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Western Smokehouse Partners

President & CEO's Letter



Dear Members & Friends,

October is Manufacturing Month, giving us an opportunity to recognize an industry that is vital to our region. Manufacturing is more than the products made inside our local facilities. It is the people who arrive each day ready to solve problems, operate the equipment, improve processes, and create something of value. It is the engineers, technicians, production teams, supervisors, office staff, and countless others whose skills keep our economy moving forward.

Our region has a proud manufacturing history. Generations of families have built their lives here because of the opportunities provided by local employers. Today, manufacturers continue to offer strong careers while investing in new technology, modern facilities, and the development of their employees. The work being done in Greater Burlington reaches customers across the country and around the world.

The impact of manufacturing also extends far beyond the walls of any one company. Manufacturers purchase goods and services from other local businesses. Their employees buy homes, shop in our stores, dine in our restaurants, and support community organizations. They contribute to our schools, our tax base, and the quality of life we all enjoy. When manufacturing grows, our entire region benefits.

One of the greatest opportunities before us is sharing information so that more people understand the variety of careers available within this industry. Modern manufacturing combines technology, creativity, precision, and problem solving. It offers opportunities for people with many different interests and skill sets. By connecting students with employers through classroom visits, facility tours, internships, job shadowing, and work based learning, we can help young people see a future for themselves right here at home.

These connections are especially important as employers prepare for the next generation of workers. Building a strong talent pipeline will require continued collaboration among businesses, schools, Southeastern Community College, workforce partners, and community leaders. No single organization can meet this challenge alone, but together we can introduce more people to rewarding careers and provide employers with the skilled workforce they need to succeed.

At the Greater Burlington Partnership, we are proud to support the manufacturers that invest in our region, create opportunities for our residents, and strengthen our communities. We remain committed to listening to their needs, helping address barriers to growth, advocating for a strong business climate, and connecting employers with the resources and partnerships that can help them thrive.

This month, I encourage you to learn more about the manufacturers in our region and the people behind their success. Their work may not always be visible, but its impact is all around us.

To our local manufacturers and their employees, thank you. Thank you for the products you make, the careers you provide, the innovation you pursue, and the confidence you continue to place in Greater Burlington.

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ON THE COVER

National Manufacturing Month

Greater Burlington boasts a storied legacy of crafting products that have shaped our region and reached far beyond it.

On the cover this month is Western Smokehouse Partners, proudly named the 2025 Manufacturer of the Year. In just a few short years, Western Smokehouse has transformed a quiet industrial building into one of Southeast Iowa's most important food-manufacturing operations, creating hundreds of jobs, partnering with local contractors, and strengthening our community's economic foundation.

The company opened its Burlington plant in May 2023, converting the former Dresser-Rand facility on West Avenue into a 100,000-square-foot, high-capacity jerky and meat-snack plant. What began as a multimillion-dollar renovation quickly became a cornerstone of the Flint Ridge Business Park. Today the facility processes about 65,000 pounds of meat each day and employs roughly 215 full-time workers. Western Smokehouse has grown into a national leader in premium, better-for-you meat snacks for the private-label and co-manufacturing sector, supplying products that reach households across the country.

That success has brought a second, even larger vote of confidence in Greater Burlington. Western Smokehouse is now advancing a strategic $15+ million expansion, adding about 27,000 square feet, new smokehouses, warehouse and freezer space, and additional packaging capacity. Local contractor Carl A. Nelson is leading the design-build work. When complete, daily production is expected to rise to about 95,000 pounds—an increase of at least 30 percent—and the Burlington workforce is projected to grow by about 100 jobs, bringing employment at the plant to more than 300.

Beyond the numbers, Western Smokehouse Partners has become a vital partner in our region's vibrancy. By choosing Greater Burlington twice—first for the original plant and again for this major expansion—the company has put its confidence in our workforce, our contractors, and our future. Its investment creates work for local builders, opportunity for families, and lasting capacity in Southeast Iowa's manufacturing base.

Western Smokehouse Partners' growth, quality, and commitment create high-quality jobs, drive economic development, and celebrate the spirit of Greater Burlington. We salute Western Smokehouse Partners and all our manufacturers this month for their unwavering commitment to excellence and community.

Please join us this October 2nd for the 2026 Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon, where the 2026 Manufacturer of the Year will be announced.

GREATER BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP



Launching Tomorrow's Leaders:
Greater Burlington Leadership Class of 2026 - 2027

The Greater Burlington Leadership Class of 2026-2027 began their nine-month journey with a two-day opening session in September. The program brings together emerging and established leaders to build connections, expand community knowledge, and strengthen leadership skills. During the opening session, class members got to know one another through team building and ice breaker activities, while also exploring personality assessments, networking and communication strategies, etiquette, leadership philosophy, and insights from area leaders. The experience provided a strong foundation for the months ahead.

Pictured:
Front Row (L -R): *Todd Van Scoy, Burlington Fire Department; Tammy Salmon, Borghi USA; Maggie Guzman, Lunning Chapel; AnnaJane Nosse, The Crafty Crew; Rosalba Dumont-Carrion, Fibrenew Southeast Iowa; Aubrey Kuntz, Farm Bureau Financial Services – Tim Lundgren*
Middle Row (L - R): *Alex Corrick, Taco John's; Delaney Richards, Alchemy Skin and Health; MacKenzie Nicholson, Energyficient Systems, Inc.; Brianna Smith, Great River Health; Stephanie Boeding, City of Burlington; Corby Swick, ImOn Communications; Tadd Good, Southeastern Community College; Nick Augustine, F&M Bank & Trust*
Back Row (L - R): *Bill Kehoe, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant; Amanda Jenkins, Burlington Police Department; Scott Mason, Burlington Regional RecPlex; Kourtney Waterhouse, Lunning Chapel; John Werner, F&M Bank & Trust; Joey Jolin, Jolin Media*

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GREATER BURLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
A DIVISION OF THE GREATER BURLINGTON PARTNERSHIP

DEERY BROTHERS OF WEST BURLINGTON

WEST BURLINGTON IOWA

Grow Greater Burlington and City of West Burlington Partner with Deery Brothers to Lay Groundwork for New Housing in West Burlington

Last month, Grow Greater Burlington and the City of West Burlington jointly announced a new partnership with Deery Brothers Inc. to address the growing need for quality housing in West Burlington and the region.

Through an installment sale, Grow Greater Burlington will acquire more than 16 acres from Deery Brothers Inc. east of the company's West Burlington dealership. The City of West Burlington will install the streets, water, sewer, and related infrastructure needed to support a new subdivision of 30 or more single-family homes.

"Grow Greater Burlington has been in the property development business for decades," said Taylor Collins, Executive Director of Economic Development for the Greater Burlington Partnership. "Today's announcement represents a strategic shift, expanding beyond industrial development to meet our community's critical housing needs. I greatly appreciate Deery Brothers and the City of West Burlington for partnering with us on this important initiative."

"This partnership is a significant step forward for West Burlington and the entire region," said West Burlington Mayor Ron Teater. "Working together with Grow Greater Burlington and Deery Brothers, we are addressing the demand for quality housing while supporting long-term growth. Creating new housing opportunities will also help welcome more families to West Burlington and support continued growth within the West Burlington Independent School District."

"Deery Brothers is proud to support this project to bring more housing to Greater Burlington," said Brad Deery of Deery Brothers Inc. "At Deery Brothers, we believe in investing in the communities where we live and work. This collaboration helps meet a vital local need and strengthens our region's future."

The project is expected to advance next spring, with infrastructure work beginning during the next construction season and home construction to follow.

Deery Estates builds on the City of West Burlington's broader effort to expand housing options across the community. Recent and ongoing projects include a 40-unit apartment complex, a 47-unit senior housing community and a 19-home single-family workforce housing development on Pennington Street. The City of West Burlington is also working with another developer on two proposed workforce housing tax credit projects: a 22-unit townhome development and a 28-unit apartment complex. Together, these efforts reflect a strategy to support a range of housing needs and create more opportunities for individuals and families to call West Burlington home.

OVER THE EDGE event at F&M Bank & Trust Building during Witches Night Out!

WITCHES Night Out

DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

Friday, October 16, 5 - 8 PM

Witches Night Out is a popular event with a spin on "Ladies Night Out." Downtown will be taken over by Witches and their "Ghoul Friends" as they stop into local retailers, eateries and drinkeries and have a night on the town.

Scan QR Code for tickets.

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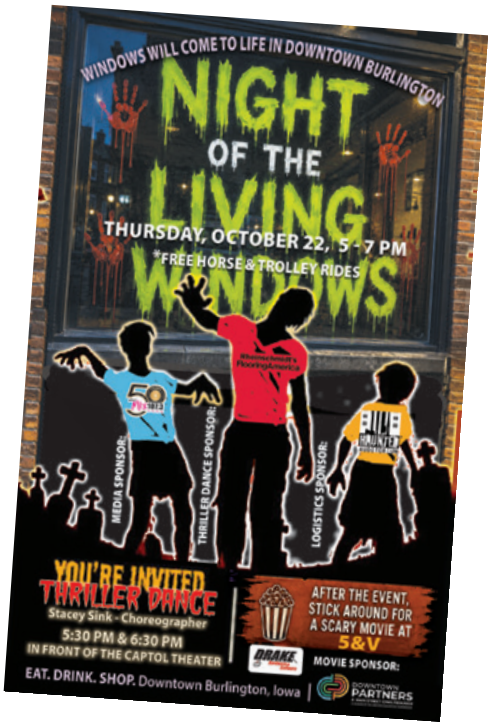
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NIGHT OF THE LIVING WINDOWS COMES TO LIFE IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON



A new event is coming to Downtown Burlington this fall. Night of the Living Windows will bring Downtown to life Thursday, October 22, from 5 to 7 PM.

Stroll Downtown as storefront windows come to life with live scenes, characters, costumes and Halloween displays. Enjoy free Horse & Trolley Rides, family-friendly activities and plenty of spooky fun.

A community "Thriller" flash mob will take place in front of the Capitol Theater at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM, choreographed by Stacey Sink.

Then at 7:30 PM, stick around for a scary movie in front of the 5&V. Bring your chair, grab a hay bale and enjoy Psycho, brought to you by Drake Hardware & Software.

Night of the Living Windows is presented by Downtown Partners, Inc. with support from Rheinschmidt's Flooring America, The New Mix 107.3, Burlington Riverfront Entertainment's Haunted Auditorium, and Drake Hardware & Software.

Mark your calendar for October 22 and come see Downtown Burlington come alive. It's Happening!



DOWNTOWN DEETS:
FRAUD PREVENTION TRAINING OCTOBER 26 AT 8:30 AM

Downtown Partners, Inc. will host its next Downtown Deets professional development session on Monday, October 26, at 8:30 AM, featuring Amy Whitaker of Mediapolis Savings Bank.

Whitaker serves as Senior Vice President and Head of Deposit Operations and is celebrating 29 years with the bank. During the session, she will share insight into current fraud trends, common tactics used by scammers, and practical ways businesses can recognize warning signs before fraud occurs.

The training will also focus on steps businesses and organizations should take if they become a victim of fraud, as well as resources that can be used to better educate employees, customers, friends and family members. With fraud tactics continuing to evolve, the session is designed to give attendees practical information they can use to help protect both their businesses and the people they serve.

Downtown Deets sessions are offered by Downtown Partners, Inc. as professional development opportunities for downtown businesses and community partners, providing timely information and useful tools on topics that impact local businesses.

Those interested in attending the October 26 session are encouraged to RSVP by contacting Amy Moyner at amoyner@greaterburlington.com or 319-752-6365.



DISCOVER DOWNTOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Downtown Burlington is ready to shine this holiday season with festive storefronts and a full calendar of events bringing shoppers and visitors together in the heart of the community.

The season begins with the Downtown Holiday Open House on November 8. Businesses throughout the district will welcome guests with special sales and seasonal treats. It is a great opportunity to stroll Jefferson Street and beyond, find one-of-a-kind gifts, and support the local businesses that make Downtown Burlington such a special place.

The celebration continues on November 28 with Small Business Saturday, the Lighted Holiday Parade, and the Annual Tree Lighting Event. Spend the day shopping local, then stay downtown for an evening filled with lights and holiday spirit.

On December 10, Living Windows returns as storefronts come to life with festive displays and live performers. This longtime tradition invites visitors to explore Downtown Burlington while experiencing local businesses in a fun and memorable way.

Families can also look forward to Santa's Cottage on select dates throughout December, along with other holiday activities happening throughout the district.

The holidays are an important time to remember the impact of shopping local. Every purchase made at a downtown business helps support local jobs and continued investment in the community. With more than 25 boutiques and specialty shops, plus 25+ restaurants and drinkeries, Downtown Burlington offers plenty of ways to find the perfect gift or enjoy time with family and friends.

There is always another reason to come back downtown. Whether you are shopping, taking in the lights or making a new holiday memory, Downtown Burlington is ready to welcome you.

For a full schedule of holiday events and details, visit GreaterBurlington.com or follow Downtown Burlington, Iowa on Facebook.

This holiday season, discover the magic of Downtown Burlington and make it part of your tradition.

Don't miss the Holidays in Downtown Burlington!

November 8 - Downtown Holiday Open House
Novmeber 28 - Small Business Saturday
Novmeber 28 - Lighted Holiday Parade
Novmeber 28 - Lighting of the Tree
December 10 - Living Windows











FROM INVESTMENT TO IMPACT: DMC CEO IS JUST GETTING STARTED

In their first few weeks, DMC CEO students have jumped right into hands-on learning and meaningful conversations with local business leaders.

Through business visits, they've toured local companies, learned about day-to-day operations, explored different business models, and heard firsthand stories about entrepreneurship, leadership, and career journeys.

Students have already visited businesses including Chick-fil-A, Carl A. Nelson & Company and F&M Bank & Trust, where they learned from team members, explored behind-the-scenes operations, and gained a better understanding of what it takes to build and lead a successful organization.

These experiences are giving students an opportunity to connect classroom concepts to the real world while building relationships with the business community.

On September 22, DMC CEO hosted an Investor Breakfast at the Art Center of Burlington, bringing together more than 50 representatives from over 30 investor businesses. Guests learned more about the CEO program, heard how they can get involved with students, enjoyed breakfast, and had the opportunity to network directly with the class.

The year is just getting started, it will be exciting to see what's ahead!

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2026 Reason For the Season

This year, the Greater Burlington Partnership is excited to bring back the Reason for the Season Expo, a celebration dedicated to uplifting the nonprofits that make our community shine. This special event brings Chamber members and the community together to discover local nonprofit organizations, learn about ways to give back, and find new opportunities to get involved.

If you are a nonprofit looking to have a booth, or a business looking to join the sponsor list to help bring this event to life please contact Chamber Director, Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com

Event Details:
November 16, 5 to 6:30 PM
Great River Casino Resort Convention and Event Center

What's Happening:

- The Chamber Tree of Giving Community Card
- Card Writing Station
- Volunteer pledge drive
- Light appetizers, live entertainment, and cash bar

Sponsorship Details:

Booth sponsorships allow us to invite our nonprofit members at no cost to them.

Booth Sponsorship, $200

- Includes signage, sponsor representation at booth
- Sponsors may choose a nonprofit member to support, or we will be happy to pair them with a booth in need of a sponsor

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Join Chamber of Commerce member businesses to network, make new connections, and celebrate our host!





A Big Thank you to Our Paint-a-Thon Partners!

The 33rd Annual Paint-a-Thon was a success, and we couldn't have done it without the incredible support of our community partners!

A special thank you to Frank Millard & Co., J&M Displays, Farm Bureau Financial Services - Tim Lundgren, Sherwin-Williams, and First Mid Bank & Trust for helping make this year's Paint-a-Thon possible.

Your generosity and support helped bring a fresh coat of paint and a whole lot of pride to local homes and neghborhoods.

Thank you for helping us continue this wonderful community tradition!

2026 ELECTION FORUMS

OCTOBER 28 AND 29 | WINEGARD BOARD ROOM

The Chamber's Government Relations Committee will host a General Election Candidate Forum on October 13 at 5 PM at the Greater Burlington Partnership. The forum will feature candidates appearing on the November general election ballot and will provide an opportunity for voters to hear directly from those running for office. Join us to stay informed and engaged in the local election process.

As a business organization, the Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce will focus questions on issues and topics pertinent to our business community and the Greater Burlington area, including areas such as workforce, economic development, business climate and other issues impacting local businesses. The forums will be moderated and time will be monitored by members of the Government Relations Committee.

5:15 to 6:15 PM – Des Moines County Supervisor Candidates
6:30 to 7:30 PM – Iowa House District 99 Candidates

This event is open to Chamber members and the public. It will also be recorded and posted online.

* *The Government Relations Committee attempted to secure a date for a candidate forum for Iowa House District 95, but unfortunately was unable to do so.*



GBPetey to Return with His Tricks

GBPetey, the Greater Burlington Partnership's mischievous Elf, is returning for another season of holiday fun and shopping local cheer. From November 21 through December 18, GBPetey will sneak into a different Chamber member business each day, leaving clues and riddles to be shared on the Partnership's Facebook page.

Chamber member businesses that would like to be part of GBPetey's holiday mischief should contact Melissa Jones by November 6.

Space is limited and participation is first-come, first-served, with priority given to businesses that did not participate in 2025. Participating businesses are responsible for providing a $25 value prize to be included in the weekly drawings.

Contact: Melissa Jones, mjones@greaterburlington.com



Coffee with the Chamber at McClure Materials, Inc.

October 27, 8 AM, 3520 Division St

There is no better way to start the day than with Coffee with the Chamber. Enjoy a casual atmosphere, a warm cup of coffee and meaningful conversations with Chamber members and Partnership staff. Join us on Tuesday, October 27 at McClure Material, Inc. to meet new people, hear what is happening in the community and share your own business story. All members are welcome, whether you are brand new, seasoned or somewhere in between.

Don't miss your chance to connect, learn and enjoy fantastic company during this hour of morning networking.

RSVP to Melissa Jones, mjones@greaterburlington.com.

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS *Spotlight*

GINA CRABTREE
CEO, BURLINGTON AREA YMCA



I was born and raised in Burlington and am proud to call this community home. I have been with the Burlington Area YMCA for 34 years and currently serve as CEO. I feel very fortunate to have spent my career with an organization that makes such a positive impact on children, families, and individuals throughout our community. I am also very excited about what is ahead for the Y as we look toward the future and continue finding new ways to meet the changing needs of our community. We have some exciting things on the horizon, and I look forward to sharing more in the months ahead!

I have been involved with the Greater Burlington Partnership in several different capacities over the years. I previously served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, including serving as Treasurer, the Annual Dinner planning committee, and I currently serve on the Chamber Golf Classic Committee.

I really enjoy being a Chamber Ambassador. It gives me the opportunity to welcome new businesses to our community, celebrate the successes of our existing businesses, and build relationships with so many great people. Some of my favorite Chamber events are the Annual Dinner, Golf Classic, Business After Hours, and ribbon cuttings.

One of the things I enjoy most about being an Ambassador is serving alongside so many people who truly care about the future of our community. There is something special about seeing people come together to support one another and celebrate all the great things happening in the Greater Burlington Area. I love having the opportunity to give back to a wonderful community!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAMBER AMBASSADOR?

Chamber Ambassadors help welcome new members, recruit future members, volunteer at Chamber events like Business After Hours, and represent the Chamber throughout the community.

Ambassadors will play an even bigger role in 2027, and we're looking for engaged Chamber members who are ready to get involved! Interested in applying?

Email Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com with your contact and employer information and a brief explanation of why you'd like to become a Chamber Ambassador.

The Ambassador Committee meets at 8 AM on the first Thursday of each month at the Greater Burlington Partnership office.



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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!

Lonnie Winston Memorial Scholarship
LonneWinstonScholarship@gmail.com

The Lonnie Winston Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of longtime Southeastern Community College baseball coach Lonnie Winston by supporting student-athletes who demonstrate leadership, perseverance, integrity, and service. Established in 2023, the organization awards annual scholarships and invests in the next generation through community support and mentorship.

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BuildTree is a Burlington, Iowa–based software development company creating custom software and business systems designed to streamline operations and improve efficiency. Through its partnership with FLASH Weather AI, BuildTree integrates predictive, geolocated weather intelligence directly into everyday business operations. This allows companies to anticipate weather disruptions, course-correct schedules and resources, reduce downtime, capture opportunities, and protect profitability. Predict the weather. Course-correct the business. Protect the profit.

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SLATE OF CHAMBER BOARD NOMINEES

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has accepted the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the upcoming 2027 term:

- *Heather Lange, Keystone Home*
- *Nina Schnedler, J & M Displays*
- *Keaton Mitchell, Farm Bureau Financial Services*
- *Dr. Aaron Jensen, Southeastern Community College*
- *Todd Chelf, Great River Health*

In accordance with the Partnership bylaws, members have the right to petition for additional nominees. Members wishing to submit an additional nomination by petition should contact Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com for information on the petition process.

If no additional nominees are submitted by petition, the Board of Directors will declare the slate elected at its November meeting.



Planning for 2027? Take a Look at Your Opportunities!

The 2027 Engagement & Visibility Guide should have landed in your mailbox, and the Right of First Refusal period is wrapping up soon. If you're interested in a 2027 advertising, sponsorship, professional development, advocacy, workforce development, or event opportunity, now is the time to reach out!

Interested in a 2027 opportunity? Contact Melissa Jones at mjones@greaterburlington.com to discuss options. Didn't receive a guide? Let Melissa know and we'll get a copy to you!

Still looking for a 2026 opportunity? Just two remain:

- Area Educator Expo Booth: $175
- Reason for the Season Expo Booth Sponsor: $200

These are the last opportunities to get involved in 2026, so don't miss out!

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OCTOBER october EVENTS

View more events at GreaterBurlington.com/Events

September 29 - October 28 – October Gallery Show: Glass Artisans
Art Center of Burlington, times vary
BTownArt.com

2 – Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon
Burlington Golf Club, 11 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

2 – Artist Reception
Art Center of Burlington, 5 - 8 PM
BTownArt.com

2 - 4 and 8 - 11– Angel Street
Players Workshop Theater
Th - Sat 7 PM; Sun 2 PM
PlayersWorkshopTheater.com

2 – Burlington Civic Music: Water Street Dance Milwaukee
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
BurlCivicMusic.com

3 and 17 – Chess Club
Burlington Public Library, 9 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

3 – That's Yesterday's News
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

3 – Pride After Dark
Memorial Auditorium, 8 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

7, 14, 21, 28 – History Club
Des Moines County Historical Society
10 AM
DMCHS.com

8 – Business After Hours
Young House Behavioral Health
5 - 7 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

8 – Comedy Thursday
Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

9 – Rockett Mafia
Capitol Theater, 8 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

10 – Track or Treat
34 Raceway, 2 - 4 PM
34Raceway.com

10 – Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra
Capitol Theater, 7 PM
SEISO.us

13 – General Election Candidate Forums
Greater Burlington Partnership, 5 - 7 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

16 - 31 – Haunted Auditorium
Memorial Auditorium, 7 - 11:30 PM
BurlingtonRiverfront.com

16 – Over the Edge
F&M Bank Building, 11 AM - 11 PM
UnitedWaySEIA.org

16 – Witches Night Out
Downtown Burlington, 5 PM
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa

15 – Jefferson Street Cruise Night
Downtown Burlington, 5 - 10 PM
facebook.com/BurlingtonIowaPolice

17 – Spooky Crawl
Community Field, 11:30 am - 1:30 PM
facebook.com/BurlingtonBees

18 – Elvis
Capitol Theater, 3 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

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

22 – Night of the Living Windows
Downtown Burlington, 5 - 7 PM
facebook.com/DowntownBurlingtonIowa

24 – Iowa and the Broken Circle
Burlington Public Library, 10 AM
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

24 – Madman's Diary: A Tribute to Ozzy Osbourne
Capitol Theater, 8 PM
BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com

28 – Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal
First Congregational Church, 4:30 PM
FCCBurlington.org

27 – Coffee with the Chamber
McClure Material, Inc., 8 AM
GreaterBurlington.com

30 – 2026 Area Educator Expo
Burlington Community High School
11 AM - 12:30 PM
GreaterBurlington.com

30 – Pumpkinpalooza
Burlington Public Library, 2 - 6 pm
Burlington.Lib.ia.us

31 – KidSymphony
Capitol Theater, 4:30 PM
SEASO.us

31 – City-wide Trick or Treat
Greater Burlington, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
facebook.com/CityBurlingtonIowaGovernment

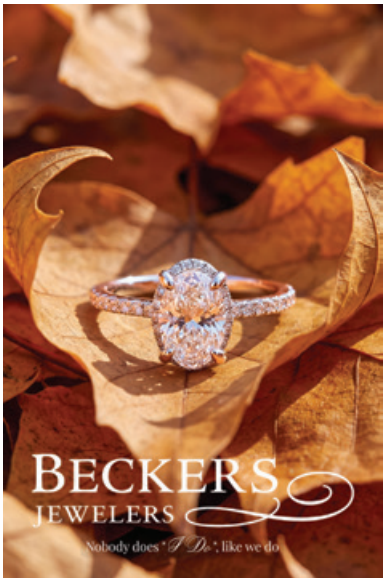
31 – Safe Trick or Treat
Memorial Auditorium, 6 PM
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October 2 - 4 | Starr's Cave Nature Center & Preserve

This month, adventurous women can spend a weekend recharging, learning and connecting during the Weekend Wellness Retreat at Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area. You'll cook over a campfire, paddle in the moonlight, spend time collecting & crafting, experience the healing power of nature and connect with others, all while learning valuable outdoor skills.

$185 covers all meals and lodging (participants will sleep in campers), plus all equipment needed to participate. If you can't stay all weekend, you can opt for a day pass for either Saturday or Sunday for $75. Sign up today at dmcconservation.recdesk.com.

Questions? Call Starr's Cave Nature Center at 319-753-5808.

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Root Beer Float and Grilled Cheese Day

At Hinterland Dairy

Saturday, October 17th

Root Beer Floats
Served from 10AM - 4PM.



$5 each OR $8 float in a Hinterland Dairy glass mug!

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Served from 11AM - 1PM.

A portion of the proceeds from the grilled cheese sandwiches will go to God's Way - Food Pantry in Keokuk.



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SPEND A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH ELVIS

October 18 | 3 pm | The Capitol Theater

Celebrate the timeless music and unforgettable stage presence of Elvis Presley with internationally acclaimed tribute artist Joseph Hall. Since 2006, Hall has been honoring the King's legendary career with an energetic performance that captures the sound, style, and spirit of Elvis.

A World-Class Tribute - Joseph Hall has performed around the globe, from Las Vegas, Nevada to Porthcawl, Wales, and has worked with Elvis Presley Enterprises and Legends in Concert. He is officially recognized as one of the top Elvis tribute artists in the world today.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit BurlingtonCapitolTheater.com/Events.

GREAT TASTES

November 6 | Check-in opens at 5:30 pm
Great River Event Center

At Great Tastes, you get to have a fun night out while raising money for an important cause.

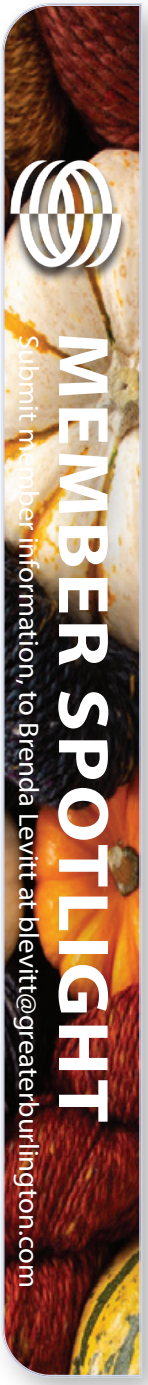
Enjoy a wide variety of wines, beer, and ales and fill your plate with mouth-watering dishes.

Bid on fun silent and live auction items, win big, and leave the event knowing you've made a major difference in students lives, just by having fun.

Net proceeds fund scholarships, instructional mini-grants, and other important SCC initiatives.

If you would like to donate an auction item, please contact the Foundation Office at 319-208-5066.





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