

Play Ball! 420 2nd Avenue

Artists: Originally created in 2000 by Bill Hueg & Alicia Rheal.

Refreshed in 2019 by Carole Bersin & Laura Annis.

Baseball has a rich tradition in Benton County, as highlighted in this mural. The people of Benton County were on top of the baseball world in the fall of 1929 when Bing Miller, an Urbana farm boy, hit the



Vinton Hybrid 102 E. 5th Street

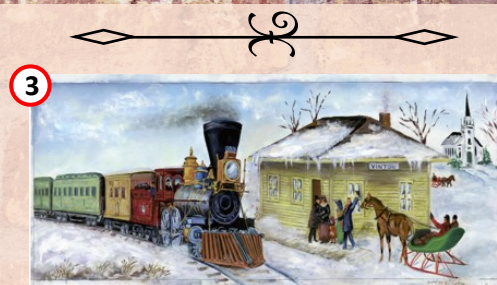
Artist: Originally created in 2000 by Loraine LaLonde

A mere six years after hybrid seed corn was introduced, A.B. Kirk, a local voc-ag instructor, & Claire O. Donels, a grain elevator operator, formed one of America's 1st hybrid seed corn companies. These pioneers helped feed the world from right here in America's breadbasket, because hybrid corn simply out-produced open pollinated corn.

world series winning home run. The farm scene and Bing's facial representation honor the athlete's roots and accomplishments. Also celebrated here is Norway, Iowa, which is the baseball capital of Iowa. Norway's baseball team stadium, as well as their native Hal Trosky, who played for the Cleveland Indians in the 1930s, are pictured. The team photo is of Bing Miller and the 1912 Vinton Cinders.

Play Ball! Companion

Artists: Originally created in 2019 by Michael Clark with Nerissa Eichinger



First Train to Vinton 421 1st Ave.

Artists: Originally created in 2000 by Bill Masters. Refreshed in 2019 by Bill Masters with Tom Durham & Dave Petri.

The first train to Vinton arrived in 1869. This new link to the rest of the country brought a much-improved era of passenger travel and cargo transport to Vinton. The population of Vinton grew quickly with the arrival of the railroad as did its economic vitality.

First Train to Vinton Companion Mural

Artists: Originally created in 2019 by Ben Diaz with Joe Diaz



Educating Our Blind 414 1st Ave.

Artists: Originally created in 2019 by Joy Kjer with Carol Kaufmann, Christine Dashazo & Aud Koch.

No other community can share this length of service and commitment to educating the blind and visually impaired residents of the State of Iowa.

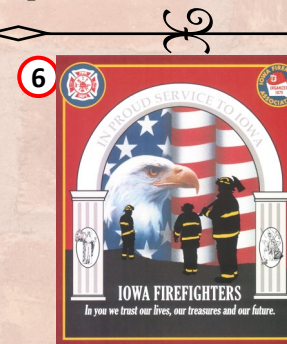


"Shop Vinton" 101 W. 4th Street

Artists: Originally created in 2000 by Steve Estes

Refreshed in 2019 by Steve Estes, Camilla Cannon, Rob Estes, & Julie Bertrand

This painting is of a young girl, circa 1900, who represents the future of our community. Designed to emphasize keeping our future & economy strong by "Shopping Vinton".



A Hero's Tribute to Iowa Firefighters 303 1st Avenue

Artist: Originally created in 2003 by Nancy Bennett

This mural, created in 2003 as part of the 125th Annual Firefighters Convention held in Vinton, commemorates the hard work, risk, and unselfish dedication put forth by all men & women of this noble profession. This is our way of saying "Thank You!"

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Entertainment 305 A Avenue

Artists: Originally created in 2000 by Mark Baty & Brent Logan. Refreshed in 2019 by Sonny Franks & Bill Diaz.

A night on the town in the early 1900s certainly included a visit to Vinton's Watson Opera House, which sat at this location. This was the social center of the community for nearly 50 years. Each of the promotional advertisements created on this mural were from attractions at the Watson Opera House.

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Sweet Corn Day Festival 123 W. 4th Street

Artists: Originally created in 2019 by Lorraine LaLonde with Noella Cotnam.

Sweet Corn Day Festival was one of Iowa's largest single day festivals. This mural is accompanied by a companion mural offering memories from the parade route & the town-wide sweet corn picnic.

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Benton County Fair "Blue Ribbon Affair" 204 W. 4th Street

Artists: Originally created in 2000 by David Butler. Refreshed in 2019 by David Butler with Andy Goretski.

Agriculture, food, crafts, family fun, and more are celebrated at this wonderful Iowa tradition. The Benton County Fair is a perfect example of this on-going annual festival. Since 1872, the people of Benton County have gathered at the fairgrounds in mid-July to relax and enjoy some time with family & friends.

Benton County Fair Companion Mural

Artists: Originally created in 2019 by Gary Anderson with Linda Anderson.

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A Rural Country Christmas 218 W. 4th Street

Artist: Originally created in 2000 by Gary Anderson.

This serene winter setting offers a quiet celebration of Christmas with an emphasis on remembering its true meaning.



In the fall of 2000, Vinton Unlimited hosted the Walldogs, a group of over 70 artists from all over the United States and beyond, to help us bring our history to life by painting eight murals. As part of Vinton's Sesquicentennial in 2019, 32 artists returned to Vinton to give these murals a fresh coat of paint and create five new murals.

These murals capture the pride that Iowans have in agriculture and in their communities. We are proud to promote the history and way of life of the people of Benton County and other rural Iowans who have collectively created one of the best places to live!

We hope that as you discover the murals throughout our town, you also discover people you can call friends!

WELCOME TO VINTON!

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Vinton!

& OUR HARVEST OF WALLS HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR!

