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TAKE OVER THE CITY

Your guide to a good time starts here

BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

Whether you were born and raised in Des Moines or are a transplant, this edition of Explore Des Moines has much to offer.

Fresh and exciting restaurants keep opening and growing the already flavorful food scene. Local artists are constantly emerging from the corn with bright sounds and colors. New festivals and events pop up regardless of the season.

Des Moines continues to blossom in a way that rivals the biggest cities in the country, and this issue of Explore Des Moines proves it once again. Now get out there, explore and enjoy.

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SALISBURY HOUSE

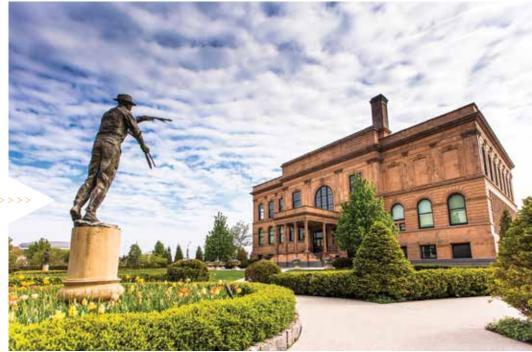
4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines www.salisburyhouse.org

Extensive restoration took place in 2005 of this beautifully constructed homage to "The King's House" in Salisbury, England. You can experience its unique architecture during the museum's regular hours from Wednesday to Sunday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or get a ticket for a guided tour of the quarters.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE HALL **OF LAUREATES**

100 Locust St., Des Moines www.halloflaureates.org

Formerly the Des Moines Public Library, the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates now serves as a showcase for expert achievement in agriculture and the fight against hunger. While highlighting successes in the world of food, you can still learn and experience the rich history of the century-old building



World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Courtesy of Greater Des Moines Partnership

and witness the breathtaking artwork on display throughout its halls.



Iowa State Capitol. Courtesy of Greater Des Moines Partnership

IOWA STATE CAPITOL

1007 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines www.legis.iowa.gov/resources/ tourCapitol

You'll be hard pressed to find any capitol building more impressive than the one residing in the heart of Iowa. Visitors will find the unmistakable golden dome at the top, a wealth of Iowa history inside, the spiral staircase within the library, timeless chandeliers, artwork and more.



The Law Library's iconic spiral staircase inside the Iowa State Capitol building. Courtesy of The State Library of Iowa

ROBERT D. RAY ASIAN GARDENS

Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines www.dsmpublicartfoundation.org/publicartwork/robert-d-ray-asian-gardens

Dedicated to former Iowa Governor Robert Ray, the garden is not only a symbol of his humanitarian work in giving Asian refugees and immigrants a safe haven, but to the incredible contributions that those refugees, immigrants and their subsequent families have made to the area. The pathway, pavilion and garden are a must-see when in the city.



Robert D. Ray Asian Gardens. Courtesy of Tammy Pearson

STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING OF IOWA

600 E. Locust St., Des Moines

https://history.iowa.gov/history/museum

Discover the history of the Hawkeye state at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. With more than 1,500 objects on display, 80,000 artifacts inside, and information on everything from silver screen appearances to the Civil War, you'll have more Iowa history on your hands then you'll know what to do with.

TERRACE HILL

2300 Grand Ave., Des Moines https://terracehill.iowa.gov/

Built by Benjamin Franklin Allen, now the home of the Governor, the first and second floors serve as a museum and are open for tours with an advanced reservation. The iconic residence celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2019 and is a shining example of Victorian Second Empire architecture.





Terrace Hill. Courtesy of Gary Hoard Photography

Pappajohn Sculpture Park. Courtesy of the Iowa Tourism Office

THE PAPPAJOHN SCULPTURE PARK

1330 Grand Ave., Des Moines

www.desmoinesartcenter.org/visit/pappajohn-sculpture-park Since 2009, the famed sculpture park in downtown Des Moines has hosted artwork from some of the world's most renowned artists and has been awarded best place to bring visitors by CITYVIEW. The original pieces for the park resided on John and Mary Pappajohn property before being given to the city. With 22 different works to view, you'll be spoiled for choice in deciding your own personal favorite of the bunch. ■

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BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

Shop until you drop, and then shop some more.



Many Hands Thrift Market's Grimes location. Courtesy of Many Hands Thrift Market

MANY HANDS THRIFT MARKET

2900 S.E. Grimes Blvd., Grimes www.manyhandsthrift.com

Several locations across the metro give shoppers of all interests an affordable option for their purchasing needs. The profits made at these stores support this organization's local and global missions.

MR. B CLOTHING

1995 N.W. 86th St., Clive www.mrbclothing.com

Voted as CITYVIEW's best local men's clothing store every year since 2016, the half-a-century-old business has been getting men looking their best for everything from work events to wedding days. With multiple full-time tailors to fit you for a suit or make a last-minute adjustment, this establishment will have your dapper needs covered.

MARNĒ

350 E. Locust St., #101, Des Moines www.shopmarne.com

Located in the Historic East Village, this boutique was voted CITYVIEW's best local women's clothing store in 2022 with a wide range of clothing options for you to choose from. MARNē provides a vegan shopping experience, as nothing inside the store contains animal products.



Courtesy of Duck Worth Wearing

DUCK WORTH WEARING

2410 S.W. White Birch Drive, Unit 102, Ankeny https://duckworthwearing.com

Locally owned since 2000, Duck Worth Wearing's shopping options aren't resigned to the water bound bird. With a wide variety of the biggest brand names in the country at affordable prices, clothing options for your little ones and games that make great presents. This store also provides you the option to buy their products online.

VZZ VINTAGE

340 S.W. Fifth St., No. 123, Des Moines www.facebook.com/vzzvintage

Get your thrifting and vintage fix all in one at this downtown store. With an ever-changing wardrobe of clothing options to choose from, the owner's love of fashion was influenced by her mother who immigrated from the Philippines in the 1980s.



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6501 Douglas Ave., Urbandale www.riemanmusic.com

Rieman Music was voted best local music store by CITYVIEW readers and has several locations throughout Iowa. However, the Urbandale location is described as its flagship store, catering to all of your instrument needs and much more.

VINYL CUP RECORDS

2815 Beaver Ave., Second floor, Des Moines www.vinylcup.com

What started as a Facebook group in 2017 has expanded into a brick-andmortar store. Vinyl collectors and music enthusiasts rejoice when stepping into this cornucopia of music.

BEAVERDALE BOOKS

2629 Beaver Ave., #S1, Des Moines www.beaverdalebooks.com

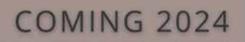
Voted best bookstore for local or new books by CITYVIEW readers, you'll have no trouble finding page-turners here. Open since 2006, this bookstore has a focus on supporting and promoting local writers and hosts several local author events throughout the year.



Beaverdale Books. Photo by Sofia Legaspi Dickens

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Activities

BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

Just because the temperatures go down doesn't mean you shouldn't go out.



Brenton Skating Plaza, located on the Prinicpal Riverwalk along the Des Moines river, is open from November to March. Photo courtesy of the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department.

SKATING RINKS

Lace up the skates and prepare the pain meds for the inevitable slips and tumbles. Several communities across the metro offer ice skating experiences for little or no cost. Be sure to check signs before stepping onto outdoor ice locations.

- Brenton Skating Plaza, 520 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines
- Metro Ice Sports Facility, 5100 N.W. 72nd St., Urbandale
- West Des Moines RecPlex, 6500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines
- Centennial Park, 605 S.E. Driftwood Lane, Waukee
- Crosshaven Park, 7909 N.W. 95th St., Johnston
- Greenwood Park Pond, 100 45th St., Des Moines
- Johnston Commons Ice Rink, 6700 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- Johnston Town Center Ice Rink, 6245 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- MacRae Park Pond, 1021 Davis Ave., Des Moines
- Indianola Ice Skating Rink, 2204 W. Second Ave., Indianola Activity Center
- Raccoon River Park Ice Rink, 2500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines
- South River Valley Park, 725 E. 13th St., Ames
- Sunrise Park, 506 S.E. Peterson Drive, Ankeny



Courtesy of Seven Oaks

SLEDDING HILLS

Car hoods, boogie boards, doors and sleds, too. Just find the hills.

- ALTOONA: Lions Park, 507 13th Ave., S.W.
- ANKENY: Northcreek Park, 2301 W. First St.
- Summerbrook Park, 1009 S.E. Eighth St.
- **CLIVE: Campbell Park**, 12385 Woodlands Parkway
- Country Club Glen Park, 16335 Sheridan Ave.
- Mercy West Clinic, 1601 N.W. 114th St.
- DES MOINES: Blank Golf Course, 808 County Line Road
- Grandview Golf Course, 2401 E. 29th St.
- Capitol Hill, 1111 E. Court Ave.
- Ewing Park, 5300 Indianola Ave.
- Greenwood Park, 4500 Grand Ave.
- MacRae Park, 1021 Davis Ave.
- Union Park, 725 Thompson Ave.
- Waveland Golf Course, 4908 University Ave.
- JOHNSTON: Beavercreek Elementary, 8701 Lyndhurst Drive
- Pointe Vista Park, 9612 Enfield Drive
- PLEASANT HILL: Doanes Park, 5050 Doanes Park Drive
- Oak Hill Park, 2115 Copper Wynd Drive
- URBANDALE: Winter Park, 5110 N.W. 72nd St.
- WAUKEE: Warrior Park and Sledding Hill, 1050 Fourth St.
- WEST DES MOINES: Jordan Creek Elementary, 4501 Fuller Road
- Pearson Park, 1256 19th St.
- Southwoods Park, 350 S. 35th St.



Disc golf provides family fun and exercise. Courtesy of Kyle Schultz

DISC GOLF COURSES

All with the flick of the wrist. Des Moines Metro Disc Golf Club helps maintain and upgrade courses around the city.

- Ewing Park, 5300 Indianola Ave., Des Moines
- Grandview Park, 3230 Easton Blvd., Des Moines
- Prospect Park, 1225 Prospect Road, Des Moines
- Pete Crivaro Park, 1105 E. Railroad Ave., Des Moines
- Becky Zallek Disc Golf Course, Des Moines
- Walnut Ridge Disc Golf Course, Johnston
- Big Creek Disc Golf Course, N.W. Big Creek Drive, Polk City
- Shuler Disc Golf Course, Clive



SEVEN OAKS 1086 222nd Drive, Boone www.sevenoaksrec.com

Your favorite outdoor winter activities are just under an hour away from Des Moines. Tubing, skiing, sledding, snowboarding and ice skating. Seven Oaks even offers paintball seven days a week with advanced reservations.

Get on the lift and head back down in style. Courtesy of Seven Oaks

Snowmobiling is available when conditions permit, otherwise this nature center has most everything you could need for the fall and

winter months. Cross-country skiing, hiking trails and more.

It's possible to see wild furry friends while at Jester Park. Courtesy of Joe Mahoney Fauxtography

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JESTER PARK 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger www.jesterparknaturecenter.com

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BY CYOTE WILLIAMS STEAK HOUSES & Sports bars

Choice cuts and sporting spectacles, all in one section.

IOWA BEEF STEAKHOUSE

1201 E. Euclid Ave., Des Moines www.iowabeefsteakhouse.com

One of CITYVIEW readers' favorite locations for a choice cut of steak, cooked to perfection, this steakhouse has provided mouthwatering flavors since 1982. The interior features wood paneling from an old southeast Iowa barn. Nine cuts to choose from, all just as good as the last, paired with a full bar for your pleasure.

DESTINATION GRILLE 2491 E. First St., Grimes

www.destinationgrille.com

A destination it is. Each steak is wagyu beef that provides incredible flavor with each bite, helped by their steakhouse broiler oven and pan seared to give your steak a crispy crust. Not limited to the meats, their pizzas also come highly recommended. Choice cocktails are made with top-shelf liquor.



One of several mouthwatering steak options at Iowa Beef Steakhouse. Photo courtesy of Iowa Beef Steakhouse



Prepare for indulgence at The new Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. Photo by Jim Duncan

801 CHOPHOUSE

801 Grand Ave., Suite 200, Des Moines www.801chophouse.com/des-moines

Family owned since 1993 and voted CITYVIEW's best local steakhouse by readers, the famed steakhouse carries a reputation like no other in the city, and for good reason. Prices reflect the high quality when biting into an aged U.S.D.A. cut that can be prepared in a multitude of ways.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE

950 Jordan Creek Parkway, Suite 1100, West Des Moines www.ruthschrisphg.com/west-des-moines

Brand new with bold flavors. The recently opened steakhouse is the largest of its kind in the nation. The two-story establishment provides an elegant atmosphere to accompany excellent flavors. The drinks are just as good as the food, giving you the chance to find a tasteful pairing for anything on the menu.

THE STATION ON INGERSOLL

3124 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines www.thestationdsm.com

Catch the game and catch some vibes at the city's best sports bar as voted by CITYVIEW readers. Enjoy a wide range of classic bar food such as wings, burgers, sandwiches and vegetarian options available for your indulgence, with local and national beers on tap to wash it down.



Stop in for tenderloin Tuesday for a sandwich and side for only \$10. Photo courtesy of The Station

BRAZIL TERRA GRILL

2800 University Ave., Suite 405, West Des Moines www.brazilterragrill.com

Brazilian steakhouses have been a growing trend in the food scene around the country. Brazil Terra Grill brings some of the bright and savory tastes of the South American country to you. Choose between skewers or churrasco grilled meats for an authentic experience.

AJ'S STEAKHOUSE

1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona www.prairiemeadows.com/dining/ajs-steakhouse

Even if you lose at the track or in the casino, you'll still come out a winner with a stop at AJ's Steakhouse for a delicious dinner. The steakhouse has been serving customers for more than a decade with a focused set of chops and cuts to help you forget — or celebrate your day of betting.

CHEAP SEATS SPORTS BAR

2301 Hubbell Ave., Des Moines www.facebook.com/cheapseats.sportsbar

A classic sports bar equipped with several dart boards for when you need to distract yourself from your team's performance — and plenty of TVs to keep you glued when they're on top. A changing list of specials and plenty of booze to keep the energy high and inside.

FRANCIE'S BAR AND GRILL

2100 Wakonda View Drive, Des Moines www.franciesbarandgrill.com

Proudly serving the southside since 1987, the locally owned bar and grill is a staple. You'll find a tasteful range of burgers and sandwiches for different palates, spicy buffalo wings, and a rotating tap to fill your glass. If you're feeling fancy at Francie's, they have wine selections as well.





GILROY'S 1238 Eighth St., West Des Moines www.gilroyskitchen.com

Gilroy's means the son of a redhead in Gaelic, but no matter the hair color, a good time is sure to be had here. The pub and patio features specials throughout the week to complement whatever sport you're viewing. A plethora of dining choices, not to mention brunch on the weekends.

THE HALL DSM

111 S. 11th St., West Des Moines www.thehalldsm.com

A renaissance of beer halls of yesteryear, The Hall brings people together with extended tables to encourage seating next to others and bringing new people together. More than 50 beers on tap to choose from during football season and a rotating offering of food to boot.

JOHNNY'S HALL OF FAME

302 Court Ave., Des Moines www.johnnyshalloffame.com

Des Moines' original sports bar, Johnny's has been hosting the country's sporting events on their screens since 1962. Get yourself breakfast during those early college football kickoffs or settle in at night with a cocktail or one of many tap selections.

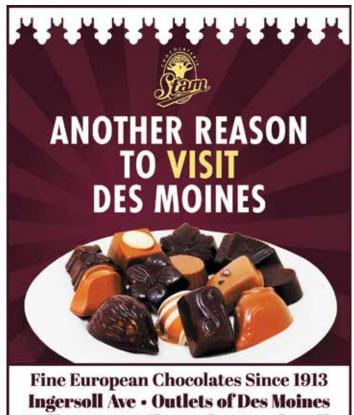
TRUMAN'S KC PIZZA TAVERN

400 S.E. Sixth St., Des Moines www.trumanstavern.com

Breakfast in the morning, pizza in the evening, drinks and sports all the time. Cocktails from sweet to spicy and a pizza menu that has flavors that can take you around the globe. Don't forget about the beer on tap, sporting several Midwest favorites.

Steak salad on the patio. Courtesy of Gilroy's





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EXPLOYE WILLIAMS WORKSHOPS

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WORKSHOP DSM

4505 Forest Ave., Des Moines www.workshopdsm.com

Open workshops on the first Friday of every month for those looking to develop their arts and crafts skills. Bring the little ones along as owner Carrie Naumann hosts workshops for kids and adults alike.

DES MOINES ART CENTER

4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines www.desmoinesartcenter.org

Whether you're just starting out or looking to become one of the best around, there's a class for you here. The art Center hires local artists to help teach their classes on mediums from painting to ceramics, drawing, printmaking and more.

DSM ART CLUB

1501 Ingersoll Ave., Suite 100, Des Moines www.dsmartclub.com

Started by local moms Leah and Michelle, this art club hosts several arts and crafts classes for children and adults alike. Whether you're looking to bond with your little one or create a handmade gift for a loved one, you can get started here.

DES MOINES WOODWORKERS

175 S. Ninth St., West Des Moines www.dmwoodworkers.org

This woodworking club offers classes from building furniture to learning about the tools that allow you to do so. Classes are taught by TV host Phil Huber, editor in chief of "Popular Woodworking" Logan Wittmer, and former deputy editor of WOOD magazine Craig Ruegsegger.



Courtesy of DSM Art Club

PULSE DANCE AND FITNESS STUDIO

6920 EP True Parkway, Suite 115, West Des Moines

www.pulsedancefitnessstudio.com

Get your groove and your move on. The dance-based fitness studio offers 45-minute dance classes that will be sure to get anyone into shape, with classes ranging from dance to barre, sculpting, choreo, HIIT and flow.



The dance and fitness crew at Pulse Dance and Fitness Studio. Courtesy of Daryl Batt of Battmedia



POWER LIFE YOGA AND BARRE

1717 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines www.powerlife.com

There are multiple Power Life locations throughout the metro, each offering several classes. Go through the power yoga series that takes you from an introduction to heated power yoga, or keep it simple with a meditation version. Other classes offered include sculpting and barre for those looking for a more intense workout.

KUNZLER STUDIOS

324 Fifth St., West Des Moines www.kunzlerstudios.com

Kunzler studios offers ceramics classes for those interested in the non-athletic side of sculpting. Sign up for a onetime class to get your bearings or for a month long if you're looking to get into the groove.

Courtesy of Kunzler Studios

A explore KID friendly

BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

Take the whole family out (except the furry members)!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Pack the kids in the car and get your "ooos" and "aahhs" ready. Many of these are free. Be sure to check websites for dates, cancellations or fees.

- Jolly Holiday Lights Adventureland Park, 3300 Adventureland Drive, Altoona www.jollyholidaylights.org
- **Gingerbread Lane** S.E. Richland Court, Ankeny Facebook: Gingerbread Lane Ankeny, IA
- Prairie Ridge Church 825 N.W. 36th St., Ankeny www.ridgelife.org
- Winter Wonderlights Uptown Ankeny, 715 W. First St., Ankeny www.uptownankeny.org
- Winter Wonderscape Reiman Gardens, 1407 University Blvd., Ames www.reimangardens.com
- Beaverdale Ashby and Wallace Avenues near Beaver Avenue, Des Moines www.beaverdale.org
- **Dogtown Lights** University Avenue between 23rd and 25th streets in Des Moines' Drake neighborhood

Facebook @ Dogtown Business and Entertainment District

- First Church of the Open Bible 2200 Beaver Ave., Des Moines www.firstchurch.org
- Miracle on 86th Street 3600 86th St., Urbandale www.urbandale.org
- Santa's Rock N Lights
 Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale
 www.santasrocknlights.com
- Historic Valley Junction
 Fifth Street, West Des Moines
 www.valleyjunction.com
- Lights in the Heights Franklin Avenue, Marylynn Drive, 72nd Street, and other streets in Windsor Heights www.windsorheightsfoundation.org



Santa on a ride during Jolly Holiday Lights. Photo Submitted



Sky Zone will let your kids blow off steam all winter long. Courtesy of Sky Zone

TRAMPOLINE PARKS

If you're looking for an easy way for the kids to burn some energy or celebrate a birthday and get some exercise while doing it, take them to any of these bounce emporiums.

- Get Air Trampoline Park
 3799 86th St., Urbandale
 www.getairsports.com/des-moines
- Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park 829 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny www.urbanair.com/iowa-ankeny
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
 1300 S.E. Gateway Drive, Suite 103, Grimes
 www.skyzone.com/desmoines

LIBRARIES

For the kiddos looking for a quieter getaway from the house or school, most libraries around the metro regularly offer educational programs and events for kids of all ages.

- Des Moines Public Library
 5000 Franklin Ave., Des Moines
- Central Library
 1000 Grand Ave., Des Moines
- Des Moines Forest Avenue Library 1326 Forest Ave., Des Moines
- East Side Library 2559 Hubbell Ave., Des Moines
- North Side Library 3516 5th Ave., Des Moines
- South Side Library 1111 Porter Ave., Des Moines www.dmpl.org for all of the above.
- Des Moines University Library 3200 Grand Ave., Des Moines

www.lib.dmu.edu/homeState Library of Iowa

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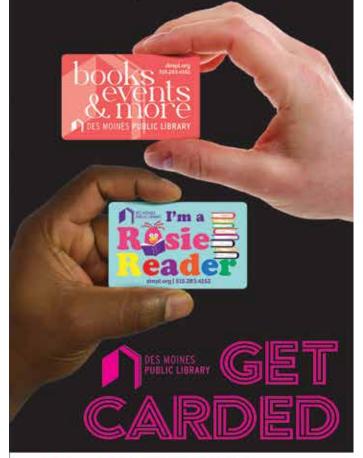


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 www.wdmlibrary.org



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A day full of fun is possible. Photo courtesy of the Science Center of Iowa

SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

401 W. Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, Des Moines www.sciowa.org

A world of scientific wonders and activities awaits downtown. A steady stream of programs for all and interactive exhibits keep children of all ages engaged and ready to learn while also being entertained. Permanent exhibits will allow kids to learn about zoology, outer space, building, designing and more.

LIVING HISTORY FARMS

11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale

www.lhf.org

A working agriculture museum that preserves the history of farming in Iowa, while providing programs and events throughout the year that anyone can enjoy. Only 3% of the country's museums are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and Living History Farms is one of them.

RAMADA TROPICS RESORT

5000 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines

www.ramadatropicsresort.com/indoor-water-park

Buccaneer Bay resides inside this hotel with an 18,000-square-foot waterpark for your kids to enjoy while you hit the poolside tiki bar. When the weather is cold, and you're looking for a tropical feel, book a staycation here and let the young ones splash the time away. ■

Explore COFFEE HOUSES BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

Get out of the snow for a cup of joe.

SMOKEY ROW

1910 Cottage Grove Ave., Des Moines www.smokeyrow.com

With a name inspired by the fires that plagued Pleasantville in the late 1800s and early 1900s and an idea born from a tasty latte in California led to one of Des Moines' most iconic coffee houses. Tap into one of their many coffee or soda specialties and dine in while you're at it.

THE SLOWDOWN

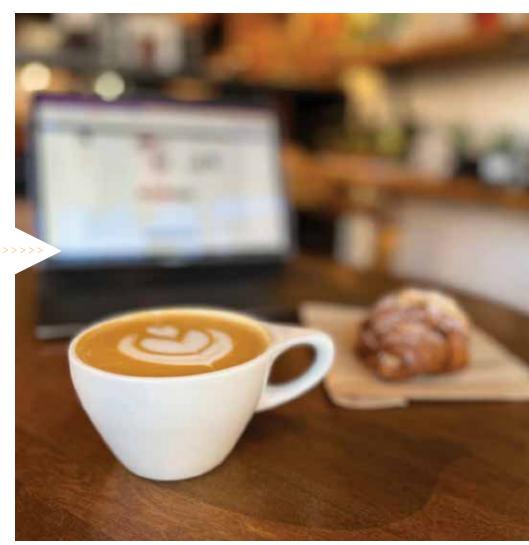
3613 Sixth Ave., Des Moines www.theslowdowndsm.com

This coffee shop has been part of the rebirth of the Highland Park area. They boast local products as well as a local feel that's inviting to all. Espressos, lattes, coffee and plenty of add-ons to make your morning brew yours. Try one of their salads, wraps or sweet bakery treats.

MARS CAFE

2318 University Ave., Des Moines https://mars.coffee/

"The galaxy's best coffee." While we can't speak for the coffee on Mars, if this cafe is what we can expect from outer space, NASA needs more funding. With drink choices ranging from traditional drip coffee to Italian soda and tasteful food options, the Drake neighborhood has more than welcomed our alien overlords.



Courtesy of The Slowdown

COFFEE CATS CAFE

312 Fifth St., West Des Moines www.coffeecatscafe.com

Coffee, cats and a cafe. What else do you need? Iowa's first cat cafe allows you to enjoy one of their delicious brews with their feline friends, courtesy of the ARL. All of your standard coffee drinks and sweet bakery items as well. Walk-ins are possible for the cat lounge but are limited.



Courtesy of Coffee and Cats Cafe

ZANZIBAR'S COFFEE ADVENTURE

2723 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines www.zanzibarscoffee.com

Loyally serving Ingersoll Avenue residents and visitors coffee since 1993, many have ventured to this local spot over the years. A rich history coupled with rich flavors from their in-house roasted coffee and focused breakfast menu featuring farm-fresh eggs and locally baked bread.

GROUNDS FOR CELEBRATION

2709 Beaver Ave., Des Moines www.groundsforcelebration.com

Three stores located around the metro help you celebrate your morning from wherever you are. The owners have their own small coffee farm in Panama, 20 types of tea, 23 coffee options and a filling 35 varieties of sweets according to their website.



Courtesy of Grounds for Celebration

SWEETDUDE COFFEE AND CAFE

9763 University Ave., Clive www.facebook.com/p/SweetDude-Coffee-and-Cafe-100086196262594/

Described as having a "cute" interior, friendly staff and good tasting coffee. Their food items are as tasty as they are plentiful. Treats such as baklava, crepes, waffles, with more than enough toppings to put the "sweet" in SweetDude.

Thai iced coffee at SweetDude Coffee and Cafe. Courtesy of SweetDude



2023–2024 IOWA WILD PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE



IOWAWILD.COM



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BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

The Wolves are feeling Wild and the Buccaneers are acting like Bulldogs. You can come up with your own Cyclones and Cubs joke.

IOWA WOLVES

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

Formerly known as the Iowa Energy, the Des Moines-based affiliate for the Minnesota Timberwolves continues to foster NBA talent right here in Iowa. The Wolves list priority dates for the upcoming season as: Nov. 11, Dec. 15, Jan. 14, Jan. 20, Feb. 3 and Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m.

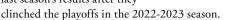


IOWA WILD

Wells Fargo Arena 233 Center St., Des Moines iowawild.com

Much like the Wolves, the Iowa Wild are the affiliate program of a professional team from up north, this one being the Minnesota Wild. The Iowa Wild are led by first year head coach Brett McLean. The Wild look to build on last season's results after they







Season tickets are ready for purchase. Photo courtesy of the Iowa Wolves



The Iowa Wild lines up during the pregame at Wells Fargo Arena. Photo by the Iowa Wild

IOWA STATE BASKETBALL

Hilton Coliseum 1705 Center Drive, Ames cyclones.com

With the addition of BYU, Cincinnati, UCF and Houston to the Big 12, Iowa State's conference schedule will experience quite the shakeup. Both the men's and women's teams aim to return to the NCAA tournament as they did last season. The men are coached by T.J. Otzelberger and women by Bill Fennelly.



Last year's Cy-Hawk game at Hilton Coliseum. Photo courtesy of Iowa State Athletics

SCAN FOR FULL WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

SCAN FOR FULL MEN'S SCHEDULE



IOWA STATE FOOTBALL

Jack Trice Stadium 1732 S. Fourth St., Ames cyclones.com

Head Coach Matt Campbell looks to keep building on the success he's brought to the Cyclones in his eighth season at the helm. The Cyclones boast top-50 recruiting classes the last two seasons.

Home games: Oct. 7 vs. TCU Nov. 4 vs. Kansas Nov. 18 vs. Texas

DRAKE BASKETBALL

Knapp Center

2601 Forest Ave., Des Moines

Both the men's and the women's basketball programs went marching in the NCAA's championship tournament in 2023. The pair of teams look to make it back next season, the men coached by Darian DeVries and women by Allison Pohlman.







SCAN FOR FULL



Des Moines Buccaneers. Photo by Dynamic Motion

DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

Buccaneer Arena 7201 Hickman Road, Urbandale 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. ■





BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

The sweetest sounds from every corner of the city.

DES MOINES CIVIC CENTER

221 Walnut St., Des Moines www.dmpa.org

- **Oct. 25:** "Dirty Dancing" in concert
- **Oct. 28:** "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" live in concert
- Jan. 12-14: "STOMP"
- Feb 6-11: "Company"
- Feb 23-24: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix[™] in concert
- March 12-17: "Funny Girl"
- April 30- May 5: "MJ. The Musical"



Sydney Mancasola as Tytania, John Holiday as Oberon, with the fairy chorus in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM; Photo by Duane Tinkey for DMMO



Joseph Giunta conducting the Des Moines Symphony. Photo by Ben Easter

DES MOINES SYMPHONY

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

- Oct. 14: Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles
- Oct. 21-22: DM Symphony: Discover Scheherazade
- Nov. 18-19: DM Symphony: Discover Freedom
- Feb. 3-4: DM Symphony: Discover Groundbreaking Innovation
- March 9-10: DM Symphony: Discover Gershwin
- April 13-14: DM Symphony: Discover Symphonic Dance
- May 11-12: DM Symphony: Season Finale: (Re)discover the Ode to Joy

1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines

- www.hoytsherman.org
- Oct. 3: Pat Metheny: Dream Box Tour at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Tower of Power at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6: Grace Potter at 8 p.m.
- Oct. 7: Amos Lee at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 10: Brian Setzer Rockabilly Riot at 8 p.m.
- Oct. 12: Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21: The Salvation Army: Unmasking the Singer at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 22: The Black Jacket Symphony Presents Eagles' "Hotel California" at 8 p.m.
- Oct. 27: The Nadas' 30th Birthday Party at 8 p.m.
- Nov. 3: Emo Orchestra Featuring Hawthorne Heights at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5: Steve Hackett Genesis Revisited: Foxtrot at 50 and Hackett Highlights at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8: Puddles Pity Party at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12: Lake Street Dive: Gather Round Sounds Tour at 8 p.m.
- Nov. 14: A Motown Christmas at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15: Croce Plays Croce 50th Anniversary Tour at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Little River Band at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14: Christmas with Lorie Line at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Michael W. Smith Christmas at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Jan. 6: Ruben & Clay: Twenty Years One Night at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Hélène Grimaud: Lauridsen Great Pianist Series at 7:30 p.m.
- March 1: Blind Boys of Alabama at 7:30 p.m.
- March 26: Brian Culbertson The Trilogy Tour at 7:30 p.m.

NOCE

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

- Oct. 6 through Nov. 24: Fly Me To the Moon: Max Wellman sings Sinatra with the Nate Sparks Big Band at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7: Damani Phillips & Co. at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13: The Blake Shaw Big(ish) band at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 14:** Chameleon: The Many Colors of Herbie Hancock with Jason Danielson at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Bojangles: Napoleon Douglas sings Sammy Davis Jr. at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 21: The Nate Sparks Big Band at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Dan Wilson with Mitch Towne at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 3: Michael Conrad with the Iowa Composers Jazz Orchestra at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 11: Elaine Dame at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Joyann Parker sings Patsy Cline at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 18: The Joyann Parker Band at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 25: Gina Gedler sings Bette Midler, Peggy Lee, Barbra Streisand and Linda Ronstadt at 7 p.m.

WELLS FARGO ARENA

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

- Nov. 3: Shania Twain: The Queen of Me Tour
- Dec. 7: Old Dominion: The No Bad Vibes Tour
- March 21: Tim McGraw: Standing Room Only Tour
- April 26: Zach Bryan: The Quittin' Time Tour



Lake Street Dive will be performing at Hoyt Sherman Place on Nov. 12. Photo courtesy of Hoyt Sherman Place

DES MOINES COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Sheslow Auditorium, 2507 University Ave., Des Moines www.desmoinescommunityorchestra.org

- **Oct. 8:** DMCO Introduces the Orchestra with "Paddington Bears First Concert" and "The Composer is Dead" at 2 p.m.
- Dec. 3: Handel's "Messiah" performed at Grace Methodist Church at 2 p.m.
- Feb. 11: DMCO honors Henry Mancini with their winter concert at 2 p.m.
- May 19: DMCO brings Spain to you with their spring concert at 2 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Noce

STEPHENS AUDITORIUM

1900 Center Dr., Ames

www.center.iastate.edu/locations/stephens-auditorium

- Oct. 6: The Guess Who at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Theresa Caputo Live at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21: iLuminate at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24: Mineria Symphony Orchestra of Mexico at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19: The Fab Four at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1: One Night Of Tina: A Tina Turner Tribute Show at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Home Free: For The Holidays at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19: Mannheim Steamroller at 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30: Jesus Christ Superstar at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8: Langston Hughes Project at 7 p.m. 🔳

MORE LIVE MUSIC VENUES

A city full of sounds can only be detailed so much. These other music venues host concerts and performances throughout the fall and winter.

- LEFTY'S LIVE MUSIC
 - 2307 University Ave., Des Moines www.leftyslivemusic.com
- WOOLY'S 504 E. Locust St., Des Moines firstfleetconcerts.com
- LAURIDSEN AMPHITHEATER Waterworks Park, 2251 George Flagg Parkway dsmwaterworkspark.com
- XBK 1159 24th St., Des Moines
 - xbklive.com

- TEMPLE THEATRE
- 1011 Locust St., Des Moines desmoinesperformingarts.org
- HORIZON EVENTS CENTER
 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive
 horizoneventscenter.com
- CAPTAIN ROYS
 1900 Saylor Road, Des Moines
 captainroys.com
- GREENWOOD LOUNGE
 3707 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines
 515-277-1219
- HULL AVENUE TAVERN
 834 Hull Ave., Des Moines
 facebook.com/Boggshullavetavern

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BY CYOTE WILLIAMS

A catch all listing of the best festivals, food, art and whatever your heart desires.

October

SEPT. 29 - OCT. 1: Iowa's Largest Arts and

Crafts Show. More than 250 creators bring their best handmade products to the Iowa State Fairgrounds, E. 30th Street and E. University Avenue, Des Moines; www.iowastatefairgrounds.org/eventcalendar/iowas-largest-arts-and-crafts-show-3.

OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Sunday Tunes at the Summerset Winery. Live music every Sunday from various local acts. From 2-5 p.m. 15101 Fairfax St., Indianola; summersetwine.com.

OCT. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22: 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 Saturday

and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays at Wills Family Orchard, 33130 Panther Creek Road, Adel; willsfamilyorchard.com/applepumpkin-fest.

OCT. 1, 8, 21: 5K Beer Run. The 2023 Iowa Brewery Running series continues through the fall at various breweries in central Iowa. All beginning at noon; breweryrunningseries.com.

OCT. 1: Manhattan Short Film Festival. Starting at 6 p.m., hosted by the Des Moines Art Center, Levitt Auditorium, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines; desmoinesartcenter.org.

OCT. 3 through DEC. 21: Cocktails and Cardboard. Hosted by the Dealt Hand every other Thursday night. Enjoy some of your favorite adult beverages alongside top-tier board games at 6 p.m. 321 E. Walnut St., Des Moines; thedealthand.com.

OCT. 4: Fall Ball golf tournament. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Briarwood Golf Club, 3405 N.E. Trilein Drive, Ankeny; web.ankeny.org/events.

OCT. 5: Knittin' for Kittens. Thanks to yarn donated to the Animal Rescue League, volunteers can knit beds for kittens residing at their shelters at 6 p.m. 5452 N.E. 22nd St., Des Moines; www.arl-iowa.org/events.

OCT. 7: Cars and Coffee from 8-11 a.m. at 5901 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines; carsandcoffee.com.

OCT. 7: Worldwide Food Truck Tour. This food-filled tour makes a stop in Des Moines with a wide range of food trucks and entertainment for the whole family. Starting at



Photo Courtesy of Madison County Covered Bridge Festival

noon on the Court Avenue Bridge, Court Avenue, Des Moines; worldwidefoodtrucktours.com.

OCT. 7: Adult night at Skate South. The longstanding roller rink invites you to turn back the clock and lace up those skates at 8:30 p.m. 10494 County Line Road, Des Moines; skatesouth.com.

OCT. 7: Movies in the park. Free event hosted by the City of Windsor Heights, a showing of "Hocus Pocus" in Colby Park at 6:15 p.m. 6900 School St., Windsor Heights; windsorheights. org/526/Movies-in-the-Park.

OCT. 7: Yu-Gi-Oh! Regional qualifier. All comers are welcome in hopes to earn a chance to make a trip to the North American Championship. 730 Fourth St., Des Moines; iowaeventscenter.com/events/detail/yu-gi-oh-regional-qualifier.

OCT. 7: Easterseals Fall Festival and Walk. Experience horseback riding, a rock wall, face painting and more. From 8:30 a.m. to noon at 401 N.E. 66th Ave., Des Moines; easterseals.com/ia.

OCT. 8 - DEC. 10: A music showcase of local talent at TeeHee's Comedy Club every second Sunday at 3 p.m. 1433 Walnut St., Des Moines; teeheescomedy.com.

Oct. 13: RuPaul's Drag Race: The Night of the Living Drag at 8 p.m. Stephens Auditorium, 1900 Center Dr., Ames; www.center.iastate.edu/locations/stephens-auditorium.

OCT. 13-14: Halloweenapalooza film festival at the Bridge View Center of Ottumwa, 5-11 p.m. on Friday, noon to midnight on Saturday. 102 Church St., Ottumwa; halloweenapalooza.com. OCT. 14: Raccoon River Valley Festival. Bikes, beer, boats



Pumpkin Destruction at Center Grove Orchard. Photo courtesy of Center Grove Orchard

and bands, what's there not to like? From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Racoon River Valley Park, 2500 Grand Ave., West Des Moines; wdmchamber.org/raccoon-river-rally.

OCT. 14-15: Madison County Covered Bridge Festival. The county's biggest event of the year celebrates its history and heritage alongside food and art vendors, a car show, parade and more. Starting at 9 a.m. in Winterset Square, Winterset; madisoncounty.com/covered-bridge-festival-2.

OCT. 15: IMT Des Moines Marathon. Starting at 7 a.m. The annual marathon that has been running since 2002 makes its way into downtown once again. 1001 Grand Ave., West Des Moines; desmoinesmarathon.com.

OCT. 20-22, 27-29: Living History Farms hosts their **familyfriendly Halloween event.** Various start times, at 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org/event/halloween.

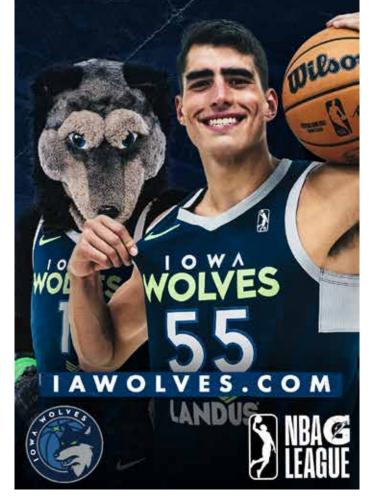
OCT. 21: The Salvation Army: Unmasking the Singer. Guess who's behind the mask featuring local celebrities. From 6-10 p.m. at Historic Sherman Hill, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; centralusa.salvationarmy.org/desmoines.

OCT. 21: Halloween Battle. No violence involved, only breakdancing. Hosted by DSM Breakerz, starting at 5:30 p.m. at



With more than half of all NBA players now getting their start in the NBA G League, the Iowa Wolves are your chance to get up close and personal with the next crop of young Timberwolves cutting their teeth for the biggest stage!

Whether you have a group of clients you'd like to entertain, looking for a fun employee outing or just want to heat up a winter night, the lowa Wolves can customize the right experience for you and make it memorable and fun for all.



100 E. Euclid Ave., Suite 17 Des Moines; desmoinesbreakerz.com.

OCT. 21: A Monster Mash Drag Brunch. The Garden continues its drag brunch series, this time with a Halloween twist. At The Garden, 525 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines at 10 a.m.; grdn.com/drag-brunch.html.

OCT. 21-22: Great Iowa Pet Expo. Adopt, shop, learn and enjoy contests. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. 2100 N.W. 100th St., Clive; greatiowapetexpo.com.

OCT. 27-28: Halloween bar crawl. Starting at Hessen Haus, hit several downtown bars on this spooky-themed weekend of beverages, from 4-10 p.m. 101 S.W. Fourth St., Des Moines. hessenhaus.com.

OCT. 27-29: Cardboard Caucus. Named after the state's first in the nation caucus, this event is all games, no politics. Starting at noon each day at 205 S. 64 St., West Des Moines; cardboardcaucus.com.

OCT. 28-29: 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.

OCT. 28: Trick or Trees. Family-friendly fall festival at the Botanical Garden. Costumes encouraged. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com.

WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER: Phantom Fall Festival. Every weekend in October, Adventureland hosts its fall festival with several haunted houses, ghosts, ghouls, goblins and more.

OCT. 30: Beggars Night. The night before Halloween is Beggars Night, and children across the metro will be out and about performing tricks and asking for treats. In your neighborhood, from 6-8 p.m.

November

NOV. 1: Des Moines Dash Scavenger Hunt. A nontraditional scavenger hunt that will take you around the city. 505 E. Grand Ave., No. 104, Des Moines; crazydash.com/Locations/Des-Moines-IA.

NOV. 1: Paint and Sip. Make your attempt at painting a "Harvest Moon," accompanied by beverages. Starting at 6 p.m. at Reclaimed Rails, 101 Main St., S.E. Bondurant; reclaimedrailsbrewing.com.

NOV. 1: Live Music Wednesdays. Presented by Republic on Grand, take in live musical performances every Wednesday through December for free. From 6-8 p.m. in the Historic East Village, AC Hotel, 401 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines; therepublicongrand.com.



Phantom Fall Festival. Courtesy of Adventureland

NOV. 2: Trivia Night at Paws & Pints. Bring your furry friends and your trivia knowledge, starting at 6 p.m. at 6218 Willowmere Drive, Des Moines; pawsandpintsdsm.com.

NOV. 4: Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 N.W. 128th St., Granger; www.jesterparknaturecenter.com.

NOV. 4: Live Jazz at The Continental in the Historic East Village. From 8-11 a.m. at 407 E. Fifth St., Des Moines; ongrand0.wixsite.com/the-continental.

NOV. 4: Nurse Blake is back on the road for his stand-up comedy tour. From 8-10:30 p.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines; hoytsherman.org.

NOV. 4-5: Pumpkin Destruction. Normally pumpkins are put on a pedestal during the fall months, but not at Center Grove Orchard. From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 32835 610th Ave., Cambridge; centergroveorchard.com.

NOV 9.: Cocktails and Cardboard. Starting at 6 p.m. 321 E. Walnut St., Des Moines; thedealthand.com.

NOV. 11: Living History Farms Race. Run for 5 miles and see 300 years of history. Beginning at 9 a.m. at 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org.

NOV. 12: Jazz at Caspe Terrace by Sparks. From 2-4:30 p.m. at 33158 Ute Ave., Waukee; jewishdesmoines.org/our-community/caspe-terrace.

NOV. 12: Skillet performing at Vibrant Music Hall, 2938 Grand Prairie Parkway, Waukee, at 5:30 p.m.; https://897theriver. com/event/skillet-and-theory-of-a-deadman-2/.

NOV. 15: Roomful of Teeth. The Grammy-winning octet performs 7:30- 9:30 p.m. at the Sheslow Auditorium, 2507 University Ave., Des Moines; calendar.drake.edu/sheslow_auditorium.

NOV. 18: Fall into Wine and Art. Fall-themed arts and crafts show. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Summerset Winery, 15101 Fairfax St., Indianola; summersetwine.com.

NOV. 19: 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.jester park nature center.com/calendar-events/fall-makers-market.

NOV. 22: A Night Under the Lights. Waukee's second annual light parade, with activities all day, local food vendors and entertainment. From 6-9 p.m. at Centennial Park, Waukee; https://fb.me/e/3nnUYFKhy.

NOV. 23: Des Moines Turkey Trot. Voted "Top Trot" in Iowa five years in a row by Runner's World Magazine, the 5K and 5-mile race takes over Des Moines on Thanksgiving. Starting at 9 a.m. on Court Avenue; desmoinesturkeytrot.com.

NOV. 24: Winterset Festival of Lights. The holiday season will be in full swing with live music, food and drinks to keep you warm and, of course, lights. From 5-8 p.m. at 73 Jefferson St., Winterset; madisoncounty.com/special-events.

NOV. 24-26: Festival of Trees and Lights. Expertly decorated trees, local music, dance groups and a visit from Santa himself, all in the name of supporting Blank Children's Hospital. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Iowa Events Center, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines; unitypoint.org/ giving/blank-childrens-hospital-foundation/ways-to-give/events/ festival-of-trees-and-lights.

NOV. 23-26: Disney on Ice Magic in the Stars. Various start times at the Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; www.iowaeventscenter.com.

NOV. 25: Christmas in Olde Town. A holiday celebration in the heart of downtown Altoona. S.E. Second Street, Altoona; visitaltoona.com.

NOV. 30 THROUGH DEC. 3: 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; and Glühwein (warm, mulled wine) and European beer. All at Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines; christkindlmarketdsm.com.

December

DEC. 1: Light Up Polk City from 6-8 p.m. at the Polk City town square; gopolkcity.com/light-up-polk-city.

DEC. 1: The Dallas Brass performs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 3650 Woodland Ave., West Des Moines; https://civicmusic.org.

DEC. 1-2: Comedian Jeffrey Arcuri. 560 S. Prairie View Drive, No. 100, West Des Moines; desmoines.funnybone.com.

DEC. 2: Movies in the Park. Watch "Elf" at Colby Park. Event will be moved inside the community center depending on weather. Starting at 6 p.m. 6900 School St., Windsor Heights; windsorheights.org/523/Events.

DEC. 2: Family Christmas at Living History Farms. 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org.

DEC. 7-8: Performance of Irish Christmas in America. Starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple Theatre, 1011 Locust St., Des Moines; desmoinesperformingarts.org/venues/temple-theater.

DEC. 8-9: Winter Solstice Market. 6-9 p.m. on Friday,



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Winterset Festival of Lights. Courtesy of the Winterset Tourism department

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. 116 S. First Ave., Winterset Courthouse Square; madisoncounty.com/special-events.

DEC. 9: Santa 5K run. 521 E. Locust St., Des Moines; fleetfeet.com/s/desmoines.

DEC. 9: Indoor Kayaking held by the Polk County Conservation Board, learn the craft or test your skills from 2-4 p.m. at 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Building 5, Ankeny; https://secure. rec1.com/IA/polk-county-ia/catalog.

DEC. 10: Peppermint Trail. Winter festival located along Ingersoll Ave.; theavenuesdsm.com/peppermint-trail.

DEC. 16: University of Iowa basketball double header. The men and women travel to Des Moines for a unique hoops experience. Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; www.iowaeventscenter.com/wells-fargo-arena.

DEC. 16-17: 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; quadcitycon.com.

NOV. 24 THROUGH DEC. 31: Santa's Rock N Lights.

Holiday-themed light show occurring daily from 5-9 p.m. at Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale; lhf.org/ event/santas-rock-n-lights.

NOV. 24 THROUGH DEC. 31: Holiday Hullabaloo. Now in its second year, experience a family-friendly holiday event with festivities and entertainment every weekend through the dates posted. Horizon Events Center, 10320 Hickman Road, Clive; horizoneventscenter.com.

January

JAN. 6: Live Jazz at The Continental in the Historic East Village. From 8-11 p.m. at 407 E. Fifth St., Des Moines; ongrand0. wixsite.com/the-continental.

JAN 6-7: 12th annual Iowa Diecast Toy Show. Located at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines; www.agfarmtoys.com.

JAN. 7: DMPL and Dragons. Dungeons and Dragons at the



You can participate in Sip and Stroll inside the Des Moines Botanical Garden. Photo courtesy of KMP Photography

Central Library, 1000 Grand Ave., Des Moines; www.dmpl.org/ event/dmpl-dragons-sunday-4.

JAN. 11: Capital City Pride presents: Tiq Milan. Starting at 6 p.m. at the Temple Theatre 1011 Locust St., Des Moines; desmoinesperformingarts.org/venues/temple-theater.

JAN. 11: Sip and Stroll. Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines; dmbotanicalgarden.com.

JAN. 14: Local Music Showcase at TeeHee's comedy club. 1433 Walnut St., Des Moines; teeheescomedy.com.

JAN. 23-28: Mama Mia. Recurring daily at the Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; www.dmpa.org.

JAN. 30 through Feb 1: Iowa Ag Expo. Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines; www.iowaeventscenter.com/wellsfargo-arena.

February

FEB. 2-18: "Our Town." Performed at the Des Moines Community Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines; www.dmplayhouse.com.

FEB. 2-17: "EQUUS." Recurring weekly on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Tallgrass Theatre, 2019 Grand Ave., Suite 100, West Des Moines; tallgrasstheatre.org.

FEB. 10: The Fur Ride. Put on the fake fur and ride around town. Starting at Ricochet and ending at Big Grove Brewery, 400 Locust St., Suite 105, Des Moines; aboveandbeyondcancer.org.

FEB. 17: Prepare to be amazed by the **Peking Acrobats.** 11 a.m. at the Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; www.dmpa.org.

FEB. 27 through MARCH 3: "Les Misérables," one of the world's most popular musicals. Starting at various times at the Des Moines Civic Center, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines; www.dmpa.org.

FEB. 28: Coldest Night of the Year Fun Run/Walk. Held by Central Iowa Shelter and Services at Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines; centraliowashelter.org. ■

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 2-6:30 PM

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