

Rake



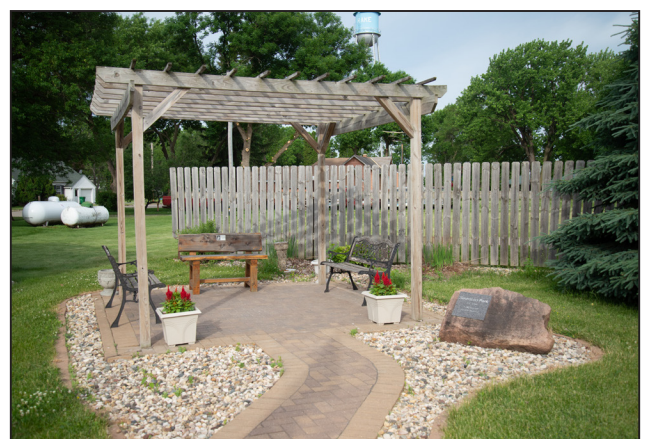
Founded in 1900, Rake was named after A. A. Rake, a Norwegian who settled here at the age of 20. He worked as a farm hand for two years before renting and cultivating his own land for another two years. Then, in 1882 he came to Winnebago County and purchased land in section 16 of the Lincoln Township. This land was operated and improved until 1910, when he sold the farm after finding great success from his use of progressive methods in tiling fields and caring for the crops. In 1886, Mr. Rake established a post office and built several homes and businesses, including a successful general merchandise store which he operated for 15 years. These developments led to the official establishment of the town.

Many of the original businesses in Rake were built between July 15th and August 14th of 1900. The array of businesses included a drugstore, the Bank of Rake, a meat market, Elmer Nelson's Restaurant, Erdal & Marsaa Double Store, three grain elevators, two lumber yards, a billiard hall, a hotel, a depot, and a handcar house. A few other businesses quickly followed, and included another restaurant, a bakery, a livery stable, two hardware and implement stores, a Methodist Church, and a Norwegian Lutheran Church.

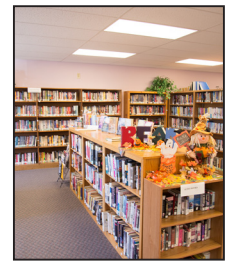


Today, Rake maintains a variety of businesses that serve the community and its residents. These include an agricultural company just outside of town, a cooperative grain elevator, a hair salon, an upholstery & repair shop, a redemption center, a water well business, a frozen food business, an excavating business, and restaurants and a bar. There is also a locally owned bank, State Savings Bank, which is one of the only remaining small town independently owned banks in the area with one location. The bank was established in 1914 by nearly 35 investors alongside A. A. Rake, who served as the first bank president. The bank has been in the same brick building on the corner of Main Street since that building was constructed in 1916. Rake's deep history ties in with many of the town's buildings and

events such as the Lutefisk Supper. This event was held every February until 2010 but began with Mr. Rake in 1975. Drawing in nearly 500 hundred people, the Lutefisk Supper doubled the population of the town. It was held at Zion Lutheran Church and was a great way to find a little bit of Norway in northern Iowa with its traditional Norwegian dishes. The event came to be loved by all within the area, and many members of the community are working on reviving this tradition.



Rake's school district also has a long history as it came into existence shortly after the town's founding. In 1978, voters passed a merger plan for the Rake and nearby Buffalo Center school districts. The two individual districts were dissolved on July 1 of the same year, creating the Buffalo Center-Rake Community School District. With this change, each respective community retained the K-8 grades in their own school building while high school students attended the Buffalo Center campus. The building still stands today but is in private ownerships and is not open to the public.



With a strong history and Norwegian ties, "A Little Bit of Norway, A Lot of Pride" remains as Rake's slogan, which is featured on the sign at the edge of town. Rake also has a 'sister city' relationship with Rocka, Norway. Every year, Rake holds the Borderline Tractor Ride in June. The ride travels across the area to offer a full day of fun, including visiting some of northern Iowa's scenic attractions such as Effigy Mounds, Yellow River Forest, and Spook Cave. For more information on the Tractor Ride, please contact Phil Benn at 641-566-3563.

For a fun, indoor activity, Rake holds a Tour of Homes every other year. For more information on this event, please contact the City Clerk at 641-566-3735.

Reference

CITY OF RAKE
101 East Grace Street
PO Box 127
641-566-3735
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121 N Main Street
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