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Where's Wando?

We've hidden Wando somewhere in this issue of 365ink. Can you find the master of movies buried within these pages?

Bryce's
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Notes from the Publisher... **Fostering ideas, conversations and arguments.**

A lot of people have asked me if I ever found my wedding ring. If you missed that issue, it was indeed about losing my ring and the ordeal of looking for it and my wife being pretty cool about the whole thing. I don't recall the story having a moral to it, which is rare for me. I pretty much blather on here until the very end when I try to come to a point and a moral to whatever tale of my life I'm sharing. In this case there is a moral, but it turns out I had to come to the end of the story to realize it.

Yes, I did find my wedding ring. It was in the trash and that's the first place I thought to look. So why didn't I find it right away? Well, that's the story now isn't it. I was picking the extra meat off of a rotisserie chicken we got from Hy-Vee to use in another creative dish at a later date. By the nature of things, it was pretty greasy and slippery, as a cooked chicken carcass can tend to be. Then I did the dishes. Between these two things I was pretty sure the answer to my riddle lay. Because I discovered the ring missing late at night when I went to bed, I only spent a few minutes looking for it before returning to bed. The next night when I got home, my wife had checked three trash bags and the sink. She got some metal pieces out of the garbage grinder in the sink and was convinced she found it, but I was sure upon seeing and feeling it that this was aluminum from a pop can tab. She had no luck with the trash, but she checked it on the porch, still in the bag at sunset. So she was not positive it wasn't in there. Just pretty sure. But rather than putting it in the trash can to set-out, she put it in the garage so I could check it again later.

In the the following days I kept coming home after dark from work so the only places I could really look was inside until the weekend. So about a week later, I finally pull out the old bag of trash and don some extra heavy duty farm gloves and open the foul smelling, old-chicken laden bag-o-nastiness. Holding my breath I moved trash from that bag to a new one my wife held open outside in the daylight, and where the air could escape. Man, this sucker stunk. We got through 95% of the bag with just a few scraps at the bottom when we both spotted it at the same time. The ring had been found. It just needed a little napalm and an exorcism to remove the grossness from it and it was back on my now thinner finger. It's still loose today, but not such that I need to get it adjusted just yet. I just won't be sticking my hands in any grease any time soon without first

carefully removing my ring and notifying my wife upon removal where it's getting placed.

So what's the moral?

I have one more example that puts the thesis to bed. Just two weeks prior to losing my ring, I lost my car keys. I have not done that in 15 years. I retraced my day in my head. The most logical place they could be was in the back seat of my brothers car, where I was when we went to a meeting in Galena. I called him and he checked the back seat. They were not there. So I embarked on an hours-long exhaustive search to find them. I called the guys in Galena and they checked everywhere. I went to every place I was that day for meetings and to Lot One where I had lunch. Nothing. I tore apart my desk and then the rest of the office, bathroom and all. Nothing. So in desperation I asked Brad to check the car again and look under the seats. So he did. Nothing. A couple more days pass and my wife pops into the office to say hi after the work day. Brad and I are still there, so she asks if she can look in the car. 30 seconds after she went outside, she came back in with the keys. They were in the back seat of his car, under the rear of the drivers seat. I could dwell on my raging frustration at my brother for clearly not putting much heart into the search for the keys, but maybe I should know better than to have a guy that can't bend very well doing an automobile cavity search. And I was just so relieved to have them back that I didn't care. That's a lie. I was pretty tweaked that I wasted all those hours when it was indeed in the first place I thought it was.

Which finally brings us around to the moral.. If you lose something, it is probably in the first place you thought you lost it. If it isn't there, you're not looking well enough.

Two days after I wrote the above column, I lost the ring again. So much for lesson learned. I was doing a Toys For Tots event and on the way home I realized my finger was naked. With all the packing and organizing I did in the truck I figured it was in there somewhere but could not find it there. So I searched Mindframe Theaters, where the event was held, even going through the trash can I used. No dice. Two days after that my wife found it... in the truck. So my moral stands intact. Even more amazing, I managed to get my inkubator written a whole week early instead of 10 minutes before press time!

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Just in time for Thanksgiving, Sesame Street Live returns to Five Flags with a fun and educational show, Elmo's Healthy Heroes. The production will offer three shows over two days, Tuesday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m.; and two shows on Wednesday, November 24, one at 4:00 and a second at 7:30 p.m. When Super Grover loses his superness, Sesame Street needs a hero! Never fear, Elmo and his band of Healthy Heroes are here. Reserved seats start at just \$13, \$15, and \$20, with "Golden Circle" seats at \$25. Sunny Seats, which include a VIP Seat and a pre-show Meet & Greet photo opportunity with two Sesame Street Live Friends are \$55 For more information, visit fiveflagscenter.com or visit the Box Office.

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**Reflections in the Park;
A Hillcrest Lights Festival**

Hillcrest Family Services invites you to take in the beautiful sights of Reflections in the Park, at Louis Murphy Park in Dubuque. The display opens November 25th and continues through January 2nd, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Gate admission is \$8/personal vehicle. A \$25 season pass is available for personal vehicles this year.

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Black Friday Kid-Distracting Movie Miracle

Mindframe Theaters welcomes parents to drop their kids off at the Theater on Friday morning, November 26th, better known as "Black Friday" so you can go shop till you drop and get all the great deals offered by

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area retailers for just a few hours on this magical and nightmarish day. The kids can enjoy either or both kid-friendly feature films, currently scheduled to be Night at the Museum and Night at the Museum 2, the first playing at 8 a.m. and the second playing at 10 a.m. Admission is just one new non-wapped toy. Additional special treats are available to support Toys For Tots as well. Every kid gets a surprise gift from Toys For Tots too! Plenty of supervision will be on hand to keep the kids corralled and safe while you buy and hide their presents across town or across the parking lot at Kennedy Mall. Get out, how convenient! Mindframe is also planning to offer the same event once more on December 11th, so you can finish up all the shopping you didn't get done the first time around.



**Cable Car Square
Christmas Candlewalk**

Cable Car Square merchants invite everyone to join them in kicking off the holiday season with the Christmas Candlewalk. The annual holiday event is scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. Holiday shoppers can get a jump on their Christmas list by browsing the unique shops in the historic Bluff Street district, each offering unique items for that special person on your list. Most shops will stay open late that evening.

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The Candlewalk is a great event for families with a festive atmosphere of lights and holiday music. Children look forward to the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus (usually about 6 p.m.) who descend to Cable Car Square on the Fenelon Place Elevator. Mobbed by the throng of excited kids, Santa and Mrs. Claus make their way to Shamrock Imports where they sit to hear each child's special Christmas wish. Even if you don't have kids of your own, the range of emotions displayed on the young faces – from excited wonderment to stunned disbelief – is not to be missed.

The event is also marked with the decorative lighting of Bluff Street with rows of luminaries – a beautiful way to see downtown during the holiday season.



Oscar on the River
Photographer/Filmmaker Louie Psihoyos
Loras College's, St. Joseph Auditorium

27 NOV National Geographic photographer and Oscar-winning filmmaker Louie Psihoyos returns to his hometown of Dubuque for "Oscar on the River," a presentation at Loras College on Saturday, November 27 at 7 p.m. The event will include a discussion of his career and experiences, along with a question and answer session with the audience. Preceding the Oscar on the River presentation, the Dubuque County Historical Society will host a meet-and-greet social with Mr. Psihoyos beginning at 5:30 p.m. to a limited number of ticket holders. A portion of the pre-party ticket proceeds will benefit The Oceanic Preservation Society (OPS) and the Dubuque County Historical Society. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. General admission tickets for the 7:00 p.m. presentation are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students; and \$75 per person for the 5:30 p.m. meet-and-greet. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Loras bookstore. More information about this event can be found at the Oscar on the River category at www.grifnforum.com.

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Chapter Six
Grand Opera House

28 NOV Vocal band Chapter Six performs a Christmas-themed concert at the Grand Opera House Sunday, November 28 at 2 p.m. In partnership with the Dubuque Arts Council, the Grand presents this concert by Chapter Six, which critics have described as "the finest vocal band touring today." Tickets for Chapter Six are available at the Grand box office. Learn more at www.thegrandoperahouse.com.



You think you're so smart!

9 DEC Courtside Sports Bar and Grill, Fun & Games Company and Budweiser present Toys For Tots Trivia night, December 9th from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Get your team of up to 8 players together for a night of Trivia mayhem. There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place, plus attendance prizes and \$1 fundraiser games between rounds. Cash Bar and menu is available from Courtside as well. Admission is just \$5 per team member if the team brings in at least one or more new non-wrapped toys valued at \$10 or more. \$10 per team member without a toy. All proceeds and toys from entry fees goes directly to Toys For Tots. Get ready to rumble, nerd-style. More Way to Support Toys For Tots:

- **Shop at Old Navy** between now and Christmas, take in a new non-wrapped gift and take 20% off of your purchase!
- **The City East Dubuque will have a Toy Drop Off Day** on December 10, 2010 at 185 Wisconsin from noon to 6 p.m.
- **Instant Replay Pub** on Central Ave. in downtown Dubuque is hosting their annual **Toys For Tots Dart Tournament** on Saturday, November 27th, starting at 6 p.m. Admission to the event is just a new, non-wrapped toy and then the fun begins.

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Giving Thanks and Giving Back

By Mike Ironside

This issue of 365ink happens to fall on Thanksgiving, a time when many of us take time to reflect on those things in our lives for which we are thankful. Despite the economy and the challenges of our personal lives, most of us, if we take the time to think about it should probably be counting ourselves as "lucky." Of course any appraisal is relative to others around us and while our neighbor down the street might have a better lawn mower, it's always important to remember that there are others who are less fortunate than we are.

The day after Thanksgiving is also an important one in America as it is the "official" start of the holiday gift-shopping season. An economic powerhouse driven by cultural traditional, the gift-shopping season culminates for many on or around Christmas or Hanukah when people give gifts to family and friends, coworkers and clients.

At first glance, it might seem that the only thing the holidays have in common might be a similar menu at a family gathering, but if you think about it there is a theme that runs through our late November and December celebrations. We take time to reflect on and celebrate all that we have and then later share of that bounty with those around us.

Through that busy time between figuring out who's bringing green bean casserole or pie to Thanksgiving and "what do I get my brother for Christmas?" there are people in our community who think about those people who are truly in need. Some need food. Some need shoes or clothes. Some need some simple human companionship. The people that work to address those needs start long before Thanksgiving. In fact, many work on it in some fashion all year round. This issue is dedicated to those people. We urge our readers to learn who they are and hopefully, how they can help.

Note that in addition to those charities listed here, there are many corporate partners and retail establishments partnering with non-profit groups (too many for us to list here in fact). In whatever way you choose, we encourage and applaud your help.

Also, while other area non-profits like the Maria House and Theresa Shelter, who recently held an Attitude of Gratitude fundraiser or the Dubuque Water Ski Club, who hosted a "Polar Plunge" for Special Olympics have just completed fundraising events, we urge you to support them as well. Anyone who has volunteered for a non-profit organization knows that fundraising is an effort that lasts well beyond any season.



Donna Ginter's Free Thanksgiving Dinner

We start our list with Donna Ginter, Dubuque's own festival matriarch who has hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner in some form or another for nearly 50 years. "This is my 49th year," reports Ginter. "It started in 1961 with six people. Six lonely divorced people. The first three or four years, I took everybody to my house. That's how it got started."

Through local media or word of mouth, many in the community have heard that Donna's fundraising efforts toward the free dinner have fallen short this year. "Catfish (Festival) was my big fundraiser but the last three years I've had nothing but rain it seems like. It's been tough," explained Ginter. "The economy last year didn't help it any more than the rain did." Proceeds from Riverfest also fund the dinner, but the September festival has also had its challenges.

About a week before we went to print Ginter was about \$5,000 away from her goal of raising \$9,000-10,000 needed to fund the dinner which last year fed over 2,500 people. The community responded with a variety of fundraising efforts from school kids to corporate donations. The McCoy group responded by pledging \$4000 to the effort. The West Side Business Association

pledged \$1,000. The Telegraph Herald reported Monday that Senior High clubs came up with a variety creative fundraising efforts to raise \$100 per club.

Audubon Elementary students recently raised \$248 toward the dinner. Ginter visited the school for a special presentation by the students. Donna told of a young boy who approached her as she was preparing to leave. "I got two dollars here that my grandpa just gave me but I'm supposed to give it to you," she quoted the boy as saying. "It's amazing. But it teaches the little ones to give, because some day they might need giving."

Between the larger gifts and contributions from individuals, it appears the fundraising gap is narrowing. "There are a lot of wonderful people in this town and they've sure been good to me and I never was short of volunteers - I always seem to have plenty - and that always makes me feel good that people respond," said Ginter.

The tradition started at Ginter's house, moved to the Navy Club on 4th Street, then the Silver Dollar (first known as the Navy Club), then the Mission for one year, and finally the Knights of Columbus Hall where the dinner has been hosted ever since. Over the years, more and more people have been served by Ginter and her volunteer crew. "Last year we delivered around 1,600-1,700 and the rest ate in the Hall," she explained, "but totally we served 2,582."

Last year Ginter had 97 cars, each with a driver and a second person to deliver dinners. Together with the volunteers who helped out at KC Hall the total came to about 300 volunteers. "I have my regular crew that's been with me - four or five of them have passed on - but my regular cooks are still with me and five or six come back year after year after year," Donna explained. "Some of the people have been with me 30 or 35 years and I got two or three that have been with me the full 49 years. Of course we get new ones every year to keep it going."

Ginter and crew start the Monday before Thanksgiving making salads and starting to cook the 90 turkeys Monday night, roasting them overnight in electric roasters. Ginter's family, along with employees of the West Dubuque Tap and volunteers all pitch in on the effort. "I couldn't do it without volunteers," Donna emphasized. "There's no way. There's no way one person could do it. Anybody that's doing anything for charity, you've got to rely on volunteers. If they don't, it doesn't go on."

While fundraising for this year will hopefully be done by the time this issue is out, people who want to give for this or next year's dinner can do so by mailing a check to Donna Ginter at P.O. Box 512, Dubuque, IA 52004-0512. Those interested in volunteering can call Donna at 563-583-8535. Donna also wanted

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us to encourage anyone in need of Thanksgiving dinner to call for delivery or to come down to Knights of Columbus Hall (781 Locust Street) on Thanksgiving Day, November 25 starting at about 1:30 p.m. "It won't be too late for people that don't have a place to go," she said, "they're sure welcome. They don't have to make a reservation to come down."

Salvation Army

For many, there is nothing more symbolic of Christmas charity than the Salvation Army's red kettles. Since 1891 when Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee first conceived of the fundraising model to help feed San Francisco's poor (inspired by "Simpson's Pot," an effort to help the poor of Liverpool), people have been dropping money in kettles to help the Salvation Army in their efforts.

Within six years of that beginning, the effort had spread across the country to Boston, feeding Christmas dinner to 150,000 people. Today, the Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods across the United States. Red kettles collect funds around the world in Korea, Japan, Chile, and many European countries, enabling the organization to help those who might otherwise be forgotten.

Locally, the Salvation Army led by Major Kay Mason (pictured on our cover) and her husband Tom spearhead two holiday campaigns – the Kettle Campaign and a toy collection campaign.



The Kettle Campaign begins in late November (the 19th this year) and runs up to 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24. Volunteers ring bells by the kettles in 23 locations

around Dubuque. Those often-chilly volunteers brave the cold staffing the kettles Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Because of the challenge of having enough volunteers, the Salvation Army asks volunteers to serve a full eight-hour shift, or find other to share that time in hour or two-hour shifts.

Typically, a variety of groups, clubs, churches, families, and friends volunteer, but of course the Salvation Army is always in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Major Kay Mason at the Salvation Army, 563-556-1573 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Dubuque chapter of the Salvation Army hopes to reach a goal of raising \$219,000, so even if you don't volunteer to ring the bell, please drop some change or a few bills in the bucket.

The Salvation Army also conducts a Christmas toy campaign, collecting toys for the organization's "toy shop." Distributing toys to kids in need 12 and younger, as well as food vouchers to needy families, the Salvation Army helps dozens of area families each year. Last year the organization distributed toys to between 1,800 and 2,000 children and helped 632 families. While the sign-up deadline for Christmas vouchers is already passed, the Salvation Army is still in need of toys for the toy shop, especially for boys and girls age six to twelve years old. Toys can be dropped off at the Salvation Army building, 1099 Iowa Street, Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Toys for Tots

Bryce Parks inherited the Marine Toys For Tots program from his father, Bob, better know as "Marine Bob, the Toys Man" following his passing in February of 2009. In 2009, their first year without his father leading the charge, Toys For Tots put together just over 20,000 toys for children in need, serving over 6500 children in the tri-state area.

"We made it through the first year thanks to the well-organized program he left as his legacy, mom doing the books, a really patient and helpful wife, and lots of friends," says Bryce.



In 2010 the Dubuque Toys For Tots crew faced a new set of challenges. While they always severed East Dubuque, Illinois, since last season, JoDaviess County lost their Toys For Tots Coordinator and the season began with that county not being covered.

"Well past the start of the season and after we could register for the standard support each county can receive from the national Foundation, I got a call from Jillian Diederich, an EMT from Elizabeth, Illinois. She offered to do the work with help if I could still help them make the program happen there. So being a glutton for punishment I said yes and we added a whole county to our coverage area. They've been great already. Because of the smaller

communities in that county, they are able to actually have local fire departments who volunteered, pair up with local Marines and actually take the gifts to the homes of toys recipients, which will be a pretty cool thing to see," Parks said. "But it put us behind the ball with having enough toys to cover everyone, so we had to get creative."

In Dubuque, the program is essentially the engine behind most of the area's largest agency toy distribution efforts, including Operation New View, St. Mark's Community Center, Hispanic Ministries, the Department of Human Services who is serviced by the Dubuque Jaycees through a partnership with Toys For Tots, the Veterans Administration and more. And Bryce points out, "Though they do their own collecting and fund-raising as well, most people don't know that the wonderful toy program run by the Salvation Army is



actually our biggest single recipient of toys. So when we make sure everyone is covered, we try to push their share as well as extras in their direction."

Grant County, Wisconsin is also covered by Parks and the toys crew through the Grant County Holiday Project. "They collect all they can from their own area, and we supplement with thousands more toys from our local and national resources." This is apparently the last year for the Holiday Project's Director, Edna Hoffman, so I guess there's some shoes to fill there as well next year.



Bryce and his dad and the toys in Feb, 2009

"My job is a lot of logistics really – organizing toys coming in and going out, planning collections and local events to support the program, sharing and trading with other cities to diversify

our toys, and finding area businesses to partner with for greater donations from the public. There are scores of boxes out there in public places, but I find it's the companies who organize drives among their staff that really produce for us," Parks shares. "When someone calls with a idea for a fund or toy-raiser I never say no."

For more information on Toys For Tots in the tri-state area visit www.toysfortots.org online or find Toys For Tots Dubuque on Facebook.

Project Concern

Project Concern is another organization that helps those in need year round, but during the holidays sponsors programs for targeted giving. Project Concern acts as a family sponsorship program coordinator during the holidays, encourage businesses, individuals and families to sponsor a family in need. Those who wish to sponsor a family can contact Project Concern and learn about a family in need, including clothing sizes, genders, and specific needs without violating the confidentiality laws. Sponsors then become a sort of "Secret Santa," purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts that a family in need actually needs. Project Concern then acts as liaison, holding the gifts for the receiving family.

For those families that do not find an outside sponsor, Project Concern will sponsor them through their FIN Fund (Families in Need). The organization is proud of the fact that 100 percent of the monies received in this fund go back to those in need – meaning no administrative costs are taken out even though it costs the agency to run the program.



Project Concern also conducts an annual giving campaign during the holidays, which is an essential source of funds for the non-profit organization. With a broader mission to meet the unmet needs of individuals in Dubuque, Jackson and Delaware Counties, Project Concern sponsors a range of programs from childcare assistance and training, to information and referral, to senior prescription drug assistance and rent or tax abatement, and many more. Project Concern also collaborates with a number of other area agencies and services. A donation to Project Concern can help supply shelter for the homeless, teach children how to read, align volunteers with opportunities, and make our community a better place. To learn more about the program or to make a donation, contact Nancy

Lewis by phone at (563) 588-3980, or email development@project_concern.org.



Dubuque Food Pantry

While the Dubuque Food Pantry helps hungry people in need year round, the organization conducts a major fundraising effort at Christmastime each year. An initiative supported by the Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU), the mission of the Dubuque Food Pantry is to make food available to needy people in the Tri-State Area. Clients are referred to the Pantry by churches and religious organizations, public and private service agencies, and by members of the Board of Directors. The client then receives food and various other items at the Food Pantry, located at 1598 Jackson Street.

In the Dubuque Food Pantry's Christmas fundraising appeal, the organization notes that the

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economic downturn of the past two years has resulted in even more families in need of food. The Food Pantry served over 300 new families this year. Though last year's Christmas appeal drew a record \$73,471, the increasing needs of the community require even greater generosity from donors this year. While people can donate non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, baby items and dish or laundry soap, a monetary gift will be most effective in helping the Dubuque Food Pantry to feed the hungry people of our community. Checks can be sent to or dropped off at the Dubuque Food Pantry, 1598 Jackson Street in Dubuque. For more information, call Sr. Lynn Wagner, PBVM, at (563) 583-4440.



Dubuque Rescue Mission

Another charity supported by the Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is the Dubuque Rescue Mission, located at 398 Main Street in Dubuque. In operation for over 75 years, the Dubuque Rescue Mission provides shelter for homeless men and hot meals to all who are hungry. In addition, the Mission provides vouchers for clothing and household items for men in need. Understanding the challenges that homeless men face, the Mission provides city bus passes for those searching for employment. A Christian organization, the Mission invites all to their morning prayer service each day at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11:30 a.m. While the handicapped-accessible facility is supported by local churches, monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. To make a donation, or for more information, contact executive director Rev. Rick Mihm at (563) 583-1394.



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PIN: People in Need

Yet another charity supported by the Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU), People in Need (or PIN) was founded on the belief that the spiritual health of a whole community and of its individual members depends on care for one another. PIN accepts financial

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The PIN organization run totally by volunteers. Free office space is provided by Westminster Presbyterian Church. While members of the Board of Directors fund all overhead costs, enabling the group to live by the motto, "A dollar to PIN is a dollar to people in need," we're guessing they would not be against accepting your donation. For more information, contact Alan Garfield at (563) 581-7995.



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and Archdiocesan Parishes are currently conducting the "Harvest of Blessings" program, a monetary collection which provides a helping hand to local people who have come upon hard times and are having difficulty meeting basic needs this holiday season. Last year, generous contributions helped 1,082 individuals residing in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Building upon the annual observance of Thanksgiving, donors are invited to contribute to this project which annually helps hundreds of people in need and relies entirely on contributions. This year, the agency has received substantially more applications than donations and asks potential donors to consider giving to the collection. Donations may be sent to Harvest of Blessings, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, P.O. Box 479, Dubuque Iowa 52004-0479.

Catholic Charities partners with several local businesses and families sponsor clients and their families at Christmastime. Rainbo Oil and Kwik Stop have helped client families for the last five years with planning which begins in July through December when they deliver presents in trucks and vans. Many of the employees of Kwik Stop ride with Santa to make the deliveries. In addition, Holy Ghost

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MERCY FESTIVAL OF TREES

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The Mercy Festival of Trees continues through Saturday, November 27. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily.

Capture the joyous and ornamental trees as they reflect the spirit of the holidays for the festival's photo contest. Each participant may submit a maximum of two photos. Deadline for submission is December 4. Two winners will be chosen. First Place will receive a Giclee print of Balltown, Iowa, signed by Dr. Abdul K. Sinno – a \$250 value. Second Place will receive a 2011 Jumbo Tri-State Calendar featuring Dr. Sinno's exclusive photography. Submissions can be made by visiting www.mercydubuque.com/festivaloftrees and clicking on Photo Contest.

Proceeds from the Festival will support the building of a new Intensive Care Unit at Mercy. The event also gives those who have not yet re-discovered the public space restored in the Roshek Building which now includes the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, the Beijing Grill, a new Asian food court style eatery, as well as the new home of Café Manna Java and satellite location for Body & Soul Spa.

Bid on trees, wreaths, and holiday items displayed throughout the Roshek Building lobby as part of the Silent Auction.

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Dubuque City Youth Ballet: The Nutcracker Grand Opera House

11-19
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The Dubuque City Youth Ballet presents The Nutcracker the weekends of December 11-19 at the Grand Opera House. The performance of the holiday classic will mark the organization's 40th year! The mysterious Dr. Drosselmeyer arrives at

the Stahlbaum Christmas with a special gift for Clara - a wooden nutcracker. As she falls asleep under the huge Christmas tree the room fills with giant mice who attack Clara. Life-size toy soldiers, led by her valiant Nutcracker, come to her rescue. The King Rat attacks the Nutcracker, but Clara hits him with her shoe and the Nutcracker wins the battle and is transformed into a handsome prince. Their adventures continue into the Land of Snow, across the Lemonade Sea and into the Kingdom of Sweets. As the adventure draws to a close, Clara drifts off to sleep. She awakens in bed, as the Nutcracker Prince salutes his princess Clara. Performances are Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday, December 17-18 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 19 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.thegrandoperahouse.com.

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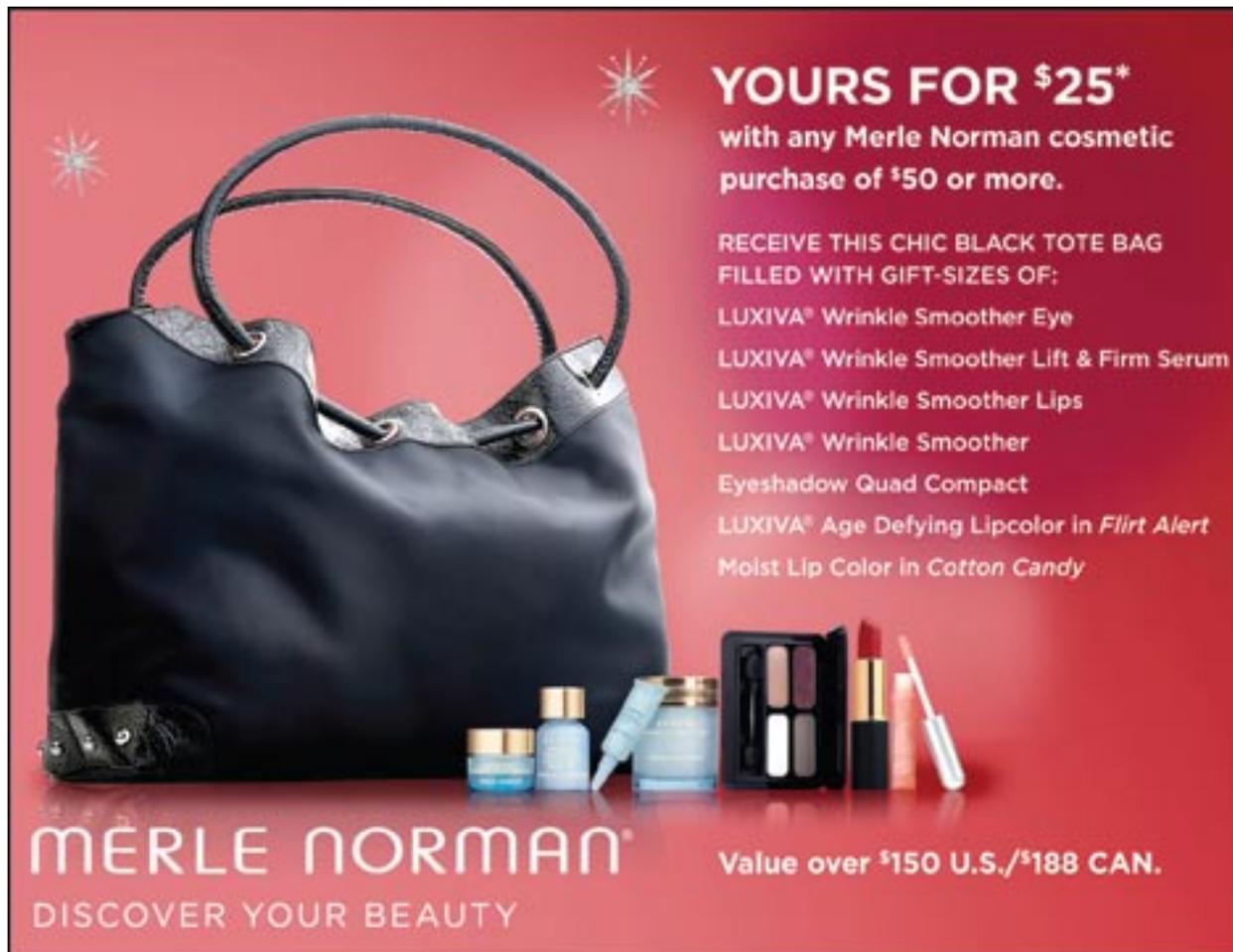
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Parish in Dubuque has sponsored a number of families at Catholic Charities for the past several years. Partnerships between Catholic Charities and individual parishes, college students, high school honor student groups, religious education classes, dentist's offices and doctor's offices help the organization to meet the needs of sponsor families during the holidays.



Shoes That Fit

Sponsored locally by Mediacom Communications and its OnMedia Advertising division with a number of local business sponsors, the Shoes That Fit campaign seeks to help school-age children in need from five Dubuque elementary schools with finding "Shoes That Fit." This is the ninth year for

Dubuque's Shoes That Fit program, which helped 103 school children last year.

Through the program, liaisons at the elementary schools help to identify children from high-need families. OnMedia partners with local businesses, with each business making available the "Shoes That Fit" donor cards that customers take for use in shopping for the specific shoes or boots. This year donors can pick up a donor card at the following sponsor locations: DBQ Fashions, Abeyance Salon & Spa, Miracle Car Wash, Mediacom, and Radio Dubuque.

"The great thing about Shoes That Fit is that all donations benefit local children right here in our community," says local sales manager Brian Zeman. "It is very rewarding to be part of a program all of us can participate in and make a difference for a child in one of the many families facing financial pressures. It is great to work for a company who took the lead in bringing a national program into Iowa and our community. This program is about more than shoes, it gives children hope and encouragement," said Brian Zeman. While this year's program is already underway, donors can still pick up cards at participating businesses through the end of November.



Riverview Center

The Riverview Center, whose mission is to provide free, comprehensive sexual assault prevention, intervention, and advocacy services, might not be the first organization that people think of at this time of year, but unfortunately sexual assault and domestic violence know no holiday. Because of that unfortunate truth, Riverview is doing a holiday drive specifically for emergency resources for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. When a woman recently visited the Riverview Center needing emergency shelter, the organization was able to partner with a local hotel to get her a room but her needs were much greater than just a room – gas money, food, and even basic toiletries. Riverview is in the process of creating an inventory of supplies like gas cards, toiletries, and all the necessities a displaced person would need to escape a dangerous situation and begin to rebuild their

life. Of course, money will always be needed to help in that effort. To donate, contact Riverview Center by calling the Dubuque County office at 563-557-0310 or by going online at www.riverviewcenter.org. Phone numbers for Buchanan and Delaware Counties in Iowa and Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties in Illinois are also listed on the web site.



Reflections in the Park

While the money raised by Reflections in the Park supports sponsoring organization Hillcrest Family Services throughout the year, the annual event Louis Murphy Park is one of the most fun and successful fundraisers of the holiday season. This year's Reflections in the Park will begin on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, and run daily from 5 to 10 p.m.

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Steve Moris Comedy Show

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Steve Moris is an accomplished guitarist and comedic entertainer, with a unique blend of clean humor and interactive music. He is a favorite among all audiences. You may remember him headlining at Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort in Galena in the 80's and 90's, or as Mike Keneally's co-host on the ROAD SHOW on WLLR FM in Davenport. He has since performed with names like Dana Carvey, Louie Anderson and Chris Rock. Tickets for the 8 p.m. Nov. 26th show are \$17.25 & \$22.25.

Paul Revere and the Raiders

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NOV

The magic chemistry of Paul Revere's personality has been a major factor in the Raiders' rise to popularity; and not by accident. Their hits include Indian Reservation, Louie Louie, Kicks, Hungry, Stepping Stone and many more. The band will perform two shows on Saturday, November 27th, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets run \$30 - \$50.



John Conlee

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In March of 1978, "Rose Colored Glasses," became a huge hit as well as his signature song. It was quickly followed by a string of hits including "Back Side of Thirty," "Lady Lay Down," "Before My Time," "Friday Night Blues," "Miss Emily's Picture," "Busted," "I Don't Remember Loving You," "Common Man," "I'm Only In It For The Love," "In My Eyes," and many more. All of Conlee's hits have that unmistakable common thread - that unique voice. See him December 3, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25, \$32 and \$40.

Ronnie Milsap

Ronnie Milsap is bringing his Christmas show to the Mississippi Moon Bar on Friday, December 17, 2010. Milsap has 40 #1 chart-toppers to his credit, in the country arena as well as the pop and contemporary realms. Ronnie will be playing Christmas favorites as well as his hits including "Let My Love Be Your Pillow," "What a Difference You've Made in My Life," "I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World" and "Any Day Now." Ronnie brings all that festive energy to the Diamond Jo on December 17th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$45 & \$60.



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**Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's
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Christmas music fans, mark your calendars for the weekend of December 3-5. The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with the Dubuque Chorale and the "Mistletones" performs Holiday Pops. The holiday-themed music program is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, December 3-4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5, at 2:00 p.m.

A cherished tradition for many area families, the Symphony's Holiday Pops Celebration has become a highlight of the holiday season. The performance by the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of William intrilligator; the Dubuque Chorale, under the direction of Robert Demaree; and the Mistletones in beautiful Five Flags Theater will include selections like "Sleigh

Ride," "Grown Up Christmas List," "Breath of Heaven," "Merry Christmas Mozart," "Jingle Bell Fantasy" and more. Also this year the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra and the Dubuque Chorale will perform a new piece written by Dubuque native Michael Gilbertson titled "Behold the Savior."



Tickets range from \$11 to \$40 for adults, \$8 to \$18 for children 12 and under, and \$70 for box seats and are available online at Ticketmaster.com or at the Five Flags box office. For more information, visit fiveflagscenter.com.

DMA Grant Wood Events



**Grant Wood Inspired
Family Holiday Event**

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The Dubuque Museum of Art celebrates the holidays with a Grant Wood Inspired Family Holiday Event on Saturday, December 4 beginning at 10 a.m. Children ages 5-12 and their parents are invited to create ornaments inspired by American Gothic and works from the Museum's Grant Wood collection (chickens, pitchforks, gothic windows, oh my!) from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Finished ornaments will adorn the Museum tree that participants will trim from 11:15-noon while enjoying cider and cookies. The afternoon will feature a free Museum Family Matinee at 1 p.m. featuring Wahlert Catholic Thespian Troupe in Decades of Dubuque, a 30 minute historical drama about children growing up in the Tri-States followed by Unscripted - a comedy program from Dubuque Senior High's Improvisational Troupe. The Matinee series is free and sponsored by Alliant Energy Foundation. Cost for the ornament making session, tree-trimming and refreshments is just \$5 per child or \$10 per family. The Family Matinee is free. For more information, visit www.dbqart.com.



**Paul Juhl: Grant Wood's
Clear Lake Summer**

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In celebration of Seward Johnson's giant sculpture God Bless America, the Dubuque Museum of Art hosts a free presentation by Paul Juhl on Grant Wood's Clear Lake Summer. Scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m., Juhl will make a PowerPoint presentation detailing the summer of 1941 which Grant Wood's spent in Clear Lake, which as it turned out would be the last summer of Wood's life. Iowa City resident Paul Juhl tells a story of the friendly and welcoming community atmosphere that allowed Wood the opportunity to finish his last major oil paintings, Spring in Town and Spring in the Country. Working in an abandoned railroad depot on the Lake's north shore, Wood also created one of his final lithographs, December Afternoon. The museum invites guests to visit for a fascinating afternoon of historic photographs and detailed descriptions regarding Iowa's most famous artist. A booklet which further reveals this story will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, visit www.dbqart.com.

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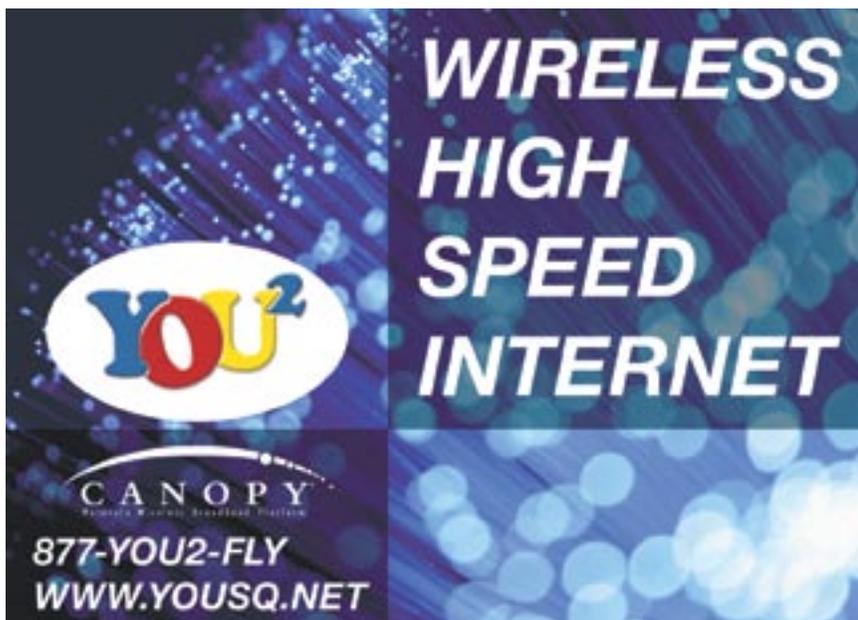


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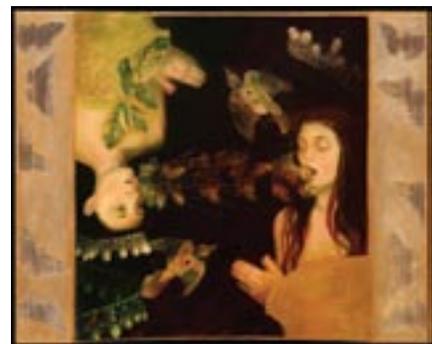


Dubuque Museum of Art: 2010 Biennial Juried Exhibition, Teresa Paschke: Crafting a Decade Opening Reception

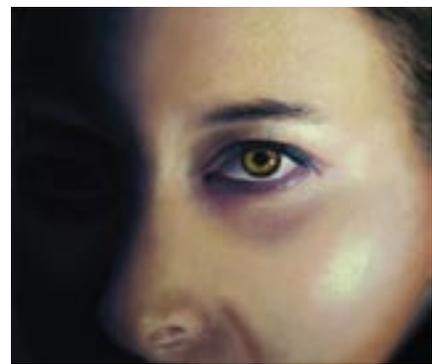
10 DEC The seasons slowly change and suddenly the holidays are upon us! The Dubuque Museum of Art celebrates with two new shows – the 2010 Biennial Juried Exhibition and Teresa Paschke: Crafting A Decade. An opening reception for the exhibits is scheduled for Friday, December 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Museum.

2010 Biennial Juried Exhibition December 7, 2010 – March 6, 2011

The Dubuque Museum of Art Biennial Juried Exhibition returns this December, the third installment of the juried group show. The exhibition will feature a wide range of work from some of the region's most talented artists within a 200-mile radius of Dubuque. Frank Paluch, Director of The Perimeter Gallery located in Chicago's River North gallery district served as this year's juror for the Biennial Exhibition. Perimeter Gallery specializes in contemporary art by mid-career and emergent artists and masterworks in ceramic and fiber art.



Not an easy job for Paluch, the Biennial Juried Exhibition drew submissions of 223 artworks by approximately 100 artists. From that pool, Paluch was able to narrow the exhibit to 53 works by 49 artists, undoubtedly the cream of the crop. Area art lovers will recognize the names of several local artists in the show – Brad Fautsch, Jane Melgaard, Cynthia Nelms-Byrne, and Jessica Rebik of Dubuque; Wendy S. Rolfe of Peosta; Bill Farrell, Delores Fortuna,



Carl H. Johnson, Jr., and Harold Martin of Galena; and Stephen Gassman of Platteville; but will also have the opportunity to see work by a variety of other local artists as well as artists from Ames, Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Des Moines, Evanston, Iowa City, Madison, and the Quad Cities, among others.

At the opening reception for the exhibit, scheduled for Friday, December 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the museum will hold an awards presentation at approximately 6 p.m.



Teresa Paschke: Crafting A Decade December 7, 2010 – March 6, 2011

The Museum of Art also hosts an exhibit by Ames fiber artist Teresa Paschke: Crafting A Decade, a survey of Paschke's mixed media textile artwork. The exhibit represents the range of Paschke's fiber work since she moved to Iowa in 2000 to teach art at Iowa State University. Paschke's process blends traditional techniques with new technology, including embroidery, photocopying, dyeing, digital printing, and iron oxide transfers. The artist combines techniques in unexpected ways on recycled cloth to create a collage of textile layers and designs.

Paschke received her MFA from the University of Kansas and BFA from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. In addition to Iowa State University, she has also taught at the University of Kansas, Johnson County Community College, and the University of Cincinnati. Her recent exhibitions include the Des Moines Art Center; The Octagon Center for the Arts in Ames, Iowa; Augsburg College in Minneapolis; and The Textile Museum in Washington, DC.

The opening reception for both exhibits is scheduled for Friday, December 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Museum. Admission to the hors d'oeuvres and wine reception is free to Museum members and \$10 for non-members. The Dubuque Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Regular admission is free through the year of 2010, thanks to a generous sponsorship by the local office of Prudential Financial. The Museum is located at 701 Locust Street in Dubuque. For more information, visit www.dbqart.com, or call the Museum of Art at (563) 557-1851.

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Art Gumbo Soup

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Dubuque Museum of Art

While it certainly has become good soup weather lately, the weather is always right for community activism and art. In that spirit, local arts activists Paula Neuhaus and Megan Starr bring another installment of Art Gumbo, the new mini grant program that uses a soup dinner to directly fund local art projects. Applications for mini grants in the December funding cycle, the second in the Art Gumbo series are available now through Tuesday, December 14. The Art Gumbo soup dinner will be held Thursday, December 16, 6-8 p.m. at the Dubuque Museum of Art after which an applicant will be awarded funding for his or her project through the Art Gumbo mini grant.



Sculptor Gene Tully was awarded Art Gumbo's first mini grant at the September soup dinner, using funds to install his Voices exhibition piece "The 4 Grotesques" representing Greed, Anger, Violence, and Addiction on the top of the warehouse building at 801 Jackson Street.

For those not yet familiar with Art Gumbo's mini-grant program, the community-based

initiative funds local arts projects using money collected at a quarterly soup dinner. In each Art Gumbo funding cycle, artists submit a brief proposal of their project. The public is invited to the subsequent Art Gumbo Soup Dinner, which has an admission fee of just \$10. Diners enjoy a delicious soup dinner and the opportunity to review all grant proposals for the evening. They vote for their favorite with the collected admission fees going directly toward funding of that night's winning proposal. Grant awardees will be invited back to a following Art Gumbo event to present a report on the completed project.



Art Gumbo mini grant funding is available to both individual artists or arts groups, and the application process really couldn't be much simpler. Applicants can apply online or via email by providing contact information (name, address, email address, telephone number, and project name) on each submitted page and by answering the following questions:

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5. Who is your favorite artist this month and why?

All email applications should be attached as Microsoft Word documents or PDF files and should be submitted to art.gumbo.dbq@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 14. Details and application questions available at artgumbodubuque.blogspot.com. For more information, contact Paula Neuhaus or Megan Starr at art.gumbo.dbq@gmail.com.

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THE BUZZ...

Well, after the first two movies made bucketloads of money at the box office against shoestring budgets, I suppose this was inevitable -- director / producer Orin Peli has confirmed that a third entry in the **Paranormal Activity** series is on its way, scheduled for an October 21, 2011, release date. Wonder if this series will run as long as Saw did? ... Casting is heating up on Marc Webb's upcoming **Spider-Man** reboot, which begins shooting in just a few weeks. Denis Leary is in talks to play police captain George Stacy, the father of Spider-Man's love interest, Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone). Leary would join Sally Field and Martin Sheen (Aunt May and Uncle Ben, respectively) as recent announcements. This would be Leary's first live-action film role since *The Secret Lives of Dentists* in 2002. ... George Clooney and Steven Soderbergh, who have teamed up on the *Ocean's Eleven* films, *Out of Sight*, *Solaris* and *The Good German*, are in talks to join up again, this time on a film adaptation of the classic '60s NBC series, **The Man from U.N.C.L.E.**

We already knew that Owen Wilson and Larry the Cable Guy would be returning to lend their voices to the upcoming **Cars 2**, and now some more names have been announced. Michael Caine will voice seasoned spy Finn McMissile, Jason Isaacs will play the spy jet Siddeley, and Emily Mortimer will voice Holley Shiftwell, a spy-in-training. Joe Mantegna, Peter Jacobson and Thomas Kretschmann will also have roles. ... With **The Avengers** on the cheap (despite featuring Iron Man, Captain America, The Incredible Hulk and Thor, as well as the alien Skrulls, The Avengers' budget is reportedly lower than the first Spider-Man film from 2002), production of the film is looking to move from the planned base of New York City to soundstages in Los Angeles, with the film relying on exterior establishing shots of New York. Production is still set to begin in February.

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In December, Mississippi Moon Bar will celebrate 2 years of bringing some of the region's most sought after shows to the Tri-States. The latest round of concerts added to the venue's lineup includes Tesla, Eddie Money, .38 Special and Rick Springfield. Plus, starting Friday, November 26 at 6 a.m., the public is welcome to buy tickets to these shows and more for \$1 each (plus standard ticket charges), while supplies last.

"Last year, we started the \$1 Black Friday Ticket Blowout as a fun way to promote giving the gift of entertainment for the holidays," Doug Fisher, Diamond Jo Director of Marketing said. "The \$1 sale was a tremendous success and we heard a lot of great feedback from people who either gave or received the gift of concerts, so we're offering it again and this year we're including more shows and some really terrific fan favorites."

NEW CONCERTS ANNOUNCED

Tesla

Saturday, January 15, 2011. Having sold more than 14 million albums, this Sacramento, California based band is back on the road with their 25th anniversary tour. Tesla is known for their classic 80's power ballad "Love Song" and other hits including "What You Give" and "Signs." Ticket prices are \$50, \$40 and \$30 each.



Eddie Money

Saturday, January 29, 2011, presented by American Trust. A classic rock icon,



Eddie's string of top 40 hits includes "Two Tickets to Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Shakin'" and "Take Me Home Tonight." Ticket prices are \$40 and \$30 each.

.38 Special

Friday, March 11, 2011. The band's southern rock roots helped usher in a successful run of hits including "Hold on Loosely," "Caught Up In You," "Second Chance" and "Rockin' into the Night." Ticket prices are \$60, \$50, \$40 and \$30 each.



Rick Springfield

Saturday, April 9, 2011. Rick returns to Mississippi Moon Bar following his 2010 sold out show. This Grammy award winner is best known for the 1981 chart topping hit "Jessie's Girl" and as Doctor Noah Drake on the daytime drama, "General Hospital." Ticket prices are \$75, \$60, \$40 and \$30 each.



BLACK FRIDAY TICKET BLOWOUT

In addition to the acts listed above, \$1 "Standing Bar General Admission" tickets are available for Garry Wesley: Elvis Tribute, January 8; Winter Dance Party, February 18; Stephen Percy and Slaughter, March 5; Felix Cavaliere and The Rascals, March 12; Duke Tomateo, March 19; and Ricky Nelson Remembered, April 15.

These specially priced tickets will go on sale only at the Mississippi Moon Bar Box Office from 6:00 am until 10:00 am Friday, November 26, 2010. A limited number of \$1 "Standing Bar General Admission" tickets will be available for each show. Price does not include standard service fees. Limit of four \$1 tickets per person per show. Regular priced tickets will also be available. You must be 21 years old to purchase tickets and attend shows. Online sales for regular priced tickets will begin at 10:00 am Friday, November 26, 2010 at www.diamondjo.com or at the Diamond Jo Casino's Diamond Club.

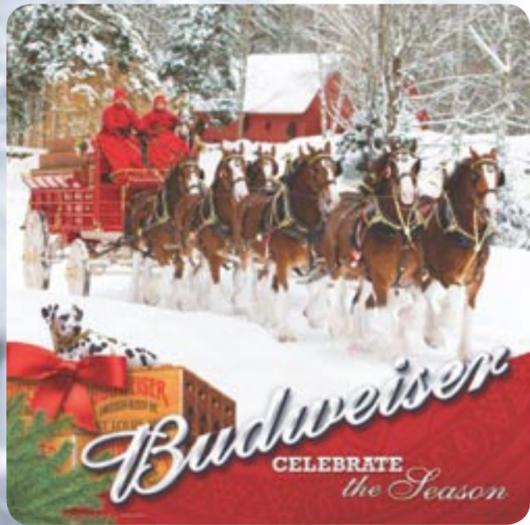
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Lonely Goats
The Bank Bar & Grille, 9 PM

Laura & the Longhairs
Northside Bar, 4 PM

Bryan Popp & Corey Jenny
Asbury Eagles Club, 8 PM

The Boys Night Out
Dubuque Driving Range, 8 PM

Mississippi Band
Mystique Casino, 8 PM

Kevin Beck & Johnnie Walker
Spirits, 8 PM

Massey Road
Grand Tap, 8 PM

Stumble Brothers
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Sunshine
Galena Elks Lodge, 8:30 PM

Open Mic with Jeff & Jeff
The Lift, 9 PM



Menace
Knicker's Saloon, 9 PM

Badfish
Budde's, 9 PM

Thursday, Nov. 25

Ian Gould
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 6 PM

Open Mic with Jeff & Jimmy
Cornerstone, 8:30 PM

Falling Within
Sandy Hook Tavern, 9 PM

Friday, Nov. 26

Fever River String Band
Council Hill Station, 6 PM

Ian Gould
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 6 PM

Okham's Razor
Perfect Pint, 8 PM

Waterhouse & Golden
Cornerstone, 8:30 PM

David Zollo & The Body Electric
The Lift, 9 PM

Sean Chambers
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 9 PM

Rukus
Dagwood's, 9 PM

Nutsy Turtle
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

Blu Simon
Mystique Casino, 9:30 PM

Apple Dumplin's
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Saturday, Nov. 27

Andrew Houy
Cornerstone, 12:30 PM

A Pirate Over 50
Stone Cliff Wine Bar, 7 PM

Country Tradition
Mooney Hollow Barn, 7 PM

Ian Gould
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Paul Revere & The Raiders
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Artie & The Pink Catillacs
Eagles Club, 8 PM

Broken Rubber Band
Cornerstone, 8 PM

Soulsa
The Lift, 9 PM

Zero 2 Sixty
Jumpers, 9 PM

Pash N Brew
Bulldogs, 9 PM

Johnnie Walker Trio
Northside Bar, 9 PM

Tantrym
Knicker's Saloon, 9 PM

Massey Road
Pit Stop, 9 PM

Taste Like Chicken
Denny's Lux Club, 9 PM

Horsin' Around
Budde's, 9 PM

Betty & The Headlights
New Diggings General Store, 9 PM

Apple Dumplin's
Wheel Inn Tiki Bar, 9 PM

Sunshine
Wig Wam, 9 PM

Impulse
Noonan's North, 9 PM

Hard Salami
Krazy Kooter's, 9 PM

Badfish
Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

Blu Simon
Mystique Casino, 9:30 PM

Cheap Skates
Keil's Tavern, 10 PM

Six Nights Alone
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Sunday, Nov. 28

Lonely Goats
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Crude but Effective
New Diggings Gen. Store, 3:30 PM

Wednesday, December 1

Alex & Andrew
Cornerstone, 6 PM

Rosalie Morgan
Riverboat Lounge, 7 PM

Thursday, December 2

Maureen Kilgore
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 7 PM



Lonely Goats
Cornerstone, 9 PM

Friday, December 3

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
Five Flags Theater, 7:30 PM

Katie & Brownie
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Just Cuz
Mystique Encore, 8 PM

Boys Night Out
Dubuque Driving Range, 8 PM

Brother Trucker
The Lift, 9 PM

Sam Knutson
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 9 PM

Crude But Effective
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

Laura & The Longhairs
Mr. Z's, 9 PM

Johnny Rockers
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Saturday, December 4

Laura & Jeff
Grape Escape, 2 PM

Chuck Bregman
Mystique Champagne, 6 PM

Country Tradition
Mooney Hollow Barn, 7 PM

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
Five Flags Theater, 7:30 PM

Katie & Brownie
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Catch III
Courtside, 8 PM

Just Cuz
Mystique Encore, 8 PM

Curtis Evans, Daphne Willis
The Lift, 9 PM

Falling Within
Jumpers, 9 PM

Renegade
Northside, 9 PM

Johnny Trash
Hammerheads, 9 PM

Half-Fast
Denny's Lux Club, 9 PM

Menace
Doolittle's, Cuba City, 9 PM

Badfish
Krazy Kooters, 9 PM

The Stumble Brothers
Budde's, 9:30 PM

BlackBloom
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Sunday, December 5

Bob Welch
Mathias Ham House, 12 PM

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
Five Flags Theater, 2 PM



Chuck Bregman
Anton's Saloon, 3 PM

98 in the Shade
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Wed., December 8

Alex & Andrew
Cornerstone, 6 PM

Open Mic with Jeff & Jimmy
The Lift, 9 PM

Thursday, December 9

Maureen Kilgore
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 7 PM

Friday, December 10

Gareth Woods
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Kevin Patrick Duo
Mystique Encore, 8 PM

Smokestack & The Foothill Fury
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 9 PM

Paul Cary, Liberty Leg, TFB
The Lift, 9 PM

98 in the Shade
Dubuque Driving Range, 8 PM

Taste Like Chicken
Northside Bar, 9 PM

Apple Dumplin's
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

Liberty Valance
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Saturday, December 11

Bob Welch
River Museum & Aquarium, 12 PM

Laura & Jeff
Grape Escape, 2 PM

Tracy Lawrence
Mystique Cabaret, 7 PM & 9 PM

Jill Duggan
Stone Cliff Wine Bar, 7 PM

Gareth Woods
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Arch Allies
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Pearls
Dagwoods, 8 PM

Kevin Patrick Duo
Mystique Encore, 8:30 PM

Casethejoint: CD Release Party
The Lift, 9 PM

Lonely Goats
Bulldogs, 9 PM

Rukus
Knicker's Saloon, 9 PM

Impulse
The Pit Stop, 9 PM

Taste Like Chicken
Jumpers, 9 PM

Jabberbox
Denny's Lux Club, 9 PM

Buzz Berries
Budde's, 9 PM

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Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

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Corner Tap, 9 PM

The Resistors
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Sunday, December 12

Apple Dumplin's
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Wed., December 15

Alex & Andrew
Cornerstone, 6 PM

Rosalie Morgan
Riverboat Lounge, 7 PM

Thursday, December 16

Maureen Kilgore
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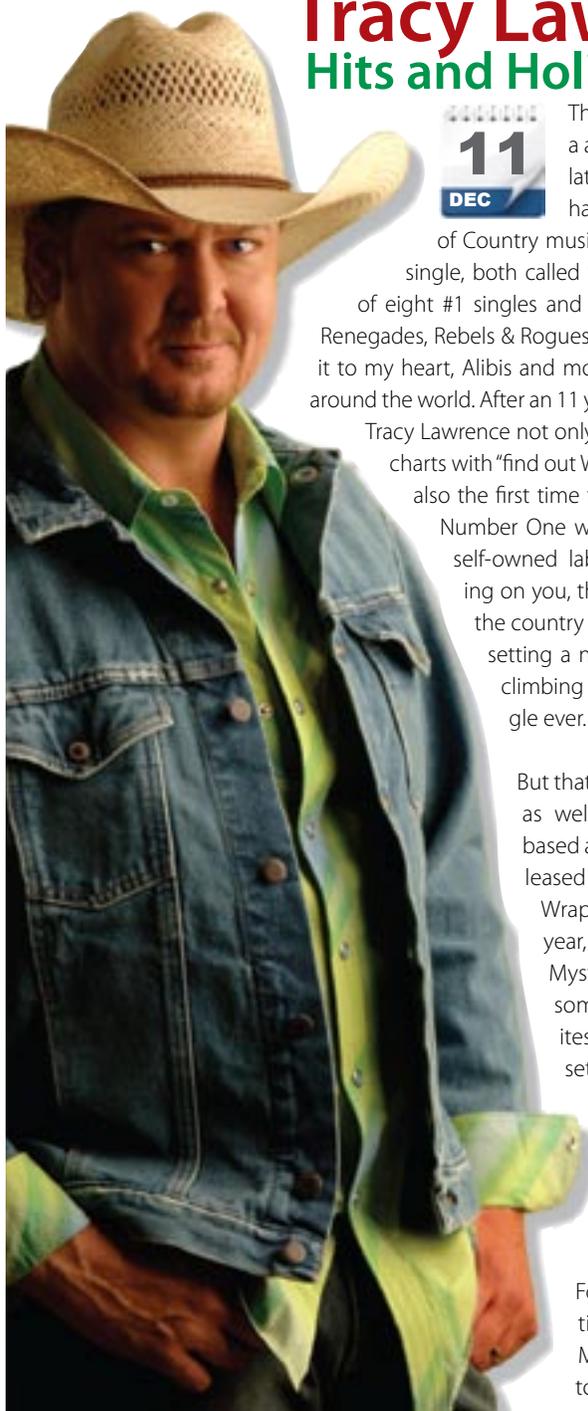


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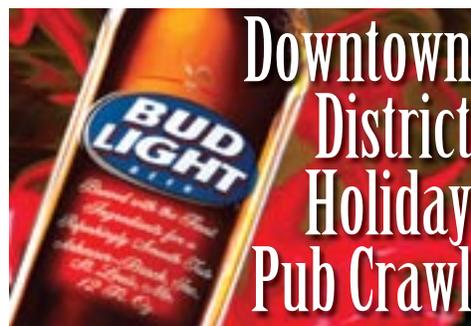


Tracy Lawrence Hits and Holiday Show

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Through nine studio albums, a handful of live and compilation records, Tracy Lawrence has his mark on the world of Country music. From his first album and single, both called *Stick and Stones*, his string of eight #1 singles and many more hits, including *Renegades, Rebels & Rogues*, *Texas Tornado*, *Can't Break it to my heart*, *Alibis* and more, have thrilled audiences around the world. After an 11 year hiatus from the #1 spot, Tracy Lawrence not only returned to the top of the charts with "find out Who Your Friends Are", it was also the first time that any artist had reached Number One with the first release from a self-owned label. And talk about growing on you, the song reached the top of the country charts in its forty-first week, setting a new record for the slowest-climbing Number One country single ever. That's longevity.

But that's the definition of the man as well. Prior to his 2009 faith-based album, *The Rock*, he also released a holiday record called *All Wrapped Up in Christmas*. This year, his tour hits Dubuque's *Mystique Casino* just in time for some of those yuletide favorites to make it back into the setlist. And to accommodate all the fans, there will be two big shows on December 11th, at 7 p.m and 9 p.m. Tickets are just \$20 or \$25 the day of the show. For tickets or more information, visit the Allure Club at *Mystique Casino* or go online to www.mistiquebq.com.



Third Annual Bud Light Downtown District Holiday Pub Crawl

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It's almost time for the Third Annual Bud Light Downtown District Holiday Pub Crawl on Saturday, December 4, 11:30

a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sign-in will be at Lot One (1st & Main) between 11:30 & 12:30. The event ends at 6:30 at the Riverboat Lounge at the Hotel Julien. Cost is just \$10 per person and includes a T-shirt and \$5 donation to the Gentlemen of Dubuque Rugby.

There will be over \$500 in prizes. Participating bars include Lot One, The Hub, Murph's South End Tap, Paul's Big Game Tap, Hammertime Bar, the Shot Tower, The Lounge, The Bank Bar & Grille, Crust Italian Kitchen + Bar, Mason Dixon Saloon and the Riverboat Lounge at the Hotel Julien. Mark Your calendars and get your bells polished. Yule tide joy's about to get off the hook.



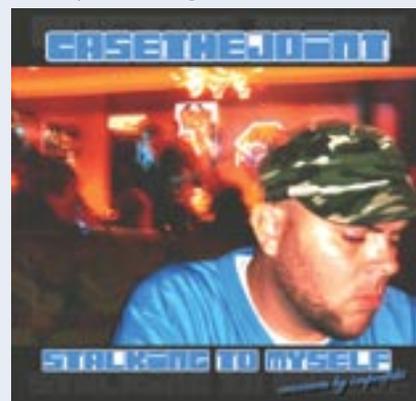
Casethejoint Stalking to Myself CD Release The Lift

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Dubuque's busiest word artist and hip-hop promoter Casethejoint celebrates the release of his latest CD, *Stalking to Myself*, with a CD release show, Saturday, December 11 at The Lift. Joining the celebration of Midwest hip-hop will be Rockford, Illinois DJ Biz-E One, with the Mic Hand Recordings crew – Imperfekt, Colorless, and Opt Rhyme joining Casethejoint onstage.

might have heard at recent shows like "That's Life," "When I First Started Rhymin," and "Outa Here." Thematically, the album explores new territory as well. "My last CD was very braggadocios with only a couple topics touched upon," explains Case. "This album is definitely the reciprocal, with topics ranging from cybernetic humans, to the use of clichés, to the golden age of hip hop music." Plus it starts with a sample from *The Goonies*.

Staying true to his independent roots, Case also notes that the songs on the CD take inspiration from popular music by avoiding it altogether, preferring to make music on his own terms. "Mainstream rap radio more so than anything has inspired me to make the album the direct opposite of 'what they do,'" he reports. "I am inspired by fans who appreciate my weird, witty writings. Keeping listeners guessing as to what I will say next is delightful to me."



Recorded at Afro Jesus studios in Cedar Rapids, Iowa over the course of 2010, *Stalking to Myself* was produced by hip-hop artist and Mic Hand Recordings main man Imperfekt. Mic Hand collaborator and engineer Afro Jesus mixed and mastered the album, contributing bass and electric guitar on the track "Song for the Stars." In addition to Imperfekt and Afro Jesus, *Stalking to Myself* features a number of guest performers spread over its 14 tracks including Schaffer the Darklord, Colorless, Opt Rhyme and Joe Self, and Covert Empire rhymer E-thin and Ayvee. DJ Biz-E One also provided some creative turntable work to the proceedings.

Though no advanced copies are available yet, Casethejoint reports that *Stalking to Myself* is full of fresh new material with a few songs fans

Stalking to Myself is Casethejoint's second full-length solo CD, following his 2006 release *Internet Corn* which found its way into the hands of nearly 700 fans through Case's regular touring. He hopes the new CD will reach even more people. "This album is long overdue but well worth it," notes Case. "All it took was the right combination of motivated people to work together with the words I wanted to give the fans. Without Imperfekt and Afro Jesus none of this would reach my Dubuquers!"

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through New Year's Day, January 1, 2011.

Each year, Hillcrest volunteers transform Murphy Park into a wonderland of thousands of holiday lights. The scale of the display is only matched by the hours the numerous volunteers put in year after year to make the project happen. Worth all the effort, Reflections in the Park draws approximately 10,000 cars through the park each year, with somewhere between 40,000 and 50,000 people viewing the lights. Since the program first began in 1995, more than 650,000 visitors have viewed the brilliant display, raising over one-million dollars for the programs and facilities of Hillcrest Family Services.

While most of the heavy lifting of setting up the displays are done by dozens of volunteers by the time Reflections opens on Thanksgiving, you can contribute to the cause by visiting the park during the holidays. The cost this year is just \$8 per car (cram in as many people as you like!) with the money going to support the important programs offered by Hillcrest Family Services. New this year, you can purchase a Reflections in the Park Ticket (\$8) or Season Pass (\$25) online, with your credit card. The Season Pass will allow your personal vehicle to visit the Park multiple times during the 2010 season. For more information, call Hillcrest Family Services at 563-583-7357 or visit www.hillcrest-fs.org.

Dubuque Regional HUMANE Society



Dubuque Regional Humane Society

Humans are not the only ones in need at this time of year. In that spirit, the Dubuque Regional Humane Society conducts a "Fetching Gifts for our Furry Friends" Holiday Appeal during the holidays to help take care of unwanted animals (and hopefully future pets!) at Christmastime and throughout the year.

During the holidays, the Dubuque Regional Humane Society sends out a Christmas appeal card to our donors and posts a "fetch list" on the website. While the organization no longer

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collects dog food, there are still many items that can be donated to help care for animals and save limited funds like bleach, paper towels, canned cat food, and kitty litter. Those interested can find a complete list on the web site at www.dbqhumane.org. Of course a monetary donation can always be put to use. In 2010, the Dubuque Regional Humane Society averaged 15 new animals coming in every single day.

Pet lovers should also note the opportunity to pose their pet with Santa at Petco Saturday, December 4 and 11 and at Petsmart Sunday, December 5, 12 and 19.



United Way

We hope our list has inspired you to give back to the community in some way this holiday season. If, however, the range of worthy charities and number of options has confused you we offer an additional and simple option. Give to the United Way. The United Way directly supports many area partner agencies and programs, including several of those listed above.

In fact, United Way funds more than 150 programs through the following agencies: American Red Cross of the Tri-States; Boy Scouts of America, NE Iowa Council; Boys' & Girls' Club of Greater Dubuque; Catholic Charities; Dubuque Community Y; Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois; Hillcrest Family Services; Iowa Legal Aid; Mental Health America of Dubuque County; Opening Doors; Project Concern, Inc.; Salvation Army; Substance Abuse Services Center; The Workshop; and the two special project agencies—Hodan Center, and the Riverview Center.

To make a donation to the United Way, simply call the local office at (563) 588-1415.

If we somehow missed your favorite holiday charity or program, we apologize, but please let us know! In case you haven't been paying attention, we put out one of these papers every other week so if your organization has an event coming up, please let us know. Send us an email at info@dubuque365.com!



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Kalmes' Hilltop Bar & Grill

by Rich Belmont

It is not surprising you will find a Kalmes Bar and Grill in Dubuque, and in Saint Donatus, Iowa and in East Dubuque, IL. After all, Grandpa Peter Kalmes, opened the first bar in the early 1890's. The Kalmes family has been serving great food and drink in the area for over one hundred years!



When Mike Kalmes turned his Breaktime Grill and Spirits over to his sons, T.J. and Dallas, three years ago he simply crossed the Mississippi River and started Kalmes Hilltop Bar and Grill. His mission was to continue the family traditions of providing freshly cooked meals in a casual and comfortable atmosphere.

The truth is this was an easy goal for Mike. As a fourth generation Kalmes he had already been in the restaurant business 17 years. And then too he had his wife helping him. Theresa grew up in the bar business and had already invested 11 years working with Mike developing the Dubuque location's long list of regular customers.

First and foremost, Kalmes Hilltop is a friendly

neighborhood style bar and grill. Only the neighborhood is sort of in the middle of nowhere on Highway 20 almost half way between Dubuque and Galena. It's definitely a sports bar because there are 7 HDTV's. They have the NFL Sunday Ticket so you can watch your favorite team while you choose from two brews on tap and over 30 bottled beers. To keep things interesting there are different drink specials every day.



The hamburgers are exceptionally tasty. They are made fresh with Choice Grade, hand ground beef with Ribeye Steak trimmings added in. There are several to choose from including the Mushroom and Swiss, American Cheeseburger, Bacon Cheeseburger, Jalapeno Cheeseburger and my favorite, the Olive Burger topped with green olives and Swiss cheese.

There are many other appetizing lunch items like Grilled or Breaded Chicken, Fried Fish, Ham & Cheese, BLT's, Chicken Strips, Pork Tenderloins and Reubens. More noteworthy are the specials that change from day to day. For example, this last Wednesday I had a succulent Boneless Pork Loin with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and roll. On Thursday there was a Grilled Prime Rib Melt and on Friday a 6 oz. Ribeye. These Ribeyes are very popular because they are uncommonly flavorful

without much fat. In fact, the Ribeye Steak Sandwich is on the menu every day and so is the Steak Taco. The latter comes with a generous portion of shredded sirloin mixed with salsa and lettuce in a large flour tortilla shell.

Kalmes Hilltop is known far and wide for Great American Steaks. They are all Choice Grade, Angus, aged in-house for at least 21 days and hand cut. These steaks are so delicious because they are sprinkled with the famous Kalmes' House Blend Seasonings. The seasonings are available in many grocery stores and meat shops in the area.

The most popular steaks are the Ribeye and Sirloin. I always enjoy the Flat Iron. This steak is unusual because its juices mix with the seasonings and form a flavorful sauce.



The BBQ Ribs are slow cooked for 14 hours at low heat and basted with secret ingredients. You can order Broasted Chicken and Pizza every day after 4:00 pm and all day on week-



ends. The Pizza here is a real surprise. It's a 16 inch, thin crust made with a special sauce with extra olive oil and Italian spices added in. It's particularly good with Mike's special medium spicy sausage.

On Friday many regulars come for the all you can eat Fish Fry of Cod Loins. Or perhaps you would prefer the Whole Catfish.

Many of those regulars come back on Saturday for the Prime Rib. This is a delicious ribeye slowly roasted 4 to 5 hours and covered with a special seasoning crust.

All of the entrees include the salad bar and your choice of French or American Fries or Hash Browns and on week-ends there are baked potatoes as well. Of course in my opinion the best side dish is the Kalmes Luxemburg Noodles. These are made from a flour and egg blend and then are boiled and fried with crackers and butter. You might have heard of these because they were made famous on Alton Brown's Feasting on Asphalt TV program during the Mid-American Pie episode.



Mike and Theresa invite you to come and relax. When it's warm enjoy outdoor dining on the deck. Watch a ball game while eating some really great food. Take advantage of the free WIFI and be sure to book your Holiday parties early. There are two private rooms that accommodate up to 30 people each.

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7 Tips for Child Safety Around Dogs

By Cindy Ludwig

There is almost no better match made this side of heaven than kids and dogs. Dogs provide children with companionship and comfort and teach them valuable life lessons about responsibility and compassion for others. In order to make the most of this opportunity, it's important to keep safety foremost in mind. By following these simple guidelines parents can promote and preserve the human-animal bond their children will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

- Always supervise children around pets. It is not safe to leave young children alone with a dog for even "a second," no matter how good the dog seems with children.
- Provide your pet with a safe zone. Create a retreat for your dog away from the main living area and high traffic areas of your home that is off limits to children. Teach your children to leave the dog alone while he is sleeping, eating or chewing on a bone.
- Teach your children how to safely meet and greet dogs. Teach them to make a habit of asking a dog's owner for permission to pet a dog and supervise the interaction. Allow the dog to approach, and if it makes contact and seems friendly, the child may proceed slowly and gently to pet the dog under the chin, on the chest or along the back. Instruct your children to never approach a dog that is tied up.
- Train your dog using positive reinforcement, that is, training which rewards the dog for desired behaviors. A recent study completed

at the University of Pennsylvania demonstrated that using outdated dominance-based training methods ranging from yelling or using a spray bottle to forcing a dog down are associated with an increased incidence of aggression. Conversely, non-aversive techniques such as teaching a dog to sit for everything it wants is associated with a lower incidence of aggressive responses. Further, sitting precludes jumping which can topple a small child!

- Teach your children how to recognize and respond appropriately to a dog that appears threatening. They should avert their gaze to avoid direct eye contact which may be interpreted as a challenge. They should stand still and silent like a tree with their feet planted, head down and arms folded across their body. If a dog attacks, they should assume a fetal position with their head tucked and avoid screaming. Practice with your children!
- Exercise your dog daily! According to Dr. Luescher, board-certified veterinary behaviorist at the Purdue University Veterinary Behavior Clinic, one of the best things you can do to prevent behavior problems is a minimum of a once daily walk off the property.
- Teach your children appropriate games to play with the dog such as fetch and hide and seek. Avoid chase games as these may trigger a dog's prey drive and teach your children to avoid hugging and kissing dogs. According to the CDC 65% of children who sustain dog bites are bitten on the head and neck.

Cindy Ludwig, M.A., KPA-CTP is a certified professional animal trainer. She owns Canine Connection LLC in Dubuque and is the tri-state area's only certified clicker trainer.



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District one block west of Main Street, is a brick Queen Anne style mansion that was built in 1882. Costello's Old Mill Wedding Site and Reception hall (pictured below) is

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Located on the Maquoketa River just 30 minutes south of Dubuque on Highway 61, Maquoketa, Iowa is the Jackson County seat with just over 6000 residents and boasts itself as being "one of a kind". Named for the Sauk and Fox Indian words meaning "there are bears", history is a key feature of the town founded in 1844.



The Jackson County Historical Museum, located at the fairgrounds on the east side of the city, features historic artifacts, a genealogy research center, and various thematic displays that reveal how the city has achieved its sense of place. This and other museums in the area narrate the tales and highlight the treasures which link us to this sense of place. They tell of

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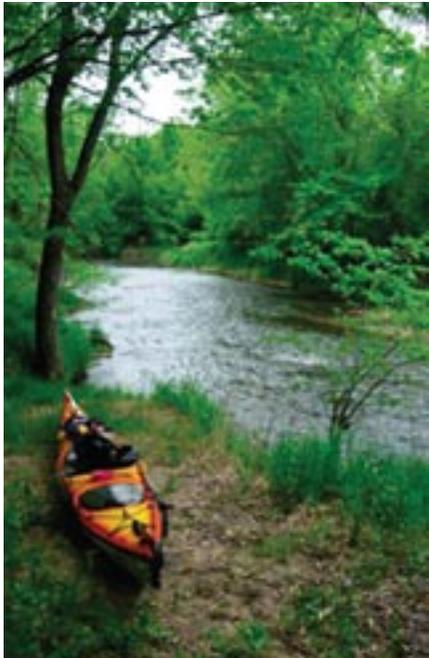
The Decker House Hotel and Restaurant and the 800-seat Harris Opera House were built in 1876 and are favorites of the architecture set. Squiers Manor Bed and Breakfast, located in the West Pleasant Historic



grist mills and lime kilns, of loggers and merchants, of industrious Yankees and immigrant farmers, of dreamers and doers. Nearly a score of National Historic Register

sites in and around Maquoketa flash out the stories the museums weave.

In warmer months, outdoor recreational activities abound in Maquoketa and the surrounding area. A premier attraction in the area is, of course, scenic Maquoketa Caves State Park, featuring a natural bridge, six miles of hiking trails, a balancing rock and 13 caves, more than any other park in Iowa. In addition to spelunking, many visitors love to explore the rivers and parks, or



go canoeing, camping and hunting, biking and golfing. Because of the threat of a disease killing bats known as white-nose syndrome, State Natural Resources officers have closed state-owned caves that bats use for hibernation, including Maquoketa Caves Park, as a precaution to help pro-



tect the bats, and hopefully we'll be able to enjoy the caves again soon enough. But the park is still open with many other opportunities to take-in. While the beauty of the natural surroundings is a big draw for the area, there is also a lot to do and enjoy in the winter months.

Maquoketa boasts a historic Pleasant Street District of traditional homes, art galleries, an antique center and shops, plus



wonderful dining. Banowetz Antique Mall's 50,000 sq. feet of alone makes the trip well worth the time. Visit their showroom at 122 McKinsey Dr. in Maquoketa, and see why they're famous for their furniture, vintage lighting, china, jewelry and more. Summer-time also brings movies at the 61 Drive-in



Theater, one of America's last. And speaking of cars, dirt track racing is at home in Maquoketa with live races throughout the summer. Or take the wheel yourself at 61



Kartway. That's right, just hop into the go-karts and take on your friends or maybe your kids. Show them that video games don't compare to the real thing.

The city has been recognized for its outstanding musicians, writers, and artists in each cultural field. Art lovers are sure to enjoy the Old City Hall Gallery at 121 S. Olive Street, featuring paintings, photography, pottery and giclees. Originally the fire house in 1901, the gallery is home to the

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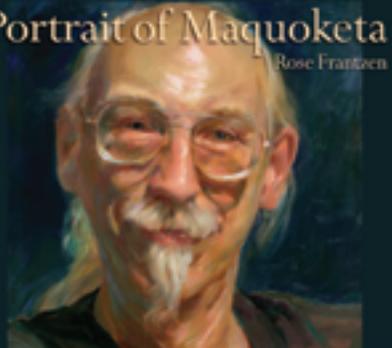
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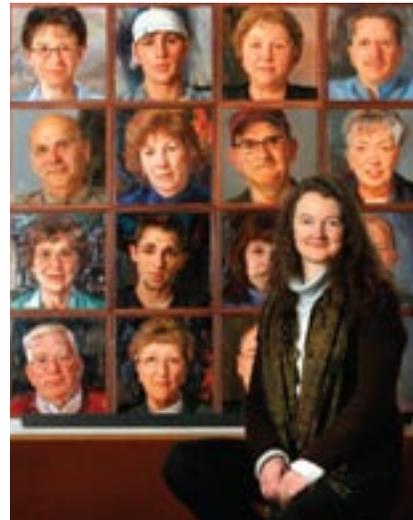
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works of Rose Frantzen, who did the Portrait of Maquoketa book. This is a collection of 180 portraits of Maquoketa residents done within one year. It was recently on display for eight months at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. Old City Hall



Gallery is a winner of the Tourism and Arts Award presented by the Travel Federation of Iowa and the Iowa Division of Tourism.

The Maquoketa Art Experience is revitalizing downtown Maquoketa, Iowa by supporting the development of a thriving arts community by working to turn downtown storefronts into studios, galleries, and workshop spaces for visiting and resident artists.



A newly opened exhibition space at 124 S. Main Street is designed to house thematic shows that will be created in collaboration with visiting, regional, and resident artists. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 11am-5pm, Saturdays 12-4pm. Accomplished artists are invited to apply for residencies. Get more information online at www.maquoketa-arts.org.



Maquoketa also offers quality and varied entertainment that exalt creative expression from local and non-local talent at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. The envy of communities far larger than Maquoketa, the 30,000 Sq. foot facility is an impressive performing arts venue that hosts many live plays and musical performances aimed at all ages with a nearly 850 seat theater. They have just announced their 2010 schedule. Look for their ad in the section for some highlights of upcoming entertainment opportunities. The Drew Art Gallery also has 850 square feet of display wall space and is a 3,600 square foot exhibition area. So much to see under one roof.

Below are highlights of events and venues you should consider visiting during the upcoming holiday season. Enjoy your visit in Maquoketa. Tell em' 365ink sent you. You can thank us later!

Eagle's Club Cookie & Cocoa with Santa

**November 27th, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Eagles Club, 1102 E. Platt St.**

Bring your own camera for picture with your children with Santa! Enjoy food and fun with the jolly one.

**Mainstream Talent Productions
"Christmas Concert"**

**Saturday, November 27, 6 - 8 pm
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**Old City Hall Gallery Exhibit
121 South Olive St.**

Art Exhibit by Rose Frantzen, Charles Morris and pottery by Sylvia March - This gallery has ongoing exhibit with Rose's work Open Monday-Saturday from 11am-5pm & on Sunday from 12:30-4pm



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
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December 3-5

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"The Herdmans were the worst kids in the whole history of the world." So begins one of the most popular books ever written. This comedy is about the holiday pageant that's held at the school each year. This year, the director, Mrs. Armstrong, breaks her leg, and volunteer Grace Bradley finds herself directing the show. The Herdmans show up to audition after they hear that all the kids in the pageant get candy at rehearsal. Grace is forced to cast the Herdmans in leading roles. Chaos ensues, and the resolution that follows makes for one of the most hilarious and touching experiences you'll ever have in the theatre. The pageant that should be doomed to failure becomes a rich story about the human spirit and the ability in times of crisis to become bigger and better than we think we are. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever will truly make you laugh until you cry. For more information, visit www.ohnward-fineartscenter.com.

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Sandra, known for her oil paintings capturing the timeless beauty of flowers closely observed, has created a painting event for students who want to explore work with acrylic paints. In this class, participants will create a portrait of the glowing fall birch tree pictured above. In a three-hour session Sandra will guide you



through the step-by-step process to help you create a painting that will go home with you at the end of the day! This class is designed for a beginner level or for anyone who wants to try something new. Fee is \$35 and you can bring your own materials or pay a \$15 materials fee and Sandra will provide you with everything you'll need. For more information or to register: www.maquoketa-art.org or call 563-652-9925



Brent Houzenga Mixed Media
at Maquoketa Art Experience

His mixed media works are influenced by modern art, comic books, graffiti, and punk rock poster art. Houzenga's work offers an eclectic mix of painting styles incorporating drips and graffiti with stencils on found objects including reclaimed windows, rustic frames, and antique photographs. The exhibit will also feature a screening of Hybrid Pioneer, a documentary film about Brent Houzenga and his work by Des Moines film maker Kristian Day. The exhibit will run through January 5th.

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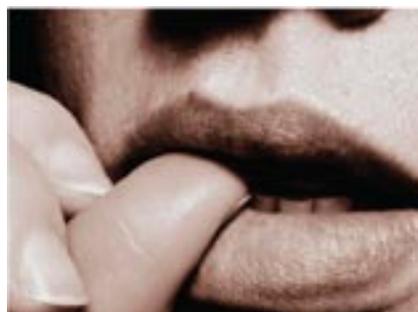
Change Your Habits

by matt booth

What is a habit? A habit is an acquired pattern of behavior developed through constant repetition. If a newly learned behavior is repeated enough times, it eventually gets programmed into the subconscious mind and becomes a habit. Everyone has habits and most of your daily routine is comprised of small habitual behaviors. The way you wake up and brush your teeth, the way you eat breakfast, the way you drive to work—all of these are habit behaviors. Habits are cumulative in nature, meaning that daily habit behaviors don't really mean much as single actions, but over time, the effects of those daily actions result in a profound consequence or reward in your life.

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Successful people have habits that are conducive towards success, while the not so successful people have daily habits that facilitate failure in their lives. It is the small repeated actions that you make today that have a big impact on your overall success. Identify which habits in your life lead to negative consequences and which habits lead to positive rewards and then start eliminating those negative habits and start increasing those positive habits. If you change your habits, you probably will not see an immediate effect. In fact, it might be years before you see the results of your habits. The end results of your habits each and every day determine your path to success and happiness in life.



Most experts will say that it takes about a month to form the basis of a new habit. You will experience internal resistance during those first days and weeks. Remember, you are reprogramming yourself and that takes effort and energy. Mentally prepare yourself for this challenge. Your life is habitual and you become what you repeatedly do. If you can reprogram yourself for a month, you will find that your new behavior becomes easier and easier to do and soon you won't even have to think about doing it at all.

If you're like me, I'm sure you have a habit you'd like to change. Maybe it's something you want to start doing, like exercising or reading. Maybe it's something you want to stop doing, like playing video games or overeating. If you can eliminate unwanted and unhealthy habits, you can

Mattitude Improvement Tip

Before, During and After

Take a look at your 25 best clients. Now figure out what you did before, during and after the sale to make them your best clients. List the marketing and work you did to get them to try your product or service. Did they receive something in the mail? Did you meet them at a networking event? Next, list all of the things you did during the sale. Did you smile and make eye contact? Did you give them a discount? Did you go the extra mile for them? Finally, list everything you did after the sale. Did you send them a thank you? Maybe you called them? Hopefully, you will find some common practices and strategies that made them your best clients. Once you have that list, try the same strategies on your soon to be best clients.

"I still reflect on the awesome trainings I received from you during the JCI Presidents Summit in Tulsa. I especially enjoyed your goal setting training. I would like to see if we can somehow get Mattitude to our beautiful country of Curacao soon!" Yuri Nicolaas – Curacao

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Trade Up for Healthy Holidays with NuVal

with nutritionists pat fisher & megan horstman

The holiday season is a time for celebrations and many will center around food. Whether it's a traditional holiday recipe for a family meal or simply foods served at a holiday party, the NuVal system can help you make the holiday a healthy one.



NuVal is a nutrition scoring system and an easy tool to help consumers make better-for-you choices at the holidays. It's simple; the higher the NuVal score, the better the nutrition. The goal is to use NuVal scores to "trade up" for health, one choice at a time. Here's an example of how to use NuVal with a favorite holiday recipe, green bean casserole. Choose canned no-added salt green beans with a NuVal score of 100 rather than canned green beans with a NuVal score of 55. The difference in scores would be the added sodium.

For better nutrition this holiday season, try the following substitutions in your favorite holiday recipes with these foods that have a higher NuVal score.

- Dips:** Greek yogurt (94) vs. sour cream (26)
- Soup:** Campbell's Healthy Request cream of mushroom soup (31) vs. Campbell's 98% Fat-free cream of mushroom soup (26)
- Appetizer:** Shrimp cocktail (75) vs. sausage (8)
- Beverage:** Lite cranberry juice (20) vs. cranberry juice (2)
- Salad:** Spinach (100) vs. iceberg lettuce (82)
- Topping for salad or sides:** Chopped pecans (65) vs. bacon (5)
- Side Dishes:** Fresh sweet potato (96) vs. canned sweet potatoes (38)
- Fresh cranberries (100) vs. jellied sauce (1)
- Entrée:** Turkey w/o skin (48) vs. with (23)
- Baking:** Canola oil (24) vs. corn oil (11)
- Fat-free evap. milk (100) vs. non-fat-free (35)

The dessert recipe below uses strawberry Greek yogurt (64) in place of strawberry cream cheese (16), for a surprisingly healthy,



indulgent holiday treat. For more on NuVal, talk to a Hy-Vee dietitian or go to hy-vee.com.

Raspberry – Dark Chocolate Delights

Serves 15 (1 tart each)

All you need

- 1/3 cup dark chocolate chips
- 1 pkg. Athens™ pre-baked mini fillo shells
- 1 carton Chobani non-fat rasp. Greek yogurt
- 15 fresh raspberries

All you do

1. Melt chocolate chips on HIGH in microwave, stirring every 20 seconds until melted. Spoon approximately 1/2 tsp chocolate in bottom of each fillo shell, spreading up onto sides of shell. Chill in freezer for 5 to 10 minutes.
2. Spoon raspberry Greek yogurt into fillo shells. Top each shell with a raspberry.
3. Drizzle melted chocolate onto top of raspberry yogurt mixture for garnish.

Nutrition facts per serving: 50 calories, 2.5g fat, 1g saturated fat, 0 cholesterol, 115mg sodium, 7g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 4g sugar, 1g protein.

Source: Hy-Vee Dietitians

Sweet News For Holiday Treats

Got a sweet tooth for those holiday goodies? Holiday sweet temptations may be a little more guilt-free with one of the newest substitutes for sugar, stevia.

Stevia is a bush, native to Central and South America, and its leaves have been used for hundreds of years to sweeten food and beverages. The sweet taste comes from a natural ingredient in the leaves of the stevia plant, called rebiana. When extracted from the leaves, stevia is 300 times sweeter than table sugar. With zero calories and carbs, it is diabetes-friendly, having no glycemic effect on blood sugars.



The Food and Drug Administration recently approved stevia extracts as GRAS (generally regarded as safe). Stevia comes in different forms including dried leaves and stevia extracts. Stevia extracts come in powdered form such as PureVia and

Truvia or liquid concentrate such as Sweet Leaf liquid stevia. Some people will taste a slight licorice-like aftertaste.

Stevia works best in recipes to add sweetness to such foods as beverages, smoothies or puddings. Baked recipes needing sugar for browning or structure, such as cookies or cakes, work best when you substitute no more than half the sugar with stevia.

If you need additional information on stevia or recipes using stevia, contact your Hy-Vee dietitian.

Read a Classic for Christmas?

by bob gelms

Here is an idea for your Christmas shopping that could have you getting it all done in one store, in one trip. The store would be your favorite book store and your shopping list would be a classic book for your classic friends and family. There are enough classic books to fill a variety of tastes for young and old and any genre you can think of. I have another idea that makes it even easier. The Modern Library has published fine editions of classic books in very nice bindings at reasonable prices. Here are a number of suggestions. These are all American writers and they have all made The Modern Library list of the top 100 novels of the twentieth century. They are all in print as part of the Modern Library series

THE GREAT GATSBY

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

I can understand what Daisy sees in Gatsby but what does he see in her?

LOLITA by Vladimir Nabokov

The definitive dirty old man book for the dirty old man in your life and it is hysterical.

CATCH-22 by Joseph Heller

Along with Slaughterhouse Five, it is the greatest novel to come out of WWII.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

by John Steinbeck

Set in the Depression, this book is so vivid some think Tom Joad was a real man and this was his biography. It won the Pulitzer Prize and Steinbeck later won the Nobel Prize.

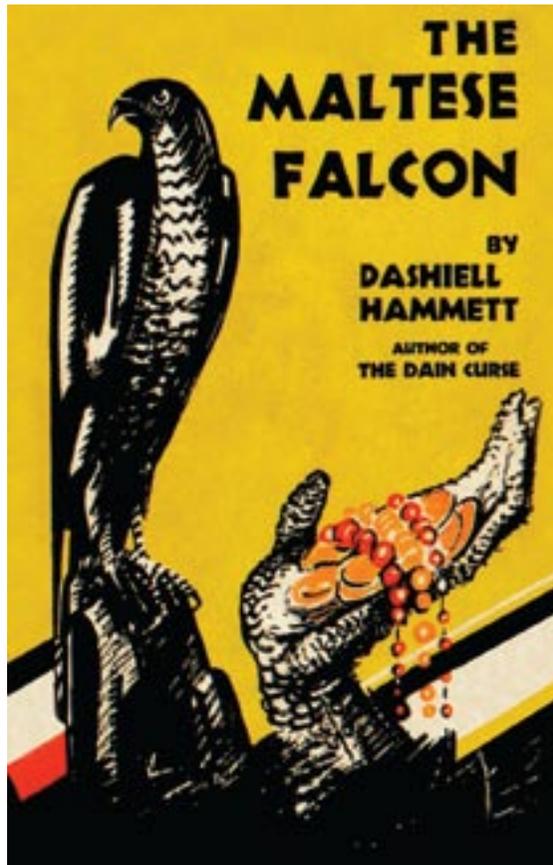
SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE

by Kurt Vonnegut

Books have been written about this book. You will find yourself laughing till it hurts at some of the most horrible things you can think of, this absolutely a work of genius.

INVISIBLE MAN by Ralph Ellison

If you don't already know what it is like to be an African American but would like to



witness the searing experience of being one, there is no better book than this one.

DELIVERENCE

by James Dickey

Believe me the movie only caught a sliver of the power in this novel. After reading it I resolved never to go camping in the woods down south. It also turned the phrase, "Squeal like a pig," into a macabre nightmare.

PORTNOY'S COMPLAINT

by Philip Roth

The first person monologue of a Jewish man who has a "thing" for his mama and is so addicted to sex that not only will I never eat liver again I can't even look at it. It is still occasionally banned and was notorious when it was published. It made Roth a star.

NSFW (not safe for work works)

ON THE ROAD

by Jack Kerouac

Road Trip!!!! And now you can buy the original unexpurgated, unedited version.

THE MALTESE FALCON

by Dashiell Hammett

It is beyond a doubt the best detective mystery ever written. Ever! Did I mention EVER!!!

THE CATCHER IN THE RYE

by J. D. Salinger

Holden Caulfield is the alter ego of every baby boomer male on Earth. If you want to understand us (yes, I said us) this book is a must read. One of the most important books of the twentieth century.

RAGTIME by E. L. Doctorow

If you like historical novels this one put a unique twist on the genre, mixing real and imaginary characters in American events leading up to WWI. Wrap your head around this; it was published in 1975 and nominated that year for a Nebula award by the Science Fiction Writers of America. I don't know anyone who thinks of it as a science fiction novel but it does fit into the sub-genre of "alternative universe." Read it and see for yourself.

THE CALL OF THE WILD by Jack London

This book is mostly read as a young adult adventure book which it is but reading it as an adult can be more enjoyable. Since the protagonist is a dog it brings an interesting perspective as to what it means to be human. This can be a very dark and violent story. If you read it as a kid, read it again. You will be surprised how much has changed.

THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE

by James M. Cain

One of the great crime novels of the twentieth century. If you have never read it, here is a mystery you can solve. There is no postman character in it nor is one mentioned. I have my idea, see what you can come up with. It is an easy read it is very short, full of sexuality, violence and, famously, banned in Boston.

When you are buying for family and friends don't forget to buy one for yourself. My Christmas present to you is in not mentioning William Faulkner or Saul Bellow. Bah Humbug and Merry Christmas all at the same time.

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Outlook Not So Good by pam kress-dunn

I spent a lot of time last week trying to figure out next year's Flexible Spending Account. If you have one of these at work, you know what I'm talking about. If not, let's see if I can explain. This is the government's (the IRS, to be specific) oh-so-helpful way of allowing you to save money on your taxes. How does it work? Well. You figure out what you're likely to spend on medical expenses next year, divide it by the number of paychecks you're going to receive, and turn that in to your benefits coordinator.

When you get your first paycheck of the new year, that much money will be withheld. But it's okay, because all you have to do to get that money back is to prove that you spent at least that much on approved medical expenses – say, a trip to the ER to have a raisin removed from your nose, or a test to see if your brain is about to explode (it's called stroke detection), or maybe a trip to your friendly neighborhood proctologist for something you'd rather not discuss in mixed company. Fax in your bill or your insurance company's Explanation of Benefits, and just like magic, you get the money back.

The whole point of this is to save money on your taxes. Because the IRS deducts the entire amount of your flexible spending account (FSA) from your year's earnings, the more you have set aside, the less it looks like you earned.

There is, of course, a catch. Of course there's a catch! It's the government! You've heard the old joke, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you"? In this case, the catch is that if you do not spend as much as you anticipated, then you will be kissing that money goodbye. Should you have an unexpected outbreak of good health, well, good for you, but bad for your pocketbook. Sure, you'll save by not paying for all those drugs and doctor visits, but that money you set aside because you thought you'd be spending it on drugs and doctor visits will remain there – set aside. With the government. Use it or lose it!

I don't understand this. Or more to the point, I don't accept it. No matter how many times various benefits people have said to me, "Now, of course it's a gamble" I refuse to nod agreeably and say, "Oh, sure, of course."



One time long ago, the year was almost over and I knew I was in trouble. I had something like three hundred dollars remaining in my account, and nobody needed health care. Luckily, my kids' orthodontist was willing to accept (boy, was he ever) payment in advance for the years of work he had planned for their genetically messed up mouths. Whew. Crisis avoided.

On the other hand, this year my account's paltry funds ran out in, oh, March. I still have the notebook page on which I painstakingly wrote down the names of every doctor, every drug, every test I normally get in a year. It seemed like a lot, because I have perhaps more than my fair share of ailments. (And no, I don't love going to the doctor. I just don't love feeling like crap.) So I was having ninety dollars withheld every month.

How was I to know I would end up at one of the country's best headache clinics just before Easter? How could I have foretold that these doctors would put me in a hospital head pain unit for over two weeks? And that I would leave with a sheaf of prescriptions half an inch thick? Even armed with a Magic 8-Ball, it most likely would

have answered only, "Reply hazy, try again." So although I got all my set-aside funds back, every time I go to another doctor or get more of these prescriptions filled, I seethe with frustration that these fees aren't counted as tax-free.

So for next year, I'm counting everything. Even the mileage between here and the Michigan headache clinic and back again. I'm assuming I'll be going there every few months, as I did this year. But who knows? It's a crapshoot! It's the government! And I'm left with the weirdest worry I've ever had – what if I get better? What then? What if all the name-brand drugs I take suddenly become available as generics? Will that be good news, or bad? I can just imagine someone saying, "Oh, but you're saving money!" and myself thinking, "No! I'm not!"

What if we had to do this with other aspects of our lives? Let's see – next year, I predict that I will make six new friends, so I'll put a six in my new friends account. I feel certain that I will cook five new kinds of soup. And surely I'll read twelve new books. No more, no less. Ridiculous, isn't it? What if we had to deposit all the money we thought we would spend at Hy-Vee for the entire year, and once it was used up, that was it, and too bad if a family reunion descended upon us in June and wiped our pantry clean?

I believe in a budget just as much as the next fiscally responsible citizen, but as for predicting how many pairs of shoes, sets of tires, books of poetry, or bottles of detergent I'm going to buy in 2011, who knows?

It doesn't help that I'm a perfectionist. I want my FSA figured to the last cent. I want every penny back. When I give my money away, I prefer to choose my charities. The IRS is pretty far down on that list.

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Ten Reasons for Thanksgiving

by mayor roy d. buol

During this season of Thanksgiving, I share an article by Stephanie Modkins, a freelance writer who resides in the state of Washington. Her main goal is to write in a way that educates and uplifts, and in this one, she reminds citizens in every community in America that we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving...

"Reason #1: Clean, running water is actually a luxury. In countries like India, many people bath in public places because of the lack of it. The government doesn't care about providing it to everyone. What happens as a result is wide spread disease and sickness.

Reason #2: Free Education. Although all of the public schools in America aren't equal, they are free from K-12. This offers everyone a chance to learn what he or she needs to live a productive life. This isn't so in certain places like Pakistan. Men and especially women are largely illiterate lowering their standards of life. They have to fight to get an education. For women, it can mean losing their life.

Reason #3: Freedom of Religion. Did you know that certain countries like the Soviet Union push state atheism? They deny their citizens the comfort of a higher power - at least publicly. Thankfully, America was founded on the principle of freedom of religion. Citizens here can worship as they please as long as it doesn't violate any other law. There is no national religion. Therefore, whatever or whomever you want to pray to, you can. Remember this on Thanksgiving Day as you hold hands with family and give thanks for the food you are about to eat.

Reason #4: Freedom of Speech. Want to say something critical against the government? You can do it in America. In North Korea, people who speak out against the government can be put in jail. Meditate on this as you decide whether to or not to argue with the Republican or Democrat sitting next to you at Thanksgiving dinner.

Reason #5: International Power. Regardless of the propaganda you hear on the news, America is still a super power. Even with a flailing economy, we still are the go to people for other countries. They need us in order to work out peace talks.

Reason #6: Open Social Stratums. Most third world countries have caste systems that never allow the rich to mingle with the poor. As a result, if you're born with a "rusty spoon" in your mouth, it'll stay rusty all of the days of your life. For this reason, Americans have an advantage over many of their neighboring countries. People can move across social stratums depending on how hard they are willing to work. Just ask Warren Buffet. He turned his middle class status into a mega-billion one by learning how to invest. Now, he's one of the richest men in the world.

Reason #7: Public Transportation. In the under developed areas of Mexico, the only public transportation you may be able to find is a donkey. Not in America. We have one of the most comprehensive transportation systems in the world. From jets to double stacked buses, Americans can travel in style.

Reason #8: Four-Star Entertainment. If you're an American, you never have to be bored. From the Internet to 24-hour nightclubs, there is always something to do.

Reason #9: Citizens with Big Hearts. Need help on filling your refrigerator this Thanksgiving? If so, go to an American. Americans have such big hearts that they open up their hearts and wallets to help others on a regular basis. In Dubuque, we have Donna Ginter...the Food Pantry...our churches... and many, many staff and faculty at our local higher ed institutions who bring students, who cannot afford to travel home over the holidays...into their homes.

Reason #10: Unemployment Insurance. Think the unemployment rate for Americans is outrageous? Guess what. You're right. The recent numbers are enough to blow back a hardworking person's hair. Yet, we have something developing countries don't - unemployment insurance. We get money to help pay bills, eat and find another job. Only a country that cares about its citizens would go this far.

Feeling more thankful now? Good. You're an American. You live in one the best countries in the world and have a lot of things to be thankful for on Thanksgiving and all year round."



by Patience Chiles

Every day we witness the positive and negative behaviors of others. As bystanders, we each have a choice: be a passive bystander who allows negative acts to occur and is unaffected by positive ones, or be an active bystander who questions those behaviors that aren't constructive, aren't respectful, and who reinforces positive behavior that shows respect for yourself and others. We are all role models and mentors for our children, siblings, friends and coworkers; let's make sure we're positive ones.

A Legacy of Contribution

"In order for a community to survive, individual members need to be involved." This is the motto of Jim and Jean Mottet—Dyersville residents who consistently participate in local and international causes. They believe that sharing time and individual gifts proves essential to sustaining community.

Jim and Jean grew up in families dedicated to bettering the community through delivering meals to ill friends and neighbors and actively serving on multiple committees within the community. The couple calls their family members "shining examples of community minded individuals," because "they often put the needs of others before their own."

Together, Jim and Jean volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) as personal and legal advocates for local neglected and abused children; participate in the Angel Tree Program—providing gifts and meals for underprivileged families during the holidays; serve as board members

and volunteers for the Rural Community Food Pantry in Dyersville; and serve as sponsors to engaged couples, conveying good habits that have helped their 42-year marriage to succeed.

Jim and Jean also serve the community individually. Jim volunteers for projects with the Lions' Club, works to preserve community history at the Dyersville Historical Society, and welcomes community members who need advice or "a good listener." Jean takes part in hospice care, serving as a caregiver and bereavement facilitator. She is also concerned with the current struggle in Haiti, and in August she attended a missionary trip to Fond Verrettes, Haiti with her church.

Serving others is Jim and Jean's way of life. They say that they participate in multiple causes because they recognize their ability to contribute to all of them. Through their involvement, Jim and Jean are maximizing their contribution to the needs of the larger community. Additionally, they hope to serve as role models.

Creating a Culture of Giving

Through their dedication, Jim and Jean have helped countless people. But in their words, "the individual can [also] make a positive difference in leading by example and encouraging others to become involved." Through demonstrating such leadership, Jim and Jean have made our community a more cohesive environment. For this, they deserve our sincere gratitude.

In our next article, we would like to showcase you and other community members you've seen doing the right thing. Send your story to Josh M. Jasper, Riverview Center's President/CEO, at Josh@riverviewcenter.org. Thank you for being a positive role model; your efforts are redefining what it means to be a member of our community.

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TRIXIE KITSCH

BAD ADVICE FOR THE STUPID

Dear Trixie:

My Dad has a new girlfriend and doesn't have time for me anymore. Every night after work he's off having beers with "Judy". We used to do all kinds of fun father and son things like camping out or playing ball. How are we supposed to "bond" when we're never together?
--Sad, Sad Son

Dear Sad:

You know, a good place to bond is the principal's office or Juvenile Court. Find someone with low self esteem and impregnate her. Shoplift something. Get drunk and wreck the car. Set off a fertilizer bomb. I'm sure if you sit down and think seriously you'll come up with something.

Dear Trixie:

All my friends are keeping journals. No one calls it a "diary" anymore. The teachers think they are taking masses of notes but all they are doing is writing down sappy daydreams about boys. Whenever I call my friend Anna she's all, "Can I call you back? I'm journaling." She thinks I should get a journal and put down all my hopes and dreams too. What's fun about that?
--Lara On Lincoln

Dear Lara:

I like to jot down my thoughts and leave it around to frighten family members. I've been doing it for years!

Dear Trixie:

My fiancee will be released from prison and we are getting married the following weekend. The problem is that I don't know who my real father is and neither does my mother. She says it could be one of 6 guys. Who should walk me down the aisle? --Brandee Jo

Dear Brandee Jo:

In cases like these it is perfectly acceptable

to be escorted by the husband's parole officer. Good luck, dear.

Dear Trixie:

Sometimes when I'm alone, I talk to myself. I'll ask myself questions like, "Where on earth did I put that sewing needle?" And then I'll answer by saying, "I think it's in the sewing kit on the top shelf of my bureau." Is this normal? Do you think there is something wrong with me?
--Elaine P.

Dear Elaine P.:

Yes.

Dear Trixie:

I am trying to feed a family of five on one salary-- my job was just eliminated through corporate downsizing-- and it's going to be difficult. The cost of meat has gone sky high! Today I tried to apply for food stamps and I found we don't qualify. What can you recommend?
--Daddy No Bucks

Dear Daddy No Bucks:

In these troubled financial times it takes cunning and creativity to survive. I have a solution that will not only feed your family but will rid the neighborhood of unwanted varmints. You can create delicious, low cost meals and teach your kids valuable survival skills at the same time! Simply arm the children with shotguns and box cutters and send them out into the neighborhood after raccoons, opossums and squirrels. After a couple of tries even a small child can kill and skin a squirrel. Use any recipe that calls for chicken or beef and substitute equal portions of wild game meat. I recommend Raccoon Fettuccine Alfredo or Green Chili Squirrel Fajitas with Spanish Rice. If you pull together as a family you'll find there's no obstacle you can't overcome.



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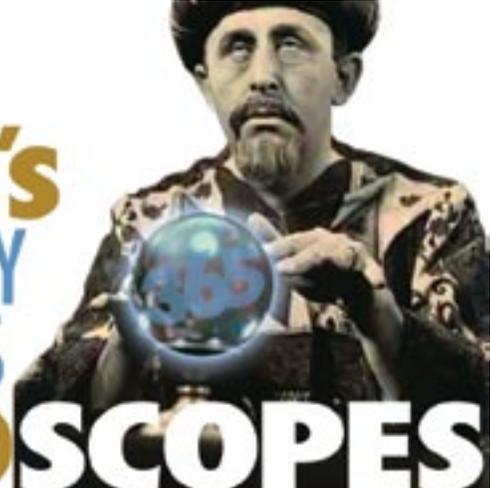
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Aries 3/21-4/19



Technically, those cookies are supposed to last through the entire Christmas holiday season, but if there's not a specific sign or written rules laying next to the cookies, you can feign stupidity.

Taurus 4/20-5/20



While an exposed "muffin top" might still be cute on a college girl who put on the ol' freshman fifteen and has a little of it spilling over her waistline, it is quite another story when it falls on you at Thanksgiving to tell have to tell aunt Judy that she no longer qualifies.

Gemini 5/21-6/21



It has been cold for about a week and already you can't stop whining about it. When you consider that everyone but us got a foot of snow already, shut up idiot, you're jinxing us!

Cancer 6/22-7/22



Apparently when the doctor told you that it's time to start counting calories, he should have mentioned that the number where you need to stop meant a number of calories where you should stop eating, not just stop counting. His bad.

Leo 7/23-8/22



You keep voting for Bristol Palin on Dancing with the Stars because you want her to be good at it even though she's clearly not up to snuff with here far more talented competition. And yes, that is Deja Vu you are experiencing.

Virgo 8/23-9/22



Your friends thought you trained all year for that marathon you ran this fall, but little do they know that the marathon itself was just training for Black Friday shopping. Bring it on chain-smokers!

Libra 9/23-10/22



If you are getting assistance with toys this year from one of Dubuque's great service agencies partnered with Toys For Tots, try not to show up to the shopping event in your Lexus wearing your bling and talking on your iPhone. Not that you won't get served, but one of these days, someone else getting help is going to provide a great community service and plant their foot in your immoral butt. Not you? Then and early Happy Holidays to you!

Scorpio 10/23-11/21



Once again this year, you will find it amazingly coincidental that the statute of limitations on others knowing how to drive in the snow will expire the very day when the first snow arrives for the season. Don't be that person.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21



There's a very good reason that your vegetarian wrap doesn't taste nearly as good as it could and it rhymes with bacon. Convert while you still can!

Capricorn 12/22-1/19



The family is coming together again to celebrate Thanksgiving and catch up on things. So you'll want to start working on your lies and supporting alibis now.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18



Considering a Team Coco tattoo, are we? Have you considered "Bieber Fever!"? It'll look great next to your "MySpace Forever" tat.

Pisces 2/19-3/20



When your friends make a bet with you and are quick to suggest a very specific punishment if you lose, realize that you're being set-up, then make sure they tape it so you can get on Tosh.0!



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 Fri - Thu: (12:30), (3:30), 6:50, 9:45

Unstoppable (PG-13) No Passes Allowed
 Fri - Thu: (12:10), (2:25), (4:40), 7:35, 9:55

Megamind 3D (PG)
 Fri - Thu: (11:45 AM), (2:50), (3:55), 6:40, 8:45



Black Friday Kid-Distracting Movie Miracle!

Mindframe Theaters welcomes parents to drop their kids off at the Theater on Friday morning, November 26th, better known as "Black Friday" so you can go shop alone. The kids can enjoy either or both kid-friendly feature films, currently scheduled to be Night at the Museum and Night at the Museum 2, the first playing at 8 a.m. and the second playing at 10 a.m. Admission is just one new non-wrapped toy. Additional special treats are available to support Toys For Tots as well. Every kid gets a surprise gift from Toys For Tots too! Plenty of supervision will be on hand as well.



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