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BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

Over the past decade, the Des Moines metro grew by more than 110,000 residents. At a population increase of 18.6%, the U.S. Census Bureau deemed the Des Moines/West Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area the fastest-growing metro by percentage in the Midwest.

No longer is Iowa's humble state capital a well-kept secret — our region is attracting residents from across the nation and the globe. And with that population growth comes new businesses, new events and new activities.

Whether you're just visiting, recently moved to the area or were born and raised in central Iowa — we guarantee that you have yet to experience everything the metro offers. This edition of our semi-annual guide covers seasonal activities, live entertainment, unique diversions, retail and restaurants, ways to give back and more. Enjoy, and explore it.

Editor's note: While we strive for accuracy, last-minute changes are inevitable. Before visiting an event or attraction, be sure to verify location, scheduling and safety regulations, as well as potential ticket and registration requirements.

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explore ORCHARDS & pumpkin patches

If you didn't visit an orchard or a pumpkin patch, did autumn even happen?

CENTER GROVE ORCHARD

32835 610th Ave., Cambridge centergroveorchard.com

Thirty minutes north of Des Moines, Center Grove Orchard boasts a 20-acre apple orchard, 7-acre sunflower meadow, and 25-acre pumpkin patch. The Farmyard includes food stands and 25-plus family attractions including a corn pool, jumping pillows, hayrides, farm animals, corn maze, pedal tractors, apple slingshot and more. Don't forget to stop by the Country Store for a famous cider donut.

THE PUMPKIN RANCH

2425 Hiatt Apple Trail, Winterset thepumpkinranch.com

The Pumpkin Ranch has all the pumpkin patch staples - corn maze, hay rides, jump pillow, tunnel slides — plus toddler town and a farm ninja obstacle course. On specified Sundays during the season, visitors can enjoy free rope-led horseback rides. Open through Sunday, Oct. 30.

HOWELL'S GREENHOUSE & PUMPKIN PATCH

3145 Howell Court, Cumming

howellsgreenhouseandpumpkinpatch.com

Family owned and operated for six generations, Howell's is a fall favorite for many. Activities include a 7-acre corn maze, corn and pumpkin cannons, bathtub train, wagon rides, zipline and pony rides. And after all that fall fun, you'll need to come back during the summer, when you can cuddle and bottle-feed baby goats from their goat nursery.

PUMPKINVILLE & CORN MAZE

618 Center Ave. S., Mitchellville pumpkinvillecornmaze.com

Pumpkinville charges zero general admission to the farm. They offer a large and mini corn maze, saw train, tug-a-pumpkin, granary, sack races, hayrack rides and a football field. Groups can book a campfire — roast s'mores and hot dogs to your heart's content.



Activities at Center Grove include farm animals, train rides, rubber duck races and, of course, jumping pillows. Photo courtesy of Center Grove Orchard



Leashed dogs are welcome at Iowa Orchard's Granger location, which includes fields of sunflowers for visitors to pick through. Photo courtesy of Iowa Orchard

IOWA ORCHARD

9875 Meredith Drive, Urbandale 13140 N.W. 102nd Ave., Granger iowaorchard.com

Winton Etchen first opened Iowa Orchard in 1975, with its second location in Granger opening in 2014. The Urbandale location includes a pie bakery that is open year-round, plus a farm market, pumpkin patch and family fun zone. The Granger location offers "u-pick sunflowers" through October, plus seasonal apple and strawberrypicking. Dogs are allowed on leash at the Granger location during the fall.



UNCLE BILL'S FARM

244 400th Ave., Grinnell unclebillsfarm.com

Uncle Bill's Farm makes the drive worth it. For a quarter century, visitors have created fall memories with hayrack rides, giant mums, barnyard animals and more. Weekends feature entertainment in the Barn Loft and train rides for the little ones. Uncle Bill has also been in the chicken business for more than 40 years.

UPSTREAM GARDENS

5987 N.E. 88th St., Altoona

upstreamgardens.com

Upstream Gardens is not your typical pumpkin patch. Instead of the regular family activities, the gardens offer an admission-free, peaceful country environment. They sell fruit, produce, plants, beekeeping supplies, honey and beeswax products.



WILLS FAMILY ORCHARD

33130 Panther Creek Road, Adel willsfamilyorchard.com

The 19-member Wills family purchased land in Adel back in 1991. Now the farm consists of 60 acres total: 30 acres of timber, 6 acres of apple trees, 1 acre of peach trees, 4 acres of pumpkins and 1 acre of other produce including winter squash, melons and berries. Visit the farm during Apple & Pumpkin Fest, the first four weekends of October. ■

Festival weekends at Wills Family Orchard include hay wagon rides, corn maze, corn pool, slides, water pump duck races, grain wagon, hoops and toss games. Photo by Laura Willis Photography

explore INDOOR attractions

there's always something fun to do at these indoor attractions.

AR WORKSHOP

1631 S.W. Main St., Suite 104, Ankeny arworkshop.com/ankeny

Porch signs, canvas bags, Christmas ornaments, knit blankets — DIY fanatics will have hundreds of projects to choose from at AR workshop. They provide the materials, tools and instruction. Bring your own wine, beer and snacks to enjoy while you craft!



AR Workshop offers hands-on art classes and a boutique in Ankeny. Photo courtesy of Anders Ruff Workshop





THE OPERATING ROOM

1631 S.W. Main St., Suite 105, Ankeny 200 N.E. Westgate Drive, Waukee 5515 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 130, West Des Moines operatingroomarcade.com

Who said adults are too old for fun and games? With three metro locations, this bar arcade offers new and vintage games (pinball, anyone?) and a full bar with craft cocktails and slushies. All ages welcome until 7:30 p.m., then 21-plus only.

RICOCHET

400 Locust St., Suite 105, Des Moines ricochetdsm.com

Another bar-game combo, Ricochet is located in the heart of Des Moines. Free games include skee-ball, darts, bubble hockey, foosball, board games and cornhole. Premium games are available to play with a \$10 game pass: ping pong, billiards, rico-hammer, bumper pool and shuffleboard. For ages 21 and older.



explore INDOOR attractions

DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN

909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines dmbotanicalgarden.com

It's warm year-round in the Botanical Garden's impressive conservatory, standing at 80 feet tall and 150 feet wide. View the bonsai collection, rare plant species and flowers and greens from around the world. Don't forget to stop by the Trellis Café for lunch and enjoy their rotating menu of locally sourced plant-based dishes.

LUMBER AXE DSM

338 S.W. Sixth St., Des Moines

lumberaxedsm.com

Dust off that red flannel and head to Lumber Axe DSM. An axepert will teach you how to properly throw an axe without dismembering any of your friends. Throwers must be age 16 or older, then 21-plus after 9 p.m. Throwers as young as age 12 are welcome on Sundays. Featuring three concept bars and food.



The Des Moines Botanical Garden is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photo by KMP Photography

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Comedic celebrities like Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen Degeneres and Chris Rock have entertained Funny Bone crowds Photo courtesy of Funny Bone Comedy Club

FUNNY BONE COMEDY CLUB

560 S. Prairie View Drive, Suite 100, West Des Moines

desmoines.funnybone.com

Catch a show at a premier comedy club where many big names in entertainment have launched their careers. Shows are scheduled on most weekends, and audiences can order dinner at the venue.

SMASH ROOM IOWA

3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines smashroomiowa.com

Have you been harboring repressed rage? Release your anger at one of the smash rooms, where you can use heavy tools to destroy old appliances, windshields, bottles — you can even bring in your own items to smash. Or, tap into your creative and messy side in a splatter paint room.



Smash Room lowa offers a glow-in-the-dark splatter room experience. Photo courtesy of Smash Room lowa





explore EXERCISE inside

BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

Just because it's cold out doesn't mean you can't get your sweat on. If you're tired of the plain old gym, try these exercise alternatives.

BOWLING

Whether you strive to score a perfect game or have to use the gutter bumpers and one of those ramps — we're not judging — here are nine bowling alleys in the area:

- GAME DAY LANES: 3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines; gamedaylanes.com
- AIR LANES BOWLING CENTER: 4200 Fleur Drive, Des Moines; airlanesbowling.com
- VAL LANES RECREATION CENTER: 100 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines; vallanes.com
- BOWLERAMA LANES: 1313 E. Diehl Ave., Des Moines; bowleramalanes.com
- GREAT ESCAPE: 655 N.E. 56th St., Pleasant Hill; greatescapeiowa.com
- WARRIOR LANES: 190 S.E. Laurel St., Waukee; warriorlanes.com
- ADEL FAMILY FUN CENTER: 1526 Greene St., Adel: affcbowl.com
- B-ROLL BOWLING: 1580 S.W. Market St., Ankeny; bbtheatres.com
- UNCLE BUCK'S FISH BOWL AND GRILL: 1000 Bass Pro Drive N.W., Altoona; unclebucksfishbowlandgrill.com

SPARE TIME

340 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines sparetimeentertainment.com

Only open since January 2022, the metro's newest entertainment center not only features bowling, but also a laser tag area, restaurants and bars, and a state-of-the-art arcade.

CLIMB IOWA

150 E. Fourth St., Des Moines 3605 Miehe Drive, Grimes climbiowa.com

Climb Iowa is the state's largest indoor climbing and training gym. The Grimes location offers walls up to 37.5 feet tall and 200 routes and problems. The Des Moines location in the East Village is a bouldering-only facility with more than 80 problems for climbers to explore.



Waukee's Warrior Lanes offers open bowling, league bowling, glow bowling and other special events. Photo courtesy of Warrior Lanes



Climb Iowa offers rock climbing activities for all ages and abilities. Photo by Candace Chitwood

ROLLER SKATING

Skating is cool again — haven't you heard? Check websites for special events like adult night, half-price admission, skate school, roller derbies and more.

- SKATE SOUTH: 10494 County Line Road, Des Moines; skatesouth.com
- SKATELAND: 5621 Meredith Drive, Des Moines; skatelanddm.com



Roller Skating at Skate South. Photo by Lisa Treptow



Indoor pickleball at Smash Park. Photo submitted

SMASH PARK

6625 Coachlight Drive, West Des Moines smashpark.com

Hop on the pickleball bandwagon and reserve one of the four indoor courts at Smash Park. Paddles and balls are included in court reservations. Smash Park also offers pickleball leagues, clinics, lessons and tournaments, plus indoor setups of Iowa's beloved sport: bags (or cornhole — let the debate begin).

TRAMPOLINE PARKS

Whether you like dodgeball, basketball or just plain old jumping up and down, trampoline parks abound in the Des Moines metro. It's a hopping good time!

- URBAN AIR: 2829 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny; urbanair.com/iowa-ankeny
- SKY ZONE: 1300 S.E. Gateway Drive, Suite 103, Grimes; skyzone.com/desmoines
- GET AIR: 3799 86th St., Urbandale; getairsports.com/des-moines ■



On top of open jump trampolines, Sky Zone includes an air-filled multi-court (pictured), dodgeball, warrior course and more. Photo courtesy of Sky Zone



explore MAKING BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS WARRING WARRIN

skills or simply your finances, explore these nonprofits in Des Moines that allow you to give back.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL IOWA

9051 Swanson Blvd., Clive bbbsia.org

Mentor a child in the community and make a difference as a "Defender of Potential." As a Big Brother or Big Sister, you'll be paired with a Little for a minimum of one year. Opportunities include school-based programs providing help with school assignments, community programs doing fun activities, and mentoring a child as a Big Duo or Big Family.

DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

100 Army Post Road, Des Moines dmarcunited.org

As an interfaith organization, DMARC works to meet the basic human needs in the greater Des Moines community. Volunteers can support this mission by working the mobile food pantry, volunteering at various special events, or sorting, delivering and picking up food donations.



While Bigs and Littles are paired for a year at minimum, some matches continue until the child graduates from high school. Photo courtesy of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America



Ongoing volunteer opportunities at Hope Ministries include meal serving, teaching classes, working at the thrift store and more. During the holidays, they'll need 100-plus volunteers to help assemble and deliver meals around the Des Moines area. Photo courtesy of Hope Ministries

HOPE MINISTRIES

Locations in Des Moines and Urbandale hopeiowa.org

Each year, Hope Ministries uses more than 2,000 volunteers across its many ministry centers. Bethel Mission provides shelter and essentials for homeless men. Door of Faith provides residential life recovery for men. Hope Center for Women and Children provides single women and mothers with compassion and safe refuge. Hope Cafe provides free meals 365 days a year. Finally, revenue from two thrift stores support the ministry's programs.



Thousands participate in the Annual Hunger Fight (pictured), but meal-packing volunteer shifts are available weekly at Patty Cownie Packaging Center in West Des Moines. Photo courtesy of Meals from the Heartland

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

357 Lincoln St., West Des Moines mealsfromtheheartland.org

Since its inception in 2008, Meals from the Heartland has provided more than 183 million meals to the hungry worldwide. Meals packed by volunteers are delivered everywhere, from children in Haiti to those right here in West Des Moines. On top of packagers, those who wish to further their volunteering can join support staff as a Pack Master, Event Greeter or a member of the Bucket Brigade.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Two locations in Des Moines rmhdesmoines.org

Through RMHC, families with sick children have a place to stay near the hospital. Volunteers can sign up to provide a hot meal for families, clean the facilities, fill freezers with casseroles, create holiday surprises and serve at fundraising events throughout the year. RMHC has locations with Blank Children's Hospital and MercyOne Children's Hospital.

Visit volunteeriowa.com to find even more ways to give back in the metro and beyond.

YMCA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CAMPUS

2 S.W. Ninth St., Des Moines

dmymca.org/locations/supportive-housing-campus

The YMCA works to eliminate homelessness by providing housing for 140 men and women. Their "Housing First" model helps people who are homeless, or at-risk, move into stable and secure permanent housing. Case management, transportation assistance, food/clothing/hygiene pantries, rental assistance and other services help residents meet their basic needs and reach their life goals. Volunteers can serve home-cooked meals, organize fun activities for residents or help with facility maintenance as a "Worker Bee."



Volunteers are able to put baskets together full of essential items to set up new residents for success when they move in. Photo courtesy of YMCA Supportive Housing Campus



explore WINTER wonderland

BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

When the weather outside is frightful, being outdoors can still be delightful with these winter activities.

BRENTON SKATING PLAZA

520 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines brentonplaza.com

Glide your way through a good time — and an excellent workout. Brenton Skating Plaza offers open-air skating with a stunning view of the Des Moines skyline along the Des Moines River. Admission is \$9.50 for adults, \$5.75 for children and seniors, and free for those younger than age 5. Don't have skates of your own? Rent a pair for \$4.50. Open starting Nov. 18, with skating clinics held throughout the season.



Brenton Skating Plaza is open for ice skating from mid-November to March each season. Photo courtesy of Catch Des Moines



Waukee's Grant Park houses one of several community skating rinks around central lowa. Photo courtesy of City of Waukee

MORE COMMUNITY ICE RINKS

If you have your own skates, these community ice rinks offer free or inexpensive skating options once the weather allows. Be sure to check posted signs and flags before getting on the ice.

- RIVER VALLEY PARK, 1200 E. 13th St., Ames
- SUNRISE PARK, 506 S.E. Peterson Drive, Ankeny
- GREENWOOD PARK POND, 100 45th St., Des Moines
- MACRAE PARK POND, 1021 Davis Ave., Des Moines
- WITMER PARK POND, 610 34th St., Des Moines
- INDIANOLA ACTIVITY CENTER, 2204 W. Second Ave., Indianola
- JOHNSTON TOWN CENTER, 6245 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- JOHNSTON COMMONS, 6700 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- CROSSHAVEN PARK, 7909 N.W. 95th St., Johnston
- CHARLES GABUS MEMORIAL TREE PARK, 3600 86th St., Urbandale
- METRO SPORTS FACILITY, 5100 N.W. 72nd St., Urbandale
- GRANT PARK, 605 S.E. Driftwood Lane, Waukee
- RACCOON RIVER PARK, 2500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines
- VALLEY ICE PLAZA, 4444 Fuller Road, West Des Moines

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SLEDDING HILLS

If there's a hill, there's a way. Ready, set, wheeeeeeee!

- · LIONS PARK, 507 13th Ave. S.W., Altoona
- NORTHCREEK PARK, 2301 W. First St., Ankeny
- OTTER CREEK GOLF COURSE, 4100 N.E. Otter Creek Drive, Ankeny
- CAMPBELL PARK, 12385 Woodlands Parkway, Clive
- COUNTRY CLUB GLEN PARK, 16335 Sheridan Ave., Clive
- MERCY WEST CLINIC, 1601 N.W. 114th St., Clive
- BLANK GOLF COURSE, 808 County Line Road, Des Moines
- GRANDVIEW GOLF COURSE, 2401 E. 29th St., Des Moines
- · CAPITOL HILL, 1111 E. Court Ave., Des Moines
- EWING PARK, 5300 Indianola Ave., Des Moines
- GREENWOOD PARK, 4500 Grand Ave., Des Moines
- MACRAE PARK, 1021 Davis Ave., Des Moines
- UNION PARK, 725 Thompson Ave., Des Moines
- WAVELAND GOLF COURSE, 4908 University Ave., Des Moines
- BEAVERCREEK ELEMENTARY, 8701 Lyndhurst Drive, Johnston
- POINTE VISTA PARK, 9612 Enfield Drive, Johnston
- DOANES PARK, 5050 Doanes Park Road, Pleasant Hill
- WINTER PARK, 5110 N.W. 72nd St., Urbandale
- WARRIOR PARK & SLEDDING HILL, 1050 Fourth St., Waukee
- JORDAN CREEK ELEMENTARY, 4501 Fuller Road, West Des Moines
- PEARSON PARK, 1256 19th St., West Des Moines
- SOUTHWOODS PARK, 350 S. 35th St., West Des Moines

Dozens of Des Moines area hills make for the perfect sledding experience. Photo by Brendal Beale via Unsplash

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

We may lack hills here in the Midwest, but that doesn't mean you can't swish and swoosh along the snow. Check out these popular trails for cross-country skiing:

- BIG GREEK STATE PARK, Polk City
- CHICHAQUA BOTTOMS GREENBELT, Maxwell
- RACCOON RIVER VALLEY TRAIL, Waukee to Jefferson
- WALNUT WOODS STATE PARK, West Des Moines Don't have your own skis? The following places offer ski rentals as well as great routes:
- VOAS NATURE AREA, Minburn, 515-465-3577
- JESTER PARK, Granger, 515-323-5330; also offers snowshoe rentals

SEVEN OAKS

1086 222nd Drive, Boone

sevenoaksrec.com

Find all sorts of winter recreation less than an hour drive from downtown Des Moines. Seven Oaks offers skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing and more fun activities. Rent equipment on site, and if it's your first time on the slopes, visitors ages 7 and older can take free mini ski and snowboard lessons.



Seven Oaks is a popular destination for all manner of winter sports on the slopes. Photo courtesy of Seven Oaks

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Make the most of the holidays with these magical places to view light displays. Check website links for specific dates and admission fees — many are free.

JOLLY HOLIDAY LIGHTS Adventureland Park 3300 Adventureland Drive, Altoona jollyholidaylights.org

GINGERBREAD LANE
S.E. Richland Court, Ankeny
Facebook @ Gingerbread Lane Ankeny IA

PRAIRIE RIDGE CHURCH 825 N.W. 36th St., Ankeny ridgelife.org

WINTER WONDERLIGHTS Uptown Ankeny 715 W. First St., Ankeny uptownankeny.org

BEAVERDALE
Ashby and Wallace Avenues
near Beaver Avenue, Des Moines
beaverdale.org

FIRST CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE 2200 Beaver Ave., Des Moines firstchurchdsm.org

SANTA'S ROCK N LIGHTS Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale santasrocknlights.com

HISTORIC VALLEY JUNCTION Fifth Street, West Des Moines valleyjunction.com

LIGHTS IN THE HEIGHTS
Franklin Avenue, Marylynn Drive,
72nd Street and other Windsor Heights
streets
windsorheightsfoundation.org

WINTER WONDERSCAPE 1407 University Blvd., Ames reimangardens.com



An Ankeny neighborhood collects canned goods and donations for the Food Bank of Iowa during their annual "Gingerbread Lane" holiday lights display. Photo courtesy of Gingerbread Lane Neighbors





explore HOPPING happy hours

The sun may be setting earlier every day, but happy hour is just getting started.

MAGEE'S IRISH PUB

1610 S.W. Main St., Ankeny mageesirishpub.com

Find an authentic Irish pub in The District at Prairie Trail. Happy hour is 2-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and features \$4 domestic bottles, \$5 draught pints, \$1 off select wines, \$4 wells and \$8 select appetizers. Weekend brunch is 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

MISTRESS BREWING COMPANY

1802 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 110, Ankeny mistressbrewing.com

Receive \$1 off pints (any full pour) and \$2 off flights all day Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 3-6 p.m. Fridays. Don't miss their brunch buffet featuring a specialty drink list on Sunday mornings, 10 a.m to 3 p.m.



Mistress Brewing Company offers \$2 off flights during happy hour. Photo by Daniel Cunningham



Select \$6 appetizers during Bubba's happy hour, which includes deviled eggs topped with pecan-smoked bacon and paprika. Photo courtesy of Orchestrate Hospitality

BUBBA

200 10th St., Des Moines bubbadsm.com

Southern comfort food and cuisines, craft cocktails and bourbon whiskey. From 2-6 p.m. on Sunday through Friday, enjoy \$6 select small plate appetizers and \$6 select liquors, draft beers and wines.

CHEESE BAR

2925 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines cheesebardsm.com

It's cheesy in the best way: cast-iron mac and cheese, house-made charcuterie, grilled cheese and more. Enjoy \$5 glasses of champagne and sparkling wine and \$5 bites during Bubbles & Bites, Tuesday through Friday, 2-5 p.m.

DJANGO

1420 Locust St., Des Moines

djangodesmoines.com

This French brasserie-style eatery offers happy hour daily from 4-6 p.m. and all night through close on Tuesdays: a la carte oysters and shrimp, discounted cheese and charcuterie platters, small plate appetizers and \$5 classic martinis and select beers and wines.

MALO

900 Mulberry St., Des Moines malodesmoines.com

Nuevo Latino cuisine in an art-deco firehouse? Yes, please! Half-priced margaritas and sangria from 3-6 p.m. on weekdays, \$3 a la carte tacos (chicken tinga or carne molida) all day Tuesdays, and our favorite: half-priced margaritas every Wednesday, all day.

THE WALNUT

1417 Walnut St., Des Moines walnutdsm.com

A food-truck-turned-restaurant offering sandwiches, burgers, bowls, tacos and salads. Happy hour is 3-6 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday with \$1 off hard drinks. All-day specials include \$2.50 draft beer pours on Tuesdays, \$2.50 well drinks on Wednesdays and \$5 mules on Thursdays.

THE NEW NORTHWESTERN

321 E. Walnut St., Des Moines

thenewnorthwestern.com

Regular happy hour is 3-6 p.m. on weekdays, with reverse happy hour from 8-10 p.m. Order half-price flatbreads from 5-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and half-price glasses of wine all night Wednesdays. Thursday is Ladies' Night: groups of four or more ladies can enjoy free charcuterie, \$7 mules, \$7 sangria and half-priced espresso martinis.



Margarita options at Malo include a choice of agua fresca: lime, raspberry, mango, blueberry, strawberry, white peach, tamarind, passionfruit, hibiscus or jalapeño. Photo courtesy of Orchestrate Hospitality

DESTINATION GRILLE

2491 E. First St., Grimes destinationgrille.com

As they like to say at Destination Grille, "arrive by five" and enjoy \$3 domestic cans and \$5 Tito's, fries, cheese bread, and chicken strips. Monday to Saturday, 3-5 p.m.

THE HILLS BAR AND GRILL

4830 Maple Drive, Suite 3, Pleasant Hill thehillsbarandgrill.com

Happy hour at The Hills runs 3-6 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday. Enjoy \$1 off draft beer, well liquor and wine glasses, \$5 off wine bottles, \$5 house margaritas, and buy one get one half off appetizers.



9500 University Ave., Suite 1101, West Des Moines facebook.com/PotsAndShotslowa

Cocktail happy hour at this bar-plant shop combo runs from 2-6 p.m. every day, minus Saturday, featuring \$5 to \$7 drink specials. On Saturdays, the store boasts "Planty Happy Hour," with 25% off the genus of the week.



\$7 appetizers during Urban Cellar's happy hour include a plate of fried zucchini strips, drizzled with a garlic aioli and topped with Parmesan cheese. Photo submitted

URBAN CELLAR

640 S. 50th St., Suite 2110, West Des Moines urbancellarwdm.com

From 3-6 p.m. on Monday to Friday, this family-owned and operated restaurant offers \$3 domestic beer, \$5 glasses of house wine, \$5 and \$6 select cocktails and \$7 select appetizers. Afterwards, check out Urban Market next door, offering wine, cheese, treats and baked goodies.

explore LOCAL

BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

Want to get your shopping on but don't know where to start? Try these favorite small business retailers in the area, according to CITYVIEW's Best Of Des Moines Readers' Poll in 2022.

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HISTORIC VALLEY JUNCTION

Along Fifth Street in West Des Moines www.valleyjunction.com

Dozens of locally owned businesses call this quaint historic district home. Looking for your newest outfit, creative costume, craft supply, statement furniture piece, unique antique or the perfect gift? Valley Junction has it all — and more. Voted "Best Shopping District."

BING'S

213 Fifth St., West Des Moines bingsdsm.com

Voted "Best Valley Junction Store" as well as "Best Local Gift Shop" for several years running, Bing's sells "things that make people happy" like games, art poles, gifts and books. A mother-anddaughter duo operate the store alongside shop pup, Penny, who adds an extra boost of joy.



Val and Victoria Veiock operate local gift and goody store Bing's, named after Val's childhood nickname.



Many Hands donates proceeds from its four thrift stores — three in the Des Moines Metro — to Many Hands for Haiti. Photo submitted

PRYSM JEWELRY & PIERCING

13101 University Ave., Suite 2, Clive prysmpiercing.com

Prysm scored the big one in CITYVIEW's 2022 poll: "Best Local Store (Overall)," not to mention "Best Local Jewelry Store." By appointment only, local experts help patrons customize their pieces and provide a safe and worry-free piercing experience.

MANY HANDS THRIFT MARKET

Locations in Grimes, Clive and Des Moines manyhandsthrift.com

Find gently used clothing, furniture, home decor and other items at Many Hands, as well as Haitian products like handmade metal art, jewelry and coffee. All proceeds from the thrift store benefit its nonprofit, Many Hands for Haiti. Voted "Best Local Thrift Shop" and runner-up for "Best Local Store (Overall)."

SUZY'S KITCHEN & GIFTS

4830 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill 801 Bass Pro Drive, Suite 638, Altoona suzyskitchenandgifts.com

Voted "Best New Local Store," Suzy's colorful shop offers all the kitchen basics, plus fun gifts: toys, bibs, books, puzzles, games, journals, Warmies, tumblers, mugs and more from 80 different suppliers. A second location recently opened at the Outlets of Des Moines on Sept. 1.



Owner Suzette Henriksen first opened Suzy's Kitchen & Gifts online in early 2020 and now operates two physical locations. Photo submitted

THE LEARNING POST

2761 100th St., Urbandale learningposttoys.com.

Since 1977, The Learning Post has been supplying local educators and parents with hard-to-find learning materials. Now, their inventory also includes fun products like bath toys, board games, gadgets, musical instruments, puzzles and stuffed toys. Voted "Best Local Children's Store" by CITYVIEW readers.

WORN

857 42nd St., Des Moines 5515 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 160, **West Des Moines**

thewornstore.com

A modern resale boutique for women located in West Glen Town Center and the Shops at Roosevelt shopping mall. Sell your unwanted items and update your wardrobe in one place. Voted "Best Local Resale/Consignment Boutique" and runner-up for "Best West Glen Store." ■



Enter through its unassuming exterior, and visitors will find a large dinosaur within The Learning Post. Photo submitted



explore SPORTS

BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

Fall and winter sports are back — buckle up. Not all games had been scheduled as Explore Des Moines went to press, so scan QR codes to view the most current schedules.

IOWA WILD

Wells Fargo Arena 233 Center St., Des Moines

iowawild.com

Just one step below the National Hockey League (NHL), you'll find the American Hockey League (AHL) — and the Iowa Wild professional ice hockey team. The team is the AHL affiliate of the NHL's Minnesota Wild.





Des Moines Buccaneers. Photo by Dynamic Motion

McKinley Wright IV, pictured, splits playtime between the lowa Wolves and Minnesota Timberwolves. Photo courtesy of Iowa Wolves

DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

Buccaneer Arena 7201 Hickman Road, Urbandale bucshockey.com

The Bucs are a member of the United States Hockey League (USHL), the only Tier 1 Junior Hockey League in the country. Keep an eye out for their new home arena coming to Merle Hay Mall, scheduled for completion in the 2023-2024 season.





IOWA WOLVES

Wells Fargo Arena 233 Center St., Des Moines iowa.gleague.nba.com

Des Moines' pro basketball team plays in the Western Conference of the NBA G League. They were known as the Iowa Energy until their purchase by the Minnesota Timberwolves in 2017.







Women's basketball at Drake University. Photo by Luke Lu

DRAKE BASKETBALL

Knapp Center, 2601 Forest Ave., Des Moines • godrakebulldogs.com
The Drake University Bulldogs compete in NCAA Division I
basketball in the Missouri Valley Conference. The men are coached
by Darian DeVries and women by Allison Pohlman.

SCAN FOR MEN'S SCHEDULE



SCAN FOR WOMEN'S SCHEDULE







explore SPORTS

IOWA STATE BASKETBALL

Hilton Coliseum 1705 Center Drive, Ames cyclones.com

The Cyclone basketball teams compete in the Big 12 Conference. Nonconference men's home games are:

- Nov. 7 vs. IUPUI
- Nov. 13 vs. North Carolina A&T
- Nov. 20 vs. Milwaukee
- **Nov. 30** vs. North Dakota
- **Dec. 4** vs. St. John's
- Dec. 11 vs. McNeese State
- Dec. 18 vs. Western Michigan
- Dec. 21 vs. Omaha









lowa State University football at Jack Trice Stadium. Photo courtesy of Iowa State Athletics

IOWA STATE FOOTBALL

Jack Trice Stadium, 1732 S. Fourth St., Ames • cyclones.com Iowa State plays NCAA Division-1 FBS football, coached by Matt Campbell. This season's home games, times to be announced:

- Oct. 8 vs. Kansas State
- Oct. 29 vs. Oklahoma
- Nov. 5 vs. West Virginia
- Nov. 19 vs. Texas Tech









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FIRST FRIDAY **OPEN STUDIO EVENTS** 5-8 pm Every Month Family-Friendly Free

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DRAKE RELAYS

Drake Stadium 2719 Forest Ave., Des Moines godrakebulldogs.com

Elite athletes, including current and future Olympians, gather in Des Moines for the annual Drake Relays. The outdoor track and field event earned a Silver Level status on the World Athletics Continental Tour, only one of two U.S. competitions to do so. The 113th Drake Relays will be held April 26-29, 2023.



IHSAA & IGHSAU FINALS

Various dates/locations

iahsaa.org & ighsau.org

Watch the best of the best of Iowa's high school athletes at these Des Moines-area Iowa high school championships and tournaments:

- Nov. 11-12: Girls state swimming and diving meet, Marshalltown YMCA/YWCA
- Feb. 15-18: Boys state wrestling championships, Wells Fargo Arena
- Feb. 27 March 4: Girls state basketball tournament, Wells Fargo Arena
- March 6-10: Boys state basketball tournament, Wells Fargo Arena
- May 18-20: Boys & girls state track & field championships, Drake Stadium ■



lowa high school state wrestling championships at Wells Fargo Arena in 2022. Photo courtesy IHSAA and Jolesch Enterprises







BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

From classical music to classic rock, find a concert to attend this fall and winter. More are being scheduled every day, so be sure to check back with venue websites.

DES MOINES CIVIC CENTER

Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines

dmpa.org

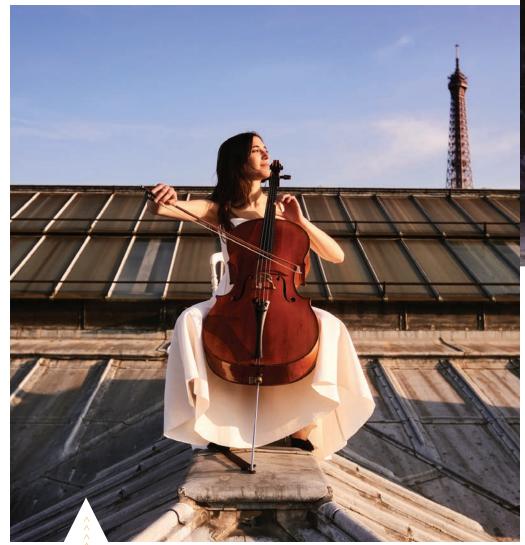
- Nov. 13: Joe Bonamassa at 8 p.m.
- **Dec. 23:** Mannheim Steamroller Christmas at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21: Collision of Rhythm at 11 a.m.
- March 4: 123 Andres at 11 a.m.

DES MOINES COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Sheslow Auditorium, 2507 University Ave., Des Moines

desmoinescommunityorchestra.org

- Oct. 30: John Williams iconic film scores will be honored. Preconcert talk at noon and concert at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Handel's "Messiah" will be performed at 2 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 3700 Cottage Grove Ave., Des Moines
- Feb. 12: John Henderson and friends are special guests at this 2 p.m. concert
- May 21: Jazz and big band classics will be featured at DMCO's spring concert at 2 p.m., with guests, CJC Big Band



Franco-Belgian cellist Camille Thomas will join the Des Moines Symphony for "April in Paris" at the Des Moines Civic Center, April 22-23, 2023. Photo by Dan Carabas

DES MOINES SYMPHONY

Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines dmsymphony.org

- Oct. 15: "The Music of Queen"
- Oct. 22-23: "The Firebird"
- Nov. 19-20: "The Planets"
- Dec. 31: "New Year's Eve Pops: Frank & The Great Ladies of Song"
- Jan. 27-28: "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire™ in Concert"
- Feb. 4-5: "Mahler 5"
- March 11-12: "St. Clair Conducts Tchaikovsky"
- April 22-23: "April in Paris"
- May 6: "An Evening with Kelli O'Hara"
- May 13-14: "Season Finale: Giunta Conducts Rachmaninoff"



Steve Vai — guitarist, composer and producer — performs the "Inviolate Tour" at Hoyt Sherman Place on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Photo by Larry DiMarzio

HOYT SHERMAN PLACE

1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines hoytsherman.org

- Oct. 2: Jeremy Camp in his "I Still Believe" tour at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7: Joe Satriani performs the "Earth Tour" at 8 p.m.
- Oct. 13: The Manhattan Transfer with the DIVA Jazz Orchestra at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27: We the Kingdom at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Lindsay Buckingham at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3: Craig Morgan at 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 12:** The Black Jacket Symphony performs Led Zeppelin IV at 8 p.m.
- Nov. 14: Indigo Girls at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Dropkick Murphys at 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 22: Steve Vai performs the "Inviolate Tour" at 8 p.m.
- **Dec. 3:** Christmas with Jim McDonough and His Orchestra at 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15: An Intimate Christmas with Lorie Line at 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 16:** Shaun Johnson & the Big Band Experience at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Tonic Sol-fa a capella quartet at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22: Michael W. Smith at 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 13:** Bruce Cockburn at 8 p.m.
- March 20: Amy Grant at 7:30 p.m.







1235 Thomas Beck Rd., Des Moines

CONFLUENCEBREWING.COM



Three Dog Night performs at Stephens Auditorium on Oct. 6. Photo submitted

EXPLORE MORE

There are more live music events happening around Des Moines than we could possibly list. Check out these other live music venues:



Enjoy cocktails and live jazz music at Noce, Wednesday through Saturday evenings. No cover charge during "Jazz on the House" on Thursday evenings. Photo courtesy of Noce

CAPTAIN ROY'S

1900 Saylor Road, Des Moines captainroys.com

GAS LAMP

1501 Grand Ave., Des Moines gaslampdm.com

GREENWOOD LOUNGE 3707 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines 515-277-1219

HORIZON EVENTS CENTER 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive horizoneventscenter.com

LEFTY'S LIVE MUSIC 2307 University Ave., Des Moines leftyslivemusic.com

NOCE

1326 Walnut St., Suite 100, Des Moines nocedsm.com

PRAIRIE MEADOWS

1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona prairiemeadows.com/events

VAL AIR BALLROOM

301 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines valairdsm.com

XBK LIVE

1159 24th St., Des Moines xbklive.com

WOOLY'S

504 E. Locust St., Des Moines woolysdm.com

STEPHENS AUDITORIUM

1900 Center Drive, Ames center.iastate.edu

- Oct. 6: Three Dog Night at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30: Goo Goo Dolls in their "Chaos in Bloom" tour at 8 p.m.
- Nov. 13: Nathan Carter at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 29: MANIA: The ABBA Tribute at 8 p.m.
- March 4: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. a tribute to Aretha Franklin at 7:30 p.m.
- March 5: Ireland with Michael at 7 p.m.
- March 21: Red Hot Chilli Pipers at 7 p.m.

TEMPLE THEATER

1011 Locust St., Des Moines dmpa.org

- Oct. 13: Beausoleil at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9: Kathy Mattea at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11: Moors & McCumber at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13: Amy Helm at 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 5:** Irish Christmas in America at 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13: Somi Kakoma at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26: Larry McCray at 6:30 p.m.
- March 15: Tuba Skinny at 7:30 p.m.
- March 23: Shayna Steele at 7:30 p.m.
- April 15: Gina Chavez at 7:30 p.m.
- **April 28:** Benny Benack III Quartet at 7:30 p.m.

WELLS FARGO ARENA

223 Center St., Des Moines

iowaeventscenter.com

- Oct. 27: Jason Aldean's "Rock n' Roll Cowboy Tour" with Chase Rice, John Morgan and Dee Jay Silver at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** Hillsong United and Chris Tomlin at 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 17:** The Eagles in the "Hotel California 2022 Tour" at 8 p.m.
- Dec. 7: Five Finger Death Punch and Brantley Gilbert with special guest Cory Marks at 6:30 p.m.

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BY SOFIA LEGASPI DICKENS

Theatre, festivals, art, fun runs — and everything in between.

October

SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER: Downtown Des Moines Farmers Market from 8 a.m.

to noon. desmoinesfarmersmarket.com
WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER: Phantom

Fall Fest every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Adventureland Park. Enjoy family-friendly thrills during the day, then — when the sun goes down — scream your way through four haunted houses and three scare zones. 3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona; adventurelandresort.com

OCT. 1: Middlebrook Farm Fall Fest with free pumpkin decorating and face painting, plus a food truck, farmers market vendors and crafts for kids. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 4300 Cumming Ave., Cumming; middlebrookfarm.com

OCT. 1: Oktoberfest at Reclaimed Rails Brewing Co., 101 Main St. S.E., Bondurant; reclaimedrailsbrewing.com

OCT. 1: Polk City Fall Fest with a farmers market, food stands, inflatables, corn dig, pumpkin decorating and more in the Polk City town square from 3-7 p.m.; gopolkcity.com/fallfest

OCT. 2: Windsor Heights Book

Fair celebrates more than a dozen local authors at this first annual event, noon to 6 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, 1141 69th St., Windsor Heights; facebook.com/WindsorHeightsBookFair

OCT. 5: BrownWinick Art of Wine Dinner. Delicious food paired with natural wine, inspired by different art pieces. 6 p.m. at the Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines; winefestdesmoines.com/events

OCT. 7, NOV. 18, DEC. 16: Family Fun Night at 6 p.m. at Jester Park Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center; 12112 N.W. 128th St., Granger; polkcountyiowa. gov/conservation/events

OCT. 7-8: Halloweenapalooza at the Bridge View Center of Ottumwa. Zombie walk, costume contest, live music,



A spooky annual tradition, Halloween on the Hill, showcases the best displays in the Sherman Hill neighborhood. Photo courtesy of Sherman Hill Association

horror film celebrities and internationally recognized film festival. 5-11 p.m. on Friday, noon to midnight on Saturday. 102 Church St., Ottumwa; halloweenapalooza.com

OCT. 7-9: "The Book of Mormon" at Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

OCT. 8: Cars and Coffee from 8-11 a.m. at 5901 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines; carsandcoffeedsm.com

OCT. 8: Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Sports Complex, 750 S. James St., Grimes; grimesiowa.gov

OCT. 8: Community Table: Storytelling & Local Food Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Franklin Avenue Library, 5000 Franklin Ave., Des Moines; dmpl.org/events

OCT. 8: Raccoon River Rally festival with cardboard boat races, fun zone, food trucks, beverage tent, business expo and live music. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Raccoon River Park, 2500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines; wdmchamber.org/raccoon-river-rally

OCT. 8: Bill Burr (Slight Return) comedy tour at 7 p.m. at Wells Fargo Arena; 223 Center St., Des Moines; iowaeventscenter.com **OCT. 8: Moonlight Seed Harvest** with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Polk County Conservation. Gather for a meal and storytelling from Iowa's indigenous people, then harvest and restore the prairie by the light of the moon. 4-7:30 p.m. at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt, 11204 N.E. 118th Ave., Maxwell; inhf.org/events

OCT. 8: High Trestle Hawk Watch guided by expert birders at the High Trestle Trail's main viewing platform. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closest parking is 2335 QF Lane, Madrid; inhf.org/events

OCT. 8: Eat.Drink.Architecture, a three-hour tour through the Drake Neighborhood, starting at the University Library Cafe, 3506 University Ave., Des Moines; iowaarchfoundation.com

OCT. 8: Wauktoberfest from 5-11 p.m. German cuisine, polka band, beer garden and music. Downtown Triangle at Ashworth Drive and Sixth Street; facebook.com/ WaukeeAreaHistoricalSociety

OCT. 8-9: Madison County Covered Bridge Festival in Winterset; madisoncounty.com/covered-bridgefestival-2

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OCT. 13: Ship, Shop & Stroll at The District at Prairie Trail, S.W. District Drive, Ankeny; the district pt.com

OCT. 14: Gallery Night showcasing local and international artists across several Valley Junction galleries. 5-9 p.m. along 100 to 300 blocks of Fifth Street, West Des Moines; valleyjunction.com/events

OCT. 14-16: Iowa Home Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Varied Industries Building, 3000 East Grand Ave., Des Moines; iowahomeexpo.com

OCT. 14-15: Fall Bulb Market featuring more than 100 unique bulb varieties selected by Botanical Garden horticulturists and volunteers. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com

OCT. 14-16: "Annie Jr." by the Penguin Project at Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; dmplayhouse.com

OCT. 15-16: Great lowa Pet Expo gathering pet-lovers for entertainment, tradeshow, adoptions, education, shopping and lots of cuddles. 4-H Exhibits Building, Logan Ave., Des Moines; greatiowapetexpo.com

OCT. 15-29: Family Halloween at Living History Farms offers historic trick-or-treating, pumpkin bowling, story-telling and horse-drawn wagon rides. Check website for dates and times. 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; Ihf.org

OCT. 16: IMT DSM Marathon and half-marathon, plus the Bankers Trust Marathon Relay, Principal 5K Road Race and MercyOne Children's Hospital Kids Run. desmoinesmarathon.com

OCT. 16: Geocache Pumpkin Hunt at 1 p.m. at Yellow Banks Park, Prairieview Shelter, 6801 S.E. 32nd Ave. Pleasant Hill; polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/events

OCT. 20, OCT. 27, NOV. 3: Sip &

Shop after work hours, with activities and beverages at participating stores. Along Fifth Street in Historic Valley Junction, West Des Moines; valleyjunction.com/events

OCT. 20-22, 27-29: "Salem" by Ballet Des Moines at Stoner Theater, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; balletdesmoines.org

OCT. 22: Pumpkin Fest will include a costume parade, pumpkin decorating and carving contest, and more in downtown Carlisle; carlisleiachamber.org

OCT. 22: lowa Inferno natural bodybuilding championships at Franklin High School, 4801 Franklin Ave., Des Moines; nattyrevolution.com

OCT. 22: Bondu Spooktacular including a donut eating contest, costume contest, spooky scavenger hunt and several youth activities. 2-4 p.m. at City Park, 201 Main St. S.E., Bondurant; cityofbondurant.com/community-events-and-festivals

OCT. 22: The Salvation Army: Unmasking the Singer. Costumed local celebrities will entertain to raise funds starting at 7 p.m.; Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; hoytsherman.org

OCT. 23: Trunk or Treat with Waukee Public Safety from 4-6 p.m., 1300 S.E. LA Grant Parkway, Waukee; waukee.org

OCT. 23: Community Jazz Center honors local jazz heroes at its Annual Hall of Fame and Special Recognition Awards at Noce. Reception and dinner at 5 p.m.; awards and performances at 6 p.m. 1326 Walnut St., Suite 100, Des Moines; cic-dsm.org

OCT. 25: Trick or Treat Around the Lake from 5-7 p.m. Copper Creek Lake Park; 4390 E. University Ave., Pleasant Hill; pleasanthillchamber.org

OCT. 25: Des Moines Storytellers Project: Obsessions as told by Des Moines Register journalists. 7 p.m.; Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; hoytsherman.org

OCT. 25-30: "Fiddler on the Roof" at Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

OCT. 25-30: "The Crown - Live!" at Temple Theater, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

OCT. 26: Trick or Treat with First Responders. 5:30-7 p.m. at Fire Station 38, 10225 N.W. 62nd Ave., Johnston, followed by activities and treats at the Bridge Church next door; cityofjohnston.com



Bondu Spooktacular is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22. Photo courtesy of City of Bondurant

OCT. 28: Wine, Witches & Brews, hosted by the Indianola Downtown Association. 5-9 p.m. in the Indianola Downtown Square

OCT. 28 - NOV. 13: "Harriet the Spy" at Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; dmplayhouse.com

OCT. 29: 5K Boos & Brews with the Iowa Brewery Running Series. Run, walk or jog the course and receive a free local craft brew at the finish line. Enjoy other event festivities, games and giveaways. Noon at Fox Brewing, 103 S. 11th St., West Des Moines; breweryrunningseries. com/iowa

OCT. 29: Trick AND Treat with the Animal Rescue League. Dress your pup in a costume and earn them treats through tricks. Human trick or treaters are also welcome. 5452 N.E. 22nd St., Des Moines; arl-iowa.org/events

OCT. 29: Trick or Trees at the Greater Des Moines BOOtanical Garden. Participate in creeptastic education activities, spooky botanicals, entertainment and trick or treating. Costumes encouraged. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com

OCT. 29: Halloween Hikes: The Great Migration & Day of the Dead Festival. Register at eventbrite.com. 5-8 p.m. at Pammel Park Lodge; 1818 Pammel Park Road, Winterset

OCT. 29: Charlie Berens comedy show at 8 p.m. Stephens Auditorium, 1900 Center Drive, Ames; center.iastate. edu/events

OCT. 29-30: Reggie's Sleepout. Gather a team and sleep on the field of the Drake Stadium in solidarity with homeless youth in Iowa. 2719 Forest Ave., Des Moines; reggiessleepout.org

OCT. 30: Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration of Mexican traditions. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines; desmoinesartcenter.org

OCT. 31: Halloween on the Hill. Walk or drive through horrifically decked out historic homes in the Sherman Hill neighborhood. 6:30-8:30 p.m. shermanhilldsm.org/events/halloween-on-

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NOV. 3: All Access Live! A live broadcast and taping of the Avey Grouws Band for Iowa Public Radio at xBk Live, 1159 24th St., Des Moines; xbklive.com

NOV. 3: Discover Ankeny from 5-8 p.m. at FFA Enrichment Center, 1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny

NOV. 4-6: Des Moines Holiday Boutique at Hy-Vee Hall; 730 Third St., Des Moines; iowaeventscenter.com

NOV. 5: 5K Beer Run with the Iowa Brewery Running Series. Free beer and other event festivities, games and giveaways. 11 a.m. at Twisted Vine Brewery, 112 S.E. Fourth St., Des Moines; breweryrunningseries.com/iowa

NOV. 10: 2022 Morsel Combat. Central Iowa chefs will prepare small plates and compete for "Top Chef" and "People's Choice" awards, with live music and auctions fundraising for the fight against hunger. 5:30-9 p.m. at Prairie Meadows Event Center, 1 Prairie Meadows Drive,

Altoona; mealsfromtheheartland.org



"Come from Away" shows at the Civic Center Nov. 22-27. Photo by Matthew Murphy

NOV. 11: Iliza Shlesinger's "Back in Action" comedy tour at 7 p.m. Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

NOV. 11: JP Sears comedy show at 8 p.m. 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive; horizoneventscenter.com

NOV. 12: Living History Farms Race returns after two years. Costumes are encouraged, but prepare to get muddy. Registration at 9 a.m. or online. 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org

NOV. 12: Downtown Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Court
District, Des Moines; dsmpartnership.com/
desmoinesfarmersmarket/winter-market

NOV. 12: 5K Beer Run with the Iowa Brewery Running Series, a no-pressure fun run (or walk) with festivities and free swag. 11 a.m. at Mistress Brewing Company, 1802 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 108, Ankeny; breweryrunningseries.com/iowa

NOV. 12: Wine & Clay, a new community event debuted by the Des Moines Arts Festival. Artwork and demonstrations in the earth arts medium. Purchase a handmade plate to fill with appetizers from Gateway Market. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Valley Junction Activity Center, 217 Fifth St., West Des Moines; desmoinesartsfestival.org

NOV. 12: Bert Kreischer's "The Berty Boy Relapse" comedy tour at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

NOV. 13: Girls on the Run festival at 12:30 p.m. and 5K at 2 p.m. Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines; gotrcentraliowa.org

NOV. 17, DEC. 1, 8, 15: Jingle in the Junction, with three blocks of free entertainment, more than 125,000 holiday lights, and extended hours at local boutiques and businesses. 5-9 p.m. along 100 to 300 blocks of Fifth Street, West Des Moines; valleyjunction.com/events

NOV. 18-19: Des Moines Whiskey Festival at The River Center, 340 S.W. Third St., Des Moines; dsmwhiskeyfest. com

NOV. 19: North Pole Craft & Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adventureland Inn, 3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona

NOV. 19: Champagne & Chocolate at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. 6-9 p.m. at 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com

NOV. 19: Taylor Tomlinson in "The Have It All" comedy tour at 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines;

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hoytsherman.org

NOV. 19-20: "The Nutcracker" ballet at Franklin Junior High Theater, 4801 Franklin Ave., Des Moines; myscbd.com

NOV. 22-27: "Come from Away" at Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

NOV. 24: Des Moines Turkey Trot with 5K, 5 Mile and Tot Trot runs for an annual Thanksgiving tradition through downtown Des Moines or "virtually" anywhere. Register online or on race day, 7-8:15 a.m. at Renaissance Savery Hotel, 401 Locust St., Des Moines; desmoinesturkeytrot.com

NOV. 24-27: Disney on Ice presents Frozen and Encanto at Wells Fargo Arena; 223 Center St., Des Moines; iowaeventscenter.com

NOV. 25: Festival of Lights starting at 5 p.m. in Winterset, 112 N. John Wayne Drive, Winterset; madisoncounty.com/special-events

FRIDAY EVENINGS, NOV. 25 TO MARCH 31: Dome After Dark. The

Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden will be illuminated with unique lighting displays and luminarias. (No Dome After Dark on Dec. 9.) 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com

NOV. 25-27: Festival of Trees & Lights at Iowa Events Center, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines; unitypoint.org/blankchildrens/festival-of-trees.aspx

NOV. 26: Small Business Saturday. Support local shops and restaurants around the metro.

NOV. 26: Entirely Kids Day at the Des Moines Art Center. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines; desmoinesartcenter.org

NOV. 27: Norwalk Tree Lighting & Santa Drive-Thru from 5-6 p.m. at O'Leary's Celebration of Life, 1020 Main St., Norwalk; norwalkchamber.org/ calendar

NOV. 30: The Illusionists - Magic of the Holidays at 7:30 p.m. Stephens Auditorium, 1900 Center Drive, Ames; center.iastate.edu/events



The Festival of Trees and Lights returns to Hy-Vee Hall at Iowa Events Center on Nov. 25-27. Photo by Christopher Maharry

December

DEC. 1-4: Christkindlmarket. Experience a centuries-old European holiday tradition at this annual Christmas market with food, shopping and entertainment. Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines. christkindlmarketdsm.com

DEC. 2: Light Up Polk City from 6-8 p.m. in the Polk City town square; gopolkcity.com/light-up-polk-city

DEC. 2: WinterFest from 6-8 p.m. at Waukee's Downtown Triangle, Ashworth Drive and Sixth Street; waukee.org/476/WinterFest

DEC. 2-3: Hometown Holiday Celebration in Adel; adelpartners.org/
signature-events

DEC. 2-18: Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" at Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; dmplayhouse.com

DEC. 3: Polar Plunge supporting Special Olympics Iowa at Raccoon River Park. Plunge solo or as a team, or if you don't feel like jumping into frigid waters, choose the "Too Chicken to Plunge" option. 2500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines; soiowa.org/ways-to-give/ fundraising-events **DEC. 3: Windsor Wonderland** at Hy-Vee, 7101 University Ave., Windsor Heights; windsorheights.org

DEC. 3: Downtown Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Court
District, Des Moines; dsmpartnership.com/
desmoinesfarmersmarket/winter-market

DEC. 3: Dazzling in the District at Prairie Trail, S.W. District Drive, Ankeny; the district pt.com

DEC. 3: Family Christmas at Living History Farms. Enjoy simple holiday traditions like tree decorating, holiday printing, cookie decorating and visiting Santa. 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org

DEC. 3: Merry & Bright Parade starting at 5 p.m. in Bondurant's downtown area, followed by a Santa Social at the library, then a tree lighting ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Bondurant Community Library, 104 Second St. N.E., Bondurant; cityofbondurant.com/community-eventsand-festivals

DEC. 3: Holidays at the Town Center from 6-8 p.m., Merle Hay Road and N.W. 62nd Avenue, Johnston; johnstontowncenter.com

DEC. 3-4: "The Nutcracker" ballet at the Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; iowadancetheatre.org

DEC. 4: 3K Winter Beer Run with the Iowa Brewery Running Series. Brrrr.... enjoy the beer — it's free at the finish line! Noon at Confluence Brewing Company, 1235 Thomas Beck Road, Des Moines; breweryrunningseries.com/iowa

DEC. 4: Grimes Holiday Celebration, a drive-through event with Santa, trivia, goodie bags, tree voting contest, holiday lights and music. 5-7 p.m. at Grimes South Sports Complex, 750 S. James St., Grimes; grimesiowa.com

DEC. 6: Alton Brown Live: Beyond The Eats – The Holiday Variant at
7:30 p.m. Des Moines Civic Center; 221
Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

DEC. 8: "Wheel of Fortune Live!" at 7:30 p.m. Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

DEC. 8-11: "The Nutcracker" by Ballet Des Moines at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; balletdesmoines.org

DEC. 9-10: Bells, Bows & Boutiques Tour, a self-guided shopping and dining road trip traveling four communities; madisoncounty.com/special-events

DEC. 10: Santa Fun Run with Fleet



Family Christmas at Living History Farms. Photo courtesy of Living History Farms

Feet DSM, Santa suits included. 521 E. Locust St., Des Moines; fleetfeet.com/s/desmoines/events

DEC. 10: Home for the Holidays. 5-8 p.m. in the Indianola Downtown Square; indianolachamber.com

DEC. 10-11: Winter Solstice Market runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. 116 S. First Ave., Winterset; madisoncounty.com/special-events

DEC. 11: Light Up Carlisle. Take a tour of the town and view holiday decorations, lighted displays, and of course, Santa; carlisleiachamber.org

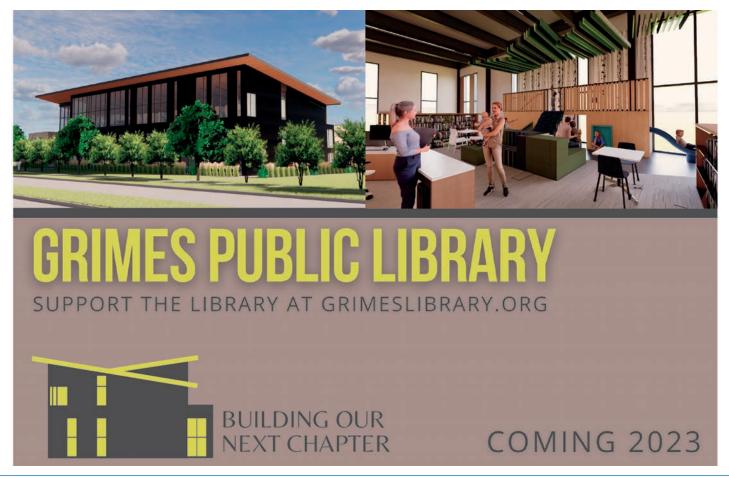
DEC. 13: Des Moines Storytellers Project: Generosity as told by Des
Moines Register journalists. 7 p.m.; Hoyt

Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; hoytsherman.org

DEC. 16-17: Light the Night and celebrate the arrival of winter with a hike, bonfire and cocoa. Jester Park Nature Center 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger; polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/events

DEC. 22: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" at Des Moines
Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines;
dmpa.org

DEC. 31: Ultimate NYE 2k22 Gala with dinner and hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, Legacy Band from Atlanta and more. Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. Tickets at eventbrite.com.



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SUNDAYS, JANUARY THROUGH

MARCH: Botanical Blues winter concert series at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com

JAN. 3-8: "Cats" at Des Moines Civic Center: 221 Walnut St., Des Moines: dmpa.org

JAN. 6-22: "Go, Dog. Go!" at Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; dmplayhouse.com

SATURDAYS, JANUARY THROUGH MARCH: Learn on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden. com

JAN. 31: Secret Life of Bears at 7:30 p.m. Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

JAN. 31 - FEB. 2: Iowa Ag Expo at Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; iowaagexpo.com

JAN. 31 - FEB. 5: "Forbidden Broadway: The Next Generation" at Temple Theater, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

February

FEB. 3-19: "The Piano Lesson" with Pyramid Theatre Company at Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; dmplayhouse.com

FEB. 7-19: "Six" at Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

FEB. 11: Chowder Winter Ride traveling approximately 10 miles, from Bondurant to Berwick and back on the Chichagua Valley Trail. Check-in

at 10 a.m. at Reclaimed Rails Brewing Co., 101 Main St. S.E., Bondurant; cityofbondurant.com/community-eventsand-festivals

FEB. 17: Ancient Aliens Live: Project **Earth** brings the long-running History Channel program to life at 7:30 p.m.; Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; hoytsherman.org

FEB. 21: ZuZu African Acrobats at 7 p.m. Stephens Auditorium, 1900 Center Drive, Ames; center.iastate.edu/events

FEB. 24: Gibney Company dancers at Des Moines Civic Center; 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; dmpa.org

FEB. 24-25: "Balanchine+" by Ballet Des Moines at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; balletdesmoines.org

FEB. 24 - MARCH 12: The Hundred Dresses" at Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; dmplayhouse.com ■





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Mark your Calendars!



Shops, restaurants and businesses in The District have teamed up to showcase a new season of fashion, gifts, decor, special offers, prizes, beverages and delicious treats. It's a day to relax and see what's new.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 4-8 PM



We're kicking off the holiday season. There will be fun, festive activities all evening and of course all the great things The District has to offer. The event will culminate with the Mayor's tree-lighting ceremony.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 2-6:30 PM

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