

## Fourth Quarter (Q4) 2023 ISSUES LIST

October 1

**(Iowa History)** -- The Iowa State Historical building is unveiling renovations. Jeff Morgan explains the upgrades and changes that will protect artifacts.

Mike Hildebrand, Riverbend Neighborhood Assn.  
Adam Thoms, ISU Extension Turfgrass Specialist, drought  
Suzanne Slack, ISU Extension Fruit Crop Specialist, drought  
Emma Hannigan, Iowa DNR Urban Forester, drought, fall colors  
Kristina Tobockhorst, ISU Extension Agricultural Engineer, harvest safety

October 8th

**(Blood supply)** -- The LifeServe Blood Center is running dangerously low on nearly all blood types. Shay Willis says donors are strongly encouraged to make an appointment.

Jerry McKeen, Des Moines Area Community College, FAFSA changes  
Kathy Coady, Hope Ministries, Thanksgiving plans  
Annette Hacker, Food Bank of Iowa, rising demand  
Dr. John Ahrendsen, Iowa native/Antarctic researcher

October 15<sup>th</sup>

**(Israel support)** -- Des Moines residents gathered for a rally for U.S. ally Israel after the attacks by Hamas. Jered Bernstein, Jewish Federation of Des Moines elaborates on the impact and consequences for local residents.

Joe Murphy, Iowa Business Council econ report  
Mike Nag, Iowa Ag Sec. Avian influenza update  
Tina Greenfield, Iowa DOT winter prep  
Andrew Gogerty, Reiman Gardens, Ames, fall preview  
Andy Bartlett, Ledges State Park, Boone, fall preview  
Zach Schumm, Iowa State University, spiders

October 22<sup>th</sup>

**(Indigent care)** -- Polk County-supported Broadlawns Medical Center has unveiled its newly-renovated pediatric clinic. Dr. Anthony Coleman, Dr. Abigail Allard, and Danny Beyer, of Variety the Children's Charity discuss the project as well as the community's support.

Stu Anderson, Iowa DOT electric charging stations planned  
Doug Ommen, Iowa Insurance Division Fraud Fighters event preview  
Jan Herke, City of Urbandale, coyote management  
Andy Kelner, Iowa DNR, coyote management

October 29<sup>th</sup>

**(Des Mayor's race)** -- Des Moines residents will soon choose a new mayor. Reporter Keegan Turnbough met with the candidates to hear their "elevator pitch."

Sabrina Chu, Des Moines University health fair preview  
Ted Corrigan, Des Moines Water Works, lead pipe replacement  
Doug Jacobson, ISU Cybersecurity ambassadors wanted  
Bill Schmitt, Ames Resource Recovery Plant, pumpkin disposal

November 5<sup>th</sup>

**(econ development)** -- Many of Iowa's small towns are getting a boost from Main Street grants. Katie Mason of Coon Rapids describes how the state assistance is helping her community.

Brett Tjepkes, Governor's Traffic Safety grants  
Bill Schmitt, Ames Resource Recovery Center, pumpkin disposal  
Rob Denson, DMACC President unveils new brand, logo  
Vince Evelsizer, Iowa DNR gray fox declines

November 12<sup>th</sup>

**(lung cancer)** -- New lung cancer screenings were announced this month. Dr. Shray Velani, Mercy One Pulmonologist, talks about the newest recommendations.

Janna Day, State Child Safety Coordinator  
Monica Converse, (ICON) Iowa Confluence Water Trails.  
Emily Grier, Metro Waste Authority fall Compost It! Program  
Doug Jacobson, Iowa State University Cybersecurity Ambassadors  
Stuart Anderson, Iowa DOT electric charging stations

November 19<sup>th</sup>

**(election security)** -- Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate describes cybersecurity steps taken to protect elections.

Don Tormey, Iowa Utilities Board  
Scott Neubauer, Iowa DOT bridge engineer  
Dr. Eric Sidwell, Unity Point Des Moines Trauma Surgeon, rural health care  
Elizabeth Keest-Sedral, Living History Farms events

November 26<sup>th</sup>

**(scams)** -- The Iowa State Auditor's office is reminding Iowans to report potential fraud. State Auditor Rob Sand and the Association of Fraud Examiners are warning about social media scams.

Brian Ohrliko, Iowa Racing and Gaming, Sports gambling in Iowa  
Jessica Dunker, Iowa Restaurant Association  
Tamyra Harrison, Salvation Army-Des Moines Red Kettle program  
Sgt. Alex Dinkla, Iowa State Patrol speed demons/holiday traffic

2023 December Focus

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**(Salvation Army)** -- The Salvation Army in Des Moines has been raising money through its annual Red Kettle program. Tamyra Harrison, Salvation Army-Des Moines discusses their goals for the season.

Dr. Sarah Parrott, Des Moines University, seasonal vaccine push.  
Kayla Kovarna, Des Moines Int'l Airport travel trends  
Andrew Gogurty, Reiman Gardens, Ames Winter Wonderscape  
Russ Benedict, Central College Biology Professor bird killing windows

December 10<sup>th</sup>

**(Methodist Split)** -- The United Methodist church has approved the disaffiliation of dozens of Methodist churches, over a disagreement regarding church doctrine and LGBTQ related policies. Andrew Houpp interviews Altoona Methodist church Pastor John Gaulke.

Lance Henning, Habitat for Humanity, new campaign, 2024 goals  
Jamie Cook, Iowa DNR deer hunting season  
Blake Willadson, Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry system

December 17<sup>th</sup>

**(Child Cancer)** Dr. Wendy Woods, Unity Point Health-Des Moines. Child cancer treatment trials. Blank Children's Hospital has received a grant from the St. Baldrick's Foundation, to expand the number of children who can be enrolled in clinical trials

Todd Omstead, Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, impaired driving prevention  
Tommy Ross, Central Iowa Shelter & Services, increased demand.

Jessica Lown, Polk County Conservation, winter events  
Renaë Mauk, Greater Des Moines Partnership, downtown foot traffic

December 24th

**(Iowa Heroes)** -- Several Iowans have been recognized for heroic actions. Caleb Crocker, Andrew Krieg, and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office were honored at a ceremony in Des Moines this week.

A Civil War veteran's remains will be interred by the Final Salute organization in Des Moines  
Madison VanGundy, Polk County Health, seasonal vaccine rates are low  
Heather Johnson, American Lung Association-Des Moines Fight For Air Climb preview

December 31

**(obesity)** -- There's growing demand for new weight loss drugs. Dr. Leon Jons, U of IA HealthCare is an internal medicine at UI Healthcare Weight Management Clinic. He says the new drugs are game changer for those facing serious health issues including heart attacks and strokes.

Shay Willis, LifeServe Blood Center, donations needed  
Heather Butterfield, Iowa Donor Network, Iowans honored in Rose Parade  
Clint Peterson, Ledges State Park First Day Hike  
Russ Benedict, Central College Pella, winter bird watching  
Sgt. Alex Dinkla, Iowa State Patrol "Tis the Season To Drive Sober" campaign