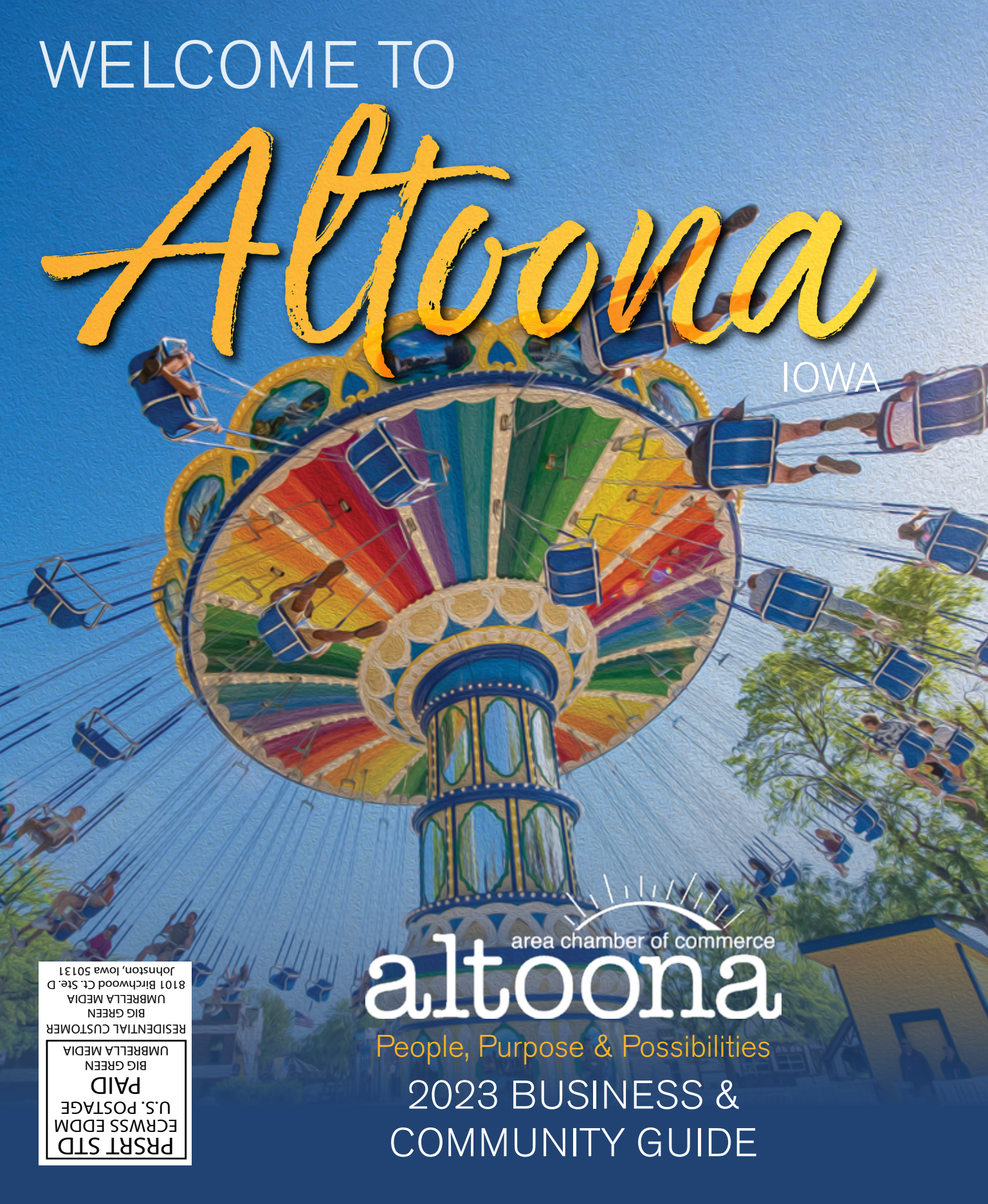


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In 2006, my family lived in Venbury. At the time, we had two young children attending school at Clay Elementary. I remember regular takeout dinners from Claxon's or a fun night at Fireside, if we were lucky enough to get a sitter. My oldest son and I were recently reminiscing about him having a day off from school and lunch at Sugar Shack. Altoona is a great place to grow up, a great place to raise a family, and a great place to rest with years of memories and grandkids to keep us company.

Memories like this go back to days in town with my father. Memories of good times, and probably a little more trouble than the average kid in high school. I remember the teachers I knew, neighbors, and friends made in different stages of life.

What I get from looking back is the knowledge that Altoona is an amazing place for our families. Altoona had that same personality

when the Yount horse farm was the edge of town. It has the same feel now after growing into a small city. At its core, Altoona hasn't changed that sense of community that makes it family-friendly, but it has added a few things in recent years...

Wondering what it would be like to grow up here now, I'm not gonna lie — I'm a little jealous. Adventureland has about 20 more awesome rides. The high school football team just won the first two 5A championship games in state history. Let's not forget baseball, wrestling, Rhythamettes — and I just heard the show choir won a competition last week. My mom was President of Music Boosters in 1995; I called her as soon as I heard.

For your family, Altoona is offering the best entertainment in Iowa: Prairie Meadows (take the kids to watch the horses), Cinemark Theater, The Burger Shed, Bass Pro Shops...

and so many more! The Outlets of Des Moines are a huge addition to the welcoming family atmosphere and experience Altoona offers.

When I set aside my envy of the kids' experience these days, I find pride in this place. I look at the amazing accomplishments of our youth, the schools that support them, the city staff that help us bring amazing new projects to town, and the many business owners who give it their all to keep a good thing going every day.

Altoona is an incredible place to bring your family, whether you're here to find a home or just a fun night out. I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be. ●



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Why WE INVEST ★★★★★

As a member of the Altoona Chamber for over 25 years, I am grateful for the opportunities it has given me personally and professionally. Over the years, my team and I have been involved in planning and sponsoring a variety of events through our membership as well as serving on Chamber committees and on the Chamber Board.

Investing in the Chamber through our sponsorships and volunteering at events has given us the **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY** as well as get to know other business leaders and the people of Altoona. Building relationships with other Chamber members has led to mutual support of local businesses through patronage and referrals.

Advanced citizenry is a passion of mine. Being a part of the Chamber provides opportunities to give back and to shape the future success of our community. We love being a part of supporting our local schools, the Altoona Police Department, the Altoona Fire Department, and other community civic groups.

The Altoona Chamber has done amazing work! They have been able to bring quality businesses to our area, and they have found creative and effective ways to support the businesses that we have! Both Melissa Horton and Kelsey Redmond are tireless in their desire to see Altoona



MARK VANDER TUIG

When I made the decision to move my business from Clive to Altoona in October of 2020, I knew one of the first things I needed to do was join the Altoona Chamber. I had not yet been involved in one but knew enough people and businesses that were in this organization to know that I needed to be a part of it. And let me tell you, it was THE best business decision I made! Within the first month, I was asked to be part of a panel of women that align with the values of what Wholistic Health Center supports and promotes. These women have inspired me both personally and professionally, and I cannot be more proud to know and work alongside them with the continued support of the Altoona Chamber. The opportunities to network in the AACC are abundant! I did not realize the **SCOPE OF INVOLVEMENT AND RELATIONSHIPS** that would be gained from being a member of the Chamber. This organization has given us so much, and we are honored to be able to give back by sponsoring, and participating, in the events in our community. We are now in our third year located in Altoona and our business continues to see new faces and many changes as we grow. What started out as a nurse with a passion for helping others and holistic health, sharing a room with a chiropractor in Clive, with zero patient base, has now grown into an amazing team of eight, almost 2,000 square feet of office space, three additional detox services, a massage therapist, more than 1,000 followers on social media, and hundreds of patients with incredible changes to their health. We look forward to each day that we get to make a difference in this community thanks to the Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce.

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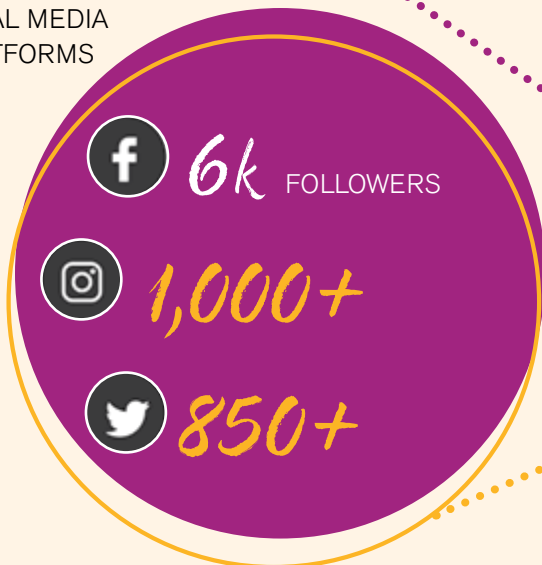
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Mayor's LETTER

The year 2022 brought new challenges and rewarding opportunities. Jeff Mark retired after 25 years as a wonderful city administrator and left some big shoes to fill. Randy Pierce was named our new city administrator after serving as the finance officer for more than 20 years. He has done a fantastic job guiding the city in his newly appointed role.

The year also brought us to fully staffed levels on our Police and Fire/EMS departments. I was reminded today by Fire Chief Ogbourne, they will be fully staffed when we hire two more AFD members this July, which is in the budget. So, we are very close. This is great for the community, and the credit goes to leadership of our city council, our Chief of Police Greg Stallman and our Fire Chief Jared Ogbourne.

We wrapped up many successful projects in 2022. We finished up phases of our water line replacements in the older parts of town. This will continue through 2023 as well. We completed the widening of First Street North and the roundabout was opened, allowing the free flow of traffic, which was greatly needed. Anyone who knows me, knows I love roundabouts. Those who don't feel so positive, I hope you give them a chance. Many studies show the advantages in safety and efficiency. First Avenue to the south will start this year. It is going to cause many inconveniences but will be worth it when it is finished. Ninth Street to the east was another successful project wrapped up in 2022 and will help us to continue to grow to the east. Phase

two of this road upgrade will continue this year. We will also be wrapping up a regional sewer and water tower project in the northwest part of town out by the Meta Data Center complex.

Our first full year of Terrace Hills Golf Course, run by Rocky Sposato and his team, was a huge success, and we look forward to building on the momentum this year. We also had a successful opening of the Townsend Community Center which is managed by the Altoona Campus.

Our community will continue to grow in 2023. The decision from the Southeast Polk Community School District to build a new 6th/7th building east of Sam Wise Sports Complex off 14th Avenue S.E. will come with some challenges for the city. We will need to complete infrastructure upgrades to handle the new traffic levels, but we are up for the challenge and welcome this new addition to the community. We appreciate your patience.

Texas Roadhouse has been a great addition to the community. It sounds like we are keeping them very busy out there. We are very happy to add them to our already wonderful list of eating establishments here in Altoona.

Mister Car Wash and a new Honda Dealership will open this year in the Prairie Crossing area. The Outlets of Des Moines have added numerous new retail locations for more shopping opportunities. Make sure to check out Visit Altoona's website for all of your entertainment and dining information.

We'll be adding parking and a boat launch at

the new Spring Creek lakes this year that will allow for future access to kayaking, fishing and more — giving rise to more amenities for the citizens of Altoona.

It looks to be a busy year here in Altoona, with many activities in the works. Last year, we brought back the Fourth of July parade. It was wildly successful, and we plan to make it an annual event. Hope to see you all there this year.

I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for their hard work with the businesses in the community. We appreciate and need to support local businesses whenever we can.

As the mayor of this wonderful city, I am grateful for the citizens and businesses that call Altoona home. It is the people that make a place great. All of you make Altoona the very best place to live, work and play. Thank you all and have a wonderful new year!

I am very excited for 2023 and the future of the City of Altoona. Staff, Police, Fire, City Council, and all the boards and commissions are working together to create a business-friendly community. We are proud of what we have accomplished and are working hard on our vision for the future. May your 2023 be peaceful and successful. ●



Dean R. O'Connor
MAYOR OF ALTOONA

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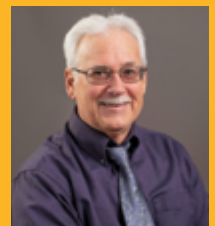
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The Southeast Polk School District has a rich tradition of community pride. Our mascot is the RAM, an acronym made from Runnells, Altoona and Mitchellville — the three original communities with high schools that consolidated in 1961 to make the Southeast Polk Community School District.

Our district is committed to fostering academic excellence and leading students

to succeed in college, career and civic life. We engage all students in learning a challenging curriculum that's delivered through quality instruction by our exceptional staff. We consistently have one of the highest graduation rates in the state and offer multiple opportunities throughout our students' academic careers to advance to post-secondary education, apprenticeship, or the military immediately following graduation.

AWARD WINNING

We pride ourselves on providing quality learning experiences to build the foundation for future success. Three of our elementaries have won the National Blue Ribbon Award. One of our very own elementary teachers was chosen as the Iowa Department of Education 2023 Teacher of the Year. Two of our teachers were selected as National Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Winners. The SEP District was honored as just one of 18 districts

across the nation as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) Model District. Starting with our youngest students all the way through graduating seniors, we offer opportunities to strengthen core academic skills, collaborate with others to solve problems and create new ideas utilizing multiple resources, including the latest technology.

We are a leader in the state in providing our students at every grade level with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education. We offer a variety of unique learning opportunities including our Environmental Learning Center, available through a partnership with Metro Waste Authority and Drake University. Students participate in hands-on learning and research opportunities on the acres of land in the Camp Creek watershed, building the skills they need to be the next generation of problem solvers and thoughtful land stewards.





GROWING TO MEET OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS

As our district continues to grow, we challenge ourselves to ensure that our students receive the highest quality education. We are thrilled that our communities voted to pass the 2020 Referendum. This bond includes several new buildings and making improvements to existing facilities. Every classroom was upgraded with state-of-the-art teaching technology to start the 2021-2022 school year. Our new multi-purpose stadium will benefit

hundreds of our athletes, band members and high school students. Construction on the new 6-7 grade building is underway and, when completed, will provide the relief we need to accommodate our growing student population, keeping us together as a community. There are so many good things happening that will enhance the learning experience for all of our students. We invite you to follow our progress and success on social media @SEPSchools or by searching #1SEP and bookmarking our website at www.southeastpolk.org.

CORE VALUES

- Students first
- High expectations
- Collaboration
- Integrity
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- Respect



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2023 Events IN THE AREA



April 1: Altoona Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner

April

- 1-2: Iowa State Fairgrounds Flea Market**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 1: Altoona Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner**, 6 p.m. at Terrace Hills Golf and Events Center
- 1: Simply Queen Tribute**, 7 p.m. in the Finish Line Show Lounge at Prairie Meadows. Standing room only. FREE concert
- 2: Iowa Cubs vs. Columbus** at 1:08 p.m., at Principal Park
- 2: Iowa Wild vs. San Diego Gulls**, 3 p.m. at Wells Fargo Arena
- 4-16: The Lion King** at DSM Civic Center. Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- 10: Spring Clean Up Altoona** – South of RR Tracks
- 11: Spring Clean Up Altoona** – North of RR Tracks
- 11: Sensory Friendly Hours** at Science Center of Iowa, 4-7 p.m.
- 14-16: Middle of the Map Tattoo Convention**, Iowa Events Center. Fri. 2 p.m. to Midnight; Sat. 11 a.m. to Midnight; Sun. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 15: Tapestry, a Carole King Tribute**, 7 p.m. in the Finish Line Show Lounge at Prairie Meadows. Standing room only. FREE concert
- 15: Springtime Hill Climb**, Pleasant Hill at 10:30 a.m.
- 15-16: Monster Jam**, Sat. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m., at Iowa Events Center
- 15: MadCAP** at CAP Theatre, 6-8 p.m.
- 15: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 20: Wine, Women and Shoes** Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser, 5-9 p.m. at Scottish Rite Consistory
- 22: Enabling Garden Spring Plant Sale**
- 22: ARL Raise Your Paw Auction** at The Meadows Events Center, 5-10 p.m.
- 22: HITS the Musical** at Hoyt Sherman Place, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 24: Wine and Craft Beer Tix ON SALE TODAY!** www.altoonachamber.org/events
- 25: Iowa Cubs vs. Louisville** at 6:38 p.m. at Principal Park
- 26-29: Drake Relays**
- 28: Bondurant Bike Nights** at Reclaimed Rails (fourth Friday of the month through September)
- 28: Rob Schneider "I Have Issues" Tour** at Hoyt Sherman Place at 7:30 p.m.
- 29 – A Piece of Bondurant**, noon to 3 p.m. at City Park
- 30 – Invisible Wonders: National Geographic LIVE** at DSM Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.

May

- 3-Oct. 25: Bondurant Farmer's Market** every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. in City Park
- 4-6: Pella Tulip Time**
- 5: Cinco De Mayo** in the Finish Line Show Lounge at Prairie Meadows. Standing room only. FREE concert
- 6: Escape, a Journey Tribute**, 7 p.m. in the Finish Line Show Lounge at Prairie Meadows. Standing room only. FREE concert
- 6: Kentucky Derby** – no live racing at Prairie Meadows
- 6: Opening Day at ADVENTURELAND**
- 6: City Voices Spring Recital** at 2:30 p.m. at Grand View University
- 6: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 11-13: Altoona Citywide Garage Sales**
- 12-13: Industrial Tech Expo at SEP**
- 12-June 17: Live Thoroughbred Racing** at Prairie Meadows
- 13: ChildServe Bubble Ball**, 7-11 p.m. at Hy-Vee Hall/Iowa Events Center
- 18: Regional After Hours** at Brick and Ivy, 4:30-6 p.m. on the Rooftop
- 20: Beer 30 Ride**, Uptown Ankeny to Reclaimed Rails and back
- 20: Preakness Stakes**, Post Time 6 p.m. at Prairie Meadows
- 20: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 16-21: Tina: The Tina Turner Musical**, DSM Civic Center
- 20: MadCAP** at Haines Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 23: Water Features in the Landscape**, presented by Master Gardener Dean Brand, Enabling Garden, 6 p.m.
- 26: Bondurant Bike Nights** at Reclaimed Rails (fourth Friday of the month through September)
- 29: Music in the Park**, 6 p.m. at Haines Park

June

- 1: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W., Thursdays through September
- 2: Wine and Craft Beer Fest** at the Enabling Garden from 5-8 p.m.
- 2: Chill on the Hill** at Copper Creek Lake with Standing Hampton, 6-9 p.m.
- 2-11: CAP Theatre production of "Matilda the Musical Jr."** Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.
- 3: Celebrate Bondurant**, 4-7 p.m. at Brickhouse Fitness



Altoona Chamber Golf Outing



June 2: Wine & Craft Beer Fest

June

- 3: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 3: Dam to DSM Half Marathon**, Saylorville at 7 a.m.
- 5: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (Mondays through Aug. 28)
- 7-9: World Pork Expo** at the Iowa State Fairgrounds
- 7, 14, 21 and 28: Zoo Brew** at Blank Park Zoo, 5:30-9 p.m.
- 8: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 8-10: Citywide Garage Sales**
- 9: Adventureland Concert Series** (Fridays through July)
- 9: CAP Theatre production of "Matilda the Musical Jr."** Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.
- 9: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with Cody Hicks
- 10: Belmont Stakes**, Post Time 6 p.m. at Prairie Meadows
- 10-11: Pride Fest**, East Village Downtown
- 12-13: Bondurant Summerfest**
- 12: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (Mondays through Aug. 28)
- 13: Plants That Make Beer** presented by Aaron Ostrem, Enabling Garden Master Gardener, 6 p.m.
- 13: Sensory Friendly Hours** at Science Center of Iowa, 4-7 p.m.
- 15: ARCA Menards Series Race 150**, Iowa Speedway
- 15: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 16: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 16: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with Gimikk
- 16: Impractical Jokers** at Wells Fargo Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 17: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 17: MadCAP** at Haines Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 17 - Iowa Barnstormers vs Quad City Steamwheelers**, 7:05 p.m. at Wells Fargo Arena
- 18-Sept. 30: Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Racing** at Prairie Meadows
- 19: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 22: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.

June

- 23: Bondurant Bike Nights** at Reclaimed Rails (fourth Friday of the month through September)
- 23: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 23: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with Cover That
- 23-25: Des Moines Arts Festival**, Western Gateway Park downtown, 11 a.m.
- 26: Music In The Park**, Haines Park, 6 p.m.
- 26: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (Mondays through Aug. 28)
- 27-30: Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of the Temptations** at the DSM Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 29: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 30: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 30: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with After Shock
- 30-July 23: Des Moines Metro Opera - Carmen** Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat.: 7:30 p.m.; Sun: 2 p.m.

July

- 1-4: Celebrate America** at Adventureland
- 3: Fireworks** at Prairie Meadows
- 3: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 4: Independence Day Parade**, 10 a.m.
- 4: Fireworks** at Adventureland
- 6: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 7: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 7: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with Faculty Lounge
- 7-8: Festival of Racing** at Prairie Meadows, Post Time 6 p.m.
- 7-8: 80/35 Music Festival** at John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park
- 8: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 10: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market**, Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 10-14: Musical Theater Camp**, grades 4-9, CAP Theater, 1-4 p.m.

2023 Events IN THE AREA



Sept. 23: Altoona Chamber Evening in Olde Town Event

July

- 11: Sensory Friendly Hours** at Science Center of Iowa, 4-7 p.m.
- 13: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 13-15: Citywide Garage Sales**
- 14: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 14: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with Cold Filtered
- 15: Bondurant Blues and Brews Festival**, 6:30-10 p.m.
- 15: MadCAP**, 6-8 p.m. at Haines Park
- 15: Des Moines Water Lantern Festival** at Riverview Park Amphitheater, 6-10 p.m.
- 17: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 20: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 21: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 21: Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, 6-9 p.m. with Recoil
- 21-23: Hy-Vee IndyCar Weekend**, Iowa Speedway
- 22-29: RAGBRAI**...they're coming through DSM ya'll!
- 22: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 22: Carrie Underwood** at the Hy-Vee Indy Car Weekend at the Iowa Speedway. Time TBD.
- 22: Kenny Chesney** at the Hy-Vee Indy Car Weekend at the Iowa Speedway. Time TBD.
- 23: Ed Sheeran Concert** at the Hy-Vee Indy Car Weekend at the Iowa Speedway. Time TBD.
- 24: Music In The Park**, Haines Park, 6 p.m.
- 24: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 25: Children's Art in the Park** at the Enabling Garden, 6-8 p.m.
- 27: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 28: Bondurant Bike Nights** at Reclaimed Rails (fourth Friday of the month through September)
- 28: Adventureland Concert Series**
- 31: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)

August

- 1: National Night Out**, Sam Wise Sports Complex, 6-8 p.m.
- 3: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 3-5: Citywide Garage Sales**
- 4-6: Hinterland Music Festival**, St. Charles
- 4-5: TAX FREE Shopping Days**
- 5: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 5: Toad Valley Golf 50th Anniversary Party!**
- 7: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 8: Sensory Friendly Hours** at Science Center of Iowa, 4-7 p.m.
- 9-12: Knoxville Nationals**
- 10: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 10-20: IOWA STATE FAIR**
- 14: Veteran's Day Parade** at the Iowa State Fair
- 14: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 17: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 18-20: Regional Challenge Finals** at Prairie Meadows, Post Time Fri. and Sat., 6 p.m.; Sun. 4 p.m.
- 19: MadCAP** at Haines Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 21: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m. (through Aug. 28)
- 19: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 22: Wild Bird Feeding Techniques and Equipment**, at the Enabling Garden with Scott Knox, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 6 p.m.
- 23: BACK TO SCHOOL**
- 24: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 25: Bondurant Bike Nights** at Reclaimed Rails (fourth Friday of the month through September)
- 25: Savannah Bananas** at Principal Park
- 26: Altoona Palooza**
- 26: End of Summer(fest)**, Pleasant Hill
- 28: Music In The Park**, Haines Park, 6 p.m.
- 28: Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7 p.m.
- 28-29: Farm Progress Show**, Decatur, Illinois
- 31: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m. Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.



SEP Homecoming Parade

September

- 1: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 2-3: Kids Fest** at Adventureland
- 5: Labor Day**
- 5: American Legion Post #682 Annual Car Show**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Cross
- 8: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 8: Ladies Night** at Hy-Vee, 5-8 p.m.
- 9: Iowa vs. Iowa State football** in Ames
- 9: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 12: Enabling Garden Master Gardeners** present various gardening topics at 6 p.m.
- 15: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 16: Beer 30 Ride**, Reclaimed Rails to Uptown and back (date subject to change)
- 16: Oktoberfest** at Adventureland
- 16-18: World Food and Music Festival**, downtown Des Moines
- 16: MadCAP** at Haines Park, 6-8 p.m.
- 22: Bondurant Bike Nights** at Reclaimed Rails (fourth Friday of the month through September)
- 22: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 23: Altoona Chamber Evening in Olde Town Event**, 5-8 p.m. in Olde Town. Tickets available online at www.altoonachamber.org/events
- 23-24: Phantom Fest** at Adventureland (Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 15)
- 23: HILLtoberfest** Pleasant Hill
- 24: Cedar Shake Farm Fall Crawl** in Madison County, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 29: Farmer's Market** 5-8 p.m., Brightside Aleworks parking lot, Center Place S.W.
- 29: Quarter Horse Championships** at Prairie Meadows, Post time 6 p.m.
- 29-Oct. 1: Iowa's Largest Arts and Crafts Show** at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building
- 30: Tony Mapu Scholarship Golf Outing and Auction** at Copper Creek Golf and Events
- 30: Oktoberfest** at Reclaimed Rails
- 30: Iowa Classic** at Prairie Meadows, Post time 4 p.m.

October

- 7: ARC Oktoberfest 6K** at 10:30 a.m.
- 13: Booz-Ball Tourney** at Toad Valley Golf Course, 1 p.m. shotgun start. www.altoonachamber.org/events
- 14: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 15: IMT Des Moines Marathon**
- 20: Phantom Fest** at Adventureland (Friday-Sunday through Oct. 29)
- 21: MadCAP** at CAP Theatre, 6-8 p.m.
- 21-23: Des Moines Area Quilter's Guild Quilt Show** at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the 4-H Exhibits Building
- 24: Business Safe Trick or Treat**, 5-6:30 p.m. at Bondurant City Park
- 25: Altoona Business Trick or Treat** in Civic Plaza, 5-7 p.m.
- 26: Pleasant Hill Trick or Treat Around the Lake**, 5-8 p.m.
- 30: Beggar's Night** in Altoona

November

- 4: Indie Author Book Expo** at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the Elwell Family Food Center
- 11: Veteran's Day**
- 11: Veteran's Breakfast** at Hy-Vee
- 11: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 17-19: Iowa's Largest Arts and Crafts Show** at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building
- 18: Living History Farms Off Road Race**, 7 a.m. to noon
- 18: MadCAP** at CAP Theatre in Olde Town, 6-8 p.m.
- 23-26: Happy Thanksgiving Weekend**
- 24: Jolly Holiday Lights** through Jan. 1, 2024, www.jollyholidaylights.org
- 24: BLACK FRIDAY** at the Outlets of Des Moines
- 24-March 30, 2024: Dome After Dark**, DSM Botanical Center
- 24-25: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 25: Small Business Saturday – SHOP LOCAL!**
- 25: Christmas in Olde Town**
- 27: Cyber Monday – SHOP LOCAL!**

December

- 1: Dome After Dark**, DSM Botanical Center
- 2: Bondurant Indoor Vendor Market**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (location TBD)
- 2-3: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 3: Commodores Cover Band** at Prairie Meadows
- 8: Dome After Dark**, DSM Botanical Center
- 9-10: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 15: Dome After Dark**, DSM Botanical Center
- 16: MadCAP** at CAP Theatre in Olde Town, 6-8 p.m.
- 16-17: Midwest Local Vendor Market** at the Outlets of DSM
- 22: Dome After Dark**, DSM Botanical Center
- 24-25: Merry Christmas All!**
- 31-Jan. 1, 2024: HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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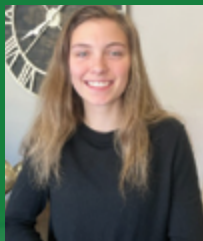
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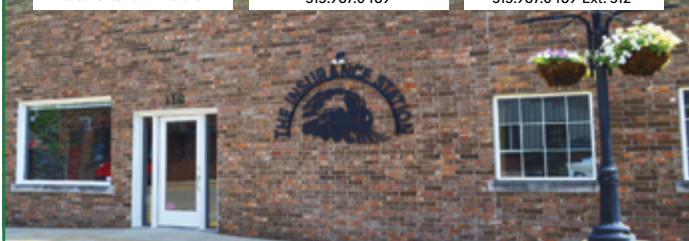
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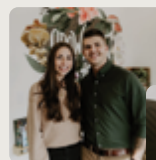
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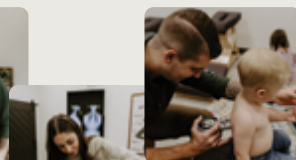


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