

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Saveraid, 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 – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Covered Bridge Festival</b> 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 &amp; under free.</p> <p><u>Activities from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids’ Activities</li> <li>Live Entertainment (See Bengé schedule)</li> <li>Farmers Market (located along W. Court Ave)</li> <li>John Wayne Birthplace &amp; Museum Tours (205 S. John Wayne Drive; \$20/adults, \$19/seniors, \$17/veterans, \$10/children 8-12 years, Free/children 7 years and under</li> </ul>
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.
5:00-8:30 pm	The WHS Alumni All Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 14th during the Bridge Festival from 5-8:30pm at the Jackson Building.
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
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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 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, then east on Court Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave for one block before turning south on 2<sup>nd</sup>. It then turns east onto Washington Street, makes a left onto 4<sup>th</sup> Street, then continues east on Court Street just past 10<sup>th</sup> Street.</p>