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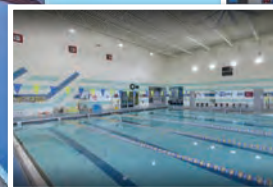
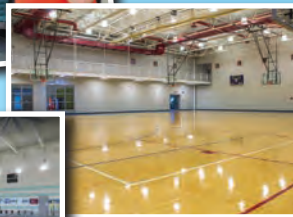
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Whether you are new to town or have lived here for years, thank you for taking the time to check out all that Altoona and the surrounding area has to offer. The Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to represent hundreds of organizations of all kinds and sizes that make up our membership.

As you will see in the following pages, you don't have to go far to find just what you are looking for. Everything from retail boutiques and outlet stores to auto repair and chiropractic care are all just minutes away. And you definitely won't find a better place in the metro to have fun. You can ride a roller coaster, float on a lazy river, and catch the horse races all within city limits! While you are out, make sure to try the excellent menus at any one of our growing number of restaurants.

We also represent a vibrant community, and our event calendar is full of opportunities for you to join in the fun all year long. If you want to get a sense of what Altoona is all about, make plans to attend one of our key events this year like Altoona Palooza, the farmer's market, or our annual Farm to Table meal.

On behalf of the entire 2022 Board of Directors, thank you for looking local first and supporting our member businesses and organizations and the Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce. We wish you all the best in 2022 and look forward to seeing you out in the community in the coming year. ❀



Josh Dunwoody
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Testimony Passion

I'd like to give a shout out to the Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce. Joining the AACC was a pick-one-and-try-it-on-for-size. My experience with AACC has surpassed all expectations. I relish the culture of inclusivity that opens its arms to the multitude of businesses that make up a thriving full-spectrum community. The caliber and variety of events have provided me opportunities to learn and grow as a business entity as well as essential networking to build my clientele. The phenomenal Melissa Horton and Maaiké Hendrikson are rare gems who keep all interactions and gatherings happy and light. Whether upfront or behind the scenes, they both work with heart and passion supporting every business to reach its full potential. The Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce is a vital organization doing things amazingly right. I am honored and proud to be a part of this chamber.



Christine Clark
SUNGLOW
TRANSFORMATION

The Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce is a great and welcoming resource for any local business, of any size. The amount of value they provide their members is very impressive. From fun, innovative and informative networking events; out-of-the-box workshops and business series; to advertising and sponsorship opportunities and the constant support, it's clear they have put Altoona businesses first. I have made so many valuable connections and friendships, and I can only see that growing. I will definitely be continuing our membership, and I look forward to becoming much more involved.



Sarah Litwiler
AREA DIRECTOR
OF SALES, GOLDER
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Invest

We're happy to invest in Altoona! Not only is the Chamber a benefit for its members, it's a great resource for the community! Recognizing public service, volunteerism, economic development and community fun, the Chamber helps put a name and face to us outside of our main office.



Dr. Eric Forsberg
ALTOONA SMILES

Develop

The Altoona Chamber of Commerce is the best place to develop your business! The Chamber staff Melissa Horton and Maaiké Hendrikson are so welcoming. They have supported Bank Iowa throughout the years and have helped me become a "Connector in the Community!"



Marsha Lynch
BANK IOWA

Promotion

I have continued to invest and remain part of the Chamber for many reasons. However, my favorite story came from the 12 Days to Small Business Saturday Social Media Promotion in 2021. A customer came into my store looking for an item that she had seen in our photo collage on the Chamber's Facebook page during the 12 Day event. Needless to say, I had a happy customer when she was able to purchase the item she had spotted in the photo. That's what I call a win...for everyone!



Twila Shreves
HIDDEN
TREASURES
GIFTS

Value of Chamber Membership

The opportunity to network among local business owners, operators, like-minded individuals and industry movers is one of the most appealing aspects of joining your Chamber of Commerce.

8%

OF SMALL BUSINESSES
FAIL BECAUSE THEY
DO NOT HAVE
A NETWORK.

CURRENTLY

3 million

BUSINESSES BELONG TO
OR ARE PART OF
A CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

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Mayor's letter

Though challenging, 2021 ended up being another successful year in the City of Altoona. I would like to first thank all of the businesses who call Altoona home. As a fellow business owner, I understand the challenges and personal commitment all of you have made. I commend you.

As we look to the new year, I have renewed optimism and hope for the future. The city continues to add residential plats; as we all know, roof tops directly help the business community with not just customers but potential employees as well. We continue to add a nice mix of multifamily, townhomes and single family residents.

After 25 years of service to the City of Altoona, Jeff Mark has formally retired as the City Administrator. Jeff has truly put the city in a position for continued success. I want to personally congratulate him on a wonderful career and his retirement.

I would also like to thank Kyle Mertz, who ended his 12-year career serving on the city council. Many of the successes we have in the city are directly because of his leadership. I also want to welcome Josh Dunwoody to the council and look forward to working with him.

We are grateful to Joe and Leann Riding for giving the City of Altoona the opportunity to purchase the Terrace Hills Golf Course. This will be a wonderful amenity for the citizens of Altoona for years to come. With the commitment of remaining a golf course and the infrastructure that was run out to 80th Street, this is also an economic engine for the city to grow to the east.

Speaking of east, Southeast Polk School District will be building a 6-7 grade middle school just to the east of Sam Wise Sports Complex. This, too, will add to the growth moving that direction and be convenient for families in the future. The district also purchased ground to the south, in the middle of a new residential development for future growth. Exciting things for the community and the families who call Altoona home.

Always road construction. It's essential.

The First Avenue widening project had a little hiccup (not due to the contractor or the city), which set it back just a little. This should be finished to the north this summer, with a beautiful piece of artwork in the middle of a roundabout. I know there are roundabout opposers, but I love them. Between the calming of traffic flows and fewer catastrophic accidents, they are good for the community — once you get the hang of them.

I am very excited for 2022 and the future of the City of Altoona. Staff, police, fire, city council, and all of 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 2022 be peaceful and successful. ✨

Sincerely,

Dean R. O'Connor

Mayor – City of Altoona



Dean R. O'Connor
MAYOR OF ALTOONA

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL



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community, and we welcomed new residents to the
neighborhood. Here are some of last year's highlights:

\$388 MILLION

invested in Altoona
(total building permits)



19,565

estimated population,
a 35% increase since 2010



\$677 MILLION

in taxable retail sales,
a 31% increase since 2015



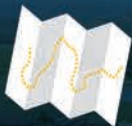
NEW PROJECTS

from GreenState Credit Union, Terrace Hills Golf Course,
Meta Altoona Data Center, **and more**



Together, we grow. ***TOGETHER, WE THRIVE.***

When Altoona wins, we all win. By generating investment in our community, we create jobs for our residents, draw customers to support our local businesses, and generate revenue that can be reinvested in Altoona through infrastructure improvements, education, community events, parks and trails, and other civic services. Growing our community is about continuing to make Altoona a place where we all love to live, work, visit, and do business.



MORE ADVENTURE

Altoona already has an amazing parks and trails system, but as more residents and businesses move to the area, we continue to invest in outdoor fun. **Visit page 30 for a handy new map!**



MORE OPPORTUNITY

All the things that make Altoona a great place to live – plus our business-friendly policies – help our community attract new employers, creating good jobs that are close to home.



MORE EXPLORING

Two years ago, Altoona launched Visit Altoona, a campaign designed to draw visitors to our city and support local businesses. It's also a great tool to help residents explore their own community and uncover its history! Start exploring at **VisitAltoona.com**.



MORE POSSIBILITY

Altoona's growth unlocks exciting new opportunities to create positive change within our community. One example? Olde Town revitalization! The City of Altoona has partnered with the Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce and the Altoona Area Historical Society to revitalize our historic downtown, a project that's **only possible because of Altoona's continued growth.**



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Altoona Chamber *Events*



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SEPTEMBER 24

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Southeast Polk School District



Southeast Polk District Vision & Mission **LEARN. LEAD. LIVE.**

Success for college, career and civic life. Engage all students in learning a challenging curriculum delivered through quality instruction.

Southeast Polk School District is an exciting place to be. Located in the vibrant, growing and thriving central Iowa area, we are a community of communities offering endless academic, career, entertainment, dining and shopping opportunities.

Our growing district serves more than 7,000 students from kindergarten through 12th grade and is projected to continue to flourish. We serve the communities of Altoona, Pleasant Hill, Mitchellville, Runnells, Des Moines and surrounding areas, covering 114 square miles in southeastern Polk County. We employ roughly 1,031 talented professionals.

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, 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.

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. 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 on 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.

As we continue to grow, we continue to 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. We've broken ground on the new multipurpose stadium that will benefit hundreds of our athletes, band members, and high school students. The new 6-7 grade building will provide the relief we need to accommodate our growing student population and keep us together as a community. These are just a few of the approved projects 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
- Stewardship
- Adaptability
- Respect



PRIORITIES

- High Academic Achievement
- Fiscal Responsibility and Stability
- Effective and Engaging Communication

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RAMS - Runnells, Altoona, Mitchellville, surrounding communities including Des Moines & Pleasant Hill
- 21**
Average Elementary Class Size
- 7,024**
K-12 Students Enrolled
- 70%**
Referendum 2020 Approval Vote
- 1031**
Employees
- 1:1 Student Chromebooks**
Grades K-12
- 3 National Blue Ribbon Schools:**
• Altoona
• Mitchellville
• Runnells
- 29%**
reduction of the district tax rate since 2014
- 1:16**
Secondary Teacher to Student Ratio
- Budget**
Total Revenues \$117.9 million
Total Expenditures \$133.4 million
- 24%**
Diversity in Student Population

Our Mission
Engage all students in learning a challenging curriculum delivered through quality instruction.

*Data as of October 1, 2021.

Southeast Polk School District



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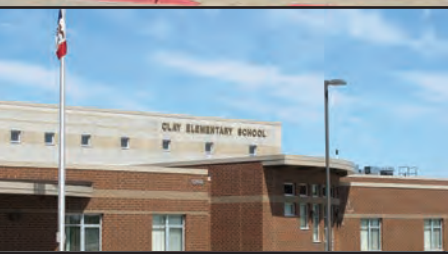
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- April 1** **Ticket Sales Open TODAY for "Into the Woods Jr."** CAP Theatre summer production - www.captheatre.org
- April 1-3** **"Sweat,"** Des Moines Civic Center, Stoner Theater. Fri/7:30pm; Sat/2pm & 7:30pm; Sun/2pm
- April 1-10** **"Singing in the Rain,"** Des Moines Playhouse. Wed-Sat/7:30pm; Sun/2pm
- April 2** **Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner** at Terrace Hills Golf & Events Center, 6pm



- April 2** **ChildServe BubbleBall** - Grand Ballroom at the Iowa Events Center, 7pm
- April 2-3** **Flea Market**, Iowa State Fairgrounds 4H Exhibition Building, 9am-4pm
- April 2** **"Rain" a Tribute to the Beatles** at Des Moines Civic Center, 7:30pm
- April 6** **Acoustic Vibes on the Patio** - Wednesdays through June, Hawk Heaven
- April 9** **Midwest Vendor Market** at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- April 9-10** **Monster Jam**, Wells Fargo Arena
- April 12** **Iowa Cubs Opening Day** of Baseball
- April 16** **MadCAP**, 7pm-9pm at CAP Theatre in Olde Town (mask required)
- April 16** **Spring Perennial Plant Sale** at the Enabling Garden, Noon-4pm
- April 16** **Chicago Live In Concert**, Des Moines Civic Center, 7:30pm
- April 16** **Altoona Spring Clean Up** south of RR tracks
- April 22-24** **Junk Jubilee**, Iowa State Fairgrounds
- April 22** **Pippi Long Stocking**, Des Moines Playhouse. Fri/7pm; Sat & Sun/1pm & 4pm, through May 8
- April 23** **Altoona Lions Celebrity Softball Tournament** at Lions Park
- April 23** **A Piece of Bondurant**
- April 23** **Henry Rollins "Good To See You"** at Hoyt Sherman Place, 7:30pm
- April 23** **Altoona Spring Clean Up** north of RR tracks
- April 27-30** **DRAKE RELAYS** - 113th Year
- April 29** **"Tiny Beautiful Things"** at Tallgrass Theatre Company, Fri & Sat/7:30pm; Sun/2pm, through May 15
- April 30** **Mercy Me** - The Inhale (Exhale) Tour at Wells Fargo Arena, 7pm
- April 30** **Bernadette Peters in Concert**, Des Moines Symphony, 7:30pm
- April 30** **Adult Prom**, Hawk Heaven, 8pm

All the Things



- May 2** **Wine & Craft Beer Tickets ON SALE NOW!**
Check out www.altoonachamber.org/events.
- May 4** **Bondurant Farmers Market** in City Park, 6-8pm (until fall then moves to 5:30pm) Every Wednesday until October.
- May 5** **CINCO DE MAYO**
- May 5-7** **Pella Tulip Time**
- May 5** **Music in the Junction**, Valley Junction - through Sept. 29
- May 7** **Midwest Vendor Market**, Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- May 7-14** **Des Moines Renaissance Faire XVII**, Meadowlands at Adventureland
- May 7-8** **Flea Market**, Iowa State Fairgrounds in the 4H Exhibition Building, 9am-4pm
- May 10** **Earth, Wind & Fire** at the Des Moines Civic Center, 7:30pm
- May 12-14** **Citywide Garage Sales!**
- May 13** **Live Thoroughbred Racing** at Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino. Fridays & Saturdays - 6pm Post Time; Sundays & Mondays - 4pm Post Time; Select Thursdays - 6pm Post Time - through June 18
- May 14** **Adventureland Theme Park OPENS** for WEEKENDS only
- May 14** **Steve Martin & Martin Short** at the Des Moines Civic Center, 8pm
- May 16** **Gordon Lightfoot** at Hoyt Sherman Place, 8pm-11:30pm
- May 17** **"Lilies All Summer"** at the Enabling Garden with Vice President, Iowa Lily society, Kristi Evans, 6pm
- May 17** **"Hamilton"** at the Des Moines Civic Center. Sat/2pm & 7:30pm; Sun/1pm & 6:30pm, through June 5

- May 19** **East Polk Regional After Hours**, "The Economic Impact of Trails" with Derek Lord, 4-6pm. Brick & Ivy
- May 20-22** **ASC/GPS Summer Kick Off Classic** at Spring Creek Sports Complex
- May 21** **MadCAP**, 6pm-8pm at Haines Park (masks recommended)
- May 21** **Midwest Vendor Market**, Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- May 22** **SEP High School Graduation** at the Knapp Center
- May 28** **Cody Hicks Live & Loud**, Hawk Heaven, 9:30pm, \$7 cover
- May 29** **Beer in Hand & Beer Run** 4pm-8pm with Brickhouse Fitness
- May 29** **Music In The Park**, Haines Park, 6pm
- May 30** **Memorial Day**



- June 1** **Bondurant Farmer's Market** in City Park, 6-8pm (Every Wednesday now through October)
- June 2** **Olde Town Farmer's Market**, 4-7pm (Every Thursday now until October!)
- June 3** **Wine & Craft Beer Fest** at the Enabling Garden from 5-8pm
- June 3-12** **"Into the Woods Jr."** CAP Theatre production Fridays & Saturdays/7pm; Sunday/2pm
- June 3-19** **"Calendar Girls"** at Des Moines Playhouse, Wed-Sat/7:30pm; Sun/2pm
- June 3** **Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill 6-9pm
- June 4** **Celebrate Bondurant Car Show & Bike Ride**
- June 4** **DAM to DSM 1/2 Marathon**
- June 6** **Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market** at Berean Church, 4-7pm (Mondays through Aug. 29)
- June 8-10** **World Pork Expo** at the Iowa State Fairgrounds

- June 9-11** **Citywide Garage Sales**
- June 9-11** **Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus Concert**, Temple Theatre 2nd Floor. Thurs & Fri/ 7:30pm; Sat/5:30pm

- June 10** **Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill 6-9pm
- June 10** **Music Under the Stars**, Iowa State Capitol
- June 11** **ARCA Menards Series Race 150**, Iowa Speedway
- June 11** **Midwest Vendor Market**, Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- June 12** **IRONMAN Des Moines North American Championship**
- June 13-14** **Bondurant SummerFest**
- June 14** **"Garden, Water Features"** at the Enabling Garden with Master Gardener Dean Brand, 6pm
- June 16** **East Polk Regional After Hours** in Pleasant Hill, "Affordable Housing" at Great Escape from 4-6pm
- June 16** **Olde Town Farmer's Market**, 4-7pm
- June 17** **Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake Pleasant Hill, 6-9pm
- June 18** **Amana Colonies Wurst Festival**
- June 18** **MadCAP**, 6pm-8pm at Haines Park (masks recommended)

- June 19-Oct. 1** **Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Racing** at Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino (see Post Times in May)



- June 24** **Chill on the Hill**, Copper Creek Lake Pleasant Hill, 6-9pm
- June 24** **Trevor Rau Live**, Brightside Aleworks, 7pm
- June 24-26** **Des Moines Arts Festival**, Western Gateway Park downtown, 11am
- June 25** **Midwest Vendor Market**, Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- June 25-26** **Artfest Midwest**, Iowa Events Center, 10am-6pm
- June 26** **Glenn Miller Orchestra**, Hoyt Sherman Place
- June 26** **Music In The Park**, Haines Park, 6pm

July

- July 1-24** **"Porgy & Bess,"** Des Moines Metro Opera Theatre, 7:30pm evenings; 2pm Matinees
- July 1-3** **31st Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals** presented by BASF at the Iowa State Fairgrounds
- July 1-3** **Iowa City Jazz Festival**
- July 3** **Fireworks** at Prairie Meadows



- July 4** **Independence Day!**
- July 4** **Community Parade,** 10am
- July 6** **Bondurant Farmer's Market** in City Park, 6-8pm (every Wednesday through October)
- July 7** **Olde Town Farmer's Market,** 4-7pm. Every Thursday of the month!
- July 8** **Chill on the Hill,** Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill 6-9pm
- July 8-9** **80/35 Music Festival** in John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park
- July 8 - 10** **Lake Red Rock Balloon Fest**
- July 8 - 31** **"Matilda,"** Des Moines Community Playhouse, Wed-Sat/7:30pm; Sat & Sun/2pm
- July 9** **Midwest Vendor Market,** Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- July 10** **2022 State Games of America Triathlon and Duathlon** at Big Creek State Park, Polk City
- July 11** **Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market,** Berean Church, 4-7pm (Mondays through Aug. 29)
- July 12** **"Awesome Perennials"** at the Enabling Garden with Ted Lare Landscaping's Derek McKay, 6pm
- July 14-16** **Citywide Garage Sales**
- July 15** **Chill on the Hill,** Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill 6-9pm
- July 15-24** **25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** in the Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Innovations Building, Indianola, Fri & Sat/7pm; Sun/2pm

All the Things

July

- July 16** **MadCAP,** 6pm-8pm at Haines Park (masks recommended)
- July 16** **Bondurant Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival,** 6:30pm-10pm
- July 16** **Bondurant Blues & Brews,** 3pm-8pm (Music starts at 4pm)
- July 21** **East Polk Regional After Hours** in Bondurant Topic: Mainstreet Development
- July 22** **Chill on the Hill,** Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill 6-9pm
- July 22-24** **Hy-Vee IndyCar Weekend,** Iowa Speedway
- July 23** **Midwest Vendor Market,** Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- July 24** **Music In The Park,** Haines Park, 6pm
- July 26** **"Children's Art in the Park"** at the Enabling Garden, 6pm-8pm
- July 29** **Chill on the Hill,** Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill 6-9pm
- July 29** **National Balloon Classic,** Indianola, through Aug. 6
- July 29-31** **Backbone Bluegrass Festival,** Strawberry Point
- July 30-31** **Shakespeare in the Park,** CAP Theatre

August

- Aug. 1-6** **National Balloon Classic,** Indianola
- Aug. 2-7** **"My Fair Lady"** Des Moines Civic Center
- Aug. 2** **National Night Out,** Altoona Christian Church
- Aug. 3** **Bondurant Farmer's Market** in City Park, 6-8pm
- Aug. 4** **Olde Town FARMER'S MARKET,** 4-7pm (Every Thursday until October)
- Aug. 4-6** **Citywide Garage Sales**
- Aug. 5-7** **Hinterland Concert Series,** St. Charles
- Aug. 5-6** **TAX FREE Shopping Days**
- Aug. 6** **Midwest Vendor Market** at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- Aug. 6** **Bondurant Battle of the Bands,** 4pm-9pm
- Aug. 10-13** **Knoxville Nationals**
- Aug. 11-21** **IOWA STATE FAIR**
- Aug. 20** **MadCAP** at Haines Park, 6pm-8pm (masks recommended)
- Aug. 20** **Midwest Vendor Market** at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm
- Aug. 23** **"Shade Gardening, Basics for Amateurs and Great Plants for Shade"** at the Enabling Garden with IPTV host, Aaron Steil, 6pm
- Aug. 23** **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- Aug. 23-28** **Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird,"** Des Moines Civic Center



Aug. 27 Altoona Palooza, Sam Wise Sports Complex

Aug. 28 Music In The Park, Haines Park, 6pm

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 Farm Progress Show, Boone

Sept. 1 Olde Town FARMER'S MARKET, 4-7pm

Sept. 5 RVTV Comes to Altoona, Outlets of Des Moines, 3pm-10:30pm

Sept. 5 LABOR DAY

Sept. 9 Ladies Night at HyVee, 5pm-8pm

Sept. 10 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Sept. 10 Iowa vs. Iowa State football game in Iowa City

Sept. 14-17 AWS Quilt Week, Iowa Events Center, Wed-Fri/9am-5pm; Sat/9am-4pm

Sept. 15-17 Citywide Garage Sales

Sept. 16-18 World Food & Music Festival Downtown

Sept. 17 MadCAP at Haines Park, 5pm-7pm (masks recommended)

Sept. 24
Altoona Chamber
Farm to Table Event,
5-8pm in Olde Town. Tickets
available online at
www.altoonachamber.org/events.



Oct. 1 ARC Oktoberfest 6K, Brightside Aleworks, 10am

Oct. 1-2 Iowa State Fair Flea Market, 4H Exhibition Building, 9am-4pm

Oct. 6 SEP Homecoming Parade

Oct. 7 SEP Homecoming Game

Oct. 7-9 ASC/GPS Fall Classic at Spring Creek Sports Complex

Oct. 8 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Oct. 15 MadCAP at Haines Park, 4pm-6pm (masks recommended)

Oct. 25 Business Safe Trick or Treat in Bondurant, 5pm-7pm



Oct. 26 Altoona Business Trick or Treat in Civic Plaza, 5pm-7pm

Oct. 26 Pleasant Hill Trick or Treat Around the Lake, 5pm-8pm

Oct. 29 Halloween in Olde Town

Oct. 30 Beggar's Night in Altoona

Nov. 5-6 Iowa State Fair Flea Market, 4H Exhibition Bldg., 9am-4pm

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Nov. 11 Veteran's Breakfast at Hy-Vee

Nov. 11-13 Junk Jubilee, Iowa State Fairgrounds

Nov. 12 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Nov. 12 Living History Farms Race, 7am-Noon

Nov. 19 MadCAP at CAP Theatre in Olde Town, 7pm-9pm (masks required)

Nov. 22 Black Jacket Symphony Performs Led Zeppelin IV, Hoyt Sherman Place

Nov. 24-27 Happy Thanksgiving Weekend

Nov. 25-26 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Nov. 26 Christmas in Olde Town

Nov. 26 Jolly Holiday Lights through Jan. 2 at Adventureland

Nov. 26 BLACK FRIDAY at the Outlets of Des Moines

Nov. 27 Small Business Saturday - SHOP LOCAL

Nov. 27 Christmas In Olde Town

Nov. 29 Cyber Monday - SHOP LOCAL

Dec. 3 SEP Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa, Altoona Fire Station

Dec. 3 Piece of Bondurant Christmas

Dec. 3-4 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Dec. 3-4 Iowa State Fair Flea Market, 4H Exhibition Bldg., 9am-4pm

Dec. 10-11 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Dec. 17 MadCAP at CAP Theatre in Olde Town, 7pm-9pm (masks required)

Dec. 17-18 Midwest Vendor Market at Outlets of Des Moines, 10am-6pm

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas All!

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Pops - The Music of Elton John, DSM Civic Center - time TBD

Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan. 3-8 "CATS," Des Moines Civic Center

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- I Lion's Park**
- J Loupee Park**
- K Oak Hill Park**
- L Phoenix Park**
- M Prairie Heritage & Civic Plaza**
- N Sam Wise Youth Sports Complex**
- O Spring Creek Park**
- P Spring Creek Sports Complex**
- Q Townsend Park**
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- S Village Park**
- T 17th Avenue Dog Park**

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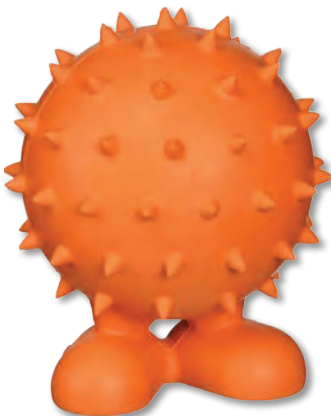
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ARTS & Culture



Where the Wild Things Are

Justin Hillgrove is a Pacific Northwest artist who loves painting monsters, robots and other such nonsense. Mostly self-taught, he spent a decade in the design industry before setting out on his own to spend his days painting. Since 2005, Justin has worked on everything from comics and toys to board games and children's books, though he is most well-known for his own original fine art. Some memorable projects have included painting murals for Meta (formerly Facebook) in Seattle and London, participating in the Schulz Museum's artist-in-residence program, and creating covers for Boom Studios / Cartoon Network's Adventure Time comic.

The Mural is based on a painting I did in 2012 titled **"THE NIGHT MAX WORE HIS WOLF SUIT,"** which is a tribute to my favorite children's book "Where The Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. At over 20' tall by 50' wide it was definitely the largest mural I have worked on, as well as my first outdoor one. I loved working on it and eventually was able to tame my nigh-paralyzing fear of heights and become an expert scissor lift operator. Big thanks to the City of Altoona, Mayor O'Connor and everyone else involved in making the project possible. I had a great time working on it with fellow artists: Calvin Hillgrove (son) and Mike Capp.



JUSTIN HILLGROVE

PUBLIC ART can take a wide range of forms, sizes, and scales — and can be temporary or permanent. It often interprets the history of a place, its people, and perhaps addresses a social or environmental issue. Public Art can include murals, sculpture, memorials, integrated architectural or landscape architectural work, community art, digital new media and even performances and festivals!

THE CITY OF ALTOONA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION was established in 2021 and was created as a vehicle to advise the city council on needed public art. This commission made up of community volunteers will oversee and create city programs that benefit quality of life for Altoona residents.

"I am very excited for our newly formed Arts and Culture Commission. Quality of life for the citizens of Altoona will be greatly enhanced by this group's dedicated work. Thank you again to these volunteers."



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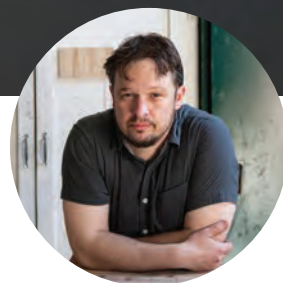
Woven Lines

WOVEN LINES uses the metaphor of a unifying knot — woven from the fabric of its environment — to symbolize the town's continued dedication to community. This dynamic new sculpture combines the monumental personality of a roadside attraction with the intimacy and subtlety of gracefully drawn lines. In this way, Woven Lines poetically transforms the given public landscape to speak to the core values of this traditional American town.

Aaron Stephan is an artist living and working in Portland, Maine. His work presents a wry look at the world around him — focusing on complex web

of information carried by everyday materials and objects. His work has taken form as a 20-foot high table and chairs, a shelter made entirely of books, and a series of drawings reproducing iconic artworks ad infinitum.

Stephan's work has been featured at venues across the U.S. including DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Samson Projects, The Portland Museum of Art, California Center for the Arts, Farnsworth Art Museum, Institute of Contemporary Art at MECA, University of Maine Museum of Art, Quint Contemporary and a host of other locations.



AARON T. STEPHAN



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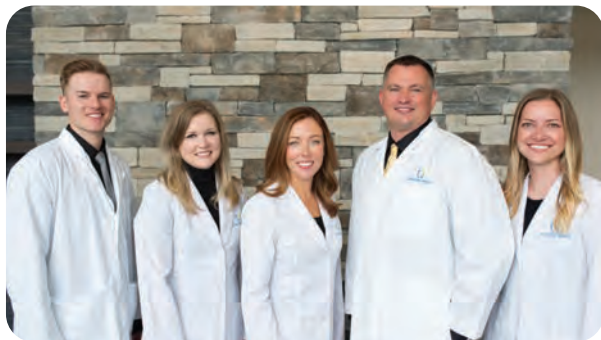
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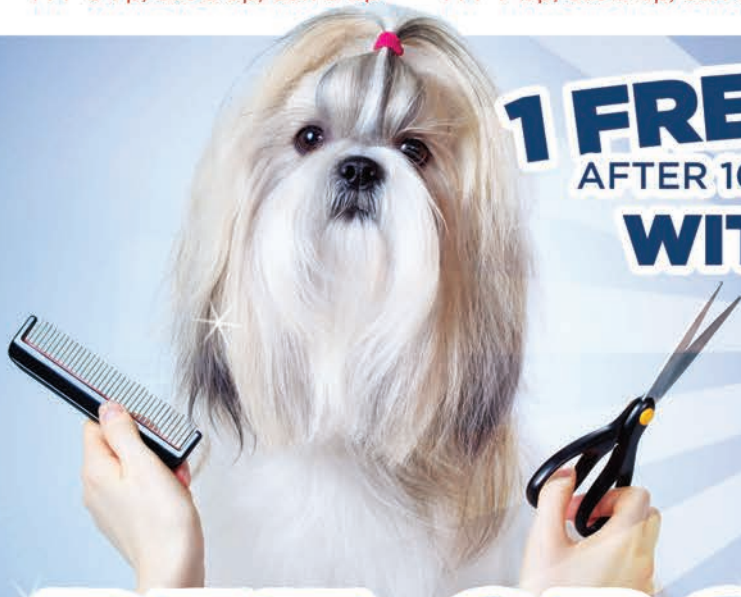
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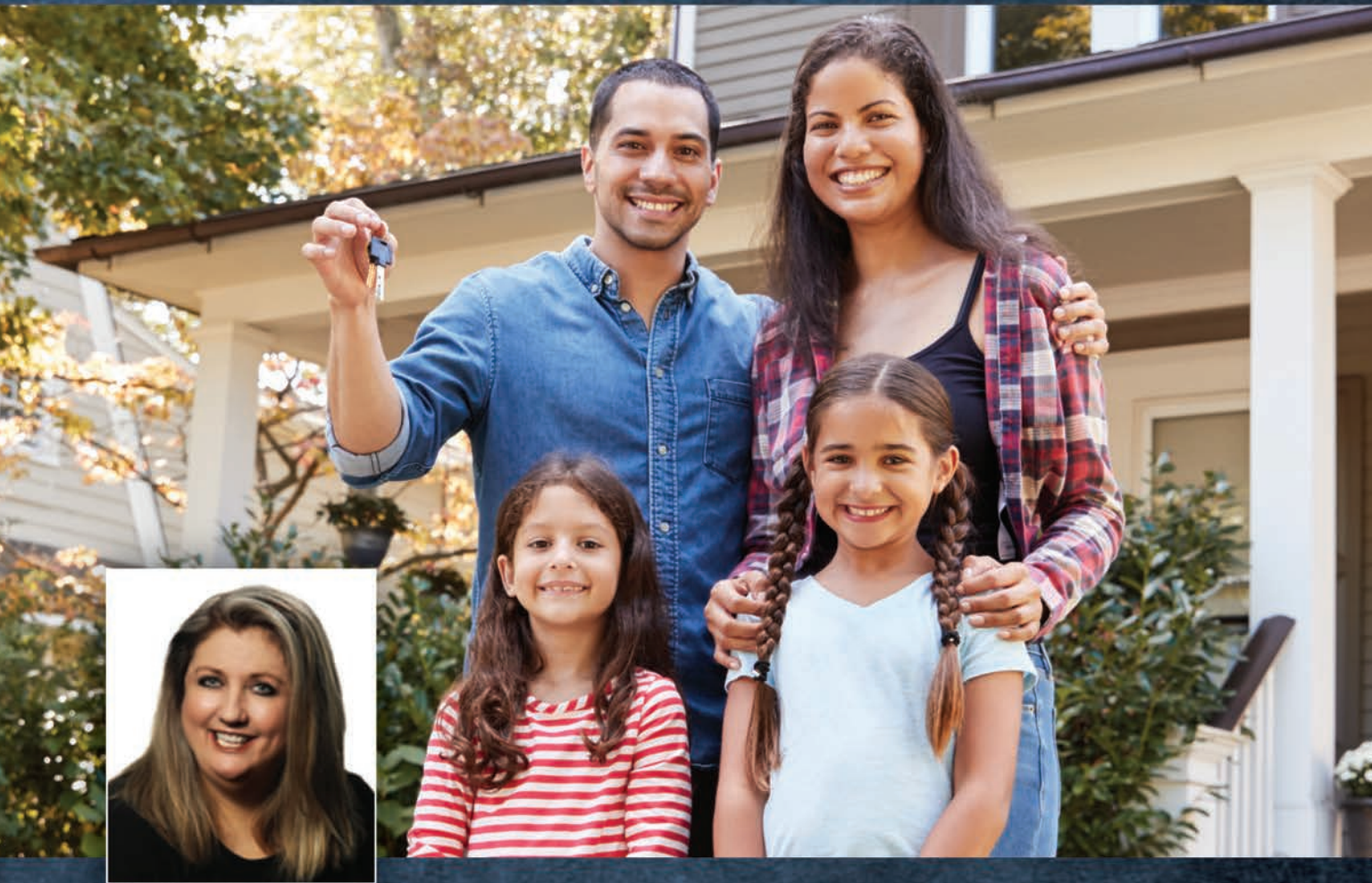
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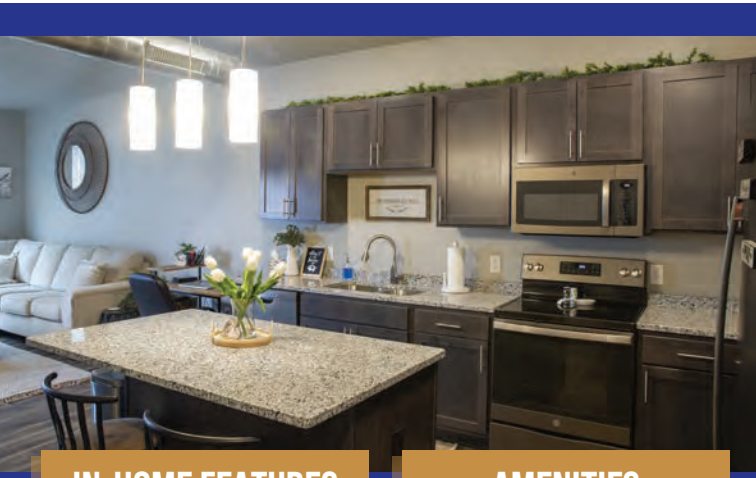
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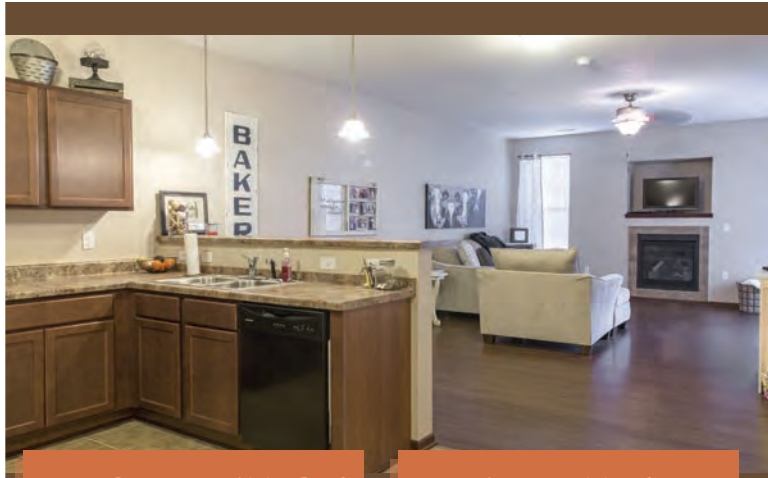


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