

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026****MIDAMERICAN ENERGY DAY**

Join MidAmerican Energy on Opening Day and learn more about our commitment to serving customers with safe, reliable and affordable energy. Try our hands-on electric generator activities, nominate your favorite charity for the CARES daily donation and spin the wheel to win fun prizes.

**RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY | HEROES' DAY**

Heroes' Day celebrates EMTs, Fire and Rescue, Police Officers, and Paramedics. Special displays will be on Grand Avenue. Wear a shirt representing your hometown department in honor of those who serve our communities.

**PIONEER 100 YEARS CELEBRATION DAY****12TH ANNUAL HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR**

Iowans are invited to take a step forward for their health by taking a step back into Iowa State Fair history as part of the celebration of America's 250th birthday hosted by the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative. This free walking tour begins at 8:15 a.m. on the Grand Concourse (near the Administration Building) and ends at Opening Ceremonies at the Horse Barn. Tour guides will make multiple stops at historic sites along the 1K route.

**GATE ADMISSION**

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 10 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

**SPECIAL SAVINGS**

Monday-Thursday evenings: \$12 adult (ages 12 and up), \$8 child (ages 6-11)

Monday-Friday, EVERY ride and game in Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is \$1 off.

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## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

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*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

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8 p.m. HARDY with special guest McCoy Moore (\$54.40-109.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

### **Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

9 a.m. Twins, Triplets and More Contest (registration at 8:15 a.m.)

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search (following Iowan of the Day)

4 p.m. Steffen Heins

7 p.m., 9 p.m. Tonic Sol-fa

### **Elwell Family Park**

*West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events*

1 p.m. Iowa State Fair PRCA Pro Rodeo (adult \$30, child \$25; gates open at Noon)

### **Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway*

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

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*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

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**The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

**MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9 a.m. The Dance Avenue, Dance Studio, Norwalk

11 a.m. Tropical Steel, Johnston

1 p.m. A T & CO, Dance Studio, West Des Moines

4 p.m. KCCI News at 5

8 p.m. Jake Worthington

**Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

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Noon Hillbilly Bob

**Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Irish Performance Team

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

1:30 p.m. Devine Dancers, Des Moines

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Queen Introductions

8 p.m. Josh Baldwin

**BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

**Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

3 p.m. Lucas Beebe

6 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Zach Freedom

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

6 p.m. Toaster

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. The SINCLAIRS

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Brian Congdon

4 p.m. Blake Jack and The South 35

8 p.m. C.H.A.W.

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Kelsie James

2 p.m. The Sheet

5 p.m. Jordan Beem

8 p.m. Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. The Weary Ramblers

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

10 a.m. FFA Beef Cattle Show: Breeding

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Dairy Cattle Show: Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey

7 p.m. Cattle Show: Super Bull Contest

Sheep Show: Big Ram Contest (weigh-in at Livestock Pavilion)

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven; Vet Camp and Advanced Vet Camp sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises*

9 a.m. Horse Haven

4-H Horse Show

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Vet Camp (pre-registration required), Conference Room

1 p.m. FFA Horse Show

**Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

8:30 a.m. FFA Sheep Show: Market and Carcass Lamb

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

1 p.m. Sheep Show: All Other Wool Breeds

3 p.m. FFA Sheep Awards Program

**Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place*

8:30 a.m. FFA Swine Show: Purebred Market, Commercial Gilts & Regular Breeding Swine

9 a.m. Pig Place

10 a.m. FFA Rabbit Show

1 p.m. Swine Show: Big Boar Contest

2 p.m. FFA Swine Show: Carcass Value

**FAIR DAY EVENTS**

**Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

**Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

10 a.m. 4-H Automotive Conference Judging

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

10 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Youth Activity - Blue Bird Box Building, Courtyard

11 a.m. Wildlife Where You Live: 5 Things YOU Can Do for Wildlife at Home, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Wild Transformations: 250 Years of Iowa's Mammals, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Rainscaping, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Historic American Forestry Schools, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. "The Sweetest Root" Carrot Cake Judging, Room 2

Cinnamon Ridge Favorite Cheese Curds Judging, Room 3

Kids H&R Block Logo Cookie Contest Judging, Room 1

Tammies' No Bake Desserts Judging, Room 4

Cinnamon Ridge Farms Amazing Ribs Judging, Room 3

"We Eat with Our Eyes First, What Comes Next," Lois Aldridge, Food Seminar, Room 4

11 a.m. Cake Takes the Gold(ies) Judging, Rooms 1 and 2

Noon Always Room for Dessert Judging, Room 3

Winner Winner Chicken Noodle Dinner Judging, Room 4

1 p.m. Board Fun Judging, Room 3

Macarons or Macaroons Judging, Room 4

2 p.m. "Let's Talk Cake," Gloria Olson, Food Seminar, Room 4

Fall Desserts Judging, Room 3

3 p.m. Best in Dough Judging, Room 1

Kids Chef Baking Tournament: Signature Showcase Judging, Room 3

Let's Have Tea Judging, Room 2

3:30 p.m. "Yeast Bread for Beginners," Kay Fenton Smith, Food Seminar, Room 4

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

2:30 p.m. FFA Photography Awards Presentation

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair  
Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Heroes' Day Display*

*MidAmerican Energy Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

8:15 a.m. 12th Annual Historical Walking Tour (begins near the Administration Building)

9 a.m. Pioneer 100 Years Celebration Day Display, In Front of Principal® Plaza at Legacy Terrace

Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

10 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, In Front of Service Center

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

**Horse Barn**

*Horse Haven, horses*

9 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the  
public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

### **Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

#### **Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

#### **Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Chair Caning & Rush Seat Weaving by Michelle and Olivia Schanz, Amana

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

9:30 a.m. Jim Wachuta's One Man Band, Soft Rock and Country Classics, Des Moines

10:30 a.m. Turkey Calling Contest

11 a.m. Duck Calling Contest

Noon Party of Four Men's A Cappella Quartet, Metro Area

1 p.m. Youth Rooster Crowing Contest

1:30 p.m. Ladies Chicken Calling Contest

3 p.m. Saints and Sinners Country, Soft Rock and Old Time Dance Tunes

5 p.m. Line Dance Lessons, Norma Hatcher, Osceola

6:30 p.m. Tom Hofer and the Iowa Playboys Traditional Country & Western Swing

### **First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

**Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa Farmers' Championship

Noon Horseshoe Pitching: Pitch & Win

1:30 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Open Singles

**Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

**Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

**Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

**John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

Cattle Corner, North Annex

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Milking Demonstration Milking Parlor, North Side of Cattle Barn

4 p.m. Youth Dairy Awards Program, Penningroth Sale Ring

**John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building*

*display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. FFA Farm Crops and Horticulture Judging

9:15 a.m. Corn Creations and Soybeans Creations Judging

Farm Crops and Fruit Crops Judging

10 a.m. Living History Farms, Stage

10 a.m. FFA Floriculture Judging

10 a.m. Floriculture Department Special Classes: Adult Seed Picture Judging

10 a.m. Junior and Intermediate Floriculture Shows

Noon Ice Carving by Bill Gordish, Front Lawn

Floriculture Department Special Classes: Iowa Perennials, Color Division Judging

Limited Division Flower Show

Show Off Your Talent Flower Show

1 p.m. "Preservation of Iowa Barns" - Iowa Barn Foundation, Stage

2 p.m. Designing Miniature Floriculture Displays- Yvonne McCormick, Stage

3 p.m. Awards for Open Class Grain and Fruit, Stage

4 p.m. FFA Floriculture and Horticulture Awards Ceremonies, Stage

4:30 p.m. FFA Farm Crops Awards Ceremony

### **Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

### **Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

### **All Iowa Classroom**

*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

Noon Red, White and Bloom, Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier

2 p.m. Jams and Jellies, Talk & Taste, Sally Kilkenny

4 p.m. The Wonderful World of Worms, Rose Farmstead

### **The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m. The All American Bird: Recipes and Techniques for Every Cut, Iowa Turkey Federation

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage, & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Partners

3 p.m. Family Favorite Recipes for a Busy Home, Rachel Fishback - Iowa Farm Mama

5 p.m. Flower Cupcakes, Gloria Olson - Glorious Desserts

7 p.m. Family Chopped

**Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

Gate 15: Kwik Star

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Food Center: AudioNova, Cookies Food Products, Google

North of Varied Industries Building: Frontier

South of Horse Barn: Firestone Ag Tires

West of DNR Building: Busch Light, FOX News

West of Elwell Family Park: Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Conours

**Oman Family Youth Inn**

*Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

9 a.m. 4-H Clothing Judging Event

6 p.m. 4-H Clothing Style Show Stage

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art*

*Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor

Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor

Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor  
Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor  
9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor  
10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor  
artWORKS ARTival, 3rd Floor  
Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor  
Face Painting, Fun Forest  
10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor  
10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor  
10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor  
10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor  
10 a.m., 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor  
Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor  
10 a.m., 7 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor  
10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor  
11 a.m., 3 p.m. Live Portrait Session, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor  
3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor  
11 a.m., 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor  
Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor  
1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard  
Painting Demonstration by Courtney Moller, Courtyard  
3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor  
Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor  
4 p.m. Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre 3rd Floor  
Watercolor Demonstration by Debbie Simpson, Courtyard

**Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birthing center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We  
Live award winners display*

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

**Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

**Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

**Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson*

*Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. University of Iowa Showcase

10 a.m. Fun Fabric Baskets Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

Sew Your First Pillowcase with Patrick Lose! Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon, 2 p.m. ASG Zipper Bags Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

Noon Fair Spirit Tote Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

2 p.m. ASG Zipper Bags Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

Machine Embroidery with Jean - Pincushions - Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

4 p.m. Reusable Bowl Cover Sewing Class, 2nd Floor

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to midnight*

*No entry/re-entry or on-site ticket sales allowed after 10 p.m.*

**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*

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Farmfluencers at the Fair brings top farm and agriculture creators to the Grand Concourse for live podcast recordings, content creation, and conversations about the future of American agriculture and energy. Join Barn Talk and Farm4Profit and experience the spirit of the Iowa State Fair.

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*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Tanya Ogden's Dance FX, Des Moines

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

1 p.m. Iowa Grocery Bagging Contest

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Queen Introductions

8 p.m. Montgomery Gentry featuring Eddie Montgomery

**BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

**Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

4 p.m. Haywire

7 p.m. Roundabout

9 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Zach Freedom

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

7 p.m. Toaster

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Richard Arndt

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Brad Siedenfeld

4 p.m. Suede

8 p.m. The Tony B Outfit

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Chris Ranallo

2 p.m. River City Opry

5 p.m. Blake Jack and The South 35

8 p.m. Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Dave Zollo & The Body Electric

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Horse Show: Farm Team

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. Dairy Cattle Show: Holstein

9 a.m. Dairy Cattle Show: Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn

11:45 a.m. Dairy Cattle: Kiddie Cattle Capers

2:30 p.m. Dairy Cattle - Supreme Champion Selection (30 minutes after breed shows)

5 p.m. Youth Dairy Cattle Showmanship

### **Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Poultry Show

5 p.m. 4-H Poultry Awards Ceremony

### **Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven; Vet Camp and Advanced Vet Camp sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises*

9 a.m. Horse Haven

Horse Show: Cowboy Mounted Shooters

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Vet Camp (pre-registration required), Conference Room

6:30 p.m. Horse Show: Cowgirl Queen Contest

### **Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

8:30 a.m. FFA Sheep Show: Breeding & Commercial Sheep

Sheep Show: Long Wool

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration Outside, Southeast Corner

Noon Sheep Show: Columbia

6 p.m. Sheep Show: Montadale

### **Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place*

8:30 a.m. FFA Swine Show: Crossbred Market

9 a.m. Pig Place

### **FAIR DAY EVENTS**

#### **Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

**Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

10 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Youth Activity - Blue Bird Box Building, Courtyard

11 a.m. Growing Healthy Shade Trees, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Coyotes in Your Yard: Good, Bad... Normal?, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Pond Management 101, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Fishy Friday - In Honor of the Century Old Aquarium, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. Best Biscuits and Gravy Judging, Room 3

Culinary Coffee Creations Judging, Room 1

Scenic Valley Pumpkin Cookies Judging, Room 2

11 a.m. Bob's Red Mill Yeast Breads Judging, Room 2

Picasso Plates Judging, Room 3

11:30 a.m. Iowa Orchards Creations Judging, Room 1

Noon Kids "Taco Treat" Trickery: Homemade Edition Judging, Room 4

1 p.m. Bret & Amy Doerring Ugliest Cake Judging, Room 3

H&R Block Logo Cookie Contest Judging, Room 1

1:30 p.m. "How to Enter the Iowa State Fair Food Competition and Win," Cassandra Hyatt, Food Seminar, Room 4

2 p.m. Mid-Century Masterpieces Judging Room 1

3 p.m. "How Does It All Come Together," ISF Food Department Staff and Judges, Food Seminar, Room 4

Mine is the Best BBQ Sauce Judging, Room 2

Sweet Treats Judging, Room 3

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

9 a.m. FFA Ag Mechanics & Technology Judging

3:45 p.m. FFA Ag Mechanics & Technology Parade of Exhibits

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair*

*Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Farmfluencers Iowa Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

9 a.m. Classic Car Display, South Side

Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

10 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

**Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

**Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

**Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Chair Caning & Rush Seat Weaving by Michelle and Olivia Schanz, Amana

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

10 a.m., 1 p.m. Fiddlers Youth and Junior Contests

Noon Chip Albright Acoustic, Americana and Folk

4 p.m. Line Dance Lessons, Norma Hatcher, Osceola

5 p.m. The Girls Next Door, Country/Blue Grass, Central Iowa

6:30 p.m. The Unforgiven Band, Country Variety, Metro Area

### **First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

### **Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: IA Regional Team State Championship

Noon Horseshoe Pitching: Pitch & Win

### **Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

### **Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

**Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

**John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

Cattle Corner, North Annex

Youth Spelling Bee, Penningroth Sale Ring

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Milking Demonstration Milking Parlor, North Side of Cattle Barn

**John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building*

*display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Big Pumpkin Weigh-In and Awards, Front Lawn

Big Pumpkin and Squash Display, Front Lawn

Weed ID Contest, Front Lawn

10 a.m. Plant Identification Contest, Floriculture

1 p.m. "Preservation of Iowa Barns" - Iowa Barn Foundation, Stage

2 p.m. Learn about Bees & Honey - Iowa Honey Producers Assn, Stage

3 p.m. Weed Identification Contest Awards, Stage

6 p.m. Ice Carving by Bill Gordish Front Lawn

**Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

**Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

**All Iowa Classroom**

*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

Noon Growing Flowers in Iowa, Lori Bochner

**The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m. The All American Bird: Recipes and Techniques for Every Cut, Iowa Turkey Federation

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Partners

3 p.m. Hy-Vee Dietitians, Healthy Eating

5 p.m. One Bird, Three Ways, Ryan Coon

7 p.m. Family Chopped

**Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Food Center: AudioNova, Cookies Food Products, Google

North of Varied Industries Building: Frontier

South of Horse Barn: Firestone Ag Tires

West of DNR Building: Busch Light, FOX News

West of Elwell Family Park: Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Conours

**Oman Family Youth Inn**

*Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

2:30 p.m. FFA Ag Mechanics & Technology Awards Program Stage

5:30 p.m. Euchre Tournament

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art*

*Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor  
 Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor  
 Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor  
 Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor  
 Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor  
 Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor  
 Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor  
 Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor  
 9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor  
     artWORKS ARTival, 3rd Floor  
     Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor  
     Face Painting, Fun Forest  
 10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m. Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., 1 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor  
     Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m. 7 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor  
 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor  
 11 a.m., 3 p.m. Live Portrait Session, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor  
     3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor  
 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor  
 Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor  
 1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard  
     Jewelry Demonstration by Ashley Bowlin, Courtyard  
 3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor  
     Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor  
 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor

Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

Painting with Lilian Otto, Courtyard

**Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birth center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We Live award winners display*

8 a.m. Cuddles and Snuggles Chore Time (\$; pre-registration required)

10 a.m. Iowa State Fair Podcast, Stage

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

**Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

**Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

**Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. University of Iowa Showcase

Legacy Valor Quilting Guild, Room A

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners, Room B

10 a.m. Fair Spirit Snap Pouch Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

Leaf Bowl Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon Start Sewing with State Fair Scrunchies! Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

2 p.m. Machine Embroidery with Jean - Mini Hoop Art - Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

Rope Bowl Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to midnight*

*No entry/re-entry or on-site ticket sales allowed after 10 p.m.*

**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026****CHEVRON DAY**

Chevron is supporting the transportation industries' journey to a lower carbon future by using waste and other agricultural products and turning them into lower carbon fuels! Visit us at the Grand Concourse to learn about how the biofuels we produce help support a lower carbon world!

**GATE ADMISSION**

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 10 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

**THRILL PARK WRISTBAND**

Good during Fair time only on any ride or game in Thrill Town and Thrill Ville. Tickets and credits can be purchased and reloaded onto the Thrill Park Wristband at any Thrill Parks kiosk in Thrill Town or Thrill Ville.

\$1 for 1 credit\*

\*Thrill Park Wristbands are not valid in Thrill Zone.

\*Upon initial purchase of a Thrill Park Wristband, a one-time \$1 fee is charged.

**ENTERTAINMENT****Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

*Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular presented by JPMorganChase*

*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

*\*Prices include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies based on Etix service fees charged for online and phone orders.*

8 p.m. The Red Clay Strays with special guest The Bends (\$54.40-109.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

**Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

9 a.m. The Dance Factory

10:30 a.m. DSM Metro Mix Dance Company  
11:45 a.m. Way We Live Award Presentation  
Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation  
12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search (following Iowan of the Day)  
4:30 p.m. Ben Puttmann, Polk City, Acoustic  
7 p.m. Iowa State Fair Queen Coronation

### **Elwell Family Park**

*West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events*

10 a.m. Short Course UTV & ATV Racing (Free; gates open at 9 a.m.)

### **Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial  
Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind  
Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

### **Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

### **Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

10 a.m. Blue Ribbon Kids' Club Meet and Greet with Iowa State Fair Police

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

### **The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

### **MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9 a.m. Superstars Performing Arts, Urbandale

11 a.m. 93.3 KIOA's Mullet Contest (registration at 10 a.m.)  
1 p.m. STAR 102.5's Mr. Legs Contest (registration at Noon)  
2:30 p.m. The Jeff Arrandale Band, Christian Rock, Norwalk  
8 p.m. Jammy Buffet

### **Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni  
11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN  
Noon Hillbilly Bob

### **Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Steppin' Out Dance Studio, Newton  
11 a.m. Fairfield Jazz Band  
12:30 p.m. Dance-a-cross, Dance Studio  
2:30 p.m. Heartland Bootscooters  
8 p.m. Moon Taxi

### **BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

12:30 p.m. Dueling Pianos  
4 p.m. Elijah Scott  
6 p.m. Casey Muessignmann  
9 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

#### **Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Burnin Sensation  
3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie  
7 p.m. Suede

### **Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Tony Bohnenkamp

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Josh Sinclair

4 p.m. Jake Kemble and Kick

8 p.m. Birdchild

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Blaine Garrett

2 p.m. The Sheet

5 p.m. Jordan Beem

8 p.m. Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. The Flying Silos

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Maine-Anjou

9 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Prospect Calf

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. Youth Dairy Cattle Show

3:30 p.m. FFA Parade of Champions

4:30 p.m. Governor's Charity Steer Show

**Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

10:30 a.m. Poultry - Egg Rolling

11 a.m. Prettiest Bird Contest

4 p.m. Rooster Crowing Contest

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven; Vet Camp and Advanced Vet Camp sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises*

8 a.m. Horse Show: Western

9 a.m. Horse Haven

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Vet Camp (pre-registration required) Conference Room

6:30 p.m. Horse Show: Western

**Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

8:30 a.m. Sheep Show: Cheviot

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

11:30 a.m. Sheep Shearing Contest

**Swine Barn**

*Swine, Big Boar, Pig Place*

9 a.m. Pig Place

5:30 p.m. Bacon Buddies Swine Show

**FAIR DAY EVENTS**

**Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

**Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

11 a.m. History of the Aquarium and the DNR Fair Building Courtyard, Stage

Pop-Up Program: Fish Cleaning and Cooking Demonstrations, Courtyard

1 p.m. History of the Aquarium and the DNR Fair Building, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Inside Iowa's Deer Herd, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Historic Trees for America's 250th - Part 1, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. Eurofins Best Homemade Hot Sauce Judging, Room 2

10 a.m. Kids Scotcharoo SnackDown Judging, Room 1

Maytag Dairy Farms Favorite Blue Cheese Recipe Judging, Room 3

Potluck Pleasers for Jacob Beals Judging, Room 4

11 a.m. 9x13 Versatility Judging, Room 2

Bud Elwell's Old Fashioned Fudge Recipe, Room 3

Scotcharoo SnackDown Judging, Room 1

Noon *Our Iowa* Church Cookbook Favorites Judging, Room 4

Taste of Honey Challenge Judging, Room 3

1 p.m. Comfy Coffee Cake Judging, Room 1

Use Your Noodle Judging, Room 2

2 p.m. Bob's Red Mill Yeast Rolls Judging, Room 3

The Hesitant Baker Competition Judging, Room 1

2:30 p.m. A Taste of Days Gone By Judging, Room 2

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair*

*Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Chevron Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

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9 a.m. Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

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11 a.m. Guitar Contest (sign in begins at 9 a.m.)

Noon Ackley's Little German Band, Ackley

1 p.m. Mandolin Contest (sign in begins at 9 a.m.)

4:30 p.m. Heartstrings, Children's Fiddle and Violin

6 p.m. The Big Joe Kinser Band, Western Swing, Des Moines

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Noon Living History Farms, Stage

Noon Limited Division Flower Show

Noon Show Off Your Talent Flower Show

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West of Elwell Family Park: Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

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**Oman Family Youth Inn**

*Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

8 a.m. Tumbling Competition

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor

Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor  
 Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor  
 Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor  
 9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor  
     artWORKS ARTival, 3rd Floor  
     Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor  
     Face Painting, Fun Forest  
 10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor  
     Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor  
 10 a.m., 7 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor  
 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor  
 11 a.m., 3 p.m. 3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor  
 11 a.m., 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor  
 Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor  
 1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard  
     Drawing Demonstration by John Jannenga, Courtyard  
 3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor  
     Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor  
 4 p.m. Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor  
     Doodling by Kristy Niemeyer, Courtyard

**Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birthing center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We  
 Live award winners display*

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

**Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

**Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

**Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson*

*Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. University of Iowa Showcase

Central Iowa Rug Arts, Room A

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners, Room B

10 a.m. Art You Can Use: The Fabric Decoupage Workshop Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Beginning Tatting Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon Fair Spirit Tote Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

3 p.m. Stash Bash! Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to midnight*

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**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*

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Maverik fuels adventures in more than 800 stores across the country. There's no better place to fill your tank, grab some fresh-made BonFire food with a cold drink and get ready to chase life's thrills.

Maverik — Adventure's First Stop

**GATE ADMISSION**

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 10 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

**THRILL PARK WRISTBAND**

Good during Fair time only on any ride or game in Thrill Town and Thrill Ville. Tickets and credits can be purchased and reloaded onto the Thrill Park Wristband at any Thrill Parks kiosk in Thrill Town or Thrill Ville.

\$1 for 1 credit\*

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**ENTERTAINMENT****Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

*Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular presented by JPMorganChase*

*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

*\*Prices include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies based on Etix service fees charged for online and phone orders.*

8 p.m. Lainey Wilson with special guest Tigirlily Gold (\$; SOLD OUT): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

**Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

9 a.m. Becky Nalevanko's Dance and Tumbling Studio, Pleasant Hill

11 a.m. Jamie Jo, Vocal

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search (following Iowan of the Day)

4:30 p.m. Ankeny Community Chorus

7 p.m., 9 p.m. Tribute to the Troops

### **Elwell Family Park**

*West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events*

Noon, 3 p.m. Charros Performance (Free; gates open at 11 a.m.)

### **Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

### **Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

### **Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

### **The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. 1 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

### **MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9 a.m. Dance 2 Xtreme, Carlisle

10 a.m. Deborah's School of Dance

11:30 a.m. Wilson Dance Company

1:30 p.m. The Sinclairs

8 p.m. Jammy Buffet

### **Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

### **Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Micro Mini Pull (registration at 8 a.m.)

7 p.m. La Sonora Dinamita

### **BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

Noon DJ Nick Nystrom

1 p.m. Elijah Scott

3 p.m. Casey Muessignmann

7 p.m. Banda la Enkantadora

#### **Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Dave & Anna

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

6 p.m. Velvet

#### **Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Ben Puttman

#### **Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Royce Johns Duo

4 p.m. Jeni Grouws Band

8 p.m. Brad Morgan

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon NOLA Jazz Band with Heartland Swing

2 p.m. Emmet Sheehan

5 p.m. Katie and the Honky Tonks

8 p.m. Grupo515

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Randy Burk & The Prisoners

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

11 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Jr. Limousin

1 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: Jr. Aberdeen, Jr. South Devon

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Horse Show: Belgian, Miniature B Halter

5 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest (registration 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)

**Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

9 a.m. Poultry Show

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven; Vet Camp and Advanced Vet Camp sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises*

8 a.m. Horse Show: Western

9 a.m. Horse Haven

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Advanced Vet Camp (pre-registration required), Conference Room

6 p.m. Horse Show: Belgian, Shire, Miniature

### **Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

10 a.m. Spin & Knit

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

1 p.m. 4-H Sheep Skillathon

Wool Show

3:30 p.m. 4-H Sheep Showmanship

### **Swine Barn**

*Swine, Big Boar, Pig Place*

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Pig Place

1 p.m. 4-H Swine Showmanship

## **FAIR DAY EVENTS**

### **Alliant Energy Landing**

*Picnic shelter; houses various events through the Fair, including company and individual space rentals for private events*

6 p.m. Farm to Fair (pre-registration required)

### **Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

### **Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

1:30 p.m. 3 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

9 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Upcycling Activities, Courtyard

11 a.m. Fish Local Courtyard, Stage

1 p.m. Historic Trees Courtyard, Stage

3 p.m. The History of Smokey Bear, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Tree Recycling Courtyard, Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9 a.m. Beginner's Contest Judging, Room 1

9:30 a.m. Mrs. Bonser's Beef & Noodles Judging, Room 4

O Come All Ye Cookies, Judging Room 2

Slabulous Slabs Judging, Room 3

10 a.m. Our Front Porch Favorite Iowa Foods, Judging Room 1

10:30 a.m. Louise Piper's Memorial Green Tomato Pie Judging, Room 4

World's Tallest Leprechaun St. Patrick's Day Treats Judging, Room 2

11 a.m. Desserts for Lou Sipolt, Judging Room 3

Sunday Dinner at Mom's (Grandma's) Judging Room, 1

11:30 a.m. Gingerbread House Judging, Room 2

12:30 p.m. Best Fruit Cobbler, Bettie or Buckle, Judging Room 2

Kid's Gingerbread Barn Decorating Challenge!, Judging Room 4

1 p.m. We Like Big Bundts, Judging Room 3

1:30 p.m. "Winning Ways with Cinnamon Rolls," Lana Shope, Food Seminar, Room 4

North "40" Pie Contest, Judging Room 1

2 p.m. Anything But White Bread Judging, Room 3

Anything Goes, Everything Goes Judging, Room 2

3:30 p.m. Creative Whole Grain Quick Breads Judging, Room 3

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair*

*Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

### **Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

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8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service

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Noon Fine Line Bluegrass Regional Band, Albia

3 p.m. Fiddlers Championship Contest

4 p.m. Pioneer String Band Old Time String Band Music

5:30 p.m. The William Lawson Band, Folk, Bluegrass and Old Time Country

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*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

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2 p.m. Body Spray & Lip Gloss Making Class (\$; pre-registration required), By Wysteria

4 p.m. Perfume Making Class (\$; pre-registration required), By Wysteria

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*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

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5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Concourse

### **Oman Family Youth Inn**

*Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

Noon Backgammon Tournament (registration begins at 11 a.m.)

### **Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

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*Fair; artWORKS*

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Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

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Gingerbread Friends: Beginner Wool Applique Holiday Ornaments Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026****IOWA LOTTERY DAY**

The Iowa Lottery is proud to continue its support of Veterans Day at the Fair! A portion of lottery proceeds each year are dedicated to the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund to directly benefit our state's veterans and their families. Stop by the Grand Concourse today and visit the Iowa Lottery tent to buy your lottery tickets, score some merchandise prizes and sign up for the free VIP Club. Come and see us today!

**VETERANS DAY**

*presented by Hy-Vee*

**GATE ADMISSION**

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

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Veterans Day: \$12 admission for active and former members of the United States military who show proof of veteran or active military status and their companion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**THRILL PARK WRISTBAND**

Good during Fair time only on any ride or game in Thrill Town and Thrill Ville. Tickets and credits can be purchased and reloaded onto the Thrill Park Wristband at any Thrill Parks kiosk in Thrill Town or Thrill Ville.

\$1 for 1 credit\*

\*Thrill Park Wristbands are not valid in Thrill Zone.

\*Upon initial purchase of a Thrill Park Wristband, a one-time \$1 fee is charged.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

*Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular presented by JPMorganChase*

*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

*\*Prices include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies based on Etix service fees charged for online and phone orders.*

8 p.m. Staind with special guest Hoobastank (\$54.40-89.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

**Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

9 a.m. Dance Magic Kids, Windsor Heights

10 a.m. Betty Hill Dancers, Windsor Heights

11 a.m. Iowa State Patrol K9 Demonstration

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search (following Iowan of the Day)

4 p.m. Military Tribute Concert, Urbandale

7 p.m., 9 p.m. Tribute to the Troops

**Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

**Elwell Family Park**

1 p.m. Habitat for Humanity & Wells Fargo Ramp Build

**Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

**Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

10 a.m. Blue Ribbon Kids' Club Living History Farms: Iowa Before the American Revolution Day

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

### **The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

### **MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9:30 a.m. Leni DeCook, Vocal

11 a.m. Kingdom Criers, Southern Gospel, Pleasant Hill

1 p.m. Ramblin' Ukes

4 p.m. KCCI News at 5

8 p.m. PetRock

### **Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

### **Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Indianola Dance Academy

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

2 p.m. Military Veterans' Band

8 p.m. Hairball

### **BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

3 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

6 p.m. Scott Larsen/Keifer Brandt

9 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Sheet

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

6 p.m. Haywire

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Brian Herrin & Brian Schwager

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

4 p.m. Birdhunters

8 p.m. Cory Waller and the Wicked things

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Casey Peasley

2 p.m. Emma Storm

5 p.m. River City Opry

8 p.m. Jordan Beem

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Jake Schrodtt & Taylor King

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Limousin

11 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Aberdeen

1 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: South Devon

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

2:30 p.m. 4-H Beef Showmanship

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

8:30 a.m. Horse Show: Miniature A Halter, Belgian Line

9 a.m. Horse Haven

Noon Horse Show: Shire Line

6 p.m. Horse Show: Belgian, Shire, Miniature

**Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Sheep Show: Market

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

**Swine Barn**

*Swine, Big Boar, Pig Place*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Swine Show: Breeding

9 a.m. Pig Place

**FAIR DAY EVENTS**

**Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

**Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Education Presentations, Working Exhibits and Extemporaneous Speaking

Noon, 5 p.m. 1 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

11 a.m. ICON and Iowa DNR Water Trails, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Wild Child Backyard Adventures, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Amazing Pollinators, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Tree/Forest Americans - Part 1, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

10:30 a.m. Our Family Recipe Book Judging, Room 4

Pies from the Heartland Judging, Rooms 1, 2 and 3

11:30 a.m. Best Breakfast Challenge Judging, Room 4

2 p.m. Animal Face Cakes Judging, Room 1

Jewell Market Item Crock Pot Recipe, Judging Room 3

The All American Apple Pie, Room 4

2:30 p.m. Celebration Pies Judging, Room 2

3 p.m. The Pie Basket Judging, Room 3

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair*

*Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Iowa Lottery Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

9 a.m. Veterans Day

9 a.m. Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m. Veterans Day Parade

11:15 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

**Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

**Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

**Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Iowa Stories and Original State Fair Songs by Ag Teacher Brian Lantz, Lytton

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

10 a.m. Youth Piano Playing Contest

10:30 a.m. Adult Piano Playing Contest

Noon The Final Act Ensemble Old Time Radio Show with sound effects by the Des Moines Community Playhouse, Metro Area

1 p.m. Youth Harmonica Contest

1:30 p.m. Adult Harmonica Contest

2:30 p.m. Accordion Contest

4 p.m. Lenny Hudson Ragtime Guitar and Sing Along, Carlisle

5 p.m. "The King Incognito" Elvis Presley Tribute and Impersonation, James David Brown, New Virginia

6:30 p.m. Back to Vinyl Band 70's Soft Rock, Des Moines

### **First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

### **Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa State Fair Midwest Senior Classic

Noon Horseshoe Pitching: Pitch & Win

1:30 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Open Singles

6 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Open Doubles

### **Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

### **Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

### **Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

### **John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

9 a.m. Cattle Corner, North Annex

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Milking Demonstration, Milking Parlor, North Side of Cattle Barn

**John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

Noon "Preservation of Iowa Barns" - Iowa Barn Foundation, Stage

Floriculture Department Special Classes: Pella Wonderland, Terrarium, Gnome Garden

Limited Division Flower Show

Show Off Your Talent Flower Show

Something Different - Potted Plants Show

1 p.m. Learn about Honey & Beekeeping - Iowa Honey Producers Assn, Stage

**Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

**Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

**All Iowa Classroom**

*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

Noon Benefits of Tallow with the Purple Ribbon Farm Store

2 p.m. Container Gardening Made Easy, Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier

4 p.m. The Story of Rose Farm, Rose Farmstead

**The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m. Tasty Switch Ups: Small Change with Big Flavor, Anne Hytrek

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Presenters

3 p.m. 1 Pork Loin, 3 Meals, VIP Farms, Corn, Beans, Pig & Kids Blog

5 p.m. All American Apple Pie, Gloria Olson - Glorious Desserts

7 p.m. Family Chopped

**Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Food Center: AudioNova, Cookies Food Products, Sydney Milani & USA Bobsled

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\$1 for 1 credit\*

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

*Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular presented by JPMorganChase*

*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

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8 p.m. TLC & Salt-N-Pepa with En Vogue - It's ICONIC (\$44.40-104.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

### **Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

9 a.m. Iowa Auctioneers Association Bid Calling Championship

11:45 a.m. Way We Live Award Presentation

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search (following Iowan of the Day)

7 p.m., 9 p.m. The Britins

### **Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m. Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

### **Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

### **Fun Forest Stage**

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*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

10 a.m. Blue Ribbon Kids' Club DMACC Vet Camp Day

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

### **The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

### **MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9:30 a.m. Legendary

11 a.m. John-Paul Jones Group, Ottumwa

1 p.m. The Juggernaut, band

4:30 p.m. KCCI News at 5

8 p.m. Tyler Halverson

### **Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

### **Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Spotlight School of Dance, Creston

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

1:30 p.m. Blue Dirt Road, Band

8 p.m. Hairball

### **BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

3 p.m. The Cardinal Sound

7 p.m. Jake Schrodtt

#### **Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Decoy Duo

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

6 p.m. Haywire

### **Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Robbie Michael

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Ruari Brownell

4 p.m. Brad Morgan

8 p.m. Damon Dotson

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Neva Alden

2 p.m. Royce Johns

5 p.m. Daniel Johnson

8 p.m. Los de la Villa

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Scott Kirkhart

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

10 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Angus

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Beef Cattle Show: Breeding

4:30 p.m. 4-H Parade of Breeding Heifer Champions, Selection of Supreme Breeding Heifer

6:30 p.m. 4-H Beef Skillathon

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

8:30 a.m., 5 p.m. Horse Show: Belgian, Shire, Miniature

9 a.m. Horse Haven

8 p.m. Horse Show: Society

### **Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Sheep Show: Breeding, Selection of Supreme Female

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

### **Swine Barn**

*Swine, Big Boar, Pig Place*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Swine Show: Market

9 a.m. Pig Place

## **FAIR DAY EVENTS**

### **Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

### **Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Education Presentations, Working Exhibits and Extemporaneous Speaking

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

### **Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

11 a.m. Who's Behind the Name? State Park Namesakes, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. State Park History Now, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Wild Transformations: 250 Years of Iowa's Mammals, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: History of Smokey Bear, Courtyard Stage

### **Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. Best Bite Judging, Room 2

Casey's Junior Favorite Creations (classes 538-553) Judging, Room 1

It's a Wrap with Azteca Tortillas Judging, Room 3

The Best Dipping Sauce Ever Judging, Room 4

10:30 a.m. Be Creative with Mrs. Wages® Judging Room, 4

Ulrich Pella Bologna Breakfast Item, Judging Room 3

11 a.m. Casey's Junior Favorite Creations (classes 554-568) Judging, Room 1

My Favorite Ice Cream Topping Judging, Room 2

11:30 a.m. "What My Grandma Did Every Summer - A History of Food Preservation," Cassandra Hyatt, Food Seminar, Room 4

Ulrich Summer Sausage Appetizer Judging, Room 3

1 p.m. Casey's Intermediate Favorite Creations (classes 569-583) Judging, Room 1

1:30 p.m. "Culinary History of Iowa," Darcy Maulsby, Food Seminar, Room 4

Eggcellence in Cooking Contest Judging, Room 3

Getting Lean on Keto Judging, Room 2

2:30 p.m. Casey's Intermediate Favorite Creations (classes 584-598) Judging, Room 1

Who Has the Best Beef Jerky? Judging, Room 2

### **FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

#### **The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair*

*Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

#### **Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*John Deere Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

9 a.m. Farm Bureau Cook-Off Contest

Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building  
10 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building  
11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

**Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

**Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

**Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)  
Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)  
1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall  
Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines  
Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines  
Country Antique Market  
Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities  
Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City  
Marty Mincer and His Ragtime, Boogie Woogie Piano Playing, Hamburg  
Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming  
Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe  
Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale  
10:30 a.m. Beard Growing Contest  
12:30 p.m. Somebuddies Band 60's-70's Soft Rock and Country Classics  
1 p.m. Timber Sports Contest  
2 p.m. Lady J's Trio, Bluegrass and Country, Des Moines  
3:30 p.m. Line Dance Lessons, Norma Hatcher, Osceola  
5 p.m. The Fiddlin' Gates Family, Creston

6:30 p.m. Jerry Beauchamp Band, Old Country Variety to include Waltz & Polka, Central Iowa

**First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

**Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Open Doubles

Noon Horseshoe Pitching: Pitch & Win

1:30 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Open Singles

**Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

**Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

**Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

**John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

8 a.m. Dairy Cow Yoga (\$; pre-registration required), Boulevard of Dairy Breeds

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

Cattle Corner, North Annex

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Milking Demonstration, Milking Parlor, North Side of Cattle Barn

**John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9:15 a.m. Edible Nuts Judging

Herbs Judging

Hot Pepper Plant in Plant Container Judging

Hot Peppers Judging

Jumbo Fruit and Vegetables Judging

Salsa Basket Judging

Vegetable Judging

10 a.m. Choose Iowa Calendar Contest Kids Recognition, IDALS, Stage

Flower Identification Contest

3 p.m. Cooking & Honey - Iowa Honey Producers Assn, Stage

4 p.m. Open Class Horticultural Awards Ceremony and Heirloom Tomato Contest Awards, Stage

#### **Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

#### **Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

#### **All Iowa Classroom**

*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

4 p.m. A Taste of Iowa Through Honey and Cheese, Katie Flynn

#### **The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m. A Beef BBQ Experience: Brisket, Tri-Tip & Beyond, IA Beef Industry: Dr. Terry Houser and Jake Manternach

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Partners

3 p.m. Shrimp Wontons with Thai Yellow Curry, Culinary Anex: Chef Cassendra Spence

5 p.m. Mac & Cheese 101, Gloria Olson - Glorious Desserts

7 p.m. Family Chopped

**Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Food Center: AudioNova, Coca-Cola, Cookies Food Products

North of Varied Industries Building: Frontier

West of DNR Building: Busch Light

West of Elwell Family Park: Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Concourses

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor

Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor

Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor

Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor

artWORKS ARTival, 3rd Floor

Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor

Face Painting, Fun Forest

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor

Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor

10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor

10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 7 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor

10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Live Portrait Session, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor

3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor

Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor

1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard

Doodling Demonstration by Kristy Niemeyer, Courtyard

3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor

Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor

4 p.m. Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

Digital Art by Imari Kemp, Courtyard

### **Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birthing center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We*

*Live award winners display*

10 a.m. Iowa State Fair Podcast, Stage

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

### **Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

### **Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

9 a.m. Iowa Farm Bureau Members Day

### **Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson  
Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. East Iowa Heirloom Quilters, Room A

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners, Room B

University of Iowa Showcase

10 a.m. Sashiko Coasters Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

Start Sewing with State Fair Scrunchies! Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon Fair Spirit Tote Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

1 p.m. Beginning Bargello Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

2 p.m. Bowl Cozy Workshop Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to midnight*

*No entry/re-entry or on-site ticket sales allowed after 10 p.m.*

**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026****SOLAR DAY**

Celebrate solar energy at the Fair! Solar energy benefits both rural and urban Iowans with solar installed in all of Iowa's 99 counties. Stop by the Solar booth on the Grand Concourse to see solar panels in action and learn how Iowa farmers, businesses and homeowners are harnessing the power of the sun.

**OLDER IOWANS' DAY**

*presented by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield*

**GATE ADMISSION**

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 10 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

**SPECIAL SAVINGS**

Monday-Thursday evenings: \$12 adult (ages 12 and up), \$8 child (ages 6-11)

Older Iowans' Day: \$12 admission for Fairgoers ages 60 and up from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**SENSORY-FRIENDLY MORNING**

*presented by ChildServe with programming sponsored by Drake University and IAble*

*Special programming modifications, designated educational areas, clear directional signage and trained volunteers throughout the Fairgrounds*

8 a.m. Calming Room - (Sensory-Friendly Morning), Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center & Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center (staffed 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Kids Activities at The Garden

Little Hands on the Farm (Sensory-Friendly Morning), Kids' Zone

Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center

Sensory Walk, Kids' Zone

The Garden

Fun Forest Stage

Avenue of Breeds

Discovery Garden

Barn Education Areas

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8 p.m. AJR with special guest Em Beihold (\$54.40-94.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

#### **Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

10 a.m. Hat Parade (registration at 9:30 a.m.)

11 a.m. Iowa State Patrol K9 Demonstration

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search (following Iowan of the Day)

7 p.m., 9 p.m. The Britins

#### **Elwell Family Park**

*West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events*

10 a.m. Pedal Tractor Pull (registration begins at 9 a.m.)

Noon Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pulls (adult \$30, child \$25; gates open at 11 a.m.)

### **Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

### **Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

#### **Fun Forest Stage**

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*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

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11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

### **The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

### **MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

10 a.m. USCIS DHS Children's Citizenship Ceremony

Noon Des Moines PS Tappers, Dance

1:30 p.m. Double Barrel Band

4 p.m. KCCI News at 5

8 p.m. Colt Ford

### **Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

**Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

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*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

1:30 p.m. Jim Dandy & the Kountry Rebels, Grand River

8 p.m. Asleep at the Wheel

**BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

**Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

4 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

7 p.m. Brad Morgan

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Dave & Anna

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

6 p.m. Wyde Fyre

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Dan Medeiros

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. The Decoy Duo

4 p.m. The Sheet

8 p.m. The Schmidt Brothers

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Joshua Sinclair

2 p.m. Jake Schrodtt

5 p.m. River City Opry

8 p.m. Damon Dotson

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Brother Trucker

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. Stock Dog Trials

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Beef Cattle Show: Market

5 p.m. 4-H Parade of Market Beef Champions and Selection of Champion Steer

**Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

6 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Educational Presentations Judging

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

9 a.m. Horse Haven

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. Horse Show: Society

**Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

6 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Educational Presentations Judging

**Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

2 p.m. Sheep Show: Dorset

6 p.m. Sheep Show: Southdown

### **Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place; goats*

9 a.m. Pig Place

12:30 p.m. 4-H Meat Goat Skillathon

3 p.m. 4-H Meat Goat Showmanship followed by Fitting Clinic & Competition

4:30 p.m. FFA Meat Goat Showmanship

7:30 p.m. Goat Yoga (\$; pre-registration required), Goat Show Ring, South Side of the Swine Barn

### **FAIR DAY EVENTS**

#### **Administration Building**

3 p.m. Scholastic Chess Tournament (registration 3-3:30 p.m.), Porch, West Side

5 p.m. Speed Chess Tournament (registration 5-5:30 p.m.), Porch, West Side

#### **Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

#### **Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

#### **Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

9 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Conservation Station Trailer, Courtyard

10 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Youth Activity - Blue Bird Box Building, Courtyard

11 a.m. Soaring Symbols: The Bald Eagle and Other Raptors - Live Animal Program, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance - Game Show, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Snakes Alive! - Live Animal Program, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Trees for the Senses, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. Homemade Sourdough Bread, Judging, Room 4

10 a.m. Midwest Living Cookies (Bar; Rolled, Molded & Pressed; Global) Judging, Rooms 1, 2 and 3

10:30 a.m. "History & Health Benefits of Sourdough Baking," Diane Ward, Food Seminar, Room 4

Noon Older Iowans' Cookie Decorating, Main Floor

1 p.m. Best Wing Sauce Judging, Room 4

2 p.m. Bring Your Best Dip Judging, Room 2

Iowa Farm to Fork Judging, Room 3

2 p.m. The Great Iowa "Crisp Rice" Rumble Judging, Room 1

2:30 p.m. Cookie Decorating Winners Posted, Main Floor

3 p.m. "How to Enter the Iowa State Fair Food Competition and Win," Cassandra Hyatt, Food Seminar, Room 4

3:30 p.m. Favorite Book Desserts, Judging Room 3

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair Farmers Market*

8 a.m., 10 a.m. | "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Solar Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

9 a.m. BINGO with the Blue Ribbon Foundation (\$), In Front of Service Center

Central Iowa Tractor Club Display, South Side

Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

12 p.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

5 p.m. Central Iowa Tractor Club Parade

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

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*Old time school, coloring activities*

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*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

9:30 a.m. Alice's Gospel Old Songs/New Sounds, Oskaloosa

11 a.m. Cow Chip Throwing Contest

11:30 a.m. Beverly Kaye, Vocalist, Ankeny

1 p.m. The Great Bluegrass Herons, Sharon Center

2 p.m. Ladies Rubber Chicken Throwing Contest

3 p.m. The New Jolly Germans Band; Waltz, Polka, Schoetisch and Laendlers, Metro Area

4:30 p.m. Clarksville Station, Classic Country Band, Central Iowa

6:30 p.m. All Iowa Gospel Jubilee, Central Iowa

**First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

**Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa State Fair Seniors Championship

Noon Horseshoe Pitching: Pitch & Win

1:30 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Open Singles

**Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

**Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

**Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

**John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

Cattle Corner, North Annex

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Noon Milking Demonstration, Milking Parlor, North Side of Cattle Barn

**John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

10 a.m. Gladiolus Show

11 a.m. "Preservation of Iowa Barns" - Iowa Barn Foundation, Stage

Noon Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification Contest, Stage

Floriculture Department Special Classes: Fresh Floral Design, Holiday Design

Limited Division Flower Show

Show Off Your Talent Flower Show

12:30 p.m. Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Identification Contest

3 p.m. Cooking & Honey - Iowa Honey Producers Assn, Stage

### **Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

8 a.m. Sensory Walk - (Sensory-Friendly Morning)

9 a.m. 8 p.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

### **Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

### **All Iowa Classroom**

*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

2 p.m. Iowa Ciders, Fireside Winery - Deb Kennedy

4 p.m. Iowa Wine - Fun and Fruity Edition, Fireside Winery - Deb Kennedy

### **The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m. Wine Mixology, Fireside Winery - Deb Kennedy

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Partner

3 p.m. Drop Cookies, Gloria Olson - Glorious Desserts

5 p.m. Sourdough Pizza, Agri-Cultured Foods/Renegade Kombucha

7 p.m. Family Chopped

### **Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

Gate 15: Sensory-Friendly Morning Welcome Tent sponsored by Drake University

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Park: AudioNova, Cookies Food Products, Diabetic Equipment and Supplies

North of Varied Industries Building: Frontier

West of DNR Building: Busch Light

West of Elwell Family Park, Immanuel, Titan Tire, maker of Goodyear Farm Tires, Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Concourses

**Oman Family Youth Inn***Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

8 a.m. Environmental Leader Awards

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)***Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor

Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor

Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor

Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor

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Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor

Face Painting, Fun Forest

10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor

10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor

Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 7 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor

10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Live Portrait Session, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor

3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor

Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor

1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard

Jewelry Demonstration by Marcia Jannenga, Courtyard

3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor

Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor

4 p.m. Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

Drawing Horses by Malcayla Simpson, Courtyard

**Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birthing center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We*

*Live award winners display*

8 a.m. Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center - (Sensory-Friendly Morning)

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

**Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

**Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

**Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson  
Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Valley Junction Chapter EGA, Room A

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners, Room B

University of Iowa Showcase

10 a.m., Noon ASG Zipper Bags Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

10 a.m. Fair Spirit Tote Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon Machine Embroidery with Jean - Pincushions - Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

2 p.m. Fun Fabric Baskets Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

3 p.m. Stash Bash! Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

4 p.m. Reading Pillow Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to midnight*

*No entry/re-entry or on-site ticket sales allowed after 10 p.m.*

**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

### IOWA CREDIT UNION DAY

Iowa's not-for-profit credit unions put people before profits. Stop by the Grand Concourse booth for hands-on activities and learn how #IowaCreditUnions work to improve the financial lives of Iowans!

### GATE ADMISSION

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 10 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

### SPECIAL SAVINGS

Monday-Thursday evenings: \$12 adult (ages 12 and up), \$8 child (ages 6-11)

Monday-Friday, EVERY ride and game in Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is \$1 off.

### THRILL PARK WRISTBAND

Good during Fair time only on any ride or game in Thrill Town and Thrill Ville. Tickets and credits can be purchased and reloaded onto the Thrill Park Wristband at any Thrill Parks kiosk in Thrill Town or Thrill Ville.

\$1 for 1 credit\*

\*Thrill Park Wristbands are not valid in Thrill Zone.

\*Upon initial purchase of a Thrill Park Wristband, a one-time \$1 fee is charged.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

*Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular presented by JPMorganChase*

*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

*\*Prices include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies based on Etix service fees charged for online and phone orders.*

8 p.m. Riley Green with special guest Mackenzie Carpenter (\$54.40-109.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

### Anne and Bill Riley Stage

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

9 a.m. Bubble Gum Blowing Contest

10:30 a.m. Pie Eating Contest

11:45 a.m. Way We Live Award Presentation

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search Semi-Finals (following Iowan of the Day)

3:30 p.m. Katdaddy 55, Grand River

7 p.m., 9 p.m. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

### **Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

### **Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

### **Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

10 a.m. Blue Ribbon Kids' Club Living History Farms: America's Westward Expansion - Iowa Becomes a State Day

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

### **The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. 1 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

### **MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9 a.m. B. John Burns, Songwriter, Johnston

11 a.m. Iowa State Patrol Safety Demonstration

1 p.m. Major Blues and the Mugshots, Des Moines

4 p.m. KCCI News at 5

8 p.m. Slaughter

### **Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

### **Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Homeschool Tumbling, Des Moines

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

1:30 p.m. Blue Tye Affair

8 p.m. The SugarHill Gang

### **BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

4 p.m. Brad Morgan

7 p.m. DJ Nick Nystrom

#### **Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Ted Stockton

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

6 p.m. Orphan Annie

8 p.m. Fair After Dark - Hat Bar and Kahoot! at the Bubbly Bar (\$; pre-registration required)

#### **Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

7 p.m. Lucas Beebe

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Tony Bohnenkamp

4 p.m. Bad Friends

8 p.m. Fahrenheit

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Casey Peasley

2 p.m. Emma Storm

5 p.m. Cory Waller and the Wicked Things

8 p.m. Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Daniel Johnson

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Herefords, Salers

10 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Jr. Salers

5 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: Jr. Miniature Hereford, Jr. Gelbvieh

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Century Farm Awards (Heritage Farm Awards to follow)

**Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Showmanship

9 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show

10 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Poster Judging

4-H Rabbit Skillathon

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

9 a.m. Horse Haven

9 a.m., 1 p.m. Horse Show: Society

6 p.m. Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron, Draft Pony

**Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

8:30 a.m. Sheep Show: Shropshire

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

1 p.m. 3 p.m. Sheep Show: Hampshire

6 p.m. 9 p.m. Sheep Show: Baby Doll Southdown

**Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place; goats*

8:30 a.m. 4-H and FFA Market Meat Goat Show (4-H and FFA Breeding Meat Goat Shows to follow)

Youth Dairy Goat Show

9 a.m. Pig Place

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*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Education Presentations, Working Exhibits and Extemporaneous Speaking

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

9 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Izaak Walton League - Hands-On Conservation Activities, Courtyard

11 a.m. Wildcrafting, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Taste Nature - Wild Edible Plants, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Rehabbing Logged and Storm Damaged Forests, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Historic Tree/Forest Americans - Part 2, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

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*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

10 a.m. Midwest Living Cookies (Drop; Health; Refrigerated & Rolled; Cake Mix or Muffing Mix; Youth)

Judging, Rooms 1, 2 and 3

11 a.m. Kids Cookie Decorating, Main Floor

Seafood Prepared in the Heartland Judging, Room 4

Noon "Creative Quick Breads," Kay Fenton Smith, Food Seminar, Room 4

1:30 p.m. Cookie Decorating Winners Posted, Main Floor

2:30 p.m. Kid Sponsored Cookie Championship Judging, Room 2

Mrs. Grimes Chili Cook Off Judging, Room 3

Wild Game Contest Judging, Room 1

3 p.m. Piper's Homemade Candies Judging, Room 4

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*Iowa Credit Union Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

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9 a.m. Iowa Parks and Recreation Display South Side

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Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

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Chair Caning & Rush Seat Weaving by Michelle and Olivia Schanz, Amana

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Polka Club of Iowa with Barefoot Becky Band, Central Iowa

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

10:30 a.m. Children's Singing Contest

11:30 a.m. Yodeling Contest

12:30 p.m. The Sundwags Vintage Folk and Classic Music with Musical Saw, Southwest Iowa

1:30 p.m. Youth Whistling Contest

2 p.m. Adult Whistling Contest

3:30 p.m. Chip Albright Acoustic, Americana and Folk, Des Moines

4:30 p.m. Line Dance Lessons, Norma Hatcher, Osceola

6 p.m. The Riviera's 50's Rockabilly Music, Metro Iowa

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*Replica of Iowa's first church*

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*Next to First Church*

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1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Partners

3 p.m. Mac & Cheese Three Ways, Dinners Delights - Andrea Love

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3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor

Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor

1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard

Watercolor Demonstration by Debbie Simpson, Courtyard

3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor

Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor

4 p.m. Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

Fiber Demonstration by Krista Woodward, Courtyard

**Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birthing center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We Live award winners display*

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

**Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

**Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

**Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 11 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. 3 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. 4 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Eastern Polk Quilt Group, Room A

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners, Room B

University of Iowa Showcase

10 a.m. Bowl Cozy Workshop Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

Gingerbread Friends: Beginner Wool Applique Holiday Ornaments Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon Fair Spirit Tote Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

1:30 p.m. Sashiko Stitching for Beginners Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

2 p.m. Machine Embroidery with Jean - Mini Hoop Art - Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to midnight*

*No entry/re-entry or on-site ticket sales allowed after 10 p.m.*

**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026****IOWA CORN DAY**

With over 4,000 everyday uses, corn starts as a crop, but it's grown for so much more – from feed for our livestock to clean-burning ethanol fuel to fireworks, makeup, bioplastics and more. You can support Iowa corn farmers by buying corn-fed meat, dairy & eggs, and fueling up with Unleaded 88. What better way to celebrate all things corn than a day at the Iowa State Fair! Meet the farmers who raise your food and enter to win great prizes by participating in a scavenger hunt from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then some corn fun in our tent on the Grand Concourse from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Iowa Corn. Grown for more.

**GATE ADMISSION**

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 10 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

**SPECIAL SAVINGS**

Monday-Friday, EVERY ride and game in Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is \$1 off.

**THRILL PARK WRISTBAND**

Good during Fair time only on any ride or game in Thrill Town and Thrill Ville. Tickets and credits can be purchased and reloaded onto the Thrill Park Wristband at any Thrill Parks kiosk in Thrill Town or Thrill Ville.

\$1 for 1 credit\*

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**ENTERTAINMENT****Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

*Drone Show presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery*

*Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular presented by JPMorganChase*

*The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org).*

*\*Prices include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies based on Etix service fees charged for online and phone orders.*

8 p.m. Alabama with special guest Exile (\$31.40-81.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

**Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

10 a.m. Decorated Diaper and Diaper Derby Contest (registration at 9:30 a.m.)

11 a.m. Iowa State Patrol K9 Demonstration

Noon Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search Semi-Finals (following Iowan of the Day)

4 p.m. The Lew and Brad Band

7 p.m., 9 p.m. Ron Diamond, Hypnotist

**Elwell Family Park**

*West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events*

8 a.m. Iowa's Electrical Utilities Lineman Rodeo (Free; gates open at 7 a.m.)

**Expo Hill**

*Free entertainment; MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center; Iowa Veterans Memorial*

*Walkway*

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m., Noon, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. 11 a.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

**Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

**Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

10 a.m. Blue Ribbon Kids' Club Dance Party Day

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

**The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

**MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9:30 a.m. Party of Four, Vocal, Urbandale

11 a.m. Carol Montag

1 p.m. Austin Barnhill

4 p.m. KCCI News at 5

8 p.m. Not Quite Brothers

**Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

**Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Made Dance Company

11 a.m. Hello Iowa

1:30 p.m. The Mike Walsh Band

8 p.m. Eli Young Band

**BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

**Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

4 p.m. Haywire

6 p.m. DJ Russell Davis

7:30 p.m. Casey Muessignmann

10:30 p.m. DJ Russell Davis

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Nicholas

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

7 p.m. Mark J

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

3 p.m. Emma Storm

7 p.m. Damon Dotson

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Scott Kirkhart

4 p.m. BS and the Liars

8 p.m. The Tony B Outfit

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Drew Fry

2 p.m. The Sheet

5 p.m. Jordan Beem

8 p.m. Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

7 p.m. Whiskey Bizkit

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Gelbvieh, Jr. Red Angus

1 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: Miniature Hereford

2 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: Jr. Charolais

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

3 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: Highland, Simmental Bulls, followed by Jr. Simmentals

**Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

5 p.m. Rabbit Educational Presentations Judging

6 p.m. Largest Rabbit Contest

**Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

8:30 a.m. Horse Show: Percheron Line, Clydesdale Line

9 a.m. Horse Haven

2 p.m. Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron

5 p.m. Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron, Draft Pony

**Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

9 a.m. Sheep Show: Wether Sire/Dam

Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

5 p.m. Sheep Sale: Wether Sire/Dam

**Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place; goats*

8:30 a.m. Dairy Goat Show: Junior Doe

Swine Show: Open Class Breeds

9 a.m. Pig Place

4 p.m. Swine Sale: All Breeds

**FAIR DAY EVENTS**

**Administration Building**

9 a.m. Youth Checkers Tournament (registration 8-9 a.m.) Porch, West Side

**Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

**Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

9 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Izaak Walton League - Hands-On Conservation Activities, Courtyard Stage

11 a.m. Oaks: The Champions of the Forest, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Birding Basics: Tips and Tricks of Identifying Birds, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Paddling Safety, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Fishy Friday - In Honor of the Century Old Aquarium, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. Cooking with Cookies' Sauces & Seasonings Judging, Room 4

Foods Made with Honey Judging, Room 1

Principal Charity Classic Pie Contest Judging, Room 2

10 a.m. Brewer Family Beef & Pork Casseroles Judging, Room 3

11 a.m. Gold(ie's) Quick Breads Judging, Room 3

Inventive Rhubarb Judging, Room 2

Life is Better with Cake Judging, Room 4

11:30 a.m. My Favorite Scotcheroots Judging, Room 1

12:30 p.m. Let the Kids Eat Cake Judging, Room 4

Purnell Old Folks' Sausage Cook Off Judging, Room 2

1 p.m. Strawberry-Rhubarb Dessert Judging, Room 1

2 p.m. Homemade Ice Cream: The Churn-ament of Champions Judging, Room 1

2:30 p.m. Tribute to Bessie: Scrumptious Berry Pie Judging, Room 4

3 p.m. Sunday Night Foods Baking Championship Judging, Room 3

3:30 p.m. My Favorite Family Dinner Judging, Room 2

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair  
Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Iowa Corn Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

9 a.m. Adaptive Sports, South Side

Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

10 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

5 p.m. ISU Marching Band Parade and Performance, Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Concourse

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

**Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

**Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

**Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Chair Caning & Rush Seat Weaving by Michelle and Olivia Schanz, Amana

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

"The King Incognito" Elvis Presley Tribute and Impersonation, James David Brown, New Virginia

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

10 a.m. Husband Calling Contest

11 a.m. Mom Calling Contest

1 p.m. Children's Joke Telling

2 p.m. Youth Hog Calling Contest

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4 p.m. The West Connection, Bluegrass, Country and Gospel, Des Moines

5:30 p.m. The Girls Next Door, Country/Blue Grass, Central Iowa

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Limited Division Flower Show

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Meet Herky

Noon Fair Spirit Snap Pouch Sewing Class (\$) 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026****CHRISTENSEN FARMS DAY**

Come meet the team behind one of the nation's leading pork producers and connect with local pig farmers who bring dedication, care, and innovation to every step of raising pigs. Learn about our commitment to sustainability through our 4 P's – People, Pigs, Planet, and Prosperity – and how we're working to responsibly feed a growing world.

Help us give back: Ask us a question about pigs, pig farming, or pork and we'll donate two pounds of pork to the Food Bank of Iowa for every question asked!

Stop by our booth for interactive activities, fun giveaways, and your chance to win exciting pork prizes. Whether you're passionate about farming or food or just love a good pork chop – there's something for everyone!

**GATE ADMISSION**

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8 p.m. BigXthaPlug with special guest XOLEX (\$29.40-69.40): Iowa State Fair Drone Show and Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular to follow.

**Anne and Bill Riley Stage**

*sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart*

*Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search*

10 a.m. IFAA Sale of Champions Scholarship Presentation

11:45 a.m. Way We Live Award Presentation

Noon p.m. Iowan of the Day Presentation

12:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search Semi-Finals (following Iowan of the Day)

4 p.m. Day's Live Music, Pella

7 p.m., 9 p.m. Ron Diamond, Hypnotist

**Elwell Family Park**

*West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events*

Noon Domination Motorsports Demolition Derby (adult \$20, child \$15; gates open at 11 a.m.)

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*Walkway*

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**Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

**Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

10 a.m. Blue Ribbon Kids' Club Happy Birthday, America, Fairfield and Rosetta

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

**The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

**MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

9:30 a.m. Stomper Pull (registration at 9 a.m.)

2 p.m. Hannah Dasher

8 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Jason Brown

**Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

**Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

8:30 a.m. Bench Press Contest (weigh-in at 8 a.m.)

8 p.m. Chancey Williams

**BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

**Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

2 p.m. Casey Muessignmann

7 p.m. Decoy Trio

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Nicholas

3.30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

7 p.m. Mark J

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

5:30 p.m. Aiden Flathers

8 p.m. Jordan Beem

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Damon Dotson

4 p.m. Blake Jack and The South 35

8 p.m. Suede

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Blaine Garrett

2 p.m. Owen Justice Band

5 p.m. Cory Waller and the Wicked Things

8 p.m. Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys

**Stockman's Inn**

*Located at the southwest corner of the Cattle Barn*

11 a.m. The Mondeau Dukes

7 p.m. The Flying Silos

**LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

**Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. Llama Show

9 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Red Angus, Shorthorn

6 p.m. Llama Limbo

Llama Limbo Contest

**Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

8:30 a.m. Beef Cattle Show: Simmental Females

2:30 p.m. Beef Cattle Show: Charolais

6:30 p.m. Horse Show: Horse Pulling

### **Poultry and Rabbit Building**

*Poultry and rabbit shows and exhibits*

9:30 a.m. Rabbit Show

### **Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

8:30 a.m. Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron, Draft Pony

9 a.m. Horse Haven

5 p.m. Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron, Draft Pony

### **Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

9 a.m. Sheep Show: Suffolk

Sheep Stop

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast Corner

2 p.m. Sheep Show: Oxford Down (1 hour following Suffolk)

### **Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place; goats*

8:30 a.m. Dairy Goat Show: Senior Doe

9 a.m. Pig Place

1 p.m. Open Meat Goat Show

## **FAIR DAY EVENTS**

### **Administration Building**

9 a.m. Adult Checkers Tournament (\$; registration 8-9 a.m.) Porch, West Side

### **Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

### **Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. 4-H Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

Noon, 5 p.m. Share-the-Fun

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

9 a.m. Pop-Up Program: Izaak Walton League - Hands-On Conservation Activities, Courtyard

11 a.m. Outdoor Cooking Basics, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Gone or Back Again: Wildlife Ups and Downs, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Snakes Alive! - Live Animal Program, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Historic Trees for America's 250th - Part 2, Courtyard Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

9:30 a.m. Fresh Vegetable Creations Judging, Room 2

Gluten Free: Outside the Box Judging, Room 4

Mrs. Bonser's Noodles Creations Judging, Room 3

10:30 a.m. Candy Chemistry Judging, Room 2

Kids Chef Baking Tournament: Master Chef Finale Judging, Room 3

11 a.m. Anything Hot Judging, Room 4

11:30 a.m. Souper Soups Judging, Room 2

12:15 p.m. Iowa State Chili Cook Off Championship: Homestyle Chili Judging, Room 1

12:30 p.m. Next-Gen Pie Judging, Room 3

1 p.m. Key Lime Dessert Creations Judging, Room 2

1:15 p.m. Iowa State Chili Cook Off Championship: Traditional Red Chili Judging, Room 1

2 p.m. Great Cinnamon Roll Challenge of 2026 Judging, Rooms 2 and 3

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair*

*Farmers Market*

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

4 p.m. Iowa State Fair Farmers Market

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

*Christensen Farms Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center*

9 a.m. Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

10 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

**Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

**Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

**Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Chair Caning & Rush Seat Weaving by Michelle and Olivia Schanz, Amana

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

"The King Incognito" Elvis Presley Tribute and Impersonation, James David Brown, New Virginia

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

10:30 a.m. Ladies Nail Driving Contest

Noon The West Connection, Bluegrass, Country and Gospel, Des Moines

1:30 p.m. Too Many Strings Band, Grinnell

3 p.m. Heart of Iowa Cloggers

4:30 p.m. Prairie Plinkers Band, Bluegrass, Rural Iowa City

6 p.m. Jim Dandy & the Kountry Rebels, Old County and Rock 'N' Roll Music, Grand River

### **First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

### **Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa Elder Men State Championship

Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa Men State Championships - Lower Classes

1:30 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa Men State Championships - Upper Classes

### **Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

### **Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

### **Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

### **John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

Cattle Corner, North Annex

9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Milking Demonstration, Milking Parlor, North Side of Cattle Barn

2 p.m. 3:30 p.m. IFAA Sale of Champions, Penningroth Sale Ring

### **John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

10 a.m. "Preservation of Iowa Barns" - Iowa Barn Foundation, Stage

Dahlia Show

Noon, 2 p.m. Kids & Bee Expo - Iowa Honey Producers Assn, Stage

### **Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

### **Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

### **All Iowa Classroom**

*Iowa food and product demonstrations and classes*

Noon The Art of Floral Design, Rose Farm (\$; pre-registration required)

4 p.m. A Taste of Iowa Through Honey and Cheese, Katie Flynn

### **The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m. Kids Cooking Basics, Grant Gillon and son Grody

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Presenters

3 p.m. Sweet or Savory Scones, Dinner Delights - Chef Andrea Love

5 p.m. Family Chopped

7 p.m. Consumable Christmas Class (\$; pre-registration required), Dinner Delights - Chef Andrea Love

**Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

East End of Grandstand, Outside of Americaq250 Exhibit: Chase

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Food Center: AudioNova, Cookies Food Products

North of Varied Industries Building: Frontier

West of DNR Building: Busch Light, Iowa Legal Aid

West of Elwell Family Park: Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Concourses

**Oman Family Youth Inn**

*Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

8 a.m. Sale of Champions

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art*

*Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor

Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor

Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor

Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor

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Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor

Face Painting, Fun Forest

10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor

10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor

Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor

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University of Iowa Showcase

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**SPECIAL SAVINGS**

Sunday Funday: \$12 adult (ages 12 and up) admission and \$8 child (ages 6-11) admission. \$9 adult (ages 12 and over) admission with the donation of 3 cans of non-perishable food from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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10 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

**Hy-Vee Fun Forest**

*Variety Star Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club*

**Fun Forest Stage**

*sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union*

*Family-friendly entertainment for all ages*

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee

**The Lawn**

*West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor performances with shade and tables; concessions*

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

**MidAmerican Energy Stage**

*with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8*

*Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news*

10 a.m. Harmony Delegation, Barbershop Quartet

11:30 a.m. Back to Vinyl, Band, Ackworth

1:30 p.m. Dry Run Creek, Band, Cedar Falls

7 p.m. Dwayne Gretzky

**Strolling Acts**

*Around the Fairgrounds*

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. The AmirrorCAN MEN

Noon Hillbilly Bob

**Susan Knapp Amphitheater**

*sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13*

*Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show*

9 a.m. Aimee & Jerry's Dance, Des Moines

10:30 a.m. blueeyeddaze, band, Marion

12:30 p.m. The Red Hott Motley Crue Tribute, Des Moines

2:30 p.m. Corporate Country Line Dancing with Jara Johnson

7 p.m. Aaron Watson

**BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT**

**Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery**

*Located southeast of the Grandstand*

Noon Joshua Sinclair

**Bubbly Bar & Bistro**

*Located west of Grandfather's Barn*

Noon Zach Freedom

3 p.m. Moomoos & Mimosas

3:30 p.m. DJ Cubbie

5 p.m. Other Brothers

**Iowa Craft Beer Tent**

*Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center*

4:30 p.m. Brian Congdon

**Jalapeno Pete's**

*Located southwest of Thrill Ville*

1 p.m. Haywire

4 p.m. Humungus (Brad Seidenfeld and Tony Bohnenkamp)

**JR's SouthPork Ranch**

*Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue*

Noon Ruari Brownell

2 p.m. Alex Arthur and Toney Chem

3:30 p.m. Royce Johns

6 p.m. Aiden Mack Flathers

### **LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS**

#### **Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena**

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Llama Show

#### **Pioneer Livestock Pavilion**

*sponsored by Pioneer Seed*

*Livestock competitions; special events*

9 a.m. Dog Show

9:30 a.m. 4-H Dog Show

6:30 p.m. Dog Agility Demonstration

#### **Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn**

*Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center presented by Google*

*Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven*

9 a.m. Horse Haven

Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron

Noon Horse Show: Supreme Six

#### **Sheep Barn**

*Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop*

9 a.m. Sheep Show: All Other Meat Breeds

Sheep Stop

11 a.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration Outside, Southeast Corner

1 p.m. Sheep Show: Jackpot Lambs

#### **Swine Barn**

*Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place; goats*

8:30 a.m. Swine Show: Hawkeye Market

9 a.m. Boer Goat Show

Pig Place

**FAIR DAY EVENTS**

**Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**

*presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building*

*70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA*

**Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa*

*4-H exhibits, displays and presentations*

9:30 a.m. 4-H Extemporaneous Speaking

1:30 p.m. Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Program for Adair-Jasper Counties

3:30 p.m. Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Program for Jefferson-Wright Counties

**Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums*

11 a.m. Snakes Alive! - Live Animal Program Courtyard, Stage

1 p.m. Amphibians and Turtles - Live Animal Program Courtyard, Stage

3 p.m. Central Iowa Fly Fishers Courtyard, Stage

5 p.m. Tree-via-DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Trees Role in Growing America for 250 Years Courtyard, Stage

**Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Choose Iowa*

*Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

10 a.m. My Iowa State Fair Healthy Snack Mix Judging, Room 1

Spud Studs Judging, Room 2

Yum! Sweet Corn Judging, Room 3

11 a.m. ISF Mystery Sack: Youth Judging, Room 3

11:30 a.m. Big Wayne's Cincinnati-Style Chili Contest Judging, Room 2

Cheese Please Judging, Room 1

12:30 p.m. "Winning Ways with Cinnamon Rolls," Lana Shope, Food Seminar, Room 4

ISF Mystery Sack: Adult Judging, Room 3

Lemon Meringue Pie Judging, Room 1

2 p.m. Sunday "Snack-Attack" Rumble, Room 3

2:30 p.m. "Pies by Dianna," Dianna Zaiger Sheehy, Food Seminar, Room 4

**FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays*

**The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Corteva Agriscience*

*Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair  
Farmers Market*

9 a.m. Kids Makers Market

10 a.m. I "Picked" at The Garden

**Grand Concourse**

*presented by Maverik*

*Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds*

9 a.m. Food Bank of Iowa

Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

10 a.m. "Oh Say Can You Sing" National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

Noon Cornhole Tournament (registration at noon)

**The Marketplaces (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Shopping under the Grandstand, located in the East, West and Central Marketplaces. Also, home to the  
public safety displays and "Spirit of '76 - Iowa Celebrates America250" exhibit in the East Marketplace.*

**Heritage Village**

*Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds; 250 Years of the American Flag Display*

**Country School (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Iowa State Education Association*

*Old time school, coloring activities*

**Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Heritage competitive exhibits and contests; working exhibits and displays*

7:15 a.m. Catholic Mass

8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service

9 a.m. Gas Engine Display (Between First Church and Farm Pioneer Hall)

Vintage Vehicle Display (Between Fair Museum and Country School)

1920s Newspaper and Printing by Friends of Pioneer Hall

Blacksmith Shop, Ron Koske, Altoona; and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Coon River Mercantile Manufacturers of 1860-1880 Period Clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

Country Antique Market

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees by Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Leather Tooling and Stitching by Dave Baker of Fellowcraft Leather, Story City

Spinning and Inkle Loom Weaving by Valerie Dejoode, Cumming

Spinning Wool on a Wheel by Janice Cook, Monroe

Wheel Thrown Pottery by Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

10 a.m. Onion Creek Band, Ames

11:30 a.m. Onion Creek Cloggers and Onion Creek Band, Ames

1 p.m. Mother/Daughter Look-A-Like Contest

3:30 p.m. Heart of Iowa Cloggers

5 p.m. Jim Dandy & the Kountry Rebels, Old County and Rock 'N' Roll Music, Grand River

### **First Church**

*Replica of Iowa's first church*

11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

*Next to First Church*

10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

### **Horseshoe Courts**

*Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall*

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Tournament: Iowa Men State Championship Top 8

### **Mountain Man Camp**

*1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater*

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

### **Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)*

*Interactive exhibits detailing the Fair since its beginnings in 1854*

9 a.m. Bunny Yoga (\$; pre-registration required), Grassy Area South of Poultry/Rabbit Building

**Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales*

**John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn**

*sponsored by Vermeer*

*Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

9 a.m. Cattle Corner, North Annex

9 a.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3)

4 p.m. Woodcarvers' Auction, Blue Ribbon Foundation Penningroth Sale Ring

**John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Alliant Energy*

*Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building*

*display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

**1 p.m. "Preservation of Iowa Barns" - Iowa Barn Foundation, Stage**

3 p.m. Living History Farms, Stage

5 p.m. Plant Sale, Stage

**Kids' Zone**

*For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center*

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show, Near Gate 15

**Maytag Family Theater**

*Presentations; demonstrations; tastings; free and paid classes*

**The Kitchen**

*The Kitchen Pantry sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery*

*Cooking demonstrations; tastings*

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Family Chopped

1 p.m. Choosing Iowa Food, Beverage & Ag Products, Choose Iowa & Presenters

**Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Organization and company displays*

East End of Grandstand, Outside of America 250: Chase

Machinery Grounds: Capital Vacations, Verizon

North of Elwell Family Food Center: BIKEIOWA, Cookies Food Products

North of Varied Industries Building: Frontier

West of DNR Building: Busch Light, Iowa Legal Aid

West of Elwell Family Park: Budweiser Clydesdales

2 p.m. Dr Pepper (until 6 p.m.), Gate 15

5 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales Parade (until approx. 5:15 p.m.), Beginning west of Elwell Family Park, traveling south on East 31st St to Logan Ave, to Rock Island Ave, and to the Grand Concourses

**Oman Family Youth Inn**

*Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments*

11 a.m. Cribbage Tournament (\$)

**Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**

*Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust*

*Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art Fair; artWORKS*

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Henna Tattoos: Contemporary, Traditional and Custom Designs (\$), 2nd Floor

Lego® Activities (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Candles, Natalie Cooley (\$), 2nd Floor

Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor

Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor

Create Your Pathway by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

9:30 a.m., 3 p.m. Creating Wire Names, Lyall's Labors, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Art Stations and Spin Art, 3rd Floor

artWORKS ARTival, 3rd Floor

Balloon Animals by Twizted Thingz, 3rd Floor

Face Painting, Fun Forest

Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor

10 a.m., Noon Wall Attire Demo, Robin Hesselgesser, 1st Floor

10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Pottery Demo Wheel and Sculpture, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Weaving Loom Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 2 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demo, J & K On the Rocks, 1st Floor

10 a.m., 6 p.m. Coin Operated Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor

Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor

10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Live Portrait Session, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor

11 a.m., 3 p.m. 3D Printing, Bottom Floor Prints, 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 4 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor

Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Hand Stampers Personalized Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings Demo, Kris Jones, 1st Floor

1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard

Wood Pen Making by Josh Carmody, Courtyard

3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry Demo, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor

Log Hogs, Carden Farms, 1st Floor

4 p.m. Everybody Dance Now by Iowa Dance Theatre, 3rd Floor

Drawing Demonstration by John Jannenga, Courtyard

**Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Christensen Farms*

*Birth center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We Live award winners display*

2 p.m., 4 p.m. Farmer Chats

**Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Mattress Firm*

*First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room*

**Ruan Plaza**

*Vendors and concessions; Sculpture; Farm Bureau free games and prizes*

**Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)**

*For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson*

*Exhibition Center lawn*

**Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.)**

*presented by Travel Iowa*

*Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill*

**Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)**

*Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse*

**Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*Iowa crafters and merchandise*

9 a.m., 4 p.m. Pencil Sports Demonstration, Original Prints by Kevin Richards

9:30 a.m. Throwing Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

10 a.m., 3 p.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Art by Cheri

11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Wire Wrapped Jewelry Demonstration, Nymph in the Woods, Sara Letsch

1 p.m. Trimming Demonstration, Stoneware Pottery by Val

3 p.m. Wood Carving Ornament Demonstration, Damon Layne Woodworking

**William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)**

*sponsored by Principal®*

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;*

*Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Blue Ribbon ANG

Des Moines Weavers and Spinners, Room B

University of Iowa Showcase

9:30 a.m. Needlepoint Christmas Tree Ornament Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

11 a.m., 6 p.m. Meet Herky

Noon Needlepoint Star Ornament Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

1 p.m. University of Iowa Health Care Showcase

4:30 p.m. Racer Quilts Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor

**Grounds Hours**

*8 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

*No entry/re-entry or on-site ticket sales allowed after 7 p.m.*

**Ticket Office/Will-Call**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Building Hours**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Some building and exhibit hours may vary.)*