

2023 Madison County Covered Bridge Festival

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 13, 2023

8:30 am	Annual Covered Bridges of Madison County Antique Tractor Ride. Departs from Madison County Fairgrounds then visit five historic covered bridges and Clark Tower in City Park. \$25 entry fee. Contact: Curtis Saveraid, 515-210-7806
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Saturday, October 14, 2023

6:00-11:00 am	Winterset Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast, Winterset Fire Station (corner of Court Ave and 2 nd Street); \$8/adults, free for children 3 and under)
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8:30 am	Annual Covered Bridges of Madison County Antique Tractor Ride. Departs from Madison County Fairgrounds then highlights hills and valleys on scenic country roads. \$25 entry fee. Contact: Curtis Saveraid, 515-210-7806
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8:30 am	Annual Horseshoe Tournament, Madison County Fairgrounds. (8:30-9:30 am registration and warm-up; 10 am pitching.) \$10 entry fee. Sanctioned and unsanctioned members welcome. Contact Kris Jordan, (515) 669-3085
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9:00am	Covered Bridge Race 5K Walk/Run, Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge in Winterset City Park (8:45 am Children’s Event; 9 am 5K.) Sponsored by the Winterset Rotary Club.
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9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Covered Bridge Festival on the Madison County Courthouse Square in Winterset (arts and crafts vendors, food, live music and entertainment); \$3 admission fee (or 2 for \$5) at the gates; children 12 & under free.
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Activities from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm include:

Kids’ Activities

Live Entertainment (See Bengé and Penrod Stage schedules)

Farmers Market (located along W. Court Ave)

John Wayne Birthplace & Museum Tours (205 S. John Wayne Drive; \$20/adults, \$19/seniors, \$17/veterans, \$10/children 8-12 years, Free/children 7 years and under

“Fiber Art Now’s 2022 Excellence in Quilts” Exhibit, Iowa Quilt Museum (503 Court Ave; \$8/adults, \$7/seniors/active military/veterans, \$5/students w/ID & children (3-12 yrs), Free/IQM members

Winterset 3-6 grade students will have selected artwork on exhibit at the Winterset Art Center throughout the festival. Free admission.

All Day	WHS Class of 1962 60 th Class Reunion at the VFW Hall (located behind the Winterset Public Library on N. 3 rd Street)
10am	Junior Spelling Bee, First United Methodist Church, 309 E Jefferson
10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Covered Bridge School Bus Tours – 2-hour guided tours by Winterset Rotary Club; \$15, purchase tickets at the Rotary ticket booth on the SW side of the festival grounds. (110 W. Washington Street)
10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Passport to the Past at the Madison County Historical Complex (915 S. 2 nd Avenue). Activities include blacksmith demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides around the complex, penny candy at the Field Mercantile, historical Bevington mansion tours, pop-up exhibit showcasing the 150 th anniversary of the Red Delicious apple and Jesse Hiatt, as well as museum tours.
1:00pm	Senior Spelling Bee at First United Methodist Church, 309 E Jefferson
4:00 pm	A Civil War Skirmish takes place on the north lawn of the Madison County Historical Complex.
5:00-9:00 pm	WHS All Class Reunion, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, located at 1026 N. 8 th Ave.
6:45 pm	Join the Madison County Historical Complex for free S’mores and popcorn. Lawn chairs from home are encouraged.
7:15 pm	Nighttime Civil War cannon firing at the Historical Complex. (Free)

Sunday, October 15, 2023

6:00 to 11:00 am	Winterset Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast, Winterset Fire Station (corner of Court Ave and 2 nd Street); \$8/adults, free for children 3 and under)
8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Registration for the Annual Madison County Car Show, 110 W. Washington Street. Hosted by the Central Iowa Auto Club; judging begins at 1:30 pm and awards are presented at 3:00 pm.
9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Covered Bridge Festival on the Madison County Courthouse Square in Winterset (arts and crafts vendors, food, live music and entertainment); \$3 admission fee (or 2 for \$5) at the gates; children 12 & under free. <u>Activities from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm include:</u> Kids’ Activities Live Entertainment (See Bengé and Penrod Stage schedules)

	<p>Farmers Market (located along Court Ave at the SW corner of the square)</p> <p>John Wayne Birthplace & Museum Tours (205 S. John Wayne Drive; \$20/adults, \$19/seniors, \$17/veterans, \$10/children 8-12 years, Free/children 7 years and under</p> <p>“Fiber Art Now’s 2022 Excellence in Quilts” Exhibit, Iowa Quilt Museum (503 Court Ave; \$8/adults, \$7/seniors/active military/veterans, \$5/students w/ID & children (3-12 yrs), Free/IQM members</p> <p>Winterset 3-6 grade students will have selected artwork on exhibit at the Winterset Art Center throughout the festival. Free admission. An awards presentation for the students and their families will be held Sunday at 1:30 PM</p>
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3:00 pm	<p>Covered Bridge Festival Parade. Lineup begins at 2 pm in the Winterset High School parking lot. The parade route starts at the high school where it heads north on 8th Avenue, then east on Court Street to 2nd Ave for one block before turning south on 2nd. It then turns east onto Washington Street, makes a left onto 4th Street, then continues east on Court Street just past 10th Street.</p>