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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 inkUbator

Notes from the Publisher... Fostering Ideas, conversations and arguments.

My reward for another hard year of Toys For Tots madness is Christmas at grandma and grandpa's Farm. We lost Grandpa years ago and technically, grandma hasn't lived on the farm in quite a while, but our family farm will always be grandma and grandpa's house. We still own and maintain the property, leasing out the land to neighboring farms. The barn itself has been a labor of love project for the family for some time now. Thanks to the yeoman's efforts of my uncles, aunts and cousins, there is now this newly-sided, winterized giant gathering spot for holidays and special events. With a big extended family, any house is never big enough. So the barn has been converted into a big party hall, with a big kitchen in the old horse stalls and the outer perimeter of the rest of the barn wrapped in little cottage-like private sleeping quarters, with a large common space in the center of the barn. It's where we now converge for pretty much every sizable family get-together on my dad's side of the family. I say that and then find out, because of some mobility issues with family this year, we're going to skip the barn this time around. Well, as long as grandma is there and she brings bars, I guess I don't care where it happens.

The highlight of every visit is, of course, that grandma is still here to be our anchor, our home base as a family. At 84, Florence Heberlein (grandma's do apparently have real names, but I don't know why they need them) has plenty of aches and pains to complain about, but I refuse to believe that she won't continue to be the centerpiece of our family's holiday joy for many years to come. In fact, she's not allowed to ever leave us, because then who's going to make me grandma bars then?

You know grandma bars. I think we all have them. I don't know what ingredients make up your version of grandma bars, but mine are peanut butter and Kero syrup over cornflakes, then covered with a thick layer of chocolate. And I'm also quite certain that they are way better than your grandma bars. I have, of course, tried to make them myself, but no matter what I do they're never quite like grandma can make. Maybe it's the love. Maybe it's the ancient pan she bakes them in. But I'm not complaining. If I need more, all I need to do is look for the next major holiday on the calendar. This magic also extends to equally famous grandma dip, which is the ultimate chip/cracker spread that is also better than your grandma's!

She always says, "I hate to wonder what you're writing about me in that thing," referring to this publication. So I got the hint grandma, and this one's for you. If I make you infamous in Fennimore,

well, you asked for it.

Like many grandmas, she has an extensive collection that she has been building much of her life and it has also become a focal point for many of us as we look for gift items at Christmas. My grandma collects strawberries. Anything with a strawberry on it or shaped like a strawberry. Dishes, art, clothes, rugs, musical instruments, pottery, and about every trinket known to man, and some not yet discovered, exists in her collection and dons a bright red strawberry. Recently she gave me one of her oldest ceramic strawberries which is now displayed in my dining room by some of the things my wife got from her grandma and other family heirlooms. I guess the purge is starting.

Also, like most grandmas, she naturally has a long time love of professional wrestling. Yeah, you know, pro-wrestling. Or as she calls it rass-ling. What? You're grandma doesn't watch wrestling? Well, one more way my grandma is better. I remember back when I spent summers on the farm bailing hay, we'd watch Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant and Ricky Steamboat on Friday nights after the news. I'd have the requisite grasshopper that I whipped into a green slurry and we'd fix the rabbit ears to get the channel to come in right. Now a days wrestling is on about 9 days a week and I haven't seen it in decades, but she probably gets more than her fix. Back then it was just one night a week. Kind of like Dukes of Hazzard night, when them Duke boys would get themselves in a pickle and grandpa would give that telltale laugh, clap his hands together and rub them real fast. It's been 25 years and I can still see it vividly.

But for me, great food is what always comes back to the forefront of my mind when I think of grandma. Comfort foods that will forever only be "right" if they are made the way she does it. Noodles and Breadcrumbs, Tamale Pie, etc. When you bail hay, you eat a lot, so we'd have four meals a day. Each meal would consist of the leftovers of the last two or three meals with two or three new dishes thrown in. So every time you eat, it's like a farm-style buffet. Maybe that's how I got fat. I kept up with the buffet and quit the hay bailing. My fault, not hers. But now that I've dropped 45 pounds, the pending notion of grandma bars in my near future may prove too kryptonite-like for me to resist. After all, it's just one day, right. And say I eat a dozen bars for example. How much weight can we really retain from one day's bingeing? I do believe we're going to find out.

I love you grandma and I can't wait to see you again for Christmas!

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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.



MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER
Christmas LIVE
BY CHIP DAVIS

Mannheim Steamroller Thursday, December 9 Five Flags Arena

9 DEC The ever-popular Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller proves more popular than ever apparently, as the show has sold out. Those who were hoping to see the Thursday, December 9 show at Five Flags Arena but haven't yet purchased tickets might be out of luck. Still, there is a thin chance for a "Christmas miracle." Five Flags friendly staff has informed us that Mannheim Steamroller have a number of

seats reserved (a standard practice in the entertainment industry) for any friends or the group or VIPs that might be attending the show. There is a chance some of those seats might be released for purchase but we probably won't know until the day of the show. Those interested are advised to call the Five Flags Box Office (563-589-4258) the day of the performance. For ticket prices and more information, visit <http://www.fiveflagscenter.com>.

Winter Farmers Market Every Saturday through April Colts Center

11 DEC While winter doesn't "officially" begin until December 21, we think most would agree it certainly "feels" like winter after 8+ inches of snow. One thing that has officially started is Dubuque's Winter Farmers' Market. Located in the Colts Center on the corner of Central and 11th Streets, the Winter Market began the first Saturday of November and will run every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon through April. The Winter Farmers' Market features local farmers and artisans, offering diverse products such as grass-fed beef, free-range eggs, fall produce, home made candies, baked goods, honey, wines, soaps, gourmet pickles, maple syrup, and more. The Market features approximately 35 vendors which vary each Saturday with new vendors added as the Market continues to grow. Select weeks feature guest vendors offering a variety of local products like the Calico Bean Market's fresh ground peanut butter. Gateway Natural Meats will be at the Winter Farmers' Market on Saturday, December 18 with products ranging from turkey to bison. We suggest making your market trip complete by visiting The Food Store on Iowa Street for a fresh, organic breakfast and coffee!



Jingle Bell Hop

Dubuque County Fairgrounds

12 DEC The Jingle Bell Hop will be at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds Sunday, December 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is an annual, family filled event with dancing, bounce house, arts & crafts, face painting, prizes and Dubuque365 will take your picture with Santa! Tickets are available in advance. Cost is \$2 with discount ticket \$4 without discount ticket. Raffles and Bike Give-A-Ways! All funds received from this event are used in support of St. Mark Community Center programming. In 2009, we had more than 800 in attendance and we are expecting more this year. So get your tickets early! For more information call 563-556-5655 ext. 100. See the ad on page 27!

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Fill The Trailer For Toys For Tots Saturday & Sunday, December 11-12

Theisen's in Dubuque, Dyersville & Maquoketa

Toys for Tots provides toys and a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. As the 2010 Toys For Tots season was looking great and we looked sure to hit our numbers, the reports came in from the agencies served by the Marine Corps Foundation program and I was stunned to see the levels of need from agency to agency had risen from 10% to well over 100%. Across the board, we were looking at about a 50% increase in need this year and we only had about two weeks to make up the shortfall.

In steps two long-time Dubuque community heroes, Radio Dubuque and Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto. With very little time to plan, these great organizations helped Toys For Tots put together a huge two-day toy drive like Dubuque has never seen before.

On Saturday, December 11th, all four stations of Radio Dubuque (92.9 Kat-FM, 97.3 The Rock, 101.1 The River, and AM 1370 KDTH) will simultaneously broadcast live from Theisen's in Dubuque from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and noon until 4 p.m. The Super-cast will encourage Dubuquers to stop by and bring a new toy or cash donation to the cause. Marines and local veterans will be on hand with Radio Dubuque personalities to greet you. And if you'd like to shop for a toy at Theisen's instead, you could not pick a better day. Beginning Friday, Dec. 10th, Theisen's Big Pre-Christmas Toy Sale Begins, with saving up to 60% off. So you might as well shop for your own tots while you're there. People know Theisen's as the go-to store for home, farm and automotive needs, but they also have a really impressive toy department, especially at Christmas, as well as a great variety of dependable winter clothes, books, gloves and more. The sale continues again all day Sunday. And this isn't just in Dubuque. Theisen's will be "Filling the Trailer" at the Dyersville and Maquoketa locations as well. In fact, every Theisen's

is outfitted with Toys For Tots collection bins. So if you are in those parts of Eastern Iowa, you can still participate and help kids right in your hometown. If you did a Toys For Tots drive in your school or business, bring your collections in to Theisen's and tell us where you are from and what you collected. You might get on the radio. This is the final push for the season and with your help, we will match the need, putting smiles on the faces of a whole lot of kids and relief in the hearts of a lot of parents this Christmas.



Helpers in the toy warehouse come in all sizes.

In Dubuque, Toys For Tots is the engine behind toy programs for the Salvation Army, Operation New View/Head Start, Veteran's Administration for military families, St. Mark's Community Center, Hispanic Ministries, Maria House and Theresa Shelter, Project Concern, General Relief, Respite Care, Department of Human Services (through the Dubuque Jaycees

toy program), the Open Closet, area hospitals,

Dubuque Schools reading programs, and other agencies as supplies and opportunities arise. The Tri-State Program also serves the Children of West Dubuque, Grant County, Wisconsin and JoDaviess County, Illinois. In total, an expected 7000 or more kids will be served by more than 20,000 toys. All donations stay local and donations are tax-deductible.

Thanks in advance Dubuque, for all of your generosity this season. I know you've seen a lot about Toys For Tots in 365ink this year. That's just one of the benefits of running the charity and owning the paper. But those events happened because of the generous spirit of scores of Tri-Staters. And we can have all the events we like, but until you choose to participate and make them a success, they're just dates on a calendar. So thank you again and Merry Christmas from Toys For Tots, Radio Dubuque and the great people at Theisen's across Iowa. Semper Fi!

- Bryce Parks

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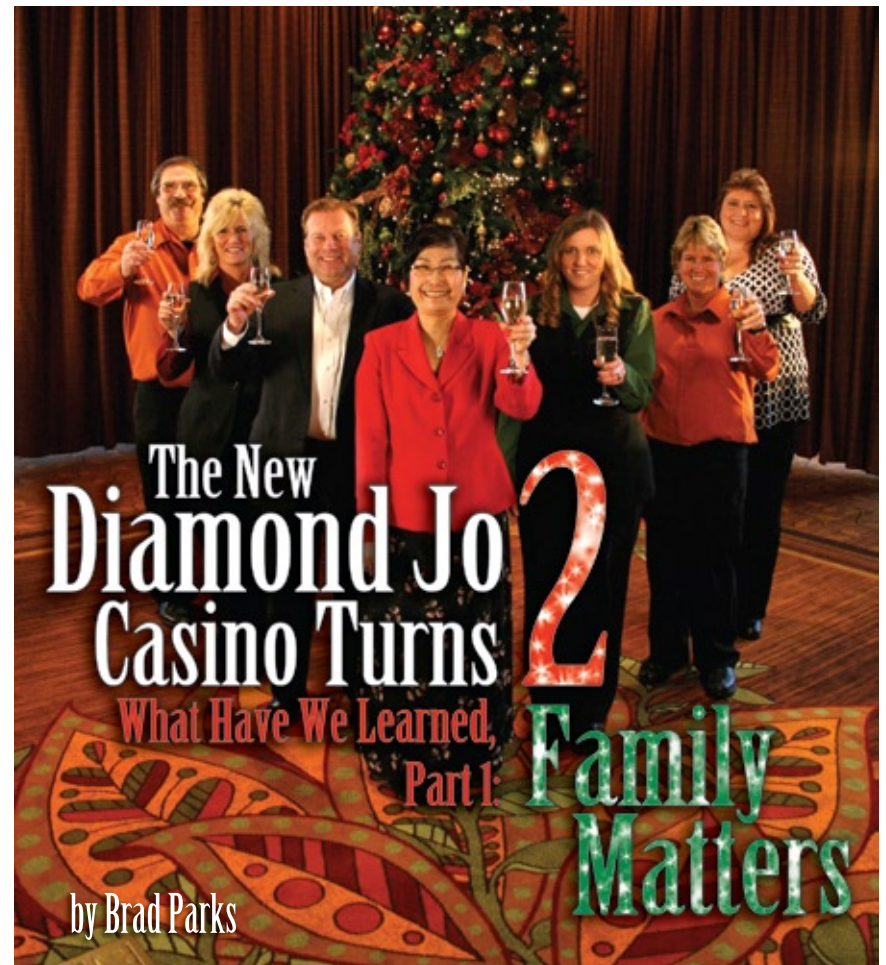
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Unless you have been out of town for the last two years it is hard to miss some recent changes in the Dubuque gaming market. The Diamond Jo and Mystique have both made major investments in our community. A steady stream of world class entertainers has appeared on our stages. Even a refreshing sense of friendly competition has arrived with the Play Dubuque campaign getting national recognition through the leadership of both local casinos working together to promote the community.

In fact over the last ten years, despite the challenges and great effort on many fronts, not to mention that whole devastating national economy thing and the worst flooding in Iowa History, our combined gaming market has nearly doubled and our community has indeed become a regional destination exceeding almost everyone's wildest expectations.

We say "almost everyone" because for reasons usually outside of our control or intent 365 has somehow found itself right in the middle of the events that have shaped the gaming industry here in Dubuque. Because of that we know a few amazing and unheralded people who very much had big dreams and an even bigger faith in our community and the character of our leaders and our people. Dreams that are now very real success for us all.

So we have a story here at 365 that you have likely never heard and that we feel needs to be told. A story of high finance and industry changing vision, of grueling effort and candid uncomfortable discourse, of overcoming our fears of the unknown and untested and placing our bet as a community on ourselves and coming up our own big winners.

A story of the family that is our community and what it takes to become and remain the

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envy of communities across the nation.

But as Christmas approaches and in researching this story we realized that we first needed to tell another story about family, to set the stage for the bigger story above.

Part 1 – Family Matters

For the sake of journalistic full disclosure, we can start in no other way than by saying the people at the Diamond Jo are our friends. It might even be more accurate to say they are a big part of our 365 family and we think very highly of them not just as a business but more so as people.

We certainly think the people at Mystique are great, and not just because they advertise with 365, they have a great team and our Mom's posse is there almost as much as the JO. But truthfully we don't know them as well, despite having a long history with them going way back the first "Yes/Yes for Jobs" gaming referendum campaign being actually headquartered in the old Parks and Associates office on upper main. Our first annual meeting for 365 was held in a banquet room at the then Greyhound Park. One of our favorite photos of our Dad is him standing with Bruce Wentworth and the DRA crew in front of a huge Marine Corp. flatbed-semi full of toys parked smack in the middle of the Mystique turn around



(then the Greyhound Park). The DRA has and the team at the Mystique itself has made several generous contributions and sponsorships to Toys for Tots both to our Dad, the original Toy Man, and now Bryce, 365's publisher who intenerated the project and as a result hasn't slept in a few weeks leaving his older brother to write this cover story.

But the JO goes way back for 365, before many people even knew who we were. 365 also has the rare opportunity to work with the Diamond Jo and its parent company Peninsula Gaming's properties across the county from their executive leadership to the horse racing stable hands at Evangeline Downs in southern Louisiana. And while what we have seen and leaned about this group has been often amazing, sitting around a table of the Directors of Diamond Jo today hearing their reflections of the last two year's effort, I found it incredibly hard to hold back the wave of emotion and honest gratitude our family has for the Diamond Jo family here in Dubuque. We know first hand that casinos are not just about revenue and development. Sometimes they are very much about magic and they are first and foremost always about people. Understanding that is the only way to understand what the next issues point will be.

What we have never shared with the Diamond Jo team is that two years ago this week, while walking across the parking lot toward the grand opening event, joking about the cold and fully prepared to celebrate a great night for the JO, 365 and the whole community, we received a call that forever changed our lives. With our 365 staff hustling to get in place to film and photograph the event, the guys from Cheap Trick right across the parking lot setting up for their show, and dignitaries streaming in around us, Bryce and I got the most heartbreaking call of our lives from our father telling us that his cancer had been ruled untreatable and that he was going to die. What we often think back on now was the fact that we did offer to leave right then and come to his house and all he said was, "No, You have work to do. Go stand your post." He was a Marine to the end.

So why is that about people and where is the magic? Because of his illness Dad had never been able to go see the new Diamond Jo all the months after his diagnosis until he decided one day that his last trip from the house would be to go see what we had worked so hard to help promote. The team there had a wheel chair waiting at the door and every possible resource was made available. They knew it was important to us and if there is one lesson here,

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and if you are reading this and you work at the Diamond Jo or Mystique and ever wonder why what you do matters, then pay attention now. Our Dad had fun. We had one small moment of being a family together that had been for so long stolen from us. We even played a few games with Dad and as he got down to his last few pennies on the "Pompie" slot machine and we all thought he was toast, he ended



up winning a small jackpot and was again, in that singular moment, the strong excited Dad we remembered as kids. For that one moment I know that I will always carry a debt of memory to the Diamond Jo. Even more amazing, despite the fact he could barely get around, he had so much fun that day he called his brother and sister's and went BACK the next weekend to share that kind of time with them. A few weeks later 365 held our annual Impact Award ceremony at the Mississippi Moon bar but by then Dad was too weak to move. He did though find the strength to put on his uniform for the last time and record a video message to our Mom and the crowd at the event thanking her and all of



Dubuque for everything and giving them his last salute. After spending the night of the ceremony with our sister Krista making her write down exactly the music he wanted at his wake (Ma rine), he passed away the next day. A few days later his final memorial dinner was held... you guessed it...at the Diamond Jo. After coming down "to check the place out and try the food" he had even told then GM Todd Moyer that his place was just good enough to have his funeral dinner and that they had 'damn good friend chicken'.

To us anyway, that is magic.

So with that said and before all the information in the next issue about finance and community and statistics we just wanted to invite our friends from the Diamond Jo to sit around a table and have them tell us what they thought was best, most challenging, and most magical about their last very crazy two years.

The first group we met with was photographed for our cover and are people many of you likely know by first name. Like the cover we did two years ago for the opening, the Diamond Jo management team politely declined our offer to pose and asked us to highlight some of the

team from the front-line that have been working with guests at the Diamond Jo, some since day one. What we found interesting was that many of those team members thought the most important thing to do with the photo was to thank their players and friends who make their jobs possible. Stuff like that just makes you have to love living in Dubuque.

We asked that group, "What was it like to move from running a small boat to what is pretty much running a small city?" With that they all laughed and joked with mock groans and bad back charades. Then when they stopped they told us that it was a huge effort but in the end it was actually amazing as well as extremely gratifying to see the reaction of their players.

Kurt Becker has been dealing at both the old and new Diamond Jo for nearly 15 years and he added, "Its still like working with family. It's a bigger building and more people but we know that they players make our jobs possible and keeping them having fun is our biggest focus."

With a huge smile and an easy laugh Anna Donahue said has been with the Diamond Jo, "From the old days." We asked her about the transition and she added, "It was a lot of work

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moving and bringing on and training new people. A LOT of work." "But", she added, "we have so many friends from the Boat that it is still fun to see them every day . And so many new people you never know who might stop by and that makes it worth it."

Frank Domitrovich, Director of Security, has also been with the Diamond Jo since the "old days" and he was the one Director who we convinced to do the photo (we needed an even number and he was closest) and he later joined us with other Directors and General Manager Scott Cooper to sit and reflect on their experiences in this huge transition. The night the facilities crew covered the whole Mississippi Moon Bar in black plastic for Gallagher and the show that Brett Michaels literally rocked the house, and when Rick Springfield walked literally "across the crowd" to the ring



of tables on his 60th birthday all made the list. Even the night of the first Camero give away that filled the casino floor so full you couldn't see the end for the crowd from the stage was mentioned. The most touching story, however, came from Frank himself saying, "If I had to pick one thing that was truly magical it would have to be having my daughter's reception here. I was so overwhelmed by how everything from the food to the decorations to the way all the team made that such a special day. I literally took me a few days to fully understand how great of a moment it was. I will never forget it. I really don't know how they do it all."

Lori Bahl, Director of Events and Tour Marketing confirmed that note while reflecting on what she finds special about her teams overall approach, "We hear it every time. Our team knows each event is that special and really takes it personally and delivers over and over. Sometime I don't know how we do it all," she laughed.

Jeff Holder, Director of Food and beverage added, "I am a new guy since the opening

and have never worked in a casino environment so it has been a huge undertaking. What strikes me at the Woodfire Grille is how many 53rd or 25th or 10th wedding anniversary dinners we have. We even had a couple get engaged at the Woodfire and come back to celebrate their first anniversary a year later. We try so hard to share with our team how precious those moments are for people and it does make all the hard work worth it."

As the discussion got rolling and jokes and laughing began to reflect how close the management team the Diamond Jo remains today, GM Scott Cooper asked if he could add a note 'as the new guy' that he thought may explain some of the things I was hearing. "When I came to the Diamond Jo this year I had already enjoyed a long career working with all kinds of regional and smaller market casinos and what

struck me right off the bat was two things. The first was how well planned this facility is. For example it has the exactly right about of buffet seating, all the amenities are just perfectly sized for the events we hold. It is incredibly well planned, well finished and maintained." He then looked around the table forming his thoughts with all sincerity added, "But what I really found impressive, and I am not just saying this as they

are in the room, is that the Diamond Jo has a real wealth of experienced leadership and staff and I think that makes a huge difference to our guest and our team members. People here really know their business and I can't tell you in this industry how rare and fortunate it is for us to have that kind of team."

Wendy Runde has been with the Diamond Jo "from the old days" serving as Director of Finance and recently as Assistant GM. With Scott's comment she was quick to add, "I think there is something more most people don't know. While we were waiting to come to this new building and all the time it took waiting to see it happen, this team had the chance to take our experience here in Dubuque and help create other Peninsula properties in places like Diamond Jo Worth in North Iowa and Evangeline Downs in Louisiana. What is the best part about that experience is we also then got to take what we learned there and bring it all back to Dubuque in a big way. We got to make

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Artisan & Craft Fair
 Supporting Toys For Tots
 Grand River Center

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The Grand River Center plays host to one more holiday themed artisan and craft fair this season, hosted by Eclectic Studio 58, on Saturday, December 18th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dozens of great creative vendors will be featuring their wares including hand-forged silver & copper enhanced natural stone & semi precious stone jewelry, beautiful fused glass decorative plates, stars, candle holders, home baked goods & candies, linden soaps

and so much more. The event includes a raffle featuring a prize from every vendor at the event as well as a silent auction. Kids can create their own candy tube with Sandy Candy. And the great thing is, admission is just \$1 and proceeds from the event support Tri-States Toys For Tots. Each person that brings a new toy in will receive 5 raffle tickets. So if you are looking for that late hour opportunity to find that special unique Christmas gift that you're just not seeing anywhere else, make sure you make your way to Grand River Center at 500 Bell Street in the Port of Dubuque on the 18th.

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Emmaus Bible College Marble Chapel

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Emmaus Bible College presents Starlight Carols Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marble Chapel. An annual Christmas concert, Starlight Carols features Emmaus Bible College choirs and small vocal groups. Admission is free.

Another Night Before Christmas

Another Night Before Christmas Through December 19

Bell Tower Theater

19
 DEC

The Bell Tower Theater continues its run of Another Night Before Christmas, a show that started this month and runs through December 19. By the writers of the hit musical Married Alive, Another Night Before Christmas is a musical comedy "about a right jolly old elf, a less jolly young woman and an old wish finally coming true. Find the true meaning of Christmas ... or maybe just laugh like a bowl full of jelly." For tickets and more information, visit belltowertheater.net.



Jingle Bell Jazz Handbell Concert
 Sunday, December 19

Sinsinawa Mound

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Sinsinawa Mound hosts "Jingle Bell Jazz," a handbell concert Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m. Performing will be The Madison Area Concert Handbells (MACH), the largest handbell choir in Wisconsin. The group features ringers performing on over six octaves of handbells and seven octaves of handchimes. The program of traditional and contemporary Christmas favorites opens with (what else?) "Carol of the Bells." Audience members will have an opportunity to sing carols. Advanced tickets are \$10. Tickets the day of the show are \$15. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411 or visit www.sinsinawa.org.



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.

Old Fashioned Christmas in Galena

The holidays are in full swing as Galena celebrates the season with a variety of events. Not only a great destination for Tri-State area holiday shoppers and diners, Galena hosts a number of fun Christmas events, giving visitors an "excuse" to make the short drive to soak up Galena's unique ambiance at Christmastime.



Santa! Saturdays through Christmas

Galena kicked off the holidays the day after Thanksgiving with a parade that included a Christmas tree lighting outside the Old Market House, Christmas carolers, and a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Potential Galena visitors with children should make plans to visit town on Saturday afternoons as Santa will be holding court at the Old Market House every Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. until Christmas.



Living Windows

Saturday, December 11

On Saturday, December 11, Galena's downtown will come alive with animation as businesses along Main Street participate in Living Windows from 4 to 6 p.m. About 25 Galena businesses will participate in the holiday event.

Early arrivers can enjoy roasted chestnuts from 1 to 3 p.m. in Washington Park.

Pub Crawl

Friday, December 17

For holiday revelers whose idea of celebration involves beverages of the more adult variety, downtown Galena will host a pub-crawl on Friday, December 17. The moving celebration will begin at Boone's Place on the south end of Main Street at 6 p.m. and no doubt make a variety of stops as it winds its way up the street.

Night of Luminaria

Saturday, December 18

Finally, on the evening of Saturday, December 18, Galena becomes a wonderland of light with what is considered to be "one of the most beautiful and romantic visions of the year." The Night of Luminaria will feature over 5,000 candle-lit luminaries glowing from Main Street and along the river up the streets, steps, and sidewalks to the hills overlooking the downtown. Many shops will be staying open late so the evening offers a great opportunity to find a few one-of-a-kind gift items for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list. Might we suggest you end the evening with a romantic dinner downtown?

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Pat Dixon

15 DEC Pat Dixon is a New York based comedian, movie critic, writer and actor. You may have seen him on his appearances as a correspondent on VH1, E! Television, Headline News or Fox News or on his own half hour special on Comedy Central (Comedy Central Presents: Pat Dixon). Pat is the resident movie critic on the nationally syndicated "Bob and Tom Radio Show."



Ronnie Milsap

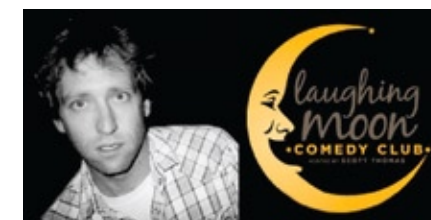
17 DEC Ronnie Milsap is bringing his Christmas show to the Mississippi Moon Bar on Friday, December 17, 2010. Milsap

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.



Dobie Maxwell

22 DEC Dobie is a nationally touring standup comic who used to do mornings at The Loop in Chicago



Brett Erickson

29 DEC This may be the first you've heard of this young contender, but it won't be the last! An up-and-comer from the hardscrabble streets of Peoria, IL, Brett has been knocking out audiences all over the country, mixing his razor sharp wit with deadly social commentary. He's a regular in Vegas, and he's played clubs and colleges all over the country, serving as the undercard for Mitch Hedburg, Howie Mandel, Brett Butler, and Louie Anderson.

Also coming in January to the Mississippi Moon Bar are Elvis Impersonator Gerry Weslet on Jan 8, the Diamonds on Jan 14, Tesla on Jan. 15, and Eddie Money on Jan 29. Plus, February sees such familiar names as Tom Green on Feb. 12 and John Mueller's Inter Dance Party, a recreation of the line-up from the tragic night in Clear Lake, IA Feb. 2nd 1959. Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens come back to life on stage and the real son of the Big Bobber channels his father. 365 has seen this show and it's a knockout!

Get tickets to all shows online at diamondjo.com, at the Diamond Club or at the Mississippi Moon Bar ticket window. All shows are 21+ only.

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There's not a lot of TV that 365 publisher, Bryce Parks, finds imperative enough to TIVO, but three shows he doesn't want to miss are American Pickers, Pawn Stars and especially Discovery's Deadliest Catch. Well, in February Bryce was tickled to have Picker Mike Wolfe attend the 365 Impact Awards. Last month, two of the Pawn Stars visited Dubuque for a special event at the Diamond Jo Casino, and now, like icing on the cake, the Godfather himself, Sig Hansen, Captain of the venerable fishing vessel Northwestern, from Deadliest Catch will also be visiting the Diamond Jo Casino for a handful of exciting appearances.

On December 18th, the now-famous Norwegian will mingle with fans, host the final round of Cap't Sig's Slot Tournament and host "Winningest Catch" where the grand prize winner will receive an Alaskan cruise.

From 6-7 p.m., there will be a meet and greet with Captain Sig Hansen in Mississippi Moon Bar. This event is completely free and open to the public but attendees must be at least 21 years old or older.

At 7:30 the winning begins as Captain Sig Hansen hosts the finals of Captain Sig's Slot Tournament where he'll also compete against 9 challengers. Diamond Club Members qualify for the finals by playing in the FREE Qualifying Tournaments between noon and 8pm on these remaining dates Friday, December 9 and Friday, December 16. People 21 years or older may enroll in the Diamond Club for free simply by presenting valid state identification at Diamond Jo Casino's Diamond Club between 8 a.m. and midnight seven days a week.

Sig Hansen wraps up his visit by hosting the "Winningest Catch" giveaway. Diamond Club

members earn entries by playing their favorite slots and table games. The Grand Prize winner will receive an Alaskan Cruise for two.

Plus, as an added bonus, The Kitchen Buffet at Diamond Jo Casino is serving "Sig's Friday Night Buffet" featuring crab dishes inspired by Deadliest Catch. Sig's Friday Night Buffet will be served every Friday from 5pm-10pm through December 17 for \$17.95 per person.

Sig is the current Captain and Co-owner of the Northwestern, along with his two brothers, co-owner, Edgar Hansen (Deck Boss) and Norman Hansen (Deck Hand). Captain Sig was born in Seattle, Washington and is the first generation from his family born in the United States. He is a fourth generation fisherman and one of the featured Captains on Discovery Channel's smash hit reality television series, Deadliest Catch. Sig is the oldest of three boys, their father Sverre Hansen was one of the pioneers in Alaskan king crab fishing and the builder of the family boat, Northwestern.

Captain Sig began commercial fishing salmon at age 14 under the watchful eye of his father. After salmon season he would join the Northwestern to fish the Blue and Red king crab.

After high school, he began fishing year-round, spending on average 10 months per year in Alaska. At 22, Sig started relieving captains on the Northwestern. By 26, he began serving full time as the Captain of the Northwestern. Over the years, the Northwestern has been a top producer with an excellent safety record. For the last 20 years he has delivered not only the crab, but his entire fleet safely. Sig considers this his greatest accomplishment for one of the world's most dangerous occupations in the world.

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

An opening reception for the exhibits running through March 6th is Friday, December 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Museum.

Decade, a survey of Paschke's mixed media textile artwork. 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.



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The third Dubuque Museum of Art Biennial Juried Exhibition will feature a wide range of work from some of the region's most talented artists within a 200-mile radius of Dubuque. The museum will hold an awards presentation at approximately 6 p.m. during the opening reception.

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. 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.

Light and Darkness

Mary Merkel-Hess

New Melleray Abbey, Peosta

The monks of New Melleray Abbey in Peosta will host "Light and Darkness," a special art exhibit by Iowa City artist Mary Merkel-Hess December 10-12. The exhibit will feature new work inspired by the artist's travels to a variety of monasteries including New Melleray, as well as Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey in Iowa, Cistercian and Buddhist monasteries in Japan, and Coptic monasteries in Egypt.

"The use of light or the lack of it, while different in all three traditions, still provides a powerful support for an environment of prayer," says Merkel-Hess, a native Iowan and full-time studio artist. "From the almost dark celebration of vigils in Cistercian monasteries to the candlelit spaces of the Coptics, to the use of electrical lights in Buddhist monastery gardens, I found reason to reflect on the use of light to prepare the seeker for mystical experience."

Working in paper sculpture for nearly 30 years,



Merkel-Hess has exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; The Museum of Art and Design, New York; the Philadelphia Museum of Art; the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art; and the Dubuque Museum of Art.

"Light and Darkness" will be displayed in the Stone Chapel which is located below the abbey Church at New Melleray Monastery, 6632 Melleray Circle, Peosta, Iowa. The exhibit will be open to the public from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 10; all day Saturday, December 11; and 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 12. A reception for the artist will be held at 2 p.m. in the guest-house dining room on Sunday.

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Dubuque Museum of Art

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 (pictured below).

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.

For more information or to submit a proposal, contact Paula Neuhaus or Megan Starr at art.gumbo.dbq@gmail.com.



Paul Juhl: Grant Wood's Clear Lake Summer

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 on 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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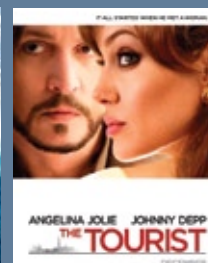
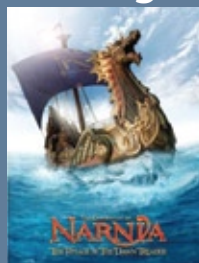
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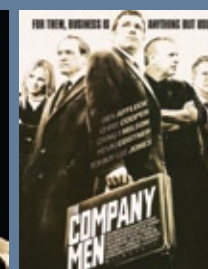
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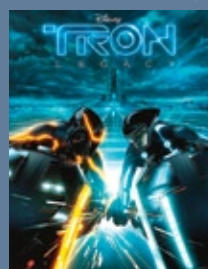


The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (December 10): Lucy and Edmund Pevensie embark upon yet another adventure in the fantastical world of Narnia when they travel to the edge of the world. **The Tourist** (December 10): An American tourist (Johnny Depp) finds himself in a web of intrigue, romance and danger after a random encounter with a stranger (Angelina Jolie). **The Fighter** (December 10): "Irish" Micky Ward is looking at a failing career as his hopes to become a champion dwindle by the day, but finds support for one more run at the top.

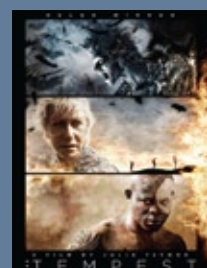


The Company Men (December 10): Bobby Walker (Ben Affleck) is living the American dream. When corporate downsizing leaves him and his co-workers (Chris Cooper, Tommy Lee Jones) without jobs, they are forced to re-define their lives as men, husbands and fathers. Kevin Costner also stars. **The Tempest** (December 10): Renowned stage director Julie Taymor has crafted a new interpretation of Shakespeare's classic romance. Helen Mirren leads an all-star cast. **How Do You Know** (December 17): Professional softball pitcher Lisa Jorgenson (Reese Witherspoon) finds herself embroiled in a love triangle, caught between a her boyfriend, a corporate executive (Paul Rudd), and a pitcher for the Washington Nationals (Owen Wilson). Jack Nicholson also stars.

Tron: Legacy (December 17): The long-awaited sequel to the '80s classic has finally arrived. Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund) investigates the disappearance of his father Kevin (Jeff Bridges), and begins a journey into the digital world of Tron. **Yogi Bear** (December 17): This CGI / live-action combination, in the vein of Alvin & the Chipmunks, features Aykroyd as the voice of Yogi Bear, Justin Timberlake as his faithful companion, Boo Boo. **The Rabbit Hole** (December 17): Becca and Howie Corbett (Nicole Kidman, Aaron Eckhart) are attempting to continue their life together in the aftermath of a devastating loss. **Casino Jack** (December 17): Kevin Spacey is notorious schemer Jack Abramoff, who used his financial resources and political clout to exert untold levels of influence over Washington politicians. **Little Fockers** (December 17): The third -- and hopefully final -- entry in the "Meet the Parents" franchise sees Greg and Pam Focker (Ben Stiller, Teri Polo) raising their mischievous son under the watchful eye of Jack Byrne (Robert



De Niro). **True Grit** (December 22): This Coen Brothers remake of the 1969 film sees Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), a grizzled U.S. Marshal, helping a headstrong woman to track down the outlaw who murdered her father. **Gulliver's Travels** (December 22): Travel writer Lemuel Gulliver (Jack Black) takes an assignment which he thinks will take him to the tropic paradise of Bermuda, but he finds himself on the island of Lilliput, where he towers over the tiny residents of the island. **Country Strong** (December 22): A rising singer-songwriter (Garrett Hedlund) finds himself involved with a fallen country music star (Gwyneth Paltrow), ultimately embarking upon a comeback tour in the hopes of resurrecting her once-sterling career. Also starring Tim McGraw and Leighton Meester.



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The Bank Bar & Grille **More live music on Main Street** by Mike Ironside

The Bank Bar & Grille recently announced a new focus on growing the live music scene on Main Street with the hiring of musician, artist, and all-around entertainment guy Dean Wellman (pictured above on their right). Not only a good thing for The Bank, the development is a good thing for Dubuque's live music scene in general. The driving force behind the Neil Young and Crazy Horse tribute band Sun Green, as well as an acoustic performer either solo or as a duo with Tribe of Two (among other incarnations), Wellman has a long history in the entertainment business – both as a performer and venue entertainment manager.

In fact Wellman's experience at The Bank, a location that has had a long history as a Main Street nightspot extends back to the venue's early days as the Silver Dollar Cantina. "I used to bartend here and I've been playing here myself since I took the stage here for the first time in 1990, so it was 20 years ago that I played in this room my first time," Wellman said. "After the fire I moved back to Dubuque and obviously it was still the Silver Dollar Cantina then, but I got hired as a bartender and then started playing the room again."



The Melismatics live at the Bank Bar & Grill

With a change in ownership last fall, the restaurant and bar became The Bank Bar & Grille with a new and expanded menu and a focus on improving the restaurant part of the business. In addition to a variety of new menu items, The Bank added a special German menu on Wednesday nights. The Wednesday German Night went so well, Chef Andy later added an Indian menu on Tuesday nights with unique specials on Mondays and Thursdays and prime rib on Fridays and Saturdays. Now, just over a year into it, the new version of the restaurant is doing better than ever.

With the new and experienced hospitality management team of Jeff Freihage and Ben O'Malley in place this fall, The Bank is poised to take the next step in cultivating the bar and grille's entertainment and nightlife scene. Having already added to the great selection of tap beers and a variety of drink specials,




The Eugene Smiles Project live at the Bank.

Freihage and O'Malley called Wellman in to see how he might help. "I came in and talked to them and explained what my history in this room was and that it went back to 20 years, minus the 7 years it was closed through the fire," relates Wellman, obviously excited about the opportunity to build a scene. "But I'm in love with this room. I've always just really, really loved this room. And now it's really ideally set up."

Before the rebirth of the entertainment scene in Dubuque's Old Main district over the past ten years, the Silver Dollar Cantina was one of the few places live music fans could go to see original music by both local and touring bands. Though the Dollar had a group of loyal regulars, the small corner stage

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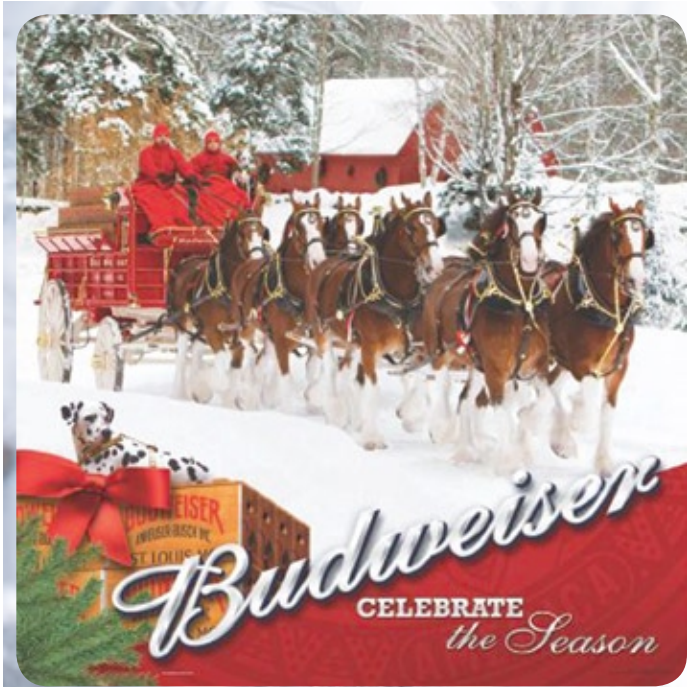
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Monk's Kaffee Pub, 7 PM

Tribe of Two
The Cornerstone, 9 PM

Friday, December 10
Gareth Woods
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Steve Davis
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Kevin Patrick Duo
Mystique Encore, 8 PM

Tommy Bentz Band
The Cornerstone, 8:30 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

The Wundo Band
Red N Deb's, 8:30 PM

Johnnie Walker
Spirits, 9 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

Nothin' but Dylan
Sundown Mountain, 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

Waterhouse & Golden
Cornerstone, 8 PM

Pearls
Dagwoods, 8 PM

Kevin Patrick Duo
Mystique Encore, 8:30 PM

Casethejoint CD release
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

Okham's Razor
Grape Escape, 9 PM

Sid V & The Human Resources
Holiday, 9 PM

The Midnight Ramble
Bronco Inn, 9 PM

Fizgig
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

98 in the Shade
Corner Tap, 9 PM

Liberty Valance
Iron Horse Social Club, 9 PM

The Resistors
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Sunday, December 12
Denny Garcia
Council Hill Station, 3 PM

Apple Dumplin's
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Wednesday, December 15
Alex & Andrew
Cornerstone, 6 PM

Rosalie Morgan
Riverboat Lounge, 7 PM

Johnnie Walker
The Bank Bar & Grille, 8 PM

Thursday, December 16
Maureen Kilgore
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 7 PM

Friday, December 17
Paul McHugh
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Ronnie Milsap
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Ken Wheaton
The Cornerstone, 8:30 PM

The Resistors
Red & Deb's, 8:50 PM

Miles Neilsen, Steepwater Band
The Lift, 9 PM

Lonely Goats
Jumpers, 9 PM

Adam Beck
Mystique Encore, 9 PM

Nutsy Turtle
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

Badfish
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Saturday, December 18
Bob Welch
River Museum & Aquarium, 1 PM

Laura & Jeff
Grape Escape, 2 PM

Denny Garcia
Council Hill Station, 2 PM

Billy Dean w/ Country Tradition, Rick Tittle
Mooney Hollow Barn, 7 PM

Paul McHugh
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Might Short Bus
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Andrew Houy
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

The Legends
Eagles Club, 8 PM

The Resistors
Dually's, 8:30 PM

Kevin Beck & Johnnie Walker
Spirits, 9 PM

Josey Wails
Mystique Encore, 9 PM

Badfish
Hammerheads, 9 PM

98 in the Shade
The Pit Stop, 9 PM

Rocket Surgeons
Eichman's, 9 PM

Hard Salami
Denny's Lux Club, 9 PM

Lonely Goats
Trackside, 9 PM

Menace
Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

Full Code
Ace's Place, 9 PM

Buzz Berries
Dagwood's, 9 PM

The Midnight Ramble
PerXactly, 9 PM

Fizgig
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

Falling Within
Sandy Hook Tavern, 9 PM

Johnny Trash
Doolittle's, Cuba City, 9 PM

Nothin' but Dylan
Jimmy B's, 9 PM

Horsin' Around
Jumpers, 9:30 PM

Dredge, Mutilated By Zombies
The Lift, 10 PM

Sunday, December 19
Bob Welch
River Museum & Aquarium, 1 PM

Larry Michael
Wheel Inn, 3:30 PM

Jerry's Acoustic
Keil's Tavern, 4 PM

Taste Like Chicken
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Wednesday, December 22
Alex & Andrew
Cornerstone, 6 PM

Johnnie Walker
The Bank Bar & Grille, 8 PM



Open Mic with Jeff & Jimmy
The Lift, 9 PM

Mississippi Band
Northside Bar, 9 PM

Thursday, December 23
Maureen Kilgore
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 7 PM

The Good Stuff
The Cornerstone, 9 PM

Rukus
Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

Friday, December24
Sun Green
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Merry Christmas!
Saturday, December 25
Andrew Houy
The Cornerstone, 12:30 PM

Laura & Jeff
Grape Escape, 2 PM

The Rocket Surgeons
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Nobody Famous
Mystique Encore, 8 PM

J & J Rockers
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

Six Nights Alone
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

Sunday, December 26
Lonely Goats
Sandy Hook Tavern, 8 PM

Laura & Jeff
Corner Tap, 8 PM

Monday, December 27
Tony Leonard
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Okham's Razor
Fried Green Tomatoes, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 29
Alex & Andrew
Cornerstone, 6 PM

Tony Leonard
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Johnnie Walker
The Bank Bar & Grille, 8 PM

Thursday, December 30
Maureen Kilgore
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 7 PM

Tony Leonard
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Walker & Kluseman
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

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



Friday, December 31
Tony Leonard
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Country Tradition, Rick Tittle
Mooney Hollow Barn, 8:30 PM

Kevin Beck & Johnnie Walker
Mystique Encore, 9 PM

Half-Fast or Backlash
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Jumpers, 9 PM

Badfish
Budde's, 9 PM

Menace
Knicker's, 9 PM

Jabberbox
Courtside, 9 PM

Marmaduke
Northside Bar, 9 PM

Hard Salami
Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

Taste Like Chicken
Denny's Lux Club, 9:30 PM

Betty & The Headlights
New Diggings General Store, 10 PM

The Stumble Brothers
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Cheap Skates
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

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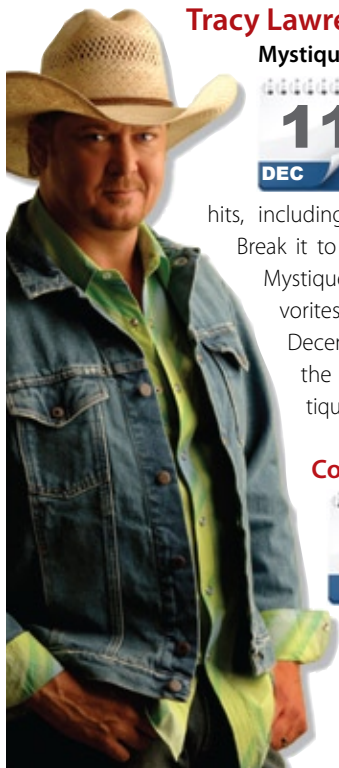
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Through nine studio albums, and a handful of live and compilation records, Tracy Lawrence has made his mark on the world of Country music. With his string of eight #1 singles and many more hits, including Renegades, Rebels & Rogues, Texas Tornado, Can't Break it to my heart and more. 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 for 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, visit the Allure Club at Mystique Casino or go online to mystiquedbq.com.

Coming Soon to Mystique...

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The Rat Pack is Back, a tribute to the Rat Pack will be performing two shows



in Cabaret on Saturday, January 22, 2011. The Pack is Back has perfected the characters of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Dean Martin during their nights performing at the Sands Hotel, complete with the humor, class, and style. Tickets for the 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. shows are \$10 in advance at the Allure Club or \$15 the day of the show. Must be 21 or older to attend the show.



22
JAN

John Michael Montgomery has had many hits in his career including "Life's A Dance", "I Love The Way You Love Me", "I Can Love You Like That", "Letters From Home", "I Swear" and many more. He will be performing two shows on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 7 pm and 9 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. Tickets will be on sale Monday, January 3, 2011

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Miles Nielsen And The Rusted Hearts w/ The Steepwater Band

The Lift

17
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For some local live music fans Christmas comes early as Rockford, Illinois singer-songwriter Miles Nielsen returns to town for a show with his band The Rusted Hearts and special guests The Steepwater Band Friday, December 17 at The Lift.

Nielsen has built a strong local following over the past year or so, first with a series of intimate shows duo shows with his accomplished guitarist Daniel McMahon at Monks and more recently with full band shows at The Lift, his latest being an over-the-top Halloween extravaganza. Those initially intrigued by the fact that Miles' dad happens to be Cheap Trick guitarist Rick Nielsen have moved on, undoubtedly due to more compelling experience of both his live performances and the strength of his debut CD, Miles.

The good news doesn't stop with the local show however, as word on the street (yeah okay ... word on Facebook) is that Nielsen is back in the studio working on a new record. Yessir, you read correctly - a whole CD of new songs in the works for our listening pleasure. Though it won't be ready for the show at The Lift, we just

might get to hear a few of the new songs from the stage.



Joining Nielsen and The Rusted Hearts on the 17th will be Chicago power trio The Steepwater Band. Inspired by the blues of their hometown, the trio began by covering classics by Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker but quickly found their own voice and sound and have since cranked out four albums of bluesy original music, including their 2008 release Grace and Melody recorded by Black Crowes guitarist Marc Ford. After playing a festival in Spain in 2005, The Steepwater Band has toured Europe every year since and has shared the stage with Buddy Guy, Wilco, Gov't Mule, ZZ Top, Cheap Trick, Taj Mahal, Bon Jovi, Bad Company, Drive-By Truckers, and Heart. The band is currently on tour promoting their latest release, The Stars Look Good Tonight.



Casethejoint Stalking to Myself CD Release The Lift

11
DEC

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.

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!"





Dubuque Fighting Saints Teddy Bear Toss

Mystique Ice Center

17 DEC
29 DEC
Dubuque's Fighting Saints, the current USHL Western Conference leaders, take the game on the road this week, heading out to Nebraska to challenge the Tri City Storm and Lincoln Stars, December 10-11, respectively. The Saints will be back in town to defend their home turf at the Mystique Ice Center the following weekend, December 17th at 7 p.m. which will also mark the beginning of a new Saints tradition, the Marine Corps Toys For Tots Teddy Bear Toss.

Simply bring a plush toy to the game and during the break following the second period, throw the teddy bear

or other stuffed huggable onto the ice. The Marines and Toys For Tots will be on hand to collect the toys for distribution to less fortunate youngsters in the Tri-State area. Hockey fans are actually encouraged to bring non-plush toys by



the Toys For Tots folks if the like as they are most needed. The toys will be collected during the game by volunteers, who will trade a little plush Winnie the Pooh for your toy so you have a symbolic donation to toss when the time

comes. Additionally, those without toys can choose to make a cash or check donation of any amount to Toys For Tots and will also be given a symbolic plush Pooh doll to let fly when the tossing begins. Bring the kids, bring the toys and join the fun for a great cause!

That night the Saints will host the Youngstown Phantoms Friday, December 17 before heading over to Des Moines to play the Buccaneers on Saturday, December 18. After the Christmas break, the Fighting Saints host a special Wednesday night game at the Mystique Ice Center, taking on the Fargo Force on December 29. The Force are currently in fourth place in the USHL Western Conference. Both local games start at 7 p.m.

Going into this weekend, the Fighting Saints boast a 13-4-2 record, currently the best in the USHL Western Conference, but that's not all they have to celebrate. Fighting Saints team member John Gaudreau was recently named CCM USHL Offensive Player of the Week. That's the second time the Saints have had the honor this year as Vinny Saponari was designated Player of the Week earlier this year.

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Europa Haus Restaurant & Bier Stube

by Rich Belmont

Did you know by 1860 more German immigrants lived in Dubuque than Irish? So it should not be surprising at one time the city had many great restaurants serving German cuisine.

They are all gone now; that is all but one. Lucky for us the Europa Haus Restaurant and Bier Stube is still here. You have to go out of your way to find it on Rhomberg Avenue. But it's well worth it because the Wiener Schnitzel, Rouladen and Sauerbraten are prepared just like in the old country.

George Moeller operated this German restaurant for many years and then in November, 2002, turned it over to Joe and Sylvia



Weiblinger. Joe worked at the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago for 20 years. He and Sylvia often visited Dubuque and always enjoyed going to Europa Haus for some good German food and beer. When they found out George was willing to sell the place Joe and Sylvia jumped at the chance to buy it.



They were determined to keep serving genuine German dishes in an authentic German atmosphere. When you walk in the door it is as if you just left Dubuque and stepped into a Beer Tavern in the middle of Munich, the capital of Bavaria, Germany's largest state. Joe runs the bar and serves many fine German beers and Sylvia cooks from recipes she learned years ago from German immigrants.

The food here is homemade and cooked from scratch. Everything is slow roasted or baked. The kitchen doesn't even have a fryer. Nothing is made from pre-packaged ingredients or pre-mixed seasonings. The sauces and gravies are all made on the premises.

Bratwurst, Polish Sausage or Salami Sandwiches are always available for lunch. But this restaurant is all about the house specialties. On Mondays you can order Swedish Meatballs or Hungarian Goulash. On Tuesdays there is Ham & Cabbage or Pork Hocks. Wednesdays are Chicken or Ribs. For Thursday you have your choice of Polish Sausage or Sauerbraten and on Fridays there is Meatloaf or Schweinebraten.

These are all classic homemade signature dishes. For example, the Meatloaf is 80% beef and 20% pork. It is hand mixed with salt, garlic, bread, egg and a little bit of onion and then baked till it is done but still moist. The Pork Hocks are oven roasted 3 to 4 hours with onion, garlic and caraway seeds and served with sauerkraut. It's a good idea to go on Monday for the Swedish Meatballs. They are all beef with nothing but a little diced onion and special spices mixed in. The secret to their goodness is the beef and cream gravy. It takes years of experience to get this sauce just right!



The dinners are all homemade German for sure. The Wiener Schnitzel is my favorite. Sylvia hand cuts and trims all the fat off pork loin cutlets. After you order you can hear



her flattening them in the kitchen. She then breads the cutlets with an especially tasty covering and pan fries them. What makes this dish exceptional is the covering of a scrumptious Béarnaise. This sauce is a combination of butter, egg yolks, tarragon, dill and white wine vinegar and take years of practice to perfect.

The Kassler Ribchen is a smoked pork loin chop topped with honey mustard sauce. This sauce is another one that's hard to get right. Honey, parsley and paprika are added to mustard. Sylvia must mix the ingredients very carefully to insure the sauce is not too sweet.

The Beef Rouladen is an example of this restaurant's dedication to quality. This dish is often made from Topside Beef, a cheaper cut. But not here! Round Steak is sliced thin and tenderized. Then it is rolled and stuffed with onion, bacon and dill pickles. After baking for 2 hours it is topped with delicious gravy.

The Sauerbraten is a delight. Sylvia says this dish requires a lot of work and a great deal of patience. First she hand cuts roast beef into thick slices. Then she marinades it in red wine, spices and red wine vinegar for a whole week. Then it is roasted for 3 hours with some wine, herbs, onions and bay leaf. Sauerbraten is covered with brown gravy and served with red cabbage, egg noodles or spaetzle.

Of course, a great lunch or dinner always



requires a tasty dessert to finish it off. There are only two and they are both wonderful. The Caramel Apple Nut pie is deep dish and nutty but not too sweet. The Chocolate Bavarian cream Cake is a thick slice of serious velvety smooth chocolate. They are even better with ice cream ala mode.



Try the Europa Haus for great German food and atmosphere. You will feel right at home among cheerful new found friends. As they like to say: Gemutlichkeit in Dubuque!



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The Bank Bar & Grille More live music on Main Street Continued from page 17

presented it's own challenges in the club. "It was a great venue but the sound was a little bit weird because the bands were playing side-ways to the room," remembers Wellman. "It was fun, but it wasn't really suited for a rock venue. So when they redesigned it I walked in the first time and went, 'man, this is just awesome!'"

As devastating as the fire was, it proved to be an opportunity when it came time to redesign and rebuild the space. "And now, with a very large stage, a great sound system, good sound people running the things – it's just an ideal room for live music in town," states Wellman. "In fact, I think it's the best room. My personal feeling on it is it's the best room in town for live music."

With a large elevated stage, house stage lighting, and a custom installed PA system from Rondinelli Music Audio, the Bank Bar & Grille stage can host anything from a single acoustic performer to a sprawling funk band with a horn section.

"So to get that phone call a couple weeks ago, for me my spirits were uplifted about it again," said Wellman, "because like I said, I love the room. I've got some history in here and a lot

of people that I've played with have history in here, and the room itself has great history."



The Lonely Goats (that's Mike Ironside right in the middle there) live at the Bank

Already in contact with old friends in entertainment from three years of booking bands for the Rock Island Brewing Company, Wellman has begun lining up dates for December, January, and February. "You gotta make connections," Wellman says of cultivating a roster of regular talent at the venue. "It really isn't just about talking on the phone or sending somebody an email. Music's such a beautiful thing that it brings people together and creates friendships along the way, whether you're playing music or you're listening, and I love that aspect as much as the music itself – the aura that is around the music and the things that it does for a person's soul."

Wellman envisions The Bank's new entertainment calendar as a mixture of local bands and touring acts, expanding the local live

music scene and complementing existing live music venues. "I think it's building a Dubuque music scene as a whole," he said. "I think there's room in town for what we want to happen here."

Every other Wednesday The Bank will host an open mic night, opposite the existing alternating Wednesday open mic down the street at The Lift. The popular jazz jam hosted by 'Round Midnight will continue every Thursday.

Friday nights will focus on smaller acoustic acts as a transition from the dinner crowd with Saturdays bringing in larger bands. Many of the more popular regular acts will be returning. Wellman mentions regional bands like the Melismatics, the Eugene Smiles Project, and Sublime tribute Secondhand Smoke, and local bands like the Lonely Goats, Sun Green, and the Mississippi Band, as well as acoustic acts like Denny Garcia and Maureen Kilgore as examples. "It's just going to be a nice mix of a lot of different things."

Wellman also understands that building a successful scene is more than just booking regular live music, but creating events like Sun Green's highly successful performance of the Neil Young rock opera Greendale in November. With that approach in mind, Wellman has scheduled a special event for Saturday, December 18.

Improvisational blues and jazz piano wizard Radoslav Lorkovic will be performing for what will also be a "Rock the Hub" appreciation night honoring a crew of volunteers and live music lovers who are out shooting photos and videos of area bands in an effort to document the area live music scene. Rock the Hub

photographer Mark Dierker will have a selection of photographs of area bands on display that night and The Bank will also be debuting a new beer, specially brewed for them by an Iowa brewer. The as yet secret name will be announced that night along with free samples of the new brew.

In addition to some of The Bank's regular roster of bands, Wellman will be bringing in some new acts. Platinum Funk, featuring former members of Smokin' With Superman will be coming in February. The New Year will also feature Three Stories High, a Quad Cities acoustic trio with a Crosby, Stills, & Nash vocal style. Wellman hopes to bring in some new acts from Chicago, some more blues, as well as working with some of the local bands that participated in this year's Rock-n-Roll Rewind. "Just a little bit of everything."

While select shows will be ticketed events, most shows will be cover charge free. "It's a business," he says, "but we're in it to make it a fun business." In the end, Wellman hopes to make a night out at The Bank a full experience with couples or groups of friends coming in for dinner and staying for drinks and live music. "We want to build onto the nightlife part of the restaurant and make that a special thing too, as well as coming here to enjoy a meal. If we can give people good food and good music, we might be able to bring this place back to iconic status that it once had with live music in Dubuque."

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Diamond Jo: Family Matters

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something really special for our town, team and our players. You don't really ever get that kind of chance to do something so big."

At that point we thought, in preparation for the next issue's focus on completion and market growth we asked what it was like for the team to have Diamond Jo, who had always been the market leader, to let the Mystique go first in its expansions in 2005 in order to help grow the market for the long term. Did those few years waiting for your turn to grow, and only this year taking over again as the leading casino the market, affect the team?

Chad Darter, Director of Facilities, spoke up at that and said, "I was on the construction end during this facility's build and came on after as a Director. What is interesting to me in that question, and I hope it's ok to say this, but we really don't talk about that. It's great to be 'back on top' but truthfully everyone here is so focused on each and every player each and every day we really only have time to focus on just quality or service we can work on right in front of us."

Jeff Holder leaned over and added, "That is no kidding. We all work all-out for a huge event and, bam, the next day it's another huge event. You just have to keep going and improving."

Everyone nodded in agreement and Chad finished the thought saying, "I guess if we keep doing the best we can you become the best. But being the best on paper isn't as important as being the best for that guest right in front of you. That what matters."

As we wound down the discussion we asked one last set of questions looking for the answer to how this group of leaders and the hundreds of people on their team face such large and ever changing challenges every day, train and develop an always changing workforce, address shifting market conditions and the pressure of the economy?

Doug Fisher, Director of Marketing added what, in the end, the team agreed may be the biggest lesson learned the last two years. "You can never EVER plan enough."

Well, at least for us here at 365 that planning all paid off of our family, and we wanted to thank the family at the Diamond Jo for all they do. We heard that the new slogan is "Winning is Just the Beginning" We like it. We also know that everything after is the people and we like them too.



One of 365's housebands, the Rocket Surgeons, plays for Diamond Jo Team Members at a special gathering the day before the new facility opened in 2008.

Next issue we are going to talk about both casinos in Dubuque with the theme, 'working and winning together'. It is quite a story, so make sure you pick up the next issue of 365ink. And if you get a chance to talk to friends out of town this holiday season tell them to come Play Dubuque. They will love it.

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Jim McDonough Holiday Grande 2010

Five Flags Theater



Monticello, Iowa-based Jim McDonough, also known as "Iowa's Own Pianist," returns to Five Flags Theater for Holiday Grande 2010, the most recent edition of his annual Christmas-themed concert. McDonough will perform two shows on Saturday, December 11, one at 2:30 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Grande 2010 will feature not only McDonough at the concert grand piano but also a 15-piece orchestra, a cast of singers and dancers, elaborate sets, and costumes – a spectacular Christmas production

described as "perfect for the entire family." "We've put together the grandest 'Holiday Grande' yet," McDonough says on his web site. "It's elegant, it's exciting, it's touching, and it benefits a wonderful organization."

This year, as with the past five, McDonough's holiday tour will benefit Camp Courageous of Iowa, a year-round respite and recreational facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities. In addition to the Dubuque show, McDonough will perform Holiday Grande Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Monticello, Cedar Falls, Ottumwa and Des Moines.

Reserved tickets for the show are on sale now ranging from \$29 to \$37. To reserve tickets, or for more information, visit fiveflagscenter.com.



Reflections in the Park

THRU JAN 2
The 16th annual Reflections in the Park: A Hillcrest Lights Festival, benefitting the health and education ministry of Hillcrest Family Services, continues to run daily, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. through January 2 at Louis Murphy Park in Dubuque. Gate admission is \$8/personal vehicle.

"Christmas Special" Music Together® Classes Multicultural Family Center

20-21 DEC
The Dubuque Multicultural Family Center invites parents to bring their baby, toddler or preschooler to a free Music Together® demonstration class. The DMFC will

host two sessions of the special demonstration class, on Monday, December 20 at 10:45 a.m. and on Tuesday, December 21 at 5:45 p.m. The free demonstration classes include Christmas cookies. Any parents who register for winter semester classes at either demonstration will get a free CD. Music Together® is an internationally acclaimed music and movement program for young children and their parents or other caregivers. During class, participants sing, dance, clap, enjoy finger-plays and rhythmic chants and even have an instrument play-along jam session. The Multicultural Family Center is located at 1154 Central Avenue. For more information about Music Together® call Catherine at (563) 582 2548 or email info@musicandlanguagestudio.com.

Women's Leadership Network Holiday Luncheon

Diamond Jo Casino

21 DEC
The Women's Leadership Network of Dubuque hosts a holiday luncheon Tuesday, December 21, from 11:30 a.m.



to 1 p.m. in the banquet room of the Diamond Jo Casino. With the theme of "Holiday Fun," the luncheon provides networking opportunities and a chance for women to engage in fun conversation. Women's Leadership Network members can register for the event early for just \$12 and \$15 for guests (by noon the Friday before the event). Late registration is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Prices include lunch (of course) and holiday gift. To RSVP for the event, email info@dubuquewln.org. For more information or to sign up online, visit dubuquewln.org.



New Year's Eve at the Y Friday, December 31

Dubuque Community Y

31 DEC
Looking for a New Year's Eve party for the whole family? The Dubuque Community Y invites everyone to join the end-of-the-year celebration at the 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Family event. The event is described as "family friendly, affordable and enjoyable for all ages." The organizers of the Dubuque Community Y event ask guests to pre-register at the Y front desk for a chance to win door prizes from area vendors. Admission is \$10 per family for Y members, \$20 per family for non-members or \$25 per family at the door.

Boiler Buddies?

Funds are needed to keep heat on at the Maria House homeless shelter for women and children.

Not long after our last issue came out, which detailed a number of charitable organizations and their holiday fundraising efforts, 365 learned about a particularly acute difficulty this holiday season for Opening Doors, the organization that runs both the Maria House and Teresa Shelter. The shelter for homeless women and children is in need of a new boiler with an unfortunately large price tag: \$47,000.



When the Maria House opened in December of 2000, the shelter's parent corporation Opening Doors leased the building from St. Mary's Parish. The same boiler that heated the church heated Maria House. In addition, the shelter shared a water line with the church. Excavation to add a separate water line could add as much as \$10,000 to the project.

To raise money for the needed work, Opening Doors is launching a "Boiler Buddy" campaign, hoping to find "Boiler Buddy" contributors to help in the fundraising

effort. Any donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to Opening Doors, 1561 Jackson Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. Churches and other organizations that would like to partner with Opening Doors on the "Boiler Buddy" Campaign are invited to call 563-582-7480.



The Opening Doors organization was established in 2000 to offer hospitality and opportunity to women, alone or with children, who are in need of emergency transitional housing related to support services. The Maria House provides a bridge for homeless women, striving to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency and independent living. Maria House residents can stay up to two years. The Teresa Shelter provides emergency (21-day stay) and transitional shelter (up to a two-year stay) for all women, who find themselves homeless due to circumstances beyond their control. A Wish List of shelter needs is located online at www.openingdoorsdbq.org. For more information, contact Opening Doors at 563-582-7480.



The Dolph Report Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m.

Mojo's Sports Bar, Diamond Jo Casino

9/16 DEC
If you are a sports fan there is a very special event every Thursday after work that you really need to look into. The Dolph Report is a live broadcast by "Voice of the Hawkeyes" Gary Dolphin transmitted to KDTH live on stage at Mojo's Sports Bar



at the Diamond Jo. What amazed us most while attending several of these events is how many national level sports leaders that Dolph knows and gets on the air. Players, Coaches, Agents, Writers and even other fans cover the world of sports. Plus the bar is full of other sports fanatics adding a lively discussion, friendly rivalries and a night of great sports conversation.



Plus if you haven't had one of the signature hand made angus burgers at Mojo's you are really missing it. So sports fans, take a detour home on Thursday's after work and check out a great night of sports talk and fun. The event is held every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Mojo's right next to Cherry Lanes on the second floor of the Diamond Jo. There will not be a show on December 23rd. There is no better way to meet the Dolph, make a host of new friends, and have the best insider scoop on sports around the water cooler every Friday morning.

Climbing My Family Tree by pam kress-dunn

I wish I had a dollar for every time someone has seen my work nametag and asked if I'm related to another Kress in the greater Dubuque area. It usually happens on the elevator. My favorite is, "Are you related to Father Kress?" Nope, sorry. Not even Catholic.

Sometimes, when the question comes up, I say, "I wish I was!" But my Kress relatives all hail from farther south, around Maquoketa. Or was that the Clarks, my mother's clan? The thing is, while I can trace my maternal side practically to the Mayflower, my dad's branch comes to a screeching halt with his own father. I've written about him before, about the photo I grew up wondering about, showing young John Julius Kress standing in front of an orphanage, a good foot taller than the other children. I knew this home was in Dubuque, of all places, but that was all.

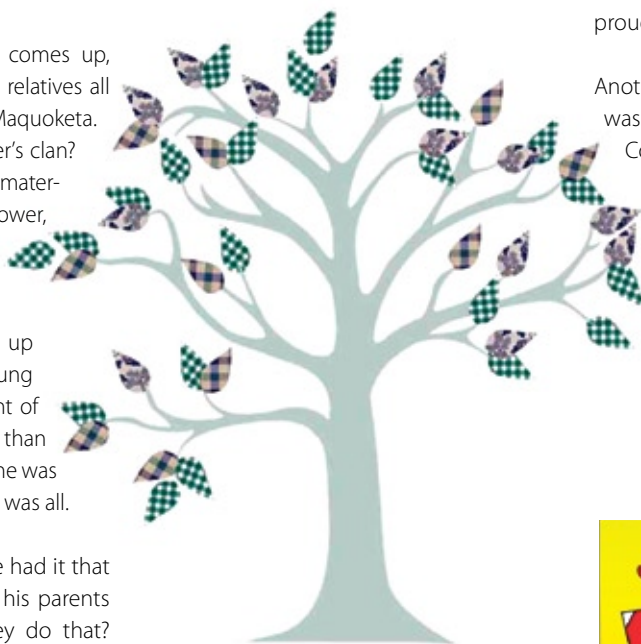
I felt so sorry for him. Family lore had it that he was put there even though his parents were still alive. How could they do that? As a parent myself, I can't fathom such an abandonment. Maybe they couldn't afford to feed and clothe him, so this was the most compassionate thing to do. Or maybe his mother died, and his father was at his wit's end. I have no idea. I never pressed my dad for answers, and by the time I thought of asking his younger brother, he was felled by Parkinson's.

Let this be a lesson to you: if there are things you want to know about your family, ask your parents, your aunts and uncles, NOW. The holidays are a good time to have these conversations.

As it turned out, this "orphanage" was actually the Home for the Friendless, now known (thank goodness) as Mt. Pleasant Home. At some point, this boy was taken in by a farm couple, who, my father told me, treated him like an indentured servant. He ran away and ended up in Red Wing, Minnesota, where he started his own business making harnesses.

Of course, every family has its secrets, and some are too painful to probe. It's sad, because so often the reason for all the secrecy is shame or embarrassment, emotions blown way out of proportion with the passage of time. I heard on NPR that

as recently as the 1950's, when someone wanted to place an ad in the New York Times inviting women to join a breast cancer survivors' group, the newspaper wouldn't allow it, because you couldn't say "breast" and "cancer" in the paper. So many taboos, so much useless silence.



What I really want is to meet another Kress who has a family tree that shows some connection to mine. After all, Dubuque and Davenport (where my Grandpa Kress eventually settled) aren't that far apart. I could be bumping into first cousins twice removed all the time, without realizing it.

As I write this, Thanksgiving is bearing down upon us. Many households in Dubuque will be jam-packed with relatives, three and four generations gathered around the groaning table. The streets will be choked with cars, and the houses will be redolent with the odors of turkey and cigars. At our place, it will be a much smaller gathering – my husband and I and our four kids, one son and daughter apiece. It's fine, it's just right, but it does make me a little nostalgic for those days when the whole extended family would descend upon one generous couple's home.

So I look for clues. I have pictures of people named Stafford, my dad's middle name and his mother's maiden name. I checked the phone book, but there are only two of those in Dubuque. Another dead end. After my parents died, I found an article in their files about my Uncle John, the oldest son and the one who inherited the family business.

It tells me that his father gave up harness making for tents and awnings, when horses began to be replaced by cars. Here's a cool tidbit: While their house in east Davenport was under construction, the family lived in three tents, one for dining, one for cooking, and one for sleeping. My dad was always proud of how practical the Kress clan was.

Another paper in the file says Grandpa Kress was married three times, first to Matilda Cook, who bore him two sons, and later died; next to Maude Stafford, who had five children, including my dad, and died when he was 21; and finally to Mabel Schwiager, who outlived him by decades. I was three when he died, and don't remember him at all.

So that side of my family tree is more like a sapling. A twig. Who came before John Julius? Did he have any

brothers or sisters? And why did his first two sons, Melvin and Rankin, run away and change their last names to Grant? Therein lies a tantalizing family secret, I'll bet.

It's not like I'm going to turn into one of those insatiable genealogists, though I can understand the impulse. It's very satisfying to have all your ducks – or in this case, your cousins – in a row. And I'll confess, I've been to a little cemetery just north of Maquoketa called East Iron Hill many times, just to stand before the graves of Tolbert and Jennie Aminda Streets and their unnamed infant son, who died just days after birth. Why? Because Tol and Minnie were my mom's favorite aunt and uncle, and because, well, as Arthur Miller said in "The Death of a Salesman," attention must be paid. With no child to remember them, I feel compelled to do what I can.

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Crap Factory by matt booth

Are you a crap factory? And by that, I'm asking, do you manufacture your own unhappiness? All it takes to be in the crap producing business is to be pessimistic, negative and saturate your world with feelings of resentment and ill will. Oh yeah, don't forget to tell everyone how bad things are and that you will never be satisfied. Being a crap producing factory is one of the easiest things in the world to accomplish.

A person becomes a crap factory by thinking crappy thoughts on a regular basis. If you habitually feel that everything is going to turn out bad, or that other people are getting what they do not deserve and you are not getting what you deserve, you're not only stepping in crap, you're producing it. "I will be happy when I get some sleep, when I make a more money, when I lose weight, or when

my significant other helps out more". When you think and say things like this, you are creating pressure, stress, isolation, anger, frustration and what you're really saying is, "I will be UNHAPPY until these things happen..."

Crap factory describes what so many people do – they manufacture their own unhappiness. You are a factory of some sort. Every day you are either manufacturing something good or you are manufacturing crap. There are so many things in life that are out of your control that lead to unhappiness, it is silly to make the pile higher by producing your own brand of crap. A large proportion of the crap in the average person's life is self-manufactured. If you don't consciously decide what you produce at your factory each day, your environment and your past experience will determine it for you. Bad crap happens all the time to good people, just make sure you're not adding to the pile by producing your own crap.



Mattitude Improvement Tip

Curious George

Be curious like a child. Children are curiously crazy. When our little 8 month old guy is interested in something, he won't stop until he figures it out. It doesn't matter if it is a toy, book, an outlet on the wall, or the dog food. He will keep trying and keep trying and keep trying and keep trying to get to it. When a child wants something bad enough, they will keep going after it and bug you and ask a million questions. You think they're satisfied and they've got another million. It is a child's curiosity that helps them to reach, learn and grow. We could all be more curious.

Matt, I quit my job on Monday and had an interview for another yesterday, when I got there (after driving an hour) the guy who was interviewing me told me it was only a preliminary interview and they were interviewing 27 people and only 5 would get called back for a second interview. While flying through his list of questions, he asked if I was a goal orientated person. I quickly unzipped my purse and said "Yes do you want to see them." I completely took him off guard, he said no and continued on his question list. Needless to say I got a called back and my second interview is next Wednesday. Thanks for your help with my goals- Paige Anne Marie Lenz, Chicago

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Spritz Up the Holidays

with nutritionists pat fisher & megan horstman

Good friends and family, good cheer! It's that time of year. Holiday spritzers are a festive way to celebrate the season.

Spritzers come in many forms and are perfect to have with any meal occasion: brunch, dinner or a cocktail party. Typically, a spritzer was wine diluted with some type of water and was used in order to consume larger amounts to help quench thirst. Now, anything goes and the combinations are endless. Serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages so everyone, including the kids, can enjoy the holiday season with a fizzy beverage.



Spritzer bars are fun and interactive, allowing guests to prepare their beverage of choice. Even the kids can be a part of the festive cheer when "mocktails" are a part of the spritzer bar. Start with these spritzer bar essentials and let guests create a glass of holiday cheer:

• **Cocktails** - Sparkling wine and champagne are great mixers with juices and wine.

• **Mocktails** - Great choices for mocktails include fruit juices such as orange or cranberry juice, sparkling juices or waters. Add a healthy twist and use coconut water. And don't forget dessert; sorbets with sparkling beverages make a great dessert drink.

• **Glassware** - There are dozens of glassware choices that will add a definite festive touch to your spritzer bar. Choose a glass that fits your drink and your guests. Plastic beverage containers are a great unbreakable option for kids' mocktails.



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• **Garnish** - Accent with a swizzle stick threaded with colorful fruit or simply add small fruit pieces to the beverage.

The recipes below feature World Classics sparkling blood orange soda. This naturally flavored sparkling soda has a refreshing citrus taste with a beautiful rosy color. Serve in a champagne flute and garnish with a blood orange slice or pomegranate seeds.

Sparkling Blood Orange - Coconut Spritzer

Combine 2 parts World Classics blood orange sparkling soda with 1 part Vita Coco™ coconut water.

Sparkling Blood Orange - Champagne Spritzer

Combine 2 parts World Classics blood orange sparkling soda with 1 part Brut champagne or sparkling wine.

Sparkling Blood Orange - Raspberry Dessert Sipper

Spoon 1 to 2 tablespoons softened raspberry sorbet into bottom of champagne flute. Slowly pour World Classics blood orange sparkling soda into glass.

Ground Chicken -

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To most people, the thought of a great-tasting, high-protein, low-fat, versatile food with a relatively low environmental impact sounds like nothing more than a fantasy. Not to the folks at Smart Chicken. This local Nebraska company has developed a better way to bring quality chicken from farm to table, and consumers are the beneficiaries. So versatile. Smart Chicken Ground Chicken is versatile in the kitchen, and can be substituted for any other ground products. It takes any kind of seasoning well, and may be

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the result is zero water content and a richer, denser meat with a more intense flavor.

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Healthy Holidays

By Mary Ershcen

Having time off from work during the holidays allows us to spend time with family and pets. Our pets are like family, and it is natural for us to want them to feel included as we celebrate the season.

In including our pets in the festivities, pet parents often confuse food with love. It is common for pets and people to gain weight between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Both gain weight for the same reasons – too many calories and too little exercise. Thick midsections in people, dogs and cats harbor unhealthy hormones, and the health risks associated with excess weight are the same for both people and pets.

Pet weight gain has become a serious problem. Research has shown pet owners can over-feed animals by as much as 25 percent each day. In fact, if the data is correct, we could be raising the first generation of dogs with decreased longevity associated with obesity. In a 2009 poll conducted by the Association of Pet Obesity Prevention with approximately 1,000 veterinarians, 45 percent of dogs and 57 percent of cats in their practices were overweight or obese. (30 percent above ideal weight).

The New Year is a great time to begin a healthy diet and exercise program for both people and pets. Getting in shape through exercise helps you and your pet live longer, experience less joint pain, and lower medical and veterinarian expenses. Exercise releases endorphins

associated with improving moods and can help lift depression.

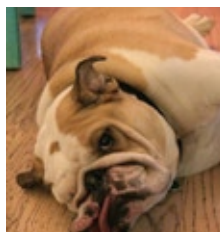
There are many ways you and your pet can get moving in the New Year. There is a healthy trend in exercise programs that includes pets. Walking with your dog provides low-impact exercise. Dog-friendly gyms allow you and your dog to participate in more active activities. Statistics show that 20 minutes in a swimming pool is equal to hiking three miles; further, it minimizes stress on joints in people and dogs. Other dog exercise activities include modified yoga and strength, flexibility and aerobic classes.

Most people have heard of dog sledding but may not have discovered skijoring (cross country skiing for people and dogs). Dock diving, swimming, biking, hiking, agility courses, doggie dance and freestyle, carting, flyball and Frisbee® are all options! Dog Sport Magazine dogsportmagazine.com is a site that features all sorts of activities you can do with your pet.

Check with your vet and doctor before beginning an exercise program. Be sure to keep you and your pet hydrated and learn to monitor your body temperature and heart rate. Knowledge of basic first aid and CPR for both people and pets also is recommended.

Our pets would tell us that this extra time spent with them is the best holiday gift you can give them.

Mary Erschen, Iowa-licensed pet care provider, Red Cross Pet CPR/First Aid Instructor and owner of FidoFit in Dubuque. She can be reached at 563-582-5160.



L. May Eatery celebrates 3 years of business with 12 Days of L. May Christmas!

Thursday Dec 9

Stop by Thursday, Dec. 9, after work from 4-6pm to buy your gift certificates. Buy \$100 in gift certificates (in any denomination), and take home a large pizza of your choice on us! Call ahead and we'll have it ready for pick-up.

Friday Dec 10

From 4:30-6, bring your friend for a holiday cocktail...buy one delicious Nutty Santa Martini and get one free! Our delicious holiday drink combines nutty frangelico, raspberry Chambord for a creamy holiday delight.

Saturday Dec 11

Help us give back to our wonderful Dubuque community by supporting "TOYS FOR TOTS". bring in a new toy and receive a \$10 L. May gift certificate for yourself. (one per table)

Sunday Dec 12

Our half-price large pizza feature this week: Bacon Mac N' Cheese for only \$9

Monday Dec 13

Our 3rd Birthday!!! Free appetizers from 4:30-6ish at the bar to celebrate the anniversary of the official opening of L. May celebrating 3 wonderful years with Dubuque!

Thursday Dec 16

Double bubble happy hour to put you in the holiday spirit(s)! Bring your friends after work from 4:30-6 and get two drinks for every one you buy.

Friday Dec 17

Purchase two entrees and get a free appetizer! (Limited to two appetizers per group.)

Saturday Dec 18

Help feed your Dubuque community by bringing in a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Dubuque Food Pantry and get a piece of Momma Tiffy's BEST yummy rummy cake as a thanks from L. May. Or bring a toy and get the cake!

Sunday Dec 19

Don't forget our half-price pizza feature this week: Shrimp Pesto for only \$11

Monday Dec 20

Dine in with us for buy one, get one (lesser value) large pizzas! Order any of our delicious gourmet pizzas and get the second for free.



Thursday Dec 23

Receive a free dessert coupon with the purchase of any L. May gift certificate (Minimum of \$20)

Friday Dec 24

Join us for lunch before heading off for the holidays! We'll be serving lunch from 11-2 so you can get your last minute gift certificates, and enjoy a complimentary cocktail (E.J.'s famous hot Tom and Jerry's) with your L. May family! Feel free to bring your favorite holiday treat to share.

L. May Eatery will then be closed Friday and Saturday evenings (24th & 25th)... Happy Holidays to everyone from L. May!

365 would like to congratulate L. May on three years of success and say thanks for making 365ink your favorite place to tell the story of L. May to the Dubuque Community. We appreciate our long-time advertising partners and love to see them prospering. And Bryce says thanks for supporting Toys For Tots.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

What's the Difference

Can you find 10 differences between the two versions of this photo of 365ink Publisher, Bryce Parks, makin' his Toys For Tots list and checkin' it twice while building donation loads for area agencies last week? (Answers on page 35).



PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS		51 — about (around)	87 Brown-red	3 Broom- — (witch in the comics)	38 Persian rulers	80 Curry of film
1 Book after Micah	52 Pro-school org.	91 Miracle food	90 Ore store	4 One, to José	40 Electrical units	81 Simile words
6 Having no social engagement	53 Big film flop of 1987	92 USCG rank	93 "Great" film	5 Soliloquy	41 Stunned	82 Not allow
14 Inter	55 Angry stare	96 Neither's partner	98 Filmmaker	6 Glens	42 Polite denial	83 Mafia code of silence
20 Kind of acids in proteins	56 Girl group nominated for a 2003 Latin Grammy	99 Inventor Whitney	100 Really like that notion	7 Air: Prefix	43 Summarize	84 Small drum
21 Mythological huntress	59 Minnesota-based research group	106 Text fixers	110 Chevy model	8 Timon's T	44 Mara-thoner's need	85 Excited
22 Juicing tool	61 Distort	111 Manhandles	112 Continual change	9 Lofty trains	45 "Airplane!" actor Robert	88 Overdue
23 Suspect in Clue	62 African viper	113 Bar habitué	114 Ex of Mick Jagger	10 Livy's lang.	47 Charles Lamb's alias	94 Hawaii's Mauna —
25 Make effervescent	63 Male felines	116 Encounter awkward difficulty	121 Using a kiln	11 Makes into a statute	48 Pallid	95 Panaceas
26 Cabinet dept. since 1965	64 Sweet—	122 Actress	123 Empire	12 Noted brewing surname	49 Cycle start? ("Alas ...")	97 Measure of electric resistance
27 Butterlike product	65 Sun. lecture	126 Salvaged spots	124 Cuckoo	13 "— say ..." ("Alas ...")	50 "Just one —!"	98 Itemized
28 Dove houses	66 Copy Lil' Kim		125 Pinkish seaweed	14 Rubber-outer	54 Patient care gps.	100 Torah expert
30 "Fancy —!"	68 Winemaker Carlo			15 Wedding page word	57 Ancient Italians	101 French spa
31 Prophecy sites	70 Dawber or Shriver			16 Fruit pastries	58 Brouhahas	102 Faucet faults
33 Of significant merit	71 Fools' mo.			17 — Steaks (beef brand)	60 W-2 pro	103 Old Aegean region
37 Ship's journal	74 Mongrel dog			18 Silver or tin	63 China's Mao — tung	104 More vast
38 Upside-down nines	75 Bit of dust			19 Favre on a football field	67 Curved path	105 School pupil, in Paris
39 Soft & — (brand of deodorant)	76 No, to a Scot			24 Exquisite	69 Filmmaker Preminger	106 Bring joy to
40 Brooklyn area on the East River	80 Horse that won the 1994 Belmont and Preakness			29 Lengthy auto race	70 Pasta sauce	107 Mr. Schindler
44 Mu — chicken	84 Singer Celia Cruz's genre	DOWN	1 Tortilla treat	32 Store ringer-uppers	71 Old fable writer	108 "Good Times" star
46 Colorful salamanders	86 Writer Asimov	2 Love, to René	36 Woman raising a kid by herself	33 Xbox rival	72 Egotist's sin	109 Flower stalks
				34 Yellow-flowered primrose	73 10K entrant	112 Go — spin
				35 Meth. and Epis., e.g.	74 Actor James Thom — (shoe option)	115 Anderson Cooper's channel
				77 "Luck, Be —"	75 Thom — (shoe option)	117 Keogh alternative
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Puzzle answers are located on page 34



America's River III

by mayor roy d. buol

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, at a press conference held in the Mystique Community Ice Center Community Room, I had the privilege of announcing, on behalf of the America's River Corporation, a new campaign to support Dubuque's latest transformational project entitled: "America's River III: Bee Branch Creek Restoration and Gateway!"

First, the partners: the America's River Corporation includes the City of Dubuque, the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Dubuque County Historical Society...Dubuque Initiatives, Dubuque Main Street, and the Dubuque Racing Association!

The well known "America's River Project (Phase I)" began in the Port of Dubuque and served as a catalyst for Dubuque's recovery from the malaise of the 1980s. Through public/private partnerships and community-wide support, the Dubuque community transformed what was an ugly brownfield into the amazing regional entertainment and education hub that serves today as a very impressive gateway to visitors entering our community from Illinois. That transformation to what is now known as the Port of Dubuque was accomplished in two phases and represented the public and private investment of more than \$400 million!

America's River III likewise will improve our riverfront and enhance life quality in our community, but not in the Port of Dubuque. Rather, America's River III...the "Bee Branch Creek Restoration & Gateway" represents a significant public/private partnership focused on creating a beautiful gateway at another key entry point to our community...this time for visitors arriving from Wisconsin.

The City of Dubuque initiated the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project in order to protect 1,150 residential and non-residential properties from storm water flooding. This will be accomplished by "daylighting" the historic Bee Branch Creek...a Mississippi River tributary that was buried in a storm sewer more than a century ago. Unfortunately, burying the creek did not solve the flooding problem as our ancestors believed it could, and our North End has repeatedly suffered flooding during major rain events, creating a public safety hazard and negatively impacting an area of our community already challenged.

This significant project has been studied and planned with tremendous community input for nearly a decade...and finally, finally, the restoration construction began this past July. The City of Dubuque has committed to the

completion of this multi-phased project over the next three years. A storm water utility fee was created to fund this \$47 million project, and the City continues to aggressively seek other funding sources in order to reduce the burden on property owners.

The City has called upon our America's River Corporation partners to support this project with the launching of the "America's River III" campaign! With the support and engagement of private sector partners and the community at large, the restoration and new gateway will feature numerous amenities for residents and all our visitors to enjoy!

Importantly, through sponsorships and fundraising at a variety of levels, the City will be able to minimize the project's impact on the storm water utility fee.

Imagine...

- resurrecting a Mississippi River tributary buried over a century ago in Dubuque's historic North End;
- a scenic gateway at Iowa's front door to Wisconsin;
- a mile-long linear park connecting the Mississippi River at Chaplain Schmitt Memorial Island to Dubuque's neighborhoods and Heritage Trail;
- connecting hike and bike trails from the river west to the Field of Dreams in Dyersville and north and south to the Mississippi River Trail, stretching hundreds of miles of Mississippi River shoreline;
- keystone overlook at Audubon Pond in a proposed entertainment district;
- performances at the creek-side amphitheater near Audubon School featuring local artists, performers and musicians;
- and over 1,000 trees shading a green ribbon of park connecting riverfront amenities to the wealth of our neighborhoods!

I would like to acknowledge two community leaders who truly need no introduction, Norma Denlinger and Gary Dolphin, for agreeing to serve as honorary co-chairs for this campaign! In the very early days of this campaign, approximately \$117,000 has already been committed by Dubuque County, Dubuque Bank & Trust, Dupaco Community Credit Union, U.S. Bank, Premier Bank, and American Trust!

The Bee Branch Creek Restoration and Gateway will create much more than a storm water management facility. This next phase of America's River Project continues our tradition of engaging the community and partnering to improve our riverfront. Indeed, out of a great challenge has risen a great opportunity!

Do the right thing

Having integrity means doing what it is right when no one else is around.

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 Chain of Action

As the head football coach at Maquoketa Valley High School, Greg Drew encounters the issue of sportsmanship on a daily basis. He believes the youth of this generation have "good intentions and are as caring and genuine as other generations before them. However, everyone must remember people judge you by your actions, not your intentions." For this reason, Drew emphasizes good sportsmanship with his athletes through requiring each player who wants to be a senior captain to attend a six session leader class, and through modeling moral behavior, even when it may be difficult to do so.

After a recent win against the Cascade Cougars, Drew noticed during a viewing of the game tape that he had inappropriately fielded an athlete for too long. Despite the fact that it would cost his team the game, he notified the athletic association and the

head coach of the other team. "I believe you have to stand behind what you say or do, which means you have to admit you were wrong, admit you made a mistake, admit that you are human." This recognition that doing the right thing is not always easy, especially when there are consequences for others, is a powerful lesson that he reinforces with his athletes.

They discuss "leading by example through character, composure, and commitment; being a vocal leader by being an encourager; servant leadership and building team chemistry...controllable and uncontrollable things that can happen during competition; strategies to remain calm under pressure, and how to help your teammates remain calm and focused." These strategies

have created tangible results for his athletes' both on and off the field.



The Result of Positive Influence

Greg Drew recognizes the potential of today's youth, and he also recognizes their humanness. "I believe people genuinely care about each other but when they allow their emotions to get involved, that is when they act irrationally. That is true with youth and adults alike." For emphasizing the value of maintaining control over their actions and conducting themselves responsibly even in those situations that are out of their control, he deserves our sincere thanks.

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 6 year old son attended a birthday party recently for one of his classmates. When I picked him up I asked him if he had a good time and without hesitating he said, "It sucked big time". The birthday boy's mother gasped and I turned red in the face. As we drove home he told me that the cake was "gross" and that he had to sit next to a girl who "stinks like poop". He also proclaimed the party favors "crap". I am not sure how to deal with this problem. I have always taught my kids to be truthful and never lie. But what about little social lies? Should I tell him to pretend to enjoy himself at parties and say "thank you, it was great" even if he doesn't mean it?

- **Distressed Mother On Devon Drive**

Dear Distressed Mother:

Yes. Faking pleasure is an important life skill. Your son will be caught in situations throughout his journey in life where it will be imperative that he maintain a pleasant facade and act grateful to others for their gifts and invitations. You can encourage this act by serving a meat or vegetable that he hates and when he eats it and says, "Mmmm, yummy. I love sucotash!" then he gets two desserts and a twenty dollar bill. Children are quite malleable at this age and can easily be taught new tricks. Carry on.

Dear Trixie:

I am a hoarder. I have 437 pairs of shoes, 16 full sets of dishes and every surface in my home is piled with stuff. I have a small path running from the living room to the other rooms but it is difficult to navigate between the piles of books and magazines and recycled newspapers and the plastic bus tubs. I have been seeing a terrific man who has never been to my home. He says he doesn't care what state my house is in. He says he loves me and we can work all the problems out together. He wants to come over tomorrow. Trixie, I

have black and green mold covering everything in my refrigerator. What should I do?

- **Totally OCD**

Dear Totally:

Don't believe anything he says. He just wants to get into your house and commandeer all your stuff. Dump him. You don't need a man. You have OBJECTS.

Dear Trixie:

My 20 year high school reunion is next week. It is an evening buffet dinner and cocktails. There will be dancing. I have no idea what clothing is appropriate. I want to be noticed without looking slutty. What should I wear?

- **Judy Schlenke**

Dear Judy:

I would wear a vintage chiffon party dress, bowling shoes and a scuba mask.

Dear Trixie:

My little daughter who is 7 had a new friend come over for a play date. As I walked past the family room I heard this little girl say, "Black Jack". Can you believe it? My daughter and her friend were playing poker! When I asked her where she learned to play cards she said she learned all kinds of neat games at church camp. Church camp! Can you imagine? I took the cards away and sent that little girl home. My husband thinks I am over reacting. I just don't think any good can come from card playing. Am I right?

- **Moral Mom**

Dear Moral Mom:

You are wrong, wrong, wrong. Playing Black Jack will sharpen your child's math skills and teach her about the laws of probability and deduction. Shuffling the deck and dealing cards can teach your child manual dexterity and fine motor skills which she will use when applying eye-liner and shooting craps.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS From pages 5 and 32



Sudoku

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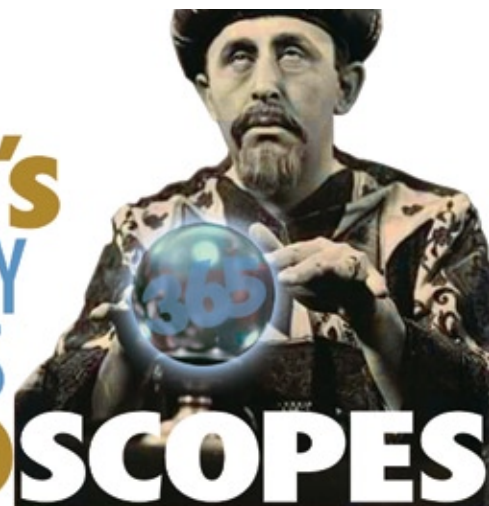
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Crossword

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DR. SKRAP'S COMPLETELY WORTHLESS HOROSCOPES



Aries 3/21-4/19



When travelling to be with family this holiday season, be very careful to plan the trip in detail and practice your excuse for leaving early to come home at least once per half-hour. It will be worth the investment.

Taurus 4/20-5/20



This is that three week period where you can wear those awful Christmas socks you got at work five years ago without being suspected of color blindness or dementia. Not such a big deal if you have color blindness or dementia, I guess.

Gemini 5/21-6/21



It may only be the Insight.com bowl, but at least it's a socially acceptable cover story for buying little smokies and cream cheese in volume.

Cancer 6/22-7/22



When that friend of yours who you don't really like but they're just always around starts bragging about how they worked the system and got free toys from two different places this year, kick them in the crotch and then turn them in. It'll make us all feel better this holiday season.

Leo 7/23-8/22



You know your therapist has already started their Christmas vacation mentally when all of their advice this week seem eerily close to Homer Simpson quotes. Then again, "It's not that I don't understand, it's just that I don't care." is really pretty much right on the mark.

Virgo 8/23-9/22



There's nothing wrong that a little Jimmy John's can't solve.

Libra 9/23-10/22



The Doctor has a good plan for treating those hemorrhoids but unfortunately his voice will be drowned out by the shrieking sound of the voices in your head telling you that death would be preferable to one more minute of rectal armageddon.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21



There's a lot of talk around the water cooler about the new guy in the office. You're not sure if he's gay or really, really super gay. But one thing's for sure, he can make Christmas Cookies that make yo' mama look like a prison chef, so he's a keeper.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21



You feel lost and without focus now that the Nascar season has concluded. What ever will you do for the grueling couple of weeks until it starts again. Maybe you could stop pretending you don't know how the washing machine works. At least until the Bud Shootout.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19



Few people realize that the Iowa Code says it's legal to beat someone to a pulp with a yule log if they try to suggest that you're destroying Christmas by making your event inclusive of multiple faith groups by calling it a holiday party rather than a Christmas party. Hit them an extra time for me.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18



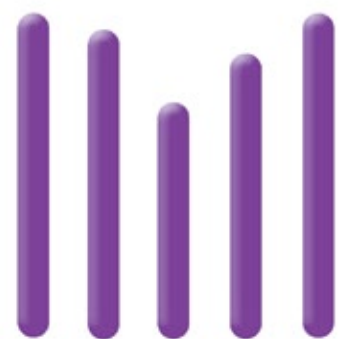
It's not clear why they call them Christmas cookies as they clearly taste great this week, too.

Pisces 2/19-3/20



You're ice fishing hobby tells the rest of us that you missed the part where we all found 1000 things to do in the winter less miserable than ice fishing.

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