Tourism Conference starts tomorrow

The Iowa Tourism Conference, Iowa's premier educational event for tourism professionals, starts tomorrow. Walk-in registrations are available for the conference that runs February 6-8 at Prairie Meadows Casino, Racetrack and Hotel in Altoona. View the agenda.

Travel guide requests up over 2018

The newest edition of the Iowa Travel Guide was released on Tuesday, January 29, as part of National Plan for Vacation Day. More than 5,000 travel guides were ordered in the first three days, a 6.4 percent increase over the similar time frame in 2018.

The guide includes 148 pages showcasing Iowa's authentic destinations, small town soda fountains, ice cream shops, wineries and breweries, patios worth biking to, cultural festivals, hidden shopping gems, unique places to stay and outdoor adventures. The guide also includes campground and cabin listings. The cover features a photo of the National Balloon Classic in Indianola.
DCA opens new round of grants, opportunities

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) opened a new round of grants and opportunities for arts, history, historic preservation and community development projects with late spring deadlines.

**Iowa Arts Council grants and opportunities:**
- Iowa Scholarship for the Arts - Deadline March 1
- Iowa Artist Fellowship - Deadline March 15
- Iowa Woman's Art Exhibition - Deadline April 1
- Art Project Grants - Deadline May 1
- Capacity Building Grants - Deadline May 1
- Cultural & Entertainment Districts - Deadline May 1
- Cultural Heritage Project Grants - Deadline May 1
- School Arts Experience Grant - Deadline May 1
- Iowa Great Places - Deadline May 1

**State Historical Society of Iowa grants and opportunities:**
- Research Grants for Authors - Deadline April 15
- Historical Resource Development Program - Deadline April 19
- County School Grant Program - Deadline April 19

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