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GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER VOL. 103 NO. 2

# The **PARTNERSHIP**



# President & CEO's Letter



## ADVOCACY A TOP PRIORITY

by Della Schmidt

The Greater Burlington Partnership is committed to advocating at all levels of government as the voice of business for Des Moines County. Each year, the Partnership adopts a Public Policy Agenda featuring legislative priorities that have been created with the mission of each of the four Partnership entities in mind.

While all the policy positions included in the Partnership's 2023 Public Policy Agenda are important, the Partnership will focus on the following five (5) priorities;

- **Workforce & Education:** The future lies with those that are being educated today. Strong relationships between school districts, community colleges, and employers are vital to Greater Burlington's quality of life, as well as a critical attractor of business to the community. The Partnership supports policies that enhance access to quality education and skills development opportunities for pre-kindergarten to adult learners.
- **Talent Attraction:** Workforce needs can only be met through attracting people to Des Moines County. The Partnership supports legislative policies that will aid in growing the population and attracting the talent needed to fill open jobs in the Greater Burlington area.
- **Housing:** Expanding efforts to address workforce housing shortages, Iowa must be proactive in providing a diverse array of housing options for the attraction of talent. Incentives to defray the development costs for new housing, redevelopment of existing housing and revitalized neighborhoods could provide the needed investments.
- **Provide a full spectrum of Mental Health care in our region.** Identify methods to establish equity for rural Iowans to easily access services, including transportation as an allowable service of the Region. Provide the Regions/Counties with tools to offset the costs of doing business and providing equitable services/access across areas of low population density.
- **Childcare** The Greater Burlington Partnership supports legislative policies that encourage expansion, equitable access, and maintain quality, affordable childcare for all.

Local, state, and federal elected officials play a significant role in shaping the environment in which businesses operate. The Partnership staff and Government Relations Committee work to ensure that elected officials are aware of the priorities contained within the annual Public Policy Agenda. In addition to direct interactions with legislators, this work is carried out through vehicles such as the Public Officials Reception, Friday Forum events, Southeast Iowa Days at the Iowa State Capitol, and the Washington D.C. fly-in.

To view the entire Public Policy Agenda, please visit  
[Greaterburlington.com/chamber-of-commerce/advocacy-government-relations/legislative-priorities/](https://Greaterburlington.com/chamber-of-commerce/advocacy-government-relations/legislative-priorities/)



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*The Greater Burlington Partnership is very involved in public policy through the Government Relations committee. Each year, the committee drafts a public policy agenda based on the results of surveys and feedback from Chamber of Commerce members. The committee hosts Friday Forums on the third Friday of the month at 8 AM, October – April, and leads two advocacy trips to Des Moines and Washington D.C.*

*Front Row: Eva Castillo, Hope Haven Area Development Corp.; Michaele Niehaus, Burlington Community School District; Chad Palmer, Energyefficient Systems, Inc.*

*Second Row: Cory Johnson, Burlington Community School District; Steve Francis, First Interstate Bank; Sara Sandburg, Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority*

*Not Pictured: Tim Bower, Flint Cliffs Manufacturing; Bryan Bross, Klingner and Associates, P.C.; Tim Lundgren, Farm Bureau Financial Services; Bobbie McCain, Two Rivers Bank & Trust*

## ON THE COVER

*Government Relations Committee*

# 2022 Annual Report - A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Greater Burlington Partnership's 2022 Annual Report features quantifiable objectives for each of the four Partnership divisions as well as facts about the organization.

Although there is a cost to producing, printing, and mailing the booklet, it is important that the organization be held accountable to its members, investors, and stakeholders.

We encourage you to share the publication with your employees and display it in your waiting room.

If you have not received a copy of the Partnership's Annual Report for your business, you can view the online version at [GreaterBurlington.com](http://GreaterBurlington.com) or contact our office to have a copy mailed to you.



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS/ BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION



The Greater Burlington Partnership is bringing back the Business Plan Competition that has yielded great success in years past. The opening date for applications has not yet been established, but volunteers are being sought to guide the process. Ideal volunteers are small business owners, past Business Plan Competition winners, and entrepreneurs with established businesses.

The Business Plan Competition, a Partnering for the Future initiative, is designed to encourage entrepreneurship and business start-ups. The competition culminates with the awarding of \$10,000 in seed capital grants. The Greater Burlington Partnership administers the competition, guided by a team of business volunteers. The grants awarded are funded from pledges received in the organization's Partnering for the Future campaign.

To volunteer, please contact the Greater Burlington Partnership and speak with either Jeremy Hess, or Rachel Lindeen.

**Past winners include:**

- Wake -n- Bake
- Pinned It Creations
- Parkside Brewing
- Bark & Play
- Barn on the Ridge
- Burlington By the Book

# FRIDAY FORUMS

Join the conversation on February 17 with State Legislators, featuring State Representatives Taylor Collins and Matthew Rinker, and State Senators Mark Lofgren and Jeff Reichman  
Greater Burlington Partnership or Virtual, 8 AM

The Government Relations Committee is excited to announce the new Friday Forums (formerly known as 'Eggs & Issues'). The committee has refocused and grown the forums to include, city, county, schools, and state. Each session will inform you about hot topics regarding the community and business focused issues. February will be focusing on mental health.

Greater Burlington Partnership – Winegard Room or virtually at 8 AM



All Chamber of Commerce members will be invited to join the discussion in person or listen in online.

## GREATER BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP - GROUP PROJECT



### The 2022-2023 Greater Burlington Leadership Class announces Group Project

Annually, participants of Greater Burlington Leadership are tasked with working as a group to provide a project that will improve the community and make an impact on others, while learning to work as a team, broaden their network, delegate, manage conflict, and speak in public.

This year's class is excited to announce that they will be hosting a Trivia Night on April 1 with the proceeds benefiting the VIBE Program at the Burlington Community School District. Stay tuned for more details about the trivia night, as well as the amazing program that it is benefitting.

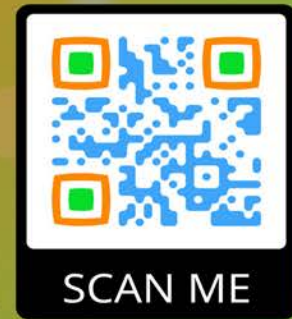
VIBE Virtual Learning Program, a public, K-12 virtual learning program in southeast Iowa, provides students a flexible and personalized pathway through learning as they build connections and skills to succeed in life now and in adulthood. VIBE focuses on bringing a personalized, online learning experience to students, while also offering optional in-person enrichment lessons and activities. VIBE is a virtual learning program with blended in-person activities and services. VIBE is a collaborative of several southeast Iowa school districts and is administered by the Burlington Community School District.



# STEMFest

## Southeast Iowa Regional STEM Festival

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the community.



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# Transforming Talent

## Virtual Reality will expand Student Career Exploration

The Greater Burlington Partnership is investing in area students with state-of-the-art Virtual Reality hardware and software for career exploration. The Partnership has made an initial purchase of five VR headsets, along with Career Exploration software through Transfr Inc., a classroom-to-career technology company.

Each headset is pre-loaded with 38 different career pathways that students can explore, allowing students to investigate a range of careers in areas they could never imagine, and in facilities we could never afford to build. Students will be able to virtually step into a variety of jobs in well-paying careers in many different industries.

“By partnering with area schools and Southeastern Community College, we will use the Transfr immersive career exploration experience to empower and engage teachers and inspire students to learn about a variety of local, in-demand, high paying jobs” stated Greater Burlington Partnership President Della Schmidt. Beginning in February, these VR headsets will be deployed to local schools, utilized at larger student events, and made available throughout the year to area businesses and non-profits.

2023 will be a year full of students discovering undiscovered talents, everywhere!



### Virtual Reality Career Clusters:

- Manufacturing
- Warehousing & Storage
- Public Safety
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Automotive
- Culinary
- Healthcare
- Skilled Trades (Carpentry, Electricians, HVAC Workers, and more.)

## 5th & 8th Grade Career Fair Success!

873 Students participated with 48 Businesses learning about local careers



Klingner and Associates, P.C.



Summer Street Animal Clinic



IBEW Local 13



Big River Resources, LLC

## JEFFERSON STREET FARMERS MARKET - APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Downtown Partners, Inc. is looking forward to the 2023 season of the Jefferson Street Farmers Market! Applications for the Jefferson Street Farmers Market can be found at [greaterburlington.com](http://greaterburlington.com). Follow the Jefferson Street Farmers Market Facebook page for news about the weekly market.



## A VERY VINTAGE MARKET - APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Vendor applications for A Very Vintage Market are now available online. The market will take place on Saturday, July 15. Follow the A Very Vintage Market Facebook page for news about the 8th annual event.



# NEW BRAND ROLLOUT

## February 21 at The Capitol

Downtown Burlington was selected to receive branding technical services. The selection was based upon the application submitted by Downtown Partners, Inc. to Main Street Iowa. This service, a value of \$15,000 to the local community, brought Ben Muldrow of Arnett Muldrow & Associates to Downtown Burlington.

After a week-long of charrettes with local leaders and stakeholders, Ben delivered the new Downtown Destination Brand to Downtown Partners, Inc. The Downtown Branding Committee is excited to unveil the new Downtown Destination Brand on February 21 at The Capitol from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

Ben Muldrow is a talented graphic artist who has been designing for over 25 years with experience in a wide variety of marketing applications. He provides community identity and branding services for communities across the United States. Ben has worked on a number of projects specializing in the development of city and neighborhood identities, wayfinding strategies, and promotional marketing material.

**We cannot wait to reveal this  
Destination Brand to the community!**

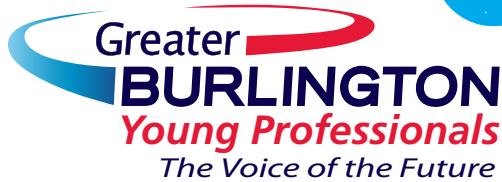


# MAIN STREET IOWA OPEN 4 BUSINESS



With Main Street Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Downtown Partners, Inc. presents the "Open 4 Business" competition, for a for-profit business located in the Main Street district. Each of the state's Main Street organizations can nominate one business.

**If you have been in business since March 31, 2022 and  
are either currently or planning to be located in Downtown Burlington - you qualify!  
More information on the application process available on [greaterburlington.com](http://greaterburlington.com)**



# LAUNCH PARTY

**What:** Mark your calendars for the 2023 Young Professionals Launch Party! Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and live music in the Burlington Art Center Gallery as we celebrate the exciting new changes to the Young Professionals program! Learn what events we'll be hosting throughout the year, enter to win our raffle drawings, mingle with peers, and make suggestions for activities you'd like to see on the roster for 2023.

**Who:** The Young Professional program is open to anyone between the ages of 21 - 40. This launch party is free and open to the public.

**When:** February 28, 5 - 7 PM

**Where:** Art Center of Burlington, 301 Jefferson Street

**For more information, please contact Mac Holford, [mholford@greaterburlington.com](mailto:mholford@greaterburlington.com).**



The Greater Burlington Young Professionals program is designed to empower our members by giving them the opportunity to be involved in the Greater Burlington community. Grow your social circle while keeping your professional toolbox full by utilizing our many membership benefits. We help to prepare you for the future by offering seminars on common community questions such as home buying, negotiations, and more. We'll keep you engaged with local businesses and fellow members by hosting social events, tours to surrounding communities, volunteer opportunities, and exclusive mini classes from local professionals.

We take pride in our members and promote excellence by recognizing those who go above and beyond in their career, the community, or the program by awarding multiple awards throughout the year.

What are you waiting for? Join the Young Professionals in 2023!

**For more information on joining, email us at [YoungProfessionals@greaterburlington.com](mailto:YoungProfessionals@greaterburlington.com)**

# SOUTHEAST IOWA DAYS – DES MOINES ON FEBRUARY 1 & 2



Join the delegation of Southeast Iowa business and community leaders in Des Moines, February 1 & 2. Attendees will share their thoughts regarding 2023 legislative priorities and will hear the latest news from the State of Iowa.

**Who should attend:** Any chamber member interested in advocating for pro-business legislation and those interested in a hands-on experience at the State Capitol while the 2023 Legislative Session is in full-swing.

**Cost:** \$150 per person, which covers the legislative luncheon, reception, and breakfast with legislative leadership, plus numerous Q&A sessions highlighting Southeast Iowa's key issues.

**For more information and to RSVP, contact Rachel Lindeen.**



Do you have something special to announce? A work anniversary, a retirement, a special award or recognition, a conference attended, a sales record, a name change, a new location? We would love to share this with our membership. Please contact Brenda Levitt.

### Office of the Governor

DES MOINES - Governor Reynolds today announced a total of \$4 million in grant awards to assist the communities of Burlington, Grinnell, Keokuk, Mason City and Washington in the rehabilitation of a total of 131 owner-occupied and rental homes through the Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Pilot Program.

The pilot program had \$4 million in eligible funds available and received applications totaling nearly \$4.5 million. Applications were scored on a competitive basis and included criteria such as housing need, impact, community readiness, public/private partnerships and additional funds leveraged. The projects awarded funding are leveraging an additional \$3.3 million in additional funding. The City of Burlington has been awarded \$1,000,000.

The Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Pilot Program was created as a part of Gov. Reynolds' \$100 million investment to increase the supply of housing options and protect and expand housing opportunities for Iowans to live in or near the communities where they work. The funds are made available through Federal American Rescue Act State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds

### Southeast Iowa Regional Airport UPDATE!

The USDOT has announced that a new commercial air service provider will begin service at Southeast Iowa Regional Airport on April 1. Southern Airways Express will offer 14 roundtrip flights to Chicago and 10 roundtrip flights to St. Louis weekly. A full-service baggage and itinerary agreement is in place. SIRAA offers free parking, short security lines and personal phone calls for flight delays!

### AIM Credit Union new location



AIM Credit Union's new branch is now open at 337 North Roosevelt in Burlington! (L to R) Marquel, with AIM staff Colin P, Stephanie G., and Jenna E.

### Community Foundation of Des Moines County Releases 2022 Annual Report

A letter from the Community Foundation of Des Moines County Board Chair - Tammy McCoy

It is such an honor to serve as Board Chair for the Community Foundation of Des Moines County, an organization that has done, and continues to do, so much good in our community.

A big thanks to each of you who have either entrusted your funds or have contributed to existing funds to the CFDMC. The holdings under investment management continue to grow because of your generosity and trust in us. This allows us the joy of granting organizations the funds needed to further their own missions to enrich the lives of those living in Des Moines County.

Our Executive Director, Michelle AbouAssaly has been with us for one year now and is doing a fantastic job of communicating with potential investors, getting the word out about various investment opportunities, and sharing the stories of the recipients of our grants. Please contact Michelle if you have any questions or would like to discuss your options in opening a new fund, contributing to an existing fund, or if you are interested in finding more out about our grant process.

As we all work together to build this valuable resource, I would like to thank you for considering us when estate planning, managing your assets, and making charitable contributions. Cheers to new beginnings in 2023!

### **2022 Highlights**

Three new funds (Boy Scout Legacy, Heart Song, and SE Iowa Regional Hospice) added totaling \$55,000.

In 2011, the Board began a campaign to build a Community Impact Fund. The board authorized the creation of The Cornerstone, a special organization made up of board members and others committed to seeding and growing the Impact Fund. To date the Cornerstone contributions totals \$137,000 from 15 members.

The Century Landmark Society was created in 2021 by three dedicated Board members to enhance the Margaret Hansen Community Foundation Impact Fund. Each of these founding members donated \$100,000. 2022 Century contributions totaled \$138,515 bringing the to date total to \$308,515, making this fund our 2nd largest fund.

100+ Like Minds 2022 Contributions: \$11,430.

\$100,333 awarded in grants (92% increase from 2021) to 42 Non-Profits.

\$2,871,400 Total Community Foundation of Des Moines County Assets in 38 Funds.

### **Mission**

The Community Foundation of Des Moines County exists to enhance the quality of life within Des Moines County by providing a means for permanent charitable giving to meet the needs of all donors and the community for today and tomorrow.

## **Dankwardt Park Playground Project - Fundraising**

The Parks & Recreation Department has initiated the fundraising phase of the Dankwardt Park Playground Project. While significant funding has been committed to date, additional support is needed to make this project a reality. This will be a lasting project for the community, where children and families will be able to make memories for years to come. Call 319-753-8131 for more information on how donate or get involved with the project.



## **NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON RECAP**

On December 2, new members came to the Winegard Board Room to share lunch from Napoli Pizza and Restaurant and to learn more about the benefits of Chamber of Commerce membership. Twenty-four new members, five Chamber ambassadors, and several staff members were present and enjoyed the presentation by Steven Brody, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and time for fellowship and networking.

New Member Luncheons are held in May and December for members who have joined the Chamber of Commerce in the previous six months.

*If you missed out on this event, please contact Marty Mogk to be added to the list in May.*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new Chamber of Commerce members by sending an email, liking their Facebook page or visiting their website. Even better, stop by to introduce yourself, exchange business cards and help grow their network as well as your own!

## First Crossing

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[vagar.com/lumibeautyclinic](http://vagar.com/lumibeautyclinic)

Elizabeth Whitaker, owner, [lumibeautyclinic@gmail.com](mailto:lumibeautyclinic@gmail.com)

Lumi Beauty Clinic is a new, vibrant, and welcoming aesthetic Clinic in the beautiful Downtown Burlington area. The quality of the work and patient outcomes speaks volumes. The staff has undergone many hours of intense training to provide every single one of our patients' the best medical spa experience. Book your services today! Grand opening celebration scheduled for February 11 at 1 PM.

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**For information on membership, contact Marty Mogk.**



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# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

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February 9, 5 - 7 PM

Join us with your co-workers to build your network at Business After Hours and grow your business!

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ALL THINGS  
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## All Things Greater Burlington Podcast

The podcast can now be heard on Greater Burlington.com, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Castbox, and Stitcher. Current interviews include West Burlington City Manager, Greg Mandsager; Des Moines County Sheriff, Kevin Glendening; Great Western Supply Branch Manager, Nicole Farrier.

### Upcoming interviews include:

- Young Professionals, Mac Holford
- Keystone Home, Heather and Brad Lange
- Burlington Community School District, Robert Scott

Make sure to subscribe to stay informed when new episodes become available.

**Have a suggestion on who you would like us to interview?**

Please contact Steven Brody at 319-208-0054 or sbrody@greaterburlington.com.

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2 – Comedy Thursday:  
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Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

4 – Des Moines County Fair Winter  
Fundraiser  
Cattfish Bend Convention & Event Center  
5 - 9 PM  
Facebook.com/DesMoinesCountyFair

4 – Simply Seger  
Capitol Theater, 8 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

9 – Night Hike & Owl Prowl  
Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area, 7 PM  
Facebook.com/StarrsCaveNatureCenter

10 – Singles Speed Dating Mixer  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 7 PM  
TheCornerstoneIA.com

11 – Comic & Toy Show  
Westland Mall, 10 AM  
QuadCityCon.com

11 – Lumi Beauty Clinic Grand Opening  
Lumi Beauty Clinic, 515 N Third St, 1 PM  
Vagaro.com/LumiBeautyClinic

15 – Lunchtime Chamber Music Series  
First United Methodist Church, 12 PM  
facebook.com/  
BurlingtonLunchtimeChamberMusicSeries

17 – Friday Forums  
Greater Burlington Partnership  
8 - 9 AM, Zoom Optional  
GreaterBurlington.com

17 – Midwest Convention of Bands  
Memorial Auditorium, 3 - 9 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

17 – Aaron Warner  
Gallery Lounge, 6 PM  
BTownArt.com

18 – Midwest Convention of Bands  
Memorial Auditorium, 9 AM - 9 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

19 – Midwest Convention of Bands  
Memorial Auditorium, 10 AM - 1 PM  
BurlingtonRiverfront.org

19 – Charity Chili Cook-Off  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 10 AM  
TheCornerstoneIA.com

22 – Wings  
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM  
BurlCivicMusic.com

23 – Night Hike & Owl Prowl  
Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area, 7 PM  
Facebook.com/StarrsCaveNatureCenter

24 – Donny Baker  
Capitol Theater, 8 PM  
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

25 – Murder & Masquerade  
Cornerstone Wedding & Event Center, 7 PM  
TheCornerstoneIA.com

28 – Young Professionals Launch Party  
Burlington Art Center Gallery, 5 - 7 PM  
GreaterBurlington.com

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## City Academy

The City Academy is a free 8-week series of classes that will inform participants how their local government works for them. The academy includes group walking tours of city facilities for a behind-the-scenes look at how each department operates. Presentations will also be given by local city officials, department directors, as well as staff. Participants will walk away with a wealth of knowledge on how the City of Burlington runs and operates. Thursday evenings beginning February 23 - April 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

For more information, call 319-753-8131, or email [krebillj@burlingtoniowa.org](mailto:krebillj@burlingtoniowa.org). Visit: [BurlingtonIowa.org](http://BurlingtonIowa.org)

## Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes

**February 2, 3, 4, 5, times vary**

Full of wit and wisdom, warmth and laughter, Sandra Fenichel Asher's Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes will charm and delight audiences of all ages.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students through high school and available online and at the Players Workshop box office 90 minutes prior to each performance.

For more information, follow Players Workshop on Facebook, or visit: [PlayersWorkshopTheater.com](http://PlayersWorkshopTheater.com)

## Around the Campfire: AN IW Variety Show and Mini Auction

**February 25, 7 - 9 PM**

An evening of music, dance, and theater, featuring a variety of talented performers from Iowa Wesleyan University and the Mount Pleasant region. Tickets are on sale now online and will be available at the door. General admission is \$10 presale, \$15 at the door. Student admission is \$5. All proceeds benefit the Iowa Wesleyan University Music Department.

## Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music: Young Artist Showcase

**February 15, 12 - 1 PM**

Spend your lunch hour expanding your cultural horizons! September through June, these free performances take place on the third Wednesday of each month.

This month: The Season 7 Young Artist Showcase features violinist Ethan Sexauer of Mt. Pleasant.

For more information, follow Burlington Lunchtime Chamber Music on Facebook.

## Starr's Cave Owl Prowl

**February 2, 7 PM, 11627 STARR'S CAVE RD**

## Big Hollow Owl Prowl

**February 9, 7 PM, 18853 152ND AVE, SPERRY**

Both Owl Prowls will meet at 7 PM on the 2nd at the Starr's Cave Nature Center and on the 9th at the 300-meter shooting range at Big Hollow Recreation Area. Since silent listening is required, children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather and prepare for a 2 mile hike in the dark. There is no fee to join this event, but registration is required, as space is limited.

To register, contact Starr's Cave Nature Center at 319-753-5808. For more information, visit: [DMCCConservation.com](http://DMCCConservation.com)



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