

Potato Days Buttons On Sale

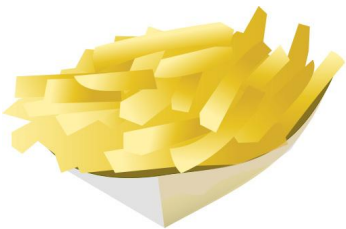


This year's Potato Days Festival button is the seventeenth in the series of collectible buttons.

A discount at the KC Pancake Feed is a great reason to buy a collectible button. Those that purchase a button were eligible for \$5.00 in Barnesville Buck drawings held each Friday, July 6 – August 17. Best of all, everyone that buys a button has a chance to win \$100 in Barnesville Bucks in the drawing held after the festival.

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Barnesville Jail Will Be Open During Potato Days

Kids been unruly? . . .
Spouse won't listen? . . .
Looking for a place to stash your mother-in-law? . . .

The Old Barnesville Jail may be just the answer you're looking for. The jail will be open during both days of the Potato Days Celebration, Friday and Saturday, August 24-25.

Actually the jail will be open but not for business. There will be no jailer or police officer on duty in the jail.

There are no tour guides and no fees or fines to go to jail. The doors won't lock but it's a great photo op. The cells doors will swing both ways and you can see what it looks like to see the world from both sides of the bars.

The Barnesville Jail was one of the first permanent buildings to be built in Barnesville. It is located just west of the Old City Hall on Highway 9. The jail was constructed at the turn of the 20th century and served the community for 80 years.

It was retired from service in 1979 and the would-be occupants of the cells have since been transported to the Law

Enforcement Center in Moorhead. There is a new facility opening there this September to house prisoners and law enforcement staff.

Barnesville has had a long history with no serious crime. It has been over 80 years since the last murder occurred in the city in 1936. But Barnesville grew up as a rough and rowdy railroad town when it was chartered in 1882. As a railroad hub with a lot of saloons, there was more than enough drinking going on to see a regular flow of customers through the old jail. Like Sheriff Andy's Mayberry, most of the jail's occupants got the chance to sleep it off and then go home the next morning.

The Barnesville Jail is one of the few structures of that type that still exist across the State of Minnesota. The jail is listed on the National Registry of Historic Buildings. Stop by, snap a few pictures from a jail cell and then enjoy the rest of Potato Days as a free man, woman or child.

And no! . . . No matter how bad the behavior of kids, spouses, or in-laws, we're not keeping them in our jail.



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