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2023 CORNDOG KICKOFF BENEFIT AUCTION AND FAIR FOOD GRAZING PARTY ON SATURDAY, JULY 8

JOIN US AT THE WILLIAM C. KNAPP VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING LOCATED ON THE BEACH-INSPIRED IOWA STATE FAIRGROUNDS.

10 AM, JULY 7 - ONLINE SILENT AUCTION OPENS
6:30 PM, JULY 8 - EVENT DOORS OPEN
8 PM - LIVE AUCTION
8:30 PM - ONLINE SILENT AUCTION CLOSES
10 PM - FLASHING THUNDER FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR



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Purchase a souvenir bandana, or "rag," for \$10, and you are in the Rags to Riches game sponsored by West Bank! During the live auction, after auction package #15, all participants will stand. To get started, hold it in your hand and you will choose – to hold your rag up or keep it down at your side. The auctioneer will flip a coin – heads is rags up and tails is down.

If you chose correctly you remain standing and continue to play; when you're wrong, you sit down. The game will continue until we have one participant left standing. The winner will receive half of the amount made from the rag sales.

Rags can be purchased at the raffle table or from the volunteers strolling the crowd. Please have your rag purchased by package #14 of the live auction.

The winner may pick up his or her prize at the cash out table following the conclusion of the live auction.

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The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. While contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible, the purchase of items at value are not fully deductible. Only the amount you pay for an item or service over the actual market value of the item or service may be considered a tax-deductible contribution. Please retain your receipt and consult your tax advisor.

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Mystery Prize Game

Purchase a Mystery Envelope for \$15 and win an Iowa State Fair prize! Only 250 Mystery Prize Game Envelopes will be sold during the Corndog Kickoff. More than \$2,400 worth of prizes available.

- Two Iowa State Fair Grandstand Concert
 Admission Ticket Tickets of your choice
- Engraved Brick
- VIP Parking
- On-Grounds Parking
- \$5 Iowa State Fair merchandise coupon
- \$5 in Iowa State Fair food vouchers

- Ye Old Mill Ride Ticket
- Sky Glider Ride Ticket
- Giant Slide Ride Ticket
- Free bottle of water
- Cup of Cookies voucher

Purchase your Mystery Prize Envelope at the designated table during the Corndog Kickoff.

EVERY ENVELOPE IS A WINNER!

Dining Delights

Give a donation and go out for dinner = win, win!

The Blue Ribbon Foundation will feature "Dining Delights" – a restaurant gift card activity. For a \$20 donation, attendees will grab a mystery gift card as their prize. Try a great Iowa eatery while supporting the Blue Ribbon





Iowa PBS created, "Our Great State Fair," a 2-hour documentary about the Iowa State Fair. The Blue Ribbon Foundation is partnering with the Iowa PBS Foundation for a special premiere screening of the film.

A limited number of Fair Fans can purchase tickets to attend the screening in the Oman Family Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m. Attendees will enjoy a corndog, popcorn and a cup of cookies while hearing from the documentary creators and watching the film.

\$50 tickets will be for sale on the Corndog Kickoff's mobile bidding website.

Don't miss this unique opportunity!

More about the documentary:

"Our Great State Fair" explores the history of Iowa's biggest event - the annual showcase of our state's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement. The story begins in 1854, as an experimental agricultural exposition in Fairfield, and continues into the 21st century as a statewide celebration in Des Moines.

The Iowa State Fair is the culmination of everything Iowa is known for: a social event, a livestock show, a competition stage, an entertainment venue, a political platform and a classroom. It's a place to experience lowa's past and at the same time, look towards its future. "Our Great State Fair" dives into the stories that set it apart from any other fair, and shows how the event brings people together for eleven unforgettable days each year.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Since its inception in 1993, the **Blue Ribbon Foundation** has been raising funds to maintain and improve the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds. You'll see many projects at this year's Iowa State Fair.

The \$25 million livestock barns renovation project started in the **Sheep Barn** and included multiple components – restoring brick and terra cotta masonry, remodeling the office area and restrooms, installing new underground storm sewer piping, reroofing all lower level roof areas, adding new restrooms, repainting, and providing a sun-shade for the show arena.

The Iowa State Fair **public safety building** was updated to make sure the facility meets the needs and high standards of the Iowa State Fair Police Department. The first phase included a new 2-story addition to the east side of the building. The second phase will include renovation of the existing space, scheduled to be completed in 2024.

Fairgoers will enjoy sipping on a wide selection of beers and wine while relaxing on top of the hill near Grandfather's Barn at the **Fairview Tap**. The venue received upgrades including a patio expansion. This addition will provide more outside seating to take full advantage of the available space and the amazing view.

Pioneer Hall continually receives maintenance and after 10 years of small updates, the exterior of the building is near completion. Crews have finished repairing each side of the building and will complete the project by rebuilding the main doors.

The north and east exterior doors of the **Agriculture Building** have been renovated. Each custom door is engineered for function and longevity, following accessibility guidelines. The new doors will enable better security and provide weather-proofing to fix previous issues of large gaps and easy-to-pop locks.

Be sure to attend the events at the **Elwell Family Park** during this year's lowa State Fair. The 3rd stage of the multi-phase project adds permanent restroom facilities. These restrooms will be a convenient upgrade for Fairgoers watching the fast-paced and pure adrenaline events.

The Iowa State Fair is a tradition any Iowan can be proud of and the Blue Ribbon Foundation is dedicated to continuing that legacy. Thank you for your support.

PAYMENT AND SALE CONDITIONS

- Payment for all items purchased by the final bidder must be made at the conclusion of the auction event or before the bidder leaves the auction.
- **2.** There will be two options available for payment.
 - a. The payment table will open at 8:30 p.m.

 Cash, check or credit card are the accepted methods of payment at the payment table.
- **b.** Payment may also be initiated through your user profile on the GiveSmart application.
- All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds are available unless a disclaimer is mentioned in an individual package. Package content is sold as is.
- **4.** Buyers claim items by presenting a paid auction receipt to a silent or live auction assistant.
- 5. Auction packages are to be claimed the night of the auction if buyer is present at the event. In the event you cannot remove your purchase, please make arrangements before leaving.
- a. If you are unable to arrange transportation of your purchase because of the package's size, please call the Foundation at 515-262-3111 Ext. 373 to discuss delivery options.
- b. If you were bidding online for a silent auction package and were not present at the event, please plan to pick up your package(s) at one of the following times listed below. Items purchased will not be mailed unless the buyer arranges with the Foundation to pay for shipping and handling. If you have any issues with the published times, please call the Foundation office at 515-262-3111 Ext. 371.

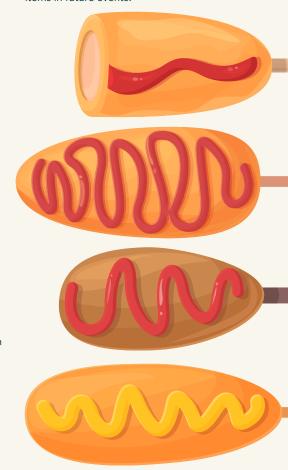
Pick-up times: (Other than Sunday, the location is at the Blue Ribbon Foundation office on the Fairgrounds, north of the Fun Forest and MidAmerican Energy Stage)

Sunday, July 9 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Varied Industries Building, south side

Monday, July 10 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Tuesday, July 11** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6. If the auction packages you won are not picked up by July 28 at 4:30 p.m., or other arrangements have not been made with the Blue Ribbon Foundation, we will consider your items to be a donation back to the Foundation and will use the unclaimed items in future events.



Auction Rules

Please note that auction package content is subject to change from the time of printing. Packages will be sold based on the current description sheets placed next to each item and what is on the mobile bidding app. Contents are sold as is.

Please do not remove or relocate auction items. If you wish to look more closely at an item, please seek the assistance of auction staff or volunteers.

Restrictions and expiration dates do apply on several auction items. Every effort has been made to indicate such on the auction descriptions as accurately as possible; however, the Foundation is not responsible for any restrictions omitted or not otherwise indicated by the donor or prizes not claimed within the scope of the restrictions or expiration dates.

The items and certificates generously donated to the Blue Ribbon Foundation for the auction may not be redeemed for cash or returned to the business for cash or exchanged unless otherwise indicated.

Silent Auction

Bidding on the silent auction will be through the GiveSmart mobile bidding application. A link to the event page for the auction can be found at www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org or use the QR Code.

- To bid, you must register as a bidder on the app and provide the required information, including a valid credit card number. You can view auction packages without signing up as a bidder.
- The silent auction will open for bidding at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 7. Bidding will close at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 8.
- You do not need to be present at the event in order to bid on a silent auction package.
- All packages will be on display at the event for attendees to view.
- All bidders on items containing alcohol or gift certificates for alcohol must be 21 years of age or older. These items must be picked up by someone 21 years of age or older.

live Auction

- 1. The live auction begins at 8:00 p.m. and concludes when all items have been sold.
- To bid, you will need to register for a bid number at the bid card registration table in advance of the live auction. All bidders must have an assigned bidder number.
- Each live auction package has a number. The auctioneer announces the package number and gives a brief description of the items in the package.
- 4. To bid on a package, please raise your bid number for acknowledgment by the auctioneer or ringmen.
- The auctioneer will announce the final bid amount and buyer.



SILENT AUGTION

SILENCE, I KILL YOU!

Four seats in the front row to Jeff Dunham's "The Still Not Canceled Tour" on Tuesday, August 15.

- Your attitude is sure to be good as you laugh along with the antics of Walter, Peanut, Achmed and Bubba J!
- Gate admission for four and a parking pass. Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

BUTTER FINGERS

Help Sarah Pratt sculpt the tail of the 2023 butter cow

- A butter cow pillow will be a souvenir of your experience.
- Gate admission for two and a parking pass. Donated by Sarah Pratt, Karen Brockelsby & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

A SPECIALIZED NATURE HIKE

Take in the great outdoors close to home with this personalized package from the Brenton Arboretum in Dallas Center.

- A one-hour guided hike with the executive director will point out special areas of the arboretum.
- Then enjoy a rare opportunity with a two-hour behind-the-scenes tour with the director of horticulture to see what all goes into keeping nature alive and well.
- A certificate for a 2' tall swamp white oak tree, colorful guides to Iowa plants and pollinators, a 12"x16" gallery wrap of the sunset over the arboretum plus seeds, a coffee mug and a bypass pruner complete the package.

Donated by the Brenton Arboretum

With a lifetime warranty, this Grizzly 40 cooler is the versatile and Roto-tough rot-proof, dent-proof and leak-proof cooler to have.

- A Grizzly Ice Divider will help obtain maximum ice retention while keeping your goods separated.
- Two Grizzly Grip Cans mean business, keeping your beverages cold for up to 4 hours.
- A \$100 Fareway gift card will help pay to fill the cooler for the next outdoor adventure!

Donated by Raccoon Valley Bank

A STATIONARY BIKE

This table is perfect for a biking enthusiast's home décor.

- The framework of the table incorporates a vintage bicycle with support given by iron
- The top is created from stained wood and has a recessed compartment.

Donated by Roger & Kathy Davidson

LAYERS OF YUM!

Enjoy a three-tiered vanilla almond wedding cake with buttercream frosting to be made for your special occasion. Yes that is 9 delicious layers!

- The flower colors may be changed to accommodate your request. Delivery and set up included within a 25-mile radius of Des Moines. Must be used by 7/31/24.
- Since it is hard to wait for cake, enjoy this 8" three layered sample cake to give you an idea how beautiful and delicious your other cake will be.

Donated by Layers of LOVE

SCREAMINGLY GOOD

Based on Tim Burton's dearly beloved film, Beetlejuice tells the story of Lydia Deetz, a strange and unusual teenager whose whole life changes when she meets a recently deceased couple and a demon with a thing for stripes.

- Under its uproarious surface, it's a remarkably touching show about family, love, and making the most of every Day-O!
- Enjoy the show with two tickets to the October 4, 2023 production at the Des Moines Civic Center. Your tickets are for Row R, Seats 53-54. This will be a digital ticket transfer.

Donated by Jeff & Meg Courter

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUMS

While you probably won't find Ben Stiller attending, A Night at the Museums is the theme for one of the 2023 Fair After Dark programs, a 21 year and older, exclusive event on Friday, August 11 at 8:00 p.m.

• Enjoy this fun event with two tickets, as well as gate admission for two and a parking pass.

Donated by the Iowa State Fair & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

LIVEAUGION

1. FABRIC & THREAD

If you're a quilter you've heard of the exclusive line of fabrics made for the All lowa Shop Hop. This year's fabric features the lowa State Fair!

- Treasure this handmade quilt made with the one-of-a-kind fabric's seven whimsical prints. The quilt was designed and made by Fair Board member Deb Zumbach.
- The fabric was designed by Iowa artist Suzanne Aunan based off her 2012 painting honoring the Fair.
- A framed print of Aunan's Iowa State Fair painting will pair nicely with your quilt.

Donated by Shop Hop Inc., Deb Zumbach, Suzanne Aunan & Dot's Gallery & Frame Shop

2. 20/20 VISION

If you are nearsighted, farsighted or have astigmatism, LASIK surgery may offer the vision you want without the constraints of glasses or contacts.

- Wolfe Eye Clinic will perform a bilateral LASIK procedure in either their West Des Moines or Cedar Rapids clinics.
- You'll receive your initial evaluation appointment at any Wolfe Clinic main office; pre- and post-operative medications and drops, the procedure and LASIK-related follow-up visits for one year and enhancement within two years post-op, if necessary.

Donated by Wolfe Eye Clinic

3. WIDE OPEN SPACES

You'll have wide open space to dance and sing your heart out with your friends at The Chicks concert.

- Your seats will be in the Spectator Suite located on the west side of stage seating. The suite offers an air-conditioned area, lower level patio seating and deck seating on top. It's the perfect spot to catch the show and hang out with your friends.
- The package includes 12 concert tickets and 12 gate admission tickets for The Chicks' concert with Ben Harper on Saturday, August 19. This is not a private suite but is limited to 24 people.
- Complimentary water and snacks will be provided in the suite.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

4. THE HAWKEYE STATE

Cheer on the lowa Hawkeyes at two sporting events during the 2023-24 school year.

- Two Press Box Seats and a Kinnick Society parking pass to any one 2023 Big Ten home football game with a "VIP Hawkeye Fan Package" which includes club room access, coaching shirts, hats, a media guide, football calendar and more. Please confirm your preferred game and shirt sizes by August 1.
- Two priority tickets and a priority parking pass to any one 2023-24 Big Ten home men's or women's basketball game with a "VIP Hawkeye Fan Package" including club room access, coaching shirts, hats, media guide and more. Please confirm preferred game and shirt sizes by November 1.
- An lowa themed t-shirt pillow and fan gear show your allegiance to the black and gold.

Donated by University of Iowa Athletic Department, Karen Brockelsby & Authentic Brand

5. A FRESH BAKED PIE

A delicious, homemade pie created by a prize-winning baker. Donated by Elysa Koss

6. AT HOME SPA

Escape to the spa in your own home with a Tylo Infrared sauna room.

- This B-Series 840 low EMR/EF infrared room has prefabricated wall panels which are finished inside and out with clear T & G Canadian Hemlock for a sauna with furniture quality.
- With classic a European design, this rectangular unit offers amazing spaciousness with comfortable seating for four (or more).
- Two large sidelight windows include frosted/etched glass on the lower portion to discreetly hide the bench ends and to add a touch of elegance to the sauna design.
- It is ETL listed as a complete plug-in room for safety and reliability, has the most advanced IR panels on the market and ultra low EMR/EF radiation.

Donated by Hot Springs Spas

7. DESTINATION PRAIRIE TRAIL

The Prairie Trail district of Ankeny is a thriving city within a city. Take some time to discover all it has to offer with this package.

- A one-year membership and two personal training sessions at Legacy Fitness and one month of unlimited classes at Pure Barre will have you in shape in no time!
- For your dining pleasure there are gift cards to enjoy the menus of 30 Hop (\$100) and Whiskey River (\$25).
- The district is full of wonderful boutiques. Stop in and shop at:
- o Eve \$150 gift card for this boutique that curates the right mix of brands from everyday wear to your next special event.
- o Maria Vincent \$100 for this boutique to find the best classic yet modern women's clothing and handcrafted accessories to build the ultimate wardrobe.
- o Purple Poppy \$50 gift card for this unique boutique that wants you to love what you wear.
- o A \$25 gift card from New York Life to use at any store in the area.
- Get a new pair of sunglasses at Prairie
 View Eye Care and hydrate your body with
 2 high-quality IV vitamin infusion sessions
 from Vivid's mobile IV.
- Make it a fun date night out with dinner, then stop into The Operating Room for some pinball and arcade action. Book a night's stay at the Residence Inn to complete the get-away.
- The Olive Tap is providing a gift basket of their featured products.

Donated by 30 Hop, Eve, Legacy Fitness, Maria Vincent Boutique, New York Life, The Olive Tap, The Operating Room, Prairie View Eye Care, Pure Barre, Purple Poppy, Residence Inn, Vivid IV & Whiskey River

8. BY THE OLD COURSE

While playing golf you really don't want sand in your toes but it might be okay if you are golfing in Scotland.

- Stay in one of the most iconic if not THE most iconic - buildings in St. Andrews, Scotland: The Hamilton Grand, a Kohler property. With its iconic red sandstone and distinctive bell-shaped dome, the historic charm and nobility of this prominent landmark awaits.
- The Residence at St. Andrews is the golf lover's dream come true! Tucked directly behind the 18th green of the Old Course and standing tall next to the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, sits The Hamilton Grand.

- The Residence at St. Andrews is a prestigious 2-bedroom, 2.5-bath 1,150 sq. foot flat located on an upper floor of The Hamilton Grand. This property boasts stunning panoramic views of the North Sea and 1st and 18th holes of the Old Course, while providing an all-around luxury experience for golf enthusiasts worldwide.
- Full access to the grand amenities of the Old Course Hotel (including The Dukes Course, and the world-renowned Kohler Waters Spa & Fitness Centre) are included in your package, as well as an exclusive travel liaison to assist with the planning of your ultimate vacation.
- The Four-day, three-night stay is valid for one year with no blackout dates.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

9. ENJOY THE IOWA STATE FAIR AS NEVER BEFORE

You won't just see, you'll truly experience the Iowa State Fair with this package!

- Two tickets to come every day plus a VIP parking pass for the whole Fair!
- Be a judge at the New Foods Contest where you'll sample ten new Fair foods and help pick which three will be featured at the 2023 Iowa State Fair on Wednesday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- There were definitely more than 10 new foods submitted to the Concessions Department. Use \$250 in food coupons and a listing to taste all of the new foods debuting at the 2023 Fair.
- Take in the concert of your choice with two Grandstand concert tickets and enjoy a private tour of the Fairgrounds during the Fair given by Foundation Executive Director Peter Cownie.
- Experience Thrill Park rides with two reloadable wristbands with 35 credits each and two State Fair Value Packs for other thrills plus tickets for the SkyGliders, Ye Old Mill and Giant Slide.
- Be one of the judges in the "Rana Pasta Creations" contest on Friday, August 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- Got milk? See how full your bucket gets as you milk a goat in the Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking contest held on Friday, August 18.
- Either before or after the Fair, have a behind-the-scenes tour of areas not open to the public and hidden gems many don't know about given by the Blue Ribbon Foundation staff.
- To finish it all off, a bag full of Iowa State Fair swag plus an Iowa State Fair t-shirt pillow.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation, the Iowa State Fair, Karen Brockelsby & SkyFair

10. LILYLUSCIOUS

Enjoy the bloom of flowers in your home every season of the year with this stunning painting of Stargazer lilies.

- Bob Kling is a painter, potter, photographer and educator living in Indianola. He is an award-winning art educator at Simpson College and taught at the Indianola High School for 33 years. Bob has a very realistic style of painting and enjoys including his gardens and travels in his art.
- "Lilyluscious" is an original oil on canvas painting measuring 30" x 40".

Donated by Bob Kling

11. CHEER ON THE CARDINAL & GOLD

Cheer on the Iowa State Cyclones at three sporting events during the 2023-24 school

- Two tickets to a Saturday ISU home football game. Your seats are in Club 32, Row 5. Games to select from are September 2 vs UNI; October 7th vs TCU or November 4 vs Kansas.
- Two ISU men's basketball tickets for a Big 12 2023-24 season game. Donor will provide several game dates for winning bidder to select from once the schedule is released.
- Two tickets to an ISU women's 2023-24 basketball game of your choice.
- Shout out your school allegiance with this selection of Iowa State gear. It is loaded with a cooler tote, hats, hoodies, décor, socks, banners, playing cards, coasters, t-shirts and more!

Donated by Todd & Connie Rueter, Bill & Deb Fennelly & the Iowa State University Marketing Department

12. A STICKS ORIGINAL

The Fair-loving artists at Sticks have created another one-of-a-kind work of art specifically for the Corndog Kickoff.

- Original and one-of-a-kind Sticks line art commemorating the Barns of The Fair!
- Hand-drawn and painted on archival paper, and finished with a handmade Sticks frame.

Donated by Sticks Inc.

13. A FRESH BAKED PIE

A delicious, homemade pie created by a prize-winning baker. Donated by Elysa Koss

14. THROW A PARTY

Throw a party for your friends and family with this package.

- The Girls Catering will provide \$500 worth of food and \$200 worth of service to cater your party. Expires 7/29/24. Mutually agreeable dates with black outs for the Iowa State Fair and Spring Break.
- Saints & Sinners, a folk, blues, country and rock band, will play 3 hours at your house concert, backyard or neighborhood venue, winery, wedding reception....whatever you need. Four to six musicians will play (outside weather permitting). Dates to be mutually agreeable and location within 30 miles of Des Moines; use by 7/29/24.
- · Let them eat cake! Dig in to a delicious double layer chocolate cake that serves 40.
- Known for hosting a giant party why not host your event at the lowa State Fairgrounds? The Sheri Avis Horner Pavilion or Alliant Energy Landing, both located east of the Livestock Pavilion, are great spots for entertaining. Dates to be mutually agreeable.

Donated by The Girls Catering, Saints & Sinners, Pennie Carroll Real Estate & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

15. A GOOD EGG

The Big Green Egg is acclaimed as a highquality, versatile and simple to use outdoor cooker. From appetizers and entrees to desserts, you'll enjoy using this Large Egg to handle your roasting, smoking and baking needs.

• The Large Egg has the space to cook a 20-pound turkey, 12 burgers, 8 steaks or 7 racks of ribs vertically.

Donated by Prairie Ag Supply

RAGS TO RICHES

If you have purchased a rag for \$10, you are in the game! Hold your rag up or keep it at your side as the auctioneer flips a coin. The last person standing receives a cash reward. For official game rules, please refer to the description on page 5 of your auction book.

16. A GOLDEN TICKET

Love the Iowa State Fair? Planning on coming every year? Then this is the package for you.

- Buy yourself a Golden Ticket which provides gate admission and parking for one person for the rest of your life. Yep, you'll never have to buy an Iowa State Fair ticket or parking pass for yourself again -
- It is as simple as reaching out to the Blue Ribbon Foundation in June and letting us know that you want your wristband and general admission parking pass sent

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

17. IT'S SPOOKY

Test your paranormal courage by exploring several of lowa's most haunted places.

- Vinton Pick your scare from three paranormal tours offered by the Benton County Historical Society at the Horridge House and Vinton Train Depot. Options include a private overnight paranormal investigation for eight people at the Horridge House & Vinton Train Depot; a guided overnight of the Horridge House for eight; or a day tour for up to ten.
- Scotch Grove Are you ready for an overnight ghost hunt at Edinburgh Manor, one of the most haunted places in the Midwest? We sure hope so as you have an overnight investigation for up to five people. Edinburgh Manor was a mental asylum built on the former poor farm, where those who died there were buried. Maybe you'll meet their infamous "Joker" near his padded room. Available Sunday - Thursday dates; may add additional people for \$50 per person.
- Strawberry Point Built in 1903, enjoy an overnight stay at the historic Franklin Hotel.
- Malvern Featured on Paranormal Lockdown, Malvern Manor has lots of visitors – living and ghostly. Enjoy a day tour of the Malvern Manor for you and 10 guests plus an overnight stay.
- Villisca Visit one of the most infamous and haunted sites in Iowa, the Villisca Ax Murder House. Six people can take an afternoon tour, Tuesday - Sunday, 1:00 -
- Chelsea Periwinkle Place Manor used to be a funeral parlor. Enjoy an overnight Horror or Ghost Hunt event where mystery meets history. Expires 11/30/2023.
- · Council Bluffs Built in 1885, the Squirrel Cage Jail (aka Pottawattamie Co. Jail) was in continuous use until 1969. The only one of its kind, the jail has three floors of

revolving pie-shaped cells inside a cage. As a maximum security jail for that long, one can only imagine the ghosts it has! Enjoy a four-hour investigative tour for four. The investigation runs from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

- · Be ready for these ghostly adventures with several books about haunted locations, an EVP recorder and an EMF detector.
- Since you have a few overnights, a "Spooky" throw and pillow might be nice to cuddle into - or pull over your head.
- This trip will take you all over Iowa, use \$200 in Casey's gift cards for gas.

Donated by the Benton County Historical Society, Edinburgh Manor, The Franklin Hotel, Malvern Manor, Squirrel Cage Jail, Villisca Murder House, Gene & Danyell Klein, Casey & Candi Patras & Casey's

18. A CARIBBEAN GET-AWAY

In keeping with our sand in your toes theme, there has to be a package with a beach. We think we've provided one that will knock your socks off!

- A seven-night stay at Blue Island Villa will take your breath away with its turquoise waters that sparkle amidst the white sand beaches of the Turks & Caicos.
- This luxury home features seven designer decorated suites, all with private bathrooms and some with private balconies. The panoramic views from anywhere in the house will take your breath away! Each room has a television, along with complimentary Wi-Fi to help you stay connected while in paradise.
- Blue Island Villa, features approximately 7,250 square feet of unparalleled waterfront living space. The home comes with a house manager and daily cleaning staff.
- Residing in a secluded Providenciales community adjacent to Chalk Sound National Park, you can spend your day lounging by your very own waterfront private pool with an outdoor kitchen area, several spacious deck areas as well as a private boat dock perfect for kayaking on the Chalk Sound. Kayaks are provided with your stay.
- You can also consult with your house manager to plan fun-filled days with activities such as snorkeling, scuba diving to the most amazing reefs, caves, grottos or wrecks, horseback riding, island hopping tours, and more!
- All stays are Saturday to Saturday and good for one year. Excludes all holidays.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

19. IT'S NOT YOUR ORDINARY PICNIC

Pamper yourself with a picnic for eight that you don't have to pull together.

- The Traveling Basket will set up the perfect arrangement of pillows, blankets and throws to create a magical setting for your celebration.
- Your package includes custom made taller tables with luxury pouf seating, place settings and decor. This extravagant experience will also include an over-thetop photo backdrop.
- A charcuterie meal will provide the perfect picnic feast.
- Don't have a location in mind? The lowa State Fairgrounds would have a quiet nook or two to play host for your picnic.

Donated by The Traveling Basket, Sisters In Cheese & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

20. UNDER PRESSURE

You'll be a cleaning machine with a new Hotsy gas powered pressure washer.

- The HD 3.0/27 G is a modular cold water pressure washer with corrosionresistant aluminum frame. The wheels can be removed allowing for easy trailer mounting.
- Direct drive commercial duty pump powered by a reliable Honda GX engine with cleaning power of 2700 PSI @ 3.0 GPM.
- Features flat-free tires, a durable VTR3 unloader with bypass loop, and a 50-ft hose.
- You can start cleaning right away with one gallon of commercial grade detergent.

Donated by Hotsy Cleaning Systems

21. SPORTING ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERY SEASON

This package is perfect for entertaining groups of friends or clients no matter what time of year!

- For the summer months, enjoy an lowa Cubs baseball game with 20 tickets in the Katecho suite at Principal Park. Select from any available dates for the 2023 season.
- During the winter, take your child's basketball team to enjoy an Iowa Wolves game with 12 tickets in Katecho's suite at Wells Fargo Arena. Select from any available 2023-24 season games.
- Since winter is so long, have another outing in the Katecho suite at Wells Fargo Arena with 12 tickets to watch the Iowa Wolves play. Select from any available 2023-24 season games.
- In the spring, take in a Barnstormers game with 12 tickets in Katecho's suite at Wells Fargo Arena. Select from any available 2024 season games.

Donated by Katecho

22. TOUGH CROWD

Jason Aldean won't find a tough crowd when he takes the stage at the Iowa State Fair Grandstand, especially with you and 11 friends in the audience!

- Your seats will be in the Spectator Suite located on the west side of stage seating. The suite offers an air-conditioned area, lower level patio seating and deck seating on top. It's the perfect spot to catch the show and hang out with your friends.
- The package includes 12 concert tickets and 12 gate admission tickets for Jason Aldean's concert with Corey Kent on Sunday, August 20. This is not a private suite but is limited to 24 people.
- Complimentary water and snacks will be provided in the suite.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

23. AN AMAZING GRIDDLE

Start your griddle adventure and expand your grilling possibilities with a flat top griddle made of solid rolled steel.

- This Blackstone 4-burner liquid propane outdoor griddle has a 720 sq. inch cooking area allowing you to feed the masses or cook an entire meal on one surface.
- The 36" griddle has four independently controlled heat zones allowing you to cook multiple items at different temperatures.
- It comes with an electronic ignition system, four tubular burners, a hood, dual folding shelves, magnetic utensil retention strip and pivoting paper towel holder.
- A selection of spices and rubs made by B & G Foods will elevate your grilling.
- Weber grilling utensils, mitt, apron and grilling spray provide all the tools you'll need to get started.

Donated by Chris & Margo Fox and B & G Foods – Tones Spices

24. A FRESH BAKED PIE

A delicious, homemade pie created by a prize-winning baker. Donated by Kathy Gocke – Foggy Bottoms Farm

25. EAT LOCAL

Take pressure off needing to go to the grocery store with this package of locally produced items.

- Have plenty of meat in your freezer with a side of beef and a half a hog raised by the Latcham family of Hedrick and processed by the Leighton Locker in Leighton, IA. Buyer will need to pick up the meat from the locker once processing is complete.
- Enjoy one 2024 Farm Share Half package from Black's Heritage Farm near Ames. It includes a weekly basket of locally grown fresh vegetables delivered to your home once a week for 22 weeks, May - October. Delivery valid for those living in the Ames, Ankeny, Des Moines and Polk City area.

Donated by Tony & Joy Latcham & Black's Heritage Farm

26. GETTING AROUND

Here's your opportunity to bring a golf cart onto the grounds with a 2023 lowa State Fair golf cart registration sticker.

- An all-Fair VIP parking pass for the lot to the east of the Livestock Pavilion will provide easy access to your golf cart which can safely be left at the Blue Ribbon Foundation's hospitality area.
- Two wristbands provide easy admission to the Fair and a bag of swag gets you appropriately outfitted.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

27. A CONCERT SERIES

Can't decide what concert to go to? Why not all of them?

- Have your own Concert Club area in the Grandstand at the 2023 Iowa State Fair with eight seats to each of the eleven concerts. Your tickets are in stage seating, section C10, row 28, seats 1-8.
- The headlining acts include For King +
 Country, Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia
 Line, New Kids on the Block, Eric Church,
 the Black Keys, Jeff Dunham, Lindsey
 Stirling, Maren Morris, Ludacris, The
 Chicks and Jason Aldean.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

28. JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR

Come be part of the Church Choir as you enjoy Eric Church's first time headlining at the Iowa State Fair Grandstand.

- Your seats will be in the Spectator Suite located on the west side of stage seating. The suite offers an air-conditioned area, lower level patio seating and deck seating on top. It's the perfect spot to catch the show and hang out with your friends.
- The package includes 12 concert tickets and 12 gate admission tickets for Eric Church's concert with Jackson Dean on Sunday, August 13. This is not a private suite but is limited to 24 people.
- Complimentary water and snacks will be provided in the suite.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

29. BETTER THAN BEACHFRONT!

This camping spot is better than beachfront property because you are camped in the heart of the action!

- New for 2023, this camping space is located on a concrete pad just north of the Oman Family Youth Inn.
- Winnebago is providing a move in ready RV for the duration of the Fair.
- Two admission wristbands, allowing for 11 days of entry, are included as are two parking passes for your campsite.
- You'll also have several tickets to ride the Sky Glider, Ye Old Mill and the Giant Slide.
- Commemorate your 2023 lowa State Fair with an old-fashioned 8" x 10" portrait for up to four people. You can select a matted or poster format and get 5" x 7" cameos of each individual. Valid only at the 2023 lowa State Fair.
- A keepsake pillow constructed using an lowa State Fair t-shirt.

Donated by Winnebago Industries, Karen Brockelsby, Old Time Portraits & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

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