will be the moral and spiritual gains of such work. (2, Alleger)

Congress created the CCC to employ men, 18-25 years of age, who were unemployed and unmarried. Roosevelt held a meeting with staff from the Departments of Labor, Agriculture, War, and Interior to decide how they would run this new army of young men. (Figures 15 and 16)

The Department of War was put in charge of supervising the construction of the 4,500 camps nationwide, enlistment, and company formations. The CCC were responsible for the development of 800 state parks and 52,000 acres of public campground. Workers were paid \$30 per month, but were required to send \$25 of that home to help their families.

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Camp Flying Goose #1755 was established in 1933 to develop the newly enlarged Pine Creek State Park (now known as Pine Lake State Park). Residents of Eldora added 266 acres to build Upper Pine Lake as a result of a bond referendum. Pine Creek State Park was a very popular recreational site and in the early 1930s had the largest attendance of any of Iowa's state parks. Work on Camp Flying Goose started in October, 1933, according to The Tribune's Iowa News Service dated November 1, 1933, "C.C.C. Ready for Winter."

"Nine buildings are being constructed to put the civilian conservation corps camp on the Hardin county fairgrounds in shape for the winter. The camp will be ready for occupancy by November 7, according to Lieut. R. O. Kilpatrick, from Fort Snelling, who is in charge.

Of the 200 men to be brought here from Camp Chatfield, Minnesota, about 90 per cent are Iowans. The men will be used for special erosion and forestry work on Pine lake and in the state park area. A dam will be built on the east end of Pine lake.

The new buildings include mess hall, officers' quarters, **recreation** and wash buildings.

From 60 to 80 Eldora men have been employed about three weeks on the job. (16, Tribune; Figure 20)

This campsite, known as Camp Flying Goose, housed Company #1755 for two years. These men worked in the camp, worked at Pine Lake, and dam. The following report from Roy Peterson states:

"Small dams to check erosion were built, banks were sloped, and trails and building sites laid out. The big project of Co. 1755 was the building of the dam which created Upper Pine Lake. Crews were worked day and night to complete this project, and on March 15, 1935 it was finished... With the lake completed our work was to beautify the park. Trails were built, small stone overnight cottages were erected and the big stone lodge overlooking lower Pine Lake was finished. An underpass was built for the safety of pedestrians coming from the

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picnic areas to the lake and finally three rearing ponds for fish. With the rearing ponds completed... orders came thru that Co. 1755 be disbanded. (17, Peterson). In July, 1935, four Iowa companies in Arkansas were returned to their home state, and Co. 1752 was transferred to Eldora when it became a member of the soil conservation service group of camps, being designated Camp SCS Ia-7. On the 7th day of July, 1935, the company arrived in Eldora and occupied a tent camp east of the city until in the late fall when it occupied the barracks of Co. 1755, vacated by that organization upon its disbandment.

Company 1752, known as the Erosioners, made a considerable number of important improvements which greatly changed the camp.

The camp area has been sodded and landscaped and with the natural trees it has one of the finest locations of any camp in the State of Iowa. New tile brick walks have been laid throughout the whole camp, an improvement which is of great aid in keeping the camp and buildings clean.

The hospital company office, and mess hall have been completely rehabilitated, and a new educational office and camp library have been installed and equipped. During February this year new quarters were constructed for the officers and technical staff personnel, and the ECW service took over the old officers quarters for office space... (17, Peterson)

The Erosioners were responsible for building several types of structures, developed adequate vegetative protection, and seedlings being planted. Farm operators had been given valuable assistance on their farms through quarrying and crushing of agriculture limestone. They also cooperated in the demonstration program by securing and spreading the limestone and by adapting crop rotations which will reduce soil and fertility losses. (17, Peterson)

After the day's work they were taken back to camp for supper and leisure. They would go to the Recreational Hall to play chess, shoot pool, play ping-pong or buy supplies such as tobacco or candy at the canteen. (1, Miscellaneous Camp Algona documents, page 3)

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When Pearl Harbor was attacked in December, 1941, the United States entered into World War II (WW II) shortly thereafter. The CCC camps started disbanding and were closed by June, 1942. Eldora's Camp Flying Goose would now be empty for a year.

Newspaper articles, pictures, and interviews document the camp existed and that this building was built and used by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Signatures within the Recreational Hall were found when gutting the building, dated October, 1934. There are approximately eight signatures in chalk and pencil in both parts of the building. (Photos 31 and 32). There are numerous articles about the CCC camp that are recorded in Box 38 of the Herald Index microfilm at the Eldora Public Library. (Figure 6) Documented interviews with Everett Lyman, former employee of Camp Flying Goose 1937-1938, were obtained in October, 2010 and May, 2011.

In 1943, the government decided to ship POWs to the United States because:

- ships were going over full, but coming back empty
- it was more cost effective to bring POWs to the food source
- it created a work force for the United States
- it educated POWs about a republican government
- prisoners could not easily return to their country to fight

Algona, Iowa was selected to be District 7's POW Camp Headquarters. Algona's District 7 would include four states (upper Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota). (Figure 19) Covering the area north 500 miles to Grofton, North Dakota, east 285 miles to Clinton, Iowa, south 220 miles to Shenandoah, Iowa, and west 185 miles to Onawa, Iowa. (1, Algona) Prisoners would be distributed to smaller compounds within the four state area. Eldora's CCC Camp Flying Goose would now become Eldora's Compound 13 from 1943-1946.

Manufacturing companies in need of POW labor contracted with communities that had permanent CCC buildings to house the POWs (as they were responsible for providing housing). (1, Algona)

The first Italian POWs arrived in December, 1943, and were shipped to Eldora from Missouri to work in hemp factories in surrounding communities of Grundy Center, Traer, Hampton, and Iowa Falls. They were responsible for cleaning up the camp in preparation

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for German POWs. They built the fence to prevent curious onlookers from coming into the camp and associating too closely with the prisoners (14, Clark)

Compound 13, in Eldora, could house up to 250 POWs and guards. German POWs arrived in August, 1944. They worked for a variety of factories in Marshalltown, Grundy Center, and Ackley. Farmers also hired them to work in fields and as farm hands. POWs were paid with scrip money of various denominations for their work. (11, Luick-Thrames, page 25)

During their spare time or after working the POWs were allowed to come into the Recreational Hall and relax the same way that the CCC men had before them. It held a ping-pong table, pool table, a chess board, and also contained a canteen where they could buy tobacco, stationery, candy, pop, stamps, razor blades, toothpaste, and other essentials. (12, Pine Lake Bugle) This building was where special festivities and holidays were celebrated for the POWs. (10, The Herald Index microfilm)

Gerhard Sander, a former German POW, has shared stories and information concerning his stay at the POW Camp in Eldora, where he was imprisoned at age seventeen. (Figure 12) He stated in a letter "if my family were separated by war, we would all meet in Eldora, Iowa." (13, Sander) Newspaper articles show pictures of him standing by the Recreational Hall. (Figure 14) During part of his time in Iowa he worked on the Vogt farm near Reinbeck. Steven Balvanz, Jr. filmed Mrs. Vogt telling about when she cooked meals for the men. (6, Martha: Meat and Potatoes)

Kurt Kreuzsch, a former German POW, visited the Recreational Hall in 1999. He recounted many details which Steve Balvanz, Jr. filmed. Mr. Balvanz plans on using this footage in an Iowa Public Television (IPTV) documentary called "POWs on the Prairies." (6, Herald Index)

German men were held for about two years. At the end of WW II (1946) POWs were transferred to other camps thus closing Compound 13. (13, Sander)

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With the return of military personnel this created a housing shortage in Eldora. The community opened the vacated barracks and subdivided them into temporary housing units for families until other housing arrangements could be made (1946-date unknown). Ione Wallis Ziesman recounted as a child how her family lived in one of the barracks (1946-1948). She related how they would run for water to the latrine for her mother and how her father found a German medallion in one of the barracks. She further states that the Recreational Hall was locked and never available to residents of the barracks. At the time of her residence in the barracks the sidewalks were cement. (14, Ziesman Interview 2010)

Footings of the barracks and the educational building have been found within the boundaries. Maps of the camp showing and labeling each building, electric lines and poles, sewer lines, and fences are available. (Figures 10 and 11) The site plan gives the dimensions for all of the buildings within the campsite. Hardin County residents have shared that they remember standing at the fence talking and/or staring at the POWs (there were a number of residents in Hardin County that could speak German). A 1943 photo shows Compound 13 POW guards. (Figure 13). We are told that some of the guards spoke German and were interpreters in the canning factory in Ackley. (14, Balvanz)

Historical pictures document that this building is the authentic Recreational Hall for CCC Camp Flying Goose and POW Compound 13. (Figure 7) Algona's POW packet has a sketch of the Eldora "Canteena" (Recreational Hall) by a German POW. (1, Miscellaneous, page 3)

Youth to Restore the CCC/POW Building (YRCPB) goals are to recreate a recreational hall for the community and a museum to recognize the CCC, pay tribute to the community in its role during World War II (hiring POWs), and honor military personnel from Hardin County. The Recreational Hall will be used to educate the youth, community residents in Hardin County, and tourists to Pine Lake State Park.

An archeological investigation was not a part of this nomination. Additional research may identify archeological sites that could contribute to the overall historical significance of the property. With more research a case may be made for statewide and national significance.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

| | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | <u>15</u> | <u>492789</u> <u>17 meters</u> | <u>4689974</u> <u>4 meters</u> |
| 2 | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

| | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3 | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 4 | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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Maps: A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name County of Hardin; Jim Johnson, County Supervisor

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description - The boundary of the nominated property begins 53 feet out to the west from the northwest corner of the building, south 69 feet, east 129 feet, north 118 feet, west 129 feet, south 49 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification - This boundary has been chosen because it includes the CCC/POW Recreational Hall, original sidewalks, footings of two barracks and the educational building. This will preserve the historic appearance of the CCC/POW campsite.

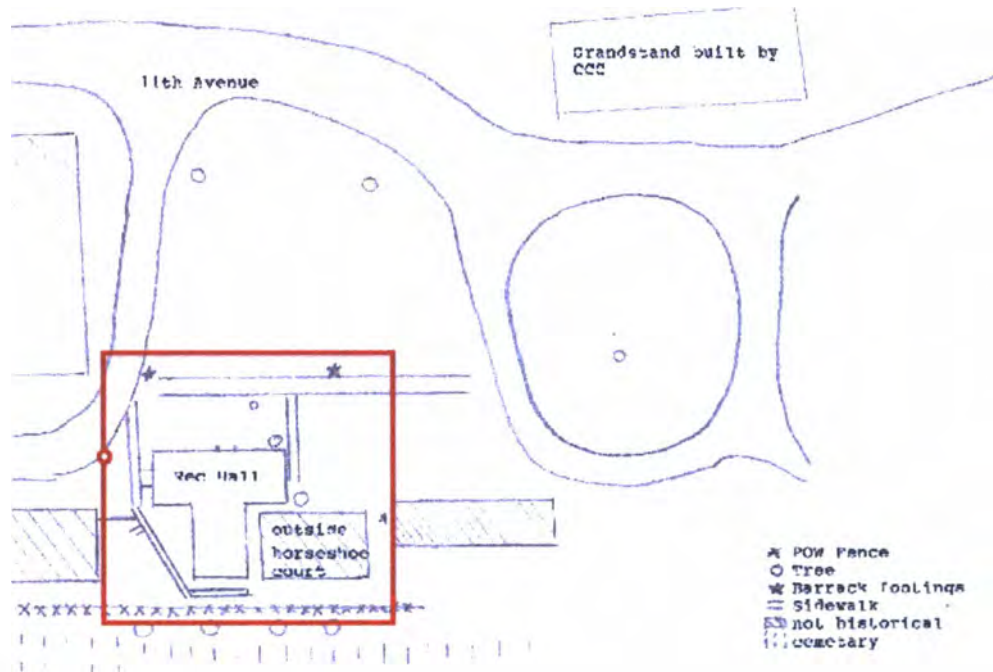


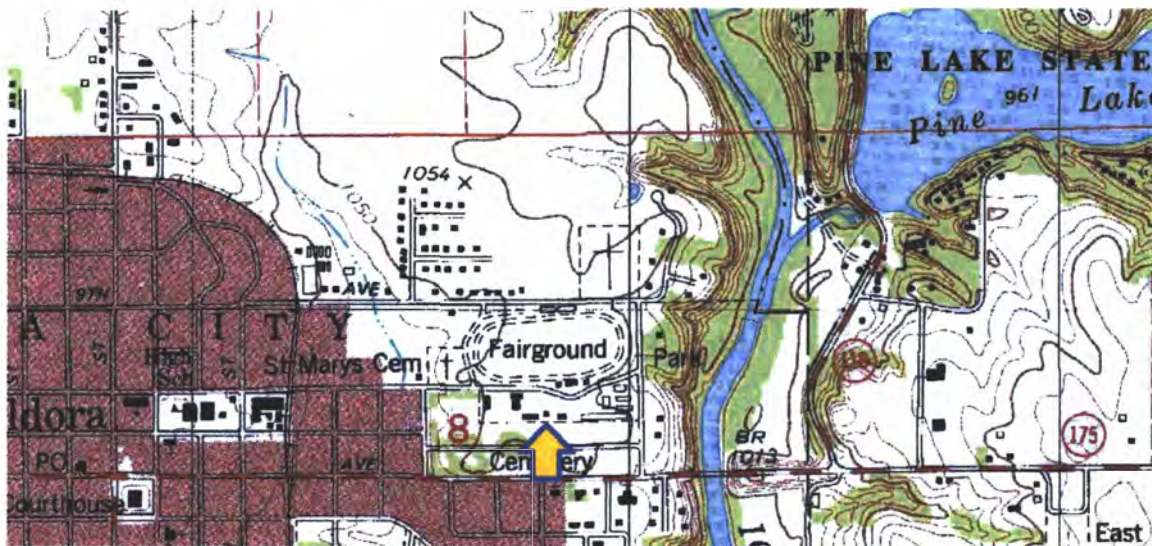
Figure 1 - Boundary Map - drawn by Becky Rose, October, 2010.

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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1973. Field checked 1974. Map edited 1979

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Iowa coordinate
system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15
1927 North American datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 4 meters north and
17 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Figure 2 - 24,000 Topographical Map, USGS & NOS/NOAA, edited 1979.

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Figure 3 - 1930's Aerial Photo-USDA Status Map www.ortho.gis.iastate.edu printed 2010.



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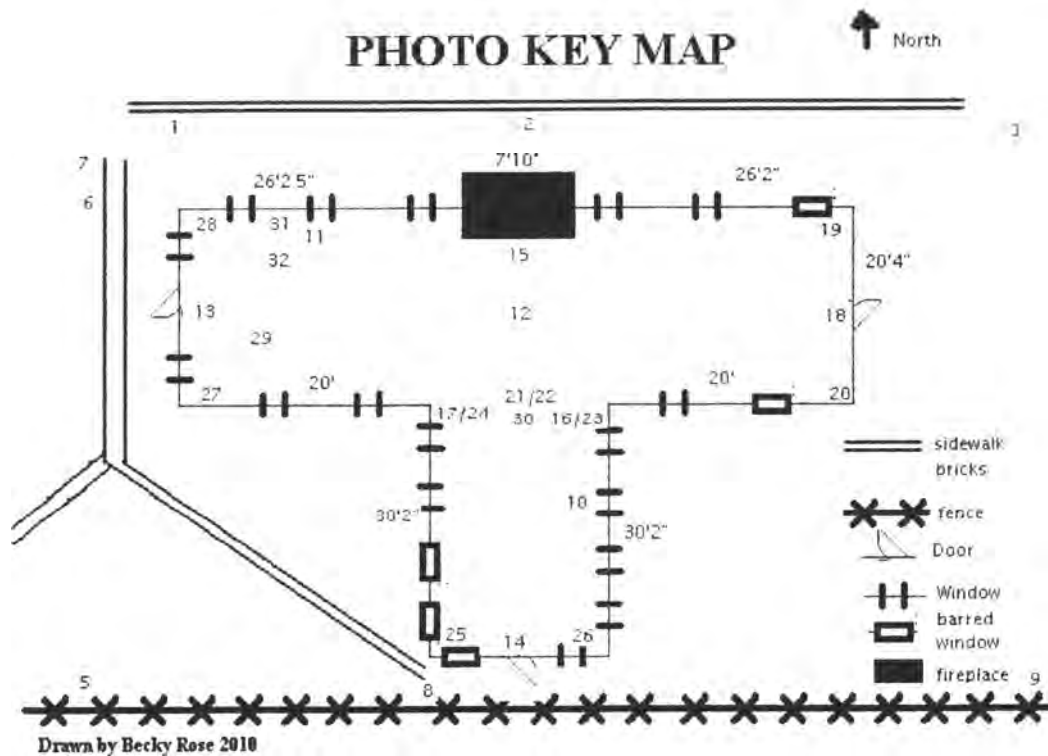
Figure 5 - enlarged area of building from
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The grand-daddy of all stimulus programs employed hundreds Depression-era jobs boosted Eldora

by Rick Patrie
News Editor

ELDORA – Just about the time memories of one of the greatest public works projects in U.S history are fading, the nation as a whole and Hardin County specifically are revisiting the unique time and project.

The national economic news has become unsettling enough that Washington D.C. is eyeing public works projects as a way to short circuit a vicious cycle of unemployment and declines in consumption.

Meanwhile, here in Hardin County a young 4-H club member, Emily Rose, a few weeks ago announced a project, which she hopes will preserve a unique remnant of the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps in Eldora. The building she chose is actually best known as quarters for Axis prisoners of war during World War II, but it also had ties to the 1930s New Deal work program that employed an army of young men constructing amenities, both public and private, here and across the nation.

Rose's project is a barrack site at the Hardin County Fair Grounds. It is only one of innumerable features of its kind that Hardin County residents take for granted today.



Photos courtesy of Gene Farmer and the Hardin County Historical Society

These men gave Eldora a great deal of what it takes for granted now three-quarters of a century later. The young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

All were products of CCC and untrained young men, some from this area, many from great distances, were detailed to Eldora to work for a wide variety of projects – lasting years.

Literally hundreds of jobless

purely public projects, but also spearheaded another initiative of the then-Roosevelt administration which was trying to help Great Plains farmers facing a

The corps not only worked on

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Figure 6 - Eldora Newspaper *The Herald Index*, - Patrie, (month unknown) 2009.

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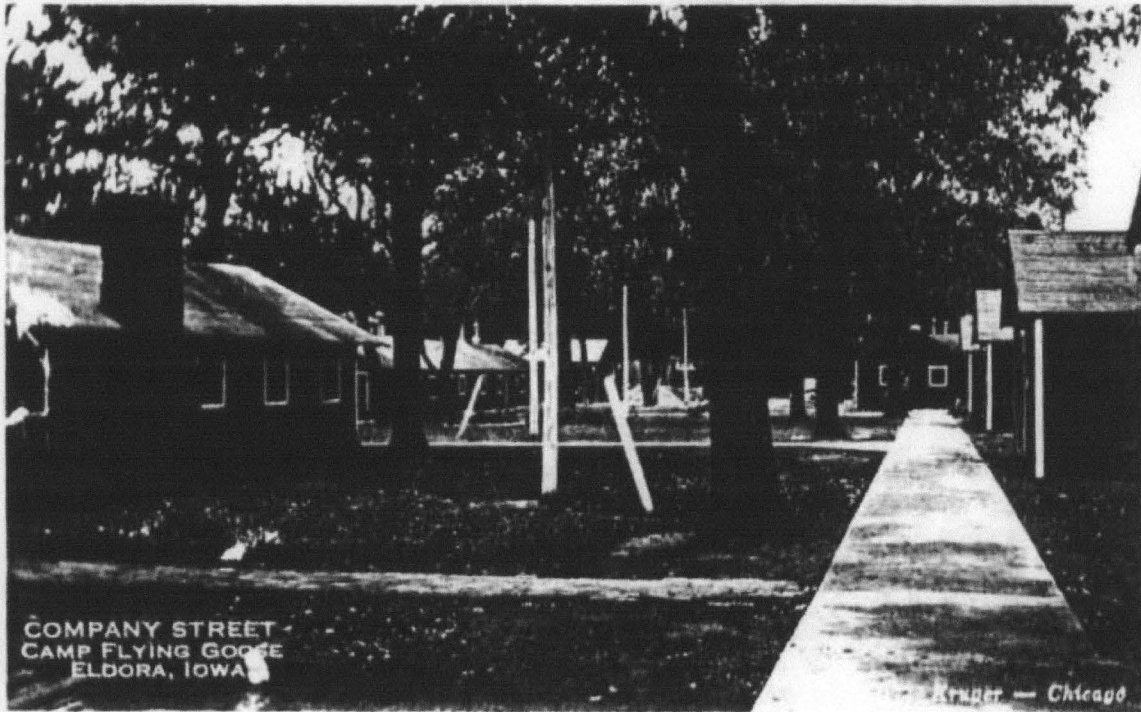


Figure 7 - Recreational Hall is on the left side of picture. Photo looking west.
Kruger Photography, Chicago, IL - Collection of Gene Foster, date unknown.

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BARRACKS CCC CAMP ELDORA

Figure 8 - Barracks- looking southeast. Collection of Pine Lake Ass'n. date unknown.

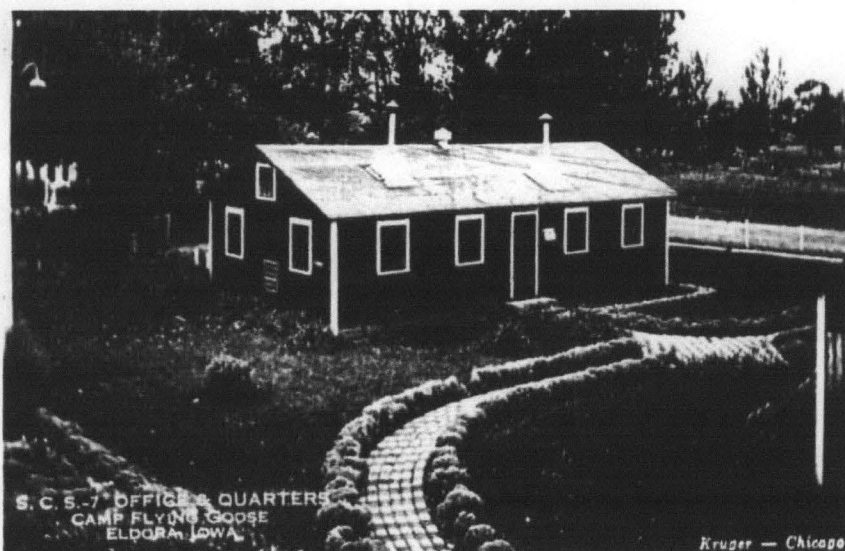


Figure 9 - CCC-Officers Quarters. Kruger Photography, Chicago, IL
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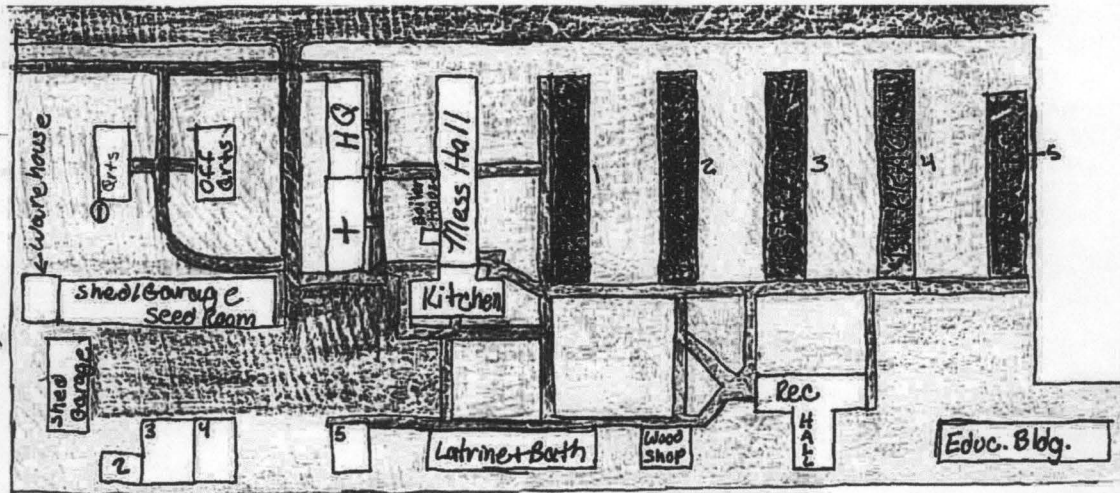


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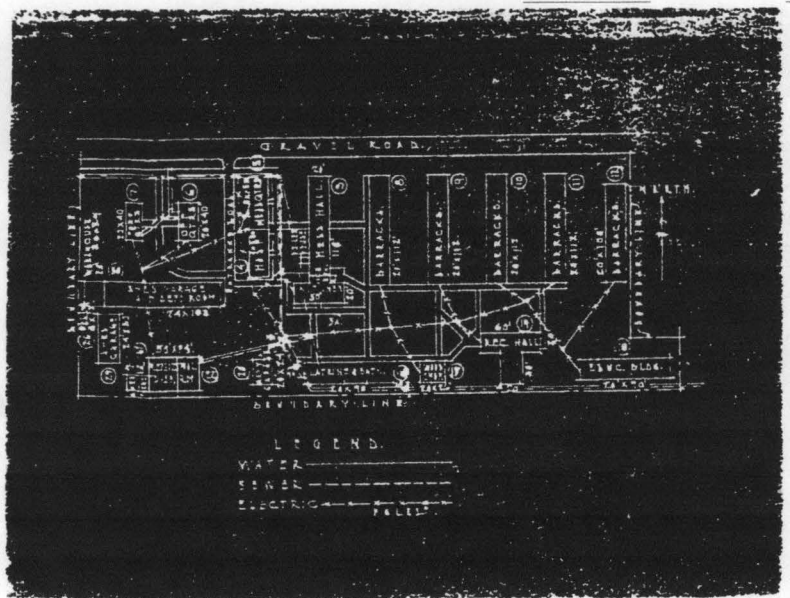


Figure 11 - Blueprint of buildings, sewer and electrical lines.
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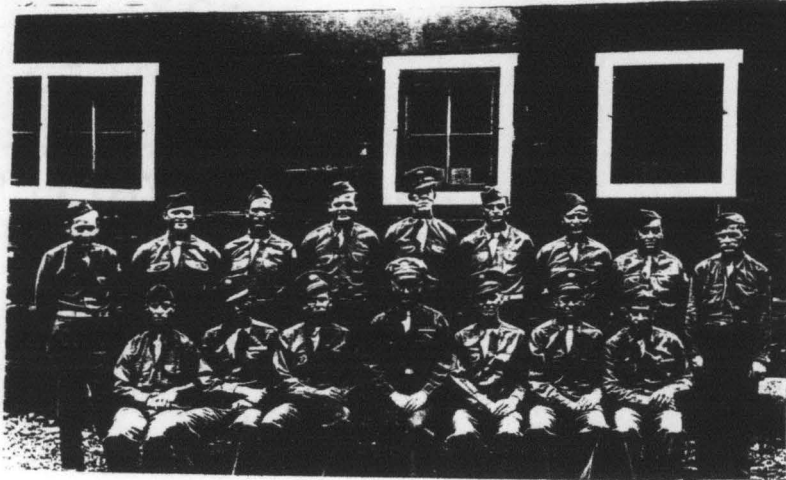
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Figure 12 - Prisoners of War. Collection of Gene Foster. Photographer & date unknown.



GUARDS AT THE POW CAMP IN ELDORA, IOWA - 1943
FRONT ROW - L TO R -
C. CALL - BILL SWORD - DERAMUS - CAPT. LAWYER - SGT. HAROLD SHAW - RUSSELL HOWARD - MICKEY PARK
BACK ROW - L TO R
ANZO - TOBBY - BOOTH - DELMAR GACUS - PAUL CUSTER - FREDERICKS - WINESTINE - LONG - HALL

Figure 13 - Prisoner of War Guards in 1943.
Collection of Gene Foster. Photographer and date unknown.

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Restoration begins at former POW camp

Local residents, veterans recall Eldora camp, plans to establish as future historical attraction

By David Namanny
ELDORA — Over half a century ago, a greatest, most destructive war which the world had yet seen was coming to a close — World War II.
The ramifications of this war reached to the ends of the earth and affected in some way or another, practically all its inhabitants, as it still does today. Millions fought and millions died between 1939 and 1945, and in the end, the world was saved from a menace which none will soon forget.
But as the United States armed forces and its allies were succeeding in winning the war that raged on in the Eastern hemisphere, the Eldora community was also doing its part.

During the end of the war from 1944 and 1945, Eldora was one of 11 sites in Iowa to host a prisoner of war (POW) camp. The camp was located near the Hardin County fairgrounds and for a brief time housed both Italian and German soldiers. Although the camp originally consisted of five buildings, only one remains today, the old "recreation hall"; the T-shaped building closest to the city cemetery.

Among the guards at the former POW camp is James "Slim" Westerhausen, who still lives in Eldora. Westerhausen had finished his tour of duty overseas and was stationed as guard in Eldora for the remainder of World War II.
"They were good to guard," said Westerhausen. "There was really no problems."

Westerhausen remembers that the prisoners used to cook for the guards, and on his birthday, the Germans presented him with a gift.

"They said 'it is your birthday sir, so we baked you a cake,'" Westerhausen recalls. "They came out with the cake, and then another and another. I'd say we all got along pretty well."

Restoration Begins
Efforts are currently underway by members of the Hardin County Historical Society, to refurbish and restore the former POW recreation hall, which was originally constructed and lived in by workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps, the program former president Franklin D. Roosevelt started in the early 1930s.

The first steps of the process have already been taken. Dwight McDonald of McDonald Construction of Eldora has donated several workers to the project, who are currently in the process of cleaning out the interior and removing old ceiling tiles. Eventually, the entire building will be raised and set on a new foundation and badly needed roof repairs will also be completed.

The Hardin County Historical Society is also asking area residents for donations and volunteers to finish the project, which they hope to have completed by this fall. The Eldora American Legion has already donated \$250 to the cause, as has the Hardin County Fair board.

According to Gene Foster and Gene Farmer of the Historical Society, who have been researching and working on the project for some time now, the goal is to ultimately open the building in the future for interested persons and summer tourists. Foster hopes to erect a display of World

War II memorabilia inside the building. In the future, the Historical Society hopes to put signs up, designating the site as a former POW camp, to attract more interest.

Letters from Germany
The Eldora POW camp restoration project by the Historical Society started with a letter addressed to the "Head of the Postoffice of the Town of Eldora."

The letter was written by Jorg Sanders of Germany, who was looking for information about his father, Gerhard Sanders (pictured to the right), who had spent time in the POW camp here in Eldora.
"My father, who is now 70 years of age often tells us about his youth, which unfortunately fell into the Hitler-time and the second World War. And whenever his remembrances come to the better part of his life as a young man, it is the story of his life as a prisoner of war in the USA."

"He told us the camp at that time was a former YMCA camp surrounded by large oaks near the cemetery of Eldora. He said there was a kind of race track not far away from the river."

"My father was just a boy of 17 or 18, one of the youngest in the camp and responsible for the flower beds and the kitchen. And he was working on the farm of Herman Vogt in Reinbeck, cropping some corn miles away from Eldora."

"Management of the camp must have been very liberal - and a wise one. In fact, the POWs had a good life there, they were paid for their work, the food was well beyond anything they had known before. They could buy cigarettes and a fantastic new drink called Coca Cola."

Eventually, Jorg was able to make contact with Martha Vogt, who is now 92 years

old and still lives in Reinbeck. Her husband, Herman, passed away in 1965. Sanders and Vogt have since been corresponding by mail.

Foster also recently received a letter from Jorg, who said his father was overwhelmed to hear from old friends in Eldora.
"Can you imagine the tears in the eyes of my father when he read the letter from Mrs. Vogt, to hear from this friendly woman 53 years after he had worked there," Jorg wrote.

Included with the letter were pictures of Gerhard while in Eldora in 1945, which has been provided for publication by Foster. In the photo is Gerhard standing at the door of one of the barracks at the camp. The search for information and photos

also continues for future use inside the building which is being restored.

POWs: The Lost Armies
New technology and the increased mobility of warfare during the second World War often made it impossible for outnumbered land forces to be extricated, and left them no alternative to destruction or to surrender.

As a result, millions of able-bodied soldiers from both sides were taken prisoner between 1939 and 1945. Although conditions in POW camps overseas were horrible in Europe, the small camps located in the United States were like somewhat of a "vacation resort" for those housed here. In early December 1943, 280 Italian Prisoners of War hopped off a train at the Minneapoli-St. Louis Train Depot here in Eldora (located on what is now the west parking lot of Hy-Vee).

Thirty-five United States soldiers, stationed here as guards marched the prisoners to the fairgrounds, using 12th Avenue as the route.

According to reports from newspapers in the 1940s, the Italian prisoners were not all in uniform, many wore mismatched clothing. All were easily recognizable, however, as the letters, "PW" were painted on the outside of their shirts and coats.
"The Italians worked mostly in the temp mills and fields around the Eldora, Grundy Center, Reinbeck and Ackley area," explains Foster.

"While riding on the trucks to and from work, they did a lot of singing."
"The pay was good for them, 80 cents per day plus room and board. They couldn't work over ten hours per day and the food was the same for them as for the U.S. soldiers stationed here," he added.

In July 1944, the Italians left the POW camp. In August, Henry Jensen, president of the Hardin County Fair Board at the time, made arrangements with the U.S. Army and the Marshall Canning Factory of Marshalltown for the use of the CCC buildings at the fairgrounds to house 175 German prisoners.

They arrived in several trucks from Algona on Dec. 1, 1944. During their stay until early in 1946, the POWs worked in canning factories in Marshalltown, Ackley, Grundy Center and Reinbeck.

According to Foster, many POWs had to pick sweet corn before it was canned. They also worked on farms.
"The German POWs also received 80 cents per day for their work, with room and board," Foster said.

Great Escapes
The Eldora POW camp was just one of the satellite centers of the main camp in Algona. Similar camps existed in Clinton, Storm Lake, Muscatine, Waverly, Osawa and Charles City.

During their research of POWs in Iowa, Foster and Farmer found that the camps were supposedly located in smaller towns so that if a prisoner escaped, he couldn't just "blend in with the crowd" in a bigger city. In smaller communities like Eldora, the thought was that prisoners would be more easily recognized if they tried to escape.

Although no documentation has been found that anyone escaped from the Eldora camp, there were escapes from Algona and a few other small sites.

One escape story from the Algona camp comes from old newspaper articles which tell of two prisoners who took advantage of a foggy night and a shortage of guards to get away.

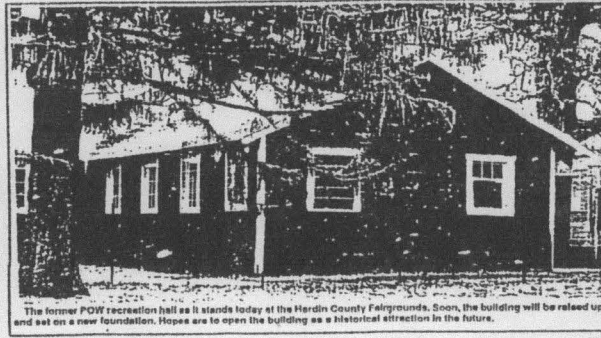
The account describes how the POWs dug under the fence and then repaired it after they were outside so it wouldn't be noticed. They had escaped on a Wednesday and were not caught until Saturday, when an FBI agent called the camp to tell guards that they had found the prisoners 16 miles away in West Bend. The Algona officials weren't even aware they had escaped.

Last one standing
After the war ended, the five barracks of the former prison camp remained for awhile, then a few of them were torn down or sold.

Along with the remaining building at the Hardin County Fairgrounds, the only remains of the camp, according to Foster, may be in the form of a garage or two in town.
"I think one of the buildings was dismantled and made into a garage," said Foster. "But I couldn't tell you where it's at."



The photograph to the right is German POW Gerhard Sanders, standing in front of the Recreation Hall of the former Eldora POW camp in 1945.



The former POW recreation hall as it stands today at the Hardin County Fairgrounds. Soon, the building will be raised up and set on a new foundation. Hopes are to open the building as a historical attraction in the future.

Article donated by:

Mary Clemens
Eldora, Iowa

Figure 14 - POW Gerhard Sander by door. Collection of Mary Clemens. Eldora Herald Ledger, date unknown.

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Figure 15- CCC group taken ~1934, photographer unknown.
Collection of Gene Farmer.

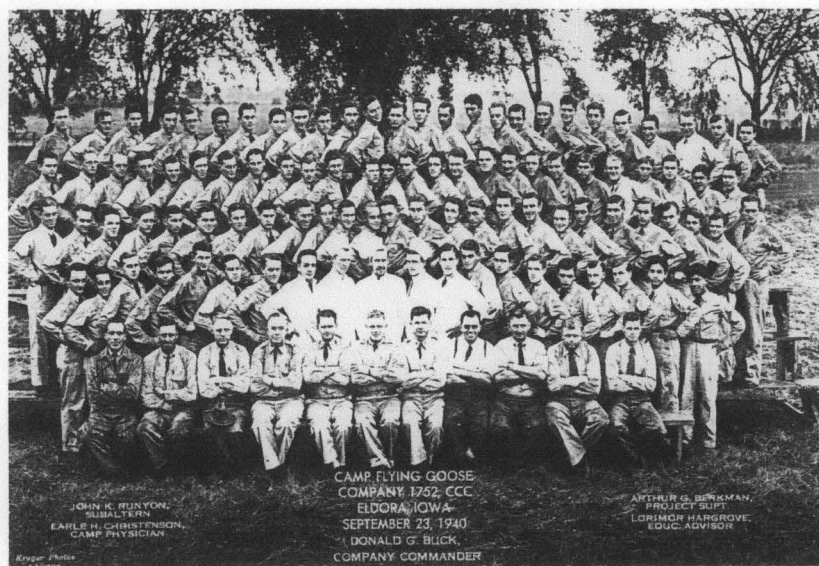


Figure 16 - CCC group taken September 23, 1940. Photographer - Kruger, Chicago, IL
Collection of Mary Clemens.

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Members of the Hardin County Historical Society made a gift to the veterans museum project. Shown are (l-r) Callie Wisner, Lynnette Minter, Deb Johnson, Lea Babcock, recipient Emily Rose and Sharon Ziesman, with Fred Marsh and Gene Farmer in the back.

\$1,000 more to veterans project

by Rick Patrie
News Editor

ELDORA It was \$1,000 pretty much destined to this purpose.

The Hardin County Historical Society group has passed on \$1,000 toward the restoration,

renovation and preservation of what may be the last remaining Civilian Conservation Corp building currently in Iowa. It sits at the Hardin County Fairgrounds, and after it went through one incarnation as a barrack for hundreds of young men

— who took jobs with that public works program designed to stem unemployment caused by the Great Depression — the site had another history making life as home to prisoners of war both from Italy and Germany during World War II.

The connection with the military was what inspired a young Conrad woman to take on the big task of organizing and inspiring the renovation of the old barrack.

Emily Rose's plan is to turn the site into a permanent home for
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Old photos recall what all the history is about

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memorabilia of Hardin County
veterans.

There is a lot to do, even yet,
but the latest donation from the
historical society will help im-
measurably, she says.

The youngster had already re-
ceived \$5,000 from the Hardin
County Community Endowment
this spring, and has benefited in
her quest from lots of volunteer
help from local individuals and
groups.

At this stage, workers are shor-
ing up the building so it can be
jacked off its old foundation and
improvements made to the con-
crete-works of the structure.

This isn't the first attention the
old building has received. The
story of an effort about a decade
ago comes with the story of the
latest gift.

In fact, the gift of \$1,000 is
actually part of a thread of phi-
lanthropy that dates even further,
back to a gentleman who had
served in the CCC here in Eldora
and left the money in the custody
of the historical society for even-
tual use on a project of this kind.

And it was a little more than a
decade ago when a number of
local history and veteran enthu-
siasts did some work to buy the
historical building a little more
time.

Gene Farmer remembers boy
scouts had collected donations
and Hardin County resident
Dwight Clark joined with several
others, including the Davison
Brothers Lumber, to bring to-
gether volunteer workmen and all
the supplies needed to give the
roof a new shingle job.

Farmer remembers Dwight

McDonald Construction provid-
ing a host of the labor for that
effort which probably preserved
the building long enough to make
the current project possible.

Farmer and a number of Har-
din County Historical Society
members made the presentation
to Rose a couple of weeks ago,
and Farmer took the time to dig
into his old photo collection – and
dig and dig long enough – that
he came up with what may be
some of the only remaining pic-
tures of the CCC camp here as it
originally looked back in the 30s.

A row of several barrack at that
time, fronted on the south side of
the road serving the present fair-
grounds site, and set in part on
the location of the community
building and in areas both east
and west of it.

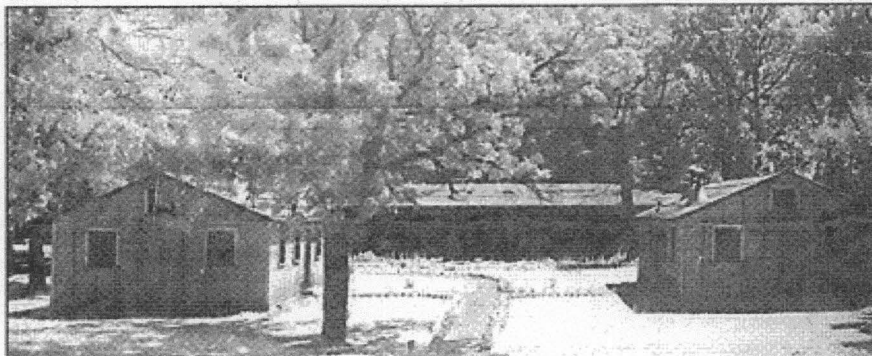


Figure 18 - Officers Quarters

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Figure 19 - Map of Camp Algonia 34 site, branch camp system District 70
Camp Algonia packet date unknown.

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Figure 20
The Tribune's Iowa News Service, "C.C.C. Ready for Winter"
November 1, 1933 (author unknown)

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Photograph Log

| Picture # | Taken From | Direction Looking | Object/Location |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 001 | North | South | Exterior - 11th Avenue looking south |
| 002 | North | South | Exterior - East/west Sidewalk north side recreational hall |
| 003 | Northeast | Southwest | Exterior of building - NE & SE portion of bldg. |
| 004 | South | North | Exterior - south cemetery looking north to recreation hall |
| 005 | Southwest | Northeast | Exterior - southwest looking northeast "T" intersection |
| 006 | West | East | Exterior - west to east |
| 007 | Northwest | Southeast | Exterior - northwest corner of recreational hall |
| 008 | West | East | Exterior - Bricks - lay on south side of foundation |
| 009 | East | West | Fence south side of building east to west |
| 010 | West | East | Interior looking external south section "T" looking east |
| 011 | Northwest | Northwest | Interior looking external NW portion of building to NW to 11th |
| 012 | Center | North | Interior - Center of building to north fireplace |
| 013 | West | East | Interior - West door to East door |
| 014 | South | North | Interior - South door to north center fireplace |
| 015 | North Center | South Center | Interior - North center fireplace to South center door "T" |
| 016 | "T" Northeast | "T" Southwest | Interior - "T" section NE to SW (museum) |
| 017 | "T" Northwest | "T" Southeast | Interior - "T" section NW to SE before renovation |
| 018 | East | West | Interior - East door to West door (recreation area) |
| 019 | Northeast | Southwest | Interior - Northeast to Southwest (recreation area) |
| 020 | Southeast | Northwest | Interior - Southeast to Northwest (recreation area) |
| 021 | Center | Northeast | Interior - Center of building to northeast |
| 022 | Center | Northwest | Interior - Center of recreation area to Northwest |
| 023 | "T" Northeast | Southwest | Interior - Northeast museum to Southwest museum |
| 024 | "T" Northwest | Southeast | Interior - Northwest museum to Southeast museum |
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| 030 | North | South | Interior - electrical north to south in "T" museum area |
| 031 | South | North | Interior - signatures in recreation area south to north |
| 032 | South | North | Interior - signatures in recreation area south to north |

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Photographs of the CCC/POW Recreational Hall, located on the Hardin County Fairgrounds, Eldora, Iowa were taken by Marilyn and Jason Reinertson in October, 2010. The original digital pictures are on a CD and in the possession of Hardin County Auditor's Office, Hardin County Courthouse, Eldora, Iowa.

Photograph Log

| Picture # | Taken From | Direction Looking | Object/Location |
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| 001 | North | South | Exterior - 11th Avenue looking south |
| 002 | North | South | Exterior - East/west Sidewalk north side recreational hall |
| 003 | Northeast | Southwest | Exterior of building - NE & SE portion of bldg. |
| 004 | South | North | Exterior - south cemetery looking north to recreation hall |
| 005 | Southwest | Northeast | Exterior - southwest looking northeast "T" intersection |
| 006 | West | East | Exterior - west to east |
| 007 | Northwest | Southeast | Exterior - northwest corner of recreational hall |
| 008 | West | East | Exterior - Bricks - lay on south side of foundation |
| 009 | East | West | Fence southside of building east to west |
| 010 | West | East | Interior looking external south section "T" looking east |
| 011 | Northwest | Northwest | Interior looking external NW portion of building to NW to 11th |
| 012 | Center | North | Interior - Center of building to north fireplace |
| 013 | West | East | Interior - West door to East door |
| 014 | South | North | Interior - South door to north center fireplace |
| 015 | North Center | South Center | Interior - North center fireplace to South center door "T" |
| 016 | T" Northeast | T" Southwest | Interior - "T" section NE to SW (museum) |
| 017 | T" Northwest | T" Southeast | Interior - "T" section NW to SE before renovation |
| 018 | East | West | Interior - East door to West door (recreation area) |
| 019 | Northeast | Southwest | Interior - Northeast to Southwest (recreation area) |
| 020 | Southeast | Northwest | Interior - Southeast to Northwest (recreation area) |
| 021 | Center | Northeast | Interior - Center of building to northeast |
| 022 | Center | Northwest | Interior - Center of recreation area to Northwest |
| 023 | T" Northeast | Southwest | Interior - Northeast museum to Southwest museum |
| 024 | T" Northwest | Southeast | Interior - Northwest museum to Southeast museum |
| 025 | T" Southwest | Northeast | Interior - Southwest museum to Northeast museum |
| 026 | T" Southeast | Northwest | Interior - Southeast museum to Northwest museum |
| 027 | Southwest | Northeast | Interior - Southwest recreation area to Northeast recreation area |
| 028 | Northwest | Southeast | Interior - Northwest recreation area to Southeast recreation area |
| 029 | West | East | Interior - Rafters in recreation area west to east |
| 030 | North | South | Interior - electrical north to south in "T" museum area |
| 031 | South | North | Interior - signatures in recreation area south to north |
| 032 | South | North | Interior - signatures in recreation area south to north |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Civilian Conservation Corps--Prisoner of War Recreation Hall

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Hardin

DATE RECEIVED: 12/16/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/12
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/26/12 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/31/12
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11001056

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1.27.12 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

JAN 27 2012

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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Recreation Hall built in 1954.
Signatures of those who built it.

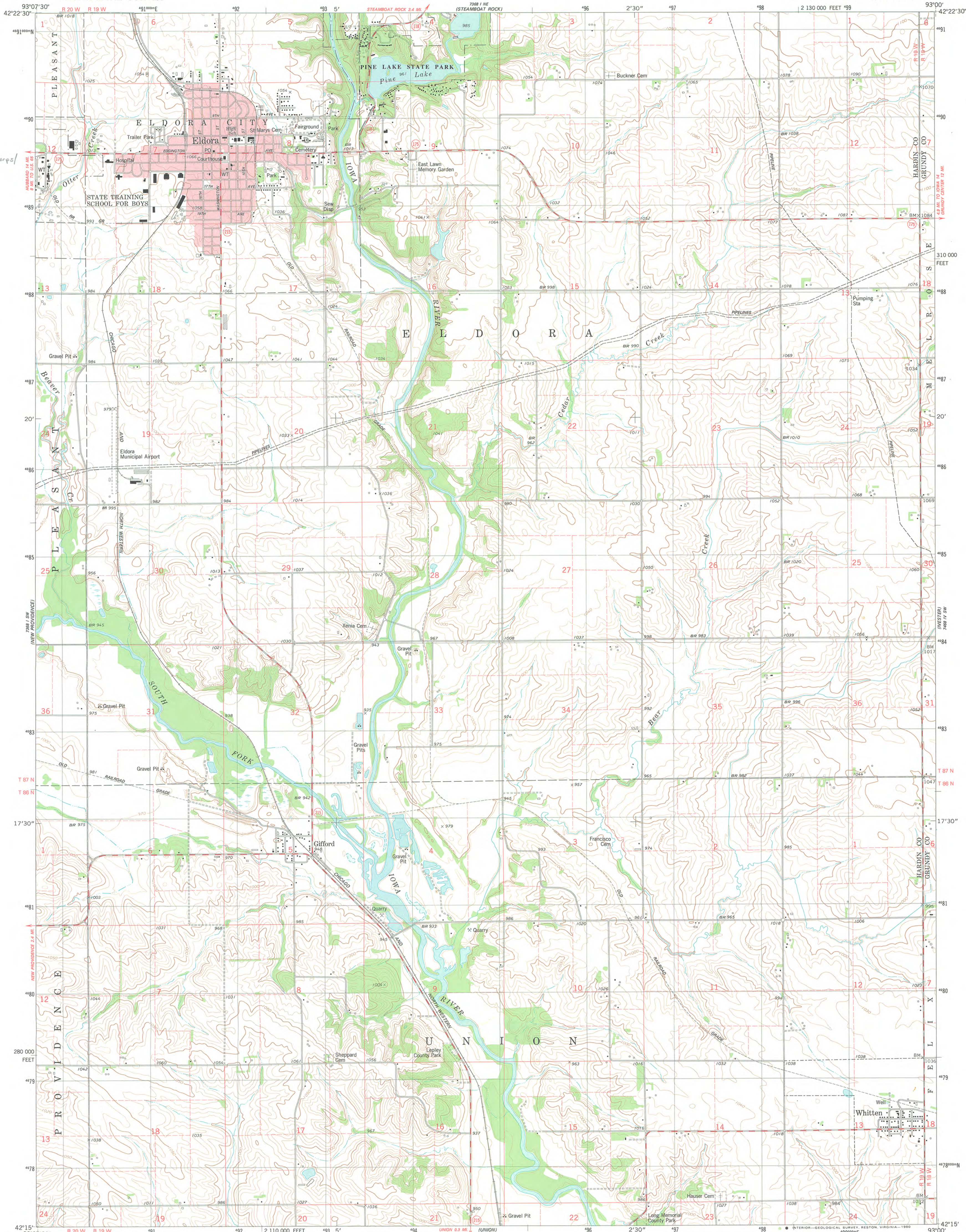
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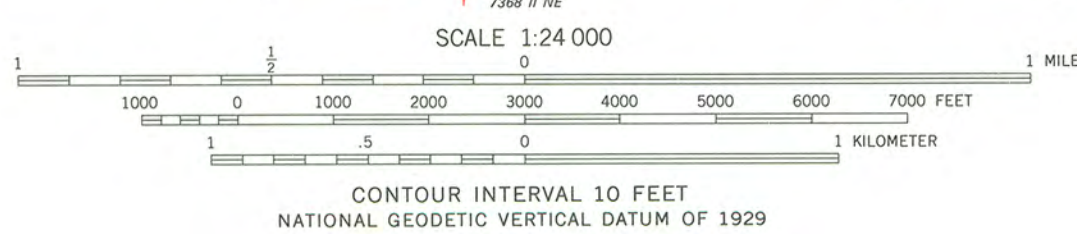


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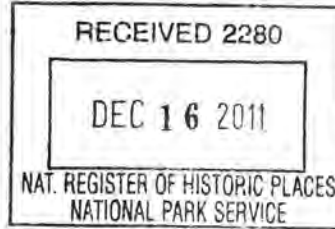
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December 15, 2011

Carol Shull, Chief
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National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street, N.W.-- 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

The following National Register nomination(s) are enclosed for your review and listed if acceptable.

- Decorah Municipal Bathhouse and Swimming Pool, 701 College Drive, Decorah, Winneshiek County
- Civillian Conservation Corps/Prisoner of War Recreational Hall, 301 11th Avenue, Eldora, Hardin County

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Foster Hill".

Elizabeth Foster Hill, Manager
National Register and Tax Incentive Programs