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**Where's Wando**  
 We've hidden Wando some-  
 where in this issue of 365ink.  
 Can you find him?





Do you have any skills you've acquired during your life that you just don't use anymore?

I'm sure there are some great athletes out there who used to run, jump or what have you extremely well but just can't anymore. But I'm not really talking about those skills. I mean things you could still do if you wanted to but you just don't do it anymore.

I wondered this as I was doing some "Tokyo Drift" action on the forklift this week at the toy warehouse. Over the past few years I've become quite a decent forklift operator. At first I would just pick up pallet A and place it next to pallet B. But then after a while, I'd find myself using the lift arms to do some fairly complete and delicate maneuvers to nudge things, separate things and such, without having to get off the lift and do it by hand. This is one of those skills that I use for about one month a year then stick it back on the shelf. If I ever retire from toys, I'll likely never drive one again. I think I'm all that, but I've been to Tomy toy warehouse in Dyersville and the nice lady who drives the Ferrarri of fork lifts out there is still basically a forklift ninja compared to me. I watch with awe as that machine becomes an extension of her consciousness, like she's in the Matrix or something.

Years ago I used to work at Eagle Window and Door during the summers to pay for college. I worked in a department called set-up. This is where we'd take completed windows and use them to build bigger, more complex window sets out of them. I'm talking about angle bays, box bays and such. That's a skill all its own. I know there were easier jobs there. There were certainly lighter jobs. People who were farmed into our department would complain because after you build a six wide angle bay out of 6 foot by 2 foot casement windows with head and seat boards, you then had to pick up and carry that sucker off the build table and carry it somewhere. (I didn't have forklift skills yet at this point.)

While some jobs there could be repetitive, set-up wasn't so much that way. I loved an opportunity to put a circle top window on top of some facing crank-out casements and then the challenge of carefully mitering the step-jam, which extends the depth of the window to fit the thickness of the wall where it will be used. It wasn't factory line work; It was real craftsmanship. Making two 45 degree boards come together at the end of a curved piece of

wood and making the transition smooth was difficult.

Naturally, I have no circle tops and no bay windows in my house. And no one has asked me to help them make one ever since I left the job. But I still could. So I've got that going for me.

I don't know if this is a skill, really, but the day I left college, 350 years ago, I had the ability to carry on full conversations with roommates using essentially nothing by movie quotes, mostly from such award worth fare as Caddyshack, Days of Thunder and Fletch. There is a movie line comeback to just about any question or statement. When I started my for post-college career in the administration at the Dubuque Community School District's central office on Chaney Road.... yeah, that didn't really work anymore. It's like majoring in a foreign language and then moving somewhere where no one will ever use that language ever again. Maybe it was because I was, at the time, about 20 years younger than most of my co-workers, but at least they could have pulled out a zinger from Stand and Deliver or something.

Eventually I could find some semblance of understanding in John Woodin and Charlie Ellis when they came back to the district. That and we had a lot of Taco Bell when it was new to town. But overall, my fluency in movie lines has waned. I remember them and still use them but not as a major staple of my vocabulary. That skill usually only comes in real handy now during Trivial Pursuit. But who really plays that anymore since Cards Against Humanity was invented?

So far I think I can still play the guitar. It's been a while since our last gig. But at least I still use that skill on occasion. Heck people even pay more for it. But I have to admit, the last time guys I'm in Boomtangle with borrowed the sound gear for a gig they had with another band, I was not at all jealous that they had to play all night. Staying home on the couch with my lovely wife is plenty of Saturday night excitement for me these days.

Maybe there's a skill I can develop sitting on the couch? I'll investigate. I have found that I'm pretty good at putting plastic over the windows in the winter, even if my wife is better at it. But I found out this week that when it comes to changing the battery in my truck, just let Theisen's do it for free and save yourself the humiliation.

Hang on to those skills people. You never know when you're going to need to dust em' off!

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**Winter Farmers' Market  
 Every Saturday - 9 a.m. - Noon  
 November - April  
 The Colts Center, 1101 Central Ave.**

Now in its seventh year, the Winter Market is open every Saturday morning from 9am to noon, November through April. 30 vendors provide a wide variety of produce, meats, eggs, cheese and baked goods throughout the winter. The variety and quality of food keeps the shoppers coming back. The great prepared breakfast times you came to love at Summer market from and East Mill Bakery and Adobo's Mexican Grill are also featured at Winter Market. 400 customers visit Winter Market each weekend. The Dubuque Winter Farmers' Market is a volunteer-run project sponsored by The Four Mounds Foundation, Colts Drum & Bugle Corps, and Premier Bank. Stay up to date of market activities at [facebook.com/DubuqueWinterFarmersMarket](http://facebook.com/DubuqueWinterFarmersMarket).



**Mid-Week Farmers' Market  
 Wednesdays in January, 2-5 p.m.  
 Tri-State Independent Blind Society**

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**Joseph Hall's "ELVIS"**  
 New Year's Eve, 7 PM

Joseph Hall's resume includes top ten on "America's Got Talent 2008" on NBC and is also recognized as a top three Elvis Tribute Artist by the Elvis Presley Estate. Joseph has also played the "Legends in Concert" in Las Vegas as well as headlined the "Elvis Cruise" in 2007. He is the 2010 Branson Male Performer of the Year. Joseph Hall is HOT BABY!! Joseph does such an incredible job recreating the moves, the look, and the sound of Elvis Presley, that you will think you are watching the King himself!

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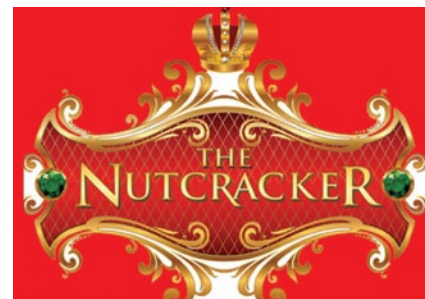
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**Art Gumbo Soup Dinner  
 Thursday, December 19, 6-8 p.m.  
 St. Mark Community Center**

The next Art Gumbo Soup Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 6-8 p.m. at St. Mark Community Center, 1201 Locust Street in Dubuque. The public is invited to attend and vote for their favorite proposal. A \$10 donation at the door entitles the attendee to a locally prepared soup dinner and the opportunity to review all submitted proposals and to vote for their favorite. The Art Gumbo fund's nightly proceeds will be awarded to the two proposals that receive the most votes. The proceeds are split in a 70/30 fashion. Art Gumbo is an independent community-based initiative that funds local arts projects using money collected at quarterly soup dinners.



**The Nutcracker Ballet  
 December 20-21, 7:30 p.m.  
 December 22, 2 p.m.  
 Grand Opera House**

The Dubuque City Youth Ballet presents an annual holiday ballet tradition for the entire family directed by Marina O'Rourke and choreographed by Megan MacLeod. Make plans now to attend this perfect tribute to the season. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 under 21 and on sale at [thegrandoperahouse.com](http://thegrandoperahouse.com).





**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**  
**December 20-21, 7:30 p.m., December 22, 3 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Church, 2143 Judson Dr.**

What happens when you combine a beloved children's story with a passionate bunch of talented thespians? That's right, the Best Christmas Pageant Ever! In this hilarious Christmas classic written by Barbara Robinson, a couple struggling to lead a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids—possibly the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem – and the fun – when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! This production will be directed by Alison Ott and features a multiracial cast. Each show has a limited seating capacity of 85 seats. Please reserve your tickets early. Tickets are \$5 and available for purchased at First Baptist Church, 2143 Judson Dr., Dubuque IA. The box office will be open Monday-Friday 4-6pm. Call 563-583-6289 for information and tickets.

**Joseph Hall's Elvis**  
**Tuesday, December 31, 7 p.m.**  
**Ohnward Fine Arts Center**  
**1215 E. Platt St., Maquoketa, IA**



Joseph Hall does such an incredible job recreating the moves, the look, and the sound of Elvis Presley that you will think you are watching the King himself! Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For tickets, call (563) 652-9815 or visit [www.ohnwardfineartscenter.com](http://www.ohnwardfineartscenter.com).



**Ice Fest 2014**  
**Saturday - Monday, January 11-12 & 18-20**  
**National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium**

The Museum & Aquarium's annual winter event will feature snow carving, ice carving, ice harvesting, open water rescue demonstrations, games, and indoor activities. Dan Wardell will join the festivities with one of his PBS friends on Sunday, January 19. For more information, visit [www.mississippirivermuseum.com](http://www.mississippirivermuseum.com).



**Special Olympics Iowa Winter Games**  
**Monday-Wednesday, January 13-15**

Athletes of all ages and ability will participate in various sports and activities including: Alpine and Nordic skiing, figure skating, snowshoeing, speed skating, and more. More than 170 coaches and chaperones, as well as 300 volunteers will donate their time to serve the athletes and make this event a success. The Grand Harbor Resort

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### Snowbiz

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Concert featuring the Mistletones  
December 20 & 21, 6 p.m.  
Hotel Julien Dubuque**

Celebrate the season in style with a full-length Christmas show from the Mistletones as they present another season of Snowbiz! The Grinch-defying cool yule event features many of your favorite holiday tunes with incredible vocals, and a live jazz orchestra, all featuring some very recognizable faces from the Dubuque music community.

The Mistletones promise to put you in the Christmas spirit with this most Festive of offerings—staged dinner-theatre style—in the Grande Ballroom of the beautiful and historic Hotel Julien Dubuque. Yes, we said dinner!

The Hotel Julien Dubuque's Executive Chef pulls out all the stops with a

scrumptious meal that includes a Festive holiday salad, a mouth-watering entrée duet, and a decadent yuletide dessert. Dinner also includes a complimentary glass of wine and a cash bar is available with wait service throughout the performance.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday nights, December 20 and 21, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. You could even get a room and the Julien and make a night of it!

Tickets are \$55 each and reservations are required by December 19th. Call 800-798-7098 or find more information online at [mistletoes.biz](http://mistletoes.biz) or [hoteljuliendubuque.com](http://hoteljuliendubuque.com).

And hey, if you've got a big event this season that needs some pep, the Mistletones are also available for private events. Call 563-599-7775.

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will serve as the Olympic Headquarters, Sundown Mountain will host the skiing events, Albrecht Acres in Sherrill, IA (north of Dubuque) hosts snowshoeing, and Mystique Ice Arena will be the venue for speed and figure skating when more than 400 Special Olympics Iowa (SOIA) athletes come to Dubuque to compete in the annual State Winter Games. For more information, call (515) 986-5520 or visit [www.soiowa.org](http://www.soiowa.org). "Like" SOIA on Facebook for the latest news and photos.

### New Year's Eve Dance

**Tuesday, December 31, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.**

#### Dubuque County Fairgrounds

Hunter Fuerste and his American Vintage Orchestra present an authentic recreation of the big band era. For more information, visit [www.hunterfuerste.com](http://www.hunterfuerste.com).

### "Trees" Exhibit Opening

**Friday, January 3, 7-9 p.m.**

#### Outside the Lines Art Gallery

"Trees" is the theme of this year's annual juried group exhibit at Outside the Lines art gallery at 409 Bluff St. in Dubuque's Cable Car Square. An free opening reception will be held Friday, January 3 from 7-9 p.m. The gallery is open Mondays-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The exhibit will be available through February. For more information, visit [www.otlag.com](http://www.otlag.com).



### Grand Event Bridal Show

**Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

#### Grand River Center

From 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the first floor exhibit hall of the Grand River Center, Port of Dubuque, Cheryl-Ann Bridals and Tuxedos and Radio Dubuque host their annual Grand Event Bridal Show.



### No Exit

**Friday-Saturday, January 17-18, 7 p.m.**

#### Dubuque Bike Coop, 2206 Central Ave., Dubuque

Trainwreck Productions presents the play No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre, translated by Paul Bowles, and directed by Alex McCarthy. Three strangers are locked up together for eternity in one hideous room in hell. The windows are bricked up, there are no mirrors, the electric lights never turn off, and there is no exit. Hell is not the rack and fire, but the burning humiliation of souls stripped by the cruel curiosity of the damned. Hell is other people. Admission is \$5; seating is extremely limited. For more information, visit [www.trainwreckproductions.org](http://www.trainwreckproductions.org).



### Dubuque Sports & Recreation Festival

**Saturday, January 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

#### Grand River Center, Port of Dubuque

This festival offers many activities for attendees of all ages, including registration opportunities for multiple sports leagues and other organizations. There are fun stage activities to observe and many planned activities including a bounce house, obstacle course, rock climbing wall, a golf hitting cage, the Dubuque Community Schools Speed Stack competition, and more. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.TeamDubuque.com](http://www.TeamDubuque.com) or see the ad on page 12.

### George & Gracie, Now & Then

**Saturday, January 18, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 19, 2 p.m.**

#### Grand Opera House, 135 W. 8th, Dubuque

Enjoy the world premiere of a new comedy based on the life of George Burns and Gracie Allen written by Vince Williams of Dubuque. George & Gracie, Now & Then takes you back to those classic radio days when Burns and Allen were headliners. If you don't remember that dizzy-brained Gracie with her illogical logic or

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# Borrow.

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## Reflections In The Park Open now through January 1 Murphy Park, 1700 South Grandview Ave.

For nearly two decades, Tri-State families have enjoyed what has become an annual holiday tradition – a drive through Louis Murphy Park just off South Grandview to see the bright lights of Reflections In The Park. Begun in 1995 as a fundraiser for Hillcrest Family Services, Reflections In The Park has become, for many families, an activity essential to the holiday season.



This year's Reflections In The Park, which features 60 major displays, opened on the night of Thanksgiving and will run nightly from 5 to 10 p.m. through January 1, 2014. New this year, all the displays have been converted to more energy-efficient LED light technology, which while even brighter, uses less electricity and ensures greater reliability in display lighting. Using less electricity is not only a more sustainable way to go but also reduces expenses for sponsoring organization Hillcrest, thereby boosting the annual event's fundraising potential.

Reflections In The Park is, after all, a fundraiser for Hillcrest Family Services, a local health and education nonprofit with a range of community services for those less fortunate or in crisis, which has been helping people for over 115 years. Hillcrest has over thirty programs serving families from 66 Iowa counties and 27 different states. Now in its 19th consecutive year, Reflections In The Park has

raised well over a million dollars for Hillcrest programming, thanks to dozens of local sponsors and the dedicated work of hundreds of volunteers. The display now draws approximately 50,000 people each year, raising over \$100,000 annually.



Another new program this year is a "Memory Lane" display, a starlit street sponsored by individuals to commemorate loved ones. Represented by the brightly shining lights, those honored loved ones are also listed in the Reflections In The Park brochure.

Admission to Reflections In The Park is just \$8 per car (squeeze in kids!) with special pricing available for vans and buses. Families with younger children might consider visiting the light display on Monday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. (every Monday before Christmas) when Santa Claus will make a special appearance to greet park visitors. Don't forget to tune the radio to hear Christmas music in the car while you tour the light display! For more information, contact Reflections coordinator Sondra Bennett at 563-583-7357 or [sondra.bennett@hillcrest-fs.org](mailto:sondra.bennett@hillcrest-fs.org).



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George with his "I Wish I Were 18 Again," you'll learn how much fun you missed. The show takes you into the "then," the golden days of radio and early TV, and brings George and Gracie from their hilarious past into today's technological world. The production also invites various audience members into the action. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door, and \$12 for under 21. For tickets or more information, visit [www.thegrandoperahouse.com](http://www.thegrandoperahouse.com).

### Pinnacle Combat XV MMA

Friday January 24, 7 p.m.

**Five Flags Center, 405 Main St., Dubuque**

Mixed martial arts (MMA) returns to Five Flags Arena. MMA is a full contact combat sport that allows the use of both striking and grappling techniques, both standing and on the ground, from a variety of other combat



sports. For more information or tickets, visit [www.pinnaclecombat.com/mma](http://www.pinnaclecombat.com/mma) or [www.fiveflagscenter.com](http://www.fiveflagscenter.com).

### Guys in Ties Improv Comedy

Saturday, January 25, 8 p.m.

**Bell Tower Theater**



The Bell Tower Theater is pleased to announce the return of the actors from ComedySportz, the Quad cities award-winning improv comedy troupe, performing Guys in Ties. After multiple sold-out performances in the last eight years, this audience favorite is back for one of only two 2014 appearances.

On Saturday, January 25, at 8 p.m., professional improvisational comedians bring their own unique twist on improv to Dubuque as a brand new show comes to life right before your eyes. Like the TV show, "Who's Line Is It Anyway," Guys in Ties uses suggestions from you and your fellow audience members to set-up their hilarious bits. The show is great for all ages. Their

motto is "No off-color humor—don't need it, don't want it. You can stand on the street and hear people cuss for free." The Bell Tower Theater is conveniently located at 2728 Asbury Road. Tickets are just \$19. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. For tickets and information call 563-588-3377 or visit [www.belltowertheater.net](http://www.belltowertheater.net).

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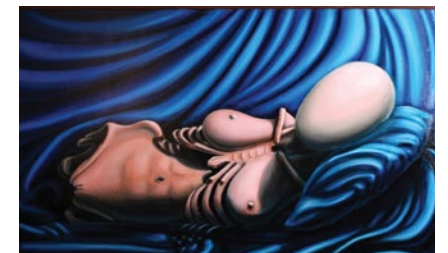
## "EROTICA"

### A GROUP ART EXHIBITION

Friday, December 20, 5-9 p.m.  
Nash Gallery, 371 Bluff St.  
(above Monk's Kaffee Pub)

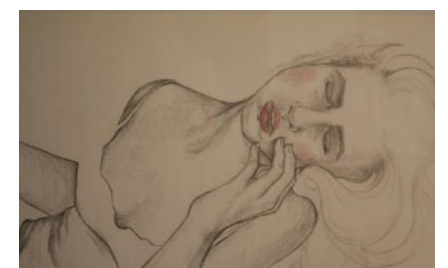
Nash Gallery, the Dubuque County Fine Arts Society's art gallery encouraging, promoting, and presenting local and regional artists, announces the opening reception of its latest exhibit, with the theme and title "EROTICA," Friday, December 20 at Nash Gallery, 371 Bluff St. (above Monk's Kaffee Pub) from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The exhibit features 2D and 3D art inspired by the theme. Exhibiting artists include: Elizabeth Eagle, Erin Smith, Edward Obermueler, Mark Weiland, Nicole McCarthy, Susan Ballinger, John Mulert, Beatrice Schares, Brad Fautsch, Trish Feldman-Jansen, Ivonne Simonds F., Alan Garfield and Evan Ventris. The opening reception will also feature live music by Emily Otis and live models.

A Valentine's party with live music, Rogue Collections, Dubuque Area Writers Guild, and Trainwreck Productions concludes the exhibit February 14 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.



Admission to the opening reception, Valentine's party, and gallery are free; donations are accepted. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided at both the opening reception and Valentine's party. Regular gallery hours are 12:00-4:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Nash Gallery is a core program of the Dubuque County Fine Arts Society (DCFAS), a volunteer-driven 501(c)(3) not-for-profit arts organization serving the Dubuque, Iowa community with low or no cost arts experiences. For more information about Nash Gallery and their upcoming exhibits and artist calls, visit the DCFAS website at [www.dcfas.org](http://www.dcfas.org) or visit the Nash Gallery Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/nashdbq](http://www.facebook.com/nashdbq).





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**Workshop: Saturday, January 11th, 2 - 3:30 p.m.**

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RE-PUROPSE is a workshop and exhibition for high school and college-aged artists with the purpose of raising environmental awareness by utilizing the potential of recycled and found materials to create art. Mentors and students will experiment with repurposing various types of media including plastics, paper, wood, found objects, and mixed media into creative works. Mentors' and apprentices' finished works will be displayed to the public in a group exhibition. High school and college artists may

participate by registering and submitting via email to [salondbq@gmail.com](mailto:salondbq@gmail.com);

The workshop will take place on Saturday, January 11th, from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at 902 Main St, in Dubuque. Registration is free by January 7th.

The exhibit's opening reception is scheduled for February 1st, from 6 - 9 p.m.. High school and college-aged artists who don't attend the workshop may submit work to the exhibition. Any 2D, 3D or digital works that are created or contain recycled and found materials can be submitted by January 17. Entries will be juried by the DAAC's mentors.

Area high schools and colleges can bring art classes to visit the DAAC studio to speak with mentors and to see their work in progress for the exhibition. Visits may happen during school hours. Schedule appointments by email.

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective is a new group consisting of members of the local community with an interest on preparing high school and college aged emerging artists transition into the Arts industry. The main goals are to raise the profile of young emerging artists in Dubuque, to motivate them to pursue their creative interests, to encourage them to gain experience through volunteer work, to strengthen their skills through free tutoring and workshops, and to enable them to participate in the community's art affairs. For more information, visit [www.daartscollective.com](http://www.daartscollective.com) or email us at [salondbq@gmail.com](mailto:salondbq@gmail.com).



## DubuqueFest Fine Arts Fair Call For Artists

DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival is now accepting applications for the 37th annual juried fine art fair scheduled for May 17 and 18, 2014 in Dubuque, Iowa. All interested fine artists and fine craft artisans are encouraged to apply. The juried fine art fair features the work of 85 artists & artisans from across the region. The application fee is \$110. The jury fee: \$15 (non-refundable) and two Emerging Artist Scholarships are also available. \$1000 cash prizes are awarded to Best of Show, Second Place, & Third Place during an artist's appreciation reception on Saturday, May 18 at the Dubuque Museum of Art. Applications are available now through February 15, 2014. Download the application at [www.dubuquefest.org](http://www.dubuquefest.org). To request one by mail contact Paula [paula@dubuquefest.org](mailto:paula@dubuquefest.org) or by calling 563.564.5290.



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# **Retro Rewind: Cars & Guitars Saturday, January 11 Five Flags**

Lovers of Vintage Torque Fest should mark their calendars for Saturday, January 11, the date of the inaugural Retro Rewind, hosted by Torque Fest promoter John Wells at Dubuque's Five Flags Center. Both a vintage hot rod AND guitar show, Retro Rewind is really for anyone that likes the retro style and "Kustom Kulture" embodied by classic cars and vintage guitars, not to mention pinup girls and antique motorcycles.

Five Flags arena will be jam-packed with some of the best hot rods and customs around along with vintage motorcycles and a variety of booths featuring artwork by Kustom Kulture artists, clothing, stickers, patches and more. As space in the Five Flags arena is limited, Wells hopes to fit in about 40 of the best hot rods and customs you're likely to see anywhere. A \$500 "People's Choice" award will go to the crowd favorite.

Guitar players and music fans alike can see some of the most beautiful and collectible guitars in existence on display by both local and national collectors and dealers. Looking for that special guitar or rare vintage amplifier for your own collection? Who knows,

you just might find it here. Wondering what that antique six-string that's been in the family for years might be worth? Bring it in for the experts to have a look. This show is going to be a guitar lover's dream. A limited number of booth spaces are still available for guitar collectors/dealers, so if you're interested, contact John Wells through [retrorewinddubuque.com](http://retrorewinddubuque.com) soon.

Gear heads on the hunt for parts can shop the swap meet and music fans can browse the vinyl LPs, CDs and vintage stereo gear in the music swap area, all the while listening to rockabilly bands like 3 on the Tree, Black Cat, and Rumble Seat Riot rocking the Five Flags arena stage.

As if that weren't enough, Retro Rewind will feature a charity art auction, a pinup girl contest and model car display area (not unlike Torque Fest), as well as a sideshow performance by the Seven Sins Sideshow Circus (not for the squeamish!). Any pinup girls interested in joining the competition should also contact Wells ASAP, as only the first 15 entrants will be accepted.

But wait! There's more! During the day, gear heads can slip over to Five Flags Theater to catch one of several hot rod, motorcycle, and custom culture documentaries, part of the

"Fuel Injected Film Fest."

That evening, Five Flags Theater will be transformed into a concert stage with a featured performance by Nikki Hill. Noted for her original music that draws on a range of American roots styles from rock-n-roll to rhythm & blues, Hill is quickly making a name for herself as an up-and-coming artist to be reckoned with.

Now how much would you pay? Well, admission for the whole day is just \$10 and gets you into the Retro Rewind hot rod and guitar show (and all the other cool stuff) in Five Flags arena AND the Fuel Injected Film Fest in Five Flags Theater. (Note that the Nikki Hill concert is a separately ticketed event.) The Retro Rewind show will open at 9 a.m. and will run until 7 p.m.

Just announced, Retro Rewind will also be hosting a Friday night warm up party at Eronel with live music by rockabilly rock-n-rollers The Krank Daddies. That night, Eronel will also host a one-night-only exhibition of art to be auctioned off at Retro Rewind on Saturday. All proceeds of the art auction will benefit the Hannah Wells Medical Trust ( [HYPERLINK "http://www.helpinghannahs-heart.org"](http://www.helpinghannahs-heart.org) [www.helpinghannahs-heart.org](http://www.helpinghannahs-heart.org)).

Details for Retro Rewind Dubuque are still in flux so keep posted to Dubuque365 or check out [HYPERLINK "http://www.retrorewinddubuque.com"](http://www.retrorewinddubuque.com) [www.retrorewinddubuque.com](http://www.retrorewinddubuque.com) or follow Retro Rewind on Facebook. Guitar, vinyl LP or other collectors interested in getting booth space should contact John Wells via the Retro Rewind Facebook page.



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## Ultimate Rock Hits of the 70's & 80's Dubuque Symphony Orchestra w/Local Rock Musicians Friday, January 17, 8 p.m. Mississippi Moon Bar, Diamond Jo Casino

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra and nine tri-state area rock musicians are fusing their musical styles to present one ultimate concert experience at the Mississippi Moon Bar at 8pm on Friday, January 17.

The two groups first shook the Mississippi Moon Bar stage with songs from iconic 80's movies back in February 2013. In their follow up performance they will cover rock hits from the 70s & 80s including songs by Aerosmith, Van Halen, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Eagles, Bon Jovi, Heart, and other top classic rock bands.

"There is just so much great music to choose from," said Maestro Intriligator. "We knew we wanted to do more than movie music. We considered genres like alternative and pop, but we kept coming back to the really great ultimate rock hits from the 70s and 80s that everyone knows and loves."

Local musicians include Joie Booth (lead vocals) of Joie Wails Band and Boomtangle, Joe Blanchard (lead vocals) and Tony Oswald (acoustic guitar) of Half Fast, Jeff Weydert (bass guitar), Adam Arling (drums) and Leo Roland (keyboards) of Crystal Leather, Tony Brown (lead guitar) of Menace, JJ Schmitz (lead guitar) of the JJ Schmitz Duo, and Nate Tyler



(lead vocals) who you can hear at Grand View United Methodist Church. Adding to the experience will be dancers from the cast of the Diamond Jo Casino's Club 84.

"It's been really hard to contain our excitement for this upcoming show," said lead vocalist Joie Booth. "I feel very blessed to not only work with this specific group of musicians

and singers from bands like Menace, Half Fast and Crystal Leather, but also the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. These are extremely talented people and they've come together to bring you one heck of a rockin' concert."



Tickets (\$15 - \$35) are available at [www.diamondjo.com](http://www.diamondjo.com); the Diamond Jo Casino's Diamond Club or by calling 563-690-4800. The Mississippi Moon Bar is age restricted. Must be 21 years or older. For more information, visit [www.dubuquesymphony.org](http://www.dubuquesymphony.org).

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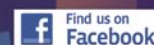
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by Bryce Parks

It was five years ago this month that the new Diamond Jo Casino opened in the Port of Dubuque. Since then, there have been literally hundreds of memorable nights of entertainment, great food and exciting gaming. In those five years, there have been 24,800 jackpots paying out 53 million dollars, the largest being \$51,912. In just those five years, the casino has also contributed 15 million dollars to the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA). The DRA is the non-profit



co-licensee for both the Diamond Jo Casino and Mystique Casino. And speaking of impact on the community, the venue has seen 5,700,000 (yes, 5.7 million) visitors through their doors in that time. You don't get that kind of traffic and not have it spill out and benefit more businesses in Dubuque, from retail and dining, to entertainment and hotels.

Far less important but equally fun to know are these fun facts: In five years, the Diamond Jo has also gone through 117,000 decks of cards, 3,000 dice, 150,000 rolls of toilet paper, and 165,000 people paid to see more than 700 live shows at the Mississippi Moon Bar. Upstairs in Cherry Lanes, 1.1 million games of bowling have been thrown.



The stories go beyond the jackpots and the concerts, too. The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial was brought to Dubuque by the casino to be put on display just across the street while a mobile J.F.K. museum visited



the casino property a year earlier. Famous faces like Mike Ditka stopped by for a little blackjack, and the Pawn Stars came to the Moon Bar to buy your treasures.

Covering entertainment in the tri-states, we at 365ink can tell you that while great entertainment is everywhere in this community, no one place hosts more entertainment opportunities every year than the Diamond Jo Casino.



For so many reasons, they are the center of attention for what's happening in Dubuque. The huge news of the acquisition of Peninsula Gaming, the Dubuque-based parent company of the Diamond Jo Casino, to gaming powerhouse Boyd Gaming was certainly one of those events that made waves across the community in 2013.

With new ownership comes changes, new faces and new opportunities. And it's one of those new faces that we believe was one of the most interesting stories of 2013. That's because the most recognizable new face at the Diamond Jo Casino isn't really a new face at all. Diamond Jo General Manager, Wendy Runde, has come full circle, returning to her roots to run one of Dubuque's biggest and most exciting businesses. Here's a classic tale of "hometown girl does good."

As the five year mark passes and the casino readies for the holiday rush, we sat down with Wendy to learn a little more about her, new owners, Boyd Gaming and what that all means for us as Diamond Jo visitors in the future.

"I grew up a stone's throw away across the bridge in Kieler, Wisconsin," says Wendy Runde with pride.

Like so many of us, Wendy was not sure about what she wanted to do when she "grew up." After graduating with an associate's degree in accounting, a friend of her mother knew someone at the Diamond Jo, then still a water-based casino which led to an opportunity in an accounting position.

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"Just out of school, I was a kid and it sounded like fun," joked Runde. (Apparently some people find accounting fun?) "Until I knew what I really wanted to do, an accounts payable clerk at a casino sounded like more fun than public accounting. That was January of 1996. Through the years, I really enjoyed what I was doing and I was working with great leaders. Over time, I worked my way up in the finance department and took on several positions: staff accountant, controller and eventually Director of sFinance."

In December of 2009, Scott Cooper was General Manager in Dubuque, and the new Kansas Star Casino property was on the table for Peninsula Gaming.

"Scott was instrumental in bringing the opportunity to apply for that license to Peninsula. When Peninsula was awarded the license for the new Kansas casino, Scott sat me down and asked me if continued growth in the organization and a possible move to Kansas, with a switch from finance to operations, was on my radar. He thought it would be a good fit for me and a great opportunity. It was something I had never really thought about. When I started in the casino, I didn't think it was going to be a career, but suddenly I'm here and this came at a perfect time in my life. It was an opportunity that seemed to come out of nowhere, but I was ready to take on a new challenge."



So, Wendy headed to Wichita, Kansas with Scott (pictured left). Wichita is about 20 miles north of the casino site in Mulvane, Kansas. They knew it was going to be a different kind of challenge. They were moving from a Dubuque market where gaming has existed for about 20 years and the community has experienced the positive

economic impact and how our casinos have benefitted our communities. The people of Wichita, Kansas weren't so sold on the idea. It was actually voted down in Sedgewick County (Wichita), another river city that hoped to get a casino downtown. So, it was actually the small town of Mulvane in Sumner County, right on the county line, where they won the support to build their 331 million dollar project.



"The first several months in Kansas were primarily about Scott and I getting out in the community, meeting people, getting involved in organizations and talking about our project. I knew it was going to be difficult, but until I got involved, I really had no idea what I was in for. Building a casino from ground up sounded familiar as I had helped with the new Diamond Jo in 2008 so I was sure I could do it, right?"

"Some things I took for granted or didn't consider at all. In Dubuque, when you're moving from a boat-based to a land-based casino, you're moving your team members who are well-trained from one facility to another just across the road. In Kansas, here we are in a brand new jurisdiction and gaming was relatively new. So, regulatory is still trying to understand the industry, and the candidates that we were interviewing for staff positions had no idea what a casino was all about, but like me when I started, it sounded like fun, so they were knocking on our doors with interest."



"Along with the challenges of being in a new jurisdiction to gaming came another that I hadn't considered... relationships. When you're part of something for so many years, it's easy to forget how important the relationships that you've built with fellow directors and other team members is. I completely underestimated the added stress that goes into a start-up when you are working with new faces at all levels. Suddenly you realize how important teamwork is and what a luxury it is to be surrounded by those with years of experience in the industry under their belts. Thank goodness for sister properties. We certainly relied on the experts within our company to come and help get us on our feet. People like Frank Domitrovich and Bruce Peterson from Diamond Jo Dubuque came down to help with security and with slots. We had people from the Finance team, from the corporate office, from a sister property in Louisiana, you get it, they came from all over to help. We definitely surrounded ourselves with great resources and found ourselves in a good position. The opening went flawlessly but it was the biggest challenge of my life."

That challenge lent itself to this one, three years later, as the General Manager of Diamond Jo Casino in Dubuque, Iowa.

"Never in my craziest dreams did I ever think I'd be here in this position. I don't know if there are statistics on this one, but how often do people end up back in their hometown community running the casino where they started their career? When I step back today, the appreciation that I have for what Peninsula and Boyd have done... (pausing without the right words to explain). Much of the talent in our organization is home grown. Both companies are very patient. They invest the time, energy and money in people where they recognize talent. Natalie Schramm (former Chief Financial Officer of Peninsula, but also a former General Manager and Director of Finance) was certainly one of my mentors and what an inspirational leader to follow."



It was surely that strong organization that made Peninsula Gaming such an attractive acquisition for any major player in the gaming industry. For Boyd gaming, the acquisition of the Peninsula Gaming properties would have been the perfect fit to grow within their similar business philosophy.

But still, being sold is being sold and the reaction of Diamond Jo team members was surely no different than what you'd expect.

"I know as a team member when I heard acquisition, certainly as a leader it's your job to put on a smiley face and get everybody behind you when you yourself are thinking, 'Uh oh, here we go.' What is this really going to mean? Being part of a big corporation has involved some change. You've got to get everybody on the same policies and procedures. But from our core values and the way we conduct business, I do believe what we heard during transition time has proven to be true; if we were going to be sold, there wasn't a better fit than Boyd gaming."



"Bill Boyd, above, right) is a legend in the gaming business, and to see him walking around the property is a very inspiring sight. We regularly see a handful from the Executive team out of Las Vegas. They're very engaged and involved in operations. When you sit down and talk to them about the tenure of other Boyd team members in the organization, many have been with the company for a long time. We too



have a lot of long time Diamond Jo family members, it's a part of our culture. So it's been a very good fit."

For team members and visitors alike, there are distinct advantages to being part of a bigger organization.

"We now have 22 properties to bounce ideas off of one another. Ideally it enables us to take what others have done very successfully and implement similar ideas here in Dubuque. Everyone's looking for ways to bring great experiences to customers while bringing something to the bottom line."

Already today we've done the \$100,000 Spin Your Way to Las Vegas Slot Tournament, where we've sent people out to Vegas when they've qualified in Dubuque. So where we didn't have an opportunity to buy into larger events like that before, now it's all part of the company. That's something our customers get very excited about, and it's been great for us."



From a customer standpoint, one the biggest advantages that we will see in 2014 (but not quite yet) is a switch to Bconnected. Bconnected will allow connectivity between all 22 of the Boyd Gaming properties. So, for example, as you earn your points, you can transfer them from place to place. If you're a Black Diamond (VIP) player here in Dubuque, you'll get that level of VIP service at other Boyd properties across the United States. Players will be able to go online and manage their player accounts and offers that they're getting at different properties.

The Boyd Gaming stable of casinos include some very impressive properties and names you're sure to recognize. They have properties in Las Vegas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and New Jersey, where Borgata, a joint venture with MGM, is Boyd's largest and probably most prestigious property. Kansas Star, one of the original Peninsula properties, is now the largest stand-alone Boyd property in their portfolio. Other notables include the 32-story IP Casino and resort in Biloxi, Mississippi and the beautiful 22-story Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa in Michigan City, Indiana. Of course, their line-of up Vegas properties includes such venerable names as the Orleans which has a big arena known for both great live entertainment but also sporting events, the Gold Coast, Sun Coast, The California, The Fremont Hotel and Casino, Main Street Station and, naturally, Sam's Town. Almost everywhere they are, their philosophy is like it is in Dubuque. It's not the strip properties; they're more of the locals market.

When looking back at highlights of the Diamond Jo's first five years, for Wendy Runde, most come from the first two years when she was part of the opening team.

"One of the highlights for me was our pep rally before we opened. Everyone was busting at there seams and so excited to be part of this amazing new facility. We all couldn't wait for our pride and joy to open. The team spirit and the enthusiasm... It was an incredible day.

Outside of that, I'm a huge Poison fan, so Bret Michaels is always a favorite for me, and Rick Springfield. A lot of what comes to mind comes back to the Mississippi Moon Bar.

With just five months under her belt as General Manager, she's settling in nicely to her new position.

"I used to sit behind a desk and see the players names on paper. Now I'm on the floor shaking their hands and getting to know them. So it's a whole different ball game for me, and I am very much enjoying it."

One of the first changes that happened shortly after she started was converting Mojo's Sports Bar to an all ages venue.

"On game day Saturdays, we've had the "I" club (Official Iowa Hawkeyes Fan Club) here a couple of times, and those days it's really buzzing, and it's fun to walk in and see tables full of families and kids having fun."

Point partners are something that's unique to Diamond Jo Caisino in Dubuque. You can actually spend your Diamond Dollars at partner retailers in Dubuque. So the points you earn while gaming can pay for your prescriptions at Hartig Drug, slacks at Graham's Style Store for Men and Women or anything at Theisen's (because Theisen's has everything). There is currently a Shop 'til you Drop Sweepstakes two-million point giveaway going on through December 28. Winners can "spend" their points at any venue in the Diamond Jo, redeem them for Diamond Dollars or use them at any point partner retailer. Other point partners include FloorShow, McCoy Jewelers, Ellis Appliance, Oky-Doky, Body & Soul, Great Sounds Audio and Betty Jane Candies. Since the programs started, Diamond Jo players have redeemed \$875,485 in value at local point partners. Wow!

We had to quiz her quickly on a couple of very crucial elements. Specifically, what are her favorites things to eat at each of the Diamond Jo's four restaurants? She didn't need to think very long about it. In the Kitchen Buffet it's the chocolate chip bread puddling and chicken fiesta pasta. At Woodfire, the Lobster Bisque Soup though the filet is the top seller. Mojo's nachos are a winner. And while the Reuben Sandwich reigns supreme at Jo's Deli, her favorite is the Rice Krispy Treat. Probably because it's gigantic.

With so many plates spinning at the same time, you'd think one's head would spin trying to keep track of it all. But it all falls into place if you keep your focus on what's most important.

"What's important to me is nothing new around here. It's building strong relationships and creating great experiences. I think we do that very well, and I want to do it better."

## Catching up with the Peninsula Gaming Partners

With the sale of Peninsula Gaming to Boyd Gaming for 1.45 billion dollars, the owners who built Peninsula Gaming to the highly prized jewel that it was are not resting on their laurels (or their very healthy nest eggs). Clearly, for those who thrive on new challenges, the only natural progression coming off of a big win is to find another challenge.



Three of the main investors in the organization, those most responsible for the hands-on growth and daily operation of Peninsula Gaming, include former C.E.O. Brent Stevens; former chief financial officer, Natalie Schramm; and former chief operating officer, Jonathan Swain. Together they have formed a new gaming management company, JNB Gaming LLC.



The new venture is already partnering with the Cedar Rapids Development Group LLC to manage the development and operation of the new 139 million dollar Cedar Crossing Casino coming soon to downtown Cedar Rapids.

Additionally, a group headed by Brent Stevens made a significant investment in partnership with the developers of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Sioux City. Staying in the family, Todd Moyer, who many know as the General Manager who opened the new Diamond Jo Casino



and, again, served as its General Manager in the period prior to the sale to Boyd Gaming, goes with Mr. Stevens as the General Manager of new 120 million dollar venue slated to open this summer. He takes a wealth of experience with him, having very successfully done this once already here in Dubuque.





# TRI-STATE LIVE MUSIC

## Thursday, December 19

Dueling Pianos  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Jazz Night with 'Round Midnight Trio  
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 8 PM

Francis & The Diddlers  
Eronel, 8 PM

Mike Droho  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

Statue of Liberty  
The Cornerstone, 8:30 PM

## Friday, December 20

Snow Biz  
Hotel Julien Ballroom, 6 PM

Open Mic with Becky McMahon  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Set in Stone  
Dubuque Driving Range, 7 PM

Fever River String Band  
Blaum Bros. Distilling, Galena, 7 PM

The Swing Crew  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

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

Crystal Leather  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Melanie Devaney  
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 8 PM

Boys Night Out  
Spirits, 8 PM

Jordan Danielsen  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

Odd Bar Quartet  
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

Porchbuilder, Sean Kramer  
The Lift, 9 PM

Broken Strings  
Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

Matt McPherson  
Keil's Tavern, 9 PM

Black Water Gin  
Sandy Hook Tavern, 9 PM

## Saturday, December 21

Mississippi Duo  
Sundown, 2 PM

Campfire Kings  
Grape Escape, 2 PM

Snow Biz  
Hotel Julien Ballroom, 6 PM

Roy Schroedl  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Artie & The Catillacs  
Dubuque Driving Range, 7 PM

Country Tradition  
Mooney Hollow Barn, 7 PM

The Matriarchs  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

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

Kevin Beck & Johnnie Walker  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party  
Easy Street, 8 PM

Paul Filipowicz  
Murph's South End Tap, 8 PM

Soulsa, Grape Escape, 8 PM

Broken Rubber Band  
Winter Solstice Party  
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

Hugh Bob & The Hustle  
Eronel, 9 PM

Taste Like Chicken, Spirits, 9 PM

Jabberbox  
Jumpers, 9 PM

Pash N Brew  
Northside Bar, 9 PM

Half-Fast  
Budde's, 9 PM

Boys Night Out  
Bronco Inn, 9 PM

Brown Bottle Bandits  
Dagwood's, 9 PM

Ignighter  
Timber Lanes, Maquoketa, 9 PM

Sunshine  
Wig Wam, 9 PM

Nitrix  
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

## Sunday, December 22

Open Mic with Scott Rische  
Grape Escape, 12 PM

Percival  
The Cornerstone, 3:30 PM

Sam Wooden  
New Diggings Gen. Store, 3:30 PM

True Colors: Becky McMahon  
& Charles Harris  
Stone Cliff Wine and Beer Bar, 3 PM

Taste Like Chicken  
Sandy Hook Tavern, 6 PM

## Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

New Voices: Open Mic  
Rendezvous Coffee & Tea, 6:30 PM

Xmas Eve Johnny Rocker All-Star Jam  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

DJ Situps Christmas Dance Party  
Eronel, 9 PM

## Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25

Denny Claus & Jiminy Christmas  
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

## Thursday, December 26

Statue of Liberty  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

Andreas Tranzo  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Dueling Pianos  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Jazz Night with 'Round Midnight Trio  
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 8 PM

R&R Boogie Band  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

Open Mic with Jeff McMullen  
The Cornerstone, 8:30 PM

The Lonely Goats  
Sandy Hook Tavern, 9 PM

## Friday, December 27

Laura McDonald  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Jim Wand  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 7 & 9:30 PM

Johnnie Walker, Timmerman's, 7 PM

Larry Michael  
Shark's Roadhouse, 7 PM

Roy Schroedl, Perfect Pint, 7 PM

Campfire Kings  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

Andreas Tranzo  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Bill Melton  
Keil's Tavern, 8 PM

Ten Gallon Hat  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

Marty Raymon  
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

David Zollo  
Eronel, 9 PM

Broken Rubber Band  
The Lift, 9 PM

Kruzer  
Northside Bar, 9 PM

## Saturday, December 28

Broken Strings  
Ugly Sweater Party  
Sundown Mountain, 2 PM

Campfire Kings  
Grape Escape, 2 PM

Gregory James  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Free 4 the Hauling  
Dubuque Driving Range, 7 PM

Larry Michael, Potosi Inn, 7 PM

The Resistors  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

Andreas Tranzo  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

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## Statue of Liberty

Thursday, December 19

The Cornerstone, Galena, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 20

Chocolaterie Stam, Dubuque, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 26

Galena Brewing Company, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 29

The Sandy Hook Tavern, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31

Green Street Tavern, Galena, 9 p.m.

Statue of Liberty, the original acoustic duo of Bobby Bradford and Marywood Kate return to the Tri-States with a series of shows this month. As some might know the couple survived a terrible car accident while on tour in August in which Bradford, the group's guitar player, suffered a broken wrist as well as leg injuries. Needless to say, the remainder of the tour was canceled and Bradford began the long, slow process of healing and rehabilitation. The good news is that after months of grueling rehab, Bobby and Kate have arrived at a point where they are ready and able to perform yet again - good news to their family, friends, and fans in the area - just in time for the holidays!



## Porch Builder

The Lift, Fri Dec. 20, 9 PM

Porch Builder started when three brothers, Tom, George and Mike Spielbauer picked up guitars as teenagers and started jamming at their parents' house in Riverside, Iowa. One of their first gigs was their high school talent show where they performed Green Day and Johnny Cash covers. Several years

later they were joined on drums by their old friend from down the street, Justin Huffman and they still play a combo of original old time music delivered with youthful punk-rock energy and plenty of slide guitar. Porch Builder take the stage with an unassuming demeanor and some may not expect much from these laid back, rural hippies, but those who frequent late night drinking establishments are bound to dig Porch Builder's loud, country rock, bluesy vibe. These guys put on one heck of a show and will delight fans of live music with their down home, foot stompin', ass shakin' boogie woogie.



## Hugh Bob and The Hustle

Eronel, Saturday December 21, 10 PM

Hugh Bob and the Hustle is heartland rock and roll from the AM station. Their songs are ones of warmth and age: blankets and vacuum tubes and an on-too-long radio. Their songs have been tempered by tradition, borrowing twang from one place and boogie from another. From the Delta to Delaware, from no pain to high gain, High Bob and the Hustle is an earnest American venture. Show starts at 10:00 at Eronel on Saturday, December 21.

## Christmas Eve Dance Party w/ DJ SITUPS

Eronel, Tuesday December 24, 9PM

For some, the holidays are indeed a great time for embracing those you care about most, forgetting your troubles (even if for just a night or two) and reflecting on what things are most important to you. For others, it's one of the few times a year to travel back home, catch up with past friends and find a warm place for some cold drinks after the rest of the family as has decided that their day is over.

We're embracing both mindsets by inviting DJ SITUPS (Adam Luksetich, Dubuque-native and veteran of local/regional bands Nethervoid, International Waters, Dimes For Serpico and The Tanks) back home along with some crates of his records that he will spin

for the sole purpose of delighting you and yours and making you move. He's kicking everything off around 9 and he'll be working it all night.



## David Zollo and The Body Electric

Eronel, Friday December 27, 10PM

From the ashes of rollicking rock and roll band High and Lonesome to his tender barrel-house solo material, Dave Zollo has done it all. With his band The Body Electric, he returns to Dubuque yet again to sing his tales of woe and redemption, to take the shoes of a nice Sunday morning and scuff them with the dancing of a weekend night. Zollo himself will be barefoot, seated and swaying to the music you'll be enjoying on Friday December 27, with the good times starting around 10.



## Evergreen Grass Band

Eronel, Saturday, December 28, 10PM

Bringing an energetic and original act to any place they play, the Evergreen Grass Band has been winning ears and hearts alike with their straightforward, face-melting ungrass songs, toe-tapping country songs and original grass arrangements. Always creating a good time, drink 'em down atmosphere, the Evergreen Grass Band bring with them a genre-defying sound, a dedication to their live shows and an earnest understanding of what entertainment really is. Come have a blast with Evergreen Grass Band on Saturday Dec. 28 at 10PM.



## Broken Rubber Band

The Lift, Friday, December 27, 9 PM

Feel free to get your country folk on this Friday December 27 as we celebrate the holidays with The Broken Rubber Band! Headed by Mike Breitbach and often surrounding himself with good family and friends, the band takes you through a musical journey of old timey bluegrass and country tunes, classic rock, and originals Mike has been working up for years. Word is River Glen might even be around for the festivities. The Lift is a holiday institution, and you should cozy up for some great music, potent drinks, and friendly conversation.

## Chasing Shade, River Breitbach

The Lift, Sat Dec 28, 9 PM

Chasing Shade, the brainchild of Griffen Harris and Elliott Beenk, plays soulful indie rock that grooves and soothes at the same time. Starting as a duo, the band spread out to incorporate horns and bass, becoming a full band. They started in Iowa City, playing every awesome venue



and hole in the wall they could find. Always enjoying a rowdy night in Dubuque, the band developed a strong following both here and in their college community of like minded jam acts. They move from sounds like John Mayer and Jack Johnson to more heady folk akin to Bright Eyes or Badly Drawn Boy. The boys moved to California early this year, searching for greener musical pastures. This special Christmas performance might be the last we see of them for awhile! River Breitbach, another local wunderkind on a search for musical abandon, will join Chasing Shade for the night



## Boxkar

Mississippi Moon Bar

Friday, Jan. 3, 8 p.m.

Boxkar is a Midwest rock band from

the Fox Valley in Wisconsin. Over the years, Boxkar has played many large venues across the country and has numerous award winning CDs. Their radio worthy tunes, contagious passion, and captivating stage presence will make this a show you won't want to miss. No Cover.



## The O' My's

The Lift, Saturday, January 4, 9 PM

The O'My's are a band of scoundrels and hooligans holding down Rock'n'Soul for the windy city. They will not be stopped and are taking all of the booty. That's their bio, in all its simplicity and debauchery. When they hit The Lift stage back in June, we weren't sure what to make of the seven piece group of jokers from Chicago. We got schooled. The singer Maceo Haymes growled at us like a reincarnation of Screamin Jay Hawkins and soothed us like Marvin Gaye all at once. The band was tight, with keys and horns up front and ready to party.

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**Saturday, December 28**

Club 84: Between the Eves Ball  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

The Mighty Wheelhouse  
Mystique Casino, 8 PM

Crude But Effective  
Surf Golf & Sports Club, 8 PM

The Lonely Goats  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

Evergreen Grass Band  
Eronel, 9 PM

Patchy Fog, Spirits, 9 PM

Brown Bottle Bandits  
Budde's, 9 PM

Matt McPherson Band  
Bronco Inn, 9 PM

Playground of Sound  
Sandy Hook Tavern, 10 PM

**Sunday, December 29**

Open Mic with Scott Rische  
Grape Escape, 12 PM

Open Mic with Brandon Hagen  
The Cornerstone, 1:30 PM

Aaron Williams & The Hoodoo  
New Diggings Gen. Store, 3:30 PM

Andy Wilberding  
Stone Cliff Wine and Beer Bar, 4 PM

Statue of Liberty  
Sandy Hook Tavern, 6 PM

**Monday, December 30**

Andreas Transo  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

**NEW YEAR'S EVE!  
Tuesday, December 31**

NYE with Meghan Davis, 2 PM  
Andreas Transo, 6 PM  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub

New Year's Eve Afternoon Bash  
Southland Entertainment / Little  
White Lie, Northside Bar, 3 PM

DJ Double J  
Riverboat Lounge, 4 PM

Country Tradition  
Mooney Hollow Barn, 6 PM

New Voices: Open Mic  
Rendezvous Coffee & Tea, 6:30 PM

New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos  
With Carlson & Bukoweiki  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

NYE Party, Easy Street, 8 PM

Outta Control  
Galena Brewing Co., 8 PM

NYE Party with Jason Ray Brown  
Grape Escape, 8 PM

Fever River String Band  
Anton's Saloon, 8 PM

Country Tradition  
Mooney Hollow Barn, 8:30 PM

NYE Party with DJ Jevity  
The Lift, 9 PM

NYE Party w/ the Whiskey Pigs  
(tentative), Eronel, 9 PM

NYE with Scott Smokin' Silz  
Mystique Casino, 9 PM

Becky McMahon & Charles Harris  
Stone Cliff Wine Bar, 9 PM

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler  
Spirits, 9 PM

8 Balls, Courtside, 9 PM

A Bizarre Gardening Accident  
Knickers Saloon, 9 PM

The Matriarchs  
The Cornerstone, 9 PM

Massey Road  
Taste Country Marketplace, 9 PM

Renegade, Eichman's, 9:30 PM

NYE Party with Crystal Leather

Sandy Hook Tavern, 11 PM  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY!  
Wednesday, January 1**

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler  
Spirits, 8 PM

Open Mic with Dave, Cricket, & Tim  
The Lift, 9 PM

**Thursday, January 2**

Garrett Hillary, Grape Escape, 7 PM

Dueling Pianos  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Jazz Night with 'Round Midnight  
Trio, Monk's Kaffee Pub, 8 PM

The Sky Walkers  
The Cornerstone, 8:30 PM

**Friday, January 3**

Garrett Hillary, Sundown, 6 PM

Becky McMahon  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Corey Jenny, Perfect Pint, 7 PM

Melanie Devaney  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Boxkar  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Red & White, Spirits, 8 PM

Roy Schroedl, The Cornerstone, 8 PM

**Saturday, January 4**

JJ Schmitz  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Positively 4th Street  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

Melanie Devaney  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Hard Salami  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Broom Street Drifters  
The Cornerstone, 8 PM

DJ Jevity, Mister Whiskerz  
eronel, 9 PM

The O' My's, The Lift, 9 PM

Corey Jenny Duo, Spirits, 9 PM

Taste Like Chicken, Jumpers, 9 PM  
Down 24, Shenanigans, 9 PM

Brown Bottle Bandits  
Dubuque Driving Range, 9 PM

Zero 2 Sixty, Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

Crude But Effective  
Jimi B's, Leisure Lake, 9 PM

**Sunday, January 5**

Open Mic with Scott Rische  
Grape Escape, 12 PM

Open Mic with Matt Meyer  
The Cornerstone, 2 PM

True Colors  
Stone Cliff Wine and Beer Bar, 3 PM

**Tuesday, January 6**

New Voices: Open Mic  
Rendezvous Coffee & Tea, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 8**

Acoustic Jam  
The Cornerstone, 6:30 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy  
Steve Kramer  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Neatly Knotted, Nevada Greene,  
Bob Bucko Jr.,  
Eronel, 9 PM

**Thursday, January 9**

Dueling Pianos  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Jazz Night w/ 'Round Midnight Trio  
Monk's Kaffee Pub, 8 PM

**Friday, January 10**

Becky McMahon  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

Jon Conover  
Frank O'Dowd's Pub, 7:30 PM

Gregory James, Spirits, 8 PM

Wicked Liz & The Bellyswirls  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Retro Rewind Pre-Party  
Krank Daddies, eronel, 9 PM

The Lonely Goats,  
Jumpers, 9 PM

Brown Bottle Bandits  
Dirty Ernie's, 9 PM

**Saturday, January 11**

Retro Rewind  
3 on the Tree, 12 PM, Black Cat, 2:30  
PM, Rumble Seat Riot, 4 PM, 3 on  
the Tree, 8 PM, Hot Rod Hucksters, 9  
PM, Nikki Hill, 10 PM  
Five Flags Theater & Arena

Andy Wilberding  
Stone Cliff Wine & Beer Bar, 7 PM

The Resistors  
Galena Brewing Co., 7:30 PM

Jon Conover Frank O'Dowd's, 7:30 PM

Club 84: Winter White Party  
Mississippi Moon Bar, 8 PM

Jack Lion (of Slip Silo), eronel, 9 PM

Fire Sale, Zeta June, The Lift, 9 PM

Tapestry, Spirits, 9 PM

Hot Mess, Denny's Lux Club, 9 PM

Ignighter, Northside Bar, 9 PM

Hard Salami, Budde's, 9 PM

The Lonely Goats  
Doolittle's, Cuba City, 9 PM





**Crystal Leather**  
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December 27, 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
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**Club 84 - Between the Eyes Ball**  
Saturday, December 28, 8 p.m.



**New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos**  
Tuesday, December 31, 8 p.m.  
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**Boxkar (No Cover)**  
Friday, January 3, 8 PM

**Hard Salami (No Cover)**  
Saturday, January 4, 8 PM

**Wicked Liz and the Bellyswirls**  
Friday, January 10, 8 PM (No Cover)

**Heywood Banks Comedy**

favorite clown. Show starts at 7:00pm with ticket prices ranging from \$15-\$20.

**Mike Armstrong Comedy**  
Wednesday, January 22, 8 PM  
Mike Armstrong is the ex-cop from The Bob and Tom Show and as seen on Comedy Central. \$10

**Dueling Pianos**  
Thursday, Januar 23, 8 p.m.

CMA Horizon award and the nod for Most



Played Country Female from Billboard. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$45.

**Atlanta Rhythm Section & Head East**  
Saturday, February 15, 8 p.m.

Atlanta Rhythm Section's hit songs include "Doraville," "I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight," "Champagne Jam," "So Into You," "Imaginary Lover," "Angel," "Do It Or Die," and "Neon Nites." Their album Champagne Jam proved very popular, hitting the Top 10 and going gold and then platinum and their song "Imaginary Lover" proved to be the band's biggest hit reaching number seven on the charts.

Headeast is a legendary classic rock band that has long set the standard for authentic, full-vocal, good-time rock harmonies that few bands can equal. Their signature song, "Never Been Any Reason (Save My Life)" is considered by many radio stations to be the rock and roll national anthem. Their music has been featured in the cult movie classic Dazed and



Wednesday, January 15, 8 PM  
**Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Ultimate Rock Hits**  
Friday, January 17, 2014

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra joins forces with local musicians to present a one-of-a-kind rock experience! Dubuque Symphony Orchestra will present ultimate rock hits from the 70s and 80s by AC/DC, Eagles, Guns N' Roses, Heart, Police, Bon Jovi, Led Zeppelin and more! These are songs you know and love. They spent weeks at the top of the Billboard charts and blasting through your radio speakers. Now experience them like never before—live in concert with a symphony orchestra. Show starts at 8 p.m.



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**ZZ-3: Tribute to ZZ Top**  
Friday, January 24, 8 p.m.  
Their faithful recreations of ZZ classics from every era of the band's existence, convincing costumes, real beards, and spot-on stage show set



with ticket prices ranging from \$25-\$35.

**Remembering Red: Tribute to Red Skelton**  
Saturday, January 18, 7 p.m.  
Brian Hoffman's tribute to Red Skelton is a light hearted trip down memory lane. His expert portrayal of Red Skelton will have you in stitches with some of Red's most well-known characters. Laugh with Clem Kaddiddlehopper, giggle with Gertrude and Heathcliffe, and feel the love of Freddy the Freeloader. Add a little "Guzzlers Gin" and some pantomimes and you'll be remembering Red Skelton, America's



them apart from other tribute acts. No Cover!

**Jo Dee Messina - NEW!**  
Saturday, February 8, 8 p.m.  
Jo Dee Messina is an award-winning, multi-platinum selling artist whose music is as defiant and energetic as the artist herself. She has had years of chart-topping success with three #1 albums and nine #1 singles including "Heads Carolina, Tails California" and "You're Not in Kansas Anymore." Jo Dee has won the ACM's Top New Female Vocalist award, the



Confused, as well as Sahara, and Emmy award winning TV shows Friday Night Lights and That 70s Show. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$35.

**Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone**  
Saturday, April 5, 4 & 7 p.m. (NEW DATE)  
Universally regarded as one of rock and roll's finest and most versatile entertainers, Peter Noone is second to none! Noone is a multi-talented entertainer who at the age of fifteen achieved international fame as "Herman," lead singer of the legendary sixties pop band Herman's Hermits. Herman's Hermits sold over sixty million recordings with fourteen singles and seven albums going gold. The Hermits were twice named Cashbox's "Entertainer of the Year." Noone's classic hits include "I'm Into Something Good,"





## The Holy Mackerel

by Rich Belmont

Elizabeth, Illinois, home of the Apple River Fort, is a small town with a population of about 760 people. It's East on Highway 20 only 35 minutes and 30 miles from the Julien Dubuque Bridge and 15 minutes and 15 miles from Galena. I confess I only considered Elizabeth a place to drive through on my way to Chicago. Well, not anymore, my foodie friends, Elizabeth is now a destination and a frequent one at that!



That's because it is the home of The Holy Mackerel. This is one of those rare finds: a big city restaurant in a small town. I suppose you can say this mackerel is holy because it is inside a building originally constructed circa 1874 as a Presbyterian Church. It was situated on a curve in a trail built in 1832 called Mail Trace, an Illinois stagecoach road winding through Galena, Kellogg's Grove and Dixon and then on to Fort Dearborn (Chicago) or Fort Clark (Peoria).



Several years ago the Church was restored to its original glory by Pat Frain who turned it into The Wedding Chapel. Pat sold it to William and Jennifer Wilson who continued doing weddings for a few more years. Then in 2009 Dan Kretschmer and his wife Denise purchased the church and created The Holy Mackerel.



This little chapel now took on a new life as a Steak and Seafood Joint as Dan calls it. Now according to my dictionary one of the definitions of joint is a slang term for a cheap bar or nightclub. Well Dan, your Holy Mackerel is no joint. Rather it is an outstanding find dining establishment hidden in plain sight on Highway 20 in Elizabeth!

Judging from the credentials of its owners the Holy Mackerel was destined to be a culinary Mecca for exquisite taste seekers. Master Chef Dan is from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Over 45 years ago he was hired at The Playboy Club and quickly became the star student of renowned Chef Jacquie formerly of Le Maximilien in Paris, France. He went on to influence the kitchens of The Red Geranium and Charley O's both in Lake Geneva. He was also a chef at the Wisconsin Club in Rochester, WI and Auctioneer's Inn in Kansasville, Wisconsin.

### The Holy Mackerel

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**HOURS:** Thu – Sun, 5 p.m. -Close, Mon-Wed, Closed

**DINING STYLE:** Casual **NOISE LEVEL:** Conversational

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Flat Bread, Stuffed Portabella, House Salad with Chicken, Roasted Canadian Walleye, Baked Pacific Salmon, Sea Scallops, Grilled Ahi Tuna, Giant Prawns, Beef Tenderloin and Shrimp or Lobster Skewer, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Rack of Lamb, New York Strip or Ribeye Steak, Bread Pudding, Fruit Pies especially Dark Cherry

**LIQUOR SERVICE:** Full Bar

**PRICES:** \$15.95 to \$36.95

**PAYMENT:** Cash, Debit, Checks, Credit (No AMEX)

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Side Door and Restrooms

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**PARKING:** On street and close public parking.

It was at the Auctioneer's Inn Dan gained the experience and expertise necessary to be given the title Master Chef. Back in the day the Auctioneer's Inn, which was in the middle of a cornfield, was a hangout for celebrities who were doing shows in Chicago and Milwaukee. Big name stars would go to The Playboy Club and then be taken by helicopter to the Auctioneer's Inn. The likes of Vic Damone, Sonny & Cher and Liberace would enjoy

themselves in relative seclusion. They expected the best food money could buy and money was no object.

Master Chef Dan attributes a great deal of his success to the owner of the Auctioneer's Inn, the late Colonel Hope L. Waldecker (1927-2003). She was a celebrity in her own right. After graduating from Wellesley College with degrees in German and French she joined the US Army and was an interpreter at the Nuremberg Trials. She was also the first model for Shalimar Perfume and was a certified auctioneer (hence the title Colonel). She owned and operated the Auctioneer's Inn for 33 years.

Dan's wife Denise is the Pastry Chef at The Holy Mackerel. She developed her expertise cooking at the French Country Inn and baking at Grandview Restaurant in the Geneva Inn.

Their restaurant is a family business. Their son, Waylon, is the Sous Chef when he is not working as Chef at The Cove Restaurant in Apple River. Daughter Allison is a hostess and waitress and daughter Gwen Benson is General Manager and waitress. Their daughter-in-law, Gina, also works in the business as well as friend Candy Bailey.



This restaurant operates on a simple principle: fresh ingredients, simply prepared. All sauces, dressings, purées and even the ice cream are made in-house. None of these items are held over from one week to the next. Anything not used by Sunday night is discarded. Most of the menu entrees are cooked simply with only white wine, butter, olive oil, garlic and chicken stock.

All of the appetizers are delicious so it's hard to single a couple of them out (see photos atop this page).



The Portabella Mushrooms are stuffed with sautéed sweet Italian sausage and provolone cheese. The Flat Bread is made from Denise's homemade dough and is covered with diced tomatoes, spinach, garlic, olive oil and provolone. The Mackerel Cakes are named after the restaurant and not because they are made from mackerel. In fact, they are prepared from a combination of shrimp, scallops and lump crab before being coated with Panko bread crumbs and baked. By the way, there is no deep fryer in this restaurant so you won't find French fries anywhere on the menu.

After you have appetizers your waitress will bring a basket of fresh baked rolls and croissants (Kwah-Sahnts). These are just fabulous and you will find you cannot eat just one. Not to worry, though, because if you ask your server nicely she will be happy to bring you some more!



The steaks are USDA Choice Grade, hand-cut by the Chef and purposely oversized. For example, the New York Strip is listed at 16 ounces but is really closer to 20. The steaks are charbroiled so take the time to look at the grill marks. They are perfectly etched on both sides. This is one of the signs of an experienced chef!

If you like your steak rare this is a good place to ask for a Pittsburgh Style Steak. Only the best steakhouses know what this is. Pittsburgh Rare, also known as a Black and Blue, is any steak heated to a very high temperature very quickly so it is charred on the outside but still very rare on the inside. Many foodies say this is the only way to enjoy high quality steaks.



Master Chef Dan says his seafood is prepared simply. And he is right, it is simply magnificent! The Roasted Canadian Walleye is very popular because it is prepared with special herbs and white wine. The Baked or Grilled Pacific Salmon comes with an enticing olive relish. The Sea Scallops are sautéed in white wine, olive oil and a little garlic.



Ahi Tuna is grilled with fire roasted red bell pepper, garlic and tomato purée. And of course no top steak and seafood house would be without lobster. Chef Dan only serves Canadian Cold Water Lobster Tails. They have whiter meat and are considered more tender than warm water tails because they grown slower in cold water. You can order Twin Lobster Tails with drawn butter or the way I prefer: skewered with Beef Tenderloin.



While I am thinking of skewers I am reminded how much I enjoyed the Beef Tenderloin and Gulf Shrimp. Only Wild Caught Shrimp from Galveston, Texas are served here. They are harvested with trawls which are cone shaped nets towed along the bottom in waters near shore. Here is an interesting fun fact: the commercial harvesting of shrimp from Galveston Bay amounts to an annual harvest averaging 3.5 million pounds with a value of approximately 6.5 million dollars.

The Prawns here are an excellent choice too. They are Super Colossal size (4 to 6 per pound) resembling miniature lobsters with sweet, succulent meat.



A great way to enjoy your choice of Chicken, Beef, Scallops or Shrimp is in a Provencale (Pro-vohn-sahl) (above). This means your meat or seafood comes to you on a bed of sautéed green and red peppers, onions, mushrooms and garlic.



On a recent visit members of my tasting team also enjoyed a fabulous Chicken Breast stuffed with smoked ham, spinach, pine nuts and provolone and covered with a white wine and herb cream sauce. They raved about the Roasted New Zealand Rack of Lamb with Bordeaux peppercorn sauce.



There is a nice selection of beers to choose from and a trendy collection of wines. The wine selections are all favorites of the Chef. Wine by the glass is reasonably priced between \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Groups of 10 or more can book private parties on Monday through Wednesday nights. The Holy Mackerel will be open for dinner New Years Eve. Master Chef Dan is planning some truly memorable entrées to help celebrate the New Year.



Do you recall my saying Denise is a Master Pastry Chef? Of course you must try some of her luscious desserts! The signature dessert is the awesome Cranberry White Chocolate Pecan Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce. The Turtle Cheesecake, Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake and Flourless Chocolate Cake with homemade ice cream are all sensational. And the fruit pies are as good as you will find anywhere. On the night we visited my team had a choice of Apple, Blueberry, Rhubarb, Mixed Berry, and my favorite, Dark Cherry.





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For the first time in movie history, audiences will truly see and feel what it was like when dinosaurs ruled the Earth.

**Grudge Match** (Dec 25) (PG-13) Two retired boxers (Sylvester Stallone and Robert DeNiro) settle a long-standing beef by heading back into the ring in this sports drama from director Peter Segal.

**The Secret Life of Walter Mitty** (Dec 25) (PG) Ben Stiller directs and stars in the classic story of a day-dreamer who escapes his anonymous life by disappearing into a world of fantasies until real world threats see him embarking on a global journey that



turns into an adventure more extraordinary than anything he could have ever imagined.

**The Wolf of Wall Street** (Dec 25) (R) Martin Scorsese re-teams with Leonardo DiCaprio on this adaptation of Jordan Belfort's memoir surrounding his indulgent ride as a crooked banker made headlines in the 1990's.

**47 Ronin** (Dec 25) (PG-13)

Keanu Reeves leads the cast as Kai, an outcast who joins Oishi (Hiroyuki Sanada), the leader of 47 outcast samurai. Together they seek vengeance upon the treacherous overlord who killed their master and banished their kind.

**The Railway Man** (Jan 1)

A former POW from WWII (Colin Firth) learns to make peace with a previous tormentor in this drama co-starring Nicole Kidman.



## MOVIE BUZZ

Jason Segel will reportedly be joining Jesse Eisenberg in The End of the Tour, Anonymous Content's adaptation of David Lipsky's book Although Of Course You End Up Becoming Yourself: A Road Trip With David Foster Wallace. Segel will play Wallace, the late postmodernist writer who killed himself in 2008, while Eisenberg will play Lipsky, the Rolling Stone reporter who went with Wallace on the end of the author's tour for his seminal Infinite Jest.

Joel Coen (of the brothers' Coen) revealed "there's a good chance" the next film with George Clooney will be Hail Caesar, a comedy meant to round out the directors' uneven "Numskull Trilogy" of Clooney buffoonery, as seen previously in Intolerable Cruelty and O Brother, Where Art Thou? Clooney would play an old matinee idol making a biblical epic.

Jason Clarke's performance in Zero Dark Thirty already won him a leading role

in the new Planet of the Apes film, and now he's been offered to be Terminator's new John Connor, joining aged learning computer Arnold Schwarzenegger and either Brie Larson or Emilia Clarke as Sarah Connor. The title: Terminator: Genesis.

Paramount and producer-star Brad Pitt have found a new director for the World War Z seque in Juan Antonio Bayona, the Spanish The Orphanage director who last helmed the Naomi Watts-Ewan McGregor tsunami drama The Impossible.

Warner Bros. and director Zack Snyder, who drew some criticism that their choice of Wonder Woman in Gal Gadot, have now chosen Game of Thrones and Conan star Jason Momoa for either Martian Manhunter or Superman villain Doomsday. The join Henry Cavill as Superman.

Three different films are in development about NFL football concussions, including one from Ridley Scott.



## How to Wake Up on Christmas Day

by pam kress-dunn

You know how they say "the squeaky wheel gets the grease"? In most cases it's true; the person who keeps objecting to the way things are gets more attention than the one who quietly keeps doing things the same old way, even if that same old way is really dumb.

I'm not talking about people, though. I'm talking about . . . detectors. Admit it – when your smoke detector goes off, the first thing you do is curse it, and the second thing is to call 911 to put out the fire.

No, it's not. If you're anything like me, I'll bet what you do is grab a chair or a broom and poke the thing with a finger to shut it up. (If you are tall, you just walk over and address it, unaided.) That usually suffices to quiet down a detector that has detected not the smoke from a fire in the living room, but a low battery.

If you are a good citizen, you then find a new battery, insert it, and pat yourself on the back for doing your patriotic duty. Because every dwelling should have functioning smoke detectors, except – in my house – at Thanksgiving and Christmas, when the roast beast tends to send out smoke signals as it "browns" in the oven. Blackened chicken, anyone?

We really are pretty good about smoke detectors. We also have a plug-in carbon monoxide detector. It's been in our house for over ten years, silently checking for poisonous

gas in the hallway outside the bedrooms, the best place to have one. Articles about CO poisoning describe it as "odorless and colorless," giving it an especially sinister air.

About a week ago, we started hearing chirping sounds. Since it's winter, we knew it wasn't songbirds. So we followed the noise, the hateful noise of the smoke detector going off. Only this time, it was the carbon monoxide detector. Since it doesn't take a battery, we figured it might be malfunctioning. My husband, Bob, went to the nearest hardware store to purchase a new one.

By the next day, that one was going off, too. Bob read the directions and learned that the basement is a terrible place to put a CO detector, so we figured that Oh, that's why it went off. Not to worry. He brought it upstairs to the dining table. By then the old one was plugged back in, this time in the living room so we could keep an eye – or an ear – on it.

It wasn't long before both of them were peeping. Still convinced it was a machine malfunction and not a CO emergency, since, hey, all three of us – Bob, me, and the cat – were feeling fine, he went out and bought yet another one.

When all three of them went off, I had this idea. "You know," I said, "these are detectors. Maybe they're detecting something." Something like, um, carbon monoxide?



We then spent far too long trying to find the number for non-emergency dispatch in the not-very-useful phonebook. Because, you know, we were fine. It was the detectors that were going nuts, not us. We didn't want to sound alarmist about our alarms.

Finally, Bob called 911. The nice dispatcher told him she would notify the fire department right away, and that we should not open any windows or doors, so they could get an accurate reading. If she said to go outside, he didn't hear that part. So we waited, nonchalantly breathing the possibly deadly air.

About five minutes later, there it came, the really big fire engine that could hardly fit down our street. Up the stairs came two firemen. When the first one reached our enclosed front porch, he called back to his buddy, "Nope, I'm not getting any – wait a minute." He then called out some number that apparently was not a good one when it comes to carbon monoxide.

Forgive me, but it looked like the Ghostbusters were checking out our little house. They went upstairs, they went downstairs. Our cat went into shock, and hid somewhere. Once

it had been established that we had twelve times the lethal limit of CO in our house, they kindly suggested that we wait on the porch. So we put on our coats and did that. (Lucky thing we keep a sofa there for lounging in the summer.) Once they disabled the cause, we were invited back in so we could open windows while they propped open the doors.

So what was the culprit? Our water heater, venting inside instead of out. (I cringed as one fireman explained, "The cobwebs were going this way instead of that way.") They turned it off, checked some more, and declared the house CO-free. One fireman said, "You no longer have a gas problem; now you have a cat problem." (Leo came down the stairs, cautiously, after they left.)

We went back through the house, closing windows as the furnace kicked into gear. Someone from the gas company came the next day, as well as a city inspector. We had our new water heater, complete with a pricey power vent, just one day after that. Although we hid the dirty dishes in the dishwasher, we were, amazingly, able to take showers for the duration. Short but warm showers.

Oddly, I had no headaches that entire weekend, even though I usually have them All. The. Time. What I'd been complaining about was an off odor. CO may be odorless to the common nose. Mine? I can smell anything, though I can't always identify it.

So that's how to make sure you wake up Christmas morning. Buy a carbon monoxide detector. And if it goes off? Believe it. -pam2617@yahoo.com

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Well, as early as winter arrived this year, I guess it should be no surprise that December will soon be coming to an end and with it, the year of 2013. That, of course, means it's time to celebrate the tying up of those loose ends, flapping in that frigid wind, and the promise of new beginnings on a crisp January morn. In other words, it's party time! We start with a few early birds and then give you a whole list of options to get your New Year's Eve on.

#### **Dubuque Community Y Family New Year's Party Friday, December 27**

Looking for a New Year's Eve party for the whole family? Dubuque Community Y will be hosting a safe, affordable family-friendly New Year's Eve-styled year-end party (a few days early) Friday, December 27 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. For the event the Y is transformed into a family-friendly party space which will include face painting, inflatable rides, "The Rock," games, laser tag, and a balloon drop at 9 p.m. (so you can get the kids in bed way before midnight!). The event will also offer a shuttle to see the lights at Reflections in the Park. Advanced tickets for the event are just \$10 per family for Y members, \$20 for non-members and \$25 at the door the day of the event. Concessions will be available. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 563-556-3371

#### **New Diggings General Store & Inn Aaron Williams and the Hoo Doo Sunday, December 29**

If you're looking to celebrate the year-end but don't want to wait until a Tuesday night, Kelli and Lou at the New Diggings General Store will "repurpose" the Diggs' popular Sunday afternoon live music into a fun and festive Year End Party on Sunday, December 29. Award-winning Madison blues band Aaron Williams & the HooDoo will provide the dancing music from 3:30



to 7:30, to be followed by a big fireworks display (about 8:15, outside, of course). Guests can then warm up and grab a bite inside with Kelli's free buffet. Fans of the Diggs should note that this will be your last chance to celebrate at the General Store and Inn as they will be closed on New Years Eve and New Years Day.

#### **Northside Bar New Year's Eve Afternoon Bash**

With Southland Entertainment & Little White Lie Northside Bar on Jackson gets the New Year's Eve party started early with the New Year's Eve Afternoon Bash, starting at 4 p.m. The Afternoon Bash will feature continuous party music, switching off each hour or so between Southland Entertainment and Little White Lie. There will be food from Watershed Café, drink specials and party favors and a champagne toast. You might be wondering, "If I start partying at 4, how am I going to make it to midnight?" The answer? You don't have to! Northside will count down to the New Year around 8 p.m., which according to our estimates would be midnight on the east edge of Greenland. Hey, it's five o'clock somewhere! Do it right and you can be home safe when all the "amateurs" are just starting to get crazy out there.

#### **Hotel Julien Dubuque Grande Ballroom**

For those looking for a bit more sophisticated

celebration of New Year's Eve, the Hotel Julien Dubuque hosts a special night in the beautifully restored hotel's Grande Ballroom. A "black tie, optional" dinner and dance begins at 7 p.m. with a Signature Five Course Dinner (featuring wine and Boursin Beef Tenderloin or Caramelized Salmon), prepared by Executive Chef Andrew, followed by dancing to the big band music of the Ken Kilian Orchestra. The night winds up with a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight and a late night snack buffet. New Year's Eve party favors will be provided. The whole package is just \$150 per couple. For those who really want to make a night of it, an overnight stay package is also available, which includes the dinner and dance along with a night's stay in a Hotel Julien executive king or double queen room for just \$350 (based on double occupancy). For more information or to make a reservation, call 563-588-5573 or email salescoordinator@hoteljuliendubuque.com.

#### **Riverboat Lounge Hotel Julien Dubuque**

Of course, if you're style of dancing is more booty-shakin' than ballroom, the Julien's Riverboat Lounge will be bangin' from 4 p.m. until close. DJ Double J, one of the Tri-State's most popular masters of the decks will be spinning the tunes to get the party hopping right through midnight and into 2014.

#### **Stone Cliff Winery**

True Colors, featuring Becky McMahon & Charles Harris Stone Cliff invites everyone to join them to celebrate New Year's Eve with True Colors featuring Becky McMahon and Charles Harris from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Becky and Charles will lead the party with limbo and dance contests, karaoke, snacks, party hats and horns, and a toast of the bubbly at midnight. Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25 so grab a friend for the party!





**Mississippi Moon Bar  
New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos  
Featuring Carlson & Bukoweiki  
Diamond Jo Casino**

The Mississippi Moon Bar at the Diamond Jo Casino certainly knows how to host a good time and New Year's Eve is no exception. The Diamond Jo gets the party started with a Moon Bar favorite – Dueling Pianos at 8 p.m. For this special New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos, the Moon Bar will feature two amazing pianists at the grand pianos, Carlson & Bukoweiki. General admission tickets are just \$10 and include party favors and a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight. Visit [diamond-jodubuque.com](http://diamond-jodubuque.com) to reserve tickets or for more info.



**Hunter Fuerste and his  
American Vintage Orchestra  
Dubuque County Fairgrounds Ballroom**

Looking for an old-fashioned dance party to ring in the New Year? Join Hunter Fuerste and his American Vintage Orchestra as they present an authentic recreation of the big band era at the Dubuque County Fairground's Grand Ballroom, 14583 Old Highway Road. The party, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. includes dancing, a champagne toast at midnight, party favors and a midnight buffet. Tickets are \$30 in advance through December 20, and \$40, following. Call (563) 588-1406 to order by phone or stop in the Fair Office.

**New Year's Eve Party with Scott "Smokin'" Silz  
Mystique Casino**

Mystique Casino hosts a fun New Year's Eve dance party with acclaimed Chicagoland personality and award-winning DJ Scott "Smokin'" Silz, of the famed Hot Mix 5 radio team. His career spans some of Chicago's leading music stations including V-103, 107.5 WGCI FM and WBMX, among others. Recently named one of the 10 most influential DJs in the world along with his Hot Mix 5 team. No cover charge!



**The Lift  
New Year's Eve Party with DJ Jevity**

The Lift, the underground bar at 180 Main Street in Dubuque celebrates New Year's Eve with dance party hosted by DJ Jevity. Get your New Year's Eve groove on, Lift style, with fun music, dancing, and one of the best tap beer selections on Main Street. You know it's gonna be a party.

**Eronel  
New Year's Eve Party**

It's still tentative as of press time, but we feel pretty confident announcing that eronel will be hosting the Whiskey Pigs from Carbondale, Illinois for New Year's Eve. They're they perfect back for kick ass New Year's Party as their rockabilly country roots scream good times. It's going to be a great New Year's Eve party because that's what Eronel does. On the party side of things, cheap drinks (\$1.50 rail drinks, \$2 PBR tallboys, \$2 domestic bottles) and a champagne toast at midnight should move things in the right direction.

**Easy Street**

Easy Street regulars know that the South Main Street bar knows how to party so when Easy Street throws a New Year's Eve party, you know it's going to be a good one. Celebrating the end of a great year and toasting a new one, Easy Street will have both bars open with drink specials all night and a free champagne toast at midnight.

**Sheer Nightclub  
Penny Party**

Sheer Nightclub at 920 Main invites everyone to ring in the New Year at Sheer with a unique New Year's Eve drink special. Purchase a special NYE wristband for \$30 and drinks all night are just a penny! That's right, penny drinks! (Note that some premium bevies are not included.) Otherwise you can just buy drinks at regular prices if wristbands are not your thing. But drinks are just the party starter, with DJs and dancing both up- and downstairs, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, glow sticks, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight.

**Spirits Bar & Grille, Days Inn  
Steve Cavanaugh and Randy Droessler**

Spirits Bar & Grille at the Days Inn just off Highway 20 hosts a no cover New Year's Eve party with live music by Steve Cavanaugh and Randy Droessler from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. That doesn't mean you have to wait until 9 to start the party – the bar opens at 3 p.m.! Spirits will be getting in the well ... spirit with a free party favors and a champagne toast at midnight to ring in the New Year. Wanna really cut loose? The Days Inn has special

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### **Courtside Sports Bar & Grill 8 Balls**

Courtside Sports Bar & Grill invites you to "Party and Crash" with a special package deal. The party starts at 9 p.m. with live music from 8 Balls, a raffle and door prizes that include a flat screen TV and other prizes. The \$5 cover enters you to win, with additional tickets for each drink you purchase, but stay on your toes as you must be present to win. The "crash" part comes in if you've collected, uh ... too many tickets. Courtside has a special New Year's Eve party rate at the nearby Holiday Inn Express, \$82 for the night. (Be sure to mention Courtside when making your reservation!) That way you can work toward collecting those winning tickets!

### **Knicker's Saloon A Bizarre Gardening Accident**

Kicker's hosts a bizarre New Year's Eve party with live music by A Bizarre Gardening Accident. Okay, maybe the party itself won't be so bizarre offering the standard party staples of cold drinks, good music, dancing, and the sort of crazy good times for which Knicker's is known.

### **Eichman's Renegade**

Oh boy, you know classic rock band Renegade always brings the party but Renegade at Eichman's? And on New Year's Eve, no less? Well, that's the makings of a party of epic proportions. The band starts at 9:30 p.m. and there will be a champagne toast at midnight but we already told you all you really need to know.

### **Budde's Nixon**

Budde's Bar in Dubuque's Key West neighborhood hosts a New Year's Eve party featuring the classic rock of power trio Nixon from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Save some money for a new face in 2014 as there is a very good chance Nixon will rock the one you have completely off.

### **Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill New Year's Eve with Meghan Davis & Andreas Tranzo The Irish Cottage**

The Irish Cottage along Highway 20 east of Galena invites you to ring in the New Year at Frank O'Dowd's! The party starts in the

afternoon with Meghan Davis taking the stage at 2 p.m. Meghan is an upcoming guitarist/singer from northwestern Illinois. Influences include Ed Sheeran, Stevie Nicks, Adam Levine, Jason Mraz, Nora Jones, and Jack Johnson. Andreas Tranzo will keep the party going, taking the stage at 6:00 p.m., which, coincidentally, happens to be midnight, Irish time. A storyteller, writer and musician based out of the Ocooch Mountains of the Driftless Region in Southwestern Wisconsin, Andreas Tranzo performs mostly traditional and contemporary Irish, English, Scottish and American folk music. Irish Dancers perform one 20-minute show between 5:30 & 6:00 p.m. Cheers!

### **Galena Brewing Co. Outta Control**

Outta Control is what some people get on New Year's Eve but that's what everybody's gonna get at the Galena Brewing Company that night. Classic rock quartet Outta Control will provide the music for the celebration with Galena Brew offering a special New Year's Eve menu, a whole list of tasty craft beers brewed on site and just to keep with tradition, a free champagne toast at midnight. The band starts at 8 so don't be late!

### **Jason Ray Brown Grape Escape**

Miss Kitty's Grape Escape celebrates New Year's Eve with "The One Man Band" Jason Ray Brown, performing from 8 to midnight. Wanna party like a VIP? Reserve a table with bottle service (wine@GrapeEscapeGalena.com) and party like a rock star. Being one of Galena's favorite wine and martini bars you can bet there will be plenty to drink and we're guessing there will be champagne and cake.

### **The Cornerstone The Matriarchs**

The Cornerstone celebrates New Year's Eve with a performance by decidedly female folk and bluegrass trio The Matriarchs from 9 p.m. Pearl, Riley, and Lily will be pickin' and stompin' up a rootsy dance party worthy of a new year, while Lehn satisfies the thirsty from behind the bar. Sounds like a party.

### **Fever River String Band Anton's Saloon**

The Fever River String Band sends out the old year and rings in the new at Anton's

Saloon in New Diggings, Wisconsin from 8 p.m. to midnight. The band will play their mix of bluegrass and old timey country around the wood stove to celebrate. Bob & Donna have plenty of food and drink to match.

### **Sandy Hook Tavern Crystal Leather**

Did you know it is legal for Wisconsin bars to stay open all night on one particular night of the year? Any guesses which night that is? Let us tell you about the Sandy Hook Tavern's New Year's Eve party and maybe you can figure it out. While the bar will be open all evening the real party will get started about 11 p.m. with the Tri-State's "ultimate '80s tribute band" Crystal Leather. An all-star super group of seasoned Dubuque area musicians, Crystal Leather rocks some

of the best of that era, from arena rock to hair metal, with a bit of '80s pop and '70s prog rock thrown in. Because it is New Year's Eve, the Hook will celebrate with a free brut champagne toast and fireworks (from Platte River Fireworks) at midnight. Crystal Leather will play until about 3 a.m., followed by a free catered breakfast buffet at 4 a.m. But that doesn't mean you have to go home because the bar is staying open ALL NIGHT! Cover charge for the night is \$10 (starting from 9 p.m.). If you live in Grant County, we suggest you utilize the inexpensive ride service from the Grant County, Wisconsin branch of Road Crew (608-732-7437). We also suggest you get some rest and re-hydrate on Wednesday.

### **Happy New Year!**



# mattitude

be yourself, improve yourself

## Overcoming Negativity

by matt booth

We live in a negative world. On top of the big world events, you go through a multitude of negative events and situations in your life that are beyond your control and understanding. Just take a look or listen around. There is starvation, floods, murder, rape, hurricanes, homicides, debt, unemployment, illness, tornadoes, shootings, wars, death, bullying, protests, sexism, racism, and it is getting worst. Negativity is so common it is becoming a normal way of living. Negativity ruins lives. Not just your life, but the lives of those around you. You can easily wander into negative lifestyle, but you can't wander out of it. Overcoming negativity is a difficult job, one which takes awareness, time, energy, knowledge and oh yeah, an attitude.

Negativity sucks the energy out of you and cripples you inwardly. It impedes progress and severely limits your ability to intelligently navigate through your daily life. Your capacity to make good decisions is curtailed by negativity. When you give into negativity, you will feel bad mentally and physically. Mental feelings can go from anger, frustration, irritability, to even anxiety and depression. You will also feel bad physically because the body lowers its defenses.

Negativity breeds negativity. When you have a negative emotion toward another, that person will pick up on it and will have a boomerang response. These negative vibes are like invisible daggers and hit a person and they respond back accordingly, mostly negative. This is how arguments start. When I become negative toward something, let's use visiting my in-laws for Christmas as an example, it becomes difficult and sometimes

impossible for me to act intelligently during the visit. My negative thoughts and can-opener face feed into the negativity of the situation at hand. The actions that come about bring forth corresponding responses from my in-laws and the events associated with the visit. I've become very good at pointing out the negative things they do and they've become very good at pointing out the negative things I do. My in-laws are awesome people whom I love very much. Is it really that hard for me to see that?

It's a big task to try to overcome negativity, because it's so ingrained and powerful. It is always easier to see the negative than to make an effort to see the positive side of people or events. Switching to positive thoughts is a matter of making a conscious

effort. If the roots of negativity within can be observed and seen, it can gradually be reduced. Becoming a more positive person is a big challenge and every negative person and event in the world will try to stop you. To overcome negative thoughts, you need not fight them, but rather replace them with positive thoughts.

My attitude and your attitude, positive or negative, compel us to act accordingly. It is not only possible to overcome negativity, it is necessary. The actions and events in life change when the ways of responding to people and situations change. When you respond calmly and intelligently to the actions and words of others, you can change the way that they live their lives for the better. It is a lot of work to overcome negativity, and it is worth it.



## Mattitude Quote

"A deliberate positive attitude is more powerful than default negativity." - Matt Booth

Engaging keynote speaker, Matt Booth, is the attitude expert. He is an Award-winning speaker and author. Through his keynote speeches and programs, he changes the way people think so they can change their actions. To find out how Matt can help your group improve their attitudes, call 563-590-9693 or email matt@mattbooth.com.



## The Thomas Determan Global Perspectives Endowment/Scholarship Awards

Are you "thinking globally" these days? Are you affected by global events, trends, and issues in some way or another? Maybe it's the price of food or fuel. Perhaps your new neighbor is someone new to Dubuque who you would enjoy meeting. Indeed, you may know a person whose rights were violated in the justice system.

All of these and other examples illustrate our everyday lives make us citizens of the Earth, that "big blue marble" that does not recognize the human barriers, silos, fences and walls to build an obsolete sense that we can "go it alone".

I am a formally retired, yet perpetual educator. Part of what I wish to leave behind is the notion that "Global is the new normal".

To do so, I have established The Thomas Determan Global Education Endowment. Its initial mission is to invest in high school seniors who seek to take a global perspective into their adult lives and careers as leaders. The next step is the establishment of global education seminars to

enhance educators' ability to infuse global perspectives into all levels and disciplines of K-12 education.

Your investment in this vision is needed. You know that we face substantial new realities in the nature of interdependence, conflict management, environmental sustainability, protecting human dignity and rights and, finally, choosing the alternatives before us that will help us live up to our promise. That promise is usually this phrase, "I want to leave this place a better one for my children and grandchildren"

**Go to my website: [tdglobal.org](http://tdglobal.org)**

Call me (563-564-7978) or write me [thomdeterman410@gmail.com](mailto:thomdeterman410@gmail.com) or stop by (call first, please) for a chat about my activities.



Finally, I leave you with the words of Mahatma Gandhi ,  
**"Be the change you seek in the world".**

*Publisher's Note: Thom has not only been a teacher for some of us at 365ink, but was also a mentor during the creation of Dubuque365 and a long time friend. Few people leave as lasting an impression and challenge you to answer more important questions about yourself and your world as Thom Determan. Though his time with us may be shorter than we'd like, we can't imagine anyone making more of that time. We hope you join us in supporting the creation of a legacy to Thom's global vision.*







## Indulgent Bites: Holiday Appetizers

with nutritionists  
Megan Horstman & Amber Jaeger

Holidays are a time to treat yourself and loved ones to delicious homemade dishes, but New Year's resolutions can pressure people to stick to a restrictive diet or avoid yummy treats that might pack on pounds. Depriving yourself of treats over the holiday season can actually lead to more weight gain than the gain for people who do not restrict themselves, according to a 2008 study in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

This season, indulge in these low-calorie bite-size appetizers. Just one will leave you satisfied without feeling like you let down your New Year's resolution.

### Molten Chocolate & Fresh Raspberry Mini Phyllo Tarts

Serves: 15



#### All you need:

- 1 tablespoon fat-free half-and-half
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chunks or chips
- 1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon agave syrup
- Pinch of instant coffee
- 15 Athens® Mini Fillo Shells (1 box)
- 15 fresh raspberries
- Mint leaves, for garnish

#### All you do:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a small microwavable bowl, combine half-and-half, chocolate, vanilla, agave syrup and instant coffee. Microwave for 2 minutes on 50% power, stopping every 20 seconds to stir the chocolate mixture. It is important not to boil or overheat the chocolate. The chocolate should be melted into the half-and-half and be slightly warm, not hot.

• Before filling shells, place the shells on a baking sheet and bake in preheated 350°F oven for 3-5 minutes for added crispness. Fill each shell half-full with melted chocolate mixture.

• Top each with a fresh raspberry and garnish with mint. Serve immediately.

- Recipe from Athensfoods.com



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**Early New Year's Eve Party for Young Adults**  
Asbury Branch  
Monday, December 30th, 8-10 p.m.

What will the New Year bring? How about an early Young Adult New Year's Eve Party! Winter Games Trivia Challenge, puzzles, crafts, other games, prizes & FOOD! This event is for 7th grade & older.

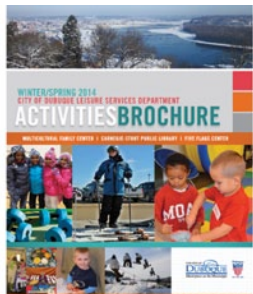
**Family Movies @Your Library**  
Start off the New Year with Family time!  
**Saturday, January 4th**  
Showing: DESPICABLE ME 2, Rated PG  
**Saturday, January 11th**  
Showing: Planes, Rated PG  
**Thursday, January 16th**  
Showing: DESPICABLE ME 2, Rated PG

Check our web site [www.dubcolib.lib.ia.us](http://www.dubcolib.lib.ia.us) for other programs coming up in the New Year...LEGOs, Family & Preschool Story Times, Craft Night, American Girl, Baby & U and something NEW... Tech Time!

<b>Five Convenient County Locations... Same Great Service!</b>  <b>Asbury Branch</b> 5900 Saratoga Plaza, Suite 5 563-582-0008	<b>Farley/Drexler Middle School</b> 405 3rd Ave. N.E. 563-744-3371 ext. 5160  <b>Epworth</b> 110 Bierman Road S.E. 563-876-3388	<b>Holy Cross</b> 895 Main Street 563-870-2082  <b>NICC / Peosta</b> 8342 NICC Drive 563-556-5110 ext. 224
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The **Winter/Spring 2014 Brochure** is now available. The first day for online registration will be Thursday, December 26 at 8:00am and in-person registration will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2014. There are numerous NEW offerings so be sure to pick up a copy today at the Leisure Services Office, 2200 Bunker Hill rd.! Brochures will also be available at City Hall, Carnegie Stout Library, the Multicultural Family Center, Five Flags, and Mystique Ice Center! You can visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation) to view the brochure online or to register!

#### WINTER CAMP

School's out...Let's PLAY!

**Class# 0300.100 - \$24 per person, Grades 1st - 4th / A-H Upper Level Monday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

This camp will provide participants with an opportunity to be involved in hands on activities like making rainbow loom bracelets, hiking outdoors, building snowmen and forts, and making lunch. Dress for the outside and being in the snow! Before and after camp care will be available for an additional \$5 per hour.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION PROGRAM WEEKEND OPEN GYM

Children in grades 3-5 can participate in activities such as basketball, kickball, dodgeball, cage ball, etc. Grade 6 through adult will have open basketball play. No

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**FRIDAY:** Prescott Elementary, grade 6 through high school/adult.

**SATURDAY:** Audubon and Prescott Elementary Schools, grade 3 through high school/adult.

**SUNDAY:** Prescott Elementary, grade 3 through high school/adult.

Details online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoodopengym](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/neighborhoodopengym)

#### 20th ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Basketball tournament for high school graduates of East Dubuque, Hempstead, Senior, and Wahlert. All teams will play at least two games. Modern and Women's divisions play March 28, 29, and 30. Classic and Master's Divisions play April 4, 5, and 6. Enter at [www.cityofdubuque.org/adultathletics](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/adultathletics) or in the Leisure Services Department office. Max 16 teams.

**OPEN SWIMMING** Hempstead Pool Sundays, Jan. 5 - Apr. 27 1 - 4 p.m.

No open swim on Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 16, Mar. 23, and Apr. 20

Admission (season passes honored): \$.50 (0-3), \$1.25, 4-17, \$3, 18+, \$1.25, Seniors

#### ADULT LAP SWIM/WATERWALKING

\$3 or swim pass Hempstead Pool

Sundays, Jan. 5 - Apr. 27 4 - 5 p.m.

No Adult Lap Swim/Waterwalking on Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 16, Mar. 23, and Apr. 20

#### AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The Leisure Services Department provides an after school sports BASKETBALL program for fourth and fifth grade boys and girls, conducted at a number of Dubuque public elementary schools. Registrations are due by Friday, Jan. 10. Play will begin the week of Jan. 27. You may also register online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/recreation).



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for everyone to finish. Winning teams will win some 39 Clues prizes, too! For ages 8 and up. Please register at the Children's Help Desk or by calling 563-589-4225 ext. 2228. 39\_Clues\_logo.png

#### Artemis: Spaceship Bridge Simulator

**Saturday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.**

If you are a fan of Star Trek™ you might enjoy playing Artemis: Spaceship Bridge Simulator.

Artemis is a multiplayer, multi-computer networked game for Windows computers and iOS and Android devices. Players assume the roles of the captain and bridge crew of a starship, with the networked computers providing work stations (helm, engineering, weapons, and so on) as well as mission objectives, friendly starbases, and enemy ships.



#### 39 Clues Scavenger Hunt

**Friday, December 27, 1 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Children's Program Room**

Come take a mysterious adventure through the library looking for clues and testing your scavenger skills. Enjoy other 39 Clues activities while waiting



On Saturday, December 21, at 2:30 p.m., three spaceships will embark on a mission, each with a crew of six. Space is limited to 18 players. Call the Reference desk at 563-589-4225 to sign-up.

This program free for adults 18 and over. The library will provide the computers. Set phasers to fun!

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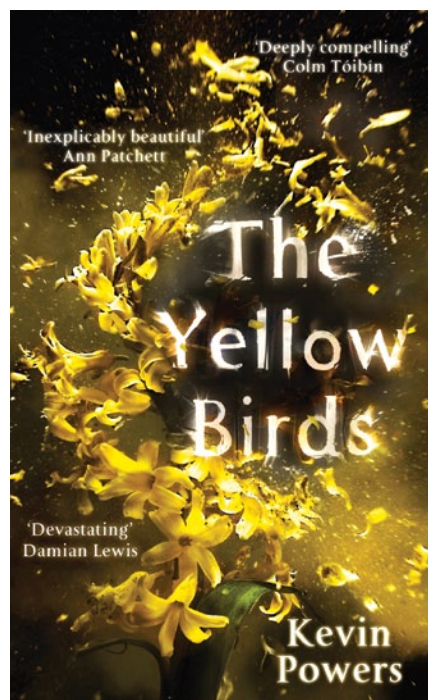
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# Canary in a Coal Mine

By Bob Gelms

Reading *The Yellow Birds*: a Novel by Kevin Powers was a searing experience, powerful, artfully written, and unhappy. It involves two soldiers just trying to stay alive during the Iraq war. It turns out that that was a lot harder to do than dying.



Mr. Powers is a veteran of the Iraq war and this is his first novel. It is written with such power and grace I would have thought this fit into a long line of fine novels. It deals with the effects of war on the participants and the people they are connected to. It is very mature writing for a first novel. It reminds me, in all the good ways, of *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Slaughterhouse Five* as the finest examples of war writing we have. This book is destined to become a classic and I understand it is already being taught in schools around the country.

It is about the numbness of war. In order to survive you have to come to grips with the fact that you might die and death in war is very arbitrary. One second you are here and the next second with no warning you are dead. In order to get used to this you have to develop a hardness that is capable of ignoring the obvious. This doesn't go away when you rotate back home. It

leaves an impression of isolation and distance. Mr. Powers writes in the book, "Nothing is more isolating than having a particular history. At least that's what I thought. Now I know: All pain is the same. Only the details are different." He has his main character, John, say this in a different way; John is the narrator in the first person; "I realized, as I stood there in the church, that there was a sharp distinction between what was remembered, what was told, and what was true. And I didn't think I'd ever figure out which was which."

This is not *Mary Poppins*. I could only read bits at a time not that it was unintelligible but rather the intense prose was so pregnant with meaning on more than one level that it was hard to take it in all at once. This is a magnificent book. If you plan on reading it and I hope you do because I'm recommending it highly, read something light before it and after it.

I have never been in combat but if this is what it's like I have a whole new appreciation for our men and women who fight our wars for us. We need to provide all the help we can bring to bear on the soldiers who come back broken and wounded both physically and mentally. I'm eagerly awaiting Mr. Powers second book because he has a lot to live up to in *The Yellow Birds*: A Novel. Something tells me we are seeing the birth of a major American writer.

## CARNEGIE/STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY

I have been asked to be a judge in the Second Annual Dubuque Tournament of Books sponsored by the Carnegie/Stout Library in Dubuque. This is a fun tournament to find the best book of 2013. Patrons of the library can enter a contest to win prizes depending on the judge's final outcome. It's a lot of fun and I can't wait. I'll have more info as the time grows closer.

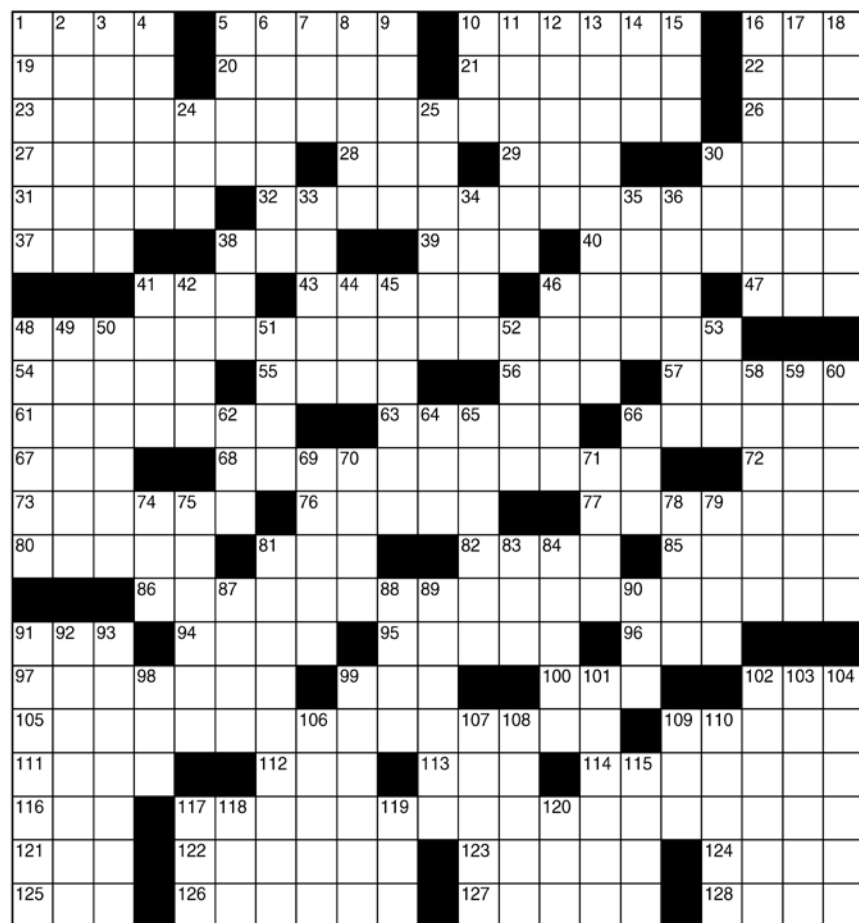
## CHRISTMAS

From all of us here in the Gelms household; Jake the Dog, Mew the Cat, Terry and me, please have a safe, happy Christmas and a splendid new year where you read more books than you did the 2013.

## PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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Move over, Steve!

Do it yourself advice from  
a new mom who knows how...

by Sara Carpenter  
from Steve's Ace Home & Garden



Once the holiday hustle and bustle is over, if you are like me, it's easy to get a case of the winter blues. I think many gardeners feel this especially hard. One easy way to connect with mother nature is to give indoor gardening a try. The Flower Shoppe at Steve's Ace is well stocked right now with beautiful plants awaiting adoption. Whether you are new to indoor plants or an experienced grower, Steve's Ace has some fun new plants for you to add to your collection. Here are some plant care pointers from our friends at The Iowa Gardener magazine that might make your experience more successful...



## Seven Simple Tips for Happy Winter Houseplants

Follow these seven simple tips to keep your houseplants healthy and attractive.

By Veronica Lorson Fowler, The Iowa Gardener

### 1) Keep them away from drafts from heat vents and open doors!

Almost like magic, tips of leaves for certain houseplants start turning brown in late fall when plants have to deal with blasts of cold air from opening doors and dry, damaging air flowing from heat vents.

As a very rough rule of thumb, keep houseplants at least 4 feet from any heat vent and around the corner or 10 feet away from any opening doors. (Helpful hint: You can put a heat deflector on some vents so they don't blow directly onto your houseplants.)

### 2) Water sparingly but regularly.

Houseplants grow more slowly in the short days of winter. Keep soil evenly moist, but don't let the soil dry out too much. Many plants will tolerate periods of neglect, but as a result, look straggly and struggling. Not your goal!

### 3) Give your houseplants some winter TLC.

Without the distractions of other plants growing outdoors, take a moment to focus on your houseplants. Repot or top off with fresh potting soil those plants that need it. Trim off spent leaves and cut off entire stems to shape your plant as desired or needed.

### 4) Avoid fertilizing in winter.

Plants are growing more slowly and don't need it. Wait until March or so.

### 5) Don't expect a long life from indoor flowering plants.

Things like cyclamen, azaleas, poinsettias, miniature roses, forced tulips and daffodils, and other plants sold to bloom indoors are not bred in such a way that they make particularly good plants after their bloom time, and getting them to rebloom can be difficult to impossible. They are considered disposable. If you want to hang on to them, good for you. But otherwise, pitch 'em.

### 6) Recognize "negative ornamental value" (a.k.a. "ugly").

The whole point of houseplants is for them to be beau-

tiful, attractive, and for us to enjoy them. If you have a plant that's not an heirloom, is struggling, and is, frankly, ugly, ask yourself why you're keeping it. It may be wiser to just dispose of it and buy something new and beautiful. Shop around—especially in January and February there are great deals on houseplants!

### 7) Transport new plants with care.

If you do buy a houseplant, be sure that it is wrapped up well in the store so that no cold outdoor air touches it on the journey from the store to your home. Work with the 18-year-old store clerk to come up with a system of a box or taped or stapled plastic bags that will insulate it from cold outdoor air. Otherwise, in the next day or two, your brand-new plant might show signs of damage.

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## TRIXIE KITSCH

BAD ADVICE FOR THE STUPID

### Dear Trixie:

I am a bit concerned about my boyfriend. He's been arrested for alcohol related issues--twice now. When we were first dating and falling in love he liked to take me to the bars and clubs in town and do lots of drinking and dancing and flirting. He always seemed jolly and laughed a great deal and never seemed to actually get drunk. I have never been much of a drinker so it was easy for me to stick to two or three drinks that I could sip on all night--like Bailey's or Drambuie. I don't like feeling drunk and I can't tolerate a hangover. I have had two in my whole life. Our relationship didn't seemed to be based solely on alcohol but I guess it was. Now we are living together and he still spends just as much time at the bars but now I stay home. I have to work in the morning and so I am asleep when he rolls in at 2 AM. We go out together on the weekends and

there have been a few times when he drank too much and I actually had to be the responsible one and get us home safely. Now he has had one drunk driving charge and a public intox charge. The public intox charge seems unfair to me. He was waiting for a cab outside a bar. Sure he was drunk--but he wasn't DRIVING! He was being responsible. He paid both fines and took the obligatory classes. He told me he was going to cut back on alcohol and stay home more. I was pleased. But it didn't work out that way. He has been drinking earlier in the day and crashing around our apartment falling into cabinets and breaking furniture. He was asked to leave the neighborhood bar because he fell into the bar and broke a bunch of glasses. When he is home I can keep an eye on him and encourage him to slow down but when he leaves the house I don't know what will happen. I can tell he is getting more depressed and that leads to more nights away from the safety of our home. I am having trouble sleeping when he's out on the town because it is winter and I am afraid he might slip and fall and die in a snow bank. What should I do?

### - Concerned and Codependent

### Dear Concerned:

Get him a helmet and get yourself some Xanax.

### Dear Trixie:

The Christmas holiday is right a round the corner and every year my parents do the same thing: starting

at Thanksgiving they start bugging us about our Christmas lists. Trixie, I am 45 years old and don't even live in the same state as my elderly parents. I haven't spent a single Christmas at home since I was in college. It used to be a few phone calls and messages left on my service and maybe a letter from my mother reminding me that she still hadn't gotten my list yet. But now that Dad has mastered the cell phone, Facebook, Twitter and e-mail I feel like I am being stalked and harassed! I tell them that I don't want anything or need anything but it makes no difference. Every year they do this to me. I have tried through the many forms of communication he utilizes to talk to him about this but it does no good. The closer we get to Christmas the more intense it becomes. And even when I give them an actual list they have NEVER gotten me anything I asked for. What is the point? Why are they like this?

### - Not A Kid Anymore

### Dear Not a Kid:

Some people like to dress up as Victorian Carolers and sing to strangers. Some people design and make their own Christmas cards. Everyone has their own unique way to wrestle themselves into the "Holiday Spirit". Your parents prefer repetitious torment and guilt. Nothing wrong with that. It's not as if they are wearing Santa Suits and being sexually aroused by having strange children sit on their laps. It's Christmas, count your blessings. It could always be worse.

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**Aries 3/21-4/19**

With the added stress of the holiday season, try not to forget that you can buy all the presents you want but the sun is still going to burn out someday.



**Taurus 4/20-5/20**

Times are hard as far as financial commitment goes. Consider selling pillowcases you've been filling full of screams for the past several years.



**Gemini 5/21-6/21**

In the technological age we live in, a handwritten note letting someone know you would like to purchase their youngest child at a reasonable cost is always appreciated.



**Cancer 6/22-7/22**

Harried mattress salesman Howard Langston is late for his son Jamie's karate class. To placate his unhappy son he asks him if there is anything he wants for Christmas. He wants Turbo Man. Howard naturally forgets to get it, and being Christmas Eve no stores have it in stock. So Howard embarks on a comical quest to find one. Your lucky number is 33.



**Leo 7/23-8/22**

Just like the woman who figured out the algorithm for scratch off ticket winners and won over \$21,000,000, you will die in a matter of 50-80 years and your money will be bickered over by people less dead than you.



**Virgo 8/23-9/22**

Stop trying to be Rocky II when you're clearly Rocky V.



**Libra 9/23-10/22**

Your past may be coming back to haunt you, or you may have just never paid any attention to the things you do and how people respond to them and, as such, have never become a better person or contributed anything to the world other than selfishness.



**Scorpio 10/23-11/21**

A time may be close approaching where you will have to make a tough decision, which you will probably botch because you will confuse that tough decision with the relatively easy decision of deciding what to name your new podcast that nobody will listen to.



**Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**

A mysterious new presence will enter your life and be sick of you sooner than you think.



**Capricorn 12/22-1/19**

You shouldn't think of your life in terms of iPhone cases, unless of course you want to fit in someone's pocket and be abused by a drunk white girl.



**Aquarius 1/20-2/18**

I don't care how lonely you feel from reading sad Buzzfeed lists, you need to stop eating nachos in bed.



**Pisces 2/19-3/20**

Maintaining good health in the winter months is key to well-being and happiness, as is maybe not posting Depeche Mode lyrics on Facebook like some sort of disaster clown.

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Sudoku Answers

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