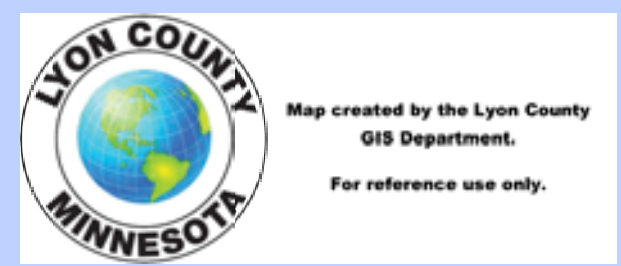


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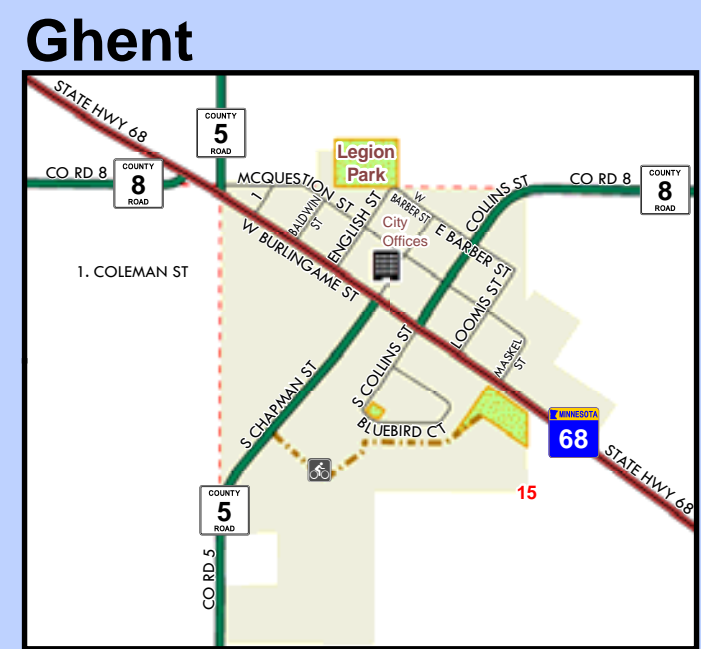
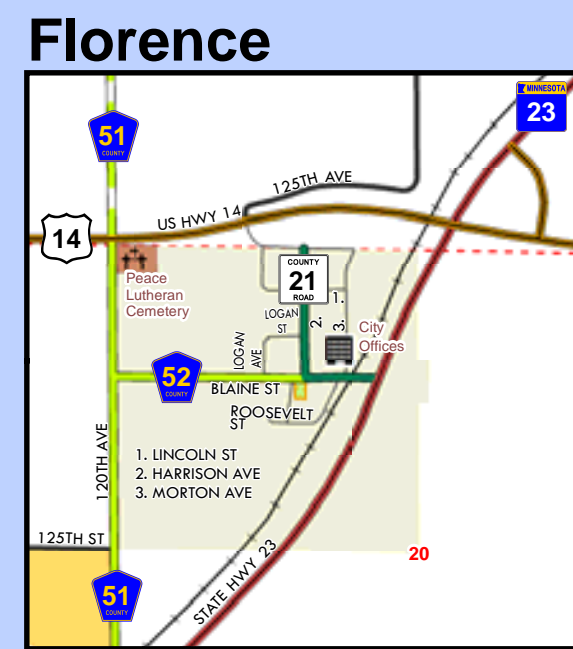
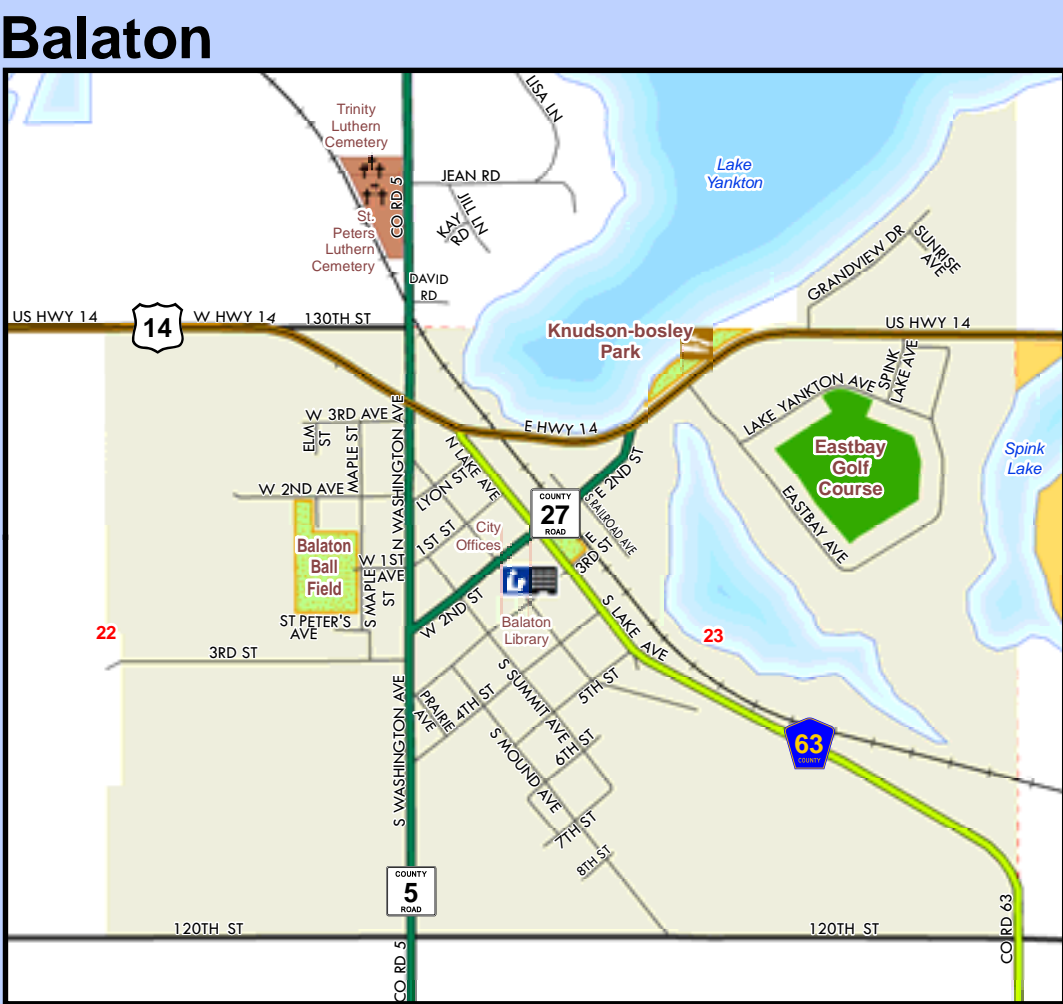
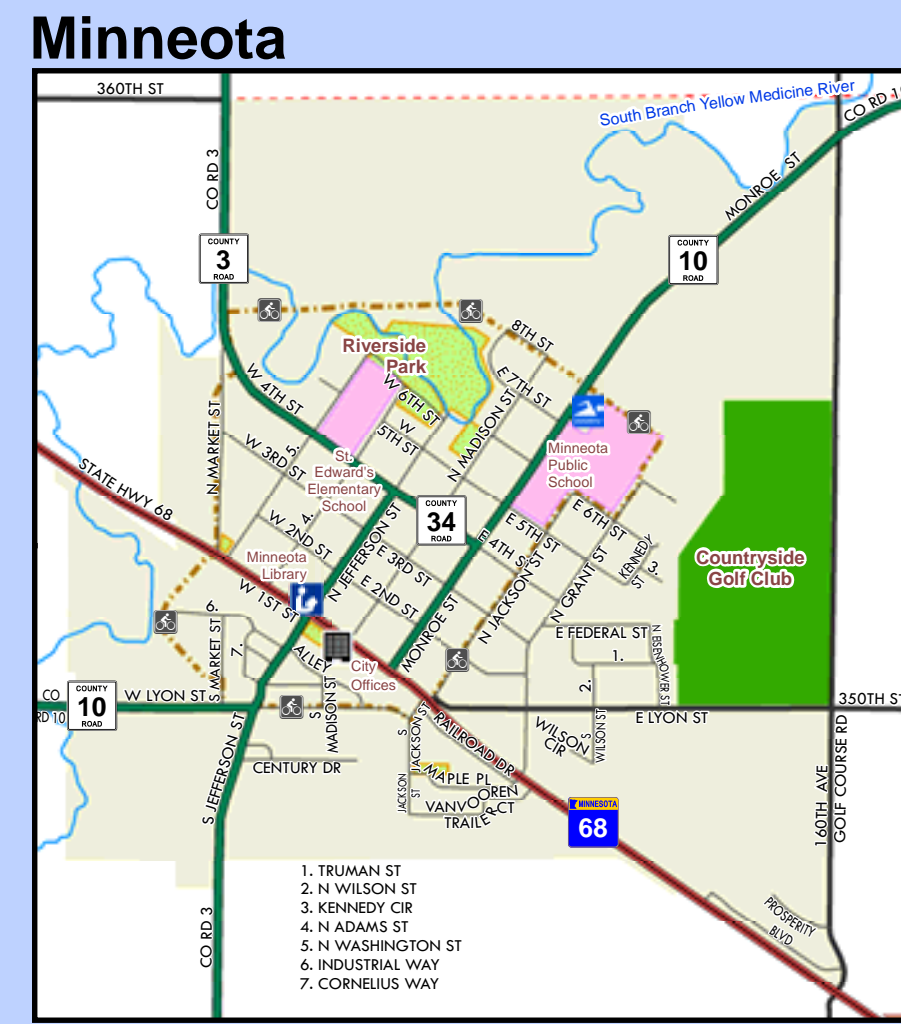
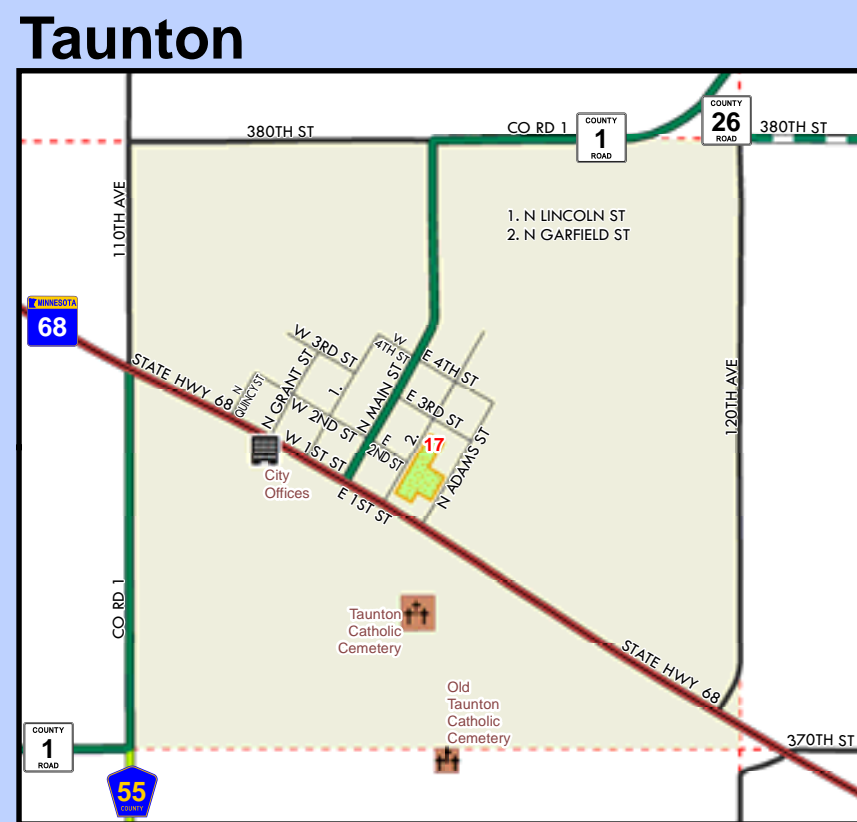
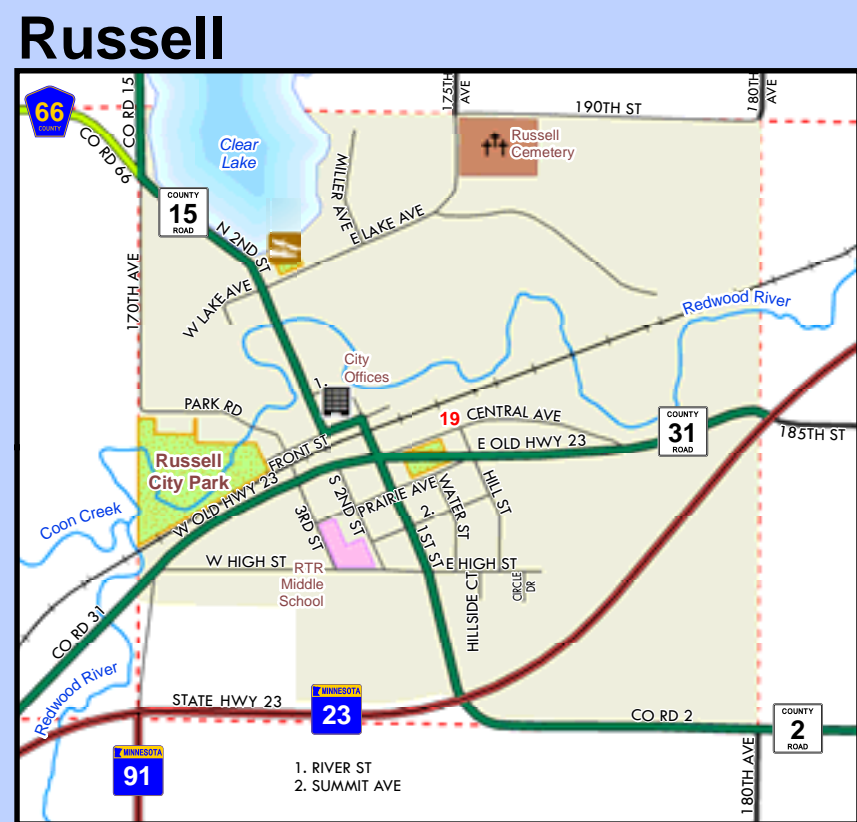


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Lyon County History

Lyon County's first inhabitants, the Sisseton Tribe of the Sioux Indians, resided in the timberland along the Redwood River. Joseph LaFramboise, a trader for the American Fur Company, was the first white man to establish a home in Lyon County in 1835. It was not until after President Fillmore, in 1852, transferred ownership from the Sioux Indians to the United States, at a price of 12.5 cents per acre, did organized settlement of Lyon County begin. In 1859, Governor Marshall signed a bill creating Lyon County and named it in honor of General Nathaniel Lyon of the US Army who was killed in action during the Civil War. The rich farmland of Lyon County attracted settlers from the Scandinavian and European Countries in the following decades. The population of Lyon County grew from 268 in 1870 to nearly 25,000 in the next century. More of Lyon County's unique history can be seen in the Lyon County Historical Society Museum located in Downtown Marshall.

Lyon County is composed of a land area of 456,320 acres. In a typical year, around 429,000 acres in Lyon County are used for farming practices. Over eighty percent of the Lyon County farms are planted to corn and soybeans. Lyon County farmers are famed as hard-working, innovative family farm operators, keenly interested in efficient production and effective marketing. For many years there has been awareness by the people of Lyon County of the importance of protecting our natural environment. Garvin Park was originally 27 acres when dedicated in 1935, and today over 700 acres of scenic and recreational opportunities are available to the public. Picnicking, camping, hunting, hiking, and snowmobiling are a few of the recreational opportunities available. Wild Turkeys have been introduced into Lyon County and prospered. Extensive areas of uplands, wetlands and riparian areas have been procured as wildlife preserves. Between the Lyon County Parks, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service there are almost 15,000 acres of land open to the public.



- ### Lyon County Events
- Balaton Events**
 - Fun Fest and Fireman's Street Dance
 - First Saturday in July
 - Cottonwood Events**
 - Coming Home Days
 - Second Weekend of July
 - Garvin Events**
 - Skeeter Days
 - Summer Event - No Set Date
 - Ghent Events**
 - Belgian American Days
 - First Full Weekend of August
 - Marshall Events**
 - Shades of the Past 50's Revival Weekend
 - First Weekend of June
 - Festival of Kites
 - July 4th
 - Lyon County Fair
 - First Full Weekend of August
 - International Rolle Boile Tournament
 - Second Full Weekend of August
 - Sounds of Summer
 - Usually the Third Weekend of August
 - Pursuit of Excellence
 - Second Saturday from the end of September
 - Southwest State Round-Up Days
 - First Week of October
 - Minneota Events**
 - Boxelder Bug Days
 - Weekend After Labor Day
 - Iris Show
 - Spring Event - No Set Date
 - Russell Events**
 - Bandwagon Days
 - Second Weekend of June
 - Tracy Events**
 - Prairie Womens Expo
 - April - No Set Date
 - Tracy Area Sportsman Show
 - Third Weekend in April
 - Box Car Days
 - Labor Day Weekend

