

IMPERIAL, NEBRASKA

COMMUNITY PROFILE



WELCOME

Imperial's small town way of life and warm friendly atmosphere make our community a great place to live, work and raise your family. Enjoy a variety of commercial, agricultural, spiritual and recreational experiences only 3 hours from the Front Range of Colorado.



“Where hometown values and modern technology combine to make the good life even better.”

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GOVERNMENT

Imperial City Council

The City Council meets regularly twice each month at the city council chambers located at 740 Court or at such time that the Mayor or any three councilmembers call for a special meeting. At the present time, the City Code outlines meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Visit the city's website at www.imperial-ne.com.

The City of Imperial has many citizen boards. Included are the following: Park, Library, Cemetery, Planning Commission, Housing Authority, Theater and Airport. Residents are encouraged to become involved in the City's governing process. For more information contact the City Clerk at 308-882-4368 or jol@imperial-ne.com.



Chase County Court House

The current courthouse at 921 Broadway was built in 1910 after a fire destroyed the original building. Information regarding county programs, services, departments and offices, as well as helpful information on commonly asked questions can be viewed online by browsing the county's website www.co.chase.ne.us.



UTILITIES

Electric — The City of Imperial purchases electricity from the Imperial Public Power District (IPPD), which is a member of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.

Water — The water system is owned and operated by the City of Imperial. No water treatment is required at this time.

Sanitary Sewer — The sanitary sewer system is owned and operated by the City of Imperial. The City also has a sewer-jetting trailer as well as a regular cleaning and maintenance program.

Solid Waste Disposal — The City owns its own trash truck and operates trash pickup routes throughout the community. There are also private contractors for residential and rural service.

Recycling — Imperial has a strong recycling program. Residents can significantly lower the cost of solid waste disposal by utilizing the recycling center.

Telephone — Great Plains Communications provides Imperial's local phone service. Great Plains also offers communication packages that include cable, internet and long distance. Allo Communications, a locally owned and headquartered telecommunications company, offers long distance services to businesses located in Imperial and throughout the 308 area code.

Internet — There are 2 high speed internet providers serving Imperial. Both Chase 3000 and Great Plains Communications offer DSL and wireless internet capabilities.

Telecommuting — Great Plains has installed DS3 lines enabling the transmission of large files opening the door of opportunity for professionals to enjoy the Imperial's quality of life without compromising their careers.

Natural Gas — Source Gas operates an open access pipeline enabling customers to purchase their own gas supplies and transport them on the Source Gas system.

Cellular — There are 2 cellular service providers in Imperial. Verizon and Viero both have retail outlets and towers located within the Imperial community. There is also a U.S. Cellular Tower located just east of Imperial.

UTILITY CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Imperial
740 Court Street
(308) 882-4368

Great Plains Communications
To request service call
1-888-343-8014

Source Gas
To request service call
1-800-563-0012

Verizon Wireless
Prairie States Communications
60 N. Hwy 61
(308) 882-4694

Viero Wireless
438 Broadway
(308) 882-3042

Allo Communications
Business Only
610 Broadway
(308) 882-7800

ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: The troops in Imperial remain active and boys and girls from kindergarten through high school have the opportunity to participate. Projects range from development of rest areas at the local lake to picnic shelters in municipal parks.

Lions Club: The non-profit service organization's primary raiser is the Lion's Club Bingo stand at the Chase County Fair. This club takes its motto "We Serve" to heart and works primarily in the area of eyesight care by providing financial assistance for eye exams and vision correction to individuals who might otherwise not be able to access these services.

Imperial Rotary Club: The club's lunch meetings every Tuesday noon provides camaraderie for members with a diversity of occupations. The weekly programs provide an interesting exposure to people and happenings in the community. The club supports local projects as well as joining the 1.2 million international members who make a difference around the world.

Imperial Chamber of Commerce: Chamber members work hard to make the community a better place by supporting agriculture, business development and industrial recruitment. This organization meets the third Wednesday each month. (www.imperialchamber.com)

Chase County 4-H & Youth: Provides young people the opportunity to reach their full potential by developing knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become productive and contributing members of society. For more information contact the Chase County Extension offices located at 135 W. 5th Street or by phone at 308-882-4731.

A more complete listing of area organizations can be found at <http://www.imperial-ne.com/Volunteer.html>.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Imperial Volunteer Fire Department – The Imperial Volunteer Fire Department is an organization dedicated to fire safety and protection. Funded through the city’s budget, 35 volunteers undergo local weekly training sessions and attend state fire school annually. The City and Rural departments both own equipment for their areas, but the same volunteer firemen answer calls for both entities. The department has a strong educational program and sponsors Junior Fire Patrol through the elementary school. The Imperial Fire Department includes a dive team.

Law Enforcement – Four full-time officers provide law enforcement for the City of Imperial. Chase County provides a sheriff and three deputies to cover the rural areas. The State Patrol has one patrolman stationed in Imperial to assist in covering a nine-county area. Dispatching services are provided by the county and are housed at the Chase County Courthouse in Imperial. The county has implemented an Enhanced 911 system to identify callers with an address and any medical information they have chosen to include as their call comes into the dispatch center.



Emergency Medical Services—Imperial EMS has approximately 20 certified volunteer EMT-B’s and 5 ambulance drivers. Chase County has two ambulances located in Imperial and two located in Wauneta. All ambulances and equipment are owned by Chase County.

Code Red—This automated calling system is used to notify enrolled residents of dangerous weather conditions and emergencies.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency	911
Chase County Dispatch	308-882-4748
Chase County Hospital	308-882-7111
Digger Hotline (Call before you dig!)	800-331-5666
City of Imperial	308-882-4368
Chase County Clerk	308-882-7500
Chase County Treasurer	308-882-7510
Imperial Post Office	308-882-5313
Lied Imperial Library	308-882-4754
Chase County Schools	308-882-4304
Handy Bus (Public Transportation)	308-882-5130

EDUCATION

Chase County Schools

The current K-12 school building opened in the fall of 1991. It is a state-of-the-art learning environment that features large classrooms, well equipped areas for music, drama and art, a 350-seat auditorium, a large media center and exceptional athletic facilities. Chase County Schools take pride in offering a wide variety of opportunities to students. From the 9th Street Singers to college classes in the distance learning lab, CCS students have many options designed to enrich their lives.

Quick Facts:

Student Enrollment: 561

Student-teacher ratio: 10:1

Staff: 54 teachers, 3 administrators,
48 full or part-time classified

Budget: \$9.5 million

State and North Central Accredited



Points of Pride:

State Average ACT Score: 22.1 **CCS district average ACT score:** 22.6

State Leader in technology

One-to-one laptops for 9 -12 grade students

Pilot School for the "Career Academy" Program

Athletics

34 State Tournament team appearances

10 state runner-up titles

8 individual state champions

Multiple state and national award winners in FFA

Grade School Presidential Fitness Challenge Champs 30 of the last 35 years.
Social and band programs consistently achieve superior ratings at contest

www.ccschools.cc/

(308) 882-4304

Experience Chase County Schools

Annual High School Musical

Golf

National Honor Society

Wrestling

FBLA Track

Concert Band

Softball



Cross County

Football

Annual High School Play

HAL (High Ability Learners)

Show Choir

Quiz Bowl

Jazz Band

Concert Choir

Student Council

FCCLA

Basketball

FFA

Volleyball

Spanish Club

Speech Team

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC)

MPCC is a comprehensive open access, public, two-year community college serving 18 counties in west-central Nebraska. The Imperial community is home to one of MPCC's four extended campuses. MPCC partners with Bellevue University to offer bachelor's degrees programs. Check the MPCC website for updated class schedules (www.mpcc.edu).



Imperial Extended Campus

1324 Broadway

308-882-5972



HEALTHCARE—AREA CHURCHES

CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & CLINIC

www.chasecountyhospital.com

600 West 12th
Hospital 308-882-7111
Clinic 308-882-7299

The Chase County Community Hospital is a critical access hospital which provides outpatient, inpatient, specialty clinic, operating room, emergency care, obstetrics and many other areas of health care services. The adjoining clinic is staffed by Family Practice Physicians, Physician Assistants and a Nurse Practitioner. The hospital designates one room for coronary and intensive care. There is also a designated Family room for those who need to stay close to a loved one. Chase County Community Hospital is continually updating its services.



Chase County Community Hospital Foundation: The Chase County Community Hospital is not supported by tax dollars, but is a self-sustaining non-profit organization. The Hospital Foundation supports the hospital in monetary means as well as supports the community in recruiting medical personnel when needed. Through the efforts of the hospital foundation, the hospital has continued to grow and is continually updating its equipment and services.

OTHER HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Prairie Dental Clinic
Dr. Rachell Richman
623 Broadway
308-882-3973

SW Nebraska Dental Center
Dr. Chris Nix, DDS PC
510 West 12th
308-882-5123
www.swnebraskadental.com

Longan Chiropractic Clinic
Dr. Robert D. Longan
441 Broadway
308-882-5532

Adams Drug Inc.
Jim Hanes, Pharmacist
Jamie Hanes, Pharmacist
513 Broadway
308-882-4949

Weiss Chiropractic and Acupuncture
Dr. Calvin Weiss
530 Broadway
882-2925

First Insight EyeCare
Dr. Tim Meyer, Dr. Tori Gengenbach
and Dr. Eric Gengenbach
600 West 12th
308-882-5353

AREA CHURCHES

Berean Fundamental Church *Awanas	1530 Broadway	308-882-4903
Christian Faith Outreach Church	840 E. Hwy. 6	308-882-4795
Church of Christ	1240 Broadway	308-423-2223
Crossroads Wesleyan Church *AllStars Daycare & Preschool	1710 Wesley Drive	308-882-5010
Imperial Bible Church	800 W. 11 th	308-882-4576
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses	1248 Douglas	308-882-4717
Lighthouse Fellowship	661 W. 6th	308-882-7774
St. Patrick's Catholic Church	126 East 7 th	308-882-4995
United Methodist Church *Rainbow Promise Preschool *Awanas *ESL Homework Assistance	420 Holland	308-882-5127
Westside Church of Christ	1005 Grant	308-882-5623
Zion Lutheran Church	1305 Broadway	308-882-5655

Local churches offer a wide variety of youth and adult educational and fellowship opportunities, music ministries, preschool facilities and support self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Women-Infant-Children programs. First United Methodist Church, Imperial Bible Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church each offer weekly services in Spanish.

The Imperial Valley Holiness Camp is a church camp located approximately three miles east of Imperial. The camp provides one week of spiritual and recreational activities in a non-denominational atmosphere.

The local Ministerial Association supports the Chase County Pantry service, which provides food items and other essentials to distressed families. The Pantry is open two days each week and is housed within the City Office complex. Food drives are conducted by numerous service organizations and support is strong with donations of food items and financial contributions.

The schedule of worship services is printed weekly in the Imperial Republican.

RECREATION



Imperial Country Club: This beautiful nine-hole, par 35 course is located at 810 West 7th Street. Enjoy lush green fairways and challenging greens at reasonable rates. Club house and cart rentals are available. 308-882-4697*

Enders Lake Golf Course: Located on the north side of Hwy 6 across from Enders Reservoir this course features a long nine-hole, par 36 course with wide fairways and prairie views. Reasonable rates, club house, driving range and cart rental are available. 308-882-5300*

City Parks: Campbell Park, Imperial's main city park, located at 800 West 6th Street offers ball field, lighted tennis/basketball court, great playground equipment, public restrooms and a sheltered picnic area. Pitching machines and batting cages are available for use by youth throughout the summer. Schroeder Park, located at the intersection of Holland and East 3rd Streets offers three lighted ball fields, playground equipment and public restrooms. Max Park, located in the Max addition offers playground equipment, a basketball court and a covered picnic shelter.



Municipal Swimming Pool: The new swimming pool built in cooperation with Chase County Schools opened for the 2009 Swim Season and is located on East 9th Street. The heated pool is open from Memorial Day through mid-August. Offerings include swim team, swim lessons, lap swimming, water aerobics, and night swimming.

Soccer Program: Youth soccer was incorporated into the city's recreation program in 2006. Signups for all youth begin in February. The season concludes in May.

Baseball/Softball Program: The summer ball program is sponsored by the city and the Imperial Baseball/Softball Association. Beginning at age 6, children can register for T-Ball teams, moving up through the levels to Legion Baseball for older boys and Senior Girls League. For adults, there are a number of mixed leagues and men's and women's teams that organize and participate on their own schedules.



Youth League Basketball: Starting at the 4th grade level, boy's and girl's teams begin learning the fundamentals of the game and enjoying the team effort.

Federation Wrestling: Organized privately, volunteers work with youth introducing them to the sport and teaching fundamentals.

Bowling Leagues: The Imperial Lanes at 134 West 5th is a six lane house with synthetic lanes. The bowling alley offers youth, men's, women's and couples leagues. Open bowling is offered several nights a week. 308-882-5286.

Area Hunting: Chase County has approximately 17,000 acres of public land with walk-in access. There are populations of pheasant, quail, dove, turkey and deer throughout the county. Enders Reservoir is home to many species of duck as well as Canadian geese. Information regarding guided hunting may be viewed online at www.chasecounty.com.

Enders Reservoir State Recreation Area: Enders Reservoir is located ten miles east of Imperial on Hwy 6 and offers water-based recreation for fishing, boating, water skiing, hunting and winter sports. Amenities include picnic tables, grills, shelters, modern restrooms, coin-operated showers, dump station, fish cleaning station, 32 (30-amp) hookups and 200 non-pad sites. (www.ngpc.state.ne.us)*



Champion Mill & Lake Recreation Area: Established in 1888, Champion Mill is the last functional water-powered mill in Nebraska. It stands as a symbol of the settlement and development of Nebraska and the West. Summer hours only. Champion Lake is located ½ mile west of Champion - U.S. Highway 6 or S-15A. Primitive campsites are available for those at one with nature. This recreation area offers primitive camping, picnicking, and fishing. (www.ngpc.state.ne.us)*

Chase County Museum: This handicap accessible museum located in Champion has over 8,000 SF of indoor display with more than 2,000 items of historic memorabilia. Open Sundays, 1 to 5 pm, Mother's Day through the end of August. There is no admission charge, but freewill offerings are accepted at the door. Tours are available upon request. Phone 308-882-4519.

* For more recreation and hunting information check out www.chasecounty.com

HOUSING – BUSINESS

HOUSING

The Imperial Housing Authority oversees three housing complexes built to meet the needs of low-to-moderate income households. This board assesses community housing needs on an ongoing basis and actively pursues leads for housing development.

Additional information on residential homes and lots for sale can be viewed on-line at www.morelandrealty.com or www.colsonagency.com. Building Permits and Zoning information can be obtained from the City of Imperial offices located at 740 Court Street. Inquiries may also be made by phone to 308-882-4368.

Pine Grove Senior Living
308-882-5041

Sunrise Housing
308-882-5321

Sunset Housing
308-882-5321



BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Imperial has an active business community rivaling larger area communities. In addition to a mix of light industrial and manufacturing businesses, implement and car dealerships, our community is served by three commercial banks, one credit union and one Ag bank. Imperial also offers a wide variety of shopping opportunities ranging from 2 discount stores and 2 grocery stores to crafts and antiques to children's clothing, fine jewelry and a hometown fabric shop that is a quilter's dream come true. For a complete listing of Imperial businesses, check out the Chamber of Commerce website at www.imperialchamber.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Imperial encourages the expansion of existing businesses and the development of additional services needed to serve our community and Chase County. The city recognizes the need to diversify the local economic base to become less dependent on traditional agriculture, by planning for and promoting the development of light manufacturing, insurance, finance, back office, telecommunications, retail and service oriented businesses.

The City of Imperial's locally controlled business development and expansion incentives include an Economic Development Loan Program, Tax Increment Financing and a Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund. The city also sponsors a business coaching program. Additional development information may be viewed online at the Economic Development Website or by contacting the following individuals. (www.imperialed.com)

Jo Leyland
City Administrator
740 Court Street
P.O. Box 637
Imperial, NE 69033
308-882-4368
jol@imperial-ne.com

Leslie Carlholm
Community Development
740 Court Street
P.O. Box 637
Imperial, NE 69033
308-882-4368
lesliec@imperial-ne.com



AMENITIES – SERVICES

Imperial Municipal Airport: The Imperial Airport is an integral part of the community with use by medical specialists, air ambulance services and a number of corporate administrative personnel. In addition to the 100 foot wide, 5,000 foot long concrete runway, the airport facilities include 18 hangars that are available for rent and a terminal building with fueling capabilities. The airport has installed an ASOS (Automated Surface Observation System) weather reporting system and is equipped with NDB (Non-Directional Beacon) equipment.

Imperial Manor Nursing Home & Parkview/Heights Retirement Center:

The Imperial Manor and Parkview-Heights facilities are City owned and provide fulltime social services and a variety of activities which include fishing trips and picnics at the lake, downtown shopping trips, downtown theater, Chase County Fair, holiday events, bingo, music and many more too numerous to mention. Residents are also offered onsite hairdressing and barber services. Religious services are held weekly for those residents who choose to attend. For more information, call 308-882-5333.



Imperial Manor: This facility is a long-term care facility providing a continuum of care including Day Care, Hospice Care, Respite Care, Intermediate Care, and Skilled Care.

Parkview-Heights: This assisted living facility has the flexibility to provide residents with the option of independent living. In addition to studio or one and two bedroom apartments for rent, some units include outside patio. Garages are also available. Each apartment has a call system installed and the facility is monitored 24 hours a day by an on-duty staff person.



Imperial Community Center: The community center at 900 Wellington is a place for the community to gather for meals, information, recreation and social gatherings. The center serves meals at noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to the public if reservations are made by 9:30 a.m. The Meals on Wheels program is also provided. Buffets are served the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and are open to the public. The Center's Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm. Rooms accommodating 10 -150 people may be rented. 308-882-5343.



Lied Imperial Public Library: This recently expanded and renovated \$1.5 million facility offers: plenty of reading/study space, young adult section, children's library, computer lab with various software applications and internet access, and a conference room. The library holds more than 35,000 items including newspapers, magazines, large print books, videos, audio books, reference and genealogy materials, and participates in a national Inter-Library Loan program.

Activities provided by the library: Li'l Readers; interactive story/play program for parents and tots ♦ Story Hour; stories, crafts and activities for children age 3 – kindergarten ♦ Summer Reading Programs ♦ occasional after school activities and game nights for school age children, young adults, and families ♦ Dial-a-Story ♦ Book Clubs.



The library is owned by the City of Imperial and operates under the administration of the Library Governing Board appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Library Cards are free to city residents and available for a nominal charge to anyone residing outside the city limits. Support for the library is also provided by the "Friends of the Library" and the Imperial Library Foundation. 308-882-4754 (www.gpcom.net/imperiallibrary)

The Imperial Library Foundation: Incorporated in 1983 as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of furthering the growth and effectiveness of the Imperial Library. Through the efforts of the Library Foundation our community is enjoying a recently expanded and renovated \$1.5 million facility as well as many other services and programs.

The Imperial Community Foundation: The Imperial Community Foundation was established in 1999 to protect and enrich the quality of life in our community. The foundation provides donors a tax deductible means for giving to the community. The Imperial Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Additional information regarding the Imperial Community Foundation may be viewed online at www.imperialfoundation.org

LODGING—RESTAURANTS—ARTS—ENTERTAINMENT

LODGING

Balcony House Bed & Breakfast—1006 Court Street: Offers a unique lodging experience: Five luxury rooms, all with private baths, full gourmet breakfasts. Wireless internet access. For more information call 866-882-5597 or visit online at www.balconyhouse.com.

The Imperial Inn—788 East 12th Street : Offers high speed internet access in its 35 rooms, complimentary continental breakfasts. Hunting guests have access to heated individual kennels and game cleaning stations. Also available is secure truck parking with electric hook-ups. For more information call 866-711-5994 or visit online at (www.imperialchamber.com/Imperial_Inn.htm)

The Northside Motel—1627 Broadway: Offers clean, pet friendly rooms at budget prices. Guided hunts, game cleaning stations and weekly rates are available. For more information call 308-882-4361. (www.chase3000.com/ne/northside.htm)

RESTAURANTS

The Country House Restaurant (Champion)—Offers home cooked meals. Lunch served Wednesday – Saturday. Dinner served Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **882-2915**

Eagles Club—601 East 5th: Open to the public for hamburger night every Thursday. Weekend menu, Sunday buffets except June, July and August. **882-5445**

Brickstone Grille & Sports Bar—415 Broadway: Lunch and dinner served Monday, Wednesday – Friday. Dinner served on Saturday and Sunday. Daily specials. Backroom for banquets and meetings. Cocktails available. **882-4771.**

M & M Natural Jaz—617 Broadway: Offers daily specials, homemade soups and baked goods. Open Tuesday nights for Mexican food. **882-4149**

Pizza Hut—401 Broadway: Offers pizza, pasta, sandwiches and salad. **882-4511**

Subway—430 Broadway: Offers sub sandwiches, salads and ice cream. **822-3827**

Smokin' Leroy's BBQ—140 East 12th: Open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday – Saturday. Daily specials. **882-2981**

OTHER FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Hill's Family Foods—131 East 5th Street: Offers groceries and daily lunch specials. **882-5218**

Super Foods—110 East 12th Street: Offers groceries and daily lunch specials. Catering also available. **882-5389**

Taco John's Express—343 Broadway: Offers a select menu of Mexican food. **882-4902**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Chase County Fair & Expo: "Western Nebraska's State Fair," a week-long event, is filled with activity and brings thousands of people from several states to the community. Best known for top name entertainment, past performers include Lonestar, Ted Nugent, Alice Cooper, Gretchen Wilson, Montgomery Gentry and Trace Adkins. See the website at www.chasecountyfair.com for



"The Imperial" Theatre": The theatre is owned and operated by the City of Imperial. Other than the projectionist, the theatre is operated by community volunteers. Movies are shown on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Call 882-4470 for movie information.

Chase County Community Players: The major production for the group is a musical production during the Chase County Fair and involves area residents of all ages taking on a near-professional tone. The group may also stage additional performances through the year to benefit a specific cause.



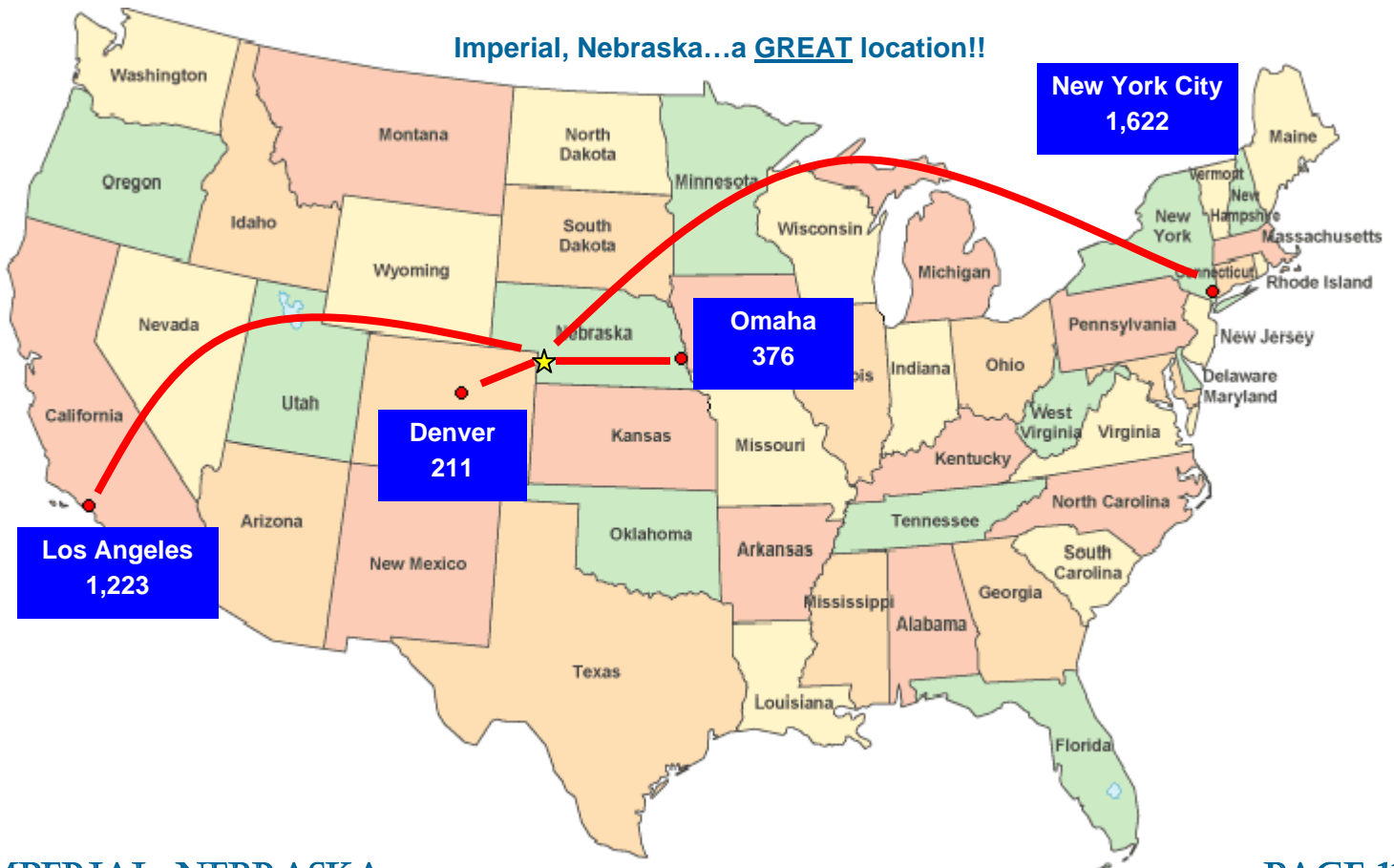
For more tourism information check out www.chasecounty.com

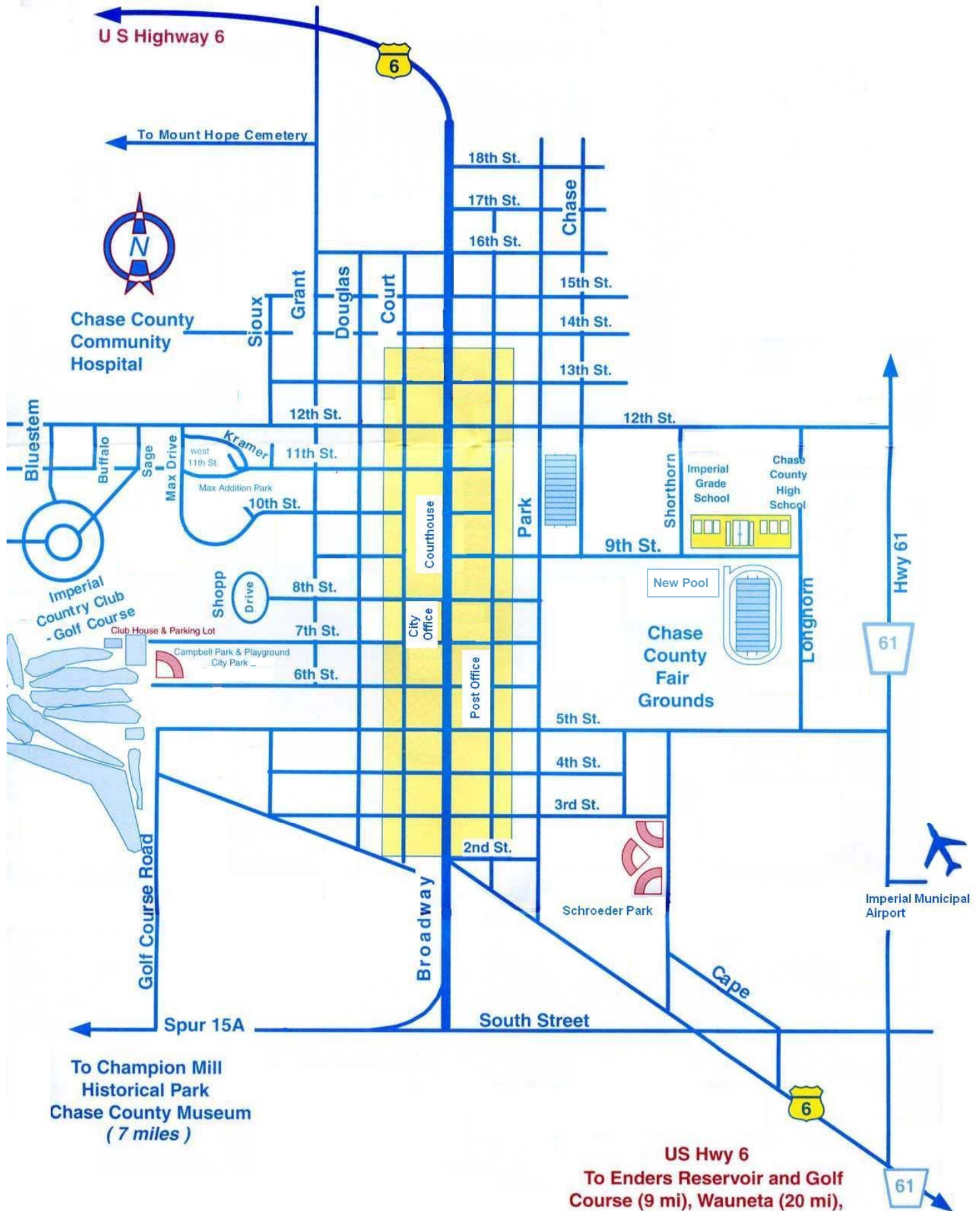
DEMOGRAPHICS

2009 Snapshot in Time	15 Mile	30 Mile	50 Mile
General Information			
Population	3,663	9,189	34,218
Households	1,698	4,142	15,378
Families	1,161	2,866	10,500
Average Household Size	2.2	2.3	2.2
Average Family Size	2.6	2.7	2.7
Per Capita Income	\$22,382	\$22,134	\$22,597
2009 Labor Force Status (age 16+)			
Labor force	1,901	4,817	17,688
Unemployed	61	167	731
2009 Education Attainment (age 25+)			
High School Graduate or higher education (%)	87.53%	87.78%	86.45%
Bachelor Degree or higher (%)	18.09%	18.31%	17.58%
2009 Renter & Owner Occupied Housing			
Owner Occupied Housing	1,304	3,122	11,513
Renter Occupied Housing	389	1,014	3,866

* NEDI Online – Community GIS Information (<http://sites.nppd.com/gis/index.asp>)

** Additional Demographic information can be obtained on Imperial's Economic Development Website (www.imperialed.com)





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