

# Cedar Falls Hospitality Highlights

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*Mission of the Bureau: To foster, promote, market, and service our community as a quality destination for visitors.*



## Cedar Falls has been named one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations!

This national designation recognizes the community for offering cultural and recreational experiences different from the typical vacation destination. The Downtown District features dynamic shopping, dining, and recreational opportunities.

Now that the announcement has been made, we're moving into the next phase of the project and that's where YOU come in. The National Trust is offering a friendly competition among honorees through an on-line voting system. We're currently in fourth place and that has *never* been good enough for us, so let's show the country what Iowan's are made of and push ourselves to the front! **You can vote multiple times so visit [www.cedarfalls-downtown.com](http://www.cedarfalls-downtown.com) and follow the links to VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN!** We're also encouraging you to share this with your friends and neighbors, engage your personal and professional Facebook pages, and use whatever other tools you have to help us along.

★ **Restoration construction of the Ice House Museum begins today!** An exciting plan including dynamic new exhibits especially designed for the unique structure were proposed by Split Rock Studios and accepted by the Cedar Falls Historical Society board of directors. We look forward to reopening "*the coolest museum in Iowa*" very soon!

★ **Congrats to Maria Wharton Murphy, Brian Ossian, and Neil Soppe of the Holiday Inn in Cedar Falls on their recent awards at the Kinseth Hospitality Companies Leadership Conference!** Maria and Brian were awarded the Perseverance & Team Work Awards. Brian was the recipient of the Financial Award, and Maria received the Sales Excellence & Over 105% of Total Sales (117%) and the Service Recognition Awards! Neil also received the Service Recognition Award.

★ In addition to the traditional Dixieland Jazz music offered at the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival, plans are under way to add to the fun. **This year's Festival "ain't just for your daddy anymore!" Boss Grant and The Johnny Cash Review has committed to playing at on Saturday night, June 26th from 9:30pm to 11:30pm.** Check out their review at [www.johnnycashband.com](http://www.johnnycashband.com) and help spread the word!



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## Upcoming Events

- 11-13 **The Northern Festival of Bands** Gallagher-Bluedorn, 273-4849
- 12,14,20 **Waterloo Black Hawks** Young Arena, 7 pm, 232-3444
- 12-14 **Eastern Iowa Home Improvement and Landscaping Show** Five Sullivan Brothers, Waterloo, 232-0218
- 12 **Wild About the Child: A Wine & Chocolate Affair** Sky Event Centre, Waterloo, 5:30 pm, 266-9994
- 13 **Blues Blowout** Electric Park, Waterloo, 8 pm. 515-725-1700
- 13 **UNI Women's Basketball vs Bradley** McLeod Center, 3 pm, 273-4849
- 13 **Island Park Beach House Party** The Hub, 4 pm. [www.islandparkbeachhouse.org](http://www.islandparkbeachhouse.org)
- 13 **Black Gold: A Film About Coffee and Trade** UNI Museum, 273-2188
- 16 **UNI Men's Basketball vs Creighton** McLeod Center, 7 pm. 273-4849
- 18 **Dollar Days** Phelps Youth Pavilion, 10 am, 291-4490
- 18-19 **Winter Dance Party** Gallagher-Bluedorn, 7:30 pm, 273-4849
- 19-28 **Moon Over Buffalo** Oster Regent, 277-5283
- 20-21 **E/xpo in the UNI-Dome-Indoor Electric Radio-Controlled Fun-Fly** [www.expodome.org](http://www.expodome.org)
- 20 **Arti Gras** Waterloo Center for the Arts 5:30 pm, 291-4490
- 20-21 **West Regionals** UNI-WRC, [blast.usswim.net](http://blast.usswim.net)
- 23 **Wartburg Artist Series - America/ Amerique: History of Immigration in America** Wartburg, Waverly, 352-8691

For a complete listing of events, visit [www.cedarfallstourism.org](http://www.cedarfallstourism.org)

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