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JULY 25 - 27, 2024

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RESOURCES

- **DOWNTOWN DECORAH MAP** / See back cover. This map details Nordic Fest grounds and utilized locations.
- **BEVERAGE GARDEN AND CANOPY 1** / Located on the 500 Block of West Water Street. Ample seating, family-friendly environment, easy access to the Visitor Center and Vesterheim Campus.
- **FAMILY FRIENDLY PUBLIC RESTROOMS** / Located at the Decorah Visitor Center Thursday - Saturday and ArtHaus during activity hours (Friday 1-7 PM and Saturday 1-7 PM). Portable units at various locations around town.
- **FIRST AID** / For emergencies, call 911. Basic supplies are available at the main information center, 563-382-3990.
- **HANDICAP PARKING** / Located on Court Street and Winnebago Street.
- **LOST & FOUND** / At the Decorah Police Station at City Hall, 563-382-3667.
- **LUTHER COLLEGE CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY SHUTTLE** / Free shuttle service between downtown Decorah and Luther's campus! Shuttle hours: Thursday 4PM-8PM, Friday & Saturday 8AM-8PM. Pick-up and Drop-off at Luther College - Dahl Centennial Union and Decorah Bank & Trust Downtown.
- **SONS OF NORWAY INFORMATION TENT** / District 1 Sons of Norway Information Tent located near the corner of Winnebago and Water Streets.

NORDIC FEST POLICIES

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- **DOGS & OTHER PETS** / Must be leashed. Decorah's Animal Waste Ordinance will be enforced.
- **"NO PARKING" RESTRICTIONS** / Cars must be parked outside of the Nordic Fest grounds Thursday - Saturday, as well as outside of the entire parade route Saturday. See map on back cover. Strictly enforced.
- **OPEN CONTAINERS** / Public consumption of alcoholic beverages and open containers are only allowed in designated areas, like the Nordic Fest Beverage Garden, per city ordinance. Strictly enforced.
- **SEVERE WEATHER** / The community siren will run for at least three minutes if severe weather arises; please take shelter at the closest available building. Consult a member of the NF Board for additional assistance and direction.
- **TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS** / The use of bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller skates & roller blades are prohibited on Fest grounds. All golf carts must be licensed as official Nordic Fest vehicles. No other carts are allowed.

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Support Nordic Fest with this delicious Norwegian treat and bottled water sold in front of the Oneota Community Co-op Kitchen Classroom.



Flags at Nordic Fest



NORWAY



SWEDEN



ICELAND



FINLAND



DENMARK



SÁPMI

Northern Europe's only indigenous people call themselves Sámi. Although reindeer herding historically made up a significant portion of their economy, the Sámi are not just "reindeer people." Of the 80,000 Sámi living across northern Scandinavia today, only 10% make their living from reindeer.

The flag for Sápmi (the Sámi name for their homelands in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Kola Peninsula of Russia) was designed by Astrid Båhl of Skibotn, Troms, Norway, and was approved at the 13th Nordic Sámi Convention in 1986. The four colors of the flag were taken from colors used traditionally in Sámi clothing called gákti and reflect the primary colors of nature. The flag's circle stands for the sun and the moon, with the red portion representing the sun and the blue portion the moon.

Nordic Fest 2024 Honorees



2024 Nordic Fest Skål Recipient -

Jeni Holtan Grouws



The Nordic Fest Skål Recipient is an individual or individuals who have demonstrated exceptional and continuing support of the Fest.

Since 2009, Jeni Holtan Grouws has contributed to the spirit and sound of Nordic Fest through integral roles -- serving as a Nordic Dancer Director for 10 years, a Nordic Fest Board Member for 6+ years, and as a musician -- with three different bands -- in the festival's entertainment lineup each year for the last 14 years.

Jeni first experienced Nordic Fest in 1996, with enthusiastic encouragement from her parents to make sure to see the Nordic Dancers -- a group that was noted for being unique compared to other festivals' offerings and traditions. Impressed from the start, Jeni later found herself saying "yes" to becoming a Nordic Dancers Director, following her daughter Ella's successful audition to join the group. Her daughter Lillian also joined, as a member of the Nordic Dancer Orchestra. Jeni notes, "I'm very proud to have been a part of that group. The Nordic Dancers really are special and people so often forget they are just kids, who are busy, but continue to get up there and carry on a tradition that is emblematic of Decorah."

In addition to her Nordic Dancers involvement, Jeni served on the Nordic Fest Board as the Entertainment Chair and the Nordic Dancers Liaison. Through the roles, Jeni coordinated the yearly Nordic Fest entertainment lineup and actively worked to expand the diversity and range of offerings. She shares, "By being on a non-profit board, and by serving at events, you are helping to create special opportunities and an economic advantage for the community...it's easy to let other people do it, but at some point you have to say -- when is it my turn to give back?"

At Nordic Fest, Jeni highly recommends trying the meatballs, available at the food booth sponsored by Decorah High School Cross Country. As for events, she of course recommends taking in the free music and entertainment, and making sure to catch at least one Nordic Dancer performance. Jeni would love to see you in the crowd when she once again joins the entertainment lineup too, with the Avey Grouws Band on Saturday from 4:30PM-6:30PM at Canopy 2!

2024 Nordic Fest Grand Marshal -

Paul Scott



Nordic Fest Grand Marshal is an individual or individuals who have provided outstanding services to the Decorah Community.

A Decorah resident since 1985, Paul Scott has spent nearly four decades expanding Decorah's opportunities to gain news and information, contributing to town beautification projects, and supporting the work of area non-profit organizations.

Paul originally moved to Decorah in 1985 after purchasing KDEC radio, which he continued to own for nearly 10 years and was able to expand to include FM radio. In 2001, Paul's passion for sharing public information, and the insistence of others, led him to create decorahnews.com. While he originally had to explain what a website even was, decorahnews.com grew to see 3 million+ visits each year before Paul sold it to Lon Haenel in 2023.

Outside of his career in media, Paul has been actively involved in causes around the Decorah area, with special attention to opportunities that have directly connected to Decorah's Downtown District. Finding inspiration when traveling, Paul helped start initiatives such as the summer downtown flower basket program (inspired by Red Wing, MN) and the Water Street Park project (inspired by Spring Green, WI). While every project needs to start with an idea, Paul notes that the execution is often a team effort and especially thanks Norm Smith for making the flower basket program a success with creative solutions for watering the flower baskets regularly.

In addition to helping with town beautification projects, Paul has been an active member of the Decorah Rotary Club, serving as the President twice in his tenure of involvement. When it comes to being active in the community, Paul encourages others to "just speak up and volunteer", noting there are always people, projects, and organizations looking for extra hands and energy to assist with efforts.

While attending Nordic Fest, Paul recommends enjoying at least one bratwurst, available at the food booth sponsored by Luther College (previously sponsored by Sunflower Child Development & Discovery Center). Looking for a new experience? Join Paul for his favorite Nordic Fest activity -- the street dance hosted by Foot-Notes (which is offered twice!), honoring the traditions of "the old country".

2024 NORDIC FEST BOARD



The Nordic Fest Board is a group of volunteers who love Nordic Fest and look forward to bringing this event to our community and the thousands of visitors who join us each year.

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Norwegian National Anthem

Ja, vi elsker dette landet (Yes, we love this country)



Ja, vi elsker dette landet
som det stiger frem,
furet, vaerbitt, over vannet,
med de tusen hjem.
Elsker, elsker det og tenker
på vår far og mor
og den saganatt som senker
drømme på vår jord.
og den saganatt som senker
drømme på vår jord.

Yes, we love this country
as it rises forth,
rugged, weathered, above the sea,
with the thousands of homes.
Love, love it and think
of our father and mother
and the saga night that sends
dreams to our earth.
and the saga night that sends dreams
to our earth.

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2024 Nordic Fest Shield Level Sponsors

GOLD SHIELD GULLSKJOLD LEVEL



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2024 THEME: Uff Da!

2024 Schedule

	THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024				
	CANOPY 1	CANOPY 2	CANOPY 3	OTHER LOCATIONS	COURTHOUSE SQUARE
	Bevergag Garden Area / 500 W Water Street Block	Water & Court	Water & Washington	Various Locations	Main Street, between Court and Winnebago Streets
				5 - 9 PM Food Booths Open, subject to availability	
5:00 PM					
5:30 PM					
6:00 PM					
6:30 PM				Troll's Trolley (Pokey Pete)	6:45 PM - Opening Ceremonies including Luren Singers & Nordic Dancers along with introductions of the Nordic Fest Board, Grand Marshal and Skal Recipient as well as Flag and Bunad presentations
7:00 PM					
7:30 PM					
8:00 PM	Goatroper	Driftless Jazz			
8:30 PM					
9:00 PM					
9:30 PM					
10:00 PM					
10:30 PM					

	FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024																
	CANOPY 1	CANOPY 2	CANOPY 3	COURTHOUSE SQUARE	VESTERHEIM			OTHER LOCATIONS							SPORTING EVENTS		
	Beverage Garden Area / 500 Block of West Water	Water & Court	Water & Washington	Main Street	520 W Water Street			Various Locations							Various Locations		
					9 AM - 5 PM Main building open, demonstrations, and more! Activities with Skjaldborg Vikings			10 AM - 9 PM Food Booths OPEN <i>Subject to Availability</i>									
								9 AM - 4 PM Arts & Crafts Center Open / VFW									
								11 AM - 5:45 PM Troll's Trolley (Pokey Pete)									
								ALL DAY - Gnomes in the Park, The Troll's Chair									
10:00 AM					Book Reading by Carol Hagen				Friluftsliv Family Hike								
10:30 AM																	
11:00 AM	Jason Busniewski			Nordic Dancers			Viking Battle Demo										
11:30 AM	Fiddle																
12:00 PM																	
12:30 PM		Grass Run Band							Decorah Rocks								
1:00 PM	Ponyfolk						Peggy Larson - Cow Calling	The Jolly Pops	100 Block of E. Water Street								
1:30 PM			Helen Johnson			Lynx Lynx		Winnebago Street		Go Fish with Chrysalis Children's Center							
2:00 PM																	
2:30 PM		Michelle Ptacek					Viking Battle Demo										
3:00 PM	Slapdash Bluegrass					Hymn Sing											
3:30 PM			Mary Cutrufello Trio			Carol Hagen Book Signing	Peggy Larson - Cow Calling	Elsa Meet & Greet									
4:00 PM		Norwegian Bachelor Farmers				Eden Ehm	Viking Battle Demo										
4:30 PM																	
5:00 PM																	
5:30 PM	John Till		Augie Dougherty & Billy Bronsted					The Jolly Pops									
6:00 PM				Luren Singers				Winnebago Street		Balloons by Kevin							
6:30 PM		Ace Jones								Corner of Water & Washington Streets							
7:00 PM				Nordic Dancers													
7:30 PM	Ronley King Band																
8:00 PM																	
8:30 PM			Driftless Jazz														
9:00 PM		EF5															
9:30 PM	Cory Waller and the Wicked Things			Foot-Notes													
10:00 PM																	
10:30 PM																	
11:00 PM																	
11:30 PM																	

	SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024												
	Canopy 1	Canopy 2	Canopy 3	Courthouse Square	Vesterheim		Other Locations						Sporting Events
	Beverage Garden Area / 500 Block of West Water	Water & Court	Water & Washington	Main Street	520 W Water Street		Various Locations						Various Locations
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							9 AM - 4 PM Arts & Crafts Center Open / VFW						
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							ALL DAY - Gnomes in the Park, The Troll's Chair						
10:00 AM													
10:30 AM	GRAND PARADE Starts at Winnehsiek County Fairgrounds, continues onto Water Street, turns right onto Mill Street, and concludes at corner of Mill & Heivly Streets.												
11:00 AM													
11:30 AM													
12:00 PM													
12:30 PM	Norwegian Bachelor Farmers	Too Old Cat	Coulee Region Steel Drum Band		Hege Nilsen Sámi Stories	MSFA Fiddlers	Free family kits in Heritage Park, while supplies last	The Jolly Pops Winnebago Street	Go Fish with Chrysalis Children's Center Outside of 219 W Water Street	Humane Society of NE Iowa 400 Block of W. Water Street	The Hygge Hut / Decorah Covenant Church - Covered Parking Area	Arthaus Activities / 107 W. Broadway Street	
1:00 PM													
1:30 PM				Flute Choir	1:45 PM Peggy Larson - Cow Calling								
2:00 PM	Laura Hugo					Viking Battle Demo	Bunad Show Hotel Winneshiek						
2:30 PM		Grass Run Band	Hütenänny			Peggy Larson - Cow Calling		Doctor Bob's Puppet Theatre Winnebago Street					
3:00 PM					Lynx Lynx								
3:30 PM	Cedar County Cobras					Lutefisk Eating Contest	3:45 - 4:15 Hege Nilsen Sámi Stories						
4:00 PM						Viking Battle Demo							
4:30 PM		Avey Grouws Band	Nick Foytik		4:15 - 5 Eden Ehm								
5:00 PM													
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6:00 PM										Balloons By Kevin Corner of Water & Washington Streets	The Hygge Hut / Decorah Covenant Church - Covered Parking Area	Arthaus Activities / 107 W. Broadway Street	
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7:00 PM													
7:30 PM				Nordic Dancers									
8:00 PM		Flashback	Foot-Notes										
8:30 PM													
9:00 PM	People Brothers Band												
9:30 PM													
10:00 PM	FIREWORKS												
10:30 PM	People Brothers Band	Flashback											
11:00 PM													
11:30 PM													

Canopy 1, 2, and 3 Entertainers



Free performances all weekend long on Water Street! Take a seat on a Nordic Fest bench or bring your own chair to enjoy hearing talent from near and far. Schedule is subject to change. Nordic Fest Headquarters, at the Decorah Visitor Center, will post any changes.

ACE JONES

FRIDAY 6 - 7:30 PM CANOPY 2

Lazerskunk aka Ace is a singer-songwriter from Iowa who currently tours the country, performing at some of the biggest fairs and festivals this country has to offer. His eclectic mix of originals and covers are sure to capture the curiosity of all ages. Ace's mix of music during his set can range from folk, pop, all the way to country or his favorite genre of punk rock. Ace's smooth vocals can soothe your soul or get you dancing on your feet! He currently travels with his family in his motorhome looking for inspiration any way he can.



AUGIE DOUGHERTY & BILLY BRONSTED

FRIDAY 5:30 - 7 PM CANOPY 3

These two are both pure bred Wisconsin fellas. You'll often find them out wandering around in the forest until they are needed on stage. Both being independent song writers for many years, they've recently felt the urge to collaborate and it's been a natural fit to say the least. With heartfelt, tongue & cheek, and clever lyricism, they are sure to win your hearts over. They sing like brothers, swear like sailors, and smell like they've been working on trailers.



AVEY GROUWS BAND

SATURDAY 4:30 - 6:30 PM CANOPY 2

Avey Grouws Band brings a raw, powerful roots rock sound infused with blues and soul. Led by dynamic vocalist Jeni Grouws and high octane guitarist Chris Avey, the band hits with a gritty, powerful sound and impressive songwriting. Their performances across the country as well as at the Big Blues Bender last fall alongside blues legends such as Keb' Mo', Shemekia Copeland and Tab Benoit further established them as rising stars in the modern blues/roots rock scene.



CEDAR COUNTY COBRAS

SATURDAY 3:30 - 5:30 PM CANOPY 1

Cedar County Cobras play American Roots & Blues music from the last century. The music takes on an 'old time' blues feel that would most likely be found in a juke-joint down a gravel road in rural Iowa. Arriving with an upright bass, foot-drum, mandolin, and a collection of guitars, this duo plays music that is best described as "boot-stompin" delta blues and roots blues. Fans of the Cobras have described the music as contagious, acoustic rockabilly, dancing bluegrass, or old-time country with the gritty sound of soulful blues.



CORY WALLER AND THE WICKED THINGS

FRIDAY 9 - 11 PM CANOPY 1

Grown from the black dirt that Iowa is known for, Cory Waller and The Wicked Things are a band of hard-working friends, sons and daughters of farmers and small-town folks. The band has traversed the midwest sharing their brand of black dirt country music. The band's namesake, Cory Waller, started playing music with bass player Ethridge Netz when they were in middle school and honed his country craft with lead electric guitar player Ronley King in dives and bars across Iowa in his 20s. Joined by fierce vocalist and acoustic guitar player Emilee Johnson, and the backbone of the band, drummer Kaleb Ferry.



COULEE REGION STEEL DRUM BAND

SATURDAY 12:30 - 2 PM CANOPY 3

The Coulee Region Steel Drum Band is the region's premiere group for relaxing steel drum music. The CRSB performs throughout the summer at local venues and provides an island vibe to any event.



DRIFTLESS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

THURSDAY 8 - 10 PM CANOPY 2

FRIDAY 7:30 - 9:30 PM CANOPY 3

A Decorah favorite, the DJE is a collection of Luther College students, alumni, and friends sharing their passion for jazz and improvisation. From timeless jazz standards, to modern fusion, and pop covers, to R & B, funk, and even disco!



EF5

FRIDAY 8 - 10:30 PM CANOPY 2

A whirlwind of rock, EF5 is a Decorah based band dating back to 2015 featuring members from Decorah, Highlandville, Ossian, & Spillville playing rock songs from the 1970's through early 2000's. It's always a good time with EF5!!



FLASHBACK

SATURDAY 8 - 10:30 PM CANOPY 2

Flashback has been entertaining the region for nearly 24 years. They enjoy getting people dancing to music from the 50's -80's with a few bonus songs. This will be the final performance for this group as a couple of members retire. Dave Lantz, Dave Shatek, Eric Stahr, and Mark Stumme make up this fun, energetic group. Don't miss this one. Let's Dance!



Canopy 1, 2, and 3 Entertainers



THE NORDIC FEST BEVERAGE GARDEN AND CANOPY 1

Find entertainers highlighted with a blue background at this location on the 500 Block of West Water Street! Ample seating, **family friendly** environment, beverage sales, and easy access to Nordic Fest Headquarters and the Vesterheim Campus.

FOOT-NOTES

FRIDAY 8:30 - 10:30 PM COURTHOUSE SQUARE

SATURDAY 8 - 10 PM CANOPY 3

Foot-Notes hails from Decorah. The band has made a name for itself as a bearer of Norwegian-American old time dance music, bringing back tunes from the house party and barn dance era of the Upper Midwest. Foot-Notes has played for hundreds of community events and dances, including those in a historic two-room schoolhouse in Highlandville, Iowa, and for Nordic Fest Street Dances since the mid 1990s.



HÜTENÄNNY

SATURDAY 2:30 - 4:00 PM CANOPY 3

Hütenänny was formed in 2007 by a group of friends that play regularly in the Northern Roots Session in Northfield Minnesota. Always looking to the North for their inspiration, Hütenänny primarily plays old-time dance music from the Nordic countries, but might also throw in a tune from the British Isles, the Shetlands, Canada or the American Midwest. A typical Hütenänny set includes waltzes, polkas, schottisches, hambos, polskas, and marches, but you might catch them slipping in something more offbeat from time to time.



GOATROPER

THURSDAY 8 - 10:30 PM CANOPY 1

Goatroper is a Minneapolis based country rock band. Songwriters Abbey Janii & Mike Lee are joined by BJ Flynn, Alissa Jacobsen, and Simon Cropp, to help to bring their honk tonk headtrips to life. They released their debut album at the end of 2023 and are hard at work putting together a follow-up. Story songs you can shake it to.



GRASSRUN BLUEGRASS BAND

FRIDAY 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM CANOPY 2

SATURDAY 2:30 - 4 PM CANOPY 2

The GrassRun Band includes 4 retired working-class people whose style of music has a way of reaching across the cultures and age groups! Having a passion for Gospel and Bluegrass music in common, this group of friends have played together for 15 years. From the LaCrosse, WI and Decorah, IA areas, members contribute various musical experiences and a creative admiration for one-another on stage and off. Members include Dave Rowe, Gary Halverson, Annie Rude, and Cindy Selin.



JAEDYN JAMES

SATURDAY 6:30 - 8 PM CANOPY 1

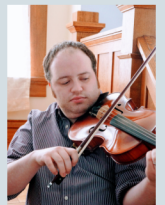
"A tender hearted hand grenade with a secret desire to pull her own pin." Jaedyn James has been making men uncomfortable since 1990. She is a vivacious, outspoken, body positive, powerhouse singer-songwriter, artist, producer and bandleader. Her live performances are empowering, engaging and invite you into the deepest parts of her soul. James' sound is influenced by Etta, Janis, Prince and Amy Winehouse. Jaedyn has played many world-renowned stages and has shared bills with international acts such as Brandi Carlisle, Sisqo, People Brothers Band, and the Shins.



JASON BUSNIEWSKI

FRIDAY 11 AM - 12 PM CANOPY 1

From the farms and prairies of Iowa to the lumber camps of Wisconsin's Northwoods and the ports of the Great Lakes, Jason Busniewski draws on rich traditions of old-time music from the Upper Midwest. Dance to Norwegian and Anglo-American fiddle tunes alongside Scandihoovian songs and sung tales of lumberjack contests and iron ore schooners.



HELEN

FRIDAY 1 - 3 PM CANOPY 3

Helen is an emerging artist and singer-songwriter originally from Decorah, IA and based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She started writing songs at the age of ten, and her songwriting quickly evolved into the confessional and narrative lyricism that characterizes her music. Helen released her first single, "When the Heartbreak Comes," in November of 2022, before swiftly diving into production of her latest project, her five-song EP Confessions of a Girl in Love. Her genre sits somewhere between pop, bedroom pop, and Americana, but her sound is constantly evolving as she draws influences from all across the musical world.



JOHN TILL

FRIDAY 4:30 - 6 PM CANOPY 1

A solo acoustic artist out of Illinois, John Till plays a slide guitar, banjo, and acoustic guitar to create arrangements steeped in the fingerpick styles of the Delta Blues. He bounces baselines and dancing melodies, along with a two part foot percussion, to provide a uniquely dynamic listening experience.



Canopy 1, 2, and 3 Entertainers



LAURA HUGO

SATURDAY 2 - 3 PM CANOPY 2

Laura Hugo is an Indigenous singer/songwriter from Teec Nos Pos, AZ located in the Navajo Nations. She moved to Minnesota in 2010 to pursue her music and has since played all over the Midwest. She has used her experiences with grief, mental health, and general confusion about her place in the world to write honest and relatable songs.



MARY CUTRUFELLO

FRIDAY 3:30 - 5 PM CANOPY 3

St. Paul roots-rock singer-songwriter Mary Cutrufello has been a mainstay in the Americana scene here in Minnesota and in Texas for over thirty years. She's performed on The Tonight Show and Austin City Limits, and toured in all 50 states and several European countries. Hailed by USA Today as "a fierce guitarist with a blistered-throat voice," Cutrufello mixes original songs and classics of American music into a captivating, heartland-proud musical stew at once timeless and immediate.



MICHELLE PTACEK

FRIDAY 2 - 3:30 PM CANOPY 2

Michelle explores diverse biographies, using music and storytelling, and specializes in taking true stories from the past and presenting them in an engaging way with folk music. Michelle's original music is part of a larger project focused on creativity throughout history, distilling research into songs, classes, and written articles about inventors, artists, authors, entrepreneurs, and explorers. She also offers online concerts, classes, and creative psychology education for the curious.



NICK FOYTIK BAND

SATURDAY 4:30 - 6:30 PM CANOPY 3

The Nick Foytik Band plays a combination of Nick's original work, along with select covers. The music is a tapestry of influences that create a blend of Rock n Roll, Soul, Blues, and Funk. With a deep wealth of material in each of these genres, Nick Foytik Band shows have a fluidity to them that can adapt to any listener.



NORWEGIAN BACHELOR FARMERS

FRIDAY 4 - 5:30 PM CANOPY 2

SATURDAY 12:30 - 1:30 PM CANOPY 1

Kyle and Dave, the Norwegian Bachelor Farmers, have been entertaining audiences for more than two decades with their fun and upbeat blend of Scandinavian guitar music, humor and storytelling. Past credits include: Midsommar Music Festival (Bishop Hill, IL), Swedish American Museum (Swedesburg, IA), Norsk Hostfest (Minot, ND), Norwegian National League Parade (S Elgin, IL), and Scandinavian Day (Vasa Park, IL).



PEOPLE BROTHERS BAND

SATURDAY 9 - 11:45 PM CANOPY 1

The People Brothers Band's unique brand of rhythm and soul features talented vocalists and musicians from the region. The vibrant group of longtime friends, collaborators, and multi-dimensional artists formed in 2008 as an open mic songwriting outfit and hasn't looked back since. The band has cultivated a captivating musical alchemy through collective dedication to their craft, the Midwest music community, and each other. The People Brothers Band is united by their shared vision of uplifting friends and fans through music.



PONYFOLK

FRIDAY 12:30 - 2 PM CANOPY 1

Ponyfolk was founded in 2014 by Clifton Nesseth and Paul Sauvey. Rooting their sound in a mutual appreciation of folk, rock, and orchestral music, the pair's multi-instrumentalist abilities and vocal harmonies have carved them out as creators of maximalist soundscapes that are defined by droning layers of guitars, strings, and synth textures - undergirding emotionally evocative lyrical imagery. Ponyfolk builds musical bridges at the intersection of old time Nordic music, Americana, and modern rock, performing in a variety of styles and ensemble configurations. They are often joined by Lewis Franti, Alex Nelson, and Mikey Marget.



RONLEY KING BAND

FRIDAY 7 - 8:30 PM CANOPY 1

The Ronley King Blues Band is based out of Gowrie, IA. The band won the Central Iowa Blues Challenge in 2022 and were International Blues Challenge Quaterfinalists in 2023.



SLAPDASH BLUEGRASS

FRIDAY 2:30 - 4 PM CANOPY 1

Slapdash Bluegrass is an old time, country, and bluegrass band that weaves melodic picking with tight vocal harmony. The band plays original music, traditional old time and bluegrass tunes, and folk and country covers.



TOO OLD CAT

SATURDAY 12:30 - 2 PM CANOPY 2

Too Old Cat plays charming, original folk music that blends traditional and progressive elements. Their tunes for banjo, cello, accordion, and vocals explore themes of friendship, dreamspace, and how we move through and connect to the world. Too Old Cat is a 2023 MPR Classnotes participating ensemble.



Courthouse Square Entertainers



NORDIC DANCERS

THURSDAY 6:45 PM / OPENING CER.

FRIDAY 11 AM - 12 PM, 7 - 8 PM

SATURDAY 7 - 8:30 PM

ALWAYS AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE



The Nordic Dancers have always been an integral part of Nordic Fest! This unique group of dancers and musicians help us remember the traditional folk dances of Scandinavia.

The Nordic Dancers now include three groups of Decorah area students; the Junior Nordic Dancers, the Senior Nordic Dancers, and the Nordic Dancers Orchestra. Over the years, a total of nearly 500 dancers and musicians have proudly entertained and represented Decorah around the area and the world. Every five years, new members audition for a spot in the coveted group and commit to 10 years of festivities. Special thanks to Nordic Dancers Founding Director Betty Hacker for starting this fan favorite tradition!

Stop by the Nordic Dancers booth on Water Street, near the corner of Winnebago Street, to support this group through merchandise and raffle sales. Join them there on Friday and Saturday, from 1-5PM, to make your own "fresh" floral crown (\$15 - \$20)!

Other Fest Favorites

BUNAD SHOW

SATURDAY 2PM

STEYER OPERA HOUSE, HOTEL WINNESHIEK

Scandinavian Folk Costume show featuring a beautiful collection of authentic Norwegian costumes. See the collection and hear more about Scandinavian history and culture. Free to attend, in an air conditioned space at the historical Hotel Winneshiek.



NORDIC FEST ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9AM-4PM

VFW POST 1977 - 104 STATE STREET

A main event of Nordic Fest since 1974, the Arts & Craft Center is bustling with activity with artisans from the region. Here you'll find Scandinavian-themed fabric and wood gnomes, Hardanger embroidery, rosemaling art, Nordic folk art, Norwegian needle craft, jewelry, soaps and lotions, fabric wall art, machine embroidery, and much more.

LUREN SINGERS

THURSDAY 6:45 PM / OPENING CER.

FRIDAY 6 - 6:30 PM

ALWAYS AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE



Founded in 1868, The Luren Singing Society, based in Decorah, is the oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in continuous existence in the United States. The group sings Norwegian national songs and popular American repertoire.

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Dunning Springs Bridge



Oneota Co-op Gazebo



Trout Run Trail Bridge



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Living Folk Art Traditions at Vesterheim



Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the conversation of the American immigrant journey through the lens of the Norwegian-American experience. Vesterheim offers innovative and interactive exhibits, classes, and programs, both at the dynamic campus and park in Decorah and online at vesterheim.org and Vesterheim social media.

MAIN BUILDING

OPEN DAILY 9 AM - 5 PM / ADMISSION: \$12 ADULTS, \$10 SENIORS 65+, \$5 CHILDREN AGES 7-18; FREE ON THURSDAY 7/25!

Featuring woodworking; rosemaling (decorative painting); *bunader* (national costumes); the 25-ft. ship TradeWind; silver; fine art; furniture; press gallery; church gallery; military gallery; and more. Nordic Fest activities at Vesterheim are supported by Decorah Bank & Trust.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS:

National Norwegian-American Folk Art Exhibition - More than 160 examples of beautiful folk art by fantastic contemporary artists from all over the country and the stories behind them. Many pieces are for sale - visit the exhibition for details.

The Art and Crafts of Ancient Scandinavia - Showcasing original oil paintings by D. Sven Lindauer, about ancient Scandinavian history.

Boreal Ornament V (In Vesterheim Commons) - Featuring rosemaling by Tara Austin, highlighting the beauty and techniques of this Norwegian decorative tradition infused in a modern narrative.

HERITAGE PARK

OUTSIDE PARK OPEN FOR VISITING ANY TIME / FREE

Some of the 12 historic buildings in the park will be open Friday and Saturday, 12-4 PM, to tour on your own, no admission. Guided tours of the Heritage Park on Thursday (free) at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

VESTERHEIM MUSEUM STORE

OPEN DAILY 9 AM - 5 PM

Sweaters, jewelry, folk art, cooking supplies, books, and more.

NILS THE GIANT NISSE AND FRIENDS

Take advantage of great photo ops with various *nisse* around the Vesterheim campus!



DEMONSTRATIONS, DISPLAYS, AND SALES

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN 9 AM - 5 PM / AROUND VESTERHEIM CAMPUS / FREE

FOLK-ART AND LIVING HERITAGE DEMONSTRATIONS:

Blacksmithing, forging, leatherwork, stave and bentwood container construction, rosemaling, painting, weaving and spinning, mica embroidery, shoebands, *nalbinding*, Hedebo needlework, knifemaking, ropemaking, *skinfell*, lucet work, silver filigree jewelry, pottery, shrink boxes and *kolrosing*, acanthus and dragon-style carving, and beam carving. Supported by Jon and Mary Hart.

COUNTRY GALLERY ANTIQUES:

Specializing in selling Scandinavian vintage & antique textiles, *bunad* accessories, jewelry, decorative wooden ware, sewing tools, books, knives, prints, and postcards.

ONEOTA WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD SALES SHOP:

Hand-felted Santas and Christmas ornaments and figures, hand-woven rugs, scarves/shawls, table runners, and more.

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL CENTER AND NAESETH LIBRARY:

Representatives from the center, located in Madison, WI, will be on hand to offer genealogical research advice. Supported by Dean Gipp and family in remembrance of Cyndi Gipp.

NORWEGIAN HANDCRAFT AND CULTURE KITS FOR KIDS:

In Heritage Park following the parade on Saturday, Vesterheim Folk Art School will offer a limited number of free kits for kids ages 8+ to explore Norwegian handcrafts and culture.

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Vesterheim Entertainers



EDEN EHM

FRIDAY 4 - 4:30 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

SATURDAY 4:15 - 5 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

Professional Hardanger fiddler from Decorah, IA presents two mini-concerts, and plays in various locations in the Vesterheim Campus. Supported by Dawn Svenson Holland and Josh Holland, dedicated in memory of Gary and DiAnn Svenson.

CAROL HAGEN

FRIDAY 10 - 11 AM READING - BETHANIA CHURCH

FRIDAY 2 - 4 PM BOOK SIGNING - MUSEUM STORE

Author, Carol Hagen enjoys reading aloud her children's books, *What's in the Rommegrot?!* and *How Many Kransekaker?!* to audiences of all ages. A retired clinical social worker, Carol lives in Decorah with her husband, Eddy and cat, Savannah, and enjoys visits with her children and granddaughters.

HEGE NILSEN

SATURDAY 12:30 - 1 PM, 3:45 - 4:15 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

Living and working in Kafjord, a village in Troms og Finnmark county, Norway, Hege celebrates her coastal Sámi culture by making traditional handcrafts and through storytelling. She works with a community of Sámi artists and teaches handcraft classes.

HYMN SING

FRIDAY 2:30 - 3:30 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

Led by Rev. Rolf Svanoe and Kimberly Svanoe, everyone is invited to gather in Bethania Church to sing favorite Scandinavian hymns!

LYNX LYNX

FRIDAY 1 - 2 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

SATURDAY 2:30 - 3:30 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

Vidar Skrede and Patrik Ahlberg join their Scandinavian fiddle forces together in this Norwegian-Swedish folk music duo playing original and traditional Nordic tunes on fiddles, Hardanger fiddles, guitars, and mandolin.

MSFA FIDDLERS

SATURDAY 12 - 1:30 PM HERITAGE PARK AMPHITHEATER

Mary Pat Kleven, president of the Minnesota State Fiddlers Association (MSFA), will lead an open jam of Scandinavian-American and Upper Midwest fiddle tunes. All acoustic musicians are welcome, sheet music and chords provided.

PEGGY LARSON

FRIDAY 1 PM & 3 PM

SATURDAY 1:45 PM & 3 PM

AT HERITAGE PARK AMPHITHEATER

Hear the beautiful musical tradition of *kulokk*, Norwegian cow calling, which began with young farm girls in the mountains of Norway. Peggy has traveled through Norway interviewing singers and farmers to collect stories and melodies. She currently leads the Earthtones women's world musical chorus and Portland Avenue Sanctuary Choir and is also the cantor for the Meditative services at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Saint Paul, MN.

ROCHESTER FLUTE CHOIR

SATURDAY 1 - 2 PM BETHANIA CHURCH

A 12-member ensemble performs a concert of works by Norwegian composers Edvard Grieg and Ole Bull. Supported by Dawn Svenson Holland and Josh Holland, dedicated in memory of Gary and DiAnn Svenson.

SKJALDBORG VIKING ENCAMPMENT

BATTLE TECHNIQUE DEMONSTRATIONS

- FRIDAY 11 AM, 2 PM & 4 PM

- SATURDAY 2 PM & 4 PM

ENCAMPMENT IN HERITAGE PARK AMPHITHEATER

This group from Elk Horn, Iowa, presents their Viking encampment and entertains throughout the day with full Viking combat demonstrations. Skjaldborg means "fortress of shields." Supported by Viking State Bank & Trust.



FUTURE DATES

Nordic Fest always takes place the last full weekend of July!

July 24-26, 2025

July 23-25, 2026

July 22-24, 2027



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ON & AROUND WATER STREET

BALLOONS BY KEVIN

FRIDAY 4 - 9 PM / SATURDAY 4 - 9 PM
NEAR WATER STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET

Balloons by Kevin is the Midwest's premier balloon artist providing twisting entertainment, balloon arches, storefront/event decor, custom photo ops, deliveries, balloon drops and releases, and much more for 100s of events annually.

CARICATURES BY JACK.LYN

FRIDAY 2-8 PM
400 BLOCK OF WEST WATER STREET

Get your own line drawing to commemorate your time at Nordic Fest! Jack.Lyn, who lives in Decorah has been drawing caricatures in the Wisconsin Dells since summer 2021, completing 3000+ portraits of individuals and groups!

DECORAH ROCKS

FRIDAY 12-2 PM
100 BLOCK OF EAST WATER STREET

Paint your own #DecorahRocks to keep or hide!

GO FISH WITH CHRYSALIS CHILDREN'S CENTER

FRIDAY 12:30-4PM / SATURDAY 12:30-4PM
OUTSIDE OF 219 W WATER STREET

Uffda, they have lots of fish to catch! Come see the folks at Chrysalis Children's Center, opening soon to provide mental health services to children and families. Go fishing, win a prize, and learn about the center.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST IOWA

FRIDAY 2 - 5 PM / SATURDAY 1 - 4 PM
400 BLOCK OF WEST WATER STREET

Stop by to meet playful kittens and sweet dogs, give them a Norwegian themed treat, and get your picture with them. Pick out your cat or dog sticker and play animal themed games. Learn more about HSNEI's services too!

THE HYGGE HUT

FRIDAY 11 AM - 6 PM / SATURDAY NOON - 6 PM
DECORAH COVENANT CHURCH - COVERED PARKING LOT

Take a break and enjoy some well-deserved hygge at the family-friendly Hygge Hut rest station! Shady rest area, free water & sunscreen, nearby restrooms, coloring activities, and free healthy snacks for kids. The Hygge Hut is a collaborative project hosted by Decorah Covenant Church, Decorah Lutheran Church, Decorah UCC, & Decorah Methodist Church.

THE TROLL'S CHAIR

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
400 BLOCK OF WEST WATER STREET

Take a seat in a chair big enough for a gnome, viking, troll... or your whole family! Sponsored by Hearthside Fireplaces & More.

TROLL'S TROLLEY (POKEY PETE)

THURSDAY 6:30 - 8 PM / FRIDAY 11 AM - 5:45 PM
SATURDAY 8:30 AM - 10 AM, POST PARADE - 6 PM

TICKETS SOLD AT THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON & WATER ST.
Hop on the train and ride around Water Street. Be sure to wave as you go by! Sponsored by the Lions Club.

KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT TENT ON WINNEBAGO STREET

DOCTOR BOB'S PUPPET THEATER

SATURDAY 2:30 - 4:30 PM
KIDS' TENT ON WINNEBAGO STREET

Robert Armstrong (b.k.a. Dr. Bob) has been performing and creating marionette and rod puppet theatre for decades! He performs both original and "cover" puppet shows. Stop by to enjoy the art of puppetry that only Dr. Bob can deliver.

ELSA FROM FROZEN MEET AND GREET

FRIDAY 3 - 4 PM
KIDS' TENT ON WINNEBAGO STREET

Come visit Elsa of Arendelle from Disney's Frozen! Take your picture with Elsa as she visits us for Nordic Fest.

THE JOLLY POPS

FRIDAY 1 - 2 PM & 5 - 6 PM
SATURDAY 12:30 - 1:30 PM
KIDS' TENT ON WINNEBAGO STREET

The Jolly Pops (Chanhassen, MN) combine upbeat, original music with a host of children's standards for a concert that is sure to please kids and adults alike. Take a fun ride with the Happy Dads and their puppet friends as they sing about alligator dancing, popsicles, trains, pet dinosaurs...and everything in between!



OTHER LOCATIONS

ARTHAUS ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY 1 - 7 PM
SATURDAY POST PARADE - 7 PM
107 W. BROADWAY STREET

Join ArtHaus for face painting, spin art, a block and lego play zone, and bouncy house!

FRILUFTSLIV FAMILY HIKE

FRIDAY 10AM
VAN PEENEN PARK - QUARRY HILL ROAD MAIN ENTRANCE
Join Winneshiek County Conservation at Van Peenen Park for a 1.7 mile round-trip hike on the Higinn Trail to find the Decorah Crater "point of impact" marker. Along the walk, naturalist Hanna will share the story of the Decorah Crater and its creatures.

GNOMES IN THE PARK!

ALL DAY TUESDAY - SATURDAY
AROUND DECORAH'S PARKS AND TRAILS

Around Decorah's Parks & Trails during Nordic Fest, when the Nordic spirit is high, gnomes like to come out of hiding to enjoy the festivities. How many of these mischievous gnomes can you find? To find the gnomes and be entered in a prize drawing, pick-up a scavenger hunt guide at the Decorah Visitor Center. Prize drawing will take place at 2PM on Saturday. Sponsored by Decorah Parks & Recreation and Winneshiek County Conservation.

Sporting Events



From board games, to games of strength and stamina, Nordic cultures used competition as a means to keep themselves occupied. To this day, games and athletics still play an important role in Scandinavian cultures. Participate in one or all of the sporting events to prove that you have the strength, stamina, and stomach to be a Norse.



FRIDAY

KANOLØPET — 6:30 PM

COST: \$30/person includes canoe or kayak rental & life jackets OR \$20/person if providing own canoe or kayak. Register at Nordic Fest Headquarters/Decorah Visitor Center by 5 PM on Friday, July 29.

WILL BAKER PARK

The Kanoløpet is a canoe race from Pulpit Rock Campground to the Twin Bridges located on 5th Street. The race has two canoe divisions determined by the combined ages of the participants in each canoe and a third division for kayaks. Teams (2/canoe max) with a combined participant age of 35 and under will be in the youth division, while 36 and up will compete in the adult division. Limited number of rental boats available. **Event will be cancelled if river water levels are too high or low. Check at the Decorah Visitor Center for event status.*



FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

BAGS TOURNAMENT

COST: \$10 entry fee/team - cash only. Register on site.

DECORAH MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD

Double elimination. Cash prizes for the first, second and third place winners.

Friday registration 1:30-1:50pm; Play 2:00-4:00pm.

Saturday registration 1:30-1:50pm; Play 2:00-4:00pm.

SATURDAY

THE ULTIMATE NORDIC TRIATHLON

Festers who participate in the three Saturday events of the Elveløpet 5K or 15K run, the Rock Throw and the famed Lutfisk eating contest will have their results combined to face off with other Ultimate Norse. Register for free at packet pick up for the Elveløpet.

ELVELØPET 5K AND 15K — 7:30 AM

5K RUN/WALK: Ages 5-11/\$5, 12-15/\$10, 16+/\$30

15K RUN: \$40

Fees increase after July 13. Register at nordicfest.com/elvelopet

DECORAH CITY HALL, 400 CLAIBORNE

Decorah's "River Run" race course along the Upper Iowa River and surrounding area highlights the natural beauty that Northeast Iowa has to offer. The race begins and ends at Decorah's City Hall. Hydration stations are provided along the course with more available at the finish line. **Final online registration, and opportunity to receive a 2024 shirt, is July 25.** Look for packet pickup dates and times online at nordicfest.com and via @NordicFest social media channels.



NORDIC ROCK THROW — 1:00 PM

COST: \$2 - cash only. Register on site.

BEHIND JOHN CLINE ELEMENTARY, SOUTH OF THE TENNIS COURTS

Show off your strength by tossing a rock! There are three weight classes for men (50 lb. rock for up to 160 lbs.; 75 lb. rock for 161-210 lbs.; 100 lb. rock for over 210 lbs.) and one weight class for women (50 lb. rock for all weights). Must be at least 18 years of age.

LUTFISK EATING CONTEST — 3:30 PM

COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Put your lutfisk eating skills to the test in this competition. No registration or fee, just show up ready to down that lutfisk!



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Food & Demonstrations



It wouldn't be Nordic Fest without food! Find affordable sweet treats, savory snacks, and meal options from the many Nordic Fest official food vendors throughout the weekend. All Nordic Fest food vendors are Decorah Area non-profit organizations, who utilize proceeds to support operations and outreach initiatives throughout the year.

****Food is subject to availability. Listing number next to each offering correlates to the map on the back cover.**

WATER STREET FOOD BOOTHS

Vendors 1 - 14 serving Thursday 5-9PM, Friday & Saturday 10AM-9PM

1. LINGONBERRY ICE CREAM

Located near Verizon Be Mobile, 110 W. Water St. Sponsored by Kinderhaus.

2. VARME PØLSE, SODA, BOTTLED WATER

Located near The Country Garden, 113 W. Water St. Sponsored by First Lutheran Church.

3. KRINGLA (SOFT BUTTERMILK COOKIES)

Located near Gallery of Tops, 114 W. Water St. Sponsored by Glenwood Lutheran Church.

4. KRUMKAKE

Demonstrations in BMO Lobby.

Located near BMO, 120 W. Water St. Samples, recipes, and gluten-free available. Sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

5. ROSETTES, KRINGLE, SANDBAKKELS, KRUMKAKE, ICED TEA, BOTTLED WATER

Located near Rubaiyat, 117 W. Water St. Sponsored by Nordic Dancers.

6. POPCORN

Located near corner of Winnebago and Water Streets. Sponsored by Decorah Lions Club.

7. KJØTTBOLLER (NORWEGIAN MEATBALLS), MEATBALL SUBS, CHIPS, BEVERAGES AND BOTTLED WATER.

Located near J Tupy's, 211 W. Water St. Sponsored by Decorah High School Cross Country.

8. ROSETTES & RØMMEGRØT

Times for demonstrations will be posted at booth.

Located near Water Street Deli, 301 W. Water St. Sponsored by Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church.

9. GRILLED PORK CHOP, POP, WATER

Located near Viking State Bank. Sponsored by Decorah Rotary.

10. LEFSE, WATER

Times for demonstrations will be posted at booth.

Located in front of the Oneota Co-op Kitchen Classroom, 312 W. Water St. Sponsored by the Nordic Fest Board.

11. MOO-MOBILE SHAKES, WATER

Located near the Oneota Community Co-op, 312 W. Water St. Sponsored by Decorah FFA and Boosters.

12. BRATWURST, HOT DOGS, AGURKSALAT (NORWEGIAN CUCUMBER SALAD), CHIPS, BEVERAGES, NORSE HEAD COOKIES

Located near The Dress by Morgan Lynn, 411 W. Water St.

Sponsored by Luther College.

13. NORDIC WAFFLES WITH PULLED SMOKED CHICKEN

Located in front of 418 W. Water St, near Sugar Bowl. Sponsored by Northeast Iowa Montessori School.

14. THE NORDIC FEST BEVERAGE GARDEN - ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Located in front of the Decorah Visitor Center, 507 W. Water St.

Sponsored by the Nordic Fest Board.

OTHER FOOD LOCATIONS

Specific times listed with each offering.

15. FREDEGSTACO - TACO/TACO SALAD BUFFET *Thursday 4-7PM, Friday/Saturday 11AM-7PM*

Friday night is Taco night in Norway! Build your own taco/taco salad buffet. Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free! Located at St. Benedict Parish Hall - Corner of Main & Court Streets. Sponsored by Decorah UMC/UCC Sister Parish and the LC Decorah Troll Trotters Granny Basketball Team.

16. LUTHER CAF NORWEGIAN MEATBALL SUPPER *Friday 4PM-7PM*

Enjoy Norwegian meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, rømmegrøt bars, and more! Tickets at luther.edu and walk-in purchases available - Adults \$15, children 6-10 \$8. Located at Luther College - Dahl Centennial Union CAF. Sponsored by Luther College.

17. PANNEKAKE (PANCAKE) BREAKFAST *Saturday 6:30-9:30AM*

All you can eat pancakes with sausage and beverage. Free will donation. Located at 400 Claiborne Dr., Fire Department, City Hall. Sponsored by Decorah Fire Department.

18. NORDIC FEST PEACE BRUNCH *Sunday 10AM-1:30PM*

Start your Sunday strong with home fries, hash-brown casserole, lingonberry pancakes, eggs, sausage links and bacon, yogurt parfaits, and more. Advance tickets only - Adults \$25, Children 6-10 \$13. Located at Luther College - Dahl Centennial Union Peace Dining Room. Sponsored by Luther College.



19. VFW BREAKFAST *Sunday 8AM-1PM*

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, hash browns, and more. Free will donation, \$8 suggested. Located at Decorah VFW, 104 State St. Sponsored by VFW Post 1977.

Try one of the many unique restaurants in the Decorah area too!

For a complete listing of local eateries visit www.visitdecorah.com or stop by the Decorah Visitor Center for a print listing.



Additional Special Events

ART EXHIBIT: GAUSTA: HIGHLIGHTS FROM LUTHER COLLEGE COLLECTIONS

THURSDAY - SATURDAY 8AM-10PM

LUTHER COLLEGE - DAHL CENTENNIAL UNION

Gausta is perhaps the best known of the Norwegian-American painters, born in Telemark, Norway (1854), he emigrated to America with his family, settling on a farm near Harmony, MN. Gausta entered Luther College in 1872, but left for Norway three years later. He returned to Decorah and taught at Luther College from 1886-1887. There are almost 60 paintings by Gausta in Luther's collection, and a sampling will be on view.

ANTIQUE SHOW - BRINGING BACK A FEST TRADITION!

THURSDAY 6 PM - 8 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

201 W WATER STREET, ENTRANCE ON WINNEBAGO STREET

Shop with 6+ antique dealers to find your perfect new-to-you item(s) to take home. Sponsored by the Day Spring Questers.

CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR, GENEVIEVE GORNICHEC

FRIDAY 1 PM

VIKING STATE BANK & TRUST, COMMUNITY ROOM

Join the Oneota Valley Literary Foundation in a conversation with author, Genevieve Gornichec. Gornichec has written two novels exploring Norse myths and legends: *The Witches Heart* (2021) and *The Weaver and the Witch Queen* (2023).

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

FRIDAY 2 PM & SATURDAY 2 PM

CARRIE LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Quilts of Valor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.



Yard and Garden Tours

Sponsored by the Decorah Town & Country Garden Club. Friday: 9 - Noon. Saturday: 1 - 4 PM. Freewill offering.

JIM AND LIZ FRITZ

311 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, DECORAH

Step into an acre of gardens along the Upper Iowa River where for over 36 years the Fritzes have created evolving gardens. The grounds are almost always in bloom. A river's edge gazebo provides the perfect perch to absorb the panoramic view of the valley. Abundant veggies and flowers coexist in raised beds. A young orchard promises future harvests, while the Stone City Stone octagon bed and terraced walls blend with the natural surroundings. It's a "country home" on the city's edge!



KEVAN AND ZOE KLOSTERWILL

503 FRANKLIN STREET, DECORAH

Local landscape designer Kevan Klosterwill and his family have transformed their in town lot into an intimate series of garden rooms, including a sunken shade garden, natural play area, perennial border garden, and permaculture-inspired food forest. Kevan is also using this sheltered space to test unique trees and shrubs from the Southeast, where he was born, for their hardiness in Iowa.



PORTER HOUSE MUSEUM GROUNDS

401 W. BROADWAY STREET, DECORAH

This Victorian house was the home of Burt and Grace Porter for 60 years. The yard has two unique features: a massive stone wall and an elaborate fish pond. Burt was an avid naturalist and collected rare rocks from all over the world. He designed and built the stones into a wall on three sides of the property. The large free-form fish pond in the back yard blends beautifully with a variety of old fashioned perennials including the pipe vine.



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CANOPY 1

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Hy-Vee Decorah
Rubaiyat Restaurant
Pulpit Rock Brewing Co.



CANOPY 3

BMO
Decorah Electric, Inc
KAR Auto Group



BAGS TOURNAMENT

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