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A FESTIVAL as unique as its community

Not too many years ago, community festivals were few and far between. The ones that did exist were small in comparison to those today. Now, seemingly every community has a large, multi-day festival with food trucks, parade, carnival, live music and games. I have attended seemingly every community celebration in central Iowa at one point or another, and, although they are similar, each has its own unique identity, too — as it should.

If you drive through the towns and neighborhoods, business districts and even the gravel roads of Madison County, you find that uniqueness. The history is rich, and the pride is immense. The same can be said for community festivals, and that is especially true when it comes to Madison County's Covered Bridge Festival.

If you have never attended the festival, you are in luck. This year's event is just around the corner, and there will most certainly be a number of activities that you will enjoy — some sure to bring back childhood memories.

And be sure to take time to discover — or rediscover — the Bridges of Madison County and the beautiful countryside surrounding them.

Once again, we share the details of this hometown event in the pages of this magazine. It is a wonderful part of this vibrant area and yet another reason why so many choose to call Madison County home.

Thanks for reading. ■



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COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Annual celebration steeped in history and fun

By Chantel Boyd

The annual Madison County Covered Bridge Festival has been going strong for more than 50 years, and, as it has for all those decades, returns to pay homage to the county's history and its covered bridges — and to provide a weekend of family fun.

The celebration, Oct. 14-15, is hosted by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Enjoy a variety of welcoming vendors, booths and more at the Covered Bridge Festival. Photo courtesy of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce



At the heart of the festival are the Covered Bridges of Madison County. Bus tours are offered during the festival. Photo courtesy of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce

“A huge thank you to our community sponsors, whose support makes the festival possible,” says Amara Huffine, executive director of the Chamber, adding that it takes many volunteers and community partners to bring the event together and invite visitors into the community.

“We have a dedicated committee of 15 people who work November through October to put on this wonderful festival,” says Huffine.

The festival began with eight dedicated citizens who wanted a fall festival to celebrate the covered bridges and the era of the pioneer.

“As the festival has continued, the Chamber has taken it over to celebrate the Covered Bridge Festival and support our mission to make Madison County a better place to work, live, play and conduct business,” she says.

The first festival was held in 1970 when it was primarily a community craft festival. As the event grew, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce began organizing it.

More than 50 years have passed, and while some things have stayed the same, the festival has also evolved. In the beginning, seven covered bridges were tourist attractions. Today, six remain but are honored with the same reverence, with guided tours throughout the two full weekend days of events.

The covered bridges are an ode to the past and the quality workmanship that is a testament to the bridges’ longevity. The bridges became world renowned when the Roseman Covered Bridge was featured as the main backdrop of the literary classic novel “The Bridges of Madison County” and the film that followed. It was built in 1883 over the Middle River and renovated in 1992.

This year’s festival

Cost of entry to the festival is \$3 per adult, with kids younger than 11 free. Pick up a printed schedule at the gate or find maps of the activities and parade online at <https://www.madisoncounty.com/covered-bridge-festival-2/entertainment>.

Visitors to this year’s Covered Bridge Festival are invited to immerse themselves in the “good ol’ days” by participating in many old-time activities such as square dancing, marble shooting and rifle marksmanship.

Every year, except for the first year, royalty has been crowned to preside over the festival.

“We will honor our royalty at 9:30 a.m. Saturday on the Benge Stage. Beer will be available to be purchased and carried throughout the festival. Hy-Vee will be operating our beer tent. Our parade will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday,” shares Huffine.

This year’s king and queen are Jim and Nancy Smith of Macksburg, and the 2022 king and queen were Dusky and Connie Terry of Earlham.

One thing that remains the same all these years is the presence of the craft fair showcasing artisans’ wares. The craft booths still display hand-made goods made by local artists: pottery, quilts, doll clothes, paintings, drawings, photographs, jewelry, woodcrafts, fiber arts and more. Organizers are expecting 150 vendors and demonstrators.

Most booths, as well as the food, live music and entertainment, will be at the Madison County Courthouse Square in Winterset with about 20 vendors inside the Winterset Livery.

Demonstrations and old-time activities



A variety of activities, bus tours and much more are offered at the Covered Bridge Festival. Photo courtesy of the Madison County Chamber of

include antique tractor rides, a Civil War fashion show, sheep-shearing, wool spinning, a corn box for kids to play in and marble shooting.

Passport to the Past activities offered at the Madison County Historical Complex at 915 S. Second Ave. will include penny candy sales, horse and wagon rides, old-fashioned school lessons, a Civil War reenactment, blacksmith demonstrations and more.

Visitors can also enjoy an old-fashioned



Car enthusiasts will enjoy the Antique Vehicle and Covered Bridge Festival Parade and car show. Photo courtesy of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce

spelling bee and an antique car show Sunday only off the square.

A festival highlight is the annual Antique Vehicle and Covered Bridge Festival Parade, which begins at the high school at 3 p.m. on Sunday and heads north on Eighth Avenue until turning east on Court and continuing to the other side of town on Court and Washington streets.

For the kids, the event boasts inflatables and a carnival. A face painter will be available on E. Court Street with free face painting from 9 a.m. to noon on both Saturday and Sunday.

“We will also have demonstrations like the cross-cut saws that the kiddos can participate in,” says Huffine.

An exciting new addition this year is an expansion of existing events for the children.

“This year, we expanded our inflatables area to include a small carnival. We’ve also expanded our festival to include a Varied Industries concept at the Winterset Livery,” shares Huffine.

Bridges tour, entertainment and more

What would a Covered Bridge Festival be without a visit to some of the historic covered bridges of Madison County? Enjoy one of the bus tours of the bridges offered by the Winterset Rotary Club Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon. The price is \$15 per person, and the tour is approximately two hours long. With a knowledgeable guide full of covered bridge history and lore, you’ll visit the Roseman, Hogback and Cutler-Donahoe bridges and the North River Schoolhouse.

Tickets for the tours can be purchased at the Rotary booth on the festival grounds, near The Cellar coffee shop on First Avenue. Tours depart from First Avenue and Washington Street, near the George Stout public art project. It’s a great way to see the bridges without navigating festival traffic and gravel roads.

Musical entertainment at this year’s festival includes The Wild Woods Band, the James



The 2022 king and queen were Dusky and Connie Terry of Earlham, pictured. This year’s king and queen are Jim and Nancy Smith of Macksburg. Photo courtesy of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce

Biehn Band, The Bird Hunters and more. See the complete entertainment schedule online, <https://www.madisoncounty.com/covered-bridge-festival-2>.

Huffine says she, the Chamber, and the festival committee appreciate all the businesses and volunteers who are coming together to put on this community event, including the generosity of the many sponsors.

“We are grateful to our sponsors, staff, volunteers and vendors who make this festival a success. Additionally, we could not put on this festival without our community partners: the City of Winterset, Winterset Utilities, and the Winterset Lions Club.” ■

MEET Jess Larison

Teaching high school social studies

Jess Larison grew up in La Porte City before receiving a degree to teach social studies from the University of Northern Iowa. He then accepted his first teaching position in Grundy Center where he taught world history, U.S. history, geography and government. While there, Larison also helped with the speech program, assisted with the musical, coached junior high basketball and coached high school tennis. Now, entering his fifth year of teaching, he says he is excited to join the Winterset community. This fall, he began teaching social studies at the Winterset High School.



Jess Larison joins the Winterset schools after having taught in Grundy Center.

"I was attracted to Winterset because of the small-town values that persist in close proximity to the Des Moines metro area. There are good people here who work hard and try to make the best of every day. It seemed to me that the school community and community as a whole value their teachers and are a growth-minded group who constantly look to better themselves. I look forward to getting to know more community members, students and parents as my journey here begins," Larison says.

He says he challenges himself to make learning come alive for his students, and, because of this, his curriculum changes and adapts to his students' needs each year. One past project he is excited to bring to Winterset includes a WWI simulation where students get to represent different countries that participated in the war. Students are able to make decisions based on their goals as a country, which can influence the outcome of the war.

Larison says he is also excited to bring a 1920s radio project to Winterset. For this project, students show their knowledge about the Roarin' '20s in the form of a popular radio show while using 1920s lingo. In the past, his students have also participated in an immigration simulation where they explore what it was like to come to America in the 1800s and 1900s.

"I like teaching high school students because they are young adults. They have the capacity to think critically about current issues and apply their learning to real-world situations. They will challenge you with questions and inspire deeper thinking and learning for the whole class," Larison says.

This fall, he says he is most excited to meet students, parents and community members as well as form new connections and relationships. When not teaching, he enjoys spending time with family and friends. He likes to play sports, coach and learn through reading, documentaries, podcasts and more. He also likes to travel and has been to 37 of the 50 states and eight countries with the hope of adding to those numbers in the near future. ■

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LAWN CARE

By Kevin Johnson

WINTERIZE your lawn this fall for improved health

Fall winterization of your lawn involves a heavy feeding of fertilizer, at the appropriate time, that maximizes the naturally occurring process that every lawn goes through each fall. In fact, this application of fertilizer does the most to directly benefit your lawn compared to others made when your grass is actively growing earlier in the season. If you could only fertilize once a year, this would be the time.



When is the best time to make your last application of fertilizer? As a homeowner, you all have experienced that time of year when the growth of your lawn slows down in the fall, and you no longer have to mow. Although the growth of your grass has stopped, your lawn is still green and producing energy. The energy being produced is directed towards increased food reserves being stored in the roots of your lawn. This is a naturally occurring process that all perennial plants go through each fall. Increased food storage in your grass plants' root system results in benefits you'll see next year. This would include earlier spring green up, increased plant drought and disease resistance, and a healthy, thicker lawn.


If you want a better lawn next year, talk to your lawn care professional and schedule a late fall application of fertilizer. ■

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BEAUTY

By Annie Wiseman

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It can be difficult to try out a new stylist. And, guess what? It can be hard for the stylist as well. It can be a lot of pressure. There's a big expectation when you finally make the decision to see someone new. Maybe you've been referred to a new stylist from your friend who absolutely loves this person. Maybe you're ready for an entire new look. Or, maybe you've just moved here and needing to find a salon "home." We stylists love all these reasons and are happy to have new energy in our chairs. That being said, developing this new relationship can take time. In my 25 years of experience, I've noticed it takes three times.



The first time you see someone new, you're inevitably comparing this experience, service and result to your previous stylist. Plus, making the small talk and generally getting to know one another. By the second visit, we see the areas that we can correct, and now you're able to communicate some trouble spots. By the magical third visit, we've gotten to know each other enough to see the best way to execute your look given we know your lifestyle and the reality of how you're likely to style your hair at home.

So don't give up on your new experience after just one visit. I know it takes me personally three times of doing your hair before I feel like it's perfect. And perfection is always what we're after. ■

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WALKING through the season of grief

Grief. It would be hard to find someone who, in the grand scope of their entire life, has not walked through a season of grief, or even many seasons. The interesting part of grief is that, often times, in the midst of it, we feel very alone.



In my own life, as I've experienced seasons of grief, I hold to my faith in the Lord and trust in His attributes and in His Word.

As a follower of God, I am first comforted to know that God hears me, understands my grief, and that I am not alone. The Book of Psalms is a place that I rest in often, in the "ups" of life and, most definitely, in the "downs," or in the midst of grieving. Here are just a couple of verses that bring me comfort: Psalm 6:8 "For the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping." Psalm 56:8 "You have kept

count of my tossings; put tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?" And, lastly, Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him."

In these three verses, we see that God hears, God understands, God is present, and God keeps count of my grief, that He is my strength and my shield. Because of the things stated in these three verses, my response is to rest in Him, rest in His Word, trust Him in this season of life and praise Him, even in the hard times.

This is only possible because I have a relationship with Christ. How can you? Pray. Repent of your sinful ways. Meaning, turn from the things that are not godly and follow Him. Seek forgiveness for those sins and place your faith in Him.

Who better to trust with your grief than God himself, who truly understands. Isaiah

53:3 "He (Jesus) was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief..."

Practical steps to fighting your grief outside of the aforementioned:

- Surround yourselves with those of like faith (the local church) to encourage and pray with you.
- Be aware of when your grief is worse and find activities or people to help occupy your time in those moments.
- Pray through the Psalms.

These are just a few ways to help you walk through your grief. The idea is to be intentional, to recognize it and not curl up. Walk through this season of grief. Not alone, but with Christ and fellow believers. ■

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REAL ESTATE

By Jennifer Stover

APPRAISAL myths

The home appraisal process can be nerve wracking for sellers. Here are a few common myths that need to be dispelled.



1. The appraiser can tell you what a buyer should pay. There is an art to pricing homes, and the appraisal is only one piece of the puzzle. The appraiser will give an educated opinion on the value. The price should be close to the market value, but not always. It can be frustrating when there is an appraisal gap (home appraiser lower than purchase price). The bank will not loan the money, and the buyer will have to make up the difference. This is common in extreme sellers' markets.

2. Home inspection and appraisal are the same. A home inspection and appraisal are very different. The inspection is intended to identify issues with the home. In contrast, the appraisal aims to determine the market value of the home. The only time an appraiser takes on the role of inspector is if the buyer is using an FHA, VA or USDA loan.

3. The more money you invest in a home, the higher it will appraise. One of the bigger myths is that every improvement adds value. That is far from the case. Sellers should be aware of improvements that increase a home's value and make smart investment choices. Talk to a trusted Realtor before making large home improvements. ■

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AUTOMOTIVE

By Dawn Lauer

TIME for fall car care

October marks Fall Car Care Month, one of two months each year that the Car Care Council brings attention to the importance of car care and preventative maintenance. It's an excellent time to prepare your vehicle before the cold temperatures and hazardous winter weather arrive. We suggest checking your brakes, battery, tires and heat in the fall before the temperatures drop to prepare.



• **Battery** — Have the battery tested by a trained technician. A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather.

• **Brakes** — If there is any indication of a brake problem, have the system inspected by a certified technician to ensure all components are in good working order.

• **Tires** — Replace any tire that has less than 3/32 inches of tread. Uneven tire wear can indicate alignment, wheel balance or suspension problems that must be addressed to prevent further tire damage.

• **Tire pressure** — Check tire inflation pressure on all four tires and the spare more frequently in fall and winter. As the average temperature drops, so will tire pressures — typically by one PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Proper tire pressure levels can be found in the owner's manual.

• **Heating and cooling system** — Proper heating and cooling performance is critical for comfort and safety, such as defogging. ■

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THE ZOMBIE Hollow new to Winterset

Part of ticket price supports local causes.

The thing about ghosts and ghouls is that you never know where they'll pop up. The Zombie Hollow was a well-known seasonal attraction in Urbandale, but now it's reappeared in Winterset. Lew

Jordan is the main spirit behind The Zombie Hollow, and he recently gave an update on the preparations being made to open in the new haunts.

"It's brand new to Winterset this year," he says. "We did this in Urbandale for eight years. My friend and I, and my brother and family, all helped with the event we hosted in our backyard every year on Halloween. We started out just doing it on Beggars' Night, and then we started adding more and more weekends as it grew and grew. We didn't charge admission, it was a freewill offering. After two years, we had so many people, we decided to raise money for a wounded veterans charity called Sentinels of Freedom."

Jordan's creation soon became a "monster," as he explained.

"On average, we'd raise \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. We were over \$5,000 a few years. But it got so big, we were running through a thousand people a night. So, we moved down here in 2016, with the intent of finding a place we could do it and start a commercial business and make it as big as we want."

For the first few years after moving to Winterset, Jordan was busy working on his home, and then COVID intervened, delaying any chance of reviving The Zombie Hollow. During those years, Jordan helped the local FFA club with their haunted house, but now he's ready for The Zombie Hollow to come back to life.

Jordan stresses that The Zombie Hollow is not designed to be scary.

"This is a totally family-friendly event that I would equate to Disney. Walk through at your own pace. It's a well-lit trail. Nobody's going to grab you or terrorize you. No blood, guts, gore. Toddlers come through here, and it's enjoyable for everyone. I consider it more of a giant Halloween art display than a haunted house. It's our ode to Halloween."

One change at The Zombie Hollow is that the event is no longer a freewill offering event.

"All the tickets are sold online; it's presale only, and the main reason is we don't have enough parking to open the flood gates and let everybody come at once. There will be timeslots every half-hour."

In addition to the trail, Jordan says, "We'll sell apples, peaches, pumpkins. We are going to have concessions out here. The Swalve family who does the kettle corn and nuts and lemonade, they're going to come out and do fall beverages and hot cider, and they're going to do a special zombie kettle corn. We are handicap accessible. We will have people here to help them get through if they want it."

Regarding the event schedule, Jordan says, "It's going to be open every weekend in October, Friday and Saturday nights, 7-10 p.m. Also, we're going to try day haunts, from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. It's \$18 to come through at night; it's \$12 to come through during the



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The day haunts will not include actors, lights, fog or special effects. Kids 5 and younger are admitted free. Tickets and more information are available at the event's website, thezombiehollow.com.

"This year, we're going to give 10%, and maybe more, back to local charities: American Legion, Paw Pantry, the Winterset Theater, and the Winterset Stage acting club." ■



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TACKLING tooth pain in children

At some time in their childhood, children may develop a toothache. Research suggests that one in four infants and children up to age 5 years have a toothache at some point. That number jumps to half of all children by the time they reach age 6 through 9 years.



Toothaches can result from infections in the tooth, such as tooth decay, or problems with the gums or other tissues around the tooth. Toothache is different from the tooth pain that occurs when a baby is teething or the tooth pain that occurs when a child has a loose baby tooth.

Tooth removal

At some point, children may need to have one or more of their teeth removed by a dentist. Parents should be aware that pain after tooth removal is usually not very high to begin with and drops steadily after a few hours.

Using medicine to manage pain

If your child has a toothache, make an appointment with their dentist or pediatrician as soon as possible. If the dentist or pediatrician cannot see your child quickly, he or she may suggest pain relievers that you can buy at the store to control the pain for a short time until they can see your child. If the pain continues or gets worse, or your child develops facial swelling or fever, contact your child's dentist or pediatrician again. If your child cannot see a dentist or pediatrician, you can take your child to an urgent care clinic or hospital emergency department.

If your child has a tooth removed, their dentist or pediatrician may also suggest using pain relievers. Some health organizations suggest that nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and acetaminophen, which can be bought in the store, may help. NSAIDs can be taken alone or with acetaminophen. Do not be confused by these names — they are medical terms. In the store, the pain relievers

go by names like Advil, Motrin or Tylenol. These medicines come in different forms, so it is important to follow your child's dentist's or pediatrician's directions on which pain reliever to use and how to give it to your child.

Conclusion

It is not uncommon for infants and young children to experience a toothache. In many cases, this pain can be temporarily managed with pain-relieving medicines that can be bought in stores. If your child is experiencing a toothache, contact their dentist or pediatrician. If the dentist or pediatrician cannot see your child immediately, they may recommend a pain reliever for temporary use and explain how to use it. If your child has a tooth removed, pain-relieving medications may also be recommended by their dentist. ■

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HEALTH

By Dr. Amanda Queck

MOVE like a baby again

The latest research shows that injury and trauma are not the only causes of pain. Pain can be caused by other factors such as diet, mental, social, or even psychological factors. Did you know that, if you have pain for more than three months, it means your brain has learned to be in pain? We have to retrain the brain out of that pain. The primary way we do this is through chiropractic adjustments because we know that addressing the dysfunction of the spine plays a major role in making these changes. But another way we do this is through movement patterns.



Most of us have developed improper movement patterns that have overwhelmed our brain. So, we simply need to return to the basics. What is the first movement you ever learned — even before you learned to crawl? Rolling. Think of how rolling as a baby influenced your balance and coordination as an adult.

How about crawling? Think of the core muscles that engage as babies learn to crawl. These same movement patterns are just as important as adults. When your muscles engage properly, they can give proper feedback to your brain. When they don't function properly, then your brain gets a negative feedback — and your body receives the message as pain. So, regardless of what type of pain you are experiencing, take it back to the basics. Move like a baby again. Your brain will thank you for it. ■

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HEALTH

By Elijah Evans

EMOTIONAL validation makes or breaks relationships

Emotional validation is a critical skill for healthy relationships. To validate someone's emotions is to communicate the understandability or reasonableness of their feelings. This is not the same as agreeing with the person's stance, and, in fact, this skill becomes all the more important when the feelings of the person you are acknowledging are different from your own. For example, I find coffee disgusting, but, for all the coffee lovers out there, I respect that, to you, it is an invigorating brew in which you find genuine satisfaction. The alternatives to validation include the assertion of one's own perspective (e.g. coffee is gross) or attempts to change a person's feelings (e.g. arguing tea is the superior hot, bitter beverage). These alternatives become problematic when responding to the emotions of others because they imply there is something wrong with the way they feel, since you are either unwilling to relate to their feelings or suggesting they should be different. Instead, practicing validation communicates empathy and respect for differences, which are crucial for navigating conflict. While the coffee example is a mundane way to demonstrate validation, one can easily imagine an emotionally charged interaction in which one person expresses an important feeling, and validation is the only thing that would make them feel seen and cared for. ■



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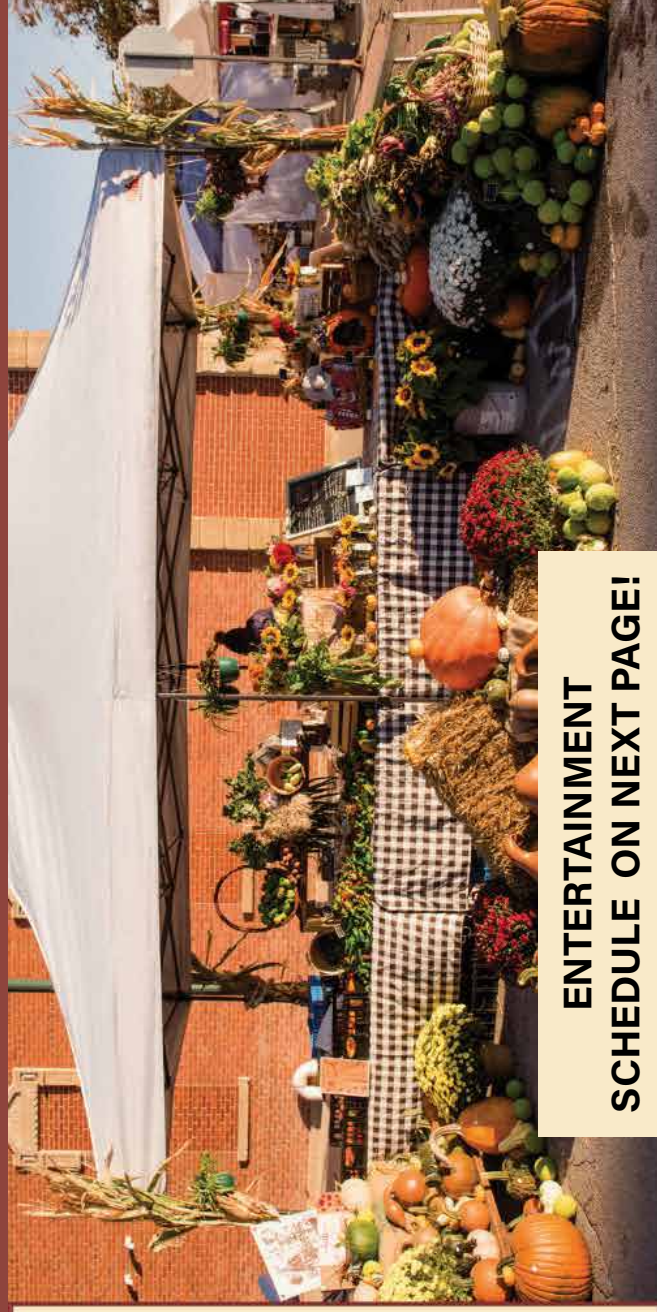
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OCTOBER 14-15



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

8:30 am — Annual Covered Bridges of Madison County Antique Tractor Ride. Departs from Madison County Fairgrounds then visit five historic covered bridges and Clark Tower in City Park. \$25 entry fee. Contact: Curtis Saveraid, 515-210-7806

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

6-11 am — Winterset Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast, Winterset Fire Station (corner of Court Ave and 2nd Street); \$8/adults, free for children 3 and under)

8:30 am — Annual Covered Bridges of Madison County Antique Tractor Ride. Departs from Madison County Fairgrounds then highlights hills and valleys on scenic country roads. \$25 entry fee. Contact: Curtis Saveraid, 515-210-7806

8:30 am — Annual Horseshoe Tournament, Madison

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

1 pm — Senior Spelling Bee at First United Methodist Church, 309 E Jefferson

4 pm — A Civil War Skirmish takes place on the north lawn of the Madison County Historical Complex.

5-9 pm — WHS All Class Reunion, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, located at 1026 N. 8th Ave.

6:45 pm — Join the Madison County Historical Complex for free S'mores and popcorn. Lawn chairs from home are encouraged.

7:15 pm — Nighttime Civil War cannon firing at the Historical Complex. (Free)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

6 to 11 am — Winterset Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast, Winterset Fire Station (corner of Court Ave and



County Fairgrounds. (8:30-9:30 am registration and warm-up; 10 am pitching.) \$10 entry fee. Sanctioned and unsanctioned members welcome. Contact Kris Jordan, (515) 669-3085

9am — Covered Bridge Race 5K Walk/Run, Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge in Winterset City Park (8:45 am Children's Event; 9 am 5K.) Sponsored by the Winterset Rotary Club.

9 AM - 5 PM — COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL on the Madison County Courthouse Square in Winterset (arts and crafts vendors, food, live music and entertainment); \$3 admission fee (or 2 for \$5) at the gates; children 12 & under free.

Activities from 9 am - 5 pm include:

- **Kids' Activities**
- **Live Entertainment** (See Bengé and Penrod Stage schedules)
- **Farmers Market** (located along W. Court Ave)
- **John Wayne Birthplace & Museum Tours** (205 S. John Wayne Drive; \$20/adults, \$19/seniors, \$17/veterans, \$10/children 8-12 years, Free/children 7 years and under

ALL DAY

WHS Class of 1962 60th Class Reunion at the VFW Hall (located behind the Winterset Public Library on N. 3rd Street)

10am — Junior Spelling Bee, First United Methodist Church, 309 E Jefferson

10 am to 3 pm — Covered Bridge School Bus Tours – 2-hour guided tours by Winterset Rotary Club; \$15, purchase tickets at the Rotary ticket booth on the SW side of the festival grounds. (110 W. Washington Street)

10 am to 5 pm — Passport to the Past at the Madison County Historical Complex (915 S. 2nd Avenue). Activities include blacksmith demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides around the complex, penny candy at the Field Mercantile, historical Bevington mansion tours, pop-up exhibit showcasing the 150th anniversary of the Red Delicious apple and Jesse Hiatt, as well as museum tours.

2nd Street); \$8/adults, free for children 3 and under)

8 am to 12 pm — Registration for the Annual Madison County Car Show, 110 W. Washington Street. Hosted by the Central Iowa Auto Club; judging begins at 1:30 pm and awards are presented at 3 pm.

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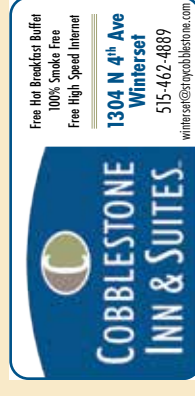
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3 pm — Covered Bridge Festival Parade. Lineup begins at 2 pm in the Winterset High School parking lot. The parade route starts at the high school where it heads north on 8th Avenue, then east on Court Street to 2nd Ave for one block before turning south on 2nd. It then turns east onto Washington Street, makes a left onto 4th Street, then continues east on Court Street just past 10th Street.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

9 am	National Anthem
9:05-9:15 am	Presentations: Madison County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amara Huffine
9:30-10:15 am	Tutor 3
10:15- 10:45 am	Belly Up Dance Troupe
10:45-11:30 am	Czech It Out
11:30 am-12 pm	Spotlight Dance Legacy
12-12:45 pm	The Bengé Family
12:45-1:15 pm	WHS Dance Team
1:15-2 pm	Liv McNair
2-2:30 pm	Ryann's Dance Academy
2:30-3:15 pm	The Wild Woods Band
3:45-5 pm	The James Behn Band

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

9-10 am pm	The Abe Miller Band
10-10:30 am	Deborah's School of Dance
10:30-11:15 am	Dave Hargrove
11:15-11:45 am	SWCC Dance Team
11:45 am-12:30 pm	The Flying Silos
12:30-1 pm	Spotlight School of Dance
1-1:45 pm	Chris Powell
1:45-2:15 pm	Eliana Franzenburg
2:15-3 pm	The Bird Hunters

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MADISON COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL PARADE

SUNDAY, OCT. 15
3 P.M.



BREAKING down the parts of Medicare

Generally, the different parts of Medicare help cover specific services. Most beneficiaries choose to receive their Parts A and B benefits through Original Medicare, the traditional fee-for-service program offered directly through the federal government. It is sometimes called Traditional Medicare or Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicare. Under Original Medicare, the government pays directly for the health care services you receive. You can see any doctor and hospital that takes Medicare (and most do) anywhere in the country.



In Original Medicare:

- You go directly to the doctor or hospital when you need care. You do not need to get prior permission/authorization from Medicare or your primary care doctor.
- You are responsible for a monthly premium for Part B. Some also pay a premium for Part A.
- You typically pay a coinsurance for each service you receive.
- There are limits on the amounts that doctors and hospitals can charge for your care.
- If you want prescription drug coverage with Original Medicare, in most cases you will need to actively choose and join a stand-alone Medicare private drug plan (PDP).

Note: There are a number of government programs that may help reduce your health care and prescription drug costs if you meet the eligibility requirements.

Unless you choose otherwise, you will have Original Medicare. Instead of Original Medicare, you can decide to get your Medicare benefits from a Medicare Advantage Plan, also called Part C or Medicare private health plan. Remember, you still have Medicare if you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan. This means that you must still pay your monthly Part B premium (and your Part A premium, if you have one). Each Medicare Advantage Plan must provide all Part A and Part B services covered by Original Medicare, but they can do so with different rules, costs and restrictions that can affect how and when you receive care.

It is important to understand your Medicare coverage choices and to pick your coverage carefully. How you choose to get your benefits and who you get them from can affect your out-of-pocket costs and where you can get your care. For instance, in Original Medicare, you are covered to go to nearly all doctors and hospitals in the country. On the other hand, Medicare Advantage Plans typically have network restrictions, meaning you will likely be more limited in your choice of doctors and hospitals. However, Medicare Advantage Plans can also provide additional benefits that Original Medicare does not cover, such as routine vision or dental care. ■

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FORMER funeral home flipped

Gordons transform Winterset landmark.

Dustin Gordon has limited his renovations to the houses in which he and his wife, Liz, and their three children, Declan, 10, Creedyn, 6, and Kiercyn, 4, have lived. Until, that is, they bought a funeral home. The Gordons bought the Collins Funeral Home a few years ago and flipped it into a residence without having lived in it.

Now, Winterset City Administrator Drew Barden, his wife, Lindsay, and their five young kids call it home.

The former funeral home was Dustin and Liz Gordon's first official flip, beyond the houses they lived in and renovated, beginning with the first duplex they rented during college. Back then, the young couple did the work for free, and the landlord paid for the materials.

"We have always loved transforming old spaces and giving them a new life," says Liz Gordon.

They have since renovated each home they have lived in, while living in them.

"Our kids begged us to move into the funeral home," says Liz. "We thought about it but didn't want to leave the countryside."

Dustin Gordon was a teacher for 13 years before starting his own construction business, GCR-Gordon Construction and Remodeling, full-time last year. Liz has remained a teacher for 16 years. This year marks her tenth year teaching fifth grade in Winterset.

The couple's projects have varied from the funeral home to Liz's parents' "barndominium."

Dustin's construction background began in Illinois, working for his wrestling coach on rental properties as a teenager. Liz enjoys shopping for necessary materials and helping in the design process.

The couple is busy with three young kids involved in many sports, especially hockey. So, when they heard the Barden family would call the former funeral home their new home, they were thrilled.

"We wanted to transform it into a modern



The renovation of the former Collins Funeral Home transformed the building inside and outside.

farmhouse with a purpose. We wanted things to flow and make sense," shares Liz.

The Gordons spent a lot of time developing the floor plan and tried to think about what would make the most sense and be functional.

"We wanted the house to be updated, bright, and new," explains Liz.

The renovation wish list included updating absolutely everything.

The Gordons researched and then selected items they liked. From there, they narrowed their list down over time.

"It was all about budget and design. We tried to balance the two," Liz explains.

Today, the house is vibrant, full of light and activity.

The most significant parts of the renovation were the kitchen, laundry room, mud room and primary bedroom. Previously, the bedroom was an upstairs kitchen, so that transformation was the most remarkable. Then, a main-level kitchen had to be created where there was none.

"The main hub of the house — the kitchen, laundry room and mud room — were a fun space to create and decorate," says Liz.

Gordon suggests, if you are taking on a similar project, dream big, because anything is possible.

"On our first official flip, we updated a 4,200-square-foot funeral home, and it worked out. It was a big risk, but it was so worth it. The transformation from beginning to end was so rewarding. It even inspired a career change for Dustin," says Liz.



Dustin and Liz Gordon have remodeled the homes they have lived in. Their first project outside of their personal residences was the former Collins Funeral Home, which is now a charming and bright residence.

As for Drew Barden and his family, who moved here when Barden was named Winterset's new city administrator, this former funeral home is now home.

"We fell in love with our home the second we stepped foot in it," says Drew. "We were amazed with the character the home had, mixed with modern updates the Gordons had done. My favorite room of the house is the front living room. With the large windows, the natural light is unbeatable, and the old fireplace provides the space with charm. Of course, our kids think having two staircases in the home is cool, and there is a lot of space for some great hiding spots during an afternoon game of Hide and Seek." ■

HEALTH insurance open enrollment

There are two upcoming open enrollment periods for health insurance. The first is the Medicare annual enrollment period from Oct. 7 to Dec. 15, typically for those 65 and older. The second is the open enrollment period for marketplace insurance, which is Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, and is individual health insurance for those younger than 65 years old.



Medicare annual enrollment period

The specific actions you can take during AEP depend on your current coverage.

If you currently have just Original Medicare (Parts A and B), you can: 1) join a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) with or without built-in drug coverage; 2) join a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D); or 3) make no changes, and your current coverage will renew as is.

If you currently have Original Medicare (Part A and/or Part B) and a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D), you can: 1) join a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) with or without built-in drug coverage; 2) switch from your current Medicare prescription drug plan to another Medicare prescription drug plan; 3) drop Medicare prescription drug coverage completely (note that you may be charged a penalty if you decide you want drug coverage again later); or 4) make no changes, and your current coverage will renew as is.

If you currently have a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) with built-in drug coverage, you can: 1) switch from your current Medicare Advantage plan to another Medicare Advantage plan with or without built-in drug coverage; 2) drop your Medicare Advantage plan and go back to Original Medicare; 3) join a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan if you go back to Original Medicare or if you switch to a Medicare Advantage plan that does not include drug coverage; 4) drop Medicare prescription drug coverage completely (note that you may be charged a penalty if you decide you want drug coverage again later); or 5) make no changes, and your current coverage will renew as is.

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AEP is also a great reminder to review your Medicare plan each year so you can make sure you have the coverage you need going forward. ■

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Understanding Medicaid

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program designed to provide healthcare coverage to individuals with limited income and resources, including senior citizens. Administered by individual states, Medicaid adheres to federal guidelines while allowing states to tailor the program to meet the unique needs of their populations.

Key benefits for senior citizens

• Comprehensive healthcare coverage:

Medicaid covers a wide range of medical services, including doctor visits, hospital stays, prescription medications, lab tests and preventive care.

• **Long-term care services:** Medicaid plays a pivotal role in covering the costs of long-term care services, such as nursing home care and home-based care. These services are essential for seniors who require assistance.

• **Affordable premiums and cost-sharing:** Medicaid is designed to be affordable for individuals with limited income. In most cases, there are no premiums, and cost-sharing for services is minimal, ensuring that seniors can access care without financial hardship.

• **Protection of assets:** Medicaid includes provisions to protect certain assets for married couples when one spouse requires long-term care. This helps prevent the healthy spouse from becoming impoverished due to medical expenses.

• **Medicare-Medicaid integration:** Many seniors are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid can help fill the gaps in

Medicare coverage, such as prescription drug costs and long-term care.

Eligibility and application

Eligibility for Medicaid varies but generally considers factors such as income, assets, age and disability status. While requirements may differ, senior citizens typically qualify if their income and assets fall below a certain threshold.

Applying for Medicaid can seem daunting, but there are resources available to help seniors. Each state has a Medicaid office or online portal where applicants can submit their information. Senior citizens can also seek assistance from local Area Agencies on Aging or community organizations.

If you or a loved one are nearing retirement age, exploring Medicaid options and seeking professional guidance can be a wise and proactive step toward securing a healthier and more financially stable future. ■

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Oct. 12
Iowa Quilt Museum, 68 E. Court Ave., Winterset

The Iowa Quilt Museum offers its space the second Thursday of every month to anyone who would like to sit and hand-stitch on their projects. The event is free, and the museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Renowned fabric designer to speak

Monday, Oct. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.
The Iowa Theater, 121 N. John Wayne Drive, Winterset

Famous fabric designer and colorist Kaffe Fassett will be in Winterset Oct. 15-17. His events are sponsored by Piece Works quilt shop. The public is invited to his lecture at the Iowa Theater. Tickets are \$90 balcony, \$100 main floor. A link to purchase tickets is available at www.piecieworksquilts.com.



Big Rack happenings

Big Rack Brew Haus, 2475 Hiatt Apple Trail, Winterset

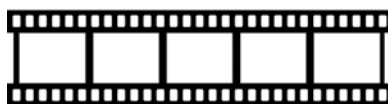
October events at Big Rack Brew Haus include Richard Arndt Band, Oct. 7, 6-9 p.m.; live music with Black Dirt Ramblers and Earl's Pit Stop BBQ onsite Oct. 14; and live music with Jesse and the Medicine Men with Off the Griddle food truck Oct. 28.



Holiday Market on The Farm

Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Speckled Hen Farms and The Barn at Lone Oaks

Speckled Hen Farms is now accepting vendor applications for its Holiday Market on The Farm. Do you sell unique or handcrafted items that are perfect for a one-of-a-kind open-air style market? Apply online at www.speckledhenfarmsiowa.com under the events tab. If you have any questions, call Kris at 515-205-4413.



Film screening

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
The Iowa Theater, 121 N. John Wayne Drive, Winterset

The Iowa Theater will screen the award-winning film, "The Quiet Girl." Sunday Movie Club members pay no admission. Ticket price for nonmembers is \$8. Doors open at 5 p.m.



Covered Bridges

Winery events

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Saturday, Oct. 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m.: Enjoy live Music by RetroSpect, \$5 cover charge per person, and Liza's Sushi Food Truck serving from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.: Live music by Weary Ramblers (Chad Elliott and Kathryn Fox), \$5 cover charge per person, Two Ol Chefs food truck serving from 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 7-10 p.m.: Stand Up Comedy Night. Tickets available at www.coveredbridgeswinery.com.

Holiday Hop

Saturday, Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Holiday Hop is a time when Winterset churches and other organizations come together to offer a city-wide craft and bake sale featuring hand-crafted items, vintage Christmas decorations, baked goods, lunches, treats and door prizes. The door prize drawing is open to all. Each of the nine locations contributes gift cards as door prizes. To win one, each attendee may pick up a punch card at any site and have it punched or stamped at each site. After the punch card is completed, leave the card at the last location visited. The cards are then collected at the end of the day, and a drawing is held at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church. Participants do not have to be present to win. Holiday Hop participants are:

First Christian Church, 103 W. Green St.: walking tacos (10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); handmade dolls and ornaments; bake sale; vintage Christmas decorations. Benefits church missions in its community outreach.

First United Methodist Church, 309 E. Jefferson St.: vegetable beef soup, roll, dessert, drink (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.); hand-crafted wooden items; sewn items (market and cosmetic bags, skillet handle potholders, etc.); handmade fall and Christmas crafts; outside vendors. Benefits church and community missions and special building projects.

Foursquare Church, 224 E. Court St.: light breakfast; sloppy Joes, chips, drinks; vendors from Scentsi "31," Color Street, J & J Crafts, Rosebud Design, etc. Benefits church youth programs.

New Bridge Church, 1305 W. Jefferson St.: cookie walk; handmade crafts; gently used Christmas décor; display of nativity sets. Benefits scholarships for mission trips.

Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Green St.: cinnamon rolls, chicken salad on croissant, fruits, peanut butter pie, drinks (all day); baked goods; handmade crafts and ornaments; hand-crafted jewelry. Benefits mission projects, sponsorship of college missionary, church special projects.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, new, temporary location at Union State Bank Community Room, Highway 92: bake sale; variety of hand-crafted items. Benefits the Food Bank and parish compassionate needs.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 120 N. Eighth Ave.: light breakfast (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); crafts, baked goods (pies, breads, jams/jellies), gently used Christmas décor, and a cookie walk. Benefits C.R.I.S.P.; Community Multi-Purpose Center (Matura), and the church capital campaign.

Winterset Art Center, 224 S. John Wayne Dr.: cider and cookies; knitted baby hats; reindeer decorations; original art work; pottery; hand-bound journals; watercolor cards; a variety of original art work and crafts; illustrated children's books and gift certificates. Benefits children's summer art class scholarships.

Winterset Public Library, 123 N. Second St.: baked goods and fresh coffee; makers market of nine local artisan vendors featuring a wide variety of products, including Christmas craft items, organic goat milk soaps and body products, crystals, hand-crafted kitchen witches, etc.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Be sure to check for cancellations

To submit calendar items for consideration, send to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

Roseanna's Run

Saturday, Oct. 7, check in at 8:30 a.m.,
event start at 9:30 a.m.

Winterset High School, 624 Husky Drive

The annual Roseanna's Run to support Iowa Crime Victims is held in memory of the organizer's sister, Roseanna Otto, a mother of three who lost her life to intimate partner violence. The event is an opportunity to help individuals in the community who have or are experiencing unsafe relationships. It's an opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence, the need for services and support to ensure everyone can be safe in their relationships and to shed light on an epidemic that thrives in silence. For registration, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/Winterset/RoseannasRun>.



Winterset Cidery events

1638 Highway 169, Winterset

Various dates

Upcoming events at Winterset Cidery include trivia the first and third Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Nick Hermann performs Oct. 8, 2-5 p.m.; Sons of Gladys Kravitz, Oct. 14, 2-5 p.m.; Jake Simon, Oct. 14, 7-10 p.m.; Opus Taylor Band, Oct. 15, 2-5 p.m.; Jesse Jaspers, Oct. 27, 7-10 p.m.; The Snacks, Oct. 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Joshua Sinclair, Oct. 29, 2-5 p.m.

Covered Bridge 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, Oct. 14

Winterset City Park

In celebration of the 54th Annual Madison County Covered Bridge Festival, the Winterset Rotary Club is once again hosting the Covered Bridge 5K Run/Walk. Come for the race and stay for the festival. Register as an individual or as a family team of two. The race begins at 9 a.m. Race day registration packets can be picked up at the City Park 7:45-8:45 a.m. For registration and entry fee information, visit https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=138841. Medals will be awarded to the top three in each age group, and T-shirts are included for each paid entrant. Proceeds from the event benefit the upkeep and beautification of the Rotary Club's Hedge Maze in Winterset City Park. ■



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RECIPE

FILL your family's plates with cozy fall meals

(Family Features) Putting away the homework, turning off electronics and spending a little quality time together can help ease everyday stresses. Add a cozy meal packed with tastes you love and you'll have the perfect recipe for an autumn evening with your family.

Cooler days call for comforting flavors the entire family can enjoy at the dinner table like roasted veggies — from sweet potatoes to pumpkin and more — paired with hearty favorites like cheesy pierogies that provide a sense of warmth and coziness. Make this autumn one to remember by creating new meals and memories along the way.

For an extra special celebration with the ones you love in honor of the 15th anniversary of National Pierogy Day, consider a cozy, warming dish like Roasted Sweet Potatoes Brown Butter Pierogies, which is loaded with the flavors of the season. This comforting meal starts with cubed sweet potatoes — a hallmark of fall — along with pierogies tossed in a homemade brown butter sauce. Top with pecans for a nutty crunch and fresh thyme leaves for the final touch on a newfound favorite that'll bring loved ones running to the dinner table.

Find more ways to incorporate fall flavors into your family's everyday menu by visiting MrsTsPierogies.com. ■

Roasted sweet potatoes brown butter pierogies

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4-5

- 1 bag (1.6 pounds) Mrs. T's Mini Classic Cheddar Pierogies
- 2 cups sweet potato cubes (approximately 1 large or 2 medium sweet potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 4 tablespoons salted butter
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- water
- 1/2 cup pecans
- fresh thyme leaves, for serving

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 400 F.
- Toss sweet potato cubes in olive oil, salt and pepper, to taste, and spread in even layer on baking sheet. Roast 25-30 minutes, tossing about halfway through, until potatoes are fork tender.



- In medium skillet over medium heat, brown butter 5-10 minutes. Avoid smoking or burning. Remove from heat. Allow to cool about 5 minutes then whisk in balsamic vinegar and lemon juice.
- In large saucepan, bring water to boil. Cook pierogies according to package directions, about 3 minutes. Drain and toss in brown butter sauce.
- Add roasted sweet potatoes and pecans to brown butter pierogies and toss gently to coat.
- Top with fresh thyme leaves.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Iowa Living magazines will be saluting veterans in November issues. If you are a veteran who would like to be included, please send a photo (military or current) and the following information:

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