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HOLIDAY PARTIES bring businesses together

From casual office gatherings to elaborate themed celebrations, companies find ways to thank employees, strengthen relationships and make memories beyond the workplace.

By Gracie Kayko

The holiday season means different things to different people. For some, it is a time to be with family, celebrate religious traditions or reflect on the past year. For businesses in Des Moines, it is often a time to celebrate their employees and clients, reflect on the year's successes and challenges, and prepare for the year ahead.

From Thanksgiving through January, hotels, event venues and office spaces are transformed for end-of-year gatherings.

Many businesses in Des Moines host company holiday parties, inviting employees, their families and clients to come together and celebrate.

Food and drinks are set up for a holiday party at West End Architectural Salvage. West End has a list of caters they recommend for clients on their website. Photo courtesy of West End Architectural Salvage

Marketing Department 360 provides a break from the daily grind

Jana Rieker, one of the owners of Marketing Department 360, said the company's holiday party is "a timeout from the day-to-day grind."

Marketing Department 360 is a full-service advertising agency and podcast studio in West Des Moines with branches in Omaha and Tulsa. Employees and clients from Iowa and other states are invited to the company's annual holiday party held at its office on Westown Parkway.

Rieker said the company chooses to host its party at their office to showcase some of the work they do, creating a casual, relaxed environment where guests can mingle and enjoy the space.

The office is also shared with other companies.

"We'll bring in their clients to mingle and meet each other, have some fun, share different best practices, and we always try to do something educational and give them a gift," she said.

Marketing Department 360 has a social committee that organizes quarterly client events, including the holiday party. Food is purchased



A Christmas tree is decorated at Hotel Fort Des Moines for the holiday season. Clients are also able to bring their own decorations for their holiday parties. Photo courtesy of Hotel Fort Des Moines

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from a local bakery, alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks are provided, and a Christmas tree decorates the office, with gifts placed underneath. The committee also organizes games and get-to-know-you activities because guests may be meeting in person for the first time, even though they email on a regular basis.

"The party is an appreciation for both our clients and employees. A lot of times they'll work together and email back and forth on a daily or weekly basis but don't ever have a lot of time to mingle face-to-face, so it's sort of a time to do that," Rieker said.

Marketing Department 360 has hosted holiday parties since they were established three years ago. Rieker said one of the most memorable parts of the event is the gift given to clients.

"It's kind of a non-traditional gift," she said.

The holiday party at the Marketing Department 360 is a time for the company to show their appreciation towards their employees and clients while celebrating the holidays.

Although Rieker is a Christian, she calls the event a holiday party rather than a Christmas party to ensure everyone feels included.

Krause Group builds connections beyond the office

Krause Group, a founder-led parent and holding company in Des Moines, also hosts its annual holiday party at their headquarters Krause Gateway Center.

"The architecture, art, and views of the Sculpture Park make it feel special, even for those of us who work here every day," Meghan Satterstrom, the director of communications and public relations at Krause Group, said.

Allora Café, located at Krause Gateway Center, caters the holiday party for Krause Group and for other companies that rent out the Krause Gateway Center for their own events.

"At Krause Group, we value creating places where people feel welcome and connected," Satterstrom said. "Sharing a table, enjoying a conversation, and making memories together brings that to life."

Krause Group hosts the holiday party as a way to say thank you to its employees, and give them a chance to get to know each other in a more personal way.

"Some of the best conversations happen when there's no meeting agenda," Satterstrom said.

Venue experts share tips for memorable holiday parties

While some businesses host holiday parties at their offices, others choose venues throughout the Des Moines metropolitan area.

West End Architectural Salvage in Downtown Des Moines has hosted company holiday parties for 21 years. The venue can accommodate 200 people, while its coffee shop also seats 110 people.

Don Short, the owner of West End Architectural Salvage, has noticed a change in demand for company holiday parties. In previous years, West End hosted up to 20 events each holiday season. Now, it only averages about 12.

Short believes that companies have become more cautious about alcohol consumption at work events, and the pause in large gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the company holiday party scene in Des Moines.

"I feel like it is a lost thing that companies are missing out on, showing the appreciation they have for their employees and the people that make their companies run," he said.

Still, the companies that continue to host holiday parties are building morale for their employees and giving them an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy themselves.

Katie Rounsborg, the director of sales and marketing at Hotel Fort Des Moines, shares that perspective.

"Every time you see a holiday party, there's no one that's upset, no one's not having a good time," Rounsborg said.

Short said it is important for people to get to know each other outside of the workplace, and company holiday parties are the perfect way to do so.

A business can host a holiday party at West End Architectural Salvage and know that most everything, from planning to execution, will be taken care of by Short and his team, leaving minimal work to the one in charge of planning the event for their company.

"Holiday parties typically are handed to someone who reports to someone who reports to someone, and they're like, 'I don't want to make all the decisions; I want to come to a place where we know what we're going to get and we know it's going to be good,'" Short said.

The main thing Short sees when a company approaches him about hosting its holiday party at West End Architectural Salvage is creating an atmosphere where their employees will feel comfortable.

"I also feel most people don't want to sit around a six or eight tablecloth round table where you can't really get around and talk, so the West End offers a little more of an intimate space with an amazing atmosphere," he said.

Planning a company holiday party involves several components, including food and drinks, music and entertainment, decorations, parking and transportation.

Hotel Fort Des Moines typically hosts 30 to 50 company holiday parties each year, all varying in size. Some companies choose to be closely involved in the planning, while others rely on Rounsborg and the hotel's event planning team to manage the process.

"We get a lot of people that want that elevated, different experience. If you want a 1920s speakeasy feel, we have that. If you want the grand ballroom feel with a lot of people, we can go that route. If you're a smaller event and you want something more intimate and cozy, we have an event space for that," Rounsborg said.

Rounsborg said themed parties can help make a company's celebration memorable.

"Being able to have a theme and play that into whatever property or venue you're hosting it at goes a long way, and we've seen that be really successful for events in the past," she said.

One theme that stuck out to Rounsborg was a "Hot and Cold" party.

"They went out into the 'cold' to go to dinner, and they had the reception as the 'warmth.' They had sand in our grand ballroom, and everything was beach themed with a beach themed candy cart, like one you'd find on the beach, a hunky Santa and coconut drinks with the curly straws," she said.

Each company has its own needs for holiday parties. Some planners want an interactive experience, while others prefer a relaxed setting where employees can unwind after a busy year.

From Rounsborg's experience, holiday parties offer an opportunity to build morale and strengthen relationships within a company.

"I genuinely think it's to build that camaraderie within their team, and it's really a way for some of those guests to be able to breathe and recap their year," she said.

For larger corporate companies and small local businesses alike, Rounsborg recommends starting the planning process early, as early as August.

No matter what kind of experience a business is looking for, an intimate gathering or a themed celebration, company holiday parties are a way for businesses to show their appreciation towards their employees, to enjoy each other's company outside of a work setting and to take a break from daily routines. ■

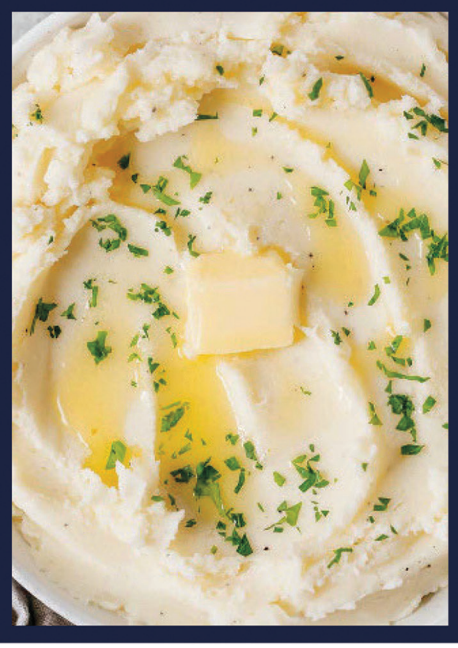
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Starter Salad

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Laugenbrötchen (pretzel roll) with butter *[one dozen]*

Sides

Buttery Mashed Potatoes *[1/2 pan]*
Roasted Sweet Potatoes *[1/2 pan]*
Roasted Brussel Sprouts *[1/2 pan]*

Dessert

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DATE: 2026-06-02
SALE PRICE: $1,500,000
SELLER: GBC PARTNERS LLC
BUYER: GRAZIANO BROTHERS INC
ACRES: 0.895
SQUARE FEET: 10,970

1407 N.W. LAUREL ST., SUITE 101, ELKHART
DATE: 2026-06-02
SALE PRICE: $3,100,000
SELLER: DJMJ ELKHART LLC
BUYER: ELKHART LLC
ACRES: 2.682
SQUARE FEET: 20,000

434 28TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-02
SALE PRICE: $372,000
SELLER: PRIETO, HILDA
BUYER: O'MALLEY ROW LLC
ACRES: 0.167
SQUARE FEET: 3,654

717 LYON ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-02
SALE PRICE: $9,500,000
SELLER: UCI HOLDINGS LLC
BUYER: MMOF IV DES MOINES IA LLC
ACRES: 2.461
SQUARE FEET: 14,380

5101 FLEUR DRIVE, DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-04
SALE PRICE: $90,000
SELLER: KINLEY, ELIZABETH ANN
BUYER: KINLEY, RAYMOND P
ACRES: 1.734
SQUARE FEET: 9,380

5101 FLEUR DRIVE, DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-04
SALE PRICE: $90,000
SELLER: KINLEY, FRANK ALAN
BUYER: KINLEY, RAYMOND P
ACRES: 1.734
SQUARE FEET: 9,380

4000 11TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-04
SALE PRICE: $125,000
SELLER: HERDEAZ, VALERIE M
BUYER: QSA LLC
ACRES: 0.152
SQUARE FEET: 1,330

2923 S.W. NINTH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-04
SALE PRICE: $390,000
SELLER: QSA LLC
BUYER: ELB PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC
ACRES: 1.178
SQUARE FEET: 4,193

3915 E. 14TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-04
SALE PRICE: $250,000
SELLER: ARBY'S PROPERTIES LLC
BUYER: MORITZ, SCOT
ACRES: 0.904
SQUARE FEET: 2,845

1424 ARMY POST ROAD, DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-05
SALE PRICE: $500,000
SELLER: BIG DEAL INVESTMENTS LLC
BUYER: QSA LLC
ACRES: 0.327
SQUARE FEET: 3,223

7031 DOUGLAS AVE., URBANDALE
DATE: 2026-06-05
SALE PRICE: $750,000
SELLER: GREENSTATE CREDIT UNION
BUYER: CITY OF URBANDALE
ACRES: 1.386
SQUARE FEET: 4,142

1012 MULBERRY ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-05
SALE PRICE: $693,693
SELLER: FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DES MOINES
BUYER: 110-112 10TH STREET LLC
ACRES: 0.455
SQUARE FEET: N/A

1214 31ST ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-06
SALE PRICE: $1,000,000
SELLER: DRAKE UNIVERSITY
BUYER: SEDU LLC
ACRES: 2.412
SQUARE FEET: 40,530

1049 PARKER BLVD., POLK CITY
DATE: 2026-06-08
SALE PRICE: $18,422
SELLER: CL DAILEY INVESTMENTS LLC
BUYER: PC DEV PARTNERS LLC
ACRES: 1.090
SQUARE FEET: N/A

1049 PARKER BLVD., POLK CITY
DATE: 2026-06-08
SALE PRICE: $379,873
SELLER: TJL INVESTMENTS LLC
BUYER: PC WEST BRIDGE COMMERCIAL LLC
ACRES: 1.090
SQUARE FEET: N/A

1049 PARKER BLVD., POLK CITY
DATE: 2026-06-08
SALE PRICE: $400,000
SELLER: PC DEV PARTNERS LLC
BUYER: TJL INVESTMENTS LLC
ACRES: 1.090
SQUARE FEET: N/A

107 12TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-08
SALE PRICE: $1,200,000
SELLER: CHESTNUT INVESTMENTS LLC
BUYER: WEST END RENOVATIONS LLC
ACRES: 0.406
SQUARE FEET: 18,978

6802 S.E. BELLAGIO COURT, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-09
SALE PRICE: $407,500
SELLER: WILLIAM KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT CORP
BUYER: WIEDERIN HOLDINGS LLC
ACRES: 1.589
SQUARE FEET: N/A

1301 EIGHTH ST., WEST DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-10
SALE PRICE: $775,000
SELLER: MEYER FAMILY TRUST
BUYER: PAR4 1301 8TH ST LLC
ACRES: 0.644
SQUARE FEET: 2,638

3801 DEAN AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-10
SALE PRICE: $200,000
SELLER: MICHAEL W VANDE VOORT REVOCABLE TRUST
BUYER: 20 E 18TH DES MOINES LLC
ACRES: 9.670
SQUARE FEET: N/A

1111 CHERRY ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-10
SALE PRICE: $130,000
SELLER: JOHNSON, LINDA J
BUYER: RSMS 3 LLC
ACRES: 0.159
SQUARE FEET: N/A

3810 38TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-10
SALE PRICE: $275,000
SELLER: MARK & JANE PROPERTIES LLC
BUYER: WADI, AHMED
ACRES: 0.177
SQUARE FEET: 3,000

1111 S.E. 30TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-11
SALE PRICE: $2,505,000
SELLER: LEE M MITCHELL TRUST
BUYER: NMDP HOLDINGS LLC
ACRES: 14.833
SQUARE FEET: 12,648

5370 N.W. 86TH ST., JOHNSTON
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $788,542
SELLER: S GANSON BYERS LC
BUYER: WEERS, GARY V
ACRES: 1.648
SQUARE FEET: 15,650

5370 N.W. 86TH ST., JOHNSTON
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $5,549,699
SELLER: LSJT OF IOWA LLC
BUYER: KAIROS LLC
ACRES: 1.648
SQUARE FEET: 15,650

5370 N.W. 86TH ST., JOHNSTON
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $162,519
SELLER: LSJT OF IOWA LLC
BUYER: MD10 JOHNSTON LLC
ACRES: 1.648
SQUARE FEET: 15,650

2605 S.W. ORALABOR ROAD, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $1,162,500
SELLER: FAIRMOUNT EDUCATION INC
BUYER: SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT ORALABOR LLC
ACRES: 4.054
SQUARE FEET: 1,080

1450 OFFICE PARK ROAD, WEST DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $2,386,250
SELLER: COUNTRY CLUB INVESTMENTS LP
BUYER: WCKLC-PARK WEST LC
ACRES: 1.907
SQUARE FEET: 25,599

1155 OFFICE PARK ROAD, WEST DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $7,158,750
SELLER: COUNTRY CLUB INVESTMENTS LP
BUYER: WCKLC-PARK WEST LC
ACRES: 4.396
SQUARE FEET: 86,388

1500 N.W. 118TH ST., CLIVE
DATE: 2026-06-12
SALE PRICE: $3,500,000
SELLER: AMC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC
BUYER: IOWA EQUITY EXCHANGE PRKG 3527 LLC
ACRES: 12.516
SQUARE FEET: 86,892

6250 S.E. 14TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-15
SALE PRICE: $3,137,500
SELLER: BOING US HOLDCO LLC
BUYER: CLUB CAR WASH DES MOINES 14TH ST LLC
ACRES: 1.486
SQUARE FEET: 3,942

3215 SEVENTH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-15
SALE PRICE: $128,750
SELLER: WOOD, NATHAN C
BUYER: ROSENDALE, ALLAN L
ACRES: 0.149
SQUARE FEET: 2,881

2210 E. PARK AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $5,103,028
SELLER: RIVERWOODS TERRACE LLC
BUYER: 2210 E PARK AVENUE PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 4.022
SQUARE FEET: 35,022

6151 MARTHA L. MILLER DRIVE, PLEASANT HILL
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $14,914,967
SELLER: EDENCREST AT PLEASANT HILL LLC
BUYER: 6151 MARTHA L MILLER DRIVE PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 4.599
SQUARE FEET: 62,467

3410 BEAVER AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $14,341,941
SELLER: BEAVERDALE SENIOR HOUSING LLC
BUYER: 3410 BEAVER AVENUE PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 3.668
SQUARE FEET: 63,201

455 S.W. ANKENY ROAD, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $12,880,671
SELLER: SIENA HILLS SENIOR HOUSING LLC
BUYER: 455 SW ANKENY ROAD PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 4.516
SQUARE FEET: 56,065

14001 DOUGLAS PARKWAY, URBANDALE
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $18,629,479
SELLER: EDENCREST AT TIMBERLINE LLC
BUYER: 14001 DOUGLAS PARKWAY PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 7.101
SQUARE FEET: 93,637

1600 EIGHTH ST. S.E., ALTOONA
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $14,146,702
SELLER: EDENCREST TUSCANY LLC
BUYER: 1600 8TH STREET SE PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 6.471
SQUARE FEET: 96,991

6750 CORPORATE DRIVE, JOHNSTON
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $12,101,939
SELLER: GREEN MEADOWS SENIOR HOUSING LLC
BUYER: 6750 CORPORATE DRIVE PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 5.720
SQUARE FEET: 53,827

226 FIRST ST., WEST DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-16
SALE PRICE: $399,999
SELLER: ROCK PRAIRIE ENTERPRISES LLC
BUYER: COOK, CARY
ACRES: 0.346
SQUARE FEET: 3,356

310 N.W. SAGE HOLLOW LANE, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-17
SALE PRICE: $2,911,550
SELLER: BRICKTOWNE PIPER LC
BUYER: BK JENSEN LC
ACRES: 9.822
SQUARE FEET: 0

210 N.W. CAMEL SANDS LANE, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-17
SALE PRICE: $2,911,550
SELLER: BRICKTOWNE PIPER LC
BUYER: KS JENSEN LC
ACRES: 11.244
SQUARE FEET: 0

209 N.W. SAGE HOLLOW LANE, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-17
SALE PRICE: $2,911,550
SELLER: BRICKTOWNE PIPER LC
BUYER: MG JENSEN LC
ACRES: 6.804
SQUARE FEET: 0

5525 DOUGLAS AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-18
SALE PRICE: $100
SELLER: ABELARDO'S MEXICAN FOOD LLC
BUYER: IOWA THREE REALTY LLC
ACRES: 0.358
SQUARE FEET: 1,660

1501 E EUCLID AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-19
SALE PRICE: $1,290,000
SELLER: JDS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS LLC
BUYER: IOWA THREE REALTY LLC
ACRES: 0.952
SQUARE FEET: 3,123

112 FIFTH AVE. N.W., ALTOONA
DATE: 2026-06-19
SALE PRICE: $1,145,194
SELLER: MANTSCH ALTOONA LLC
BUYER: PHOENIX SPIRIT LLC
ACRES: 8.619
SQUARE FEET: 122,976

NO ADDRESS LISTED
DATE: 2026-06-22
SALE PRICE: $6,254,720
SELLER: SHAFER, C EDWARD
BUYER: CANYON LANDING LC
ACRES: 78.185
SQUARE FEET: 0

1313 E 23RD ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-23
SALE PRICE: $110,000
SELLER: BAK RENTALS LLC
BUYER: JUGGERNAUT WASTE SERVICES LLC
ACRES: 0.152
SQUARE FEET: 3,024

1910 S.W. PLAZA SHOPS LANE, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-24
SALE PRICE: $1,950,000
SELLER: SRM HOLDINGS LLC
BUYER: KLINE INNSBRUCK LLC
ACRES: 0.410
SQUARE FEET: 6,656

5001 S.W. NINTH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-24
SALE PRICE: $410,000
SELLER: 5001 SW 9TH ST LLC
BUYER: D&M HOMES LLC
ACRES: 0.814
SQUARE FEET: 3,153

1203 FOURTH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-25
SALE PRICE: $240,000
SELLER: MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-DES MOINES
BUYER: LEADERS COMPANIES LLC
ACRES: 0.789
SQUARE FEET: 0

3939 E. 14TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-25
SALE PRICE: $590,750
SELLER: RIVERLAND PARK RESORT LLC
BUYER: 3939 PROPERTIES LLC
ACRES: 0.638
SQUARE FEET: 7,839

4749 N.E. 20TH LANE, DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-26
SALE PRICE: $2,150,000
SELLER: D&M PARTNERS LLC
BUYER: TANAM INROADS LLC
ACRES: 1.553
SQUARE FEET: 16,200

331 N.E. CYPRESS DRIVE, GRIMES
DATE: 2026-06-26
SALE PRICE: $1,690,000
SELLER: GRIMES HERITAGE PARTNERS LLC
BUYER: KITZMAN INVESTMENTS INC
ACRES: 1.034
SQUARE FEET: 4,512

708 WALL AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-26
SALE PRICE: $145,000
SELLER: 7 DAYS CASH LLC
BUYER: SEER CAPITAL LLC
ACRES: 0.240
SQUARE FEET: 1,872

112 FIFTH AVE. N.W., ALTOONA
DATE: 2026-06-26
SALE PRICE: $2,139,645
SELLER: MANTSCH ALTOONA LLC
BUYER: BODNER FUND18 LLC
ACRES: 8.619
SQUARE FEET: 122,976

1850 S.W. PLAZA SHOPS LANE, ANKENY
DATE: 2026-06-29
SALE PRICE: $2,018,000
SELLER: CLASSIC HOLDINGS 1850 LLC
BUYER: JEFFREY PAUL HOMES LLC
ACRES: 0.575
SQUARE FEET: 6,784

2440 S.W. NINTH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-29
SALE PRICE: $1,110,000
SELLER: SW 9TH LLC
BUYER: NINTH GROUP LLC
ACRES: 1.015
SQUARE FEET: 12,787

5109 N.E. 17TH ST., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-29
SALE PRICE: $1,700,000
SELLER: 5109NE17VOSS LLC
BUYER: AJOJ LLC
ACRES: 1.250
SQUARE FEET: 16,900

7600 S.W. 22ND ST. STE 104, DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-06-30
SALE PRICE: $500,000
SELLER: IOWA ALL-STARS REAL ESTATE LLC
BUYER: GRIFFIN LAND INVESTMENTS LLC
ACRES: 0.220
SQUARE FEET: 3,000

200 SEVENTH AVE. S.W., ALTOONA
DATE: 2026-06-30
SALE PRICE: $4,187,359
SELLER: REALCO ALTOONA IA LLC
BUYER: 200 7TH AVENUE SW PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 4.546
SQUARE FEET: 31,803

2215 ADVENTURELAND DRIVE, ALTOONA
DATE: 2026-06-30
SALE PRICE: $585,000
SELLER: MID-IOWA SUBWAY INC
BUYER: KALRA, CHANDER
ACRES: 0.442
SQUARE FEET: 3,300

NO ADDRESS LISTED
DATE: 2026-06-30
SALE PRICE: $1,175,000
SELLER: 6395 NW BEAVER DRIVE LLC
BUYER: CASCADE FARMS LLC
ACRES: 5.367
SQUARE FEET: 7,840

625 EIGHTH ST. S.E., ALTOONA
DATE: 2026-07-01
SALE PRICE: $200,000
SELLER: DEN HARTOG, DOROTHY L
BUYER: CHAOS PROPERTIES LLC
ACRES: 0.448
SQUARE FEET: 2,520

233 UNIVERSITY AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-07-01
SALE PRICE: $5,253,950
SELLER: REALCO UNIVERSITY PARK IA LLC
BUYER: 233 UNIVERSITY AVENUE PROPCO LLC
ACRES: 1.454
SQUARE FEET: 56,544

6842 UNIVERSITY AVE., WINDSOR HEIGHTS
DATE: 2026-07-02
SALE PRICE: $447,000
SELLER: LEE, THOMAS
BUYER: MOHAMMAD, NAFISA SYED
ACRES: 0.286
SQUARE FEET: 1,500

2936 BRATTLEBORO AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-07-03
SALE PRICE: $315,000
SELLER: LTS CONSULTS GROUP LLC
BUYER: TRI-LAMBDA PROPERTIES LLC
ACRES: 0.227
SQUARE FEET: 2,522

1660 E. AURORA AVE., DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-07-06
SALE PRICE: $3,300,000
SELLER: INDUSTRIAL LEASE II PROPCO LLC
BUYER: BRI EAST AURORA AVE LLC
ACRES: 11.040
SQUARE FEET: 48,000

317 SEVENTH ST., WEST DES MOINES
DATE: 2026-07-06
SALE PRICE: $232,500
SELLER: ERTLE, HERBERT J
BUYER: ATHANASSIOU, THEOPHILOS G
ACRES: 0.166
SQUARE FEET: 2,623 ■



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS

Borrower Name	City	County	Cong. District	$ Amount	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	New Vs. Existing	Business Type
Baker Construction Management LLC	Centerville	APPANOOSE	03	$223,700	0	0	EXISTING	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors
Big Wheel Commercial Wash LLC	Centerville	APPANOOSE	03	$168,600	0	0	EXISTING	Car Washes
STREETRODS RESTORATION & CUSTOMS LLC	BOONE	BOONE	04	$15,000	0	1	EXISTING	General Automotive Repair
Mason City Pizza Ranch & Fun Zone	Mason City	CERRO GORDO	02	$566,000	0	0	EXISTING	Limited-Service Restaurants
Caleb Kroymann Business Development LLC	Delmar	CLINTON	01	$120,800	2	2	NEW	Landscaping Services
Caleb Kroymann Business Development LLC	DELMAR	CLINTON	01	$35,000	1	0	NEW	Landscaping Services
120 Rentals, LLC	Oelwein	FAYETTE	02	$1,425,000	0	3	NEW	Truck, Utility Trailer, and RV (Recreational Vehicle) Rental and Leasing
Comfort Inn & Suites Coralville near Iowa	CORALVILLE	JOHNSON	01	$2,560,000	0	14	NEW	Hotels (except Casino Hotels) and Motels
DarkHound Legacy Holdings LLC	IOWA CITY	JOHNSON	01	$360,000	0	3	NEW	Locksmiths
Lucky's on 16th, LLC	CEDAR RAPIDS	LINN	02	$262,900	15	15	EXISTING	Full-Service Restaurants
E&M TRANSLATIONS & INTERPRETATIONS SERVICE	CEDAR RAPIDS	LINN	02	$20,000	2	2	NEW	Language Schools
ZTJ 13 ENTERPRISES INC	PELLA	MARION	01	$508,200	0	9	EXISTING	Pet and Pet Supply Retailers
CENTRAL IOWA AUTO GLASS LLC	PLEASANTVILLE	MARION	01	$20,000	1	0	NEW	Automotive Glass Replacement Shops
MT IA One Real Estate, LLC	MARSHALLTOWN	MARSHALL	04	$4,621,300	7	38	NEW	New Car Dealers
FIREFLY OUTPOST LLC	PACIFIC JUNCTION	MILLS	04	$860,000	2	2	EXISTING	RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks and Campgrounds
NOTT YOUR HANDYMAN LLC	MUSCATINE	MUSCATINE	01	$5,700	0	0	NEW	Residential Remodelers
Signature Salon & Day Spa, Inc.	ALTOONA	POLK	03	$1,255,100	20	12	EXISTING	Beauty Salons
Pinnacle Electric LLC	Clive	POLK	03	$166,800	2	2	NEW	Electrical Contractors
SMITTY'S TENDERLOIN, LLC DBA SMITTY'S TENDERLOIN	Des Moines	POLK	03	$150,000	1	13	EXISTING	Full-Service Restaurants
HOME BLANKET COMFORT LLC	JOHNSTON	POLK	03	$30,000	2	2	EXISTING	Drywall and Insulation Contractors
THRIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS	WEST DES MOINES	POLK	03	$62,500	2	0	EXISTING	Offices of Mental Health Practitioners (except Physicians)
WRIGHT COMPANIES INC	WEST DES MOINES	POLK	03	$50,000	0	4	EXISTING	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors
ASTUTE SOLUTIONS, LLC	CARTER LAKE	POTTAWATTAMIE	04	$115,000	0	48	EXISTING	Marketing Consulting Services
Iowa Pipe Fittings Company LLC	OAKLAND	POTTAWATTAMIE	04	$3,087,800	0	0	NEW	All Other Miscellaneous Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
TomCat Davenport LLC	DAVENPORT	SCOTT	01	$4,535,000	11	2	NEW	Furniture Retailers
Dependable Precision LLC	Hawarden	SIOUX	04	$1,325,600	1	11	EXISTING	Machine Shops
Fit4Christ, LLC	Sioux Center	SIOUX	04	$590,000	3	0	EXISTING	Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers
Risetter Holdings, LLC	Story City	STORY	04	$169,000	2	0	NEW	Offices of Dentists
The Rogga Corporation	NORWALK	WARREN	01	$120,000	0	2	EXISTING	Private Mail Centers

TRANSACTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



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Iowa Bankers Association honors Feenstra with distinguished public service award

The Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) recently presented Rep. Randy Feenstra (IA-04) with its Distinguished Public Service Award. The IBA created the award to recognize those in public service who have supported Iowa community banks in their efforts to safeguard $107 billion in deposits and lend over $88 billion to help individuals, business owners and agriculture expand and grow their enterprise and Iowa's economy.

Hartwig to retire from Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation; Smithey to become president

Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation (IBMC) President Robert Hartwig announced he will retire in 2027. Nathan Smithey will assume the role of IBMC president following Hartwig's retirement. Smithey currently serves as senior vice president of loan production and has spent the past 14 years with IBMC. IBMC is an affiliate of the Iowa Bankers Association (IBA).Hartwig started at the IBA in 1997, and prior to his current position as IBMC president, held roles including legal counsel for regulatory compliance, government relations, and legal counsel for the IBA and its affiliates. Under Hartwig's leadership, IBMC crossed a significant milestone of servicing more than $10 billion in mortgage loans.

Iowa Bankers Association honors Goodenows with James A. Leach Leadership Award

The Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) presented banking leaders John E. Goodenow and Stephen J. Goodenow (Steve) with the 2026 James A. Leach Leadership Award during the IBA Annual Convention. The award carries the name of former Iowa Congressman Jim Leach, who chaired the U.S. House Banking and Financial Services Committee from 1995 to 2001.

Speck named chief marketing officer for Hyper Energy Bar

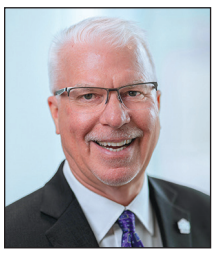
Hyper Energy Bar, a drive-thru beverage brand, announced the appointment of Rebecca Speck as chief marketing officer. Speck will lead Hyper's brand and marketing strategy as the company continues to expand across the Midwest.

Coffins honored with United Way of Central Iowa's Tocqueville Society Award

United Way of Central Iowa announced Don and Mary Coffin as the recipients of the 2026 Tocqueville Society Award, one of the organization's highest honors recognizing individuals whose sustained leadership, service and philanthropic commitment have created lasting impact across central Iowa. The Tocqueville Society Award is presented annually to members who demonstrate exceptional service to United Way and embody the values of generosity, integrity and leadership.



DMU names Stuck and McKinney to the Board of Trustees


Gary Stuck


Matthew McKinney

Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences appointed two new members to its Board of Trustees, Gary Stuck and Matthew McKinney, and recognized longtime trustee Barry Braver, DO, a 1979 graduate of DMU's Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program, as a trustee emeritus. The board recognized Braver for his years of dedicated service and leadership through the emeritus designation, which acknowledges former trustees whose commitment and contributions have made a lasting impact on DMU.

Meyocks appoints Toomey as senior market research strategist


Deborah Toomey

Meyocks, a branding and marketing agency, has appointed Deborah Toomey as senior market research strategist. In this role, Toomey is responsible for deepening the agency's research and marketing analytics capabilities, translating insights to help clients make more informed marketing decisions. In addition, Toomey will join Beth Ann Boyd, vice president of digital delivery, in leading Meyocks Research + Insights, the agency's marketing research arm. ■