

## ALGONA

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www.algona.org

**Nov/Dec:** *POW Nativity Scene*; POW Museum built by German POW's open from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm weekdays. Sundays and Christmas Day 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm; closes at 6:00 pm December 31.

**Nov 21-24:** *City-wide Holiday Open Houses.*

**Nov 25:** *Live Greeting Card Windows*; Windows come alive with Holiday scenes, strolling entertainment, and horse-drawn wagon rides.

**Nov 25:** *Tacos for Tots*; Annual fundraiser held at the Methodist Church from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Nov 30-Dec 14, 19, 21:** *Santa at the Theatre*; Visit Santa in his house at State 5 Theatre, Saturdays 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, and Thursday, Dec 19 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Dec 7:** *Santa's Family Workshop*; Held at the United Methodist Church from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

**Dec 8:** *Carols and Candlelight*; Held at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 101 North Main Street, at 3:00 pm. The choir will be singing special holiday music. All are welcome.

**Dec 14-15:** *Santa Land*; Vintage trees, lights, decorations, and several Santa Clauses displayed in a Victorian home at 1301 210th Street (1 mile south of Snap-On or 1 mile east of Kum & Go and West on McGregor St.). Visit times are 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, or by appointment.



## BANCROFT

www.bancroftiowa.com

**Nov 14-16:** *Nyman TV and Furniture Christmas Open House.*

**Nov 22:** *Farmers & Traders Savings Bank Pumpkin Pie Day.*

**Nov 9:** *St. John's Parish Bazaar*; Many great bazaar events. Food, fun, and games.

**Nov 25-Dec 20:** *Chamber of Commerce 'Wrap it Up in Bancroft'*; Shop in Bancroft and be eligible to win Bancroft Bucks each week.

**Dec 1:** *Many Voices Christmas Carol Concert and Soup Supper*; at St. John's Catholic Church from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Dec 4:** *Christmas Open House at spa dee dah, too!* From 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Dec 4:** *Christmas Open House at Hager Food*; from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Dec 4:** *Christmas Open House at Wrangling Grace Café*; from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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**Dec 5:** *Chamber of Commerce Christmas Kickoff Evening Light Parade*; Begins at 6:30 pm.

**Dec 5:** *Christmas Open House at the Bancroft Register*; from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Dec 6:** *Open House at the Bancroft Library*; from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Dec 7:** *Santa is coming to Bancroft*; Give Santa your wish list at the Bancroft Public Library. Christmas stories told from 10:00 am to 10:30 am. Santa will arrive at 10:30 am with treats for the children. Hayrides will be available after Santa, weather permitting. Christmas cookie decorating at Main Street Pub and Grill from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**Dec 8:** *Christmas Open House with Santa Claus at Farmers & Traders Savings Bank*; from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**Dec 10:** *Open House at the Heritage Nursing Home and Stonebridge Suites*; Holiday Bingo, cookies, and drinks from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Dec 12:** *Christmas Open House at Bancroft Liquor*

## BANCROFT CONTINUED:

**Dec 14:** *Holiday Gift Wrapping*; At the Heritage Nursing Home and Stonebridge Suites from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Let us help you with your last minute gift wrapping. Free will donation.

## BURT

www.burtiowa.com

**Nov 10:** *Burt VFW Breakfast*; Annual fundraiser. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage breakfast served at the Burt Community Center from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Nov 17:** *Burt Lions Club Omelet Breakfast*; Annual fundraiser. Omelets, fruit, cinnamon rolls and drinks served at the Burt Activity Complex from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Dec 1:** *Burt Presbyterian Church 'Christmas in the Barn.'* Begins at 4:30 pm at the Mark and Mary Behrends residence (604 370th Street, Lone Rock).

**Dec 6:** *Burt Public Library Holiday Open House*; From 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Dec 7:** *Burt Business Appreciation Christmas Coffee and Lion's Club Santa Day*; A Christmas coffee will be hosted by Burt businesses with prize drawings at the Burt Activity Complex from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The Burt Lions Club will host a visit from Santa and provide bags of candy for the children. The Burt Fire Department will also give fire truck rides. A Christmas parade begins at 5:00 pm followed by an outside lighting contest. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm followed by a dance later in the evening where the lighting contest winner will be announced.

**Dec 8:** *Burt Presbyterian Church Christmas Caroling*; at 5:00 pm followed by a family potluck at 6:00 pm.

**Dec 13:** *Security State Bank Holiday Open House*; From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Dec 15:** *Burt Presbyterian Church Sunday School Christmas Program*; during their 10:30 am worship service.

**Dec 24:** *Burt Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service*; at 5:00 pm.

**Dec 24:** *St. John's Lutheran Church Children's Christmas Program*; at 6:00 pm.



## EMMETSBURG

www.emmetsburg.com

**Nov 1:** *Ducks Unlimited Banquet*; at the VFW. Contact Brian Garrels for tickets (712) 852-3186.

**Nov 1:** *Lost Island Nature Center Book Discussion*; on the book, 'Up on the River' by John Madsen, at the Emmetsburg Public Library.

**Nov 2:** *Holiday Expo Craft and Bake Sale*; Held at the VFW from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Nov 4:** *PAC Conservation*; Presents bird researcher and speaker, Kelly McKay, on Birding Internationally and the Christmas Bird Count Marathon at 7:00 pm at the Lost Island Nature Center.

**Nov 20:** *Emmetsburg Firemen's Feather Party*; Held at the VFW at 7:00 pm.

**Nov 29:** *Emmetsburg Retail Association's Home for the Holidays Event*; Lighted parade at 6:00 pm followed with Santa visits, horse-drawn hayrides and an open house at the Fire Hall.

**Nov 30:** *Christmas Open House*; At the Iowa Store at the Wild Rose Casino and Resort. Pictures with Santa and music by the Cornbelt Chorus.

**Dec 8:** *Catholic Daughters of America Pancake Breakfast*; by the Kiwanis Club at the VFW from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**Dec 14:** *Mel Tillis Holiday Show*; Held at the Wild Rose Casino and Resort. Show times are 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$15. Must be 21 years of age and have a Wild Rose Player's Club Card to attend.

**Dec 15:** *Annual Hospice Tree Lighting*; Held at the Palo Alto County Hospital.



## GRAETTINGER

[www.graettinger.net](http://www.graettinger.net)

**Nov 19-Dec 27:** *Country Christmas Store*; Over 30 vendors of homespun crafts of all kinds. Store hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday.

**Dec 5:** *Graettinger Holiday Stroll*; Hosted by the Graettinger Business Club from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Stop into area businesses for complimentary food, Christmas music, and to see Santa.

**Dec 7:** *Annual Santa Claus Day*; Santa visit, soup luncheon, fun and games for kids, and a drawing to be held. Hosted by the Graettinger Business Club at the American Legion building from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 1:00 pm.

## LAKOTA

<http://www.ncn.net/~lakota>

**Nov 2:** *Lakota Fall Festival*; Held at the Lakota Eagle Center, 401 Smith Street.

**Nov 10:** *Wounded Warrior Banquet*; Begins at 5:30 pm at the Lakota Eagle Center. Veterans and surviving spouses are invited to attend. RSVP by November 1.

**Nov 10:** *Lakota Ambulance Soup Dinner*; from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Lakota Eagle Center, 401 Smith Street.

## MALLARD

[www.mallardiowa.com](http://www.mallardiowa.com)

**Dec 7:** *Ladies Holiday Luncheon*; Held at the Mallard Community Center. Doors open at 9:30 am with 6 vendors available. Luncheon starts at 11:30 am. Must have a ticket to enter.

## RUTHVEN

[www.ruthvenlostisland.com](http://www.ruthvenlostisland.com)

**Nov 17:** *Ruthven American Legion Post 33*; Pancake, sausage, and egg breakfast at Legion Hall from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Free will offering.

**Dec 14:** *Santa Claus Visit*; Santa arrives at 10:30 am featuring Christmas songs and a story. Children meet with Santa and receive a gift at the American Legion.

## TITONKA

[www.titonka.com](http://www.titonka.com)

**Dec 7:** *Christmas in Titonka*; Cookie pail sale, Santa, soup supper, and many give-a-ways.

## WEST BEND

[www.westbendiowa.com](http://www.westbendiowa.com)

**Dec 12:** *Holiday Concert*; Grades K-4 at West Bend-Mallard School in Mallard at 7:00 pm.

**Dec 13:** *Holiday Open House*; Sponsored by West Bend Chamber of Commerce. Merchant specials & drawings. Stores open 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Soup and pie supper at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Dec 14:** *Santa Day*; At West Bend Public Library from 9:00 pm to 11:00 am. Cookie decorating, crafts, stories, games, and gifts from Santa.

**Dec 14:** *Holiday Open House*; Sponsored by West Bend Chamber of Commerce. Merchant specials and drawings. Stores open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Dec 14:** *Live Nativity and Caroling*; At the Grotto of the Redemption. Will begin at 1:00 pm.

**Dec 15:** *Tour of Homes*; Sponsored by West Bend Historical Society. From 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Tickets will be sold at the Historical Museum.

**Dec 17:** *Winter Concert*; Grades 5-12. at the West Bend-Mallard School in West Bend at 7:00 pm

## WHITTEMORE

[www.whittemoreiowa.com](http://www.whittemoreiowa.com)

**Nov 5:** *Election Night Soup Supper*; Serving several delicious homemade soups with crackers and dessert from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish Center. Sponsored by Friends of the Whittemore Public Library.

**Nov 10:** *American Legion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast*; Members of the Seely-Walsh Post 425 of the American Legion serve pancakes, fried eggs, two kinds of sausage, toast and a drink from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at 601 Broad Street.

**Nov 16:** *Spaghetti Supper by Sons of the American Legion*; Spaghetti Supper with two different homemade sauces, a lettuce salad, and dessert are served from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Legion Hall. Free will donation. All proceeds go to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

**Nov 21:** *Annual Feather Party*; Hosted by members of the Whittemore Fire Department and Ambulance Service. Frozen turkeys and bacon can be won along with numerous raffle prizes. Games start at 6:30 pm.

**Dec 6:** *"It's A Wonderful Life in Whittemore"*; Broad Street businesses decorate and host their annual Christmas Open House from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Door prizes and refreshments are served. Santa meets with the children in the lobby of Farmers State Bank.

**Dec 21:** *Santa Claus Day*; Children are invited to visit Santa one last time. Santa appears at the Whittemore American Legion at 10:00 am. All children will receive a sack of candy.

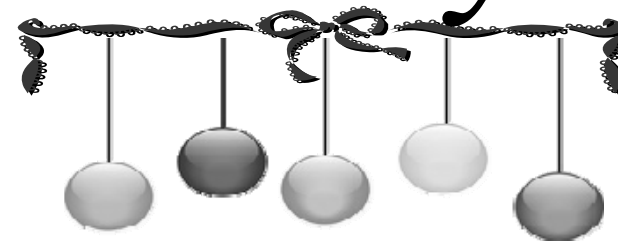
**Dec 21:** *Merchant's Holiday Drawing*; Holiday prize drawings donated by local businesses and individuals. The drawing begins at 11:00 am at the American Legion. Must be 18 years old and present to win. Limit one prize per household.

Dates are subject to change, so please visit:

[www.kossuth-edc.com](http://www.kossuth-edc.com) and

[www.paloaltoiowa.com](http://www.paloaltoiowa.com) before traveling, or contact the office at 515-295-7979.

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