

2025 Madison County Covered Bridge Festival

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 10, 2024

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 Severaid, 515-210-7806
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Saturday, October 11, 2024

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)
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 Severaid, 515-210-7806
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
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.
9:00 am – 7:00 pm	<p>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 11 & under free.</p> <p><u>Activities from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm include:</u></p> <p>Kids' Zone</p> <p>Live Entertainment (See Entertainment Schedule)</p> <p>Farmers Market (located along W. Court Ave)</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>
10 am	Junior Spelling Bee, at the Methodist Church
10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Covered Bridge School Bus Tours – 2-hour guided tours by Winterset Rotary Club; \$20, \$15 for 15 years or younger. Purchase tickets at the Rotary ticket booth on the SW side of the festival grounds. (110 W. Washington Street)

11:00 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, as well as museum tours.
11:00 am	Remembering Robert: Rachael Waller shares stories about her father and his creation of "The Bridges of Madison County." At the Iowa Theater. Free with festival admission.
1:00 & 3:00 pm	Songs from <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> Broadway musical. At the Iowa Theater. Free with festival admission.
4:00 pm	A Civil War Skirmish takes place on the north lawn of the Madison County Historical Complex.
5:00-8:30 pm	The WHS Alumni All Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 11th during the Festival from 5-8:30 pm at the Jackson Building, Madison County Fairgrounds.
7:00 pm	Join the Madison County Historical Complex for Civil War cannon firing, and free S'mores and popcorn. Lawn chairs from home are encouraged.

Sunday, October 12, 2024

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 3:00 pm	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Activities from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm include:</u></p> <p>Kid Zone</p> <p>Live Entertainment (See Entertainment Schedule)</p> <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>
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Covered Bridge School Bus Tours – 2-hour guided tours by Winterset Rotary Club; \$20, \$15 for 15 years or younger. Purchase tickets at the

	Rotary ticket booth on the SW side of the festival grounds. (110 W. Washington Street)
11:00 am to 2:00 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, as well as museum tours.
12:00 & 2:00 pm	Songs from <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> Broadway musical. At the Iowa Theater. Free with festival admission.
3:00 pm	Covered Bridge Festival Parade. Lineup begins at 2 pm in the Winterset High School parking lot. The parade route starts at the high school where it heads north on 8 th Avenue, then east on Court Street to 2 nd Ave for one block before turning south on 2 nd . It then turns east onto Washington Street, makes a left onto 4 th Street, then continues east on Court Street just past 10 th Street.