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CITYVIEW's seasonal guide for activities and things to do in central Iowa



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## Get ready to explore

Your fall and winter adventures start here.

BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

As fall colors set in and as the snows of winter arrive, no need to make plans to hibernate. You can still find plenty to explore and a wide range of offerings to experience in this beautiful city.

Is the shopping bug itching you? A plethora of boutiques are beckoning. Pool halls, barcades and pickleball courts can birth a new hobby or hone the skills of an old one.

A night out could mean any number of things. If it's a glass of dark liquor you're after, we've got you covered. Looking to sing your heart out at the best spots for a night of karaoke? Look no further. Want to catch the game while you sweat your sports bets and fantasy team? The area is home to plenty of sports bars, from team-themed to welcoming neighborhood joints.

Fun is to be had for everyone, with plenty of places where the kids can burn off some energy and let their creative minds run wild. And be sure to enjoy the several seasonal pop-ups in the area to ramp up the fun.

All that and more inside these pages. Enjoy, and get ready to explore. ■

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# Catch the game

# SPORTS BARS

These are some of the best places to keep track of your fantasy team and sports bets or just root for your favorite team the old-fashioned way.

## BIX & CO.

111 Fifth St., West Des Moines  
[www.bixandco-wdm.com](http://www.bixandco-wdm.com)

The locally owned Bix & Co is the new kid on the block in Historic Valley Junction. However, that doesn't detract from the quality offerings inside its walls, from the drinks and food to the sports-viewing experience.

## TITO'S LOUNGE

3916 N.W. Urbandale Drive, Urbandale  
[www.titosloungeia.com](http://www.titosloungeia.com)

Excite your tastebuds at Tito's Lounge with its offerings of Balkan and Mediterranean cuisines while catching the game. While the food — like their wings, gyros or skewers — may get you in the door, you'll want to stay to enjoy a few beverages and the game.

## BEVY'S TAVERN

1300 50th St., Suite 206, West Des Moines  
[www.bevystavern.com](http://www.bevystavern.com)

Bevy's in West Des Moines likes to dress up traditional bar food and features a solid range of cocktails. The tavern hosts live music performances amid a friendly neighborhood feel while providing TVs all over the walls to create a great viewing experience.



ROYAL MILE

Photo courtesy of The Royal Mile

## CENTERFIELD SPORTS BAR

6555 University Ave., Windsor Heights  
[www.centerfieldsportsbar.com](http://www.centerfieldsportsbar.com)

Baseball is the preferred sport in this Chicago Cubs forward establishment, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy a great view of other sporting events at this Windsor Heights bar. The beer menu includes plenty of Iowa brewery favorites, and cocktails feature the best from Iowa distilleries.



TITO'S LOUNGE

Photo by Jackie Wilson



CENTERFIELD SPORTS BAR

Photo by Jackie Wilson



## HIGH LIFE LOUNGE

200 S.W. Second St., Des Moines  
[www.thehighlifelounge.com](http://www.thehighlifelounge.com)

A cozy, old-fashioned experience is sure to be found at the High Life Lounge. While it might not be TVs galore at this sports bar, it has been recognized for its excellence by CITYVIEW magazine and featured by Man vs. Food and the New York Times. With excellent food options and drinks to match, this is a more relaxing spot to cheer on your team.

## G. MIGS

128 Fifth St., West Des Moines  
[www.gmigs.com](http://www.gmigs.com)

Fifteen flat-screen TVs assure a good view of the game from anywhere in G. Mig's Fifth Street Pub. A recent renovation has brought new life to the establishment. Try one of the beers on tap while sitting at the bar, order an Iowa State Fair-winning Pride of Iowa Wrap and settle in for a night of sports and good times.



Photo courtesy of Bevy's Tavern

## THE ROYAL MILE

210 Fifth St., Des Moines  
[www.royalmilebar.com](http://www.royalmilebar.com)

For the avid soccer fan in your life, The Royal Mile is the premier destination for watching football — and not the American kind. Yes, you can still see your American favorites, but with a British pub theme and the food fare to match, this bar makes a great place to watch a soccer game.

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A great place for the Chicago Bears fan in your life, this bar is named after the iconic 1985 team, known for its defense. You won't be on defense here, however, as the unique atmosphere, great drinks and tasty food make it the ideal spot to catch a Bears game, even if the team isn't always the best.

## THE FRONT ROW

9956 Swanson Blvd., Clive  
[www.frontrowbar.com](http://www.frontrowbar.com)

Another sports team-themed bar makes this list, this time paying homage to the Iowa Hawkeyes. Opened in 1995, The Front Row is one of the most popular UI bars in the state, even rivaling the ones in Iowa City. With 20 TVs for your viewing pleasure, this bar makes for a great place to view alongside those wearing black and gold.

## JOE'S PUB

5500 Merle Hay Road, Suite D, Johnston  
[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054413472467](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054413472467)

The neighborhood pub for Johnston residents, Joe's Pub hosts gameday watch parties, themed trivia nights and cornhole events to help conservation efforts. ■

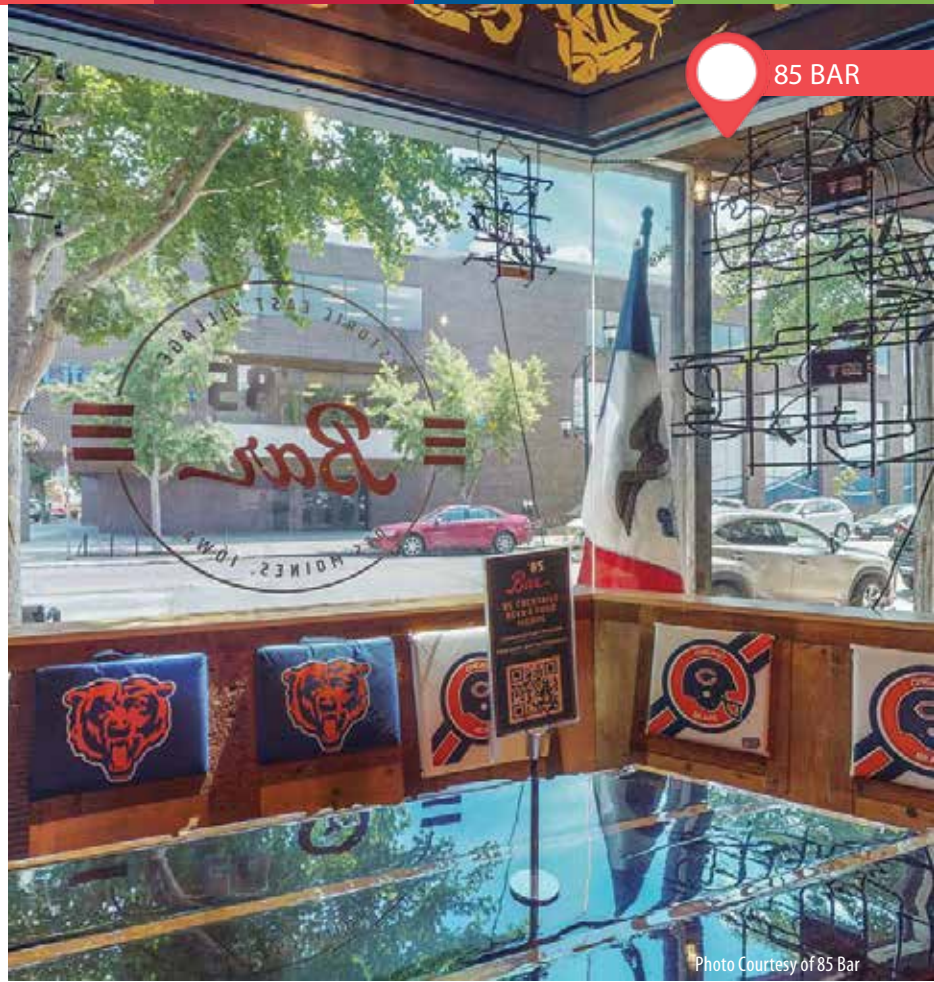


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# Bring the kids

## FAMILY FUN

Don't keep yourselves and the family cooped up all fall and winter long. Get out of the house and experience any of these family-friendly places.

### CLIMB IOWA

3605 S.E. Miehe Drive, Grimes  
150 E. Fourth St., Des Moines  
[www.climbiowa.com](http://www.climbiowa.com)

With two locations, each boasting climbing walls with different ways to reach their indoor summits, Climb Iowa is a great way to get exercise in a non-traditional way. The Grimes location has more than 10,000 square feet of climbing and 200 routes. The East Village location comes equipped with a 3,000-square-foot bouldering wall and a 1,000-square-foot training/workout area.

### SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

401 W. Martin Luther King Jr Parkway,  
Des Moines  
[www.sciowa.org](http://www.sciowa.org)

A beloved destination for curious kids, the Science Center of Iowa has permanent exhibits such as Small Discoveries, What On Earth? When Things Get Moving, Why The Sky?, the Makers Studio and Brick by Brick that keep children actively entertained while learning about science in the process.

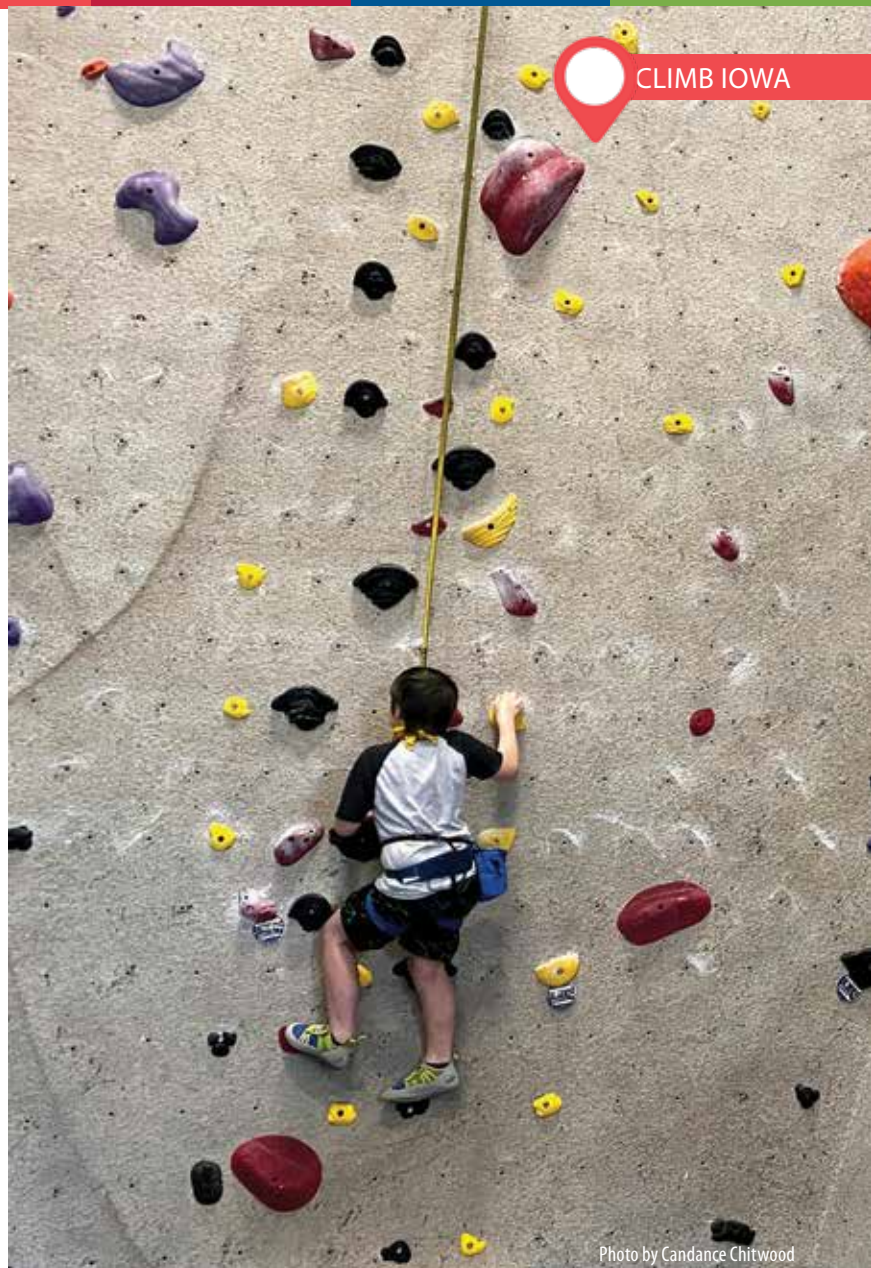


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Photo courtesy of the Science Center of Iowa

### LIVING HISTORY FARMS

11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale  
[www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org)

History comes to life at Living History Farms. Three hundred years' worth of history is told through the varying exhibits and demonstrations, all to educate people on how Iowans transformed the fertile prairie into the most productive farmland in the world. Not only that, but LHF hosts family-friendly events all season long from Applefest to its Family Christmas.



## TRAMPOLINE PARKS

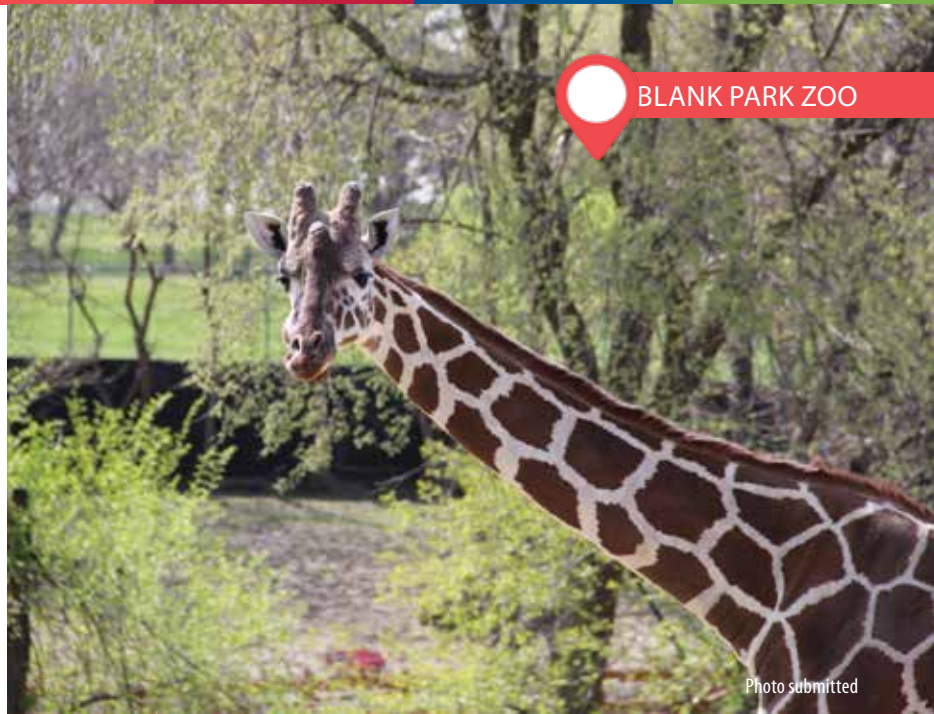


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**Urban Air:** 2829 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny  
[www.urbanair.com](http://www.urbanair.com)

**Get Air:** 3799 86th St., Urbandale  
[www.getairsports.com/des-moines](http://www.getairsports.com/des-moines)

**Sky Zone:** 1300 S.E. Gateway Drive, Suite 103, Grimes  
[www.skyzone.com/desmoines](http://www.skyzone.com/desmoines)



BLANK PARK ZOO

Photo submitted

## SLEEPY HOLLOW SPORTS PARK

4051 Dean Ave., Des Moines

[www.sleepyhollowsports.com](http://www.sleepyhollowsports.com)

Enjoy Sleepy Hollow Sports Park in several ways during the fall and winter months. The scare park that takes over the grounds during Halloween can frighten even the toughest individuals. In the winter, the tubing, snowboarding and skiing hills are some of the best you can find.

## BLANK PARK ZOO

7401 S.W. Ninth St., Des Moines

[www.blankparkzoo.com](http://www.blankparkzoo.com)

Yep, that's right. Despite the frigid Iowa winters, the Blank Park Zoo is open year-round. Take a trip to one of the country's best zoos, with plenty of exotic animals to feed or see. The Zoo currently has 104 different animal species and 1,484 animal specimens in its care.

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[www.dsmskatepark.com](http://www.dsmskatepark.com)

The country's largest outdoor skatepark can be found in downtown Des Moines. With 88,000 square feet of skatepark ready to be skated, bladed and, inevitably, fallen on, the Lauridsen Skatepark is a great place to take young ones to learn a new sport and possibly make some new friends.

## SEVEN OAKS RECREATION

1086 222nd Drive, Boone  
[www.sevenoaksrec.com](http://www.sevenoaksrec.com)

Roughly a 50-minute drive from Des Moines, Seven Oaks Recreation is a slice of skier and snowboarder heaven. Take the lift up to the top and, if you've got the skills, bomb down the hill and let your wild side show. If you're still a newbie, you can take advantage of the lessons offered. If you're being dragged into the cold against your will, the Coal Creek Lounge can accommodate you nicely while your friends freeze away.

Photo courtesy of Seven Oaks Recreation



## GLAZED EXPRESSIONS

1315 S.W. Oralabor Road, Ankeny  
8826 Swanson Blvd., Clive  
[www.glazedexpressions.com](http://www.glazedexpressions.com)

Those with craft-focused kiddos shouldn't miss a trip to Glazed Expressions. Pick a date to visit either of its locations with the family to create a physical memory to last a lifetime. Pick out a piece of pottery from more than 350 options and get to painting. Once you're done, they friendly staff will fire it up for you in the studio, and, voila. ■

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# Pour me a glass WHISKEY BARS

Visit one of these establishments for a smooth glass of your favorite whiskey or bourbon.

## WINCHESTER PUBLIC HOUSE

224 Fifth St., West Des Moines  
[www.winchester.pub](http://www.winchester.pub)

Established in 2016, the whiskey selection at Winchester Public House is visible on the wall behind the bar. The house cocktails, like the 1918 Manhattan or Irish Coffee, will delight almost any whiskey drinker. A wide range of beers are also on tap for those looking for something softer on the palate.

## ALLEGED LEE'S

510 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines  
[www.facebook.com/allegedleesdsm](https://www.facebook.com/allegedleesdsm)

Another speakeasy, Alleged Lee's — which is easier to find since it is above ground — is located in the historic East Village. You'll find an extensive list of whiskeys and flavorful cocktails in which to enjoy them.

## NOIR

405 Kellogg Ave., Ames  
[www.noirames.com](http://www.noirames.com)

Being located in historic downtown Ames means Noir is a 40-minute drive from Des Moines, but well worth it for a whiskey enthusiast. Its signature cocktails, like The Raven or the Blackberry Smash, make mouths water. Noir also boasts an impressive selection of up to 90 bourbons.

## DJANGO

1420 Locust St., Des Moines  
[www.djangodesmoines.com](http://www.djangodesmoines.com)

This restaurant makes the list for good reason. A quick look at the drink menu shows a thorough selection of whiskeys and scotches, to the delight of its drinkers, from an \$8 glass of Templeton Rye to a \$90 Kentucky Rye.



Photo courtesy of Noir



## KEN'S - A NOT SO SECRET SPEAKEASY

215 E. Third St., No. 100, Des Moines

[www.iowataproom.com/kens/](http://www.iowataproom.com/kens/)

The secret is out. OK, well, it has been. Ken's, named after Kenneth Sonderleiter, one of Des Moines' most notorious bootleggers of the 1920s, is located beneath the Iowa Taproom. Iowa history literally lines the walls, which are made from old Templeton Rye and Cedar Ridge whiskey barrels.

## BUBBA

200 10th St., Des Moines

[www.bubbadsm.com](http://www.bubbadsm.com)

This southern comfort restaurant offers much more than food. The bar, located on the first floor of the establishment, has a surprisingly great selection of whiskeys. Be sure to stop in for "Whiskey Wednesday," where you learn about whiskey's history and flavor.

Photo courtesy of Ken's



KEN'S - A NOT SO SECRET SPEAKEASY

WHISKEY RIVER



## WHISKEY RIVER

1350 S.W. Vintage Parkway, Ankeny

[www.whiskeyriverankeny.com](http://www.whiskeyriverankeny.com)

It's in the name. With a selection of more than 200 whiskeys, Whiskey River urges patrons to "stop by any day of the week to try rare, unique, hard-to-find, or your favorite!" Stop by after a long week at work for their Friday After Work special.

## THE REPUBLIC ON GRAND

401 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

[www.therepublicongrand.com](http://www.therepublicongrand.com)

Sip. Relax. Repeat. Make your way up to the sixth floor of the AC Hotel in downtown Des Moines to find this gem of a whiskey bar. Get one of the bourbons smoked for an extra \$2 and enjoy some fantastic views of the Des Moines skyline while you are at it. ■

Photo courtesy of Whiskey River





Photo courtesy of Janes - Family Shop

# Fill your bag BOUTIQUES

The metro area has a wide range of boutiques, making it easy for any shopper to find somewhere to spice up their wardrobe, camping trip, nightlife and more.

## JANES - FAMILY SHOP

350 E. Locust St., Suite 102, Des Moines  
[www.janesdsm.com](http://www.janesdsm.com)

A delightful collection of family goods for shoppers and their little ones. At Janes, you can find toys for your child to enjoy while you look for dresses and sweaters to complement your style and your kiddos'. You'll find plenty of items for babies including pacifiers, burp cloths, swaddles and more.

## SASSY'S

136 Fifth St., West Des Moines  
[www.sassyia.com](http://www.sassyia.com)

Sassy's owner, Cindy, says the boutique "offers unique and high-quality products that will make you stand out and steal the spotlight or be cozy and comfortable, depending on the situation," and one look at their gallery proves just that. Their offerings make them a must-visit in Historic Valley Junction.



Photo courtesy of Sassy's

## MARNÉ

350 E. Locust St., Suite 101, Des Moines  
[www.shopmarne.com](http://www.shopmarne.com)

Named after a small Iowa town in Cass County, MARNÉ is a great spot to shop for earrings, dresses, bags, beauty items and candles. Also found at this boutique are matching sleepwear sets to keep you cozy while still looking great.



## CINDY'S BOUTIQUE IN VALLEY JUNCTION

114 Fifth St., West Des Moines

[www.cindysboutiquevalleyjunction.com](http://www.cindysboutiquevalleyjunction.com)

"The fun store with the purple door." Hard to miss and even harder to leave without making at least one purchase, Cindy's Boutique is packed full of fashionable items. Testimonials describe this boutique as a favorite and a hidden gem located in Historic Valley Junction.



Photo courtesy of Cindy's Boutique

## AIMÉE

426 E. Locust St., Des Moines

[www.facebook.com/aimeedesmoines](https://www.facebook.com/aimeedesmoines)

A great place to stop during a shopping trip to the Historic East Village, Aimée has a wide selection of dresses for those looking to find the perfect piece for date night, a stroll through the park or an evening at a festival, not to mention plenty of other fashion-forward pieces.

## LA BUFA CLOTHING

1604 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

[www.facebook.com/labufa.clothinginc](https://www.facebook.com/labufa.clothinginc)

La Bufa Clothing has everything your Western wear family member or friend desires. You'll find boots of all kinds to match a wide selection of cowboy hats, belts, shirts and pants. Pull up to the rodeo, farm, or wherever you please, decked out in La Bufa's selections, and heads are sure to turn.

## BACK COUNTRY

2702 Beaver Ave., Des Moines

[www.theoriginalbackcountry.com](http://www.theoriginalbackcountry.com)

Since 1974, Back Country has been serving the clothing and equipment needs of outdoor lovers and travelers. The store focuses on bringing in worldwide brands that are sustainable and unique, making its selection one that has lasted the test of time in the retail business.

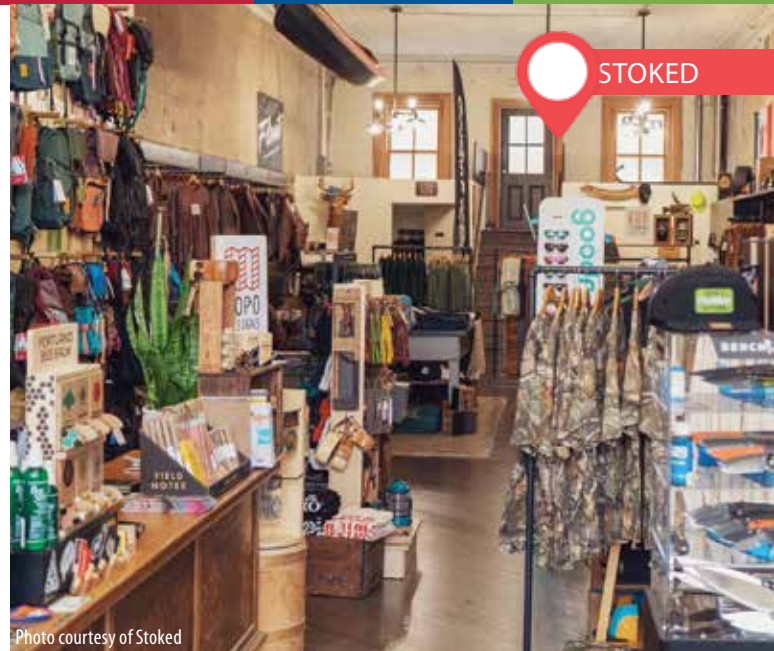


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## STOKED

518 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

[www.stokeddsm.com](http://www.stokeddsm.com)

Are you on the hunt for something to make that hiking trip a little comfier and more stylish? Stoked labels itself as an outdoor adventure shop. The shop has tons of gear such as tents, lighting, kitchen accessories and tools to add to the apparel and footwear needed to make the outdoors that much more enjoyable.

## BACKROOM CLOTHING

2601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines

[www.backroomclothing.com](http://www.backroomclothing.com)

If you're on the search for high-quality men's clothing for the next wedding you're invited to, your own wedding, or a classy date night — or if you just like to go that extra mile with your dress sense — Backroom Clothing has you covered. The shop provides well-known brands at affordable prices. Check out the deal on wedding suits and the required accessories.

## FONTENELLE SUPPLY CO.

524 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

[www.fontenellesupplyco.com](http://www.fontenellesupplyco.com)

Started by a group of friends in Omaha, Fontenelle Supply Co. has spread its influence to Des Moines. Plenty of the best brands can be found inside the store, as well as custom leather-made goods. Submit a request and see what this small group of artisans can produce for you or a loved one.

## AMOUR

518 E. Sixth St., Des Moines

[www.amour-is-love.com](http://www.amour-is-love.com)

This is the place to go if your taste in a boutique is on the spicier side of things. This lingerie boutique has all kinds of brands and styles to fit body types of all shapes and sizes. Shop online through Instagram or step inside and let your imagination roam wild. ■



# Get your game on PICKLEBALL, POOL HALLS, BARCADES AND MORE

Stay active during the colder months. These places have activities for people of all ages to enjoy.



## DINKS

**3800 Merle Hay Road, Suite 1000, Des Moines**  
[www.dinkspickleballdsm.com](http://www.dinkspickleballdsm.com)

Dinks is central Iowa's largest establishment dedicated to pickleball, with 13 professional indoor pickleball courts, open 6 a.m. to midnight seven days a week. Can't get a court at Dinks? Don't worry pickleball fanatics, there are plenty of locations around the city to get your fix.

## THE OPERATING ROOM

**5515 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 130, West Des Moines**  
**1631 S.W. Main St., Suite 105, Ankeny**  
[www.operatingroomarcade.com](http://www.operatingroomarcade.com)

With two locations in the area, the The Operating Room only operates on one thing: having a good time. A newer take on the growing arcade scene, The Operating Room locations have the modern games you crave and drinks you'll want to taste, all while being a family-owned Iowa-based business.

## PICKLEBALL-FRIENDLY LOCATIONS



### INDOOR:

- Parkview Middle School, 105 N.W. Pleasant St., Ankeny
- Trail Point Aquatic & Wellness Center, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny
- Wellmark YMCA, 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines
- St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 6426 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- Waukee Family YMCA, 210 N. Warrior Lane, Waukee
- MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex, 6500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines

### OUTDOOR:

- Village Park, 1649 Fourth St. N.W., Altoona
- Greentree Park, 2063 N.W. Hickory Lane, Ankeny
- Campbell Recreation Area, 1885 N.W. 123rd St., Clive
- Wildwood Park, 15166 Wildwood Drive, Clive
- Jordan Park, 600 S.E. Wall Ave., Des Moines
- Tower Park, 4900 Hickman Road, Des Moines
- Witmer Park, 1610 34th St., Des Moines

Visit [www.dmmp.club](http://www.dmmp.club) for rates, availability and fees.

## PUTTS & PINS

**6920 EP True Parkway, Suite 105, West Des Moines**  
<https://puttsandpins.co>

Recently opened in the Jordan Creek area, Putts & Pins offers a unique twist on the classic game of mini golf, with miniature bowling lanes for the less adventurous. The kitchen features a menu chock full of tasty items, and a full-service bar will help give you the courage to go for a hole-in-one at every wacky turn.





Photo courtesy of Up-Down

## UP-DOWN

500 E. Locust St., Des Moines

[www.updownarcadebar.com/des-moines](http://www.updownarcadebar.com/des-moines)

For those who grew up loving arcades, Up-Down in the Historic East Village brings back that classic arcade feel while providing unique, videogame-inspired cocktails and pizza creations that satisfy any craving, all while being a great place for a first date, a night out, or if you just want a taste of nostalgia.



Photo courtesy of Gameday

## GAMEDAY

3800 Merle Hay Road, Suite 1220, Des Moines

[www.gamedaykcsf.com](http://www.gamedaykcsf.com)

The list of games to play at Gameday is long, wide-ranging, and sure to please the barcade enthusiast in your life. Those not interested in the games can hop over to the bowling alley. If neither of those pique your interest, there's still a solid selection of drinks and food waiting to be tapped into.

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There's no shortage of activities for those in your life with a competitive edge. At Smash Park, you can find pickleball, axe throwing, darts, table tennis, shuffleboard and arcade games. Find out who among your friends is champion at the wide selection of games. That's not all. Enjoy a menu that ranges from brunch to dinner and drinks to wash any of it down.

## RICOCHET

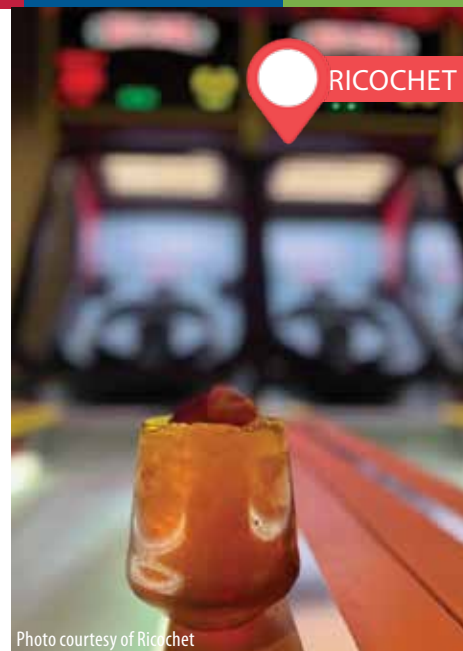


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## RICOCHET

400 Locust St., Suite 105, Des Moines

[www.ricochetsocial.com/locations/dsm](http://www.ricochetsocial.com/locations/dsm)

It's hard to believe how many games the owners of Ricochet have managed to fit inside the walls of this downtown Des Moines bar. Enjoy activities like darts, ping pong, bags, Jenga and pool to name a few. The wrap-around bar makes it easy to get a drink, and the games make it even easier to have a great time.



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[www.facebook.com/bigdogbilliardsdsm](http://www.facebook.com/bigdogbilliardsdsm)

There are almost too many tables to count inside Big Dog Billiards. Take a shot at one of the many tables inside this pool hall to hone your skills, develop your new hobby, or just to have fun with friends. Take a lesson, order a drink and something to eat, and get comfortable.

## THE THIRSTY SPORTSMAN

4808 S.W. Ninth St., Des Moines

[www.facebook.com/thethirstysportsman](http://www.facebook.com/thethirstysportsman)

This southside Des Moines bar has a classic dive feel to it with plenty of pool tables to get your game on. "Where beer, fun and games are always on tap." You'll also find darts and bags, with TVs stationed in plenty of places to catch the game while you slot home the 8 ball. ■



# Sing your heart out

## KARAOKE HOT SPOTS

Grab a drink and grab the mic, there are plenty of places around the metro to get your karaoke fix.

### AJ'S ON EAST COURT

419 E. Court Ave., Des Moines  
[www.ajsbar.com](http://www.ajsbar.com)

AJ's on East Court prides itself on being Des Moines' destination for karaoke. Every night at this bar gives patrons the chance to unleash their inner superstar... or to embarrass themselves and their friends. Either way, check the judgments at the door, grab the mic and a drink, and enjoy.

### FAZIO'S UNIVERSITY TAP

7500 University Blvd., Suite I, Clive  
[www.facebook.com/UniversityTap](http://www.facebook.com/UniversityTap)

Saturday nights are for karaoke at Fazio's University Tap. The menu at this bar does rotate but features favorites such as the bacon cheddar and black cherry chipotle burger and serves breakfast during its Sunday Funnays and more.

### 14TH STREET TAVERN

3418 E. 14th St., Des Moines  
[www.facebook.com/14thstreettavern](http://www.facebook.com/14thstreettavern)

Every Thursday night is reserved for karaoke at 14th Street Tavern. You'll find rotating drink specials and tasty food options like nachos, tacos and pizzas.

### JEANNIE'S BOTTLE

3839 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines  
[www.facebook.com/jeanniesbottle1](http://www.facebook.com/jeanniesbottle1)

A quick trip to Jeannie's Bottle's Facebook page reveals a microphone as the profile picture, and for good reason. Check the page for food and drink specials. Karaoke nights are Wednesday through Saturday at 9 p.m., except for Fridays and Saturdays, which start at 7 p.m.

### CATTOR'S ON GRAND

1306 Grand Ave., West Des Moines  
[www.facebook.com/Cattoors](http://www.facebook.com/Cattoors)

Karaoke nights at this West Des Moines establishment typically run from 8-12:30 p.m. They have an impressive happy hour, host a mug night, and rotate drink specials that keep your wallet happy when you climb the stage to start singing.



Photo courtesy of AJ's on East Court



## THE DUCKTAIL LOUNGE



Photo courtesy of The Ducktail Lounge

## THE DUCKTAIL LOUNGE

1809 86th St., Clive

[www.theducktaillounge.com](http://www.theducktaillounge.com)

Head over to “The Duck” on Saturdays in Clive if you’re looking to participate in their karaoke night. The inside is cozy, but don’t be afraid to step onto the patio and enjoy your favorite cigar during your visit.

## FINN’S PUB



Photo courtesy of Finn’s Pub

## FINN’S PUB

7020 Douglas Ave., Des Moines

[www.facebook.com/micfinns](http://www.facebook.com/micfinns)

Finn’s Pub is becoming a favorite among Des Moines karaoke enthusiasts. This Irish-themed bar is consistently hosting karaoke nights, typically from 8 p.m. till the bar closes.

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## THE RIDGEMONT

7460 Hickman Road, Windsor Heights

[www.facebook.com/theridgemont](http://www.facebook.com/theridgemont)

The Ridgemont recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and hosts karaoke nights every Tuesday night starting at 8 p.m. Happy hour specials at this bar run from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and a couple of pool tables will keep everyone happy on a night out.

## SMOKING GOAT PUB

3015 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines

[www.smokinggoatdesmoinesia.com](http://www.smokinggoatdesmoinesia.com)

From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. is karaoke night at the Smoking Goat Pub. This bar has the feel of your classic neighborhood sports bar, all while providing a fun outing with your friends singing and enjoying bar food and drink specials all night long.

## 300 CRAFT AND ROOFTOP

300 W. Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, Des Moines

[www.300craftandrooftop.com](http://www.300craftandrooftop.com)

If you want one of the area's best views of the Des Moines skyline while enjoying a night of karaoke, 300 Craft and Rooftop has you covered. Every Sunday, the establishment hosts Party! Party! Live Band Karaoke! with happy hour specials running all day. ■

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# The fun of the season

## HOLIDAY POP-UPS

The leaves are changing, the snow is falling, and the holiday spirit is growing. Check out one of these holiday-themed pop-ups to get your seasonal fun fix.

### THE PEPPERMINT TRAIL

Along Grand and Ingersoll Avenue

[www.theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail](http://www.theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail)

Shop and dine holiday specials all day and evening on Dec. 14. Ingersoll and Grand Avenue see several of its businesses transform to take you along The Peppermint Trail. Stop in to see what they're offering, take a free trolley ride and enjoy the holiday festivities.

### THE HAUNTING AT EXILE

1514 Walnut St., Des Moines

[www.exilebrewing.com](http://www.exilebrewing.com)

Exile Brewing Company is hosting a range of Halloween-style events throughout October this year. Enjoy a four-course beer dinner on Oct. 2, a pumpkin carving contest Oct. 2-25, pumpkin painting Oct. 19-20 and a Beggars Brunch on Oct. 27.

### RUDOLPH'S ROOFTOP

401 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines

[www.therepublicongrand.com](http://www.therepublicongrand.com)

The Republic on Grand has its holiday-themed pop-up tentatively scheduled for Nov. 13 through Dec. 31. Not only will you get an excellent view of the downtown skyline, you'll also get to see the winter wonderland that happens on the inside. Mix in some holiday-themed drinks, and you're in for a great time.

### MIRACLE ON INGERSOLL

3124 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines

[www.facebook.com/miracleoningersoll](http://www.facebook.com/miracleoningersoll)

For part of November and most of December, Dugan's Hideaway, which is attached to The Station on Ingersoll Avenue, transforms into a winter wonderland for the holiday season. Holiday-themed drinks are served while "Christmas Vacation" is played on repeat.

### THE NICE LIST

110 S.W. Fifth St., Des Moines

[www.secretadmirerdm.com](http://www.secretadmirerdm.com)

The Nice List is not only the list you want to end up on, but also a clever name for when the Secret Admirer dons its Christmas-themed pop-up garbs. The hidden away spot and sister bar to Good News, Darling is transformed with holiday lights, perfect for a night of drinks while watching the snowfall.



Photo courtesy of The Avenues

### THE NAUGHTY LIST

717 Locust St., Des Moines

[www.exploretock.com/good-news-darling](http://www.exploretock.com/good-news-darling)

Known for its pop-ups, Good News, Darling hosts a pop-up for the list you don't want to end up on. The menu and theme of this bar are always changing, but during the holidays, it becomes a great spot for raising the season's spirits with a drink, photo-op or date night.



## SNOWGLOBE DSM

1514 Walnut St., Des Moines  
[www.facebook.com/snowglobedsm](https://www.facebook.com/snowglobedsm)

Once the spooky season has subsided, Exile pivots from The Haunting to SnowGlobe DSM. Described as a Christmas explosion, the inside of Exile Brewing is transformed into a winter wonderland that has to be seen to be believed. The event is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 12 to Jan. 5.

## ELFED UP

2491 E. First St., Grimes  
[www.destinationgrille.com](https://www.destinationgrille.com)

Destination Grille makes for a great dining experience for those who are gluten-free — or not — on a normal basis, but when the holiday season rolls around, not just the weather outside changes. The decor inside DG changes with the season, and holiday-themed drinks hit the menu.



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## WINTER SOLSTICE MARKET

Winterset Livery, 116 S. First Ave., Winterset  
[www.madisoncounty.com](http://www.madisoncounty.com)

From Dec. 13-14, enjoy a two-day indoor shopping experience. Take some time out of your weekend to find the perfect gift for a loved one from one of the 26 curated arts, crafts and food vendors in the Winterset Livery building, all while you savor the sights, sounds and scents of the holiday season.

## WINTER WONDERLAND

435 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines  
[www.wonderlanddesmoines.com](http://www.wonderlanddesmoines.com)

This pop-up, located at Nightingale Cocktail, is self-described as an “immersive auditory and visual delight amidst festive flair.” The inside of this bar changes completely as the bar creates a one-of-a-kind experience for all who experience it, all while serving up cocktails to match the theme.

## CHRISTKINDLMARKET

Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines  
[www.christkindlmarketdsm.com](http://www.christkindlmarketdsm.com)

The German-inspired Christkindlmarket pops up all over the world, and Des Moines residents and travelers are treated to one each year. From Dec. 5-8 this year, merchants, musical performers and food vendors help create the festive atmosphere in the Principal Park parking lot. ■



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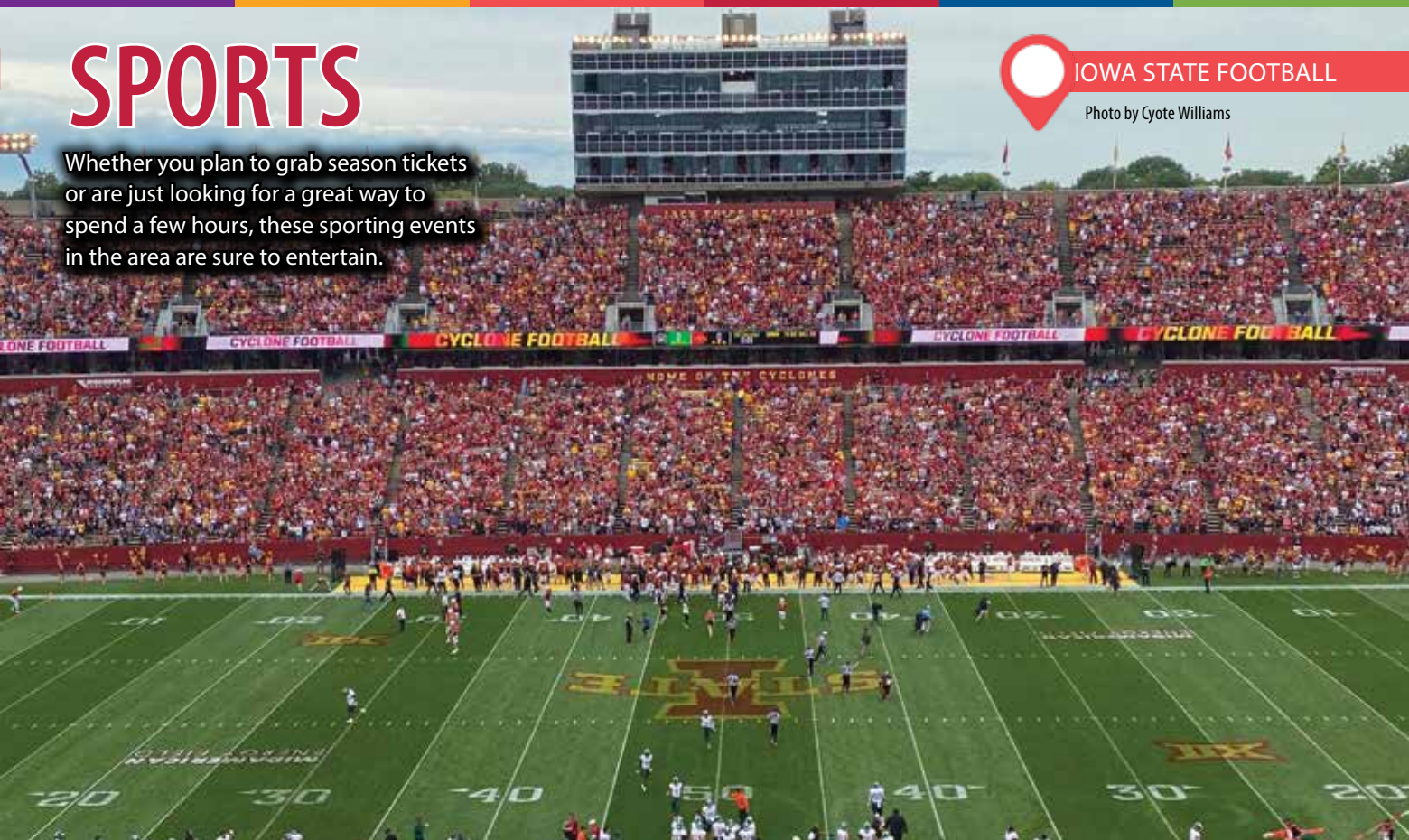
# SPORTS

Whether you plan to grab season tickets or are just looking for a great way to spend a few hours, these sporting events in the area are sure to entertain.



IOWA STATE FOOTBALL

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## IOWA WOLVES

Wells Fargo Arena,  
233 Center St., Des Moines  
[iowa.gleague.nba.com](http://iowa.gleague.nba.com)

### Home games:

- **Nov. 8** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Wisconsin Herd
- **Nov. 9** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Sioux Falls Skyforce
- **Nov. 22** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Gold
- **Nov. 23** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Gold
- **Dec. 9** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Cleveland Charge
- **Dec. 10** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Cleveland Charge
- **Dec. 13** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Motor City Cruise
- **Jan. 4** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Santa Cruz Warriors
- **Jan. 7** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Santa Cruz Warriors
- **Jan. 13** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Rip City Remix
- **Jan. 15** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Greensboro Swarm
- **Jan. 23** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Valley Suns
- **Jan. 24** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Valley Suns
- **Feb. 7** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Stockton Kings
- **Feb. 8** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Stockton Kings
- **Feb. 11** at 10:30 p.m. vs. Greensboro Swarm
- **Feb. 13** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Rip City Remix
- **Feb. 23** at 3 p.m. vs. San Diego Clippers
- **Feb. 24** at 6:30 p.m. vs. San Diego Clippers
- **Feb. 28** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Osceola Magic

## IOWA WILD

Wells Fargo Arena,  
233 Center St., Des Moines  
[iowawild.com](http://iowawild.com)

### Home games:

- **Oct. 12** at 6 p.m. vs. Manitoba Moose
- **Oct. 13** at 3 p.m. vs. Manitoba Moose
- **Oct. 23** at 7 p.m. vs. Milwaukee Admirals
- **Nov. 2** at 6 p.m. vs. San Jose Barracuda
- **Nov. 3** at 3 p.m. vs. San Jose Barracuda
- **Nov. 7** at 10:30 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Griffins
- **Nov. 15** at 7 p.m. vs. Texas Stars
- **Nov. 16** at 6 p.m. vs. Texas Stars
- **Dec. 7** at 6 p.m. vs. Milwaukee Admirals
- **Dec. 8** at 3 p.m. vs. Milwaukee Admirals
- **Dec. 11** at 7 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs
- **Dec. 17** at 7 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs
- **Dec. 20** at 7 p.m. vs. Chicago Wolves
- **Dec. 28** at 6 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs
- **Jan. 17** at 7 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs
- **Jan. 18** at 6 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs
- **Jan. 22** at 7 p.m. vs. Charlotte Checkers
- **Jan. 25** at 6 p.m. vs. Texas Stars
- **Jan. 26** at 3 p.m. vs. Texas Stars
- **Jan. 28** at 7 p.m. vs. Charlotte Checkers
- **Jan. 31** at 7 p.m. vs. Springfield Thunderbirds

- **Feb. 1** at 6 p.m. vs. Springfield Thunderbirds
- **Feb. 14** at 7 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Griffins
- **Feb. 15** at 6 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Griffins
- **Feb. 17** at 7 p.m. vs. Rockford Icehogs
- **Feb. 26** at 7 p.m. vs. Chicago Wolves
- **March 15** at 6 p.m. vs. Manitoba Moose
- **March 16** at 3 p.m. vs. Manitoba Moose
- **March 22** at 6 p.m. vs. Ontario Reign
- **March 23** at 3 p.m. vs. Ontario Reign
- **March 26** at 7 p.m. vs. Chicago Wolves
- **April 4** at 7 p.m. vs. San Diego Gulls
- **April 6** at 3 p.m. vs. San Diego Gulls
- **April 9** at 7 p.m. vs. Milwaukee Admirals
- **April 16** at 7 p.m. vs. Chicago Wolves
- **April 19** at 6 p.m. vs. Grand Rapids Griffins

## IOWA STATE FOOTBALL

Jack Trice Stadium,  
1732 S. Fourth St., Ames  
[cyclones.com](http://cyclones.com)

### Home games:

- **Oct. 5** vs. Baylor
- **Oct. 19** vs. UCF
- **Nov. 2** vs. Texas Tech
- **Nov. 16** vs. Cincinnati
- **Nov. 30** vs. Kansas State





Photo courtesy of Iowa Wild

## IOWA STATE BASKETBALL

Hilton Coliseum, 1705 Center Drive, Ames  
cyclones.com

### Men:

Non-conference home games (times TBA):

- **Nov. 4** vs. Mississippi Valley State
- **Nov. 11** vs. Kansas City
- **Nov. 18** vs. IU Indianapolis
- **Dec. 4** vs. Marquette
- **Dec. 8** vs. Jackson State
- **Dec. 15** vs. Omaha
- **Dec. 22** vs. Morgan State

Big 12 home games (dates and times TBA):

Arizona, UCF, Colorado, Kansas, Kansas State, Baylor, BYU, Cincinnati, TCU, Utah

### Women:

Non-conference home games (times TBA):

- **Oct. 30** vs. Central College
- **Nov. 4** vs. Chicago State
- **Nov. 7** vs. Indiana State
- **Nov. 10** vs. Southern
- **Nov. 14** vs. Saint Thomas
- **Nov. 24** vs. Drake
- **Dec. 3** vs. USC-Upstate
- **Dec. 8** vs. Central Michigan
- **Dec. 15** vs. Eastern Illinois

Big 12 home games (dates and times TBA)

UCF, Kansas, Kansas State, BYU, Colorado, Houston, TCU, Texas Tech, Utah

## DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex,  
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bucshockey.com

The Tier 1 USHL developmental hockey franchise continues to serve up a chance for amateur hockey players to enhance their ability to succeed at the next level.

### Home games:

- **Oct. 4** at 7 p.m. vs. Waterloo
- **Oct. 12** at 6 p.m. vs. Muskegon Lumberjacks
- **Oct. 18** at 7 p.m. vs. Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
- **Oct. 19** at 6 p.m. vs. Dubuque Fighting Saints
- **Oct. 26** at 4 p.m. vs. Sioux Falls Stampeded
- **Oct. 31** at 6:30 p.m. vs. Fargo Force
- **Nov. 1** at 7 p.m. vs. Fargo Force
- **Nov. 2** at 6 p.m. vs. Waterloo Black Hawks
- **Nov. 8** at 7 p.m. vs. Madison Capitols
- **Nov. 15** at 7 p.m. vs. Dubuque Fighting Saints
- **Nov. 22** at 7 p.m. vs. Chicago Steel
- **Dec. 13** at 7 p.m. vs. Dubuque Fighting Saints
- **Dec. 14** at 6 p.m. vs. Dubuque Fighting Saints
- **Jan. 3** at 7 p.m. vs. Cedar Rapids RoughRiders
- **Jan. 4** at 6 p.m. vs. Lincoln Stars
- **Jan. 24** at 7 p.m. vs. Lincoln Stars



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## IOWA STATE BASKETBALL

## DRAKE BASKETBALL

Knapp Center,  
2601 Forest Ave.,  
Des Moines

### Men's home games

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### Women's home games

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OCT  
12

**OPENING NIGHT**  
Magnet Schedule Giveaway  
(First 1500 Fans)

OCT  
13

**KIDS KICKOFF**  
Shoe Charms & Poster Giveaway  
(First 1500 Kids)

NOV 2

**HOCKEY & HOPS NIGHT**

NOV  
3

**PUCKS 'N' PAWS**  
Collapsible Dog Bowl  
(First 400 Dogs)

NOV  
7

**WILD ABOUT EDUCATION**  
Workbook Giveaway  
(All Students in Attendance)

NOV  
15

**HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER**  
"I Fight For" Cards (All Fans)

NOV  
16

**VETERANS APPR'N. NIGHT**  
Specialty Jersey & Auction  
Hat Giveaway (First 1500 Fans)

DEC  
7

**MARGARITAVILLE NIGHT**  
Food Drive (Benefiting Food Bank of Iowa)

DEC  
8

**MEET *Bluey***  
Youth Jersey Giveaway  
(First 1500 Kids 12 & Under)

DEC  
20

**SANTA-CON**  
Teddy Bear Toss

DEC  
28

**NEW YEAR'S BASH**  
Postgame Fireworks  
Diamond Giveaway (First 1000 Fans)

JAN 18

**COMING SOON!**

JAN 25

**COMING SOON!**

JAN  
26

**KID'S TAKEOVER DAY**  
Youth Jersey Giveaway  
(First 1500 Kids 12 & Under)

JAN 31

**MILITARY APPR'N. NIGHT**

FEB 1

**WOMEN IN SPORTS NIGHT**

FEB  
14

**LOVE IN THE WILD NIGHT**  
Cupid Crash Bobblehead Giveaway  
(First 1500 Fans)

FEB  
15

**PINK IN THE RINK**  
Specialty Jersey & Auction  
LED Baton Giveaway (First 5000 Fans)

MAR  
15

**90'S NIGHT**  
T-Shirt Giveaway (First 1500 Fans)

MAR  
16

**CRASH'S BIRTHDAY BASH**  
Youth Jersey Giveaway  
(First 1500 Kids 12 & Under)

MAR  
22

**RACING NIGHT**  
Hat Giveaway (First 1500 Fans)

MAR 23

**COMING SOON!**

APR  
4

**ALS NIGHT**  
Specialty Jersey & Auction  
Bucket Hat Giveaway (First 1500 Fans)

APR  
6

**BATMAN™ NIGHT**  
Batman™ Bobblehead Giveaway  
(First 1500 Fans)

APR  
19

**FAN APPR'N. NIGHT**  
Team Poster Giveaway  
(First 1500 Fans)

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## DES MOINES CIVIC CENTER

Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines  
[www.desmoinesperformingarts.org](http://www.desmoinesperformingarts.org)

- **Nov. 15:** The Queen's Cartoonist
- **Nov. 23-24:** Irish Christmas in America
- **Nov. 30:** Joe Bonamassa
- **Dec. 21:** Mannheim Steamroller

## DES MOINES SYMPHONY

Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines  
[dmsymphony.org](http://dmsymphony.org)

- **Sept. 28-29:** Season Debut: The Emperor
- **Oct. 26-27:** Lewis Plays Brahms
- **Nov. 23-24:** Parker Plays Gershwin
- **Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Pops

## HOYT SHERMAN PLACE

1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines  
[hoytsherman.org](http://hoytsherman.org)

- **Oct. 3:** An Evening With Cowboy Junkies at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 5:** Celtic Thunder: Odyssey at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 10:** Leonid & Friends at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 29:** Theory of a Dream at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 1:** Vitamin String Quartet at 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 12:** A Motown Christmas at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 15:** The Black Jacket Symphony Presents Elton John's "Madman Across the Water" at 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** Jim Brickman: Comfort & Joy at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 23:** Liverpool Legends Beatles Experience! at 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 25:** Michael W. Smith - Every Christmas at 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 5:** Christmas with Lorie Line at 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 22:** In the Christmas Mood with the Glenn Miller Orchestra at 7 p.m.



Irish Christmas in America will be at the Des Moines Civic Center on Nov. 23-24.  
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## NOCE

1326 Walnut St., Suite 100, Des Moines  
[nocedsm.com](http://nocedsm.com)

- **Oct. 4:** Voix De Ville: A Noce Folly from Max Wellman at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 6:** Fever: Gina Gedler Sings Peggy Lee with her band at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 6:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 11:** Voix De Ville: A Noce Folly from Max Wellman at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 18:** Voix De Ville: A Noce Folly from Max Wellman at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 19:** Bojangles: Napoleon Douglas sings the music of Sammy Davis Jr. with his orchestra at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 19:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 25:** Latin Night with Son Peruchos at 9 p.m.
- **Oct. 26:** Halloween with The Paul Lichty Jazz Orchestra at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 26:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 1:** Mike Conrad with the Iowa Jazz Composers Orchestra at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 2:** The Carson Parker Trio at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 2:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 8:** Pianist Ethan Iverson with his trio at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 9:** One Monkey Don't Stop No Show: Gina Gedler sings Bette Midler with her band at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 9:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.

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- **Nov. 15:** Nowhere with Love: The Max Wellman Big Band plays Harry Connick Jr. at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** Gabriel Espinosa: A Brazilian Night Music of Jobim and more at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 22:** Classic Ladies of Country with Joyann Parker at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 23:** The Joyann Parker Band at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 23:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 29:** Latin Night with Son Peruchos at 9 p.m.
- **Nov. 30:** The Nate Sparks Big Band at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 30:** Standard Time with Max Wellman at 9:30 p.m.

## WELLS FARGO ARENA

Wells Fargo Arena, 223 Center St., Des Moines  
iowaeventscenter.com

- **Oct. 5:** For King + Country: The Unsung Hero Tour at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 19:** Alabama: Roll on 2 North America Tour at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 24:** P!nk Live 2024 at 7 p.m.

## VIBRANT MUSIC HALL

2938 Grand Prairie Parkway, Waukee  
www.vibrantmusichall.com

- **Oct. 4:** Juvenile at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 8:** Colter Wall and Friends at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 11:** A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie at 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 19:** Seether & Skillet
- **Oct. 23:** The Black Crowes at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 25:** Bop to the Top Presents Best of Both Worlds Hannah Montana at 9 p.m.
- **Oct. 26:** Niko Moon at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 11:** King Diamond the Saint Lucifer's Hospital 1920 at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 14:** Kip Moore at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 21:** ZZ Top at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 20:** BABYMETAL at 8 p.m.

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- **Oct. 1:** Clutch and Rival Sons at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 3:** Quinn XCII at 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 4:** Sammy Rae and The Friends at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 12:** Briston Mahoney at 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 19:** The Psychedelic Furs and The Jesus and Mary Chain at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 21:** The Hu at 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 22:** Cold War Kids at 8 p.m.
- **Oct. 28:** Neck Deep at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 29:** Drive-By Truckers at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 6:** City and Color at 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 12:** The Plot In You at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 20:** Say Anything at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 21:** Old Crow Medicine Show at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 22:** Babytron and BLP Kosher at 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 24:** Here Come The Mummies at 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 26:** Underoath at 7:50 p.m.



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- **Oct. 4:** Gatecreeper
- **Oct. 5:** Miss May I
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- **Oct. 10:** Ernest
- **Oct. 11:** Mod Sun & Lovelytheband
- **Oct. 12:** The National Parks
- **Oct. 13:** Jukebox The Ghost
- **Oct. 16:** Benjamin Tod & Lost Dog Street Band
- **Oct. 18:** Stephen Wilson Jr.
- **Oct. 22:** Eggy
- **Oct. 23:** Redferrin
- **Oct. 24:** Danielle Nicole
- **Oct. 25:** Krizz Kaliko & Dizzy Wright
- **Oct. 26:** Emo Nite
- **Nov. 7:** Prince Daddy & The Hyena
- **Nov. 8:** Gary Gulman
- **Nov. 9:** Connor Smith
- **Nov. 13:** Exodus with special guests Havok, Candy and Dead Heat
- **Nov. 14:** Uncle Lucius
- **Nov. 16:** Ax & The Hatchetmen
- **Nov. 17:** Toni Romiti
- **Nov. 20:** Daisy Dukes & Cowboy Boots Tour featuring TVBOO
- **Nov. 21:** The Motet
- **Nov. 23:** Nate Smith
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- **Dec. 13:** Will Moseley & Colin Stough
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# EVENTS

A catch-all section of events in the area that are sure to make memories.

## October

**OCT. 5: Flannel Fest.** Local vendors inside the Dogpatch Urban Gardens will be stocked with all things autumn. Dogpatch Urban Gardens, 4600 N.W. 51st St., Des Moines; [www.dogpatchurbangardens.com](http://www.dogpatchurbangardens.com)

**OCT. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20: Apple and Pumpkin Festival.** Wagon rides, corn maze, corn pool and, of course, apple and pumpkin picking. From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays at Wills Family Orchard, 33130 Panther Creek Road, Adel; [willsfamilyorchard.com/apple-pumpkin-fest](http://willsfamilyorchard.com/apple-pumpkin-fest)

**OCT. 5: Middlebrook Fall Festival.** Food trucks, free face painting, farmers market and adult beverages. Middlebrook Farm, 4300 Cumming Ave., Cumming; [www.middlebrookfarm.com](http://www.middlebrookfarm.com)

**OCT. 5: Worldwide Food Truck Tour.** This food-filled tour stops in Des Moines with a wide range of food trucks and entertainment for the whole family. Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; [worldwidefoodtrucktours.com](http://worldwidefoodtrucktours.com)

**OCT. 5: Wauketoberfest.** Put on by the Waukee Area Historical Society, this day full of fun features live music, delicious German food, beer and an exciting stein-holding contest. Don't forget to wear traditional attire if you can. Downtown Waukee Triangle, Ashworth Drive and Sixth Street; [www.waukeechamber.com](http://www.waukeechamber.com)

**OCT. 7, 14: Zoo Brew.** Have a brew at the zoo. Blank Park Zoo, 7401 S.W. Ninth St., Des Moines; [www.blankparkzoo.com](http://www.blankparkzoo.com)

**OCT. 11: Preseason NBA game.** Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Philadelphia 76ers. Wells Fargo Arena, 730 Third St., Des Moines; [www.iowa.gleague.nba.com/preseason24](http://www.iowa.gleague.nba.com/preseason24)

**OCT. 11-13: Capital City Gaming Con.** Back with a new name is Des Moines' very own board game convention. Buy, play, test and enjoy board games of all types. Hilton Garden Inn, 205 S. 64 St., West Des Moines; [www.cardboardcaucus.com](http://www.cardboardcaucus.com)

**OCT. 12: Indigenous Iowans Day.** Explore the early cultures that shaped Iowa. Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; [www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org)

OCT. 12-13: MADISON COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL



Photo courtesy of Madison County Tourism

**OCT. 13, 26: 5K Fun Run.** The 2024 Iowa Brewery Running series continues through the fall at various breweries in central Iowa. All beginning at noon; [www.breweryrunningseries.com](http://www.breweryrunningseries.com)

**OCT. 12-13: Madison County Covered Bridge Festival.** Celebrate Madison County's history while also taking in its iconic covered bridges alongside food and art vendors, a car show, a parade and more. Starting at 9 a.m. at the Winterset Square, Winterset; [www.madisoncounty.com/covered-bridge-festival-2](http://www.madisoncounty.com/covered-bridge-festival-2)

**OCT. 18-20, 25-27: Living History Farms hosts a Family Halloween event.** Various start times, at 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; [lhf.org/event/halloween](http://lhf.org/event/halloween)

**OCT. 19-20: Great Iowa Pet Expo.** Adopt, shop, learn and contests for all pet lovers to enjoy. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive; [www.greatiowapetexpo.com](http://www.greatiowapetexpo.com)

**OCT. 20: IMT Des Moines Marathon.** Since 2002, the annual marathon has been taking participants on a run through Iowa's capital. 1001 Grand Ave., West Des Moines; [desmoinesmarathon.com](http://desmoinesmarathon.com)

**OCT. 26-27: Des Moines Comic and Toy Show.** This Halloween-themed event starts at 10 a.m. at Merle Hay Mall, 3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines; [www.quadcitycon.com](http://www.quadcitycon.com)

**OCT. 27: Des Moines Jazz Hall of Fame Gala.** Celebrate some of the city's jazz heroes from over the years, including John Krantz, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Community Jazz Center of Greater Des Moines, 1326 Walnut, Des Moines; [www.cjc-dsm.org](http://www.cjc-dsm.org)



**THROUGH OCT. 27: Phantom Fall Festival.** Every weekend in October, Adventureland hosts its fall festival with several haunted houses, ghosts, ghouls, goblins and more. 3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona; [www.adventurelandresort.com/discover-adventureland-resort/Phantom-Fall-Fest](http://www.adventurelandresort.com/discover-adventureland-resort/Phantom-Fall-Fest)

**OCT. 30: Beggars Night.** The night before Halloween is Beggars Night. Children in many area communities will be out and about performing tricks or asking for treats. From 6-8 p.m. in most neighborhoods.

## November

**NOV. 2: Junkin' Market Days.** Clive's craft, vendor and boutique shopping event. Horizon Events Center, 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive; [www.horizoneventscenter.com](http://www.horizoneventscenter.com)

**NOV. 2: 25th annual Red Tie Gala.** A benefit for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa. Don't forget to dress to impress. Community Choice Convention Center, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines; [www.rmhdsmoines.org](http://www.rmhdsmoines.org)

**NOV. 3: Pumpkin Destruction.** Smash 'em, toss 'em, break 'em and bust 'em. Center Grove Orchard, 32835 610th Ave., Cambridge; [www.centergroveorchard.com](http://www.centergroveorchard.com)

**NOV. 11: Living History Farms race.** Run for five miles and see 300 years of history. Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; [www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org)

**NOV. 15-17: Des Moines Holiday Boutique.** More than 200 vendors come together to create a fun, unique environment with the chance to purchase jewelry, gifts, food and more. Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; [www.desmoinesholidayboutique.com](http://www.desmoinesholidayboutique.com)

**NOV. 20: Fall Makers Market.** Local vendors, crafters, artisans and more will be available for your shopping needs right before the holidays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger; [www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market](http://www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market)

**NOV. 26: Christmas in Olde Town.** A holiday celebration in the heart of downtown Altoona. S.E. Second Street, Altoona; [www.visitaltoona.com](http://www.visitaltoona.com)

**NOV. 28: Des Moines Turkey Trot.** This 5K and 5-mile race takes over Des Moines on Thanksgiving and is regarded as one of the top trots in the country. Starting at 9 a.m. on Court Avenue; [www.desmoines turkeytrot.com](http://www.desmoines turkeytrot.com)

**NOV. 29: Winterset Festival of Lights.** Start the holiday season off right with live music, hot food and drinks, and an enchanting display of lights. From 5-8 p.m. at 73 Jefferson St., Winterset; [www.madisoncounty.com/special-events](http://www.madisoncounty.com/special-events)

NOV. 2: RED TIE GALA



Photo courtesy of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa

**NOV. 29 - DEC. 1: Festival of Trees and Lights.** Expertly decorated trees, local musicians, dance groups and a visit from Santa himself, all in the name of supporting Blank Children's Hospital. Iowa Events Center, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines; [www.unitypoint.org/giving/blank-childrens-hospital-foundation/ways-to-give/events/festival-of-trees-and-lights](http://www.unitypoint.org/giving/blank-childrens-hospital-foundation/ways-to-give/events/festival-of-trees-and-lights)

## December

**DEC. 6: Light Up Polk City** from 6-8 p.m. in the Polk City town square; [gopolkcit.com/light-up-polk-city](http://gopolkcit.com/light-up-polk-city)

**DEC. 5-8: Christkindlmarket.** Regional vendors selling old-world, hand-crafted products from wooden vendor stalls, lively performances of polka music, traditional dance and choirs in Yuletide Hall; children's activities; Glühwein (warm, mulled wine) and European beer. All at Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines; [www.christkindlmarketdsm.com](http://www.christkindlmarketdsm.com)

**DEC. 7: Family Christmas at Living History Farms.** 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; [www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org)

**DEC. 13-14: Winter Solstice Market.** Two-day indoor holiday shopping experience. 116 S. First Ave., Winterset Courthouse Square; [www.madisoncounty.com/special-events](http://www.madisoncounty.com/special-events)

**DEC. 14: Santa 5K Run.** 521 E. Locust St., Des Moines; [www.fleetfeet.com/s/desmoines](http://www.fleetfeet.com/s/desmoines)

**DEC. 14: Peppermint Trail.** Winter festival located along Ingersoll Avenue; [www.theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail](http://www.theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail)

**DEC. 14-15: QuadCon.** Comic convention featuring video games, comics, vintage magazines and more. Free entry after 2:30 p.m. at Merle Hay Mall, 3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines; [www.quadcitycon.com](http://www.quadcitycon.com)

**NOV. 29 through DEC. 29: Holiday Hullabaloo.** Experience a family-friendly holiday event with festivities and entertainment every weekend through the dates posted. Horizon Events Center, 10320 Hickman Road, Clive; [www.horizoneventscenter.com](http://www.horizoneventscenter.com)



# January

**SUNDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY: Tour the Historic Jordan House Museum,** 2001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines; [www.wdmhs.org/visit](http://www.wdmhs.org/visit)

**JAN. 4-5: 13th annual Iowa Diecast Toy Show.** Dealers from across the Midwest showcase an extensive range of die-cast toys and memorabilia. Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines; [www.agfarmtoys.com](http://www.agfarmtoys.com)

**JAN. 11: Indoor Garage Sale Extravaganza.** For both shoppers and sellers looking to get rid of extra items or turn someone else's trash into treasure. Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; [www.iowaeventscenter.com](http://www.iowaeventscenter.com)

**JAN. 11: Winter Wonderland Gala.** FFA Enrichment Center, 1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny; [www.ffaenrichmentcenter.com](http://www.ffaenrichmentcenter.com)

**JAN. 19: Nick Swardson: Toilet Head.** Famous standup comedian brings his act to Vibrant Music Hall, 2938 Grand Prairie Parkway, Waukee; [www.vibrantmusichall.com](http://www.vibrantmusichall.com)



Photo courtesy of Iowa Diecast Toy Show

**JAN. 25: Sal Vulcano: Everything's Fine Tour.** Known for his role as one of the Impractical Jokers, Sal Vulcano brings his standup comedy skills to the Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St.; [www.desmoinesperformingarts.org](http://www.desmoinesperformingarts.org)

**JAN. 27: Rook Room Open Play Game Night.** Choose from hundreds of games to play with your friends and family at SingleSpeed Brewing Des Moines Taproom, 303 Scott Ave.; [www.therookroom.com/events](http://www.therookroom.com/events)

# February

**FEB. 9: Iowa Files: The Underground Railroad in Iowa.** Learn about Iowa's role in the Underground Railroad. West Des Moines Public Library, 4000 Mills Civic Parkway; [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org)

**FEB. 13-16: Des Moines Home and Garden Show.** Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; [www.iowaeventscenter.com](http://www.iowaeventscenter.com)

**FEB. 14: Marc Maron performs standup comedy.** 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; [www.hoytsherman.org](http://www.hoytsherman.org)

**FEB. 14-15: 30th Winter Blues Fest.** Downtown Des Moines Marriott, 700 Grand Ave.; [www.cibs.org](http://www.cibs.org)

**FEB. 15: African Business Fair.** Drake University Olmsted Center, 2875 University Ave., Des Moines; [www.onevoicedsm.org](http://www.onevoicedsm.org)

**FEB. 15: A Celebration In Song.** The fourth annual collegiate invitational concert featuring the Des Moines Choral Society, Iowa State Singers and The Luther College Nordic Choir. St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High St., Des Moines; [www.dmchoral.org](http://www.dmchoral.org) ■

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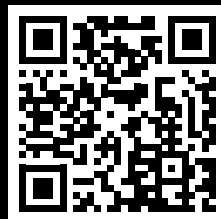
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