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Bryce's inkUbator

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

My man-love for my tiny little Toro snowblower was tested this month when the blizzard-o-rama of aught-fifteen hit last week.

When we got our house about eight years ago, Mom and Dad gave me their old snow blower. It's a little two-stroke Toro that eats a small swarth of snow but spits it out about 30 feet, which is great when you don't want to build up mountains of snow next to the driveway. I have one of those drives where, at the top, there's really nowhere good to go with the snow.

Halfway through battling the foot of snow last week, it crapped out on me. First it stopped throwing snow farther than a little bit at a time, and then the paddles stopped turning all together. I had to finish by hand and even with the help of my wonderful wife, it still sucked and my back paid the price the rest of the week.

Thinking I actually knew what the hell is what inside the workings of a snowblower, I opened it up and started looking for the problem. Amazingly, it was quite obvious. The drive belt came off. So, I bought a new one to replace the worn one and reinstalled. Voilà. Feeling rather manly and accomplished, I roared the little beast back to life where it promptly still didn't throw snow except for the first 1/4 second that the paddles hit the snow. I call bull\$%&%!#! Two problems at the same time is not fair!

So, I went to the internet and made a call to a friend for advice. The gods say the paddles are worn out, leaving too much of a gap in the blower for snow to pack up. I'm skeptical. Even if they're worn, why would they just all the sudden stop working barely at all? But I went in to get new paddles. There's apparently a wear guide on the paddles to tell you when to replace them. I didn't know this as, also apparently, my paddles were worn so much that the wear guides were worn off. Oops. I'm going to do this fix

they say to do because they're experts, but I have a gut feeling that there's something else to this.

So, I'm now \$80 into my repairs with purchases. Just gotta swap out these paddles. No problemo, right?

Somewhere in an Old Farmers' Almanac or a feed store wall, there's surely a sign that says, "Nothing slows a man down like rusty nuts."

Taking things apart is supposed to be the fast part. Ugh, whatever. I guess 15 years of wetness and salt and sitting on a garage floor took their toll on my nuts... and my bolts. So, I got new replacements for those, too.

And why do they make things where, in order to reassemble it, you need to put your fingers in a space that does not accommodate for the size of human fingers? How can I start a nut on a bolt if I can't get the nut into the space where it has to be held to meet the bolt? I had to concoct a duct tape/wrench device and then go with down ass luck hoping that eventually the bolt would just accidentally slip into the threads. It worked after only about 10 minutes of trying. Now, just four more of those bolts, and we're good to go.

I did get it all put back together and started it up. Today it was 40 degrees and the snow was very heavy and packed. The snow I did throw went further than it has in years, but the blower still stopped the paddles when I got a decent pile of snow. So, was it just too dense of snow? Is there still a third problem I didn't know about??? That would be REALLY unfair. Can there be a torque-loss issue in the engine itself, even if it seems to be running just fine? I don't know these answers because I don't know jack squat about small engine repair. I guess I need a fresh snow to find out. That said, I'm fine waiting until next year to find out. For now, I consider my man card punched for the week. ■

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The Dubuque area is spoiled by how big and diverse the live music scene is in our community. Not only are there performers of every genre who call the tri-states home, but there are also venues in every corner of our region who celebrate these performers on their stages.

From the hardcore live music torchbearers like the Cornerstone in Galena, The Mississippi Moon Bar, Eronel, The Lift and The Sandy Hook Tavern (which graces the cover of this issue) who all host live music multiple times a week, to the neighborhood pubs for whom a live band is a special occasional treat, the availability of options for all of us to take in great music is venues that we already love to frequent just makes going out all the better.

We're not going to guild the lily too much. The purpose of this story is pretty simple. We want you to know who hosts live music in town and what you might expect from that bar or venue when you get there, in case it's your first visit. We know that not every bar

that ever has a band is included here. We also did not include many venues that only feature music in the Summer months. We'll revisit those great hotspots at a warmer time. And we know full well that there are stellar hotspots in the area every weekend that do not have live music, but still love music and feature DJ's and juke boxes and fill with dances. We mean no lack of love to them. (If you REALLY think we missed one, by all means, drop us an e-mail and let us know).

But today, we're shining a spotlight on those places where, chances are, you're gonna find a live band performing on a night very soon. Give em a look and then get out there and support live music in your community. Try a place you've never been. Check out the Budweiser Live Music Calendar in the center of this issue and see who's playing where. Discover a band you've never seen before. Until you find your next favorite band, they're just another band you've never seen before!



BREEZERS/THE BLU ROOM

600 Central Ave • 563-582-1090
facebook.com/breezerspub

Bar Type/Theme: Blu Room designed for live music
Hours: 3-Close, Mon-Thurs, Fri, 3 PM-2 AM, Sat, 6 PM-2 AM, Closed Sun
Music Frequency: Weekends
Food: Pizza, wings, snacks
Other Amenities: 50 Beers, Blu Room stage

The blue Room was just recently fully remodeled and set-up for one reason... to host great live music. Stop in and check out the new look of the bar and the very attractive stage area. They're also doing some great things with supporting local charities monthly through the kindness of their patrons. Live music can run the gamut from covers to originals. These guys love music and have made a big investment to celebrate it.

BUDDE'S

10638 Key West Dr • 563-556-1040
facebook.com/buddes.bar

Bar Type/Theme: A little big or everything

Budde's is set up for music! A big stage graces the corner of the main bar area where from time to time you'll find a floor of sand, or other special events. There's a big patio behind the bar for there warmer months, and a big room above there bar for private events.

DUBUQUE DRIVING RANGE

Highway 52 North & John Deere Rd
563-556-5420
facebook.com/DubuqueDrivingRange
Bar Type/Theme: Driving range/mini golf

clubhouse/neighborhood bar

Hours: Mon-Fri: Noon-Midnight; Sat & Sun: 11 AM-12 AM daily (Open longer during warm weather months)

Music Frequency: Most weekends, usually Fri and/or Sat night

Food: Pizza from Town Clock Inn, burgers, and nachos, at all hours

As the name of the venue would indicate, the Dubuque Driving Range is a warm weather destination for those looking to work on their golf swing or have a few beers and putt some mini golf (generally April through November). But that doesn't mean the driving range shuts down in winter-far from it! The Driving Range is also a friendly neighborhood clubhouse for those living just north of Dubuque and a destination for live music, hosting bands most Friday and Saturday nights. Bands start early (7 PM) on Fridays and usually about 7 or 8 PM on Saturdays making the Driving Range a great place to start your evening out. Weekday happy hour is from 3-6 PM with darts and pool to keep you entertained.



ERONEL

285 Main St (Lower Level)
eronelbq.com • facebook.com/eronelDBQ

Bar Type/Theme: Live music venue, craft beer bar
Hours: 7 PM-2 AM daily
Music Frequency: Weekends and weekday shows
Other Amenities: Pool, pinball and video games (Nintendo in the cave alcove, Nintendo64 on the projector on Wednesdays), huge rotating selection of craft beers, random art on display, cool private nooks under the sidewalk

Eronel, a newer bar in the historic Cooper Wagon Works building at 285 Main Street, opened its doors in February 2013 with a focus on hosting as much original, unique live music as possible as well as making itself available for hosting performance art, private parties, and beer/liquor releases and tastings. With 6400 square feet of tall limestone and brick walls in a sprawling layout that is open but somewhat separated into a performance space, a full bar, a game room and winding tunnels with more secluded seating that wrap the entire building. It's a space that comfortably serves as a place to sit with a couple friends to try new beers, see new bands and meet new people as it does as a place to have your favorite beers and see your favorite bands with old friends.

FIFE'S

1113 Main St

Hours: Thursday-Saturday, 4 PM-2AM

Music Frequency: Some weekends

Other Amenities: Couches and a great lounging atmosphere. Close to 1000 Block of Main St dining

Great local acoustic music is often on tap at Fife's Bar on Main St. in Dubuque. Check out the very cozy atmosphere including nice cushy couches and a full bar while local songsters entertain you from the front window stage. A great stop for more intimate social gatherings.

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & BILLIARDS

2095 Kerper Blvd • 563-583-9809

Bar Type/Theme: Billiards Bar

Hours: 2:30 PM-2 AM

Music Frequency: Occasional

Other Amenities: Lots of Billiards tables

Bar and Billiards, free pool Sunday from 9-2 a.m, check out our awesome pizza and garlic cheese bread! Ask about having your next party here! Live music is somewhat infrequent at Hammerheads, but when it does happen, it's usually a pretty big deal and a pretty packed show.



JUMPERS BAR & GRILL

2600 Dodge St • 563-556-6100
facebook.com/pages/Jumpers-Sports-Bar-Grill
Bar Type/Theme: Sports bar

Hours: 11 AM-2 AM

Music Frequency: Most Fri nights from 8 PM

Food: Jumpers has a great sports bar/pub-style menu with daily lunch specials, with the kitchen generally open until 9 PM

A classic sports bar with a friendly neighborhood pub feel, Jumpers Bar & Grill is a great place to stop for lunch, watch a game, or just meet friends for a few beers after work, especially with one of the longest "happy hours" in Dubuque, going from 4-7 PM With daily specials, the kitchen is open for both lunch and dinner and is a popular stop for working people on the go. Jumpers hosts live music on most Friday nights (taking a break during the summer months) with a variety of area bands playing from 8 PM, making it a great place to start your weekend-happy hour, dinner, and live music, all in one place! For those who are into bar games, Jumpers has darts, pool, Golden Tee and real ping pong tables.



KNICKERS

2188 Central Ave • 563-557-0887
knickerssaloon.com
facebook.com/knickerssaloonDubuque
Bar Type/Theme: Biker Bar & Grill

Hours: 7 AM–2 AM

Music Frequency: Most Sat

Food: Yes, burgers, pizzas and more served late

Other Amenities: Billiards

Knickers Saloon says they're the best biker bar and grill in Dubuque, IA, providing provide fresh meals and tasty drinks at affordable prices. A couple of unfortunate newsworthy events have happened in relation to the bar (and noting recently at all and at no fault of the bar itself) giving some people an negative impression that the joint. The truth couldn't be more opposite. The bar is remodeled inside with rustic wood finishes and is a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere with truly great bar grub, a fun loving crowd and great music in Saturday nights. The burgers and pizzas are stellar! Do not hesitate for a minute to check it out for a change of scenery.



THE LIFT

180 Main St (Lower Level) • 563-582-2689

thelift Dubuque.com

facebook.com/thelift Dubuque

Bar Type/Theme: Irish Pub/eclectic live music

Hours: 3 PM–2 AM, daily

Music Frequency: Most weekends, usually Fri and/or Sat night

Food: Only a garnish in your cocktail, or Vinnie Vanucchi's Little Italy is right upstairs.

The Lift, formerly known as The Busted Lift and 180 Main has been a fixture of Dubuque's Old Main neighborhood and a heavyweight of the area music scene since it opened in 1999. Begun as a cozy Irish Pub with limestone walls in the lower level of a historic building, The Lift quickly established itself as a destination for good beer and great live music, sidestepping the usual TVs for good conversation, and domestics for then hard-to-find imports and craft beers. Along the way, The Lift doubled in size, creating a dedicated stage area, which has hosted a huge range of music from blues to indie rock, folk, jazz, jam band, punk, and metal, from up-and-coming local acts to touring indie rock heavyweights. Staying true to the original vision, The Lift continues to provide that sociable pub-style atmosphere, with a full bar and two-dozen craft brews on tap. Dedicated to providing great live music experiences, The Lift hosts live music most weekends and nurtures the development of the area live music scene with an open mic jam every other Wednesday. On those nights when there is no band playing, it's not uncommon to see a spontaneous dance party break out from tunes played on the digital jukebox or you can always play the pool table.

LUX CLUB

3050 Asbury Rd • 563-557-0880

facebook.com/dennysluxclub

Bar Type/Theme: Neighborhood Bar up front, 50's & 60's Rock & Roll Diner Vibe in back

Hours: 9 AM–2 AM

Music Frequency: Many Weekends

Food: Full Menu, open for lunch and dinner

The Lux Club has been hosting live music for decades in their back party room, which is also available for private parties. And the Lux also has great bar food and stellar lunches (365's Argosy just wrote about them in a previous issue actually). Live music tends to be more seasonal, featuring favorite local cover bands who are know for bringing a good time.



MISSISSIPPI MOON BAR

301 Bell St (Diamond Jo Casino) • 563-690-4758

diamondjodubuque.com/entertain

Bar Type/Theme: Live Music Venue

Hours: 4 PM Daily

Entertainment Frequency: 4-5 nights a week

Food: Four restaurants in the casino

Other Amenities: Casino Gaming, Smoking in gaming areas

A hangout and venue all rolled into one, Mississippi Moon Bar is where you can experience concerts and entertainment like never before. Check out headlining acts as well as regional bands. Grab some friends for Laughing Moon Comedy and Dueling Pianos. Get your groove on and relive the music of the 70's and 80's at Club 84. Mississippi Moon Bar features three levels of seating, a first-rate bar, state-of-the-art sound and light system, and its own casino floor.

MONK'S KAFFE PUB

373 Bluff St • 562-585-0919

Facebook.com/MonksKaffePub

Bar Type/Theme: Coffee Bar & Social Hangout

Hours: 7 AM–2 AM

Music Frequency: Occasionally week to week

Food: Snacks

Other Amenities: Lots of couches, wi-fi, space to chill downstairs

Monk's is about as cosy as live music gets. Grab a coffee, wine or one of many many beers upstairs and come downstairs for great jazz, acoustic music and more on a regular basis. Located in the Cable Car Square area, it's a great place to meet friends and see live, usually original (or non-traditional) musical performances.

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DUBUQUE MAIN STREET'S DOWNTOWN BUSINESS EXPO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 5-7 PM
HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE

Dubuque Main Street proudly announces its annual Downtown Business Expo! This themed tradeshow event and networking opportunity will be held at Hotel Julien Dubuque, 200 Main Street. More than 60 local businesses are joining in the fun with "Roaring 20's" themed booths in celebration of Hotel Julien Dubuque's 100th anniversary!

Fabulous food and drink samples will be provided by Caroline's Restaurant, Hy-Vee, the Diamond Jo Casino, East Mill Bakeshop & Catering, the Dubuque Food Co-Op, and more! Complimentary beverages will be provided by Dubuque

Main Street. Prizes will be awarded for Best-Dressed Male and Female, and Best Themed Booth.

Free parking will be available in the 4th St. Ramp for Downtown Business Expo attendees, courtesy of Riley Subaru. A general admission fee of \$5 per person will enter each guest into a drawing for fabulous door prizes donated by local businesses. Please contact Dubuque Main Street at **563-588-4400** with any questions. Booth spaces are still available; local businesses may register online at dubuquemainstreet.org. ■



BESTFEST 2015

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 @ 5-7:30 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER

BestFest, a benefit to support Hospice of Dubuque, a nonprofit organization providing patient care and bereavement programs, returns for 2015, sponsored as always by Dupaco Community Credit Union. Voting is over, and you view the winner list at dupaco.com/community/bestfest.

Those named the best will be celebrated at BestFest on Thursday, March 12, at the Grand River Center in Dubuque, where winners will gather and give away samples of their best products. Tickets to BestFest are sold out, so hopefully you were able to pick up your tickets in time to enjoy BestFest. ■

ONGOING

Galena Winter Farmers Market

Second Wednesday: Now through April 8
4-6 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

The Galena Winter Farmers Market and Craft Fair is entering its second year in the lower level of the Galena Center for the Arts (but is not affiliated with it) at 219 Summit St. the second Wednesday of each month. Find everything from produce, eggs, baked goods, lamb, hot meals to go, jams and jellies, crafts, jewelry, handmade greeting cards, knitted winter accessories, herbal teas, gourmet coffee mixes, wellness product, and a lot more.



Winter Farmers Market

Saturdays: Now through Saturday, April 25
9 AM-Noon @ Colts Center (1101 Main St.)

Entering its 8th year, the all-volunteer driven market (under the banner of Four Mounds) returns to the Colts Center focusing on supporting our regional food system, eating from our food shed year-round and providing annual funding to farmers through our grant program. Winter Farmers Market is truly a grass roots labor of love with little or no funding and no staff. We do it because we want our food system and farmers to be viable & sustainable. Read more at wintermarketdbq.com.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

"In the Telling"

6:30-8 PM @ Galena Public Library (Galena, IL)

Instructor Kelly Rush brings students a form of self expression with creative writing. Through a survey of creative writing forms, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, students will gain more confidence and explore creative writing as a means of understanding themselves and their histories. Writing exercises and reading aloud will be employed as techniques to broaden students' skills. Sessions will also be held Thursdays, February 5 & 12. For more information, visit galenalibrary.org.

Winter Webinar Series:

In the Community

6:30-8:30 PM @ DBQ County Extension Office

How can Master Gardeners and community volunteers support local food systems? For questions, contact: Laura Klavitter at klavitte@iastate.edu. To Register, call: **563-583-6496**. Cost is \$5/session, Master Gardeners get in FREE! Hear how Master Gardeners are teaching in community gardens and growing produce for food banks. Master Gardener Coordinator Jennifer Daugherty will highlight projects in Southeast Iowa.



Buying the Moose—"A Love Story"

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

A misunderstanding between Rob and his wife Betty ends with Rob out in the cold. As Rob seeks advice from his brother, Betty commiserates with her sister-in-law. This entertaining show, perfect for Valentine's Day, has wives wondering why men do what they do, while their husbands wonder how to get away with doing what they did! Don't miss the United States Premiere of this lovable new comedy. **563-588-3377**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13



The Great Gatsby performed by Montana Repertory Theatre

7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

One of the great cautionary tales about the American Dream, The Great Gatsby is now brought to the stage by Montana Repertory Theatre (MRT). Known for its compelling productions of great American stories that penetrate to the core of human experience, the Rep's Gatsby delivers it all: elusive magic, beautiful people, decadence, idealism—and the darkest fate. For further information, please contact Kristi Lynch, director of public information, at **563-589-3267**.



Step Afrika!

7:30 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Step Afrika! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping: a rising art form and an important part of America's artistic and cultural heritage. In stepping, the body is used as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and the spoken word. Stepping is based on a long and rich tradition in African-based communities that use movement, words and sounds to communicate allegiance to a group. The troupe promotes an appreciation for stepping and its use as an educational, motivational and healthy tool for young people. They accomplish this mission through arts education activities, international cultural exchange programs and

performances world-wide. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased by visiting clarke.edu/artsatclarke/stepafrika. For information regarding tickets, call 563-588-6377.



The Last Days of Judas Iscariot

7:30 PM @ Five Flags Bijou Room

Judas on trial with some unlikely witnesses. Set in a time-bending, darkly comic world between heaven and hell, this play reexamines the plight and fate of the New Testament's most infamous and unexplained sinner. Note: Not your gospel story but an ambitious and often laugh-out-loud religious debate! Tickets are available for \$16 online at ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800-745-3000, and at the Five Flags Box Office. Tickets will also be available at door one hour prior to performance (cash only). The Last Days of Judas Iscariot contains adult humor, content, and strong language. Discretion advised. For more information, visit flybynightdubuque.com or email info@flybynightdubuque.com.

Buying the Moose—"A Love Story"

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Food Chain Summit: Exploring the Intersection of Food & Conservation

9 AM–3 PM @ Grand River Center

Dubuque's conservation and local foods communities are bringing together area families and businesses with local farmers, food system organizers, and conservation educators to explore new opportunities at the intersection of food and conservation in Dubuque! Featuring 30+ local exhibitors, 5 breakout sessions and keynote lecture by Fred Meyer of Backyard Abundance, this event will provide timely information and resources to those looking to achieve health and sustainability goals. Tickets are available online at driftlessfarmcrawl.com/food-chain-summit or through Dubuque County Extension at 563-583-6496. Admission includes lunch featuring ingredients sourced from area farms.



L&MOP Children's Concert

10–10:30 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

NISOM continues the popular Lollipops and Music for Our Preschoolers (L&MOP) series. The Great Midwestern Educational Theatre

Company will present a free performance open to children of all ages. Attendees can expect to sing along, dance along and play along with this interactive performance. These free concerts for children and their families are held the second Saturday of each month. These concerts which expose children to a variety of musical styles and instruments.

The French Cafe

10–11 AM @ Multicultural Family Center

Join other Dubuque community members fluent (or becoming fluent) in speaking French for coffee and conversation. Participation is free, registration required. Sign up at cityofdubuque.org/recreation. Registration forms can also be found at the MFC and the MFC website. For more information, call 563-582-3681 or visit mfcdbq.org.



Classic Toy Train Exhibit

10 AM–4 PM

@ Rollo Jamison Museum (Platteville, WI)

You'll see two main running layouts with one Standard gauge and one O gauge. Please feel free to bring in your O gauge engine and give it a run on our track. You'll also see trains and

accessories from the 1920s–1940s. The younger engineers can try different floor trains in the play area. If you have questions contact us at 608-348-3301.



Two by Two and Clare Cares Play Date

12:30 PM @ Creslanes

Join Two by Two Character Development and Clare Cares for a bowling play date to raise funds to support Two by Two Character Education Programs. Registration is \$75 to participate and includes three games of bowling for your team of up to five, shoe rentals, and secures your team a lane. We also encourage each team to raise additional dollars and donations. Prizes will be awarded. Please submit a registration form and fee no later than February 10th. If you have any questions, contact Makenna at makenna@twobytwoeducation.org.

Rubber Soul: Tribute to the Beatles

4 & 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

See page 23 for more information.

Borrow.

Mom always said "Don't borrow trouble." So I made it a habit to only borrow books from the library. But when my old car died, I needed a loan. I hadn't established any credit history, but at Dupaco, character is worth more than collateral. They gave me a used car loan at a new car rate—and a Free Credit History Lesson on how a good credit score could save me money. Dupaco is more than local. It's a cooperative that puts money to work locally by providing friends and neighbors low-cost loans for cars, homes, education, funding for small businesses and more. Since Dupaco taught me to help myself, I'm finding ways to help my hometown. Instead of just borrowing books at the library, I lend my time as a volunteer, reading to kids. To borrow a phrase: life-changing.

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Bordeaux and Brushes

5-8 PM @ Matter Creative Center

Bordeaux and Brushes requires no art experience! Our wonderful instructors will provide some tips and tricks along with guidance to help each painter create an awesome painting along with awesome memories. It is a BYOB event where painters can bring their favorite bottle of wine and have a relaxing night and create pieces of art that their friends will envy! The painting for the February 14 event is the lovebirds painting. Sign up is required at mattercreative.center prior to attending so our instructors can make sure we have enough materials for everyone!



Fourth Annual Valentine's Day Dinner

6-9 PM @ National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium

The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium sets the mood for romance this Valentine's Day with their 4th annual Valentine's

Day candlelit dinner. Don't miss the opportunity to dine within a truly unique aquatic atmosphere from 6-9 p.m. Reservations are required for this exciting, unique event; please RSVP by calling the Museum & Aquarium at **563-557-9545**, ext. 201. Cost is \$50 per person. Couples, singles, and groups are welcome.



"Hate Mail"

7 PM @ Monk's Kaffee Pub

Trainwreck Productions presents "Hate Mail" by Bill Corbett and Kira Obolensky, directed by Gwen Beatty. This Valentine's Weekend, Fall In Like, Love... and Loathe. It tells the story of Preston, a spoiled rich man who meets his match in Dahlia, an angst-filled artist. Their worlds collide when Preston sends a complaint letter that gets Dahlia fired from her job, and then there's no turning back. The play stays with their increasingly crazed correspondence as they move from hate to love, and then right back again. For more information, visit TrainwreckProductions.org.

An Enchanting Evening

7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maquoketa, IA)

The dinner is presented by Springbrook Country Dining and Catering Service and will be served from 4:30 through 6:30. Then at 7 PM enjoy the music of Brooke Byam, JaCi Leigh, Dustin Weiss, Angie Ruley and The Doctor & The Drifter Band. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Students are \$13/\$15 respectively. Just add \$10 to your ticket price for the delicious dinner! Meet the performers before the show. The show runs approximately two hours. Beer and wine will be available. Tickets can also be purchased at The Ohnward Fine Arts Center, Osterhaus Pharmacy and the Maquoketa State Bank Main Office.



Prom Throwback

7-11 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Harbor Room

It's a new way to spend Valentine's Day! Kick up your heels to the nostalgic sounds of the past, and sneak in a little spiked punch. Capture the moment in our balloon laden photo area. And celebrate with the prom court. There

will be no auction items or formal program, save for a Prom Court presentation at 9 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Cash bar. All ticket proceeds benefit Project Concern. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door and available online at project-concern.com/prom. Or you can call **563-588-3980**. Space is limited. Get your tickets today... this will be a Prom to remember! Sponsored by Dupaco Community Credit Union.

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot

7:30 PM @ Five Flags Bijou Room

Buying the Moose—"A Love Story"

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

Buddy Holly Dance

8 PM-Midnight @ Dubuque County Fairgrounds Grand Ballroom

Join the East Dubuque Drum Corps for their Annual Buddy Holly Dance at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds February 14, 2015 from 8 PM until midnight. Tickets are only \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Advance tickets will be available at the Fairgrounds office or through any East Dubuque Corps member. Participate in the Peggy Sue lookalike contest, best dressed couple and the famed dance contest. Many door prizes will be awarded as well! Enjoy music by Classic Hits 107.5. Cash bar and concessions available.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Classic Toy Train Exhibit

10 AM–4 PM

@ Rollo Jamison Museum (Platteville, WI)

Snowshoeing in the Vineyards

1 PM @ Park Farm Winery

Enjoy an afternoon of snowshoeing/hiking in the vineyards at Park Farm Winery, which includes private areas of the property not seen on a typical outing to the winery. After the hike, a wine tasting and pizza buffet are included. \$25 per person. Glasses and Bottles of wine available for purchase. Payment for the event will reserve your space. Contact Christie at 563-557-3727.

Buying the Moose—"A Love Story"

2 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

Gaelic Storm

3 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

See page 23 for more information.

'Science and Religion' Lecture

3 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Hall

Ron Numbers, Ph.D., a professor emeritus of the History of Science and Medicine, has taught and written many books on the topic of religion and science. In his talk, Numbers will weave together the history of science and religion and the conversation between the understanding of evolution and faith. This program is supported by a grant from Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The views and opinions expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of Humanities Iowa or the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, contact the Clarke University Marketing and Communication Office at 563-588-6318.

'Hate Mail'

7 PM @ Monk's Kaffee Pub



DUBUQUE ON ICE BREWFEST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 1–5 PM
MYSTIQUE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER

Tri-State beer lovers, mark your calendars! Hosted once again by the Mystique Community Ice Center, Dubuque on Ice Brewfest will feature beer from a wide range of breweries, plus wine, spirits, specialty cheeses, sausage and chocolates, and live music.

Since its introduction in 2012, Dubuque on Ice Brewfest has continued to gain in popularity with 1200 people in 2013 and over 1500 attending last year's event. Organizers for this year's Brewfest, the 4th annual, are expecting more than 2000 people to attend.

It's not surprising, as craft beer continues to grow in popularity. In fact, this year's Brewfest will feature more than 30 breweries offering samples of over 100 different craft brews. To accommodate a broader range of breweries and even more craft beer-loving tasters, Brewfest organizers will be expanding tasting tables from the ice area to the mezzanine level of the arena, allowed beer-loving guests to meander, sampling at their own pace and mingling with others, giving the

proceedings a festive atmosphere and easing congestion on the main floor.

Guests can try cheeses from 3 Mile House Grocery, Carr Valley Cheese, Sargento Cheese, and Shullsburg Creamery; and sausage and meats from Hauber's Processing and Spring Valley Meats. Additional vendors include Madison's Hop Head Tours, Van's Liquor Store, and Lancaster's Blue Boy Market. It all adds up to so much to taste and, hopefully, just enough time to taste it.

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be the return of The Lonely Goats, playing their unique mix of music (suitable for tasting or dancing) from noon to 4:30 PM.

Tickets for the 1–5 PM Brewfest are \$35 and are available in advance at dubuquebrewfest.com and potosibrewery.com, or \$40 at the door while supplies last. A special VIP early entrance ticket is also available for \$50, allowing VIP tasters to begin at noon. For more information, visit dubuquebrewfest.com. ■

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Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ Mardi Gras

Joe & Vicki Price: Friday, February 13 @ 8 PM

The Jimmys: Saturday, February 14 @ 8 PM

Bill Encke & NOLA Jazz:

Fat Tuesday, February 17 @ 7 PM

It's no surprise that the Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ at Potter's Mill in Bellevue would revel in Mardi Gras season. Already known as a great place to get authentic New Orleans style food and barbeque and a great destination for live music, Flatted Fifth celebrates Mardi Gras just like the Big Easy, early and often. Enjoy the blues of Joe & Vicki Price, Friday, February 13, 8 PM, and the blues, soul and R&B of The Jimmys, Saturday, February 14, 8 PM. Of course the high holy day of Mardi Gras season is Fat Tuesday itself and Flatted Fifth does it up right. Jazz guitarist Bill Encke leads an all-star band of New Orleans style jazz musicians, setting the tone for a true Mardi Gras party (7-10 PM). Those last three dates are part of Flatted Fifth's "Coronary Carnival," a Mardi Gras weekend fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Whatever dates you choose to celebrate at Flatted Fifth, we suggest you arrive early enough to eat!



Night in N'awlins

Thursday, February 12 @ 5:30 PM

National River Center Museum Store

The Museum Store at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium's National River Center hosts Night in N'awlins, a Mardi Gras celebration on Thursday, February 12 from 5:30-8 PM. Free for Museum members and just \$5 for non-members, Night in N'awlins will feature free tastings from Potosi Brewery, Paradise Distillery, and area wineries, along with free beignets and other assorted goodies. The first 100 guests get a free mask, beads and the classic Mardi Gras cocktail, the Hurricane. There will be a cash bar to further get into the Mardi Gras spirit as The Lonely Goats rock the zydeco party music. Guests can document the fun in the "Bourbon Street Photo Booth" and don't forget to browse the Museum Store as all merchandise will be 20% off!



Galena Mardi Gras Pub Crawl

Friday, February 13 @ 6 PM

Galena celebrates a whole weekend of Mardi Gras fun, February 13-14. Festivities get started on Friday, February 13 at 6 PM with the Galena Mardi Gras Pub Crawl, hosted by Miss Kitty from the Grape Escape. Pub crawlers will gather at the Green Street Tavern in the DeSoto House Hotel at

6 PM and work their way up Galena's Main Street with a variety of stops ending up at The Grape Escape with live music by Jordan Danielsen. Mardi Gras beads, drink specials, and a chance at prizes are all part of the fun. Pub Crawl participants can register to join the crawl and win prizes at 6 PM at the Green Street Tavern or during the day at the Grape Escape. For more info, email Wine@GrapeEscapeGalena.com.



Galena Mardi Gras Parade

Saturday, February 14 @ 5:30 PM

Galena loves a parade so it's no surprise that Main Street would host a Mardi Gras Parade. Scheduled for Saturday evening, February 14 at dusk (approximately 5:30 PM) the parade will feature all the masks and beads for which Mardi Gras parades are known. Following the parade, Galena nightspots will be hosting Mardi Gras celebrations all along Main Street.



Galena Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball with The Bluesniks

Saturday, February 14 @ 7 PM

Galena Brewing Company

Following Galena's Mardi Gras Parade, the Galena Brewing Company hosts a Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball with live music by The

Bluesniks, starting at 7 PM. The Chicago-based band plays a unique blend of rhythm and blues, Memphis soul, West Coast swing and funky grooves sure to get the people off their seats and get their tails a shakin'! Just add craft beer!



Derty Rice Mardi Gras Party

Fat Tuesday, February 17 @ 6 PM

Jumpers

There's no reason you can't start the Mardi Gras celebration the weekend before, but Jumpers knows the only way to do it right is to celebrate on Fat Tuesday. That happens to fall on Tuesday, February 17 this year and as in years past, Jumpers is gonna make it a party. Co-owner Hobie and the Jumpers crew has established a Mardi Gras tradition of epic proportions in years past with jambalaya and beads and adult beverages worthy of the celebration. Returning to kick it up a notch, zydeco party band Derty Rice will provide the music for dancing. For the uninitiated, Derty Rice is a piquant concoction which includes ingredients from the popular zydeco band We're Late & Smell Like Beer with the addition of the Lonely Goats. Derty Rice will be playing a mix of Mardi Gras themed music appropriate to the celebration, but you've got to get there early as the party starts right after happy hour at 6 PM. After all it is a school night and theoretically, you're supposed to repent the next day. But until then, laissez les bon temps rouler!

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**Dubuque Community String Orchestra
Open Rehearsal****6:30 PM @ Emmaus Bible College**

Instrumentalists of all skill levels are invited to join the the Dubuque Community String Orchestra for an open rehearsal. DCSO is an all-volunteer, non-auditioned ensemble for adult musicians. Sponsored by NISOM. To receive more information or to join, please call the NISOM office at **563-690-0151** or visit **nisom.com** to learn more.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**Toddler Tuesday****10-11 AM****@ Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium**

The Museum & Aquarium offers a program for toddlers, children ages two to four years old. Each month features a new theme and fun activities, including a story and craft project too. The theme for February is "J is for Jellyfish." Advanced sign-up is required; call the Museum & Aquarium to register at **563-557-9545**. Cost

is \$5 per child and one caregiver. For more information, visit **rivermuseum.com**.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**Agnes of God****11 AM & 7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA**

"Agnes of God" tells the story of a psychiatrist, Dr. Livingstone, who is appointed by the courts to determine the state of mind of a novice nun, Agnes, who is accused of murdering her newborn child. Agnes' mentor, Mother Miriam Ruth, tries to protect Agnes from Dr. Livingstone's questioning, which raises the psychiatrist's suspicions. The mother superior believes Agnes is "blessed" in a way psychiatry cannot explain. General Admission tickets are \$11, Faculty/Staff/Seniors \$10, and Students/Under 18 \$6 (students must present ID). For tickets or more information call the University Box Office at **608-342-1298**.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**Kids in Nature Series****9 AM @ Swiss Valley Nature Center**

Children are welcome to attend these outdoor nature programs throughout the year. We hike, read books, and have plenty of hands-on activities. Pre-registration required. Call **563-556-6745**.

**OWL Program: "Gladys Black: The
Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady"****1 PM @ Swiss Valley Nature Center**

Join us for OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier), our new series of program for adult learners. Come before the program for a magnificent lunch catered by East Mill Bakery. Larry Stone will share stories of Gladys Black: Iowa's Bird Lady. The late Gladys Black of Pleasantville was widely known throughout Iowa as a conservationist, educator, and expert on birds. Her message, whether aimed at children or bureaucrats, was the same; protect our birds and protect our planet. The program is free and open to the public, if you would like to join us for lunch is \$10 for friends members and \$12 for non-members.

**WINTER
WINELAND****Winter Wineland****5-7:30 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery**

A red carpet evening supporting the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA's youth, families, and programs. Your \$40 ticket includes heavy appetizers, dessert, three wine tastings, a full glass of wine, and one-of-a-kind entertainment. You can get your tickets today at either Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA location or by contacting Sandra Gonzales-Denham at **563-556-3371**.

Vegetable Gardening 101 Workshop**6-8 PM @ Dubuque Rescue Mission**

Thinking about growing a vegetable garden this spring? Learn how to plan your garden for success with this fun and interactive workshop specifically focused on vegetable gardening! Walk away with seeds in hand and a plan for your 2015 garden! Participants are encouraged but not required to bring with them pictures, measurements, or plans for a garden space. To Register call Dubuque Co. Extension: **563-583-6496**. Cost is \$10.

Agnes of God**7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20****Disney Junior Live On Tour!
Pirate & Princess Adventure****4 & 7 PM @ Five Flags Center**

Disney Junior Live On Tour! Pirate & Princess Adventure features your favorite characters from Disney Junior's, Sofia the First and Jake and the Never Land Pirates. Filled with music, amazing effects, thrilling action and endless surprises, your family will sing, shout, and soar into the action! Starting ten minutes before every performance you can help Doc take care of one of her beloved toys with her own special brand of love and magic. Free to all ticket holders. Tickets are on sale now at the Five Flags Box Office and at **Ticketmaster.com**.

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Wisconsin native Mike Mercury started at the world-famous Comedy Store in Los Angeles. He's appeared in concert with Jerry Seinfeld, Bob Saget, Louie Anderson, Tom Arnold and Ellen DeGeneres as well as on A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor.

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Saturday, March 14, 7 PM

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365 IMPACT AWARDS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 @ 7 PM
MISSISSIPPI MOON BAR

The 365 Impact Awards return for the seventh big year to the Mississippi Moon Bar at the Diamond Jo Casino on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7 PM (doors open at 6 PM.) The event is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend (must be 21).

The mission at 365ink is to help connect people to relationships, opportunity and the best possible living experience in our community. The 365 Impact Award is for those who choose to make an effort to impact the world around them 365 days a year. It's meant for those who believe in our community and are willing to do something to make it better for everyone.

365 is once again appreciative of the support of The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, an organization so in-line with the concept of making a community impact that their own grant program awards are, in fact, called Community Impact Grants. They provide funding to people and organizations with the next big ideas to make positive change in Dubuque. By joining with 365, they share in the backend of that concept, awarding those whose impact was truly felt. And like 365ink, their staff is in touch on a daily basis with so many local impact-makers. They are a natural partner for identifying those people who deserve a spotlight for their efforts.

First time attendees always comment that they can't believe they have not been to the event before and can't wait to do it again next year. Well, friends, next year is here. The overwhelming response to past 365 Impact Awards shows was more than we at 365 had ever expected. In fact, we still hear from our winners that receiving the Impact Award has helped them recruit members, grow their business, motivate their teams and for almost all of them that it just

felt great to know that the community appreciates their hard work.

Award categories can vary, but have traditionally included: Arts, Community Pride, Dining, Family, Health, Historic Preservation, Inclusion, Media, Music, Nightlife, Non-Profit Excellence, Sports/ Recreation, Sustainability, Volunteerism, and Youth Advocacy.

Our crack team of indentured-volunteers will fight it out over the nominees that are suggested and select this year's winners. A few people will get, by far, the coolest award statue on earth—the 365 Impact Award, designed by one of our favorite local artists, metal sculptor, Gene Tully. "I used this medium for the 365 Impact Award because it takes a great amount of power and energy to make an impression on steel just as it takes a great amount of power and energy to make an impression on society."

Mark your calendar for Tuesday evening, March 3rd, at 7 PM for the 2014 edition of the 365 Impact Awards show at the Mississippi Moon Bar. This is a free event open to the public. However you must be 21 years of age to attend. It's a crazy fun night of celebrating ourselves and our community. ■



Research for the Kids Fundraiser

5 PM @ Airline Inn

Research for the Kids is holding their first fundraiser of 2015 at the Airline Inn in Key West. Enjoy food, fun and live music by Heartbeat. All donations go to the U of I Children's Hospital research program.



Smoke & Whiskey

6 PM @ Mystique Casino Cabaret Room

Pairings of premium cigars, spirits and appetizers for connoisseurs and aficionados. Tickets are limited and available online for \$25. To reserve your seat go to MystiqueDBQ.com or call Mystique at 563-556-3647.

Love You To The Moon And Back: Daddy/Daughter Dance

6:30-8:30 PM @ Dubuque Community Y

Don't miss this chance for you and your daughter (ages 4-11) to get dressed up, enjoy dinner, and make memories that you'll both remember. Uncles, grandpas or other special man (age 18+) in a girl's life are welcome. Celebration includes dinner, beverages, dancing, photo booth, and other activities. Semi-formal or dressy-casual attire recommended. Register at either Y Front Desk

Location. For more information, contact Jenee Jeanblanc at jjeanblanc@dubuquey.org or by calling 563-556-3371.

Agnes of God

7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA

Fly Fishing Show

Best Western Plus

The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Associations' annual show features: Kevin Searock, Rich Osthoff, Mat Wagner, Jim Bartelt, Kent Kleckner, and Mike Jacobs. Vendors and guide service providers will be present. Raffles and a silent auction will be on going. A live auction with many items made by members of the Dubuque Fly Fishers will be a part of the Saturday evening banquet and on display until then. A complete list of events and information is available at hawkeyeflyfishing.com. The Dubuque Fly Fishers is hosting this event: dubuqueflyfishers.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NISOM Free Public Recital

11 AM @ Emmaus Bible College

The Northeast Iowa School of Music (NISOM) students of all levels and age groups will perform on a variety of instruments. Like all NISOM student recitals, this event is free and open to the public. NISOM is also now accepting new student registrations for the spring session

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4th Annual Dubuque on Ice Brewfest
1-5 PM @ Mystique Community Ice Center
See page 9 for more information.

Lunar New Year: Year of the Goat
3 PM @ Divine Word College

A limited number of free tickets are available at Divine Word College. A memorable combination of multicultural liturgy, food and entertainment, DWC's Lunar New Year is one of the largest celebrations of Asian culture this side of Chicago. The event begins with a Mass of Thanksgiving. A banquet reception immediately follows. Another highlight of the celebration is the evening's traditional Vietnamese entertainment, including lion dancing, comedy and music. Free-will offerings accepted. For more information on the Lunar New Year celebration, contact Public Relations at 563-876-3353 or email info@dwci.edu.

Agnes of God
7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA



Dallas Brass presents
American Musical Journey
7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

This exciting concert incorporates a full complement of brass and percussion for a musical travelogue through American history. From the time of George Washington to the present day—music will be selected from the masters—Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin, Berlin, John Williams, Sousa; from bands like the Tijuana Brass and Chicago; and styles from Dixieland, swing, Broadway, folk, patriotic, pop, and even hip-hop! The UD Wind Ensemble is a special guest. For further information, please contact Kristi Lynch, director of public information, at 563-589-3267.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Native American Love Flute
1 PM @ EB Lyons

Lakhota Paul Harker will tell a couple stories about the origin of the flute and the White Calf Woman and will speak the language and translate. Lakhota will then play the flute as will Dean Wellman. Lakhota will have several flutes on display along with life like props of Native Americans, and at the end, they will show Dean's film on Crazy Horse (Tasunke Witco). A question and answer session will follow.

Agnes of God
2 PM @ UW-P CFA

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24



George Carden Circus Spectacular
4:30 & 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Arena

A cultural kaleidoscope of color and opulent panorama of pageantry kicks off a star-studded line up as Circus Spectacular rolls into Dubuque. Enchanting elephants, tantalizing tigers, and amazing acrobats prepare to dazzle and astound.

Dubuque Main Street's Annual
Downtown Business Expo

5-7 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque
See page 6 for more information.

Sip & Shop Event

6-8 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery
Sip & Shop promotes businesses and raises money for a selected charity. Every month we select a different charity and have a silent auction and bake sale with the proceeds going to that charity.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Open House at Toastmasters
Speakeasy 3588

5:30-7:30 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library
Come join the fun at our Toastmasters Speakeasy 3588 open houses. Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Come be our guest to learn what we do, and how we can help you with your communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. For more information, visit 3588.toastmastersclubs.org or facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

"School's Out" Activities:
Frontier Living and Unsolved Mysteries
7:30 AM-5:30 PM

@ DBQ County Extension Office
Kids will stay all day and need to bring a sack lunch and drink. The \$15 fee includes a snack and a full day of fun filled activities for students. Discounts will be given to families with multiple children attending and when registering for more than one camp session. To register, please visit extension.iastate.edu/dubuque or contact Brittany Clayton at 563-583-6496 or bclayton@iastate.edu.

Pete Lee

7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center
Pete Lee might be the nicest person in New York City, but that's because it's impossible to

sound aggressive with a Wisconsin accent. He was selected to perform at the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal, made his network television debut performing on NBC's Last Comic Standing, owns a web show on MSN.com called New York Minute:30, was hired to be a writer and cast member on FUSE TV's Video on Trial and the NFL Network's Top 10's, and in 2013, Pete was hired as a cast member on VH1's Best Week Ever, which debuted in January.

The Amish Project

7:30 PM @ Clarke University
A fictional exploration of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community and the path of forgiveness and compassion forged in its wake.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

"School's Out" Activities:
Fun with Flight and The Pollinator
7:30 AM-5:30 PM

@ DBQ County Extension Office
Kids will stay all day and need to bring a sack lunch and drink. The \$15 fee includes a snack and a full day of fun filled activities for students. Discounts will be given to families with multiple children attending and when registering for more than one camp session. To register, please visit extension.iastate.edu/dubuque or contact Brittany Clayton at 563-583-6496 or bclayton@iastate.edu.

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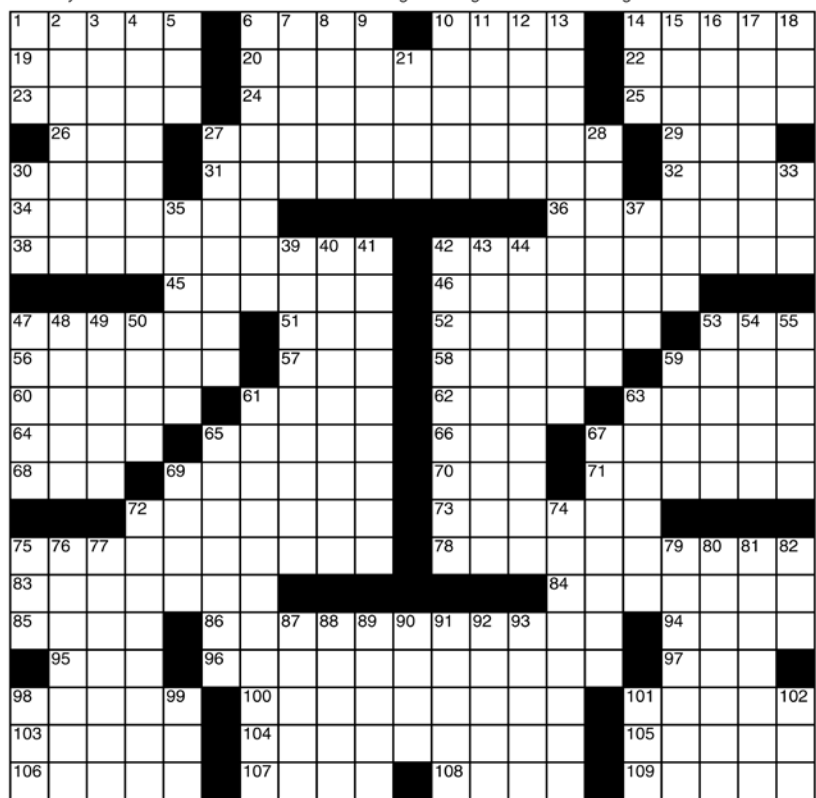
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Kickin' The Blues

6:30 PM @ Sandsprings Community Center

A night of hot-hot musical entertainment for a great cause! All proceeds go to Wounded Warriors Project. Enjoy music by The Janey's - Billy Lee and Bryce Janey are Blues and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame members. Supported by renowned local musicians: Doug (Blue Green) and Crosscut - Denny Chapman and Sheree Doyle. Admission is \$10 or \$5 for veterans. For more information, call Joe at 319-361-8163 or Doug at 563-543-3716.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

7 PM @ UW-P CFA

"Goin' courting" has never been as much fun as in this rip-roaring stage version of the popular MGM movie. Set in Oregon in 1850, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers tells the story of Millie, one young bride living in the 1850's Oregon wilderness. Her plan to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage backfires when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides. Bursting with the rambunctious energy of the original film, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is all boisterous fun and romance that harkens back to the glory days of the movie musical. This performance made possible, in part, by the Lyle and Ruth Olson Fund.

The Drowsy Chaperone

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

See page 16 for more information.

The Amish Project

7:30 PM @ Clarke University

50's Dance Party

8 PM @ Galena Brewing Company (Galena, IL)

True to the era, The Old 57s play a mix of number 1 hits from the 50s using vintage amps and guitars, upright bass, and classic Shure 55 microphones. Everything from wardrobe to stage performance comes together to recreate the first decade of rock-n-roll.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

50's Dancing Workshops

9 AM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

Hosted by professional dance instructors Adam Kieffer, Jennifer Mulcahey and Ian Hathway, workshop classes start with swing and jitterbug styles for beginners, progress to intermediate/advanced jitterbug, step back to lindy hop for beginners, and continue to intermediate/advanced lindy hop. A new salsa class was recently added to the late afternoon workshop lineup. Dance workshops are just \$15 per class. Participants can learn more and register online at GalenaSwingDance.com, or register Friday night at Galena Brewing or Saturday before classes at Turner Hall.

Snowshoeing in the Vineyards

1 PM @ Park Farm Winery



Galena Sock Hop

7 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

The public is invited to put their dance moves to the test at the Sock Hop featuring live music by The Fast Clydes. The Fast Clydes specialize in classic rockabilly, a sharp-edged traditional style that combines driving, danceable rhythms and was made popular by such artists as Carl Perkins, Johnny Burnette, Gene Vincent, Wanda Jackson and a young Elvis Presley. In addition to the dance party, the Sock Hop will feature a hula hoop contest, a limbo contest, a '50s costume contest, and a 50/50 raffle. No need to spike the punchbowl as the Galena Brewing Company will offer a full cash bar with their craft beer, wine and mixed drinks. For more information, visit GalenaSwingDance.com, or call Kathy Cameron at 815-275-5231.

The Drowsy Chaperone

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1**The Drowsy Chaperone**

2 PM @ Grand Opera House

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3**365 Impact Awards**

7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

See page 12 for more information.

**NAMI Care and Share Meeting**

7 PM @ Caradco Building

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Dubuque invites you to participate in our Care and Share Meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. This group is open to anyone with lived experience, their family members, loved ones and anyone wanting to provide support. All meetings are held in the lower level Millwork Collective area at 900 Jackson Street.

This event is free and open to the public. Our support groups are facilitated by NAMI Dubuque.

Ginny Luke

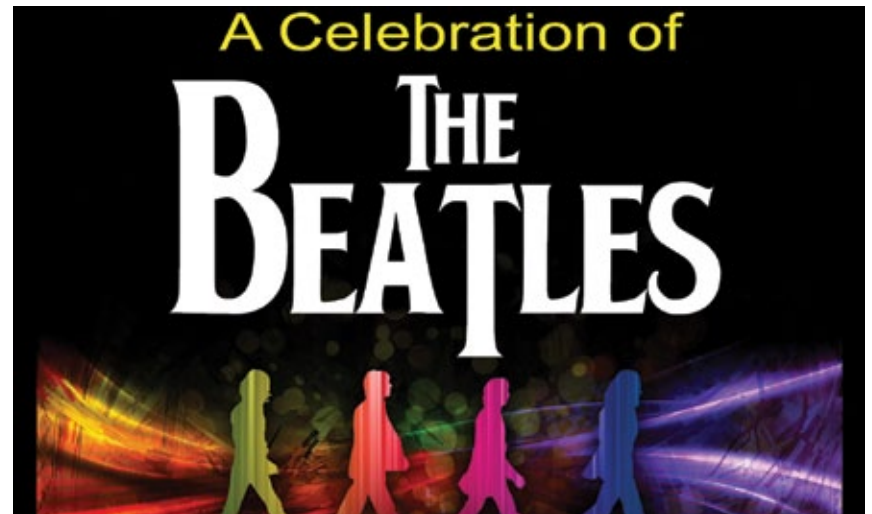
7:30 PM @ Clarke University

Ginny Luke is an accomplished electric violinist and singer. Her's artistic experiences have included over 20 musicals and plays, and four operas. Ginny is currently on tour with Cirque du Soleil inspired show, "Valitar." Ginny has held concertmaster positions (violin) in eight orchestras including Interlochen Symphony Orchestra, Colburn School of Music's Orchestra Da Camera, and the California Institute of the Arts Orchestra.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5**The Importance of Being Earnest**

7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

This comedy is a rousing romantic escapade and absurd comedic masterpiece about class and etiquette. In a stylish send-up of Victorian courtship and manners, charming bachelors Jack and Algernon lead double lives to woo the two young ladies who have won their hearts. When they are caught in their lies, the stage is set for clever manipulations and hilarious confusion. Directed by Amy Ressler. Presented by UD's Department of Fine and Performing Arts and the UD Drama Club.

**A CELEBRATION OF THE BEATLES**

TICKETS ON SALE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SHOW: FRIDAY, MARCH 20 @ 7 PM

WESTERN DUBUQUE HIGH SCHOOL

The Western Dubuque High School Fine Arts Booster Club is pleased to announce "A Celebration of the Beatles" will be held at the Western Dubuque High School Bobcats Performing Arts Center Artist Series on Friday, March 20 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for those under 21. Proceeds from this show will be used as a fundraiser for the new WDHS Bobcats Performing

Arts Center. Featured artists include: Johnnie Walker, Mike Lieb, Denny Troy, Brian Marceau, Rick Hoffmann and Ralph Kluseman. Western Dubuque High School students will also be performing.

Tickets may be purchased online at hub-monkey.com/tickets. For more information, please contact Ralph Kluseman at **563-599-9436**.





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THE LIGHTNING THIEF

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 @ 2 PM

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University of Dubuque's Heritage Center continues its second annual Live at Heritage Center Performing Arts Series with The Lightning Thief, performed by New York's Theatreworks USA. This one-hour Family Series presentation is based on the first installment of "Percy Jackson and The Olympians" book series by Rick Riordan.

The story of Percy Jackson begins with his being kicked out of school again which soon becomes the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's mythology textbook and into his life, not to mention the fact that he has discovered he's the descendent of the Greek God, Poseidon. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy

is the prime suspect. Now Percy has ten days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. With the help of some friends, he begins a quest to settle an ongoing battle between the gods that could change life on earth forever.

Tickets are \$13-15 adults, \$7 students/child, \$4 lap seats for children 3 years and under. Tickets for The Lightning Thief can be purchased now at the Farber Box Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, 2255 Bennett Street; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at dbq.edu/heritagecenter.

For further information, please contact Kristi Lynch, director of public information, at 563-589-3267. ■

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1 @ 2 PM

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The musical is directed by Ryan Decker, with music direction by Rob

Shepherd and choreography by Gretchen Breitbach. The show features a talented local cast, with costumes by Gloria Fitzpatrick, properties by Lynda Mackie and Jon Little and sets and lighting by Tracey Richardson.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for those younger than 18. Tickets can be purchased through the Grand Opera House box office, 135 W. 8th St.; by calling 563-588-1305; or by visiting theGrandOperaHouse.com.

Performances and free parking are sponsored by Radio Dubuque, Mediacom and Dupaco Community Credit Union. ■

CALL FOR ARTISTS

BLURRING THE EDGES EXHIBIT**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective is looking for artists to submit to its newest exhibit "Blurring the Edges." Art must be the artist's interpretation of one or both of the categories: Abstract and/or Experimental. All media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, multimedia, photography, digital, performance, installation art, video, etc. are eligible.

Email salondbq@gmail.com with your name, email, city of residence, and phone number. If a student, include your school and grade level. Please state whether you will be hand delivering or

shipping your work. Artists must be at least 14 years of age. Both developing and established artists are encouraged to submit.

For each piece submitted, please include: title, media, size, and price. Attach digital images of each piece (images must be of good resolution), and include an artist statement or a small description of the process or the intent of your work.

For more information, email salondbq@gmail.com or visit DAartscollective.com. ■

NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

DUBUQUE AREA WRITERS GUILD ANNUAL ANTHOLOGY**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 30**

In conjunction with the 38th annual DubuqueFest Fine Arts Festival (May 15-17, 2015), the Dubuque Area Writers Guild is excited to announce that it will be publishing the 37th edition of its Gallery book project. This year's publication, "Portraits: Writing & Art on the Body," will be an open-genre anthology showcasing the art and writing of Dubuquers and those with ties to the Dubuque area. While submissions about "the body" as a concept are encouraged, works of any theme will be considered.

Writers of all ages may submit fiction, non-fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry and memoir pieces. Writers should also include a short biographical paragraph about themselves along with their submission (not to exceed 50 words).

Electronic submissions are strongly preferred, and should be sent to dubuqueareawritersguild@gmail.com as attached .jpg or Word files. Please include the words "2015 Gallery submission" in the subject line of the email. The deadline for submissions to the anthology is March 30.

Writers selected for publication may be invited to read at a reception to celebrate the launch of the anthology, which will be held during DubuqueFest. The public is invited to attend the reception/reading and encouraged to purchase copies of The Gallery.

For more information, contact Danielle Phillips or Heidi Zull at dubuqueareawritersguild@gmail.com. ■

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PURSUIT OF THE PODIUM**VOTING DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 13**

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra (DSO) announced its third annual Pursuit of the Podium candidates: Tim Althaus, President at Family Beer & Liquor; Robert Byrne, Author; Jim Jelinske, Owner of Creative Education Services; Otto Krueger, Retired Air Force Officer and Procurement Manager at Diamond Jo Casino; and Jan Powers, Director of Workforce Solutions at Greater Dubuque Development Corporation.

The contestant that raises the most money on behalf of the DSO between February 1 and April 13 will conduct one piece at the free Summer Melodies

concert at the Dubuque Arboretum on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

To make a donation, please visit DubuqueSymphony.org or mail your gift to the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra at 2728 Asbury Road, Suite 900, Dubuque, IA 52001.

The winner and total amount raised will be announced at the DSO concerts on April 18-19 at Five Flags Theater, the final classics concert of the season.

For more information, call the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra office at **563-557-1677**. ■

**KIDS TAKE THE STAGE YOUTH THEATER CLASSES****FEBRUARY 16-MARCH 27
BELL TOWER THEATER**

The Bell Tower Theater is pleased to announce the continuation of our award-winning Kids Take the Stage Youth Theater classes this winter. Kids from Kindergarten through 6th grade can get into the act with all new activities. Artistic Director Sue Riedel will be joined by music teacher and director Sue Fogel to teach four different classes and workshops. Aspiring actors and actresses (or kids who just want to have fun) are invited to enter the magical world of theater. This program is supported in part by the City of Dubuque, the James B. and Melita A. McDonough Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Dubuque, Wal-Mart Foundation, Black Hills Energy and McKesson Foundation. Classes are held in the classroom and on the stage at the Bell Tower Theater. A limited number of financial assistance scholarships are available for qualified families. Deadline for enrollment is February 9. For information or to sign up, call **563-588-3377**, visit belltowertheater.net or stop by the Bell Tower Theater, Monday through Friday 11 AM-6 PM. ■

Let's Pretend**Mondays: February 16-March 23
@ 4-5 PM or 5:15-6:15 PM**

Take a trip to the world of make believe where anything is possible. This class uses kids' imagination and self-expression while building concentration, confidence and communication skills. Each class is a different adventure, and the goal is to have fun discovering the world of theater! Space is limited to 20 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Riedel. Cost: \$60 per child. Grades: Kindergarten & 1st.

Creative Theatrics**Wednesdays: February 18-March 25
@ 4-5 PM or 5:15-6:15 PM**

Let's hit the stage! This class uses beginning acting techniques and cultivates skills that help kids to be confident and comfortable on stage using stories and short plays as a foundation. Each day we will focus on creating believable characters using props, costumes, pantomime and dialogue. Space is limited to 20 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Riedel. Cost: \$60 per child. Grades: 2nd & 3rd.

Acting**Thursdays: February 19-March 26
@ 4:30-5:30 PM**

Get into the act! This class focuses on acting skills and how to create believable characters. Kids will explore improvisation, stage movement and pantomime. We will use skits and short plays to work on mastering the skills needed in acting on stage. Space is limited to 20 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Riedel. Cost: \$60 per child. Grades: 4th-6th.

Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Gotta Act!**Fridays @ February 20-March 27
@ 4-5:30 PM**

Learn how to put your best foot forward in a musical production. This fun-filled class focuses on singing techniques, staying in character during songs and simple choreography. Space is limited to 25 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Fogel. Cost: \$80 per child. Grades: 4th-6th.

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Budweiser BUDWEISER LOCAL LIVE MUSIC FEATURES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13



Joseph Huber Band

10 PM @ Eronel

Cover: FREE

Joseph Huber is normally a one-man band of bluegrass thrumming, but the .357 String Band alum will be bringing some friends along this time to up his act to a full band performance. Hard living put together with plenty of downtime has offered more than enough motivation and opportunity for his songwriting, lonely tales of the rivers and fields the Midwest runs through that have received high acclaim from many Americana enthusiasts looking for a more substantive substitute to much of today's modern country.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14



Dave Paris Band

9 PM @ The Lift

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, guitarist Dave Paris may not exactly be a household name, but his musical contributions have been part of national and international projects, and his reputation as a rising-star guitar player is spreading quickly. In his musical history, Dave has rocked the stage opening for acts like Bride and Disciple, stood alone with an acoustic guitar at numerous coffeehouses, and warmed-up the crowd for an evening of smooth jazz featuring saxophonist Walter Beasley. His own band, "The Dave Paris Group," is a pull-no-punches trio with musician-oriented modern rock and blues elements. Spend one night with Paris, Dave Paris, this Valentine's Day.



In All Honesty

10 PM @ Eronel

Cover: FREE

In All Honesty is a powerhouse of musical simplicity. Starting off as just a guitar and vocal coffee shop duo, they've grown into themselves, creating diverse sounds with an acoustic guitar, a keyboard, and a voice (with occasional percussion added in), that strive to capture the human experience through stories of love, life, death, and everything in between.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17



Split Pricks, Neurotic Nosebleed

10 PM @ Eronel

Cover: FREE

Split Pricks have three guitarists and no bassists and are really loud. The songs are sewn together, sharp angles and soft ones, too, kind of like the stuff that people in their 30s listened to back before they liked NPR better. This will be the first Split Pricks show in almost a year, and their first since releasing their first album, the EP *Hang In There, Baby*. Neurotic Nosebleed is the sort of punk rock that comes from a garage that nobody's paid rent on because everyone spent their money on poorly-done DRI tattoos. A night sure to be a nice combination of low and slow, one, hug, two hug. Erim Tarts will be sitting in with both bands.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19



The Delta Routine

10 PM @ Eronel

Cover: FREE

Milwaukee four-piece The Delta Routine are the kind of band that taps directly into the jugular of early rock-n-roll; distilling the raw, impassioned power and updating it for a younger generation. Traversing through a number of genres, such as garage, power-pop, punk, classic rock and even a bit of earthy Americana for good measure, it's sure to get the blood pumping, feet moving, and transform a simple get-together into an instant party.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20



Intelescope

9 PM @ The Lift

Nestled between the dueling guitar riffs of a rock show and the pounding rhythms of a rave lies a soundscape where Intelescope finds itself most at home. Playing all original music, this Madison, Wisconsin-based band balances the craft of composition with the power of improvisation by interweaving concise, melodic passages inside and out of aggressive, soaring jams. result is an instrumental post-rock sound that serves as a sweaty dance party mix-tape. Rhythm guitarist

and co-founder Dan Plourde explains, "our vision from the beginning was to let the music dictate the pace of the band, and things just started falling into place." Word is local weirdo Jimmy Trees will join the band for a few.



The Mayflies, Marques Morel

9 PM @ Eronel

Cover: FREE

With elements of bluegrass, blues, psychedelia, and just about any American roots music, the Mayflies have carved out their place with regional music performances. Agile and impressive musicianship have helped their live shows and songs engage audiences, a veritable platter of electric and acoustic Americana. Opening up the night will be one half of area country roots, Americana duo Dirt Simple, singer/songwriter Marques Morel and he'll be going on right around

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21



Grooms, Loudmouth, Midnight Muzik, Young Fantom

9 PM @ The Lift

Boasting a deep lyrical approach and an old soul full of emotion, Kansas based hip hop artist Grooms takes the show on the road in support of his latest EP release "Valley View" as he headlines the "Rip The Sky Wide Open" tour; kicking off in late February. In addition, the tour also features up and coming hip hop artists Loud



SHOWS @ THE LIFT
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
AN EVENING WITH
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Mouth and Johnny Rose, both of Illinois. With impressive lyrical depth, endless honesty, and humble attitudes, this trio ensures this is one tour you don't want to miss.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25



Rod Picott

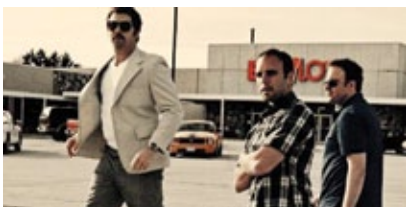
10 PM @ Eronel

Cover: FREE

The son of a welder and a former construction worker who hung up his tools when he released his debut CD in 2000, Rod Picott is a masterful songwriter and soulful singer who has carved a career for himself with a run of 6 beautifully crafted, self-released CDs over the past 15 years.

His latest, *Hang Your Hopes On Crooked Nail*, was produced by RS Field [Billy Joe Shaver, Justin Townes Earle, Hayes Carll] and is a collection of carefully crafted songs of rugged truth and beauty that highlight Picott's particular gift for exploring complex themes in common language.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27



The Tyme Machines, Group Therapy

9 PM @ The Lift

Chicagoan Bryan Adamick had a bunch of song topics inspired by his 4 years living in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He noticed the locals using terms such as "Tyme Machine" and "Bubbler." He recognized

the locals wearing mustaches. It was a lot to handle and songs needed to be written! The band regularly plays their tunes (peppered with some of the most awkward 90's covers imaginable) live at bars and clubs in Illinois and Wisconsin. In Spring 2010, they recorded a 5 song EP entitled "Supper Club Serenades" featuring Wisconsin themed tunes and available for download on iTunes. Group Therapy, led by the 365 ad team, mine territory like 80's synth pop, 90's alternative, and modern country. Complete with keytar. Beat that on a Friday!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28



An evening with Ernie Hendrickson

9 PM @ The Lift

Shullsburg, Wisconsin native Ernie Hendrickson grew up on a steady diet of Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Neil Young and Jerry Garcia. These early heroes opened the gates to the deep well of American roots music which he continues to draw inspiration from. Even by the age of 16, Ernie was forming bands searching for his own sound. His 2007 solo record, *Down the Road*, of which the Illinois Entertainer deemed "Groundbreaking" pushed him onto the Midwest's radar as an emerging singer-songwriter. His second and third records 'Walking with Angels' and 'One For the Dreamers' found him working with industry veterans Bo Ramsey (Lucinda Williams, Greg Brown) and Chad Cromwell (Neil Young, Mark Knopfler) respectively. He has played stages from the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville to the Living Room in New York City and all points in between. His songs have been in regular rotation at over 100 different radio stations across the country and his fans will attest to the energy and fun found at his live shows, which in the spirit of his heroes are never the same and always evolving.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Lonely Goats
Night in N'awlins Mardi Gras
Party
5:30 PM @ River Museum

Bryce Reeg
7 PM @ 1st & Main

Steve McIntyre
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Downfall
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Lenny Wayne
8:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Fabulous Fridays
Megan Gloss & Jill Klinebriel
Noon @ St. Luke's Methodist
Church

The Wundos
Galena Mardi Gras Pub Crawl
6 PM @ Green Street Tavern

Statue of Liberty
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

7 Bridges Road
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Open Mic with Max
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

Gregory James
7 PM @ Timmerman's

Roy Schroedl
7 PM @ Perfect Pint

Garrett Hillary
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

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

Dueling Pianos
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Laura McDonald & Jeff
Weydert
8 PM @ Spirits

Swingin' Doors
8 PM @ Jumpers

Joe & Vicki Price
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth Blues &
BBQ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Jordan Danielsen
8 PM @ Grape Escape

The Mayflies
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Statue of Liberty
9 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Joseph Huber Band
9 PM @ Eronel

Brown Bottle Bandits
9 PM @ Budde's

Ruby Blonde Band
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

VALENTINE'S DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Statue of Liberty
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Rubber Soul:
Tribute to The Beatles
4 & 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Lonely Goats
6 PM @ Los Aztecas Asbury

Matt Valenti
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Roy Schroedl
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

The Bluesniks
Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

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

Mr. Rat Pack
8 PM @ Mystique Casino

Buzz Berries
8 PM @ Knickers

Dirty Laundry
8 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

Andy Wilberding
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club

The Jimmys
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth Blues &
BBQ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Fever River String Band
8 PM @ The Bank / Old
Legion Hall, Maquoketa

Ethan Keller
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Aaron Kelly Band
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Percival
8 PM @ Elks Lodge, Galena

Nutsy Turtle & Lori
8:30 PM @ Dagwood's

Tony Walker
9 PM @ Skinny Maginny's

In All Honesty
9 PM @ Eronel

Dave Paris Band
9 PM @ The Lift

Marty Koppes
9 PM @ Spirits

Ignighter
9 PM @ Northside Bar

Half-Fast
9 PM @ Dirty Ernie's

BackRoads
9:30 PM @ Eichman's

Project X
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Open Mic with Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Bryce from 5th Fret
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Chili Cook-Off
2 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

Open Mic with Broom Street
Drifters
2:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Gaelic Storm
3 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Mississippi Duo
3 PM @ Northside Bar

The Lonely Goats
Jimmy Berg's Birthday!
3:30 PM @ New Diggings
General Store

Open Mic with Becky
McMahon
4 PM @ Stone Cliff

Nutsy Turtle & Lori
4 PM @ Painted Horse
Saloon, Bernard

Katie Sullivan
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Taste Like Chicken
6 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

Miss Kitty's Quiz Show
8 PM @ Grape Escape

FAT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Derty Rice
Mardi Gras Party
6 PM @ Jumpers

Andrew Houy
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Bill Encke & NOLA Jazz
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth Blues &
BBQ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Split Pricks, Neurotic
Nosebleed
9 PM @ Eronel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Live@5
Hosted by Ralph Kluseman
5 PM @ Tony Roma's

Acoustic Jam with Steve
McIntyre
6:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Ben Dunegan
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

7 Bridges Road
7:30 PM @ Chestnut
Mountain

Laughing Moon Comedy
Michael Winslow
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Broken Strings
7 PM @ 1st & Main

Statue of Liberty
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Tim Stop with Jake Bender
7 PM @ Crust

Dueling Pianos
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

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Michael Breitbart
8:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

The Delta Routine
9 PM @ Eronel

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Fabulous Fridays
Vince Williams presents...
Noon @ St. Luke's Methodist Church

Kelly Lidle Benefit
Half-Fast, The Resistors
4-10 PM @ Courtside

Heartbeat
U of I Childrens' Hospital
Fundraiser
5 PM @ Airline Inn

Andrew Houy
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Gregory James
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Hot Mess
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

Statue of Liberty
7 PM @ Timmerman's

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

Classical Blast
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Brown Bottle Bandits
8 PM @ Jumpers

Roy Schroedl
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Denny Garcia
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

The Mayflies, Marques Morel
9 PM @ Eronel

Intescope
9 PM @ The Lift

Twang Dragons
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
The Lonely Goats
Dubuque On Ice Brewfest
Noon @ Mystique Ice Arena

Casey Klein
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Tony Walker
Brewfest After Party
5 PM @ Mystique Casino TPC

Vu JàDé
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

David Minnihan
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Adam O'Dell
Senior Piano Recital
7:30 PM @ Clarke University

Rockabilly Junction
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

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

Pop Rocks
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Gladdy & The Tramps
8 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

Johnny Kilowatt
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Lojo Russo
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Grooms, Midnight Muzik,
Loudmouth, Young Fantom
9 PM @ The Lift

Missbehavin' Trio
9 PM @ Spirits

Renegade
9 PM @ Northside Bar

Crude But Effective
9 PM @ The County Line

PokeUrDumplin
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Open Mic with Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Massey Road
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Ten Gallon Hat
3:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Statue of Liberty
3:30 PM @ New Diggings
General Store

Open Mic w/ Becky McMahon
4 PM @ Stone Cliff

Classical Blast
4 PM @ Iron Horse Social Club

The Lonely Goats
6 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

Miss Kitty's Quiz Show
8 PM @ Grape Escape

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Jordan Danielsen
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Twist This Comedy
Open Mic @ 7 PM
DJ Mister Whiskerz @ 9 PM
The Cornerstone

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Live@5
Hosted by Ralph Kluseman
5 PM @ Tony Roma's

Acoustic Jam with Jay Vonn
6:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Laughing Moon Comedy
Ms. Pat
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Rod Picott
9 PM @ Eronel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Greg James
7 PM @ 1st & Main

7 Bridges Road
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

WJOD Line Dance
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Open Mic with Jeff & Jimmy
8:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Fabulous Fridays
Ann Duchow & David Patterson
Noon @ St. Luke's Methodist Church

Scott Kerry Guthrie
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Garrett Hillary
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

The Wundos
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

The Old '57s
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Meghan Davis
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Unbreakable: A Tribute to the
King of Pop
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Laura McDonald & Jeff Weydert
8 PM @ Skinny McGinny's

Brown Bottle Bandits
8 PM @ Spirits

Taste Like Chicken
8 PM @ Jumpers

Mississippi Band
8 PM @ Northside Bar

Duo Sol
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Kristina Castaneda &
Shawn Healy
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Rebecca Rego &
The Trainmen, Sleep Study
9 PM @ Eronel

The Tyme Machines,
Group Therapy
9 PM @ The Lift

Renegade
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Adam Keith
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

7 Bridges Road
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

The Fast Clydes
Galena Goes '50s Sock Hop
7 PM @ Turner Hall

Meghan Davis
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Sushi Roll
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Fever River String Band
8 PM @ Fife's



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COMING TO THEATERS

Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)

Friday, February 13

Based upon the acclaimed comic book and directed by Matthew Vaughn (Kick Ass, X-Men First Class), Kingsman: The Secret Service tells the story of a super-secret spy organization that recruits an unrefined but promising street kid into the agency's ultra-competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius.

50 Shades of Grey (R)

Friday, February 13

E.L. James' kinky best-seller gets the big screen treatment. The steamy tale details a masochistic relationship between a college student and a businessman, whose desires for extreme intimacy pen from secrets in his past.

Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R)

Friday, February 20

Director Steve Pink returns to the helm for this sequel set 10 years in the future, and starring Rob Corddry, Adam Scott, Clark Duke, and Craig Robinson... sorry, no John Cusack.

The Duff (PG-13)

Friday, February 20

Bianca is a content high school senior whose world is shattered when she learns the student body knows her as 'The DUFF' (Designated Ugly Fat Friend) to her prettier, more popular friends and sets out to reinvent herself. To save her senior year from turning into a total disaster, Bianca must find the confidence to overthrow the school's ruthless label maker Madison and remind everyone that no matter what people look or act like, we are all someone's DUFF.

McFarland USA (PG)

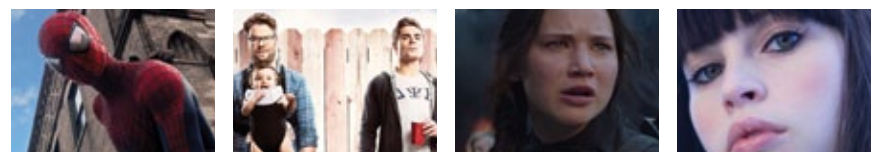
Friday, February 20

From Disney comes the true against-all-odds story of the 1987 McFarland high school cross country team in an economically challenged community. Starring Kevin Costner.

Focus (R)

Friday, February 27

A con artist (Will Smith) takes on an inexperienced apprentice in this crime comedy from the filmmaking duo behind Crazy Stupid Love.



MOVIE BUZZ

Marvel has officially announced a partnership between themselves and Sony Pictures Entertainment for joint custody of Spider-Man. Sony maintains full ownership of the films, financing, distributing, and retaining "final creative control." But first, the superhero is confirmed to make his next screen appearance in a Marvel film. Assumedly, that will be Captain America 3, which is focusing on the Civil War storyline that, in the comics, Spider-Man is meant to play a sizable part in. Also of note, Andrew Garfield will not be returning at Spider-Man.

Universal is moving forward a sequel to Neighbors, last summer's comedy that somehow made \$268 million on the promise of explaining how it would be annoying to live near a frat house. The original cast (Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne) is returning, as well as director Nicholas

Stoller and writers Andrew Jay Cohen and Brendan O'Brien, who are penning a script that sees Married Couple enlist the frat guys to help them out when now a sorority takes over the property next door.

Lionsgate has plans to expand beyond the Hunger Games novels with newly made-up stories about how crappy it is to live in Panem, "actively looking at some development and thinking about prequel and sequel possibilities."

Theory of Everything star Felicity Jones is in talks to join the Star Wars universe as the lead in the first standalone film. About a Boy's Chris Weitz is currently writing and Godzilla's Gareth Edwards will direct. Sources reportedly tell the trade that Aaron Paul and Edgar Ramirez are being eyed for the male lead. So picture someone saying, "The Force, bitch!". ■

MISSISSIPPI MOON BAR EVENTS

All shows at the Mississippi Moon Bar are 21+ only and tickets for all performances are available at the Diamond Club inside the Diamond Jo Casino or online at DiamondJoDubuque.com.



RUBBER SOUL: TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 4 AND 8 PM
Rubber Soul is one of the premier Beatles tributes in the country. The tribute covers the entire gamut of Beatles hits, covering the early material through the “British invasion,” the psychedelic era of Sgt. Peppers and Magical Mystery Tour to late Beatles, covering the White Album release through Abbey Road. ■



GAELIC STORM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 @ 3 PM
While Gaelic Storm’s Celtic music takes you back to the traditional music of Ireland, they are hardly traditionalists, adding modern sounds and drawing influences from American rock and pop as well as music styles from around the world. ■



UNBREAKABLE: A TRIBUTE TO THE KING OF POP
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 8 PM
Direct from Las Vegas, Michael Knight captures the essence of a Michael Jackson concert complete with professional choreographed dancers and band. Knight has the looks, sounds and talents to pay tribute to the one and only “King of Pop!” ■



TRACY LAWRENCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 @ 8 PM
Tracy Lawrence is one of the most recognizable voices in country music with songs such as “Paint Me a Birmingham,” “Alibis,” and “Find Out Who Your Friends Are.” Lawrence has enjoyed twenty-two songs on the Billboard Top 10 charts with eighteen #1 singles, and selling over thirteen million albums. ■



THE SPAZMATICS
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 @ 8 PM
The Spazmatics lend their geeky charm to the tune of theme songs and hits that shaped the 80’s. Their spastic show is complete with style and dance moves. They add a unique dimension to their performance, demonstrating the common ties between 80’s new wave and today’s popular music. ■



END OF WINTER BLUES FEST
FRIDAY, MARCH 20 @ 7 PM
Corey Stevens is a blues-based rock singer, songwriter and guitarist. Stevens has recorded numerous songs including “Blue Drops of Rain,” “Lessons of Love” and “One More Time,” which landed him in the Top Ten. Stevens has toured with the likes of Paul Rodgers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and ZZ Top.

Sena Ehrhardt has emerged as one of the freshest and most dynamic emerging young voices on the blues scene today. She’s been invited to open concerts for B.B. King, ZZ Top, Robert Cray, Dickey Betts, Johnny Winter and Gregg Allman. With her newest release, Live My Life, Ehrhardt continues to forge her own personal and intelligent take on the blues.

Shannon Curfman is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who burst upon the blues and roots rock scene with her major-label debut Loud Guitars, Big Suspicions. Curfman has been Kid Rock’s duet partner, background singer and guitarist since 2010. As an opener she has toured with Mellencamp, Buddy Guy, The Indigo Girls, ZZ Top, Carlos Santana, and more. Curfman is an electric and commanding performer who rips solos on the guitar like one of the guys. ■



THE TUBES
FRIDAY, APRIL 17 @ 8 PM
The Tubes will go down in the rock history books as one of the most exciting, in-your-face group of musicians who epitomized the hilarity of popular American culture by making it into the ultimate rock ‘n’ roll extravaganza. The single, “She’s a Beauty” reached the Top 10 and pushed The Tubes’ album Outside/Inside into the U.S. Top 20. ■



AARON LEWIS
THURSDAY, MAY 21 @ 8 PM (RESCHEDULED)
Aaron Lewis is a Grammy Award-nominated, multi-platinum singer, songwriter, and guitarist. In 2011, the Staind front man formally arrived in the country world with the release of his debut EP, Town Line. Highlighted by the success of the single “Country Boy,” the seven-song EP reached #1 on the Billboard Country Albums Chart and #7 on the Billboard Top 200 upon release. In addition to his country hits, Lewis will be playing a selection of rock hits. ■

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Downfall
Thursday, February 12 @ 8 PM

Dueling Pianos
Friday, February 13 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Michael Winslow
Wednesday, February 18 @ 8 PM

Dueling Pianos: Li & Griffin
Thursday, February 19 @ 8 PM

Classical Blast
Friday, February 20 @ 8 PM

Pop Rocks
Saturday, February 21 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Ms. Pat
Wednesday, February 25 @ 8 PM

Sushi Roll
Saturday, February 28 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Andy Kindler
Wednesday, March 4 @ 8 PM

Dueling Pianos: Eben & Marquardt
Thursday, March 5 @ 8 PM

Audiodrive
Saturday, March 6 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: James Johann
Wednesday, March 11 @ 8 PM

The Classic Rock Experience
Friday, March 13 @ 8 PM

Dueling Pianos: Eben & Marquardt
Thursday, March 19 @ 8 PM

The Jan & Dean Beach Party
Saturday, March 28 @ 4 & 7 PM

David Allan Coe
Saturday, April 11 @ 8 PM

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**MYSTIQUE CASINO**

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Bar Type/Theme: Cabaret Room, TPC Sports Bar**Hours:** Casino open 24 Hours**Music Frequency:** Regular local live music and national touring artists as well as special events**Food:** Multiple dining options in the casino including full bar menu at TPC Sports Bar**Other Amenities:** Gaming, Live Greyhound Racing

Mystique Casino hosts great live entertainment throughout the year including the best in local and regional live music as well as national touring shows, tribute performers and major recording stars. You might find performers in the TPC sports bar or bigger shows in the Cabaret Theater. you can also do some gaming and grab a great meal while your there. It's all under one roof.

NORTHSIDE BAR

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Bar Type/Theme: Neighborhood bar**Hours:** 12 PM–2 AM daily**Music Frequency:** Most weekends, Friday and/or Saturday night, Sunday afternoons from 3 PM**Food:** Town Clock Inn pizza, bar snacks

Northside Bar on Jackson Street is a classic example of a Dubuque neighborhood bar—a fun, friendly local watering hole where people from Dubuque's "North End" neighborhood gather to unwind and have a good time. Hosting live music on weekends, Northside ramps up the fun, drawing live music lovers from more than just the neighborhood. Darts, pool, foosball and an outdoor smoking patio with a fire pit just add to the fun.

**RIVERBOAT LOUNGE**

200 Main St (Hotel Julien Dubuque)

563-556-4200

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Bar Type/Theme: Craft cocktail lounge**Hours:** Mon–Thu: 4–10 PM, Fri: 4 PM–2 AM,

Sat: 1 PM–2 AM, Sun: Closed

Other Amenities: self-service wine station, plate-sharing menu, craft cocktails, nightly live music, living room seating

Located in the heart of the Old Main District, Hotel Julien Dubuque's Riverboat Lounge features nightly live music, exemplary craft cocktails, an enticing small plate menu, an extensive wine selection, and an unparalleled atmosphere that complements after-work drinks, a pre-dinner cocktail, or a stylish night out with friends.

SHENANIGAN'S

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Hours: 3 PM–2 AM**Music Frequency:** Occasional

A big stage at the back of the bar front plenty of room to dance. It's not the prettiest bar in the world, but hey, it's nighttime and it's dark anyway and the neighborhood comes out to have a good time and their favorite local haunt.

SKINNY MAGINNY'S

123 Main St • 563-231-3226

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Bar Type/Theme: A little of everything**Hours:** 4 PM–2 AM daily**Music Frequency:** Occasional weekends**Food:** Flatbread Pizzas and more**Other Amenities:** Shuffleboard, Wi-Fi, Jukebox, ATM

Music Food Fun and Games. They's their motto. Occasional live music in the front window stage is accented with shuffleboard, free Wi-fi, and lots of drink specials. Try a flatbread pizza or have a grilled and cheese and a bloody Mary starting at 3 on Sundays.

SPIRITS @ DAYS INN

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Bar Type/Theme: Bar & Grill**Hours:** 3 PM–Close**Music Frequency:** Every Friday and Saturday**Food:** Bar food, burgers, pizzas, wraps, fried love.**Other Amenities:** Attached to hotel, outdoor swimming pool

It's a large, clean, non-smoking bar with plenty of flat screen LCD tv's for the big game or to sit and chill out. They also have a full menu including pizzas, chicken, burgers, egg rolls, fish, wraps, shrimp, sandwiches and much more! Spirits is open daily at 3pm till 1am or later, and on the weekends in the summer they open at Noon so you can have your favorite cocktail poolside and relax. Spirits Bar & Grill also has live music many nights in the summer. Come see what the buzz is all about with this fun and relaxing atmosphere. They have a music calendar booked far in advance online.

STONE CLIFF WINERY

600 Star Brewery Dr (Port of Dubuque)

563-583-6100

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Bar Type/Theme: Winery tasting room, plus beer!**Hours:** Sun–Wed, 11 AM–8 PM; Thu–Sat, 11 AM–11 PM**Music Frequency:** Live music Fri & Sat night, Sun afternoon, karaoke Thu night

Food: Weekday lunches served Tue–Fri, 11–2, menu of appetizers served all day, everyday

A destination for locals and tourists alike, Stone Cliff Winery, located in the historic Star Brewery Building at the Port of Dubuque, is a great place to relax and enjoy life. Not only a place to taste the range of Stone Cliff wine, made onsite, visitors can select from a variety of craft beers including locally-produced Potosi and snack on appetizers in the comfortable and stylish Tasting Room. Friday and Saturday evenings (from 7 PM) and Sunday afternoons (from 3 or 4 PM), the Tasting Room hosts live music, either on the grand piano or acoustic guitar performed by local talent—a great way to relax after a walk on the Riverwalk along the Mississippi.

**TONY ROMAS**

350 Bell St (Grand Harbor Resort)

563-690-3249

tonyromas.com

Bar Type/Theme: BBQ & Steakhouse**Hours:** 6:30 AM–11 PM (Midnight Fri & Sat)**Music Frequency:** Wed nights, Live @ 5**Food:** Ribs, Steaks, Apps and more.**Other Amenities:** Waterpark Hotel

Ralph Kluseman and friends host a weekly afterwork music showcase featuring multiple performers called Live@5 sponsored by Tony Roma's, Hub Monkey Mobile App, 7G Distributing and 365ink Magazine. Enjoy great drink and food specials, register to win swag and goodies from Hub Monkey and check out a variety of new artists each week from veterans to beginners in a family friendly atmosphere. Wind down after work mid-week with this can't miss event.

1ST & MAIN

101 Main St • 563-587-8152

facebook.com/1stMainDBQ

Bar Type/Theme: Bar & Eatery**Hours:** 11 AM–2 AM**Music Frequency:** Weekly, earlier**Food:** Full Menu**Other Amenities:** Pool, Large private bar on the basement for special events.

Tasty, gourmet appetizers with local flavor, thirst-quenching drinks, and never-before-seen complete bar entertainment.

**THE CORNERSTONE**

125 North Main St (Galena, IL) • 815-776-0700

facebook.com/pages/The-Cornerstone

Bar Type/Theme: Live music pub**Hours:** Tue–Fri, 5 PM–1 AM; Sat & Sun, 12 PM–1 AM closed Mon**Music Frequency:** Wed–Sun, weekly**Food:** A variety of specialty hot dogs (Chicago style, etc.), nachos, chips & salsa, tacos, quesadillas, sandwiches, available during open hours.

The Cornerstone is a relaxed friendly pub committed to live music, hosting live music an incredible five nights a week, from an "Acoustic Jam" on Wednesdays through open mic on Sunday afternoons with singer/songwriter, folk, blues, jazz and everything else in between. The Cornerstone features a full bar and over 60 varieties of beer (in bottles, no tap) and the pool table is always free.

FRANK O DOWD'S

9853 U.S. 20 (Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel)

(Galena, IL) • 815-776-0707

theirishcottageboutiquehotel.com

facebook.com/frankodowds

Bar Type/Theme: Irish Pub**Hours:** 11:30 AM–1 AM, Fri–Sun; 4 PM–11 PM Wed–Thu; Closed Mon–Tue**Music Frequency:** Weekends, holidays and special events**Food:** Full Menu featuring Irish and American Fare after 9 PM**Other Amenities:** Pub interior was handcrafted in Ireland, Irish Dancers on some weekends,

Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill is Galena, Illinois' premier live entertainment venue. The beating heart of The Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel, the Pub's energetic atmosphere is filled with the sounds of Celtic song, laughter, and the clackety-clack of Irish dancers. The Pub's rich ornate interior, designed and handcrafted in Ireland, embraces an earlier time. The expanded pub menu includes classic favorites and dishes with traditional ingredients approached in new ways. Whether you are a guest at The Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel or passing through Galena, visit Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill where we celebrate St. Patrick's Day everyday!

GALENA BREWING COMPANY

227 North Main St (Galena, IL) • 815-776-9917

galenabrewery.com

facebook.com/galenabreweryhall

Bar Type/Theme: Brew pub/restaurant**Hours:** Mon–Thu, 4 PM–close; Fri–Sun, 11 AM–close**Music Frequency:** Most Fri and/or Sat from 7 PM**Food:** Full menu of appetizers and small plates, sandwiches and wraps, soups and salads.

Whether a craft beer lover, a "foodie," or a live music fan, Galena Brewing Company has what you want. If you happen to be more than one of those, you've really hit the jackpot. The menu, which leans more towards quality, interesting appetizers and small plates for sharing but also has sandwiches and more for those truly hungry, is great for those who like to taste a variety of things and pairs perfectly with a flight of beer samples. In the entertainment department, Galena Brew hosts a range of acts, bringing in local bands and groups

from Chicago and Madison playing, blues, reggae, rockabilly, zydeco, and more. But best of all is Galena Brewing's craft beer, brewed right on sight in a range of styles like award-winning favorites Uly's Dark (oatmeal stout), Anna Belle's IPA, Fever River Ale (hefeweizen), and Uptown Brown and an ever-evolving variation of seasonal offerings. Come for the beer, stay for the food, and then dance it all off to some live music.

MISS KITTYY'S GRAPE ESCAPE

242 North Main St (Galena, IL) • 779-214-0003
GrapeEscapeGalena.com

facebook.com/MissKittysGrapeEscape

Bar Type/Theme: Wine & Martini Lounge

Hours: Mon–Fri, 5 PM–1 AM; Sat & Sun, 11 AM–1 AM

Music Frequency: Most Fri & Sat, some Thu, Open Mic with Scott Rische every Sun

Food: Appetizers like chips & salsa, cheese & meat tray, bruschetta, wraps

Occupying the corner on the left at the north end of Galena's "uptown" Main Street area, Miss Kitty's Grape Escape is a destination for good times and live music is just part of the fun. The Grape hosts live music on Friday and Saturday nights every weekend, on many Thursdays, and on Saturday afternoons with a mix of local and regional talent ranging from folk and singer/songwriter to rockabilly, outlaw country, funk, and rock. The Sunday open mic hosted by Scott Rische (from 12 PM) draws a range of local pickers, players, and singers and serves as a perfect background for Miss Kitty's build-your-own Bloody Mary bar. Weekend nights the Grape is a destination for the great wine list, a range of craft beers, and some amazing cocktails, which might account for the mix of "girls night out" groups, date night couples, and bachelorette parties. (Guys, are you paying attention?) Whether at the bar or lounging in the plush sofas in the backroom, the Grape is always a relaxed good time.



SANDY HOOK TAVERN

3868 Badger Rd (Hazel Green, WI)
608-748-4728

sandyhooktavern.com

facebook.com/sandyhooktavern

Bar Type/Theme: Live music roadhouse/biker bar

Hours: Mon–Fri, 2 PM–close (usually 2 AM); Sat & Sun, 12 PM–2:30 AM

Music Frequency: Most Fri, Sat and Sun

Food: Pizza (try the spicy pizza with Shriracha!). In the summer, Hook owner Ash opens his food truck with burgers, barbecue, and more.

Just minutes across the bridge from Dubuque in Southwest Wisconsin, the Sandy Hook Tavern is one of the Tri-State area's top live music destinations, hosting a variety of live music every weekend from

local bar bands to national touring acts, in genres spanning from outlaw country to hard rock and heavy metal. Starting late and playing into the wee hours, the Sandy Hook is often the last stop on area live music fans itinerary on weekend nights and hosts a robust Sunday evening crowd for those who want to squeeze the most out of their weekend. Hook owner Ash built an expansive outdoor stage to host live music and outdoor concerts in the summer, complemented by his outdoor, open-air bar and food truck serving great barbecue, burgers, and sandwiches, often until close.



NEW DIGGINGS GENERAL STORE

2944 County Highway W (New Diggings, WI)
608-965-3231

NewDiggs.com

facebook.com/pages/New-Diggings-General-Store-Inn

Bar Type/Theme: Historic General Store & Inn/roadhouse/biker bar

Hours: Thu–Fri, 3 PM–close; Sat–Sun, Noon–close

Music Frequency: Sun afternoons through summer, occasionally during winter

Food: Appetizers, sandwiches, burgers, chicken, fish, and pizza

The New Diggings General Store & Inn, located "miles away from the real world" in the rolling hills of southwest Wisconsin, is a destination that should be on the list of anyone who hasn't visited it yet and the live music, generally hosted on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 PM (with the occasional Friday or Saturday night) is the perfect excuse to make the journey. Not that you need an excuse, as part of the New Diggings experience is the trip to get there and the rich history once you arrive. Founded by lead miners as "Natchez" in 1824, New Diggings was an early outpost of westward expansion and a settlement for miners even before Dubuque was opened for settlement in 1833. The first structure to exist on the foundation on which the General Store now sits was built in 1844. The current building was built in 1890 after the original structure was partially burned down in 1889. It served as a bar and grocery store on the first floor and a bordello upstairs up until Prohibition. Fast forward to the present day and you have a beautifully rustic piece of history with great food and cold beer, with guest rooms upstairs if you should want (or need) to stay the night. Pool table, foosball, pinball, and various arcade games serve as worthy diversions but if it's your first time, you'll probably spend more time looking at the signs and antiques decorating the historic space.



FLATTED FIFTH BLUES & BBQ

300 Potter Drive (Bellevue, IA) • 563-872-3838
Pottersmill.net

facebook.com/pages/Flatted-Fifth-Blues-BBQ-at-Potters-Mill

Bar Type/Theme: Cajun, Creole, & barbeque restaurant/blues & Jazz joint

Hours: Tue–Thu, 11 AM–9 PM; Fri–Sat, 11 AM–12 AM; Sun, 11 AM–9 PM

Music Frequency: Most weekends,

Fri and/or Sat nights

Food: full menu of Cajun, Creole, barbeque, and other Southern specialties

Self-described as "Southerners by choice," (they're from Minnesota) Mark and Rachel Herman have refashioned Bellevue's historic Potter's Mill into Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ, "where the jazz and southern food of Bourbon Street meet the blues and BBQ of Beale Street in a beautifully restored 170 year old grist mill." Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ is certainly all that and more. Built in 1843 by Elbridge Potter, the six-story gristmill is the oldest in the state of Iowa and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Restored in the '80s, the mill has served as home to a variety of businesses but has sat vacant in recent years until the Hermans fell in love with the site and refashioned it into both a great restaurant and live music venue. Chef Drew Weis, a Bellevue native nails the Cajun, Creole, and barbeque menu, making the food alone worth the drive to Bellevue. Add a great list of craft brews, cocktails, and live blues and jazz performed by a range of regional talent and you've got a winning combination. With plans for a Bed & Breakfast in upper floors, a new deck, and an onsite outfitters, it's only going to get better.

EICHMAN'S

11941 Route 52. N. (Sageville, IA)
563-552-2494

eichmansbarandrestaurant.com

Bar Type/Theme: Part family restaurant/part friendly fun party bar

Hours: 11 AM–1 AM

Music Frequency: Twice a month October–April

Food: Killer Supper Club style food

Other Amenities: Connected to convenience store and gas station, pool, games

Eichman's is famous for it's breasted chicken dinners. You won't be sorry. But then you can let the love digest some nights and stick around for great local live music on the bar side, when the open up the big barn door and let the tunes fly. You might (who am I kidding, you will) see Stacie join in with about any band playing that night (unless she's out playing with her own band). It's the hottest spot north of Dubuque!

DIRTY ERNIE'S

201 First St NW (Farley, IA) • 563-744-4653

Bar Type/Theme: Biker friendly, small-town bar

Hours: Mon–Fri, 2 PM–2 AM; Sat & Sun, 12 PM–2 AM

Music Frequency: Most weekends

Farley, Iowa is the self-proclaimed "Heart of the Cornbelt" and in the heart of Farley's downtown is Dirty Ernie's. With a logo that might remind one of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Dirty Ernie's is definitely biker-friendly with a big beer garden open in warmer months. But being a small town bar, Dirty Ernie's is the kind of place where everyone is welcome, whether for live music on weekends, or to watch the Hawkeyes or Cubs on the big screen. Dirty Ernie's reportedly also has the best Bloody Marys in town.

SHARKS ROADHOUSE

1336 US Highway 20 West (Elizabeth, IL)
815-858-9898

sharksroadhouse.com

facebook.com/sharks.roadhouse

Bar Type/Theme: Biker-friendly roadhouse/barbeque joint

Hours: Sun–Thu, 11 AM–midnight; Fri–Sat, 11 AM–1:30 AM (Winter hours: closed Mon–Wed)

Music Frequency: Sunday afternoons during summer, occasional other dates

Food: Appetizers, burgers, and barbeque favorites like ribs, brisket, chicken, and pulled pork, generally until 9 PM

A roadhouse in every sense of the word, Sharks is right on Highway 20, just west of Elizabeth, Illinois. The 5,000-plus square foot restaurant and tavern features a beautifully crafted main bar, multiple dining areas with seating for over 150. In the summer that expands to include an open-air beer garden with a covered pavilion, perfect for hosting live music and for bikers rolling through town to stop for a beer or a bite to eat. The latter is definitely recommended as Shark's has a great menu of burgers and barbecue favorites making it a destination not only for those on Harleys but locals and hungry travelers, as well.

PERFECT PINT

175 West Main St (Steve's Pizza) (Platteville, WI)
608-348-3136

stevespizzapalace.com

Bar Type/Theme:

Hours: 4–11:30 PM Sun–Thu, 4 PM–1:30 AM Fri, 11 AM–1:30 AM Sat

Music Frequency: Weekends

Food: Connected to Steve's Pizza!

Great pizza with a greek flair since 1963... and regular live acoustic music from favorite area performers. Guys like 12-string master Roy Schroedl can be found here often. It's a favorite destination for locals and the UWP college crowd alike.



HAPPY'S PLACE

BY RICH BELMONT

In 1956 Freeman Hancock and his wife, Doris, purchased a small bar on Rockdale Road in Dubuque. Freeman's nickname was "Happy" so they renamed the bar Happy's Place. Six years later they sold it to their son, Jack Hancock and his wife Gayle. After twenty six years Jack and Gayle sold it to their nephew, Mark Hancock and his wife Pauline who operated Happy's Place for another twenty six years.

Over those fifty eight years the Hancock family kept improving and expanding the business. It went from being a bar to a bar and restaurant to a bar, restaurant and the area's premier banquet hall.



In December, 2014 Andy and Kristin (Leonard) Bertsch purchased Happy's Place. Andy and Lauren Leonard, Kristin's sister, handle the day to day operations and Kristin manages the business end. Andy and Kristin must believe in the old adage "if it ain't broke don't fix it." That's

because Happy's Place continues to be the same as it was during the 58 years before them. In fact, it can be said Happy's Place is still run in the tradition of the Hancock family. Kristin worked there from age 14 until she was 22. Lauren is the Kitchen Manager, who also started working there when she was 14 and has been with the restaurant for ten years already.

Even though the Hancock's no longer own the business, they still have an active role in the daily operation. Mark and his brother, Kenny, are present daily and Pauline is only a phone call away assisting whenever needed.

The banquet hall consists of two private dining rooms and one of those can be divided. There are three large bars with available bartenders and a dance floor with bandstand. Total occupancy is 454 people so it is not unusual to find there are dinners going on in one or more rooms several times each week.



Andy, Kristin and Lauren are experienced in offering party planning assistance for both buffet and family style dinners. They host wedding receptions; funeral dinners; banquets for anniversaries, business and club meetings; and company and class reunions almost on a daily basis.



Lauren prepares the food. She is an extremely talented cook and has been cooking at Happy's Place since she was 18. She also had the advantage of being trained by experts: former owners Gayle Hancock and Pauline Hancock. Lauren and her kitchen staff prepare daily sandwiches, soups and salads and delicious luncheon specials. At the same time she is often cooking up exquisite banquets for up to 300 people!

At this point I should mention you need not be concerned if you arrive at Happy's Place and the parking lot looks full. There could be over 100 cars parked there but you will find you will always be offered a table or be able to take a seat at the bar.

Andy and Kristin are also continuing the tradition of Happy's involvement in community affairs. They do many fund raising activities, trivia events and church breakfasts throughout the year.



They are particularly proud of their hosting of the annual fundraiser for Research For The Kids (RFTK) (dbqrftk.com). This organization raises funds for brain tumor and heart defect research programs at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. To date, RFTK has contributed almost \$571,000 for this research.

The bar menu is a complete listing of tasty soups, salads and sandwiches. All these items are available at lunchtime and during dinner hours.



The quarter pound hamburgers are made from 80/20 Ground Chuck. The extra fat content makes the burgers a little sweeter and juicier. According to the menu burgers are available with cheese, bacon and mushrooms. Andy told me you can request other ingredients, like olives, hot sauce, and different cheeses if you are looking for



a little more variety.

The Carmichael is an exceptionally flavorful specially seasoned beef patty usually accompanied by grilled onions and Swiss cheese. Then there is the Steak Sandwich which is a chopped sirloin served with grilled onions and mushrooms. The Bacon Wrapped Hot Dog is just a wiener but bacon wrapped around it makes it a real treat. Speaking of treats, the Chili this time of year is so satisfying. They make a rich powerful sauce with pinto beans and large quantities of ground beef.



I noticed many ladies like to order salads. You can choose Ham, Chicken, Egg or Tuna Salad. If you prefer the ones with greens you can choose Grilled Chicken, Buffalo Chicken or Chef Salad to munch on.



My favorite sandwich here is without a doubt the Pork Tenderloin. Six ounce fresh pork tenderloin is hand coated with a specially seasoned breading. Then it is deep fried and served on a fresh bun with mayo, lettuce and onion. I ask for mine with onion, pickles and mustard and then I chew slowly savoring every juicy bite!

Happy's Place perfected the Pork Tenderloin many years ago. In fact, Mark and Pauline Hancock were honored by the Iowa Pork Producers' Association as 2nd Place Winner of the 2010 Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin contest.

While there are some standouts on the menu, make no mistake, the regulars keep coming back for the Daily Luncheon Specials. The most popular is the Baked Chicken Dinner available every Wednesday. The chicken is dipped in flour batter, fried, then baked and served with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn. There are standard Friday Specials too. They are:



↑ Swiss Steak

Goulash - ground beef browned with onions, celery and green peppers (The Holy Trinity!) along with tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes, mushrooms and homemade seasoning blend.

Tuna Noodle - No-yolk egg noodles, tuna, cream of mushroom soup and milk baked with a topping of potato chips and butter.



Spaghetti - Covered in a homemade meat sauce. In the USA this popular dish is called Spaghetti Bolognese and I must say I enjoyed it in this “non-Italian” restaurant very much. The sauce is tomato based with the addition of copious amounts of ground beef.



↑ Chili



↑ Baked Chicken and HoHo Cake

Every Friday during Lent is Fried or Baked Cod day. The fish is hand breaded and served with fried potatoes. These are not French fries. Fresh Idaho potatoes are sliced and baked before being lightly fried.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Luncheon Specials are Chef’s choice. They are always fabulous! For instance you might find Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes. The beef is so tender because it is roasted for 10 hours and the potatoes are mashed from real potatoes. Or perhaps it is your lucky day and Lauren has prepared Swiss Steak. In this dish tenderized Top Round which is always fresh, never frozen, is dredged in homemade flour breading, then grilled on the flat top. Then it is oven baked in beef broth, house seasonings and mushrooms. Lauren’s recipe does not call for tomatoes which is just the way I prefer it.

By the way, how many of you know Swiss Steak did not originate in Switzerland? Yeah, I know, right? The Swiss Steak name comes from the term “swissing”. It’s a procedure of softening the meat by beating it with a tenderizing hammer or rolling it between a set of bladed rollers.

It’s also a lucky day when you find Pepper Steak. This is made from the same tenderized Top Round. It’s coated in homemade flour breading then browned on the flat top, then cooked in a homemade seasoning blend along with green peppers, stewed tomatoes, beef broth and covered with a thickened beef broth gravy.

Other Luncheon Specials you might find are Meatball Sandwiches, BBQ Ribs, Baked Smoked Ham, Polish Sausages, Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Stew, Meat Loaf, Roast



↑ Chicken Sandwich



↑ Various homemade desserts

Pork and Dressing, Beef Tips and Noodles or Reuben Sandwiches.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention Happy’s Place sensational pies. Each morning at least 6 to 8 flavors of pies are baked from scratch. Lemon Meringue, Coconut Cream and Apple pies are baked every day. Other possible choices are blueberry, cherry, peach, pecan, or chocolate pies or possibly even HoHo cake. These are sold by the slice and every day the staff serves over eleven pies. They go quickly so it’s best to arrive early for lunch or your might miss out on your slice of the pie!

Do you have a favorite restaurant you would like to see reviewed? Please send your requests, suggestions and comments to Argosy at argomark@mchsi.com. ■



↑ Hamburger

HAPPY’S PLACE
2323 Rockdale Road, Dubuque, IA 52003
563-556-9734 • HappysPlaceDubuque.com

Hours: Bar: Tue-Sat: 11 AM-Close;
Kitchen: Lunch: Tue-Sat: 11 AM-1:45 PM;
Dinner: Tue-Sat: 6-9 PM; Sun-Mon: Closed
Dining Style: Come as you are
Noise Level: Conversational
Recommendations: All Daily Luncheon Specials especially Baked Chicken, Swiss Steak and Spaghetti; Bacon Double Cheeseburger; Pork Tenderloin; Carmichael; Bacon Wrapped Hot Dog; Steak Sandwich; Chili; Pies Baked Daily
Liquor Service: Full Bar
Prices: \$2.00-\$8.50
Pay Options: Cash, Debit, All Credit Cards except AMEX, ATM on premises
Accessibility: South Entrance Double Doors - Separate Accessible Restroom
Kids Policy: Menu-No, High Chair-Yes, Booster-Yes
Reservations: Yes • **Catering:** Yes, Pick-up or On Premises Only • **Take Out:** Yes • **Delivery:** No
Parking: Huge Private Lot

Move over, Steve!
Do it yourself advice from
a new mom who knows how...

by Sara Carpenter
from Steve's Ace Home & Garden



Although hardware has always been in my blood, its fair to say that I have spent quite a bit more time in our garden center in recent years. This past month has been an interesting challenge for me, as I took on the responsibility of revamping our Locust Street store. Although we have only been at this location for five years, it is amazing how quickly things change in product selection. For me, it has been really interesting discovering new ways to do common tasks.

Here are a few cool, new to me things that might just interest you too....

FIBER FIX

Many as seen on TV items often come off very gimmicky to me. This is not one of those products. Simply open the pouch,

dip it in water, wrap the item needing mending tightly, and be able to use your repaired item within 10-15 minutes as if it was never damaged. After proving itself time and time again for many of our customers, this product will soon be as common as duct tape, often for similar applications. **fiberfix.com**

FLEX SEAL

Remember that television commercial with the clear boat? Flex seal is a product that dries to a watertight, flexible, rubberized coating. Not only does it last for years, but it can be used on wet or dry surfaces. Lately it has proven to be very useful around leaking roofs as a solution until the roof can ultimately be replaced

in the future, even in the recent cold temperatures. **getflexseal.com**

CAULK BUDDY

Ever struggle with achieving a professional looking caulk job? To be honest I have been intimidated to begin several projects at my home for fear of making a beautiful bathroom look shotty. The caulk buddy solves this issue. It fits on a typical caulk gun and the rubber tip makes the caulk apply evenly, even if you are a novice. **acehardware.com**

SCRUB DADDY

With the smiling face of the scrub daddy, this simple tool makes scrubbing dishes a little more fun. When its put under cold water, the scrubbing pad is firm and abrasive. When warm, the scrubber is soft and perfect for delicate surfaces. At only \$1.99 its no wonder this item is the number one grossing sales item from the Shark Tank investors. **scrubdaddy.com**

THE PAINT BRUSH COVER BY LIKWID CONCEPTS

This is another Shark tank product that really works! I used to always wrap my wet brushes in saran wrap or a plastic bag only to come back a few days later than I planned and to have a mess on my good paint brush. This practical tool is a must have for any do-it-yourselfer. It saves paint on your brush for weeks so that at a moments notice you can pick up that project just where you left off.

BAMBOOE RE USEABLE TOWELS

I love environmentally responsible products that work. This product is an alternative to everyday paper towels. Each roll of towels consists of 20 sheets that can be machine washed up to 100 times and reused. Not only that, they are the most durable, strongest and absorbent kitchen towel on the market. Although I will admit my husband was very confused to see me throw our paper towels in the laundry, we have found them to be super useful. Also check out the scrubby version that is a perfect reusable alternative to Swiffer floor wipes.

LEVITON USB/OUTLET COMBO

Ever find yourself without a way to charge your phone or tablet because your missing the plug in portion of your charger? This combination outlet and USB port can be installed instead of your traditional wall outlet which makes everyday tasks like charging simple. **leviton.com**

MAGLITE LED FLASHLIGHT

Once upon a time in a hardware store a common project was to identify tiny

replacement lightbulbs for flashlights only for them to burn out a short time later, typically when you needed it most. Today's flashlights are adopting the new LED technology making not only light bulbs last much longer but also the batteries needed to operate them. **maglite.com**

VALSPAR OPTIMUS PAINT AS CHALKBOARD

You don't need to be on top of the interior décor trends to know that chalkboard paint is hot! Did you ever wonder about alternative colors to the regular black chalkboard paint? Valspar Optimus paint is formulated to be such a high quality hard, durable paint that you can tint it to any color, apply and once cured, it is good to go as a surface to let your little artist, like my Skylar, begin creating masterpieces. **acehardware.com**

KRYLON DRY ERASE PAINT

Don't like the dust from Chalkboard Paint? Consider making your pre-painted wall or other surface dry erasable! This revolutionary new spray paint creates a durable, clear gloss finish that wipes clean. Check it out for yourself! **krylon.com**

ACE CABINET AND TRIM PAINT

A Pinterest favorite, this quality paint allows you to have a professional finish on your kitchen cabinets and trim using basic brushes and rollers. The self leveling Alkatex hybrid technology hardens to an ultra smooth factory-like finish that makes it incredibly durable. I plan to use this product on my kitchen cabinets in the next few weeks, so I will keep you posted!

BIG GREEN EGG

Ok, I know this is actually an entire brand, not just one item. But its new to our store and we couldn't be more egg-cited to share all the cool things this egg-credible grill can do. We offer a complete line of grills and eggcessories at both stores. **biggreenegg.com**

CRAFTSMAN

While we are on the the topic of cool brands, we are very proud to now offer a complete line of Craftsman tools at our South Locust Street store. We not only stock a full line of the tools but we also handle the warranty of past purchased tools from Sears. **acehardware.com**

I would love to see you all! So until we finish the revamp, my home is at the Locust Street Store. Stop by, say hello and check out all the cool new things we have in store to offer. Have ideas on how we can make our store even better? Email me at **sara@stevesace.com**. ■

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COMMUNITY EQUITY PROFILE:
WHY ARE EQUITY AND INCLUSION IMPORTANT?

Inclusive Dubuque is a local network of individuals from faith, labor, education, business, nonprofit and government dedicated to advancing justice and social equity in our community. Each network member has a different reason for being involved in this initiative, and each has a different perspective on equity and inclusion and why it is important. We asked a few of the members to share their thoughts.




“Being a visitor to a community can present obstacles. It is vital for Dubuque to be aware of these and take the necessary steps to ensure that every visitor – and citizen – feels like they are home. By partnering with an organization like Inclusive Dubuque, we can leverage our collective experiences and create meaningful dialogues that can begin to bridge the gaps between strangers and connect our community to one another.”

-Keith Rahe, President and CEO at the Dubuque Area Convention & Visitors Bureau



“We work hard to recruit diverse professionals to join our team and make Dubuque their home. It is very important to have a welcoming and inclusive environment for them and their families. Talented individuals can work anywhere in the country. When they visit Dubuque, they need to feel that this is truly the place they want to be and somewhere that will feel like home. The Inclusive Dubuque initiative is working to make Dubuque a better place for all of us.”

-Cheryl Syke, Chief Human Resources Officer at Medical Associates Clinic and Health Plans



“In 1988 I moved here from Chicago, and one of the benefits of living in Dubuque is that our city leadership, whether it’s the mayor, city council or chief of police, is accessible to community members and it’s easy to hold conversations with those individuals. This process is a great start to facilitating those conversations around critical issues like race, housing, economic wellbeing and more. This equity profile process allows for the normal citizen to have a voice and participate in conversations around these issues that affect them, and my hope is that there is large attendance at the dialogues. As the minority population continues to grow in Dubuque, we all need to work together to be accepting and help remove barriers that any individual may experience when they relocate here.”


-Anthony Allen, Dubuque Chapter NAACP President and Chairman of the Human Rights Commission

“We have a fairly large minority population at University of Dubuque and one of the biggest challenges we face is keeping students in our community after they graduate. Some of our students have had trouble with perception out in the community because they may look, dress or sound different, so they don’t feel safe leaving the campus. We need to make sure that Dubuque is a place where these students feel welcome and accepted, and where they could possibly see themselves living and working after graduation. I’ve been working on social justice initiatives for almost nine years, and for me this is about ensuring that everyone has a fair chance to achieve their dream, regardless of where they come from, what they look like or what their socioeconomic status is.”

-Tiye Sherrod, Hall Director at the University of Dubuque

“We value meeting with this multi-racial, multi-ethnic gathering of people from businesses and organizations interested in promoting the best quality of life for all in Dubuque. These efforts certainly fit with our congregational mission of ‘living in right relationship with all creation.’ We are all one people within the circle of all that is sacred. Life will only be at its best when we meet the needs of all with respect. Inclusive Dubuque holds the potential to the listening and action that will make that happen. We are pleased to be holding neighborhood listening sessions at our home at Mt. St. Francis.”

-Sr. Kate Katoski, OSF, President at Sisters of St. Francis




“Equity and inclusion are important so that individuals and families can thrive in the community in which they work and live. We want our employees to have a fulfilling career at John Deere, but also feel when they leave work that the community supports them and allows them full access to resources and services they need. The work of Inclusive Dubuque is important because identifying those needs should be a top priority of any city. As important as identification is, putting sustainable actions in place to meet those needs if there are gaps is just as important. I believe Inclusive Dubuque is the organization to accomplish this with the work being done in the equity profile.”

-Danielle Moore, Supply Base Manager at John Deere C&F Division

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BOYHOOD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 @ 6 PM

Carnegie-Stout Public Library will show the movie Boyhood on Thursday, February 26 in the Aigler Auditorium on the Library's 3rd Floor. Admission is free, but seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Filmed over a 12-year span, Boyhood (2014) is drama about growing up as seen through the eyes of a boy named Mason who ages from six to eighteen years old on screen.

The movie is 2 hours 44 minutes long and is rated R for "language including sexual references, and for teen drug and alcohol use." Closed captioning or subtitles will be turned on. ■



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A LITTLE BIT PREGNANT

BY MATT BOOTH

How do you act when no one is looking? Do you speed up and slip through that yellow light? Do you throw your wrapper on the ground? Do you tell that little bitty lie? Each day your integrity is tested. Some tests are small and some are very big!

Although most of your daily test may not be big, your integrity is determined as much by the little tests as it is by the big ones. How you act when no one is looking exemplifies your integrity.

Integrity means putting character over personal gain. It is sticking to your own personal code of conduct and being accountable for your actions. Someone with integrity doesn't compromise their beliefs. You know where that person stands. Lies and manipulation are not part of their code.

Having integrity is a lot like being pregnant. Either you're pregnant, or you're not. There is no such thing as being a little bit pregnant. There is also no such thing as having a little bit of integrity. Either you have it or you don't.

Having integrity is not a matter of convenience. People are quick to judge and criticize others who lack integrity and then are just as prone to compromise their own code of conduct when it's convenient. Showing up late, cheating on a test, lying, and even checking Facebook on company time all show lack of integrity. When you compromise your personal code of conduct, integrity is lost.

If you are a person with integrity, your life has less confusion. You have nothing

to cover up and no guilt. Integrity allows you to hold your head up high and look people in the eye. When you stick to what you know is right, you win. When you live with integrity, you succeed.

Making choices based on your personal code of conduct can be a struggle. The freedom that comes from making the right choices—both small and large—is worth the struggle.

Commitment to integrity is a vital part of life. It doesn't mean we always get it right, but there must be the commitment. Alan Simpson put it this way, "If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters." Integrity isn't just what you do; it is who you are and how you act when no one is looking. Either you're pregnant or you're not. ■

MATTITUDE QUOTE

"You don't have to wait until tomorrow to start improving your attitude." —Matt Booth

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THE PERFECT CUP OF TEA

BY HY-VEE NUTRITIONISTS MEGAN HORSTMAN (ASBURY), AMY CORDINGLEY (LOCUST), AND BRIAN SCHEIL (DODGE)

Tea has been consumed for nearly 5,000 years, and its popularity is continuing to grow. The Tea Association of the USA states that next to water, tea is the most widely consumed beverage in the world. On an average day, over one half of the American population drinks tea—about 158 million people! And at an affordable three cents per servings, what is not to love about tea?

One of the multiple reasons tea is favored by so many individuals includes its potential health benefits. Black, green and white tea all contain antioxidants—naturally found properties in certain foods. The benefits of antioxidants found in tea may be linked with decreased cancer risk and improved immune function, as well as improved heart health by lowering both blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Tea can also be a quick and easy drink for busy people on the go. In today's day and age, you don't need a tea kettle to brew the perfect hot beverage. For individual servings, a microwave-safe mug is a quick and simple way to enjoy a delicious drink. Just heat one cup of water to desired temperature, and brew a prepared tea bag for three to five minutes. Need to make more than one serving? Boiling and brewing water, tea and other ingredients using a saucepan will also do the trick. By using loose tea, you can even use a coffee pot to switch your morning routine. One rule of thumb to remember—use one tea bag or one teaspoon of loose tea per eight-ounce cup of water.

With the wonderful variety of flavors to choose from, tea may soon replace your other morning drink selections. Whether you favor tart citrus or love fruity

and sweet flavors, there is a hot tea recipe everyone can enjoy. Try these quick, delicious and simple recipes to keep you warm during the winter season. ■

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- 4 cups water
- 3 green tea bags
- 1 handful fresh mint
- Honey, to taste
- Fresh lemon or lime juice, to taste

All you do:

- Bring water, tea bags and mint to a boil in a saucepan. Simmer for 5-10 minutes or until the minty flavor you want is achieved. Add honey and lemon/lime juice to taste.
- Serve hot or chill in the refrigerator and serve over ice.

Source: familyfreshcooking.com

CRANBERRY-RASPBERRY GINGER TEA

Makes 6 - 1 cup servings

All you need:

- 3 cups brewed tea
- 3 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
- 3 slices gingerroot, ¼-inch thick

All you do:

- Mix all ingredients in 2-quart saucepan. Heat to boiling; reduce heat.
- Simmer uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove gingerroot. Serve tea warm.

Nutrition facts per serving: 70 calories, 0 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 mg sodium, 18 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 0 g protein

Source: bettycrocker.com

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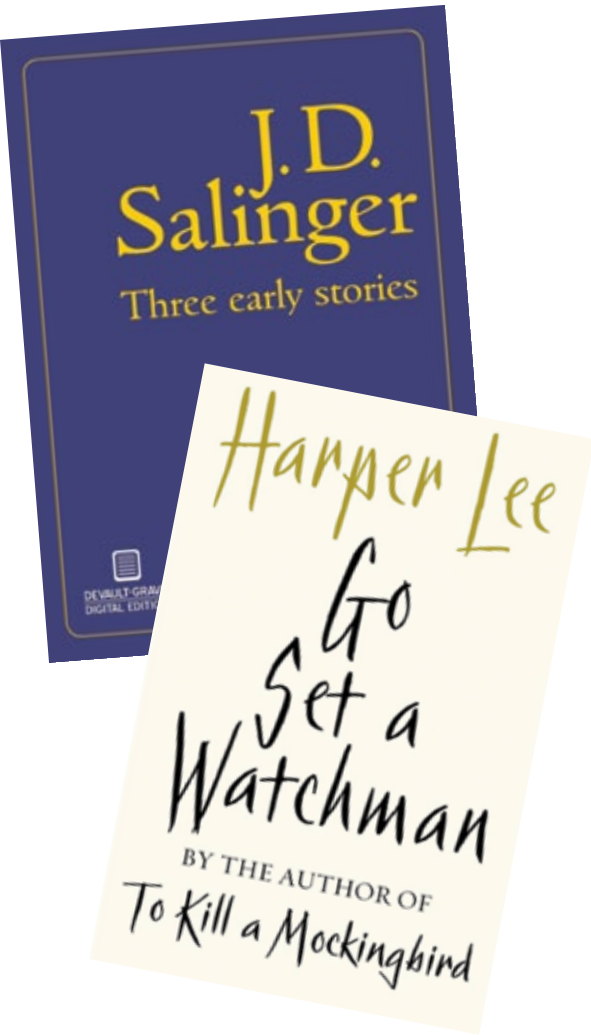
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EMILY ANN, SALINGER, AND HARPER LEE

BY BOB GELMS

I haven't reviewed any children's books in a while so we will in this issue, along with the republishing of J. D. Salinger's very first three published stories. In addition, Harper Lee of *To Kill a Mockingbird* fame has a new novel coming out. Let's get to it.

My favorite children's books are *The Stinky Cheeseman*, *Walter the Farting Dog*, *The Polar Express*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. Taking its place alongside those classics is a book written by a local Dubuque, Iowa writer, Aria A. Mathews. *Emily Ann in Ucanotland* is nothing short of adorable.

The land of Ucan, where the sky is blue and the colors are grand, is visited by a not-so-nice wizard who casts a spell on the land: no one was happy or giddy. And besides, the wizard speaks with a sneer.

Now it so happens that on the edge of Ucan lived a magic girl named Emily Ann. She comes to the rescue and casts her own spell with some help from her friend the blue beaglebee. Everyone lives happily ever after.

There is a great moral in the book that was written for the 3 to 9 year old set. You should buy it and read it to your kids or grandkids. I have a feeling the blue beaglebee is bound for stardom.

The book is illustrated by Bleu Anna K. Bennett and the illustrations are stunning, the figures almost joyous. The colors are vibrant; the pictures are extremely pleasing to the eye, and even the wizard is clearly a bad wizard but isn't going to give anyone nightmares. If that isn't enough, 10% of the proceeds are to be donated to the Iowa City Children's Hospital and Schools.

Run to your favorite bookstore and get *Emily Ann in Ucanotland*.

J. D. SALINGER

J. D. Salinger's *Three Early Stories* are just that. They are the first three stories the budding writer published and the first we have heard from Salinger in 50-some odd years. Somehow these stories escaped being copywrited by Salinger or his estate.

Salinger himself was vehemently opposed to any of his stories being collected and republish so one can only guess that he would be a very *unhappy* camper with the appearance of *Three Early Stories*. It is somewhat

meaningless now as Salinger is dead. Meaningless too, with the knowledge that his estate will be bringing out major works in the next five years.

Three Early Stories is something of an oddity. They are all written before the war with the first two appearing in 1940 and the third story in 1944. He didn't make his arrangement with the *New Yorker* until 1948 and *Catcher in the Rye* didn't come out until 1951.

The stories themselves are dazzling. These stories are not the work of an amateur. What has really impressed me is that the "Salinger" voice is already there. If you are familiar with his short stories about the Glass family, these first three efforts on his part will fit right in with stories he wrote in the late 50's and early 60's.

I can't decide for myself if people other than Salinger fans will enjoy these stories. They are firmly rooted in the world before the war so they are a little dated but, on the other hand, there is a certain charm to that. I have no problem recommending them to you especially since there will be novel-length offerings coming from the Salinger estate in the near future.

HARPER LEE

In the late 1950's Harper Lee wrote a novel. It was about a man named Atticus Finch and his grown daughter Scout. The publisher liked the flashbacks that told a story about Scout growing up. So, the publisher sent the novel back to Ms. Lee and told her to rewrite it from young Scout's perspective. That book became *To Kill a Mockingbird*, published in 1960.

Recently, Ms. Lee's lawyer was sifting through a safe deposit box and came upon that first novel. Ms. Lee thought it had been lost and was delighted to find it again. It was sent to a number of readers to see if it was publishable and the answer came back with a resounding, "Yes!"

It's called *Go Set a Watchman* and is set to be published July 17th. The preorders at Amazon and through the publisher, Harper Collins, have turned it into a best seller already and it isn't even out. I've ordered mine, how about you? I predict a best seller, another Pulitzer Prize, and a blockbuster movie. ■

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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CLOUDS IN MY COFFEE

BY PAM KRESS-DUNN

My son called me from his grocery store in Omaha last summer. I'd given him an ice cream maker for Christmas, and he was searching for the whole milk his recipe called for. Finally, we figured it out. "Is this it?" he asked. "Vitamin D Milk?" Bingo. It seems regular, high-fat milk no longer dares to go by its old name.

I grew up drinking whole milk. It was good and creamy, and gave me and my sister strong bones. My dad, who always carried a thermos of black coffee to work, stirred a splash of milk into his tea at supper. Mom gave us some kind of dessert every night, and her cookies were a great way to finish off my glass of milk, while other desserts—apple crisp, chocolate pudding cake—became even more delicious when served in a bowl so I could surround it with a moat of milk.

I must have been about ten when skim milk entered my family's life. Maybe Mom was on a diet, or Dad's doctor told him to cut down on the fat. My sister and I eyed this transparent liquid suspiciously and, after our first disgusted taste, took to calling it "skin milk." Yuck, we said. Spare me.

Eventually, I got used to two-percent, and, finally, its distant cousin, one-percent. But now that I'm the cook, when a holiday (any holiday) approaches, you'll find cream, both half-and-half and whole, sitting in my fridge. You can't serve holiday dessert without coffee, and most of us like a little half-and-half with our home-ground Starbucks. And who wants

pumpkin pie without whipped cream? Or, for that matter, gingerbread?

The trouble is, even after the holidays, I sort of got used to having some form of cream in the house, especially once I started making chai.

I tasted my first authentic chai at the Maharaja restaurant in Madison, the one on Odana Road right next to the Indian grocery store. It was creamy, and steaming, and sweet. I learned to pace myself, since they poured free refills if you didn't refuse, or I would become so full of creamy, sweet tea that there wasn't much room for the 47 other dishes in their noontime buffet. A little chai goes a long way.

Finding myself craving this perfect drink once I got home, I invested in a couple of Indian cookbooks and learned to make it myself. At first, I did it from scratch, heating the tea leaves with cinnamon, cardamom, ginger and cloves, then adding the milk and bringing it all to a simmer. Yum. This is the real thing, not at all like the stuff they make from a mix at your local coffeehouse. That kind tastes like watered-down spice cake batter. Not that there's anything wrong with licking the beaters after you make a cake, but I'd rather not have it for breakfast.

Then my grocery store started carrying chai tea bags, so I brought some home to try. Thus my chai-making became a streamlined affair, just a matter of heating the water with the teabag in it, letting it steep four minutes, and adding

the—well. This is the problem. This is why my doctor isn't happy with my chai habit.

Once a year, like any intelligent person who wants to live past her fifties, I get my lipids checked. I also find out how my blood sugar and thyroid are doing. I don't weigh much, and I exercise, so every year I've had good numbers. Nothing for me to worry about. Nope, I'm not mainlining bacon morning, noon and night; I'm not eating chips and a candy bar at lunch every day the way I used to. (Don't get me started on the way I used to eat.

One of the greatest insults of age, I've found, is not being able to get away with all sorts of things I used to do without a thought.) (Let's pause for a big sigh here.)

I noticed certain numbers on my lab test had gone up this year, but I still took my results in, dutifully thrusting them at my internist. He was concerned, maybe even surprised, until I spilled the beans. "It might be the chai I have every day," I murmured. "The chai I make with three ounces of half-and-half."

Ha! There I was, hoist on my own petard, and if you don't quite know what that colorful saying means, go ahead, look it up. It's even worse than it sounds. Talk about a ticking time bomb.

Skim milk, he ordered. Skin milk? Either way, I'm doomed. I LOVE creamy things. I HATE fake half-and-half. For one thing, it's full of weird ingredients (Carageenan, anyone? Dipotassium phosphate?), and for another, it does not taste creamy at all. I tried it. I poured the ruined chai, and the remaining pseudo-cream, down the drain.

When my elderly mother went to live in a beautiful assisted care mansion (really), I stopped by one day and was invited to stay for a snack. We sat in the sunlit dining room, and the wonderful woman who had opened her home to old people brought us fresh raspberries from her garden, piled into crystal goblets and sprinkled with sugar. Then, as if it were nothing, she brought out a pitcher of cream, pouring it over each berry. We ate them, Mom and I, with spoons.

I plan to do that again, maybe on my birthday. Surely a half cup of cream annually can't hurt anything, can't shove my numbers up into the Emergency category. After all, that's an entire serving of fruit! Fruit is good for you, and so, I must insist, is the occasional splendid indulgence. ■

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BACK IN MY DAY...

Questionably Lucid Advice
by ERMA GERD

DEAR ERMA,
I have attended several wakes in the past couple months. It really bothers me when "ex" significant others are in the "sympathy line"- what also bothers me is that the "family" gets all the attention. What about best friends? They hurt and need condolences, too.

—Sally

DEAR SALLY,
I hear what you are saying. By the time you reach the age of Erma, you have seen a passing or two. I remember when I was in my early 40's and as I was attending a funeral. There was an emotionless ex-girlfriend in the line of sympathy. My immediate thought was: Glory Hogger. You are an ex for a reason sweet pea, get out of the way. Just a little secret, I neglected to wash my hands after going to the bathroom and made sure I shook her hand and her hand only.

—Erma

DEAR ERMA,
My boyfriend surprised me with an early gift of sorts for Valentine's Day. It's black and hard and a bit large, if you catch my drift. However, I realized I enjoy "Phil" more than my boyfriend. How do I break the news to him?

—Full of Phil

HELLO FULL OF PHIL,
Change your locks. Start baking cookies. Join a "book club"...

—Erma

DEAR ERMA,
I like cross-dressing. For no reason. My "distant" family does not care for it and always asks me to remove my social media photos. They say it's offensive.

—Pretty Pat

HELLO PAT,
Cross-dressing seems to be fab these days; back in my day, cross-dressing was no such thing. Anyone who was a cross dresser did it in private and that was that. However, there seems to be a freedom to run wild with your inner self. If its offensive and it might be, oh well. They could consider changing their last name. Maybe you need to take it to the next level and start making millions like that past Olympian.

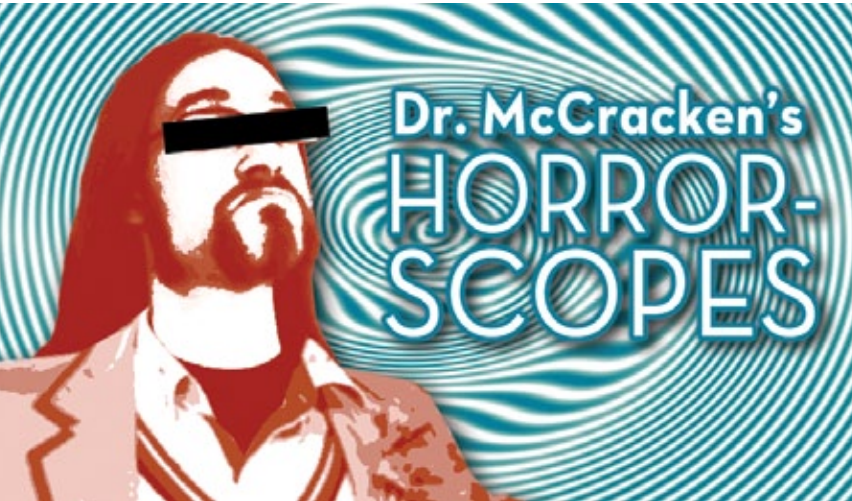
—Yours Truly, Erma


DEAR ERMA,
There is so much divorce in my family. People take sides and it is annoying.


—Let It Go, Larry


GREETINGS LARRY,
Are you venting or actually needing advice? What I have found is that those who gossip and want others to take sides are angry and childish. It is not nice to make other people's day a ball of stress because you are upset, that is what a therapist is for. Have you considered doing or saying something rude? That would certainly get you kicked off the gossip train. Being "a bad guy" has its perks...Was that mean?


—Erma





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Aries
(March 21–April 19)
What if your blood was a pair of pants and you turned yourself inside out at the dry cleaners and they were like “Sorry, we don’t serve scientific impossibilities?”
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Taurus
(April 20–May 20)
Do you think if Santa had three arms he’d put a Red Bull in each one and try to get an endorsement deal?
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Gemini
(May 21–June 20)
What would happen if you decided to try to swallow a hammer today?
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Cancer
(June 21–July 22)
What if your lucky number was 33? (It is.)
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Leo
(July 23–August 22)
How long would it take the planets to align if they all updated their phones at once?
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Virgo
(August 23–September 22)
If Bryson has three apples, and Unis takes two away, why are their names still gross?

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Libra
(September 23–October 22)
Would you hire a werewolf to redecorate your house even if it was shedding season and your house was secretly made of easily-stolen universal werewolf currency?
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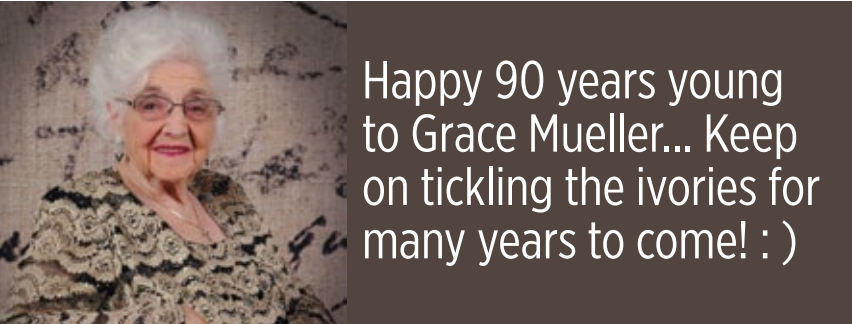
Scorpio
(October 23–November 21)
If you could fly or be invisible, which one would you chose to make you not be intolerable to almost everyone you know?
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Sagittarius
(November 22–December 21)
What if everything was just like that scene in *Sister Act*?
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Capricorn
(December 22–January 19)
How many of your favorite musicians do you think own a novelty shirt from the Bahamas?
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Aquarius
(January 20–February 18)
Do you think that you could get an autograph from everyone on Twitter, frame it for me, and then feed it to a really big moose or a medium-sized bear?
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Pisces
(February 19–March 20)
Did you ever see that movie where it’s just backwards footage of Tom Cruise eating an entire gallon of ice cream?





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