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Discovery Channel Show “RV There Yet?” to Roll into Boone in October

The hosts of the Discovery Channel’s popular show, “RV There Yet?” will visit Boone County in early October as part of a production session for a show that will feature local sights and include tailgating at an Iowa State University football game in Ames, Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Kris Blocker said at Monday’s city council meeting.

“I’m super excited about this. The show’s hosts sought out the Ames Chamber of Commerce, and I can’t begin to say how much I appreciate the chamber staff reaching out to us,” Blocker said. “They contacted me right away and said they’d like us to be involved. It all comes back to our partnership with the Ames chamber and Discover Ames that we’re able to be part of it.”

The “RV There Yet?” series, which began its third season on the Discovery Channel in April, takes viewers on road trips featuring “wild adventures, crazy detours, and campfire fun along the way.” Hosts “Producerman Kevin” McCabe and his wife, Patrice, hike, camp and eat their way across the United States as they make new friends, learn local history, create memories and inspire viewers to plan their own RV adventures.

“They come into town, set up camp, visit a lot of local attractions and eat at the best places the towns have to offer,” Blocker said. “They’re going to stay out at Ledges State Park, ride the Rail Explorers on the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad, bike the High Trestle Trail and I’m sure they’re going to find a lot of good eating places.”

The McCabes’ will be in Boone County Oct. 1 through 4 and will be in Ames on Saturday, Oct. 5, when the Cyclones host the Baylor University Bears. Blocker doesn’t expect Iowa’s potentially fickle fall weather to deter them or video production. “If you’ve seen their shows, there are times when they’re out in the rain, so they’re very much go-with-the-flow people,” she added.

Ledges State Park will mark its 100th anniversary this year, and park manager Andy Bartlett is expected to be interviewed for the television program. “Andy’s a wealth of information and will really tell the Ledges story well,” Blocker said.

The season three finale of “RV There Yet?” will air Sept. 14, which means the local visit will be featured in its fourth season.

Kevin McCabe was raised in Cocoa Beach, Florida, and majored in mass communications at the University of South Florida when he decided that television production was the career for him. Patrice McCabe’s biography describes her as “a polite, Midwestern girl, raised in Lincoln, Neb., and a card-carrying, red-wearing, football-watching, true Cornhusker.” Together, the McCabes worked on a successful fishing show called “Addictive Fishing,” which airs on the Discovery Channel and Bally Sports Sun, for more than 20 years.

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