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WHERE'S WANDO

We've hidden Wando somewhere in this issue of 365ink. Can you find him?

After the events in France and the resulting mass outpouring of stupidity of Facebook, I have so many things I want to say, but I know it's like shouting into a vacuum cleaner. So rather than make a bunch of extremely valid points about humanity in a snarky tone of voice, I'll just talk about a bunch of silly drivel about my life. Although it will be nice to see all of those homeless veterans in America finally get the help they need from the millions of people who suddenly decided that they should be helped before we accept any refugees, even though they didn't think the vets needed any help last week.

So what's more interesting than human suffering? Well, I am human and I'm suffering. My sore ankle ranks up there with escaping genocide, right?

As you can see by just about every other page of this issue, I'm up to my eyeballs in Toys For Tots right now. Everything about the season so far is going so amazingly well, I'm afraid to complain about anything for fear it will all unravel. The the truth is, the only thing busted in this year's well-oiled Toys For Tots campaign is me.

We had a tremendous group of volunteers for our first weekend of toy sorting at the secret, undisclosed north-pole annex on Dubuque's west side. I had hopes to get through a certain amount of work, and we blew past that goal in the first hour. So, I improvised and planned for step two, and we had that done in the second hour. I could see my hard-working crew was petering out, so we called it a day, but the truth is, my stupid, sprained ankle was about ready to revolt on me. I don't suppose having a bad wing and being a fat guy at the same time helps much, but reality is what it is. So I guess I just need to pace myself, sit down here and there and do more pointing at work for others to do this year than try to do it all myself. That's hard for me though because, as I'm sure many of you can attest, it's usually faster and easier to just do it yourself.

I got to go home from toy sorting to address how wonderfully generous my trees have been this fall with the leaf cover of my driveway. I've got a decent slope on the hill and those damn ginkgo leaves hold their moisture pretty well. That all adds up to a driving experience akin to butter in a fry pan. It's not even freezing yet and already I'm and sliding sideways down the driveway. Normally I don't put too much credence to anything I see on Facebook, but it only took a quick glance at an article telling me that it's best for the environment and the health of my lawn to just let the leaves that fall lay on the ground. Who am I to argue with ecologists? So all we picked up was the four giant tarps worth of leaves that were actually

on the pavement and left the rest for nature to sort out. My ankle was most appreciative.

Now I just need a skinny, brave soul and a 30 foot extension ladder so I can clean out my gutters. Any takers? They should put things like this in charity auctions. This is something I'd definitely bid on.

I think this out loud because we currently have a live silent auction for Toys For Tots on Dubuque365's Facebook page. People's generosity has been astounding. The incredible auction items that were donated, from concert and dinner packages to weekend getaways, guitars and catered parties for 40, even dinner at the Mayor's house, have been getting great bids. And then there's the great community of cool folks, bidding up these items to currently over \$7,000 collectively. That's amazing.

I mention the gutter cleaning as a great auction item because of a joke between Dubuque Theisen's General Manager, Jim Lincoln, and I about what makes for a good auction item. He was great to give me a dollar amount to use in picking out a couple of items from the store for the auction. (When is Theisen's not awesome, by the way?) When the items I picked totaled less than the amount allowed to me, a cool young guy at the service desk told me to go get more. So I went and got a sweet snow shovel. The real deal... a big, wide, metal "the kidding around is over" kind of shovel. He wondered who would want to bid on that and a bag of salt or a humidifier. Well, those two items were the first ones to get bids and quickly eclipsed their retail value in the auction. Hey man, it's November. Dubuquers need shovels and humidifiers! I ain't no dummy.

There are a couple of interesting items I'd like to highlight. Through a friend, word of our auction and our work for Marine Toys For Tots in Dubuque got to actor Eric Stonestreet (Cam on the mega-hit TV show, Modern Family). He personally mailed me two items: a glossy cast photo and an original script from the show, each signed by the entire cast. How cool is that? You can still bid on them and most everything else until the end of November at [Facebook.com/Dubuque365](https://www.facebook.com/Dubuque365).

I also have a guitar that I gave to Miles Nielsen at a recent gig at The Lift. He's taking it home where his band and his dad's band—which just happens to be Cheap Trick—will sign it for us. That's a raffle item you can get chances for for \$5 each. Email bryce@dubuque365.com if you'd like to get some tickets. Plus, I get to see Miles Nielsen and the Rusted Hearts, open up for Cheap Trick on Saturday night in Rockford. So this forecasted snow better hold off... or else I'm strapping that new show shovel from Theisen's to the front of my Jeep, and I'm going to Rockford anyway! ■



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31TH ANNUAL GALENA NOUVEAU WINE WEEKEND

PREVIEW: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
GALENA CELLARS WINERY & TASTING ROOM
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WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 20 AND 21
GALENA, IL

“Le Beaujolais nouveau est arrivé!” Simply translated, “Wine lovers: get ready, get set, go!” The third Thursday of November marks the annual release of Beaujolais Nouveau and the opportunity to be among the first to sample the new, shortly fermented wine, previewing the current year’s fall harvest.

In France, this tradition began well over a century ago. In Galena, Illinois, it kicked off at the hands of Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery in 1985. Today, it’s grown to be a full-blown community celebration inviting epicureans of all levels to enjoy all things wine.

The weekend officially kicks off at noon on Friday, November 20 as the Nouveau is officially released with a toast. Many area restaurants celebrate by offering traditional French stew and wine-inspired lunches. At 2:30 PM, the

familiar “clip clop” of horse hooves will be heard throughout Galena’s downtown. On board the horse-drawn wagons sporting revelers is a celebrated guest that will have the entire town in merriment all weekend—Galena Cellars’ 2015 Nouveau wine. The specially commissioned Nouveau wine label and collector’s poster by artist Beth Bird will also be unveiled.

Local restaurants continue the celebration with live music, wine tasting, dinner specials and receptions. Throughout the weekend, wine lovers can also enjoy vineyard tours (Galena boasts three area vineyards), winemaker dinners, wine-inspired pampering such as spa and shopping specials and lodging packages.

Raise your glass, and let the adventure begin! Nouveau Weekend happenings continually updated at: NouveauWeekend.com. ■

ONGOING



Winter Farmers Market

Saturdays: November–April @ 9 AM–Noon
Colts Center

Started in 2007, the all-volunteer driven market returns to the Colts Center (1101 Main St in Dubuque), focusing on supporting our regional food system, eating from our food shed year-round and providing annual funding to farmers through our grant program. Great homemade and baked goods, plus mat, cheese, eggs and, yes, vegetables! For more information, visit wintermarketdbq.com.



Galena Winter Farmers’ Market

Second Wednesday of each month:
Now through April @ 4–6 PM

Galena Center for the Arts (Galena, IL)
Devotees of fresh food and produce, baked delicacies, hand created items, and sweet “somethings” will not have to hibernate this winter. All items sold at the market are created, grown, or made locally. Galena Center for the Arts is located at 219 Summit Street in Galena, IL. Ample parking is available. GalenaWinterMarket.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Much Ado About Nothing

7:30 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall
Much Ado About Nothing one of Shakespeare’s most popular comedies, will be presented by the Clarke University Drama and Musical Theater Department Thursday, November 19 through Sunday, November 22. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$7 for non-Clarke students.

Much Ado is a play about gossip, rumors and, ultimately love. In this 90-minute, six-actor adaptation by Dubuque native and Chicago actor Danny Pancratz, Beatrice and Benedict comically romp amongst love’s guarded bitterness and its sublime and vulnerable passion through Shakespeare’s brilliantly and timelessly crafted poetry. For more information, contact the Clarke University Marketing and Communication Office at **563-588-6318**.



Candle Light Ceremony for Paris

9 PM @ UD Quadrangle
Gamma Phi Delta will hold a Candle Light Ceremony to show support for the people of Paris in light of the recent terrorist attacks. The ceremony signifies that University of Dubuque students would like to raise awareness of this tragedy; and would like to take a moment of silence for the victims who were killed or injured in the attacks. The event is open to the public. For further information, please contact Kristi Lynch, director of public information, at **563-589-3267**.

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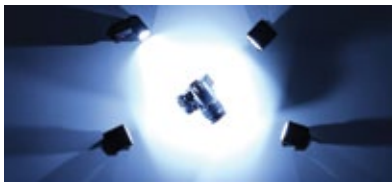
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**Speedlight Flash Workshop****7-9 PM @ Everything Photography**

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**Women of Will: The Overview****7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA (Platteville, WI)**

A combination of riveting scenes and trenchant analysis, *Women of Will* explores themes of love, loss, freedom, control, violence, and

power through the heroines of Shakespeare's text. Using performance and discussion, Tina Packer traces the chronological evolution of Shakespeare's female characters, and examines Shakespeare's own journey and growth as a writer. This Overview is a comprehensive presentation of Shakespearean scenes, insights, and discussion taken from the full five-part series. It covers the full breadth of Shakespeare's works. For more information, visit UWPlatt.edu/CFA/PAS.

Much Ado About Nothing**7:30 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

**Turkey Tails****10-11 AM @ Swiss Valley Nature Center****(Peosta, IA)**

This family program will focus on turkey facts and turkey adaptations! Young children will love this hands on program. For more information, call Dubuque County Conservation at **563-556-6745**.

**Geocaching for Beginners****1-3 PM @ Swiss Valley Nature Center (Peosta, IA)**

Come and discover what geocaching is all about! We will lead you through how geocaching got started and then we will go hunt down some caches in the preserve. There are limited GPS units available for use so call and reserve yours today, **563-556-6745**.

**An Attitude of Gratitude****5-9 PM @ Grand River Center**

Lives of homeless women are empowered through the generosity of the Opening Doors "Attitude of Gratitude" supporters. Peruse over 100 silent auction items and enjoy a delicious

plated dinner topped off by a chef's specialty dessert that is sure to please! Other auction features include a 50/50 raffle, testimonials from Maria House and Teresa Shelter residents, and a live auction. Tickets are \$60 and all proceeds go directly to help the homeless women and children of Opening Doors. Order tickets online at OpeningDoorsDBQ.org or contact Amy Schauer, Development and Marketing Director at **563-582-7480** or email aschauer@openingdoorsdbq.org.

Much Ado About Nothing**7:30 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Farley Tour of Homes**1-5 PM @ Farley, IA**

The tour features five holiday decorated homes including: Brian and Ashley Jasper, 301 2nd Ave. NW; Sue Bodish and Roger Brandenberg, 907 1st Ave. W; Lisa Simon, 506 1st St. N; Michael and Kizzy Vaupel, 202 Geneva Ct. Cookies and refreshments will be served at Dirty Ernies, 201 1st St. N. Maps and tickets are available at each home. There will also be drawings for door prizes. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds benefit the Farley Garden Club. Call **563-744-3016** or visit Dyersville.org.

Much Ado About Nothing**2 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall**



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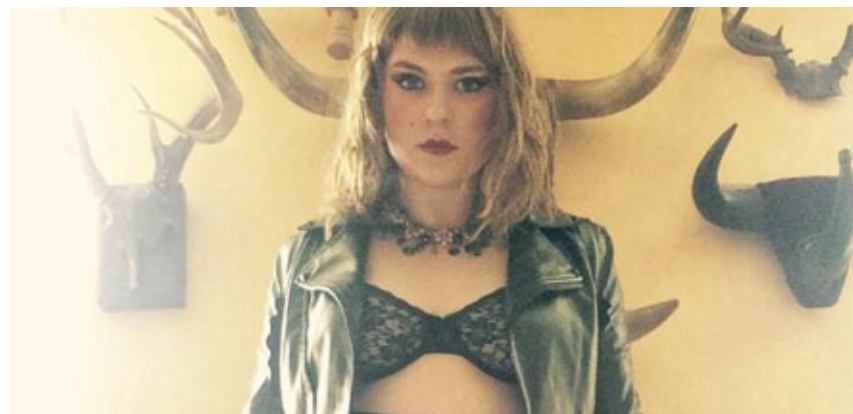
**FEVER RIVER PUPPETEERS
"SCRIBBLE"**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 1 PM
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The Fever River Puppeteers from Benton, Wisconsin present "Scribble," an original hand, rod and shadow puppet show. Scribble tells the story of a magical mouse who whisks away four school friends to an enchanted land where they become the characters in the stories they are writing.

Now entering its 13th year, the Museum Family Matinees are a series of free and interactive performing arts programs accessible to family audiences.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information about these programs, visitdbqart.com/events or contact the Museum at 563-557-1851. ■

**LILLY RASCAL'S ROCK AND ROLL
BURLESQUE WORKSHOP**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @ 1 PM
THE SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

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Tickets to these memorable family shows run \$15-\$55 (plus fees) and are available at the Five Flags Center Box Office at 563-589-4254 and online at Ticketmaster.com. ■

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24



Baby + Me Tours

9 AM @ Dubuque Museum of Art

Babies and caregivers are welcome to a 30-minute tour of museum exhibits. Offered the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, advance registration is required. Visit DBQArt.com/events.



Youth/Teen Robotics

4-5 PM @ Multicultural Family Center

Robotics is the way of the future that is here today. Robots do surgery, build cars, and assist us with our complex modern lives. This series is all about these amazing machines and learning to build and program your own robots to solve issues you face. Come check out this program with brand new EV3 Robots! Program offered in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. For youth grades 6-8. Pre-registration required. Cost is free. Register

online at CityOfDubuque.org/Recreation, download the form at MFCDBQ.org, or call **563-582-3681**. The Multicultural Family Center is located at 1157 Central Ave. Visit MFCDBQ.org for more information.



Sip & Shop: Avenarius Family

6-8 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

We are a group of small businesswomen who represent various direct sales companies, who get together in an effort to support each other and the community. This month we will be supporting the Avenarius Family.

In April 2013 within a week of each other Mike and Jennifer were each diagnosed with cancer. He had testicular and she had melanoma. Both had surgery to remove the cancer, no further treatment was needed just continued monitoring. On August 5, Jennifer discovered a small lump on her neck which would be diagnosed as stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma. During this time, Mike had a spot show up on his regular scans, and the biopsy came back came back positive as stage 2 Seminoma. Come out and support the Avenarius family and find some wonderful gifts for the holidays.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

43rd Annual Turkey Trot

9 AM @ Wahlert Catholic High School

Throw on your running gear one more time before the winter sets in at the Turkey Trot! Participants 6 years and older are invited to join in the timed race for only \$10. A certificate for a turkey will be awarded to the first place finisher in each age division of the 2.5 and 5 mile race.

For more information, contact the Wahlert Catholic High School office at **563-583-9771** during regular school hours or Tim Berning at tberning@holyfamilydbq.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28



Always Believing in Kathy

Noon-6 PM @ Offshore (Bellevue, IA)

The Xtreme Dance family is hosting a benefit for Kathy Lombardi with children's activities, dinner, silent auctions, and a live auction. Kathy is the secretary at Xtreme Dance, Mother to

Tessa Medinger (the owner of Xtreme), and number one supporter of all the dancers. In September 2014, she was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and won the fight, but her cancer has returned. Kathy is now dealing with stage 4 cancer and is currently going through another round of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Questions and donations: JonesRB624@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Murder Mystery Dinner

1 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Don't miss out on this one of a kind opportunity to enjoy an afternoon at the winery filled with intrigue, mystery, food and wine! \$50 includes a three course meal, glass of wine and entertainment. Call Christie at **563-557-3727** to make reservations. Space is limited. Park Farm is located at 15159 Thielen Rd in Bankston, IA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Loras College Fair Trade Sale

8 AM-5 PM @ Loras Alumni Campus Center

Shop a collection of fair trade gifts, decor, jewelry, personal accessories, and more. The sale will help skilled artisans receive a fair price for their products. Loras College is a Fair Trade College and aims to seek equity in trade and promote sustainable development. For details, email Anastacia.McDermott@Loras.edu.

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CHICAGO STEEL: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 @ 6:05 PM

WATERLOO BLACK HAWKS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 7:05 PM

MADISON CAPITOLS: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 7:05 PM

MYSTIQUE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

The Saints return home for another night of high speed USHL Hockey Action. Individual game tickets start at just \$10 when purchased in advance. There is not a bad seat at the Mystique Community Ice Center, but fans love center section seats and front row seats that put you in the heart of the action.

November 28 is against Chicago Steel and is the celebration of No-Shave November, presented by UnityPoint Health Finley Hospital. Take part in a special Post-Game Jersey Auction that benefits Finley Health Foundation and Wendt Regional Cancer Center.

December 5 is against Waterloo Black Hawks and is the 6th Annual Teddy Bear Toss with Media partner Superhits 106.1. Bring a new Teddy Bear to throw onto the ice for Toys for Tots!

December 10 is against Madison Capitols and is Battle of the Boarder presented by U.W. Platteville. College Night with special ticket package for students with valid College ID.

Tickets are available in advance at DubuqueFightingSaints.com or at the door or call **563-583-6880** for more information. ■

BOOK SIGNING: NATHAN RIPPERGER'S *THINGS I'VE SAID TO MY CHILDREN*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 5:30-6:30 PM
RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE (1098 MAIN ST)

As the father of five boys (all under age 10), Nathan Ripperger has found himself saying some rather funny, absurd, and downright bizarre things to his children, from "Stop riding that penguin, we're leaving" to "I am NOT talking to you until you are wearing underwear." He created poster-like images for each and posted them online. The response from other parents was overwhelming.

With *Things I've Said to My Children*, Ripperger has assembled around 80 of the funniest, weirdest, and most amusing sayings and paired them with full-color, designed images that bring these outrageously hysterical quotes to life. Covering the essential parenting topics like food, animals, don'ts, and of course, bodily functions, *Things I've Said to My Children* is a light-hearted, illustrated reminder of the shared absurdity of parenthood. Especially for those parents who've ever found themselves uttering some variation of

the line, "Please don't eat the goldfish crackers you've put in your butt."

Nathan Ripperger is a videographer and graphic designer who lives with his wife and five boys in Dubuque. Ripperger's poster-style illustrations of "Things I've Said to My Children" have been featured on TODAY.com, HuffingtonPost, Bored Panda, and BuzzFeed. For more information, visit RiverLights.com or call **563-556-4391**. ■



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Toddler Tuesday

10–11 AM @ National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium

The Museum & Aquarium offers a program for toddlers on a Tuesday of each month. The Toddler Tuesday Program is for children ages 2 to 4 years old. Each month features a new theme and fun activities, including a story and craft project too! The theme for December is "T is for Toad!" Cost is just \$5 per child and FREE for the one accompanying adult or guardian (regular admission not included). Advance sign-up is required: **563-557-9545** ext. 212.



NAMI Care and Share Meeting

7 PM @ Caradco Building, Millwork Collective

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Green Drinks

6:30–8 PM @ Inspire Café

Come meet new like-minded friends and discuss local issues while enjoying a beverage. Green Drinks meets the first Wednesday of every month.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3



Dans Une Cachette Rogue: Women Smugglers in Early America, 1701–1754

5–6:30 PM @ UW-P Doudna Hall

Come explore the contributions of dynamic smugglers of the early eighteenth century. Dr. Eugene Tesdahl, UW-Platteville History will explain how entrepreneurial Mohawk women, colonial administrators, and curious traders negotiated trade and life in early America. This LAE Faculty Forum lecture welcomes participation from students, community members, staff and faculty. For more information, visit UWPlatt.edu or call **608-342-1491**.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5



FIRST LEGO League Regional Competition

8:30 AM–4 PM @ Roosevelt Middle School

FIRST LEGO League is a worldwide program designed to get children interested, eager to learn, and excited about science, technology and engineering. All teams have the same opportunity of advancing on to the State Championship in Ames, Iowa in January. Registration to participate in the Iowa FLL Tournament structure will be a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50. Organized by John Deere and the Dubuque Community School District. For more information or to register, contact Amy Jones at jonesamyk@gmail.com.

Fall Dance

7 PM @ Knights of Columbus Hall

Join Social Connections for Singles for their Fall Dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Music provided by Ron Lubbers. This fun event is open to the public—married or single! Cost is \$6. For more information, contact Maureen Tyne at me61028@yahoo.com.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

“Those Who Care” LGBT+ Families & Allies Support Group

6:30–8 PM @ Multicultural Family Center

A free community gathering for friends, families, and allies of the LGBT+ community. Come join the support, conversations, questions and programs. All are welcome to this ongoing group. Program hosted by Andrea Beacham. The Multicultural Family Center is located at 1157 Central Ave. Visit MFCDBQ.org or call **563-582-3681** for more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Lunch & Learn: Behind the Scenes at the Museum & Aquarium

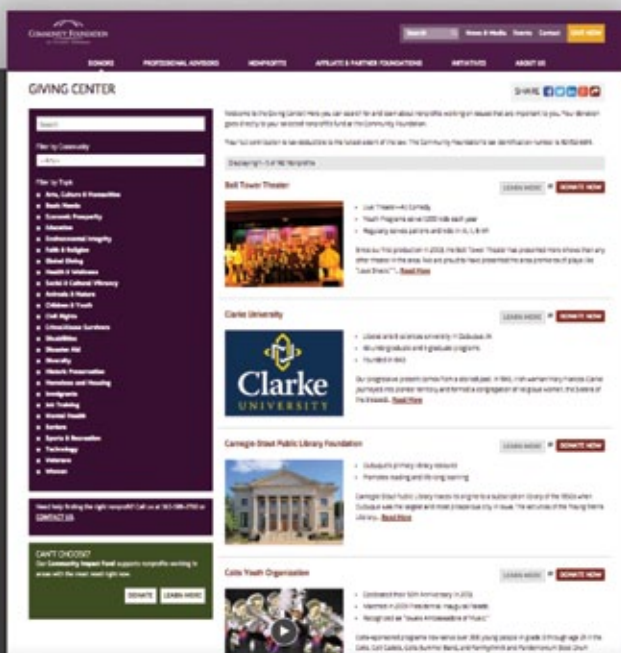
Noon–1 PM @ National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium

The Museum & Aquarium is offering a new series of Lunch & Learn events open to the general public during the lunch hour. Pull back the curtain and see what makes the Museum & Aquarium tick! This exclusive Behind the Scenes tour takes you where the public rarely goes. It's a unique glimpse at what it takes to care for our hundreds of animals and thousands of artifacts. Advanced registration is required—registration deadline is December 2. Cost is \$10. To register, contact Jared McGovern at **563-557-9545** or at jmcgovern@rivermuseum.com. Visit RiverMuseum.com for more information.

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DOUG T COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 7 AND 9 PM
MYSTIQUE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

After touring as a stand up comic for years Doug wanted a new way to create a better show and entertain more people. That is when he started studying hypnosis and all different types of ways to hypnotize people. Doug wanted to take Comedy Hypnosis to the next level by creating a show that is different from all of the rest. He adds in his quick wit and spot on impressions to make the show fun from beginning to end. His comedy background is a large part of this ability. He has toured and still tours with some of the big names in comedy. Some of the names include Pauly Shore, The Impractical Jokers from TruTV, Jennifer Coolidge (Stifler’s Mom), Tim Wilson, Greg Hahn, Mike MacRae, and many more.....

Working in some of the greatest theaters around the country has put him in front of thousands of people. He also keeps his shows family friendly due to

the large amount of Corporate events and Colleges he works with. When asked about if volunteers on his show should be worried about coming on stage his response was simply, “I treat the volunteers on stage the way I would want my wife and daughters treated, with respect and dignity!” That is why Doug has become one of the most requested in the nation for Corporate events, Colleges and High Schools. ESPN selected him to be a Bowl Game entertainer for teams at the Compass Bowl in Birmingham, AL. Finding a way to make people forget about the stresses of life and laugh through his 75 to 90 minute show is what DougT lives for.

Tickets are \$10 for General Admission Seating and \$15 for Front Row Reserved Seating. Visit MystiqueDBQ.com or call **563-582-3647** for tickets and more information. ■



LIVE AT HERITAGE CENTER PERFORMING ARTS SERIES:

THE CELTIC TENORS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 7:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER, JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL
(2255 BENNETT ST)

University of Dubuque Heritage Center continues its third annual Live at Heritage Center Performing Arts Series with The Celtic Tenors. They have established themselves as one of the most successful classical crossover artists ever to emerge from Ireland.

The only tenor group with a truly global audience, The Celtic Tenors, presented in cooperation with Irish Hooley, give audiences a night to remember. Whether playing a cathedral or major concert halls in New York, Amsterdam, or Dubuque, the tenors genuinely love what they do and audiences will witness this first-hand through songs like the haunting “Danny Boy” and exhilarating classics like “Nessun Dorma”. Celtic Tenors performances feature a host of classic Irish/Celtic tunes plus a dose of popular songs and a dash of good humor. These world class singers, comprised of Matthew Gilsenan, James Nelson, and Daryl Simpson, have never been known to take themselves too seriously!

The Celtic Tenors have performed together for 15 years and have broken new ground by stepping away from their classical roots, and adding a more contemporary edge. The group has No. 1 chart positions in Ireland and Germany, three Platinum selling albums, and was on the top-ten US Billboard and Canadian Charts. They were recently signed by Decca/Universal Records and are in the process of recording a new album following up on the success of their recent CD release, “Feels Like Home.”

The performance will be preceded by a free pre-show concert on the Cyber Café Knapp Stage from 6-7 PM featuring holiday favorites performed by the University of Dubuque Jazz Ensemble, directed by Nicholas Bratcher.

Tickets are \$31-\$36 for adults, \$26-\$31 for UD alumni, and \$19 for students and can be purchased at the Farber Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 AM-5 PM at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■



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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
Friday, November 20
The second half of Suzanne Collins' final *Hunger Games* book, which we think is titled *The Cash Machine*.

Legend (R)
Friday, November 20
The true story of the rise and fall of London's most notorious gangsters, Reggie and Ron Kray, both portrayed by Tom Hardy in an incredible performance.

The Night Before (R)
Friday, November 20
Ethan (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), Isaac (Seth Rogen) and Chris (Anthony Mackie) have been friends since childhood. Their yearly Christmas Eve reunion has been a night of debauchery and hilarity ending this year with the Nutcracker Ball—the Holy Grail of Christmas parties.

Secret In Their Eyes (PG-13)
Friday, November 20
Chiwetel Ejiofor, Julia Roberts, and Nicole Kidman star in this dark drama thriller about a team of FBI agents investigating the murders of teenage girls.

The Good Dinosaur (PG)
Wednesday, November 25
What if the asteroid that forever changed life on Earth missed the planet completely and giant dinosaurs never became extinct? Pixar Animation Studios takes a look at that world.

Victor Frankenstein (PG-13)
Wednesday, November 25
James McAvoy and Daniel Radcliffe star in a dynamic and thrilling twist on a legendary tale. When Victor's experiments go too far, only Igor can bring his friend back from the brink of madness and save him from his monstrous creation.



MOVIE BUZZ

AMBI Pictures inexplicably announced that it is going to produce and finance a remake of the 2000 neo-noir thriller *Memento* that made a name for writer-director Christopher Nolan. The new version is expected to tell a very similar story to the original, except instead of Guy Pearce, now it will be the theater audience that's not able to figure out why they're there.

Less than two months since saying "it's gonna be called *Alien: Paradise Lost*," Ridley Scott is now calling his *Prometheus* sequel *Alien: Covenant*. The second chapter in a prequel trilogy that began with *Prometheus*.

Tracy Morgan may play the late comic Redd Foxx in Lee Daniels' Richard Pryor biopic which is set to star Mike Epps as Pryor, Taraji P. Henson and Eddie Murphy as his parents, and Oprah as Pryor's grandmother. The part would be Morgan's first since the car accident that left him seriously injured.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, *Edge of Tomorrow* director

Doug Liman is in final talks to replace Rupert Wyatt and direct the new *X-Men* spin-off, *Gambit*, which will see Channing Tatum as the titular Cajun, playing-card-heaving mutant.

Though *John Wick* has quickly risen to cult status, even its devotees are likely to admit it's not a perfect film because somehow a movie about European gangsters does not count Peter Stormare among its cast. Well, part 2 has fixed that. Also joining: *Orange is the New Black*'s Ruby Rose and *Burnt*'s Riccardo Scamarcio. Statistically, expect at least two-thirds of this group to be shot in the face.

Chloë Moretz is headed under the sea. According to Variety, Moretz is signed on to play the lead role in *The Little Mermaid*, Universal's live-action re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic. It's also said *Love Actually*'s Richard Curtis is now working on a new draft of the script, but the studio has not yet found a director to replace Sofia Coppola. ■

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THE GOOD DINOSAUR (PG)
Wed & Thu: (11:15 AM), (1:35), (4:00), 6:45, 9:05

THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY–PART 2 (PG-13)
Fri–Thu: (11:30 AM), (1:20), (4:15), 7:10, 10:00

THE NIGHT BEFORE (R)
Fri–Thu: (12:15), (2:35), (4:55), 7:35, 9:55

7 LAYERS OF PLY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 7:30 PM
30 minute doc about the bond that skateboarders have amongst each other, using Dubuque as the primary focus. By Dubuque native Jake Roth. Admission is free, \$5 donation for the new skate park is encouraged.

THE 33 (PG-13)
Fri: (11:00 AM), (1:35), (4:15), 7:25
Sat–Tue: (11:00 AM), (1:35), (4:15), 7:25, 10:00

LOVE THE COOPERS (PG-13)
Fri–Tue: (11:50 AM), (2:15), (4:40), 7:20, 9:45

THE PEANUTS MOVIE (G)
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Area Author Donald Harstad will be signing copies of his latest Carl Houseman mystery, *November Rain*.

Carl Houseman, the deputy sheriff of rural Nation County, Iowa, leaves home to enter the world of international intrigue in the sixth in Donald Harstad's critically acclaimed series.

Houseman's daughter, Jane, has been studying abroad in the UK. When her best friend Emma Schiller has been kidnapped, Houseman, desperate to protect his daughter and help her friend, accepts Scotland Yard's invitation to take him on as a consultant.

Emma's trail leads to the door of her former professor—and ex-lover—Dr. Robert Northwood, whose impassioned activism on behalf of a pair of Muslim political prisoners has landed him unwittingly in cahoots with a cadre of dangerous individuals. It seems like a simple hoax, except that if Houseman doesn't track down the professor's co-conspirators, the consequences will be anything but simple—and the harm that will result could be global in Harstad's gripping new installment in his outstanding series.

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GRUESOME PLAYGROUND INJURIES

A DARKLY HUMOROUS DRAMA PRESENTED BY TRAINWRECK PRODUCTIONS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 @ 7 PM

\$7 TICKETS

@ THE SMOKESTACK (62 E. 7TH ST)

The lives of Kayleen and Doug intersect at the most unexpected intervals, leading the two childhood friends to compare scars and the physical calamities that keep drawing them together. This wondrous strange two-hander finds as much humor as horror in the play's bizarre events.

Gruesome Playground Injuries is a full-length, darkly humorous drama by Rajiv Joseph featuring Gwen Beatty (Kayleen) and Ryan Michael Decker

(Doug). The cast directs with assistant direction and stage management by Amanda Adams, production designs and coordination by Decker, and original music and auditory atmosphere by Ryan McMasters. The production contains adult content and language.

Admission is \$7 at the door (cash or check), beginning 30 minutes before the performance.

TrainwreckProductions.org



DARK SLIDE SKATE ART SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE DUBUQUE AREA ARTS COLLECTIVE,
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NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH JANUARY 31

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 @ 5-10 PM

\$5-10 SUGGESTED DONATION

@ DUBUQUE AREA ARTS COLLECTIVE (902 MAIN ST)

Regional, national, and international artists will present their artistic creations, rendered on skateboard decks at the 3rd Annual Dark Slide Skate Art Show. Functioning as a canvas for street art for decades, the Skate Art Show highlights the art of the skateboard deck and skateboarding culture.

Live music will be provided during the reception: Snuff Queen (Dubuque),

Telekinetic Yeti (Dubuque), Thee Micro Mantis-Record release party (Denver), and Garbage Man (Milwaukee).

Exhibit will be open Saturdays and Sundays noon to 4 PM. Proceeds will be split between artists, DAAC arts programming and Dubuque's new skate park. This is an all ages event, and ALL are welcome!

DAArtsCollective.com

CRANDALL AND NIE EXHIBIT

NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

RECEPTION: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 6-7:30 PM

@ UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER, JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL
(2255 BENNETT ST)

Judith Crandall (UD class of 1969) paints in washes, copper, oil pigments on glass and other multimedia platforms. Eric Nie (UD class of 2015) photographs (digitally) the land that he works on, mostly in the Balltown area of, just north of Dubuque.

Opposite in age and media, they share a respect—almost spiritual—of the

land and people on the land. Abstract vs. realism. Painting vs. photography. But not old vs. young; their reflective love of Iowa and of UD shine through in the work of these two very different graduates from UD. Complimentary refreshments will be available at the reception.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
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Mark your calendars for the Galena Artist Guild Holiday Art Show! This juried event features a wide variety of media including: painting, drawing, photography, limited edition prints, sculpture, clay, fiber, metal, glass, wool, and jewelry.

Artists are encouraged to participate in the show. Booth fee: \$30 for members and \$65 for non-members. Deadline is November 20.

The Galena Artist Guild invites you to be part of the 40+ year's organization. They are looking for new members. The Guild's commitment is to promote fine art. They provide opportunities for local and visiting artists to showcase their artwork at several local businesses and art shows.

GalenaArtists.com
gigisensei@jcwifi.com



DAAC ART SALE & SILENT AUCTION

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE DUBUQUE AREA ARTS COLLECTIVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 5-9 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ NOON-6 PM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

ART DROP-OFF AND DONATIONS: DECEMBER 7-8 @ 4:30-7 PM

FREE

@ DUBUQUE AREA ARTS COLLECTIVE (902 MAIN ST)

Help support the coming year's arts programming by selling or donating your art, used or new art supplies, prints, music CDs and vinyl, gift certificates, your talents (come play your tunes during the art sale), or simply by attending our second annual Art Sale. The Art Sale will feature paintings, drawings, and photography, along with used and new art supplies and frames, art prints, CDs and records, comic books, t-shirts and more, all created by local artists, and all available at great prices! All profits are shared between the artists and DAAC. Since we are an all-volunteer non-profit organization, your donation will go directly toward our building, exhibits, publications, and program expenses. Live music to be announced. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome!

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective came into existence two years ago. In that time, we have proudly hosted many multi-arts events and programs and brought many incredible and dedicated creative minds together. We have served over 500 youth, developing, and established artists and have also collaborated with local organizations, taking our programs outside and working with the community at large.

Artists interested in selling or donating their work during art sale can email **salondbq@gmail.com** by December 6. Let DAAC know what you'll bring. No fee required. Gallery suggests a donation of 50+% of sales to DAAC. Businesses can become DAAC official sponsors through monetary donations, gift cards, supplies or by sponsoring a wall in the gallery.

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@ OUTSIDE THE LINES ART GALLERY (409 BLUFF ST)

Outside the Lines Art Gallery is seeking artist submissions for their annual juried group show to be held in January and February 2016 at the gallery in Dubuque. The theme will be "Creatures Great and Small."

Artists may submit up to three 2D or 3D original works for consideration. All mediums are accepted and the art must reflect the artist's interpretation of the theme. Gallery owners Connie Twining and Stormy Mochal will jury

the submissions and they are looking for creative interpretations, not just literal translations. There is a \$20 non-refundable jury fee (up to three works), entries and fees are due no later than Monday, December 7.

Three \$200 cash prizes will be awarded by an independent judge during the Artist's Reception.

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ARTS calendar

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Much Ado About Nothing

7:30 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Book Signing: Carl Houseman

5:30–6:30 PM @ River Lights Bookstore

Gruesome Playground Injuries

7 PM @ The Smokestack

Women of Will: The Overview

7 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Speedlites Workshop

7–9 PM @ Everything Photography

Much Ado About Nothing

7:30 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Museum Family Matinee Series: Fever River Puppeteers “Scribble”

1 PM @ Dubuque Museum of Art

Much Ado About Nothing

7:30 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Talk + Film: Advanced Style

1:30 PM @ Dubuque Museum of Art

Much Ado About Nothing

2 PM @ Clarke Terence Donaghoe Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Baby + Me Tours

9 AM @ Dubuque Museum of Art

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

A Charlie Brown Christmas

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Dark Slide Skate Art Show Reception

5–10 PM @ Dubuque Area Arts Collective

Maggie Mae Holiday Show

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

A Charlie Brown Christmas

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

A Charlie Brown Christmas

2 PM @ Grand Opera House

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Book Signing: Nathan Ripperger

5:30–6:30 PM @ River Lights Bookstore

Glass Ornament Class

6–8:30 PM @ Maquoketa Art Experience (Maquoketa, IA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Holiday Art Sale

5–8 PM @ Studio Works

Crandall and Nie Exhibit Reception

6–7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

A Charlie Brown Christmas

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

Christmas at Heritage Center

7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

Its A Wonderful Life

7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Holiday Art Sale

11 AM–4 PM @ Studio Works

DSO Holiday Family Concert

7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

A Charlie Brown Christmas

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

DSO Holiday Concert

7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

For a Blessed Christmas

7:30 PM @ Clarke Sacred Heart Chapel

Its A Wonderful Life

7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA

Galena Artist Guild Holiday Art Show

DeSoto House Hotel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

DuMA Community Day

1:30–4 PM @ Dubuque Museum of Art

A Charlie Brown Christmas

2 PM @ Grand Opera House

Christmas on Broadway

2 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

DSO Holiday Concert

2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

For a Blessed Christmas

2 PM @ Clarke Sacred Heart Chapel

Its A Wonderful Life

2 PM @ UW-P CFA

Galena Artist Guild Holiday Art Show

DeSoto House Hotel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

UW-P Student Holiday Art Sale

10 AM–5 PM @ UW-P Nohr Gallery

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

UW-P Student Holiday Art Sale

9 AM–5 PM @ UW-P Nohr Gallery

Cirque Dreams Holidaze

7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

UW-P Student Holiday Art Sale

9 AM–4 PM @ UW-P Nohr Gallery

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Snowbiz Dinner Show

Noon @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

DAAC Art Sale & Silent Auction

5–9 PM @ Dubuque Area Arts Collective

Senior HS Madrigal Dinner

6 PM @ Masonic Temple

UD Jazz Ensemble: A Swingin' Christmas

6 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

The Celtic Tenors

7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

DAAC Art Sale & Silent Auction

Noon–6 PM @ Dubuque Area Arts Collective

Senior HS Madrigal Dinner

6 PM @ Masonic Temple

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

The Nutcracker Ballet

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Christmas on Broadway

2 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

The Nutcracker Ballet

2 PM @ Grand Opera House

Tri-State Choral Concert

2 PM @ Sinsinawa Mound

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

Ongoing ARTS Events

THROUGH NOVEMBER 22

Ted Polubbaum Exhibit

Clarke Quigley Gallery

Millwork Portraits

Gallery C

THROUGH NOVEMBER 23

Dubuque Camera Club Exhibit

Carnegie-Stout Public Library

THROUGH NOVEMBER 29

“From Our Hands—to Your Hearts”

25th Annaul Quilt Exhibit

Sinsinawa Mound (Sinsinawa, WI)

Shades of Grey

Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

THROUGH DECEMBER 27

Salon-Style

Dubuque Museum of Art

THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Joan Webster-Vore Mixed Media Installation

Dubuque Museum of Art

THROUGH MARCH 20, 2016

Janet Ruttenberg: Figure in the Landscape

and Kathy Ruttenberg: Landscape in the

Figure Exhibits

Dubuque Museum of Art

NOVEMBER 28–JANUARY 31

Dark Slide Skate Art Show

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DECEMBER 1–JANUARY 29

Sophomore-Junior

Art and Design Student Exhibit

Clarke Quigley Art Gallery

DECEMBER 3–JANUARY 3

Nativities of the World

Sinsinawa Gallery (Sinsinawa, WI)

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TOYS FOR TOTS

Let me start with the disclaimer. While I have been the coordinator for Marine Toys For Tots in Dubuque for seven years now, I also happen to own 365ink Magazine. Every year I talk about Toys For Tots in my Inkubator column and through event promotions, but I've not really taken time to truly talk about what Toys For Tots is. I thought it might be a little self-serving to use my own magazine to push my toy agenda, but my friends have convinced me that it's a story worth telling, and I'm not such a bad guy for usurping my own pages to toot my horn. So with your forgiveness, I am thrilled to tell you all about what it is we do with the toys you donate in Dubuque.

BY BRYCE PARKS



↑ Bryce with the Salvation Army's Majoy Kay and Major Tom

First, a little history and perspective.

Toys For Tots was started in 1947 by Major Bill Hendricks in Los Angeles, California. 5,000 toys were collected and the first toy was a handmade doll.

Few people know that the Marines were in danger of being re-absorbed into the Navy following World War II and the commander of the Marines saw the Toys For Tots programs in L.A. as a great P.R. tool to give the Marines an identity with the American People. So in 1948, The United States Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots, and expands it into a nationwide community action project as the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program. Marines at each Reserve Center throughout the nation conduct toy collection and distribution campaigns in the communities surrounding the center.

In the same year, Walt Disney designed the now famous Toys for Tots train logo and creates the first national Toys for Tots poster. Since then, the most famous faces in Hollywood and beyond have endorsed the program, starting with legends like John Wayne, Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra. Oscar winning songwriters Sammy Fain and Paul Webster even composed the Toys for Tots theme, which was later recorded by Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee and Vic Damone.

Skip ahead almost 70 years and today, total annual revenue for Toys for Tots is nearly \$300 million dollars. And while national benchmarks for a well run non-profit require that they show less than 30% of their overall revenue spent on administration, Toys For Tots spends only 3% on those costs. Locally, Dubuque Toys For Tots matches that dedication to kids by also spending 97% of funds raised directly on toys. Marine Toys for Tots continued to be a top charity in the Philanthropy 400 and was once again accredited by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance.

Nationally, through over 700 local campaigns, Toys For Tots distributed over 17 million toys to over 7 million

children last year. In any community where there is an active Marine Corps presence beyond a recruiting post, the program is operated by those active duty marines by mandate. So in places like the Quad Cities, Madison and Des Moines, you'll find a group of men and women in uniform making Toys For Tots happen.

In Dubuque, we do not have an active Marine Corps presence. As in most communities it was retired and former Marines that take up that responsibility. I am not a Marine. So how did I come into all of this? The answer is something I have written about more than once. My dad, Marine Bob the Toy Man, ran the program in Dubuque before me. He took a small program and turned it into somewhat of a monster, expanding from Dubuque to cover three counties in the Tri-States, Dubuque County, Grant County in Wisconsin and Jo Daviess County in Illinois. Before he passed away in 2009, he asked me to continue his work. You do not say no to your dad's last wish. So, I inherited a big red pickup and basically a second full time job.

Many people I meet have this vision of Toys For Tots being the kind of program you run out of your garage or your basement. In Dubuque, that's is most certainly not the case. Not by a long shot. While our cash budget each year is only about \$30,000, the actual dollar amount of toys that pass through our warehouse, and yes we do have a warehouse with pallets and a forklift and dock doors and all that fun stuff, ranges between \$300,000 and a half a million dollars. This comes from a combination of very, very smart shopping through national distributors and manufactures (and both timely and wise local shopping with generous partner retailers) and lots of donations from many sources. Often the donations that account for many of the big dollars are the semi-load sized donations that come in from national supporters of Toys For Tots. This can mean receiving full or partial semi loads of toys and books from places like Disney, Hasbro,



↑ Delivering toys to area veterans' families



↑ Kids meeting Santa



↑ The Black Friday Toys for Tots crew

and Scholastic Books. It doesn't take long to get to a half million when you unload an entire semi of books and the books have prices on them from \$3 to \$30 each.

Part of the benefit of having warehouse space, which is very generously donated to us in Dubuque, is being able to accept these corporate donations. Often we get way more of any one single item than we could ever use in Dubuque. So we work to be good stewards of what we're given and we share that semi-load around to communities across Eastern Iowa and beyond. Because we do such a good job of sharing the wealth, we are also more often on the receiving end of the kindness of the National Foundation with these loads. It creates a lot more work for us than we'd normally have with running the program, but because we know we can do it, we do it. So communities from Mason City, to Burlington, and even Madison and Milwaukee have received forwarded toys from Dubuque. And what goes around comes around. We're also sometimes on the receiving ends of that kindness from the Quad Cities or Madison when they have excess. These big loads are wonderful for having a base of toys to build on. Or you might see these toys as the gravy that fills in the cracks where local donations cannot quite stretch far enough.

Despite trying to help out other programs, it is important to know that every toy and every dollar actually donated in Dubuque, stays in our coverage area, which now also includes Clayton County, one of Iowa's poorest counties and one with very little retail to draw on for toy donation. So with our successes locally, we were able to tuck one more group under our wing.

While Toys For Tots can operate in many different ways from city to city, locally we run the program in partnership with the wonderful agencies that already work with struggling families in Dubuque day in and day out. They know far better than us who needs assistance and also have the networks and organizational structures to effectively distribute the toys we give them from Toys For Tots. Their organizations also helps us protect against the few who might try to cheat the system and get toys from multiple venues. We do not serve any families directly in the Dubuque area. In Dubuque, our toys are distributed through The Salvation Army, our largest distribution point, Operation New View, Veterans' Affairs, The Department of Human Services, Project Concern, Hispanic Ministries and DHS in Western Dubuque County. We also support holiday efforts and events through Respite Care, Head Start, Riverview Center, Maria House, Boys and Girls Club, and others. We also service the Grant County Holiday Project in Wisconsin, DHS in Clayton County and we cover kids in

East Dubuque through our partnership with the city of East Dubuque. Add them all up and that's over 5000 kids in the Tri-State area.

DONATING

There are many ways to support Toys For Tots locally, just in case you were wondering. The first way is, of course, with a cash donation. Toys For Tots is a 501(c)(3) Federal Nonprofit organization, therefore, all cash donations are tax-deductible. You can do that via the web by visiting toysfortots.org and clicking "donate." Find Dubuque through that process and the money will get to us, every penny of it. You can also write a check to "Toys For Tots" and mail it to: Toys For Tots, 432 Bluff St., Dubuque, IA 52001. If your address is on your check, you'll automatically get a letter in the mail from the National Toys For Tots Foundation acknowledging your donation. Money is a great gift because we can usually get 2 to 3 times more for our dollar that you can shopping retail.

However, we very much realize that buying a toy is half the fun of giving during the holiday season. So if that's your preference, by all means we'd love to get a toy from you. Toys For Tots only accepts new toys (and don't wrap them). What do we want? Well, we want whatever gives you joy to buy. Maybe it's something you'd have loved as a kid or things your own kids love. Whatever it is, it's PERFECT! You can drop those toys in any box in the Dubuque area even if you didn't buy your toy in the store where you drop it off. Some convenient locations to drop off a toy include Theisen's, Menards, nearly all new car dealers, Hartig Drug, Walgreens, Dollar General, Steve's Ace Hardware, the Roshek Building lobby, Hotel Julien Dubuque, and Mindframe Theaters. Or drop it off at 365ink (432 Bluff) and give it right to me if you like. We'll take a selfie!

So many local businesses host toy drives inside their offices and they really are the heart and soul of our local toy collections. Cottingham & Butler are the undisputed kings of inner-office kindness each year for Toys For Tots and we simply love them. But generosity is strong from McGraw Hill to Kuttler Dental to Boyd Gaming and the Mystique Casino. It's not too late to host a toy drive in your workplace. If you are interested, send an e-mail to bryce@dubuque365.com. If you all call me, my brain is going to melt. Plus, e-mail helps me stay organized and in writing.

Our biggest local toy donation event each year is, of course, the famous Theisen's Stuff the Truck event, happening this year the weekend of December 5-6. Come out and drop off a toy or get a great one at Theisen's, Who's toys will be marked down that weekend

with great deals. You'll be able to get your picture with Santa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Marines, Boy Scouts, and Toys For Tots volunteers will be there to say hi and thank you for your donation all weekend.

The same weekend is the equally famous and anticipated Teddy Bear Toss with the Dubuque Fighting Saints. Go to the game on December 5, and when the Saints score their first goal, let the stuffed animals fly onto the ice for Toys For Tots. It's quite the sight.

There are even no less than four special events coming up at the Hotel Julien Dubuque this holiday season that all support Toys For Tots and the great holiday events at the Roshek Building also include us in their generous spirit.

Get details for these and other Toys For Tots events throughout this issue of 365ink.

We have one very special new event this year we're very excited about, the Toys For Tots Kids' Christmas presented by Theisen's coming up on Sunday, December 20 from noon to 3 p.m. at Five Flags Civic Center. Taking over for the ever-popular St. Mark's Jingle Bell Hop, we hope this will become an annual chance to celebrate the success of our toy season with kids from across the Tri-States and one massive insanely fun Christmas Party. Oh, and it's gonna be totally FREE! See the ad and details about that event on page 29.

Before I wrap it up, let me thank the people who volunteer each season to help me buy, sort, pack and deliver over 20,000 toys across the Tri-States, especially my very helpful, organized and understanding wife Christy Monk and my basically famous in his own right, toy sidekick Jeff Lenhart who is always up for anything, making this whole process only very, very difficult instead of completely impossible. Maybe we'll see you out shopping black Friday. We hate to have to do it, but it's smart shopping... and we shop with a team and a box truck! ■





ROSHEK CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

NOVEMBER 20–JANUARY 4 @ 9 AM–9 PM
ROSHEK BUILDING (700 LOCUST ST)

While Dubuque no longer has a big downtown department store decorated inside and out for the holidays with those traditional window displays celebrating the coming of the Holiday Season with a sparkly winter wonderland of toys and other gifts, it does have the Roshek Building, which once served that purpose. For those old enough to remember, Roshek's Department Store decked out with lighted trees and other holiday decorations still exist as fond memories of a more innocent time.

In that spirit, Dubuque Initiatives and the Roshek Building Tenants invite everyone to visit the Roshek Building lobby over the holiday season to capture that holiday magic and experience a bit of the rich history and holiday tradition stretching back to the building's cherished past. Over the next few weeks, the Roshek Building lobby will be host to a series of holiday-themed events, with just enough sparkle to get most any ole' Scrooge into the spirit of the season.

Opening Night is November 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Roshek Building lobby. Festivities will include a musical performance by the Americana Band, a "lighted count down to the holidays" by Santa Claus and a traditional reading of "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus". The reading resurrects a holiday tradition that started in 1937 by the late Vaughn Gayman, a Dubuque radio personality, who read the famous newspaper editorial each Christmas Eve during his tenure of live broadcasts from the Roshek Building. Also available will be the Caring and Sharing Tree, wherein special ornaments

are adorned and when picked, request an item to be donated to help local organizations. You will also be able to send a holiday card to the local veterans in Iowa or drop off unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots initiative.

Opening night also marks the beginning of the silent auction, which benefits the participating nonprofit organizations who have created a unique holiday decoration—a tree, wreath, centerpiece or other decorative item. Each item is on display and ready for bidding in the silent auction from Opening Night through Nonprofit Day on December 12. Once the Silent Auction concludes and nonprofit holiday items are taken home by the winning bidders, the lobby will be filled with animatronic holiday figures, similar to the store window decor during the heyday of Roshek Department Store. The display is meant to capture the spirit of the nostalgic 1940s and '50s at the Roshek Building.

Saturday, December 12 from noon to 3 p.m. is the Roshek Building Nonprofit Day. The holiday-themed fundraiser will benefit the participating nonprofits where representatives will be available to provide visitors an opportunity to meet and discuss their individual missions. There will be a musical performance by Cadenza Choir at noon as well as an appearance from Santa Claus. Bidding in the silent auction will come to a close at 2:30, with the winners to be announced shortly thereafter.

All are welcome to visit the Roshek Building lobby to experience this Holiday Magic any time from November 20 through January 4. ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Claus Is Coming ...

Nov. 28 11am–2pm

Dec. 5 11am–2pm

Dec. 12 Noon–3pm

Dec. 19 11am–2pm

Daily

Holiday Displays, Nonprofit Silent Auction (Thru Dec. 12), Veteran Holiday Card Drop Off, Toys for Tots Sleigh Drop Off Location

Friday, November 20

Opening Night 6–8pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa Claus, Americana Band, Reading of "Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus"

Saturday, December 12

Nonprofit Day Noon–3pm

Cadenza Choir Noon–1:30pm, Visit with Santa, Silent auction ends at 2:30pm

Holiday Specials throughout the lobby!

TOYS FOR TOTS WINTER CONCERT TOUR

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ACROSS THE TRI-STATES

How cool is this? For the second great year, during the weeks leading up to Christmas, you can officially rock out in the Tri-States and help the Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program at the same time! And we're not even kidding! There is literally no better way we can think of to support Toys For Tots and drink a beer at the same time.

From Friday, November 6 to Saturday, December 20, there are seven live music shows in the Tri-States collecting toys and raising money for the kids. We are taking Toys for Tots on the road, and your generous cover charge (or donated toy) at each venue helps to support Toys for Tots. It's all made possible thanks to a generous grant from the cool folks at McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

NEXT UP... Bobby and Katie from Statue of Liberty sound so great together it's ridiculous and we're going to wring that talent for all it's worth on November 28 at the Cornerstone in Galena. Bar own Lehn DuHeck is one of those guys that always generous to a fault with his support of worthy causes and were thrilled to be back under his wing for another tour stop this year. He's already got a great collection of raffle prizes for the night from other generous Galena area businesses. Why not come over for a great dinner somewhere in town then just the party after?

For those already missing Halloween and not quite ready for Christmas, Jumpers hosts a Lonely Goats Krampus Party Friday, December 4 at 8 PM with an appearance by the horned beast himself. A devilish figure from Germanic folklore, Krampus is the nasty counterpart to St. Nicholas, arriving on the eve of the good Saint's feast day to punish naughty children with a switch or take them away in a basket! Better buy a Toys For Tots raffle ticket to escape his wrath!

Back in Galena on December 5, our absolutely favorite gorgeous and stupidly talented blonde bluegrass duo with a new album, The Driftless Sisters, are playing the Galena Brewing Company. Come by, bring a toy, and take home their killer new CD for your own Christmas present. See 'em love here before they become wildly famous and start getting their beef jerky flown in and stuff.

Miles Nielsen and the Rusted Hearts return for a second stop on the tour, this time at The Smokestack in Dubuque on December 12, 9 PM. Miles is bring back



↑ Miles Nielsen and The Rusted Hearts

an acoustic guitar autographed not only by himself and his band, but also by his dad's band, which just happens to be Cheap Trick! Come to the gig and buy a chance to win the guitar for a measly \$5! Admission to the show is also a \$5 donation to toys for tots or bring a new toy to donate valued at \$5 or more.

And the tour wraps up at the place most fun ends up in the tri-states, at the Sandy Hook Tavern on Saturday, December 19. They've already helped Toys For Tots raise \$1000 earlier this Summer and now Ashley Lawrence and crew are at it again with their overdose of generosity, hosting the final Toys For Tots Winter Concert Tour show featuring Stop the Clock who bring a stellar set ranging from heart thumping Memphis blues to ambient melodic synth-rock. You just gotta see it live to understand.

Toys For Tots would like to thank McGraw-Hill Higher Education for making the Winter Concert Tour possible as well as Julie Griffin, the first lady of rock and roll in Dubuque, for helping Toys For Tots in organizing this stellar music series! Find the tour events on Facebook and follow along! ■

TOYS FOR TOTS CONCERT TOUR STOPS:

Statue of Liberty

Saturday, November 28 @ 8 PM
The Cornerstone (Galena, IL)

Lonely Goats Krampus Party

Friday, December 4 @ 8 PM
Jumpers

Driftless Sisters

Saturday, December 5 @ 7:30 PM
Galena Brewing Company (Galena, IL)

Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts

Saturday, December 12 @ 9 PM
The Smokestack

Stop the Clock

Saturday, December 19 @ 9 PM
Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

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NOVEMBER 20–JANUARY 4
 HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)

Now in its third year, this holiday series features events for all ages designed to spread seasonal cheer throughout the Dubuque community. The series is designed to give back to the public during this special season while also collecting donations for Toys for Tots.

“So many of the 12 Days of Christmas events are meant to create traditions for people in the community,” said Lara LeGrand, Director of Sales and Marketing at Hotel Julien Dubuque.

For additional information, visit **HotelJulienDubuque.com** or call **563-556-4200**. ■

Cyber Monday

November 30 @ Midnight–11:59 PM

Holiday shopping starts here. This year, take advantage of Hotel Julien Dubuque's annual “Cyber Monday” gift certificate sale. Must be purchased by 11:59 CST on November 30, 2015.

- Purchase \$100 in hotel gift certificates and receive a \$25 gift certificate for you
- Purchase \$100 in Potosa Spa gift certificates and receive a \$15 certificate for you
- Purchase \$50 in Caroline's Restaurant certificates and receive a \$10 certificate for you

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 2 @ 6:30–8PM

Join us as we unveil our beautiful lobby Christmas tree. Enjoy treats, music with Loras College choir, and a visit from Santa Claus during this popular family event.

St. Nick Deliveries

December 6

If you're staying with us on the evening of December 5, you can expect a special visitor who is known for leaving unique holiday treats. Be sure to take a peek outside your door on Sunday morning to see what St. Nicholas brought you!

Breakfast with Santa

December 6 @ 8–11 AM

Harbor Gallery

Great fun for the kids. Join us for a delicious breakfast, crafts, cookie decorating, Christmas stories, music, and a visit from Santa! Children eat free with a donation for Toys for Tots. \$8 or toy donation for children; \$15 for adults. Reservations are recommended. Call **563-588-5563**.

Sweet Treats in Caroline's

December 8 @ 11 AM–9 PM

Enjoy a complimentary dessert with any entrée during lunch or dinner at Caroline's Restaurant!

Snowbiz Dinner Show

December 10 @ Noon

Celebrate the season in style with a full-length Christmas show featuring many of your favorite holiday tunes, incredible vocals, and a live jazz orchestra. Get into the Christmas spirit with this staged dinner-theatre style show in the Grande Ballroom. Lunch or dinner with dessert and

show; includes a complimentary cup of cheer (your choice of tap beer, wine, or soda). For reservations, contact Cathy at **563-599-7775**.

Classic Christmas Movie Night

December 11 @ 6–8PM

Enjoy popcorn, candy, and classic Christmas movies during this free family event!

You Relax, We Wrap

December 17 @ 4–6 PM

River Room

Hotel Julien Dubuque's Sales Team wraps all of your treasures while you enjoy chair massages provided by therapists from Potosa Spa! \$1 per package/donated to Toys for Tots.

Jazz It Up With Jingle Barry

December 17 @ 5:30–7:30 PM

Dubuque's very own Christmas caroler extraordinaire Barry Gentry will be singing your favorite holiday tunes in the Riverboat Lounge. Stop by, listen (or sing along), and enjoy scrumptious complimentary appetizers and fantastic drink specials. There is no charge for this event, but we certainly would appreciate a toy donation for Toys for Tots.

Ugly Sweater Contest

December 18 @ 11 AM–9 PM

Dress to impress in your holiday worst. Complimentary desserts to all who sport a holiday-themed sweater during lunch and dinner at Caroline's. Special prizes awarded to the best of the worst!

Festivus Party

December 18 @ 8–10 PM

Riverboat Lounge

Join us as we pay tribute to this classic Seinfeld holiday, complete with an airing of grievances, feats of strength, complimentary appetizers, drinks specials, and prizes!

Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner

December 24 @ 4:30 PM

A nod to a simpler time, our dinner in Caroline's Restaurant is the perfect opportunity to get in touch with the true spirit of the holiday and enjoy a delicious meal with family. Reservations recommended. **563-588-5595**.

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To win just sign up at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center, located at 1215 E. Platt Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060, or by calling 563-652-9815, 9 AM - 1 PM, Monday - Friday.

Maggie Mae Holiday Show

Saturday November 28, 7 PM

Maggie Mae, a home-grown talented country singer/Nashville recording artist from Oxford, Wisconsin has been entertaining crowds with her country music and yodeling. She also owns and operate Maggie Mae's Café in Oxford, WI which won "RESTAURANT PICK OF THE MONTH" from Discover Wisconsin Radio/TV show. Folks travel from across the country to stop at her café where she might just be there singing your favorite country song over breakfast.

Her holiday show will definitely put you in the spirit of Christmas!

Tickets: \$22 (advance) / \$25 (door)
 Students: 13 / \$15

THE NEVERLY BROTHERS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE
Thursday December 31, 7 PM - A Rock 'n Roll Evolution - From Elvis to the Beatles!

The Neverly Brothers play all your favorite hits from 1950s American Rockabilly, Rock n' Roll and Rhythms & Blues pioneers up through the 1964 British Invasion groups in an awe inspiring concert!

Tickets: \$25 (advance) / \$30 (door)



TOYS FOR TOTS STUFF THE TRUCK

DECEMBER 5 AND 6
THEISEN'S HOME • FARM • AUTO (2900 DODGE ST)

The 6th Annual Theisen's Stuff the Truck event to benefit Marine Corps Toys For Tots returns Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6. Radio Dubuque will supercast live at the Dubuque Theisen's on December 5 while shoppers take advantage of the annual toy sale, 25%-40% off (or bring in a toy). Santa will be on hand from 10:30 AM-1:30 PM, and Dubuque Photography will be taking free pictures of kids with Santa in his sleigh inside the store from 11 AM-1 PM. You'll even be able to take the photo home with you for free or buy an 8x10 if you want a big one! Cookies and cocoa complete a perfect trip to Theisen's (oh, and probably a bag of their famous, free popcorn, too)! The Marines are scheduled to be there as well as the Boy Scouts of Dubuque as Toys For Tots looks to match or beat the amazing \$10,000+ in cash and toys they receive from the annual event.

Theisen's is a WONDERFUL supporter of Toys For Tots. You should be a WONDERFUL supporter of this Dubuque-based, locally-owned business and stop by that weekend to buy something on sale for a local child and a few nice things for yourself and your family while you're at it. Stop by and say "hi" to Bryce and the Radio Dubuque crew manning the truck outside the store, no matter the weather, all day long on Saturday. And come back Sunday when the Boy Scouts make sure your donation is appreciated.

The goal is to fully support the needs of nearly 5,000 children in Dubuque County, IA, Clayton County, IA, Grant County, WI, and Jo Daviess County, IL. Keep an eye out in your favorite local retailers for official Toys For Tots donation bins. Visit ToysForTots.org for information about the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Charity and online donations. All donations stay local, and cash donations are tax deductible. ■

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERTS

HOLIDAY FAMILY CONCERT: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 1 PM
FULL HOLIDAY CONCERT: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 7:30 PM AND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 2 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra (DSO) presents sparkling musical arrangements of cherished holiday tunes and songs of the season at its annual Holiday Concerts.

The Holiday Family Concert is a special performance featuring a shorter program of lively holiday music, sing-along songs, and guest appearances including members of the Heartland Ballet Company, vocalist Dianne Penning, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir, and, of course, a visit from our favorite jolly old elf—Santa! The concert is approximately one hour in length with no intermission. Children are invited to get their picture taken with Santa for free immediately following the concert. It will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 1 PM at the Five Flags Theater.

For the full-length Holiday Concert, the DSO welcomes the Dubuque Chorale in addition to members of the Heartland Ballet Company and vocalist Dianne Penning. Concert goers will enjoy traditional selections from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker, Handel's "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" from Messiah, Bach/Gounod's Ave Maria, and much more! The combination of familiar favorites, festive new music and cheerfully decorated theater will leave you in the spirit of the season. The full-length Holiday Concerts are Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 6 at 2 PM at the Five Flags Theater.



Featured guest artist Dianne Penning is equally at home in classical repertoire as well as pops. Penning draws from an accomplished background that has taken her to symphonies around the country. She has it all: a gorgeous voice, a skyrocket coloratura, a beautiful stage presence, and sense of humor and intelligence to illuminate music of every kind.

Family Concert tickets are \$11 for children 12 and under, \$21 for adults and \$31 for box seats. Full-length Holiday Concerts tickets are \$15-\$76. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Five Flags Center box office, your local Ticketmaster retail outlet or online at DubuqueSymphony.org. For more information, call the symphony office at 563-557-1677. ■



TOYS FOR TOTS

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TRI-STATE LIVE MUSIC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scott Kerry Guthrie
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Jazz Jam
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
7 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Natascha Myers
8 PM @ The Smokestack

Denny Garcia
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Casethejoint & DJ Jevity
present: Dubuque Battle
Rap League
9 PM @ The Venue

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Derty Rice
Nouveau Party
3 PM @ Paradise

Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Nouveau After Party
3 PM @ Grape Escape

Club 84: Jive Turkey
7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Sam & The Others
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Wundos
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

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

Another Lost Year, Silent
Redemption
8 PM @ Mystique Casino

Coyote Bills Boogie Band
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Michael Breitbach
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Roy Schroedl
8 PM @ Woodlands Lounge,
Eagle Ridge

Johnnie Walker Band
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Mississippi Duo
8:30 PM @ Murph's

Rita & The Purple O, feat.
Jeffrey Chase
8:30 PM @ Gray Dog Deli,
Mineral Point

Jabberbox
9 PM @ The Venue

Sanctified Grumblers
9 PM @ The Lift

Renegade
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Dirty Water Boys
2 PM @ Grape Escape

The Hit Men
4 & 7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Andy Wilberding
6 PM @ Inspire Café

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Buddy Holly & Beyond
7 & 9 PM @ Mystique Casino

Country Tradition
7 PM @ Mooney Hollow Barn

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

Doug Collins & The
Receptionists, Andy Schneider
8 PM @ Monk's Kaffee Pub

Tony Brown
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Massey Road
8 PM @ The Wharf,
Massey Station

Free 4 the Haulin'
8 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

Ethan Keller
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Denny Diamond & The Jewels
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

The Dertones
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Roy Schroedl
8 PM @ Woodlands Lounge,
Eagle Ridge

Sunshine
8 PM @ Pecatonica Beer Tap
House, Warren

Steve McIntyre
9 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Kris Lager Band, MAMA
9 PM @ The Lift

Marty Koppes
9 PM @ Spirits

Zero 2 Sixty
9 PM @ Jumpers

Ignighter
9 PM @ Northside Bar

Percival
9 PM @ Bronco Inn

Taste Like Chicken
9 PM @ Dirty Ernie's

Gypsy Pistols
9 PM @ Jimmy B's

Crude But Effective
9 PM @ Embe Eatery

Peach Pies Carburlesque
9:30 PM @ The Smokestack

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Scott's Sunday Sesssion
Noon @ The Smokestack

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Lilly Rascal's Rock & Roll
Burlesque Workshop
1 PM @ The Smokestack

Boots Hefel Band
2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery

Open Mic w/ Marty Raymon
2:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Ron Lubbers
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

The Lonely Goats w/
comedian, Carlos Valencia
6 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

Miss Kitty Quiz Show
8 PM @ Grape Escape

The Hooten Hallers,
Dennis Glanville
9 PM @ The Lift

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Roy Schroedl
5:30 PM @ Benvenuto's

Broken Strings
7 PM @ 1st & Main

Hana Hedley
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Laura McDonald Project
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Acoustic Jam w/ Lenny Wayne
6:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Open Mic w/ Gladly & Friends
6:30 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Vu JaDe
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Broken Strings
7 PM @ Neumann's, Holy Cross

Richie Holiday
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Wheelhouse
8 PM @ Mystique Casino

Blues Rock-It
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Buzz Berries
8 PM @ Knickers

Bex Marshall
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Scott Rische's Acoustic
Open Mic
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Fever River String Band
8 PM @ Lawrence's Pub, Benton

Open Mic w/ Mississippi Trio
9 PM @ The Lift

Jevity, Whiskerz, Double J
9 PM @ The Venue

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Renegade
9 PM @ Northside Bar

Boys Night Out
9 PM @ Spirits

Stoneheart
9 PM @ Bronco Inn

Crystal Leather
9 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

Julien's Bluff
9:30 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Six Shots 'til Midnight
9:30 PM @ Budde's

THANKSGIVING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Open Mic w/ Jeff & Jimmy
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
The Lonely Goats
5:30 PM @ Trackside

7 Bridges Road
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Roy Schroedl
7 PM @ Perfect Pint

Garrett Hillary
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Pop Rocks
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Pat Travers
8 PM @ Mystique Casino

Enemies of Confusion
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

David McDonald & Timm Harr
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

10 Gallon Hat
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Dan Peart
9 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Super Happy Funtime Burlesque
9 PM @ The Venue

Driftless Sisters
9 PM @ The Lift

Laura McDonald & Jeff Weydert
9 PM @ Spirits

Brown Bottle Bandits
9 PM @ Dagwood's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Dirty Water Boys
2 PM @ Grape Escape

The Lonely Goats
3 PM @ The Iron Horse, Savanna

Thee Micro Mantis Record
Release w/ Garbage Man,
Snuff Queen, Telekinetic Yeti
Dark Slide Skate Art Exhibit
5 PM @ Dubuque Area Arts
Collective

David Minnihan
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Garrett Hillary
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

The Spazmatics
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Matt Panek & Electric
Koolaid Band
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Pirate Over 50
8 PM @ Fife's

Thirty Eight
8 PM @ Knickers

The Flamin' Camaros
8 PM @ Jumpers

Drama Kings
8 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

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

Boys Night Out
8 PM @ The Bronco Inn

Statue of Liberty
8 PM @ The Cornerstone

Rotation Band
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Briana Lynn Hardyman
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Lenny Wayne
9 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

David Zollo & The Body Electric
9 PM @ The Lift

Mississippi Trio
9 PM @ Spirits

Ignighter
9 PM @ Knickers

Down 24
9 PM @ Shenanigans

Buzz Berries
9 PM @ Timber Lanes,
Maquoketa

The Resistors
9 PM @ Jimi B's Bar & Grill

Power of the Word:
Poetry Jam Edition
9:30 PM @ Inspire Café

Aaron Williams & The Hoodoo
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Scott's Sunday Session
Noon @ The Smokestack

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Open Mic w/ Roy Schroedl
2:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

John Moran
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

River Glen Live Concert Taping
w/ Kristina Castaneda, Erin
Hedley, Megan Roeth, Nate
Jenkins, John Moran
3 PM @ The Smokestack

The Lonely Goats
4 PM @ The Iron Horse, Savanna

Miss Kitty's Quiz Show
8 PM @ Grape Escape

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Melanie Devaney
7 PM @ 1st & Main

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
Acoustic Jam
6:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Open Mic w/ Gladly & Friends
6:30 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Vu JaDe
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

J.R. Brow
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
Young at Heart Dance
7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
7 Bridges Road
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

The Doug T Comedy
Hypnosis Show
7 & 9 PM @ Mystique Casino

Corey Jenny
7 PM @ Perfect Pint

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

Sean Cstanza
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Lonely Goats
Krampus Party
8 PM @ Jumpers

Cross Cut
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Andrew Houy
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Like a Storm, Stitched Up
Heart, Failure Anthem
9 PM @ The Venue

Aaron Williams & The Hoodoo
9 PM @ The Lift

Invisible Map, Chad Witthoef
9 PM @ The Smokestack

Massey Road
9 PM @ Spirits

Renegade
9 PM @ Northside Bar

Ignighter
9 PM @ Shenanigans

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
Dirty Water Boys
2 PM @ Grape Escape

Sawyer Brown Christmas Show
4 & 7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Steve McIntyre
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Lemon Sisters Christmas Show
7 PM @ Beckman HS, Dyersville

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

Kyle Henderson
& The Blues Invasion
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Mississippi Duo
8 PM @ Fife's

Hurricane Ruth
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Driftless Sisters
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Justin Morrissey & Friends
Miss Kitty's Birthday!
8 PM @ Grape Escape

Copywrite, Coolzey, Casethejoint
9 PM @ The Lift

Zero 2 Sixty
9 PM @ Northside Bar



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BUDWEISER LOCAL LIVE MUSIC FEATURES



DRIFTLESS SISTERS CD RELEASE SPARKS FROM THE FIRE

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 @ 10 PM
THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL)

Since their very first show in March of 2015, Kat Karberg and Lily Sprengelmeyer of the indie-folk duo Driftless Sisters have exploded onto the local music scene. When we say exploded, we mean EXPLODED. They've already recorded an album with a Grammy award winning artist in Canada, been featured on national television, and shared the stage with such artists as Jim Adkins (of Jimmy Eat World) and the Dreamers (who toured with Stone Temple Pilots).

Although these two musicians aren't "real" sisters, they both share a similar resemblance (VERY similar) and grew up together in the "driftless" region, hence their clever band name Driftless Sisters.

In fact they grew up in their respective fathers' antique stores on the same street in Galena, IL.

If you haven't already seen them live, be sure to catch them for their debut CD release of *Sparks from the Fire*, at The Lift on Friday, November 27 at 10 PM. We're not going pretend to play fair; these ladies are among our very favorites at 365ink. You're going to instantly love them, too.

Sharing the stage with them will be Sprengelmeyer's sister Laurel Sprengelmeyer (Little Scream), Richard Reed Perry (of Arcade Fire), Aaron Kelly, and Peter Monroe. Arrive early friends, as this show is assured to be standing room only. ■

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19



Arts & Alchemy: Natascha Myers Live

8 PM @ The Smokestack (62 East 7th St)

Cover: FREE

Natascha Myers, originally from Waterloo, Iowa, is an indie singer-songwriter known for her unique sound, laced with soothing qualities. Her original compositions have been described as cleverly unique, overflowing with hyperbolic lyrics. The use of guitar, piano, and banjo give her music somewhat of a folk quality, without losing the indie pop edge that is ever present.



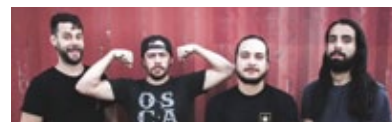
Casethejoint & DJ Jevity Present: Dubuque Battle Rap League

9 PM @ The Venue

(Formerly Eronel, 285 Main St)

Events showcase area talent in three different facets: performance, battle, and cypher. Setting off the night, Casethejoint and DJ Jevity bring hip-hop stylings to the stage. Then witness live hip-hop performances. Next, the one-on-one battles begin with prizes. Stay for the open mic style, cypher session, for all who chose to participate. This event is sponsored by Konnexion (smoking accessories). To enter, email TheLeagueDBQ@gmail.com. Event is 21 and up.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20



Another Lost Year w/ Silent Redemption

8 PM @ Mystique Casino

(1855 Greyhound Park Rd)

Cover: FREE

Another Lost Year is a nationally touring quartet out of Charlotte, NC who have much success with

the hit songs "War On The Inside" & "Cop Car", and their new song "Wolves" is blowing up rock radio. Warming up the crowd are local favorites Silent Redemption. No mixing of genres, no fat to trim, just high energy rock with edge and attitude. Silent Redemption brings what the fans want and the crowd gets pumped for!



Sanctified Grumblers

9 PM @ The Lift (180 Main St, Lower Level)

Chicago's Sanctified Grumblers formed in the Spring of 2009 when Rick Sherry (Devil in a Woodpile) and Eric Noden started writing songs together. Using only acoustic instruments, they usually play as a trio with either Beau Sample (upright bass) or Mike Hogg (sousaphone). Sanctified Grumblers CD "no lie" features special guests Jim Becker (Califone, Iron & Wine), Mike Reed (People, Places and Things) and Tom V. Ray (bass player for Neko Case & Jakob Dylan)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21



Buddy Holly & Beyond: Tribute to Buddy Holly

7 & 9 PM @ Mystique Casino

(1855 Greyhound Park Rd)

Tickets: \$20-30

From the moment little Johnny Rogers heard Buddy Holly sing "Rave On," on he knew what he wanted to be in life and that was someone like Buddy Holly. Rogers will transport you back in time when you could go to your favorite malt shops with your favorite girl and dance to your favorite bands. By his side is the legendary Tommy Allsup (2 time Grammy winning

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Producer and Artist). Allsup played on more than 6,500 sessions and was Buddy Holly's friend and lead guitarist from 1958-1959. He escaped death by flipping a coin with Ritchie Valens. Ritchie called heads and the rest is Rock N Roll history. Together they will perform an uncanny portrayal of the late great Buddy Holly. For more information, visit MystiqueDBQ.com or call 563-582-3647.



Peach Pies Caburlesque— Warm Up To Winter

8:30 PM @ The Smokestack (62 East 7th St)

Tickets: \$8 adv/\$10 door

Peach Pies Caburlesque hails from Madison, WI. Treat yourself to cabaret, burlesque and more: hot, fresh and served with a side of sass! Special guests from Chicago include Lilly Rascal and Madame Envy! Cupcakes for sale by Retro Cakes and Cupcravery. Doors at 8:30 PM, show at 9:30 PM. Get your advance tickets at <https://tikly.co/events/960>.



Denny Diamond & The Jewels

9 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

(227 N Main St, Galena, IL)

Tickets: \$10

Once a "normal Chicagoland guy" Dennis Svehla had a respectable career as a consultant, headlining karaoke shows at night. When popular '90s band Sixpence None The Richer performed at the McHenry County Fair in Woodstock, IL, they wandered into a local venue where Dennis was performing. Blown away by his voice and charisma, they brought him to Nashville, and before you could say "Cracklin' Rosie, get on board," the singer became Denny Diamond, one of the country's most successful Neil Diamond tribute artists. His Neil Diamond tribute includes classics from Elvis and Johnny Cash to Glen Campbell, Buddy Holly and Ricky Nelson.



Kris Lager Band w/ MAMA

9 PM @ The Lift (180 Main St, Lower Level)

Kris Lager Band has been hard at work for over a decade spreading and honing their Revivalist

Rock, Heavy Soul & Boogie Trance music across the country. When it comes to energetic and heartfelt live music performances KLB is second to none. They have worked with, toured, and recorded alongside some of the industries finest. All the while managing to avoid the pitfalls of the road and the rock'n'roll lifestyle that far too often derail a band on the verge of breaking out.

MAMA (hozac records) play gritty power pop and are rock and roll renegades from the back streets of Chicago. MAMA is living dangerously in this modern age.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22



The Hooten Hallers, Dennis Glanville

9 PM @ The Lift (180 Main St, Lower Level)

The Hooten Hallers are a blues, soul, and rock n' roll band from Columbia, MO. They are: John Randall(Guitar/Vocals), Andy Rehm(Drums/Vocals) and Kellie Everett(Bass & Baritone Saxophones). Known for their raucous live shows and influenced heavily by the canon of American roots music, this hard touring band does everything in their power to bring that music to you. They have produced a number of self-releases since forming in 2007, but most recently released Greetings from Welp City(2012) and Chillicothe Fireball(2014) on Big Muddy Records. With another release brewing for 2015, The Hooten Hallers have every intention of driving 'til the wheels fall off.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25



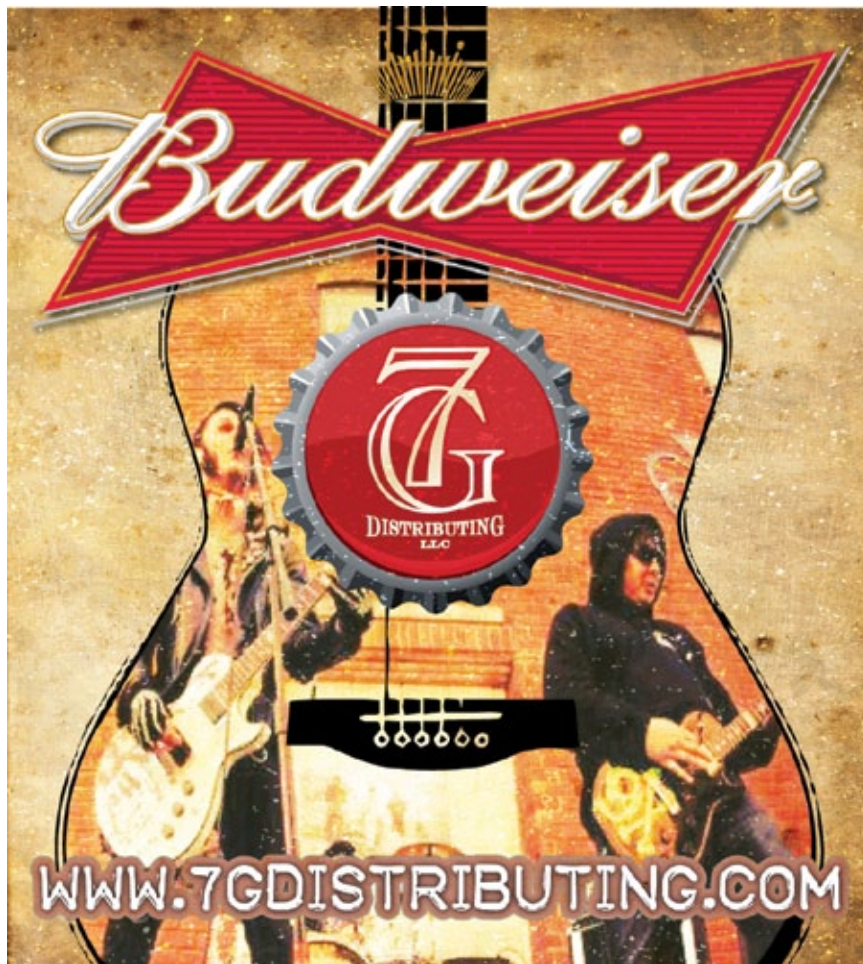
WheelHouse

8 PM @ Mystique Casino

(1855 Greyhound Park Rd)

Cover: FREE

WheelHouse is a nationally touring Americana and bluegrass band hailing from Madison, Wisconsin. Featuring three and four part harmonies, fiddle and guitar leads, and driving rhythm of the upright bass WheelHouse brings an energy and attitude unique to themselves.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27



Super Happy Funtime Burlesque

7 PM @ The Venue

(Formerly Eronel, 285 Main St)

Utterly unique and unclassifiable; Super Happy Funtime Burlesque is all at once a live band, an original work of musical theater, a comedy show, a bawdy and sexy burlesque production, a giant ball of chaos rolled up into one neat little production that has been leaving jaws on the floor for nearly a decade.



An Evening with Pat Travers

8 PM @ Mystique Casino

(1855 Greyhound Park Rd)

Tickets: \$15

Rock and Blues Guitar great Pat Travers was introduced and subsequently recorded for what would become one of the slickest and hottest guitar-rock albums ever committed to vinyl. "Live! Go for What You Know" was a huge success on both sides of the pond, acclaimed by their musical peers, fans, and music critics alike. Toronto born Patrick Henry Travers had already delivered a tasty trio of releases before the formation of that formidable four-piece, and would go on to deliver classy melodic eighties rock before a blues period in the nineties, but it's that famous foursome that set standards, kicked your ass, and made such a musical mark. This Special one of a kind evening with Pat Travers visits the music and the stories behind the hits. MystiqueDBQ.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28



David Zollo and the Body Electric

9 PM @ The Lift (180 Main St, Lower Level)

Long nights in honky tonk bars listening to the band bash away their sorrows on instruments made to cause the problems in the first place. Whiskey spills and talk gets loud in these places. You need a soundtrack to your dancing feet and poor decisions. David Zollo masters this score, a raspy voice and ivory plucking fingers moving all over the keys on his piano as the

band keeps a beat, loose and consistent. Zollo's band, the Body Electric, is a group of ringers in their own right. Randall Davis' knowledge of the country rock guitar licks earns him a spot in Iowa musician legend that will put him up there with Bo Ramsey in the coming years. Brian Cooper on drums is like walking off a ledge without fear of falling. The beat-like steps always there in perfect time. Even when nuance and dynamics make points within the music, the back beat is always there to tell your feet where to go.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29



River Glen's Live Concert Taping (ALL AGES SHOW)

3 PM @ The Smokestack (62 East 7th St)

Tickets: \$5 under 18/ \$10 for 18+

River has teamed up with the good people of Digital Dubuque to capture this ALL AGES show in HD, so come be a part of the audience. The showcase of Dubuque's musical youth will begin at 3 PM with River's set to follow at 5 PM.

Guest appearances by: Kristina Casteneda, Erin Hedley, Megan Roeth, Nate Jenkins, and John Moran. River's band for the evening will be: David Estafen, Chiron Breitbach, Josh Engler, and Dan Padley. This event will feature a raffle with prizes from a variety of local businesses. RiverGlenMusic.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4



Aaron Williams and the Hoodoo

9 PM @ The Lift (180 Main St, Lower Level)

Aaron Williams and the Hoodoo are an American blues/rock power trio, based in Madison, WI. Led by Aaron Williams on guitar, the band's sound is likely best described by "Ole Harv" of WVPE 88.1 (NPR) as "blues and roll for the masses." Aaron is joined in the band by Eric Shackelford on drums and Z on bass. Compared to early George Thorogood, Williams & The Hoodoo have all the fire and swagger of the slide guitarist in his younger days, but with more finesse and way more versatility.

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 **MoonBarRocks.com**.



THE HIT MEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 4 AND 7 PM

If you loved Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons, Tommy James and the Shondells, Carly Simon, Cat Stevens, Elton John and Jim Croce then come see The Hit Men! The Hit Men are an amazing look back through rock and roll history, featuring former members of these mega-star acts. They will perform your favorite songs like "Oh What a Night," "Who Loves You," "Sherry," and many other Four Seasons hits, as well as "Peace Train," "Crocodile Rock," "Leroy Brown" and "Mony Mony." The Hit Men will regale you with lots of great stories about what it was like on the road and in recording sessions with Frankie, Tommy, Carly, Cat, Jim and Elton.



SAWYER BROWN CHRISTMAS SHOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 4 AND 7 PM

Celebrated country music group Sawyer Brown is performing two special engagement Christmas shows! Sawyer Brown has released 20 studio albums, including two holiday albums, "Hallelujah! He is Born!" and "Rejoice." The band has had three #1 singles, was voted Vocal Group of the Year in 1997 by the

Academy of Country Music, and was named Vocal Band of the Year by TNN Music City News Country Awards multiple years in a row. The show will include a mixture of Christmas songs, along with some of Sawyer Brown's best-known hits like "Leona," "Step That Step," "Some Girls Do," "Thank God for You" and more.



HAIRBALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 8 PM

Hairball is more than just a band—and certainly more than a tribute band. Hairball is the world's ultimate 80's rock impersonation act! Vocalist rockstars Bob, Joe Dandy, and Kris Voxx lead the band through mind-blowing and drop-dead

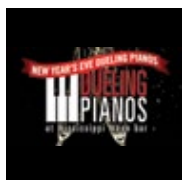
accurate homage to some of the biggest acts in the world such as Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, Prince, Aerosmith, and more! Don't miss the most exciting re-creation of the greatest era in rock history. Hairball is an experience, an attitude, expression of music and a way of life, and it's not going anywhere soon!



JIM WAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 @ 8 PM

Celebrated hypnotist Jim Wand is considered to be one of the most professional hypnotic entertainers in the world today and has worked with personalities like Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, Chris Rock, Carrot Top, Larry the Cable Guy, Sylvester Stallone, George Strait and many more. He has performed over 9,000 engagements throughout the United States and eight foreign countries. He is the only hypnotic entertainer in the world who has a doctorate in psychology, a feature that brings a unique perspective to his act.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DUELING PIANOS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 8 PM

Come swing, sway and shout the night away at New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos. These keyboard masters are hand-picked and ready to thrill and entertain you. The show includes a balloon drop, party favors, champagne toast at midnight and more!



TIM 'E' SHOW: ELVIS TRIBUTE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 @ 4 AND 7 PM

Tim 'E' captures the raw energy and passion of Elvis Presley's performances. Along with his 12-piece band, The Yes Men, Tim has performed for audiences across North America. He is no stranger to the Mississippi Moon Bar stage either - in 2014 and 2015, Tim was crowned the winner of the King of Kings Contest at the Diamond Jo Casino and has been crowned the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Grand Champion at the LaCrosse Wisconsin Elvis Explosion. Tim was also named the King of the World Elvis Tribute Artist World Champion in 2013.



DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: ULTIMATE ROCK HITS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 @ 8 PM

The concert features chart toppers from the 1970s through the 1990s, including songs from artists like Aerosmith, Van Halen, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, and more. Members from local bands Menace, Johnny Trash, Joie Wails, Half Fast, The Lonely Goats, and more will join the DSO for a rockin' good time.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Country Dance

Thursday, November 19 @ 7 PM

Club 84: Jive Turkey

Friday, November 20 @ 7 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Richie Holiday

Wednesday, November 25 @ 8 PM

Pop Rocks

Friday, November 27 @ 8 PM

Spazmatics

Saturday, November 28 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: J.R. Brow

Wednesday, December 2 @ 8 PM

Young at Heart Dance

Thursday, December 3 @ 7 PM

Sean Constanza

Friday, December 4 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Nathan Timmell

Wednesday, December 9 @ 8 PM

Dueling Pianos

Thursday, December 10 @ 7 PM

Sushi Roll

Friday, December 11 @ 8 PM

Time Machine

Saturday, December 12 @ 9:30 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Pete George

Wednesday, December 16 @ 8 PM

Dueling Pianos

Thursday, December 17 @ 7 PM

Club 84: Ugly Sweater Party

Saturday, December 19 @ 7 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: Ben Ulin

Wednesday, December 23 @ 8 PM

Laughing Moon Comedy: BT

Wednesday, December 30 @ 8 PM

Donnie Baker

Friday, January 8 @ 8 PM

Arch Allies

Saturday, January 16 @ 8 PM

Rubber Soul: Beatles Tribute

Saturday, February 13 @ 4 & 7 PM

Winter Dance Party

Saturday, February 20 @ 4 & 7 PM



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WELLNESS IS NOW IN.SIGHT

In.SIGHT—A Place of Wellness opened in Dubuque in September and it's unique approach has been the key to it's early growth. Owner Judy Pladna wanted to create a new approach to help people gain health, designing a business that encourages and welcomes anyone in search of better health and wellness to find individual solutions that meet their needs and better yet—fits into their busy lifestyle. Pladna's idea to bring health and instructors together in one convenient location just seemed to make good sense.

"It's a perfect blend of all the things we need more in our life," Pladna explains. "It's so important to find time to create a healthy balance between home and work and health...and that is the essence of my business."

In.SIGHT is a place to find a practitioner or personal coach to help with your wellness goals. There are over 10 independent coaches and practitioners who utilize In.SIGHT for their daily and weekly classes and guests. You can find a wide variety of offerings from massage, facials, Reiki, fitness, meditation, yoga and much more. The In.SIGHT suite, located at 4855 Asbury Road, Suite 5 in Dubuque, has a large room for classes and consultations and private rooms for massage therapy. There is also a fun addition that offers smoothies and a chance to sample smoothies and shakes—all healthy options—of course.

Pladna, who is also a stylist at Studio III, next door to In.SIGHT, loves her convenient location and ability to multi-task and manage operations so close. This concept isn't new to Pladna. In 2012, she became a Master Herbalist, trained through Trinity School Of Natural Health. This gave her the confidence to open her herb shop at her previous location and the idea caught on.

"I thought I'd be a stylist forever and will always love that part of my career... but as I spend so much time with my guests and really listen to them—I knew that I could really make a difference and



↑ Judy Pladna,
In.SIGHT—A Place of Wellness Owner

help people with the information I was learning" explains Pladna. At In.SIGHT she offers many of Nature's Sunshine Products including Herbs, Essential Oils, Supplements and Naturally-Made personal care items with no toxins.

One component of her growing business that offers many classes throughout the week is the IN.FORM, a comprehensive 13 week weight management program. It provides participants weekly support and education on issues and challenges that one faces when the goal is to lose weight and become more fit. This is also a program that can be offered at local businesses for groups to take advantage of.

"It's a perfect way for people to try new ideas and find what really works best for them and their lifestyle, says Pladna. "Everyone is different with different personalities and different tastes—our goal is to work with people individually to find a perfect solution for them!"

For more information in In.SIGHT you can find them online at insightdbq.wix.com/insightwellness or [facebook.com/APlaceOfWellnessInsight](https://www.facebook.com/APlaceOfWellnessInsight) or you can contact Judy directly at judypladna@icloud.com or call 319-849-5501. ■

TOYS FOR TOTS KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

**PRESENTED BY THEISEN'S
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ NOON-3 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)
FREE ADMISSION**

It's the biggest, craziest party of the holiday season ... it's for kids ten and under ... and it's FREE!

Toys For Tots is super excited to announce the beginning of what they hope becomes a new Dubuque holiday tradition, the Toys For Tots Kids' Christmas, presented by Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto. Taking place on Sunday, December 20, from noon to 3 p.m., the Five Flags Arena will transform into a yuletide display of controlled chaos, as hundreds of Tri-State youngsters converge for the biggest party around. And the best part is, it's totally FREE!

The event is hosted by Marine Corps Toys For Tots of Dubuque, 365ink Magazine and the Dubuque Police Department, as a super fun, safe and festive chance for kids to play together, have a blast and go home with a few goodies along the way.

"Between 365ink and Toys For Tots, we've always been involved with St. Mark's Jingle Bell Hop and saw what a wonderful event it was," says 365ink Publisher and Toys For Tots Coordinator, Bryce Parks. "With that event no longer happening, we thought we had to do something to take up the flag and keep that youthful dose of holiday spirit alive. Continuing on an already robust holiday relationship, Theisen's was a natural partner to make it possible for area families. This event also provides a great opportunity for Toys For Tots to celebrate the end of a successful season of serving the Dubuque community. We provide over 20,000 toys to over 5000 kids each season but we never get to interact with the kids directly. This is our chance to see the smiles in person. It's also a chance to give out a few more goodies that we had left at the end of the toys season. What kid can't use one more Christmas present?"

The three-hour party is jam-packed with things to do for kids, from toddlers to age 10. It will have music and dancing with a live DJ that's great with kids. L.T. Amusements is bringing giant inflatable rides including a bounce house and a 32 foot long slide, made possible by Paramount Ambulance, who will also have an Ambulance there for kids to check-out in person. Kids will also climb aboard a real fire truck and see how Dubuque heroes do their jobs when they get to talk with real firemen.

Especially exciting is the Theisen's SpongeBob Giveaway. Dubuque Police Officers will be giving out big SpongBobs to the first 750 kids from the back of the super-cool Theisen's pickup truck. These



plush SpongeBobs are wearing Santa hats! But that's not all! Toys For Tots is giving away fun activity books and crayons to all the kids, too. Who knows what else they might be giving away? They expect each kid to be able to go home with \$20 or more worth of free goodies.

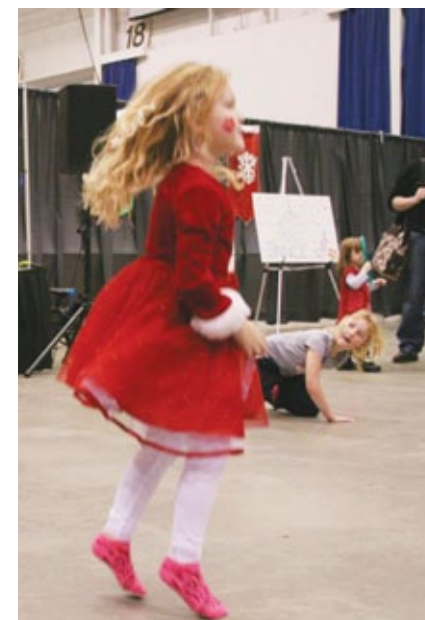
This year when you get your photo taken with Santa in his sleigh at the party, courtesy of Dubuque Photography, you'll be able to take home a printed copy of the photo with you so you'll never forget the memory ... for FREE. You can even choose to take home a 8x10 for a small fee.

The folks from St. Mark's youth Enrichment are still involved in this special party with a great selection of kids games where kids can win prizes as they play. Face-painting, balloon animals and other activities round out a huge slate of things to do for the kiddos.

All of that playing can make a kid need a treat, so they've got you covered with free cookies, popcorn and punch thanks to the generosity of the Diamond Jo Casino, Mindframe Theaters and Fareway Foods. Five Flags will also have their concessions open with other goodies available for purchase, and yes mom and dad, they're have the specially coffee cart at the event so you can enjoy a gourmet cup of nerve-soother while your young ones go a little nuts around you.

An extra special-salute goes out to all of the generous sponsors who have come together to make this totally free event possible. In addition to those mentioned above, they include the stations of Radio Dubuque, ScanDubuque.com, TriStatesNightOut.com, Dubuque Arts Collective, Five Flags, EZSellUSA and the Boy Scouts of America.

Put it all together and you've got a kid party to beat all kid parties ... and it's Christmas! ■



TOYS FOR TOTS

Kids' Christmas

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
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REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK

NOVEMBER 26–JANUARY 3 @ 5-10 PM

SPECIAL WALK THRU EVENT: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 6–8 PM

LOUIS MURPHY PARK

Dubuque Hillcrest Family Services' annual lights festival celebrates their 21st anniversary. Visitors will see many new displays as well as "Memory Lane," an opportunity to remember your loved one(s) in a special way at Reflections in the Park.

This year there will be a special one-night-only walk through event, titled "Walking in a Winter Wonderland", on Wednesday, November 25 from 6–8 PM (weather permitting). Please park your car at Sisters of Charity BVM Mount Carmel and a trolley will transport you

to the park where you can walk through the Christmas Wonderland and see the displays as you never have before. Admission for this event is \$10 per person or \$8 in advance at DB&T. One pass per person.

Regular Admission is \$10 per vehicle at the gate; discounted tickets are available for \$8 at all DB&T Dubuque/East Dubuque banking centers and all Hillcrest Family Services locations. Santa Claus will visit on Mondays from 5–8 PM during December. For more information, visit hillcrest-fs.org. ■



CHRISTMAS AT HERITAGE CENTER:

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 7:30 PM

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER, JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

The concert will feature the talents of the University of Dubuque's Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and the Adrian Dance Ensemble. Student narrators and dancers will also be featured, as well as musical contributions by Chicago harpist, Nichole Luchs.

Titled Journey to Bethlehem, the concert will follow a Christmas narrative authored and assembled by University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Associate Professor Timothy Slemmons. The narrative correlates directly with choral texts and instrumental pieces chosen to tell the story of Christ's birth in a seamless performance. Selections will include new arrangements of holiday favorites such as Do You Hear What I Hear?, Angels We Have Heard On High, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, and more. A light reception will follow the performance.

As a part of this year's Christmas at Heritage Center, we will support University of Dubuque Theological Seminary alumnus BJ Weber's

ministry—the New York Fellowship and its Friends of Jesus program. The organization is currently working to help resettle Christian refugee families from Syria, the Middle East, and other countries in transition from living in refugee camps to living in towns and cities with employment opportunities in the EU and USA. Just as the Holy Family fled as refugees to a safe place to give birth to the baby Jesus, it seems altogether fitting that we take this time to support the New York Fellowship's efforts to aid these families.

Tickets for Christmas at Heritage Center are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students; and free of charge for UD students, faculty, and staff, with a limit of two free tickets per person. Tickets are available now through 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; via phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■

ONGOING



Festival of Trees

Now Through November 24

Monday–Friday @ 9 AM–7 PM

Saturday and Sunday @ 1–7 PM

Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maquoketa, IA)

The Ohnward Fine Arts Center is currently planning our Eleventh Annual Festival of Trees. In years past, we have had such a wonderful response to our festival—with bidding on creative trees and beautiful wreaths, theatre entertainment, Santa, students and adults singing, piano, violin and bell players that we are excited to bring back all these and maybe some more activities to the Festival of Trees 2015! Our goal again this year is to create a holiday atmosphere to be enjoyed by all those attending the many functions that will be held at the Center. This event is free. The proceeds will go to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. Santa will arrive Saturday, November 21 from 1 to 3 PM. Also available again this year you can purchase a Holiday Family Gift Pass. This pass offers you four passes (tickets) to any of our 2016 Ohnward Fine Arts Center productions. Easy to use and you save money! Each Holiday Family Gift Pass is just \$80. Simply call **563-652-9815** between 9 AM and 1 PM or just stop into the Ohnward Fine Arts Center at 1215 E. Platt Street in Maquoketa to order yours today! For more information, visit OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Breakfast with Santa

8–11 AM @ DBQ Co Fairgrounds

We will be serving a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8am until 11am. There will also be local vendors, activity booths and of course Santa will be on hand. The cost for ages 13 and older is \$5, ages 2-12 is \$3 and under 2 is Free. If you wish to attend the vendor show only, admission is just \$2. Tickets will be available at the door. Visit DBQFair.com/Events.

5th Annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Show

10 AM–3 PM @ Farley Memorial Hall (Farley, IA)

Over 25 crafters and Vendors will be on hand offering lots of great cash n' carry items making your Holiday Shopping easy! This event is free to the public and will be held in conjunction with St. Josephs Thanksgiving Breakfast and the Farley Garden Clubs Tour of Homes.

Relay for Life Holiday Vendor Show

Noon–3 PM @ St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Now is the perfect time to start your holiday shopping with several great vendors as well as crafts, baked goods, and a silent auction. Raise money to find a cure for all types of cancer for the ones who lost the fight the fighters survivors and the caregivers. St. Luke's is located at 1199 Main St in Dubuque.

Sunnycrest Manor Holiday Bazaar

1:30–4 PM @ Sunnycrest Manor

Silent Auction, raffle, rummage sale, food cart. Sunnycrest Manor Auxiliary will sponsor a bake sale at the Bazaar. All proceeds from Bazaar benefit resident activities/special needs. Donations welcome; for information, call **563-583-1781**.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Santa, Cookies, Cocoa & Tree Lighting**5 PM @ City Hall, Platteville, WI**

Santa visits City Hall Auditorium. There will be cookies, hot cocoa, carolers, and lighting of the holiday tree. Visit Platteville.com.

**Christmas Candlewalk****5-8 PM @ Cable Car Square**

Join the fun in Cable Car Square to kick-off the holiday season as only Dubuquers can! Hundreds of luminaries will line Bluff & 4th Streets lighting the way as families gather at the foot of the famed Fenelon Place Elevator waiting for the Jolly 'ol Elf himself along with the Missus to ride the last cable car trip of the year! Throngs of people will gather, singing songs accompanied by KAT-FM. This is an amazing event for kids of all ages. You'll experience the holidays in a lovely way alongside the best citizens in the country! Make your way downtown on Friday, come a little early and do a little shopping!

A Charlie Brown Christmas**7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House**

The familiar holiday cartoon favorite comes to life on our stage. This charming show combines delightful, innocent humor and a heartwarming message for family audiences. You'll also see a performance by Illusionist Craig Steven and a magical appearance from Santa Claus, too.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6th Annual Festival of Trees**1-5 PM @ DeSoto House Ballroom (Galena IL)**

The 6th Annual Festival of Trees will kick off the holiday season on Saturday, November 28 in the DeSoto House Ballroom from 1-5 p.m. The Festival of Trees is a public display of spectacular one-of-a-kind designed holiday trees, wreaths, and other holiday items sponsored and created by local artists, organizations, and businesses.

Entrance tickets are \$2 per person and available at the door. With your entrance ticket you will also receive two chances to win a raffle item donated by a local business. The raffle drawing will take place at 5 p.m. Santa will be stopping by to visit with children as well as greet people on Main Street. Enjoy holiday music, cookies, and hot chocolate as you browse through this winter wonderland. All items will be available for purchase through a silent auction format with a "Buy it Now" option as well. Silent auction winners can bring their items home at the end of this one-day

event. This year proceeds will go to the Galena ARC Art Department to help maintain affordable youth art class registration fees by offsetting costs for administration and art supplies. But most importantly it will help build and maintain a scholarship fund to ensure all Jo Daviess County youth have an opportunity to participate in youth art classes.

**The Maggie Mae Holiday Show****7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maquoketa, IA)**

Maggie Mae, a home-grown talented country singer/Nashville recording artist from Oxford, Wisconsin has been entertaining crowds with her country music and yodeling. She is becoming one of the biggest Midwestern names in pure country music. After buying her first guitar in 2002, she has taught herself to play and sing and has been entertaining crowds ever since. Maggie and her husband Roger Hilliard own and operate Maggie Mae's Café in Oxford, WI which won "RESTAURANT PICK OF THE MONTH" award through the Discover Wisconsin Radio/TV show. Folks travel from across the country to stop at her café where she might just be there singing your favorite country song over breakfast. Maggie says: "Everyday there are so many folks that travel from states and cities away to my café in Oxford, WI or attend some of my other shows across the state. I love seeing the smiles on fans faces." Tickets: are \$22 adv/\$25 door for adults and students 18 and under are \$13 adv/\$15 door. For more information, visit OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com or call the box office at **563-652-9815**.

A Charlie Brown Christmas**7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

A Charlie Brown Christmas**2 PM @ Grand Opera House****Festival of Lights****8-9 PM @ Loras Wahlert Hall**

This event commemorates five cultural and religious expressions that celebrate light near the Christmas season. Explore the Mexican celebration, Our Lady of Guadalupe; the Jewish Hanukkah; the Eastern Orthodox Christian celebration of Feast of Theophany; the Deepawali, a five-day celebration in Nepal; and El Dia de las Velitas (The Day of the Candles) from Colombia. Admission is free. Visit Loras.edu/Spiritual-Life/Interfaith.aspx.

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Holiday Concerts

Dec. 5-6 at Five Flags Theater

HOLIDAY CONCERT Family

SATURDAY, December 5 at 1pm

FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA!

Jump into the spirit of the holiday season by joining us for our **special family concert** which features a shorter program of kid-friendly holiday music and sing-along tunes. Guest appearances will include vocal soloist Diane Penning, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir, members of the Heartland Ballet Company and, of course, a visit from our favorite jolly old elf—Santa! This concert is approximately one hour in length, has no intermission, and brings joy to all ages.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

SATURDAY, December 5 at 7:30pm & SUNDAY, December 6 at 2pm

Ring in the holiday season with the DSO! The orchestra will be joined by vocal soloist Diane Penning, the Dubuque Chorale, and members of the Heartland Ballet Company. With a combination of familiar holiday favorites as well as exciting new music, come join us and be a part of this cherished Dubuque tradition. Purchase tickets online at www.DubuqueSymphony.org.



CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

In Cirque Dreams Holiday, Broadway director Neil Goldberg re-imagines the holiday season with over 300 costumes, 20 acts and 30 performers from 12 countries showcasing an endless variety of imaginative, heart-pounding and gravity-defying feats you have to see to believe. Experience gingerbread men flipping mid air, toy soldiers marching on thin wires along with snowmen, icemen and penguins, balancing, jumping and spinning in disbelief. The show celebrates the most wonderful time of the year

with singers, choreography and exciting production numbers. Performers twirl, bounce and soar thru the air to original music and seasonal favorites brought to life within a stage setting of gigantic gifts, colossal candy canes and 30-foot towering trees & soldiers creating a wonderland of amazement.

Tickets are on sale now from \$38-\$58 (plus fees) and are available at the Five Flags Center Box office or online at ticketmaster.com. ■

37TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 11 AND 12 @ 6 PM
MASONIC TEMPLE

Dubuque Senior High School will sponsor its 37th annual Madrigal Christmas Dinner on Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th at the Masonic Temple on 12th and Locust. The dinner will feature a 6-course, candle-lit dinner catered by Life's-a-Feast Catering. It will include hors d'oeuvres, a wassail toast, soup, salad, assorted breads, an entrée of roasted Cornish hen, and pumpkin tiramisu for dessert. Entertainment will be provided

throughout the evening by the DSHS Music Department. Music ensembles will include the Madrigal Flute Ensemble, Madrigal Brass, Chamber Orchestra, Madrigal Carolers, and the Madrigal Singers. Hos d'oeuvres will begin at 6pm with dinner seating at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 for all seats and may be purchased by calling Dubuque Senior High School at 552-5500 or visiting seatyourself.biz. ■

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Christmas Tea

11:30 AM @ Four Mounds Estate

With doors open at 11:30 a.m. and tea served at 12:00 p.m. at Four Mounds, the Women's Fellowship of the Four Mounds Foundation rings in the holidays with a formal tea served with delicate handmade sweets and savories. The event encourages friends and family to come together to enjoy the season at the historic and picturesque Four Mounds estate. Guests may tour the house, try their luck at a gift basket raffle, or visit the gift shop. Tea is \$30 per person. Space is limited and payment is required to hold a reservation. To RSVP, call (563) 557-7292, email chris@fourmounds.org, or register online at www.eventbrite.com, search for Four Mounds Christmas Tea 2015.

Holiday Art Sale

5-8 PM @ Studio Works

Join us for our Holiday Art Sale on December 4-5. Find the perfect gift for the holidays, enjoy refreshments, and meet the Studio Works artists! All proceeds go directly to the artists.

Art @ Library Holiday Show Reception

5:30-7:30 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Join us for the Art @ Your Library Holiday Show opening reception featuring over 20 artists as well as Kathryn Branton on piano.

Christmas on Broadway

7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

A Musical Comedy by Rick Lewis. Four star-struck holiday tourists are snowbound in a Broadway theater on Christmas Eve. With nothing but a few trunks of costumes, props and set pieces, they live out their dream-starring on Broadway! At least until the snow subsides... Filled with holiday classics from Broadway composers, this wonderful new show is a potpourri of Christmas magic! Tickets are \$20. Contact Bell Tower Theater at **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net.



It's A Wonderful Life

7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA

A new twist on this beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of a small ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Written by Joe Landry. Produced and Directed by Joe & Debi Sigwarth.



For a Blessed Christmas

the world celebrates Jesus' birth

SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 5

SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.
DECEMBER 6



Sacred Heart Chapel | Clarke University
\$10 Admission for General Public
Tickets available by calling (563) 588-6300
or online at clarke.edu/blessedchristmas



The production is a benefit for Family Advocates, a non-profit organization providing services to victims and survivors (as well as witnesses and secondary victims) of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse. The agency provides services in Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties.

Performances are on December 4–6 in the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Center for the Arts Little Theatre. \$12 General Admission tickets can be purchased from the University Box Office at **877-727-1232** or tickets.uwplatt.edu.

Mysteries of Christmas: Wonder Foretold, Glory Fulfilled

7:30 PM @ Nativity Church

Join the Loras community as we come together to celebrate the Christmas season on Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Mysteries of Christmas will be held at Nativity Church and will feature vocal and instrumental pieces integrated with prayers and spiritual messages to celebrate the Advent season. The admission offering is \$8 per person or \$20 for a four-pack at the door.

A Charlie Brown Christmas

7:30 PM @ Grand Opera House

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Holiday Art Sale

11 AM–4 PM @ Studio Works



Scuba Santa

1:30 PM @ National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

The Museum & Aquarium invites you to get in the holiday spirit with Scuba Santa on December 5 and 6! Scuba Santa is included with regular admission to the Museum & Aquarium. Returning for his third year, Santa will trade his boots and mittens for flippers and a swim mask as he dives in our 40,000 gallon Gulf of Mexico aquarium. Dives will take place at 1:30 pm on Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and bring a camera to this one-of-a-kind holiday experience.

Holiday Tree Lighting

3–4 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Celebrate the holidays with the Carnegie-Stout Public Library's annual tree lighting ceremony with holiday music and good cheer!

Sawyer Brown Christmas Show

4 & 7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Celebrated country music group Sawyer Brown is performing two special engagement Christmas shows! Sawyer Brown has released 20 studio albums, including two holiday albums, "Hallelujah! He is Born!" and "Rejoice." The band has had three #1 singles, was voted Vocal Group of the Year in 1997 by the Academy of Country Music, and was named Vocal Band of the Year by TNN Music City News Country Awards multiple years in a row. The show will include a mixture of Christmas songs, along with some of Sawyer Brown's best-known hits like "Leona," "Step That Step," "Some Girls Do," "Thank God for You" and more.



Dubuque Fighting Saints

7:05 PM @ Mystique Community Ice Center

The much-loved Toys For Tots Teddy Bear Toss night arrives on Saturday, December 5 and is presented by Super Hits 106.1. Bring a new Teddy Bear to throw onto the ice for Toys for Tots! The Saints go against the Waterloo Black Hawks. Tickets are available in advance at DubuqueFightingSaints.com or at the door or call **563-583-6880** for more information.

For a Blessed Christmas

7:30 PM @ Clarke Sacred Heart Chapel

Staged in the beauty of Clarke's Sacred Heart Chapel, "For a Blessed Christmas" is a moving portrayal of the Christmas story through an exciting mix of narration and musical performances. This holiday tradition is a favorite in the Dubuque area and features performances by each of Clarke's vocal and instrumental ensembles. This year's soloist is Katelyn Mattson-Levy, soprano from Kansas City. Tickets are \$10. For more information, visit Clarke.edu/ArtsAtClarke or call **563-588-6300**.

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CHRISTMAS WITH JOHN BERRY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

John Berry has a new outlook, a new address and a new beginning. The singer-songwriter rose to stardom on the country charts of the 1990s with such mega hits as "Your Love Amazes Me," "Standing on the Edge of Goodbye" and "She's Taken a Shine." His annual Christmas tours brighten the holidays for thousands, as does his electrifying rendition of "O Holy Night." During his star-making decade, John Berry placed

20 singles on the county hit parade. He earned Gold and Platinum records. He was nominated for a Grammy Award, CMA Awards and ACM Awards. And thanks to the miracles of modern technology, he even sang a duet with the late, great Patsy Cline. Tickets for the show, Presented by Townsquare Media, range from \$26-\$36 (plus fees) and are available at the Five Flags Center Box office or online at ticketmaster.com. ■



THE DUBUQUE CITY YOUTH BALLET PRESENTS:

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

DECEMBER 12 AND 18-19 @ 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 13 AND 20 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE

A highlight of the season in Dubuque for decades, this beautiful production by the Dubuque City Youth Ballet is a "must see" for young and old alike. In Germany, there is a folklore tradition based on the idea that nutcrackers protect your family and bring your home good luck. For this reason, nutcrackers were often given to children at Christmastime. The story for The Nutcracker ballet is based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffman entitled

"The Nutcracker and the Mouse King". The original story is much darker than the ballet, featuring a bloody battle between the Nutcracker and the Mouse King's army, and the backstory of how the prince was changed into a nutcracker. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for those under 18. Get your tickets today at TheGrandOperaHouse.com or call the box office at **563-588-1305**. ■

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Scuba Santa

1:30 PM @ National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

Community Day

1:30-4 PM @ Dubuque Museum of Art
Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate in an ornament making class, inspired by the current exhibition Janet Ruttenberg: Figure in the Landscape and Kathy Ruttenberg: Landscape in the Figure. Afterwards, attendees will trim a Museum tree and enjoy cookies, cider, and holiday entertainment. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information about these programs, visit dbqart.com/events or contact the Museum at **563-557-1851**.

Dubuque Museum of Art hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Daily Admission: \$6 Adults, \$5 Seniors, \$3 College/University Students, free for kids every day, and free to all on Thursdays thanks to Prudential Financial. dbqart.com

A Charlie Brown Christmas

2 PM @ Grand Opera House

Christmas on Broadway

2 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

For a Blessed Christmas

2 PM @ Clarke Sacred Heart Chapel

It's A Wonderful Life

2 PM @ UW-P CFA

Holly Ball

5-9 PM @ DBQ Co Fairgrounds

The Ken Paulson Orchestra will be the featured performers at this year's annual Holly Ball. Doors will open at 4 PM and the dance will take

place from 5-9 PM. Advanced tickets are on sale now through December 1. Advanced ticket price is \$15. Ticket price at the door will be \$20. Tickets are available by calling **563-588-1406** or online below. A cash bar and limited walk-up concession kitchen will be available.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

UW-P Student Holiday Art Sale

10 AM-5 PM @ UW-P Nohr Gallery

This event will feature handmade works by students and student organizations available for sale. Proceeds of the sales will go to the participating students, student organizations and the Nohr Gallery. Buy the gifts that keeps on giving.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

UW-P Student Holiday Art Sale

9 AM-5 PM @ UW-P Nohr Gallery

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

UW-P Student Holiday Art Sale

9 AM-4 PM @ UW-P Nohr Gallery

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Advent Retreat: Miryam, Mother of the Word Incarnate

@ Sinsinawa Mound

Sister Mary Ellen O'Dea, OP, will dramatically present to you Miryam, Mother of the Word Incarnate, and help participants discover their soul sister. Hear Miryam share her experiences of joy, pain, discouragement and resurrection hope. Listen to her preaching as she recounts her evolving and deepening of life's journey. Receive her personal scroll messages, encouraging you to embody God's Word in your every-day life. Please bring your Bible. The registration deadline is December 3, and

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Christmas on Broadway
7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Jazz Ensemble Holiday Performance
6 PM @ UD Heritage Center

The University of Dubuque Jazz Ensemble presents A Swingin' Christmas. The concert, presented by the University's Department of Fine and Performing Arts, will be performed by student jazz musicians under the direction of Nicholas Bratcher. The Celtic Tenors will give a performance shortly after in the John and Alice Butler Hall. No Ticket Required. For more information, visit dbq.edu/HeritageCenter or call the Farber Box Office at **563-585-7469**.

Happening Holiday Family Overnight
7 PM @ National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

Grab your flashlight and sleeping bag for an evening of exploration at the Museum & Aquarium! Do crafts and games that are fun for the whole family before meeting some of the animal residents that spend every night at the Museum! Top off the night with festive movie time in our Journey Theater before tucking in for bed in one of our exhibits. Overnights are only available for families/groups with children over the age of 5. One adult per family/group is required. Breakfast will be provided on the morning on December 12. Cost is \$25/person for NMRMA members, \$40/person for non-members. Space is limited, Advance Registration is required. To register, contact Jared at **563-557-9545** ext. 215 or at jmcgovern@rivermuseum.com.

Christmas on Broadway
7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Christmas Glow: Winter Wonderland
Noon @ Cuba City, WI

For the 2nd year, the Cuba City Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Christmas Glow. The full day of events will include a vendor fair at St. Rose School on North Jackson Street from noon until 4 p.m., a Christmas Glow Parade at 6 p.m. along Main Street, and a visit from Santa Claus following the parade at St. Rose School. There will also be kids' activities, games, choir performances, bake sale, plus goodies and treats. The Cuba City Chamber of Commerce will also have a special Christmas Glow raffle drawing on at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose School. A total of \$500 in Cuba City Chamber Holiday

Bucks will be given away—redeemable at Cuba City Chamber Christmas Glow sponsors. Additional details will be posted to the Cuba City Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.



Mother/Daughter Christmas Nativi-Tea
2-4 PM @ Sinsinawa Mound (Sinsinawa, WI)
Moms, daughters, and other loved ones of all ages are invited to Sinsinawa Mound for our 4th annual Christmas tea celebration. Wear your favorite holiday dresses, and, girls, bring your dolls, too! We will be offering tea, hot chocolate, canapés and holiday desserts served on the Mound's Heritage Collection of porcelain plates and silver services. The afternoon will also include a guided tour of the Sinsinawa Art Gallery exhibit, Nativities of the World. The registration deadline is December 4, and the fee is \$10 for adults and \$7 for girls 12 and younger. For more information, contact Guest Services at **608-748-4411** or visit our website at sinsinawa.org. Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque.



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PEPPER SPROUT

REVISITED

BY RICH BELMONT

On January 15, 2016 Kim Wolff, Proprietor and Executive Chef of Pepper Sprout will begin her 15th year serving what she modestly calls Midwest Cuisine. Of course, we all know by now Kim's creativity and expert application of flavorings and seasonings have elevated her culinary creations to world class status.



To be sure, Kim attributes much of her astounding success to her Midwest location. "We have locally raised meats and home grown fruits and vegetables all around us", she says. She buys

produce from the Dubuque Farmer's Market and nearby farms and meats all come from local suppliers.

Kim always knew she had a talent for cooking. She grew up in a family that enjoyed preparing home cooked sit-down dinners. Her grandparents were always in the kitchen making sauces or canning tomatoes or corn. Kim discovered she really liked cooking and before long she was throwing dinner parties for friends and family. She began her cooking career at the Silver Dollar Cantina in Dubuque and went on to develop her cooking skills at Old Village Hall in Lanesboro, MN. This fine dining restaurant is a three hour drive from Dubuque and is located in a small town. However, it is known far and wide as a fine dining destination offering locally grown seasonal cuisine and specialty dinners.

After 4 years Kim returned to Dubuque thoroughly prepared to present the local citizenry with awesome tasting food. For many people Pepper Sprout is the place to go for Midwest Gourmet Cuisine. It is also known for spectacular vegetarian dishes and scrumptious meals prepared with a heavy Cajun influence. The latter is the result of the annual trips Kim takes to New Orleans to study Creole cooking.



↑ Appetizers: Mussels (top), Peppered Piggy Dip (left) Stuffed Mushrooms (right)

Kim is appreciative of her skilled and talented staff. Luke Willis is the Sous Chef and the front of the house is managed by Russ Cole who is also an expert mixologist.



The menu changes with the seasons. The Fall season bill of fare is currently being served until the end of November. For starters you might like to try the Baked Brie. This creamy cheese is set in a puff pastry along with a homemade pear and raisin salsa with red onion and pepper. It is drizzled with a white wine and sesame oil dressing. The Brie is accompanied by roasted garlic and pita chips.

Just in case you are not familiar with eating roasted garlic this way here is how you do it: gently pull the garlic bulb apart, remove a clove from the bulb. The paper skin on the clove will come off. Then squeeze the clove onto a pita chip like you are applying toothpaste. When you taste it you will know roasted garlic paste is like a thousand times better than toothpaste!

The Peppered Piggy Dip is another awesome appetizer. Roasted peppered bacon, corn, red pepper, roasted garlic and spinach are mixed together. Then smoked Gouda cheese is blended in. It is topped with Panko



↑ Roasted Half Chicken

bread crumbs and parmesan cheese and cooked until brown and bubbling. Tasty pretzel sticks are used to scoop up the dip.

Fresh mussels are shipped in every other day from the East Coast. This is the end of the season so if you have a craving for these delicacies you must visit Pepper Sprout before the end of this month.

My tasting team enjoyed the Stuffed Mushrooms. Large button mushrooms are stuffed with Kim's favorite flavors of the week. One night the stuffing will be andouille (an-DOO-ee) sausage the next night maybe crab and the next night perhaps chorizo. We had andouille sausage and we found the sausage complimented the savory mushrooms perfectly.

The soups are all made from scratch using fresh ingredients. I had a wonderful Spicy Black Bean soup. It was a creamy blend of black beans, cayenne pepper, red pepper flakes, homemade stock, peppers and onion. Over the week-end the soup was a Tomato and White Bean which was equally good.

The Fall season menu offers 5 pasta dishes. Whole chickens are roasted to provide meat for the Smoked Chicken Squash Ravioli. This dish has candied Brussels sprouts, bacon, cranberries and a brandy Marsala and heavy cream sauce. The Mac & Cheese is always on the Fall menu. This year's version contains pancetta, red onion, spinach and mushrooms baked with a white wine and smoked Gouda over penne pasta. The Seafood Spaghetti is a dish of sautéed shrimp, mussels, calamari, red onion, tomato and spinach in a homemade spicy basil garlic olive oil.

All the pastas are cooked al dente (to the tooth) meaning they are slightly firm and never mushy.



You will have a difficult time trying to decide what entrées to order. The menu has thirteen to choose from. This year's Iowa raised Grilled Bison Tenderloin is served with a horse radish cream sauce. My favorite entrée is the Pork Shanky. This impressive pork shank is slowly roasted for 8 hours in a pan of sauerkraut and is topped with homemade mustard sauce.



On one of my visits I enjoyed the Blackened New York Strip immensely. All of the steaks are hand cut in-house every day. They are brushed with oil and grilled on a char-broiler. My strip was blackened with blackening seasoning made in-house with butter and Cajun spices. It was accompanied by a Creamed Spinach containing onion, chunks of garlic, fresh spinach and a béchamel (bay-shah-mell). This sauce is made by thickening milk with a white roux (roo) of flour, white wine and in this case smoked Gouda cheese.



Many of Kim's regular customers visit often for their favorites. One of these is the Shrimp Creole. Sautéed shrimp, red onion, mushrooms and collard greens are mixed in an excellent creole sauce: seafood stock, butter, Sriracha hot chili sauce, seasonings, pepper and garlic. This dish can be ordered very spicy or mild. Another seafood favorite is the Wild King Salmon crusted with Lay's potato chips and served with a homemade aioli made with dill, capers and red onions over a fall rice blend. Another one is the Fresh Fish of the Day which was a very flavorful seared cod. These seafood specialties are air-freighted into Dubuque straight from Hawaii twice a week by Honolulu Fish Company.



Then there are all the people who are members of the Meatloaf of the Week Club. The chefs make 20 pounds of meatloaf every other day! It might be ground turkey, beef, duck, lamb or sirloin. This week's offering was a huge slice of ground beef stuffed with corn bread and sage.

And of course there is the Pan Seared Duck Breast and Leg Confit, one of Kim's most popular scrumptious specialties. All of the duck is utilized so this dish includes a breast and leg confit, meaning the leg is cooked in its own fat. The ducks are hand carved in the kitchen and the legs are simmered for 4 to 5 hours. The duck is served with an onion, mushroom, cranberry brandy cream sauce.

There is always at least one special that is not on the menu. During our visit the special was a most impressive Roasted Half Chicken. It was covered with a creamy roasted garlic white wine sauce.



Don't forget to save room for dessert! Most are made fresh in house and some are from East Mill Bakery.

Oh yes, about that January 15th Anniversary! To celebrate the start of their 15th year Pepper Sprout will be serving special Wine Tasting Dinners on Friday, January 15th and Saturday, January 16, 2016. There will be a fabulous 5 course meal with 5 wine pairings guaranteed to please the most discerning food and wine connoisseurs. Guests will arrive at 6:00 pm and dinner will commence at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale beginning December 15th and are limited to 60 seats for each night.

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. ■



↑ Shrimp Creole



↑ Pan Seared Duck Breast and Leg Confit

PEPPER SPROUT

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Hours: Dinner: Tue-Thu 5-9 PM; Fri-Sat 5-10 PM;
Closed: Sunday and Monday

Atmosphere: Dress Casual

Noise Level: Loud

Recommendations: Baked Brie, Peppered Piggy Dip, Mussels, Stuffed Mushrooms, Chef's Choice Soup, Squash Ravioli, Soup of the Day, Blackened NY Strip, Beef Bourguignon, Meatloaf, Pork Shanky, Shrimp Creole, Catch of the Day, Pan Seared Duck Breast, Wild King Salmon, Chocolate Cake, All Pies, Kim's Bread Pudding (when available)

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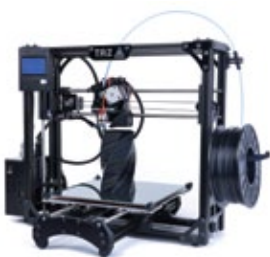
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HOLIDAY HOURS

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27, 2015 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Library will resume its normal hours at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 28, 2015.

Regular library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Noon to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and, Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Library's web site at www.dubuque.lib.ia.us offers access to the Library's on- line catalog where patrons can renew and reserve materials, or browse the library catalog.

Lego Club

Saturday, November 21 @ 2-3 PM

LEGO fans ages 7-12 are invited to come to the library to build, create, and have fun. The library provides the LEGOs; you provide the know-how! LEGOs creations will be exhibited in the library. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register by calling **563-589-4225**, ext. 2228. Donations of LEGOs are appreciated.

3D Printing

Tuesday, November 24 @ 5-7 PM

Learn to create and print 3D models at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library. See our 3D printers up-close and get hands on training to find, modify, and create your own 3D design. Everyone who attends will get their first print up to 100 grams for free. Basic computer skills are required to participate.

Minecraft Mania Explorers Ages 7 to 11

Wednesday, December 2 @ 6:30-7:45 PM

Whether or not you're a Minecraft wiz, sign up for this game playing night. Bring a friend to

join in on the fun and creativity. Test your skills and build away. For ages 7 to 11. Please register by calling **563-589-4225**, ext. 2228.

Art @ Library Holiday Show Opening Reception

Friday, December 4 @ 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us for the Art @ Your Library Holiday Show opening reception featuring over 20 artists as well as Kathryn Branton on piano.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5 @ 3-4 PM

Celebrate the holidays with the Carnegie-Stout Public Library's annual tree lighting ceremony with holiday music and good cheer!

Adult Gaming

Thursday, December 10 @ 6-8 PM

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By Dave Green

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Peosta/NICC Branch, Wednesdays, Dec 2, 9, 16, 10:45-11:15 AM

Asbury Branch, Wednesdays, Dec 2, 9 & 16, 12:30-1 PM

Epworth Branch, Thursdays, Dec 3, 10 & 17, 3:30-4 PM

Our story time introduces young children to books, reading and language skills. Participants are encouraged to wear PJ's or comfortable clothes, bring a blanket and get ready to snuggle in for some cozy interactive stories, songs & activities.

The UNTITLED: Creative Writing & the Writing Process (Young adults & older)

Peosta/NICC Branch, Tuesday, Dec 1, 6:00-7:30 PM

This group looks at various topics and has discussion surrounding the writing craft. December is a month for sharing, a sample of your work, favorite author/style, tips from various sources, etc. For more information call NICC Library, 563-556-5110 ext. 224 or Asbury branch.

Fun Days at Your Library (1st grade & older)

Holy Cross Branch, Thursday, Dec 3, 3:30-5 PM

Come enjoy a variety of activities including Lego challenges, Wacky Science experiments, & more. Plus, check out what's new for kids @Your Library. A snack will be available for all participants.

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Holy Cross
895 Main Street, 563-870-2082

NICC / Peosta
8342 NICC Drive, 563-556-5110 ext. 224

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DIABETES-FRIENDLY FOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

The holidays are a time to gather with friends and family and—let's be honest—enjoy all of your favorite holiday foods! But for someone with diabetes, the worry over calories and carbohydrates can cause a lot of unnecessary stress. Your Hy-Vee dietitians have tips to help you enjoy your holiday favorites while keeping blood sugar stable.

First of all, a plan of attack is crucial. Keep the MyPlate™ method in mind as you fill your plate. Start by filling half the plate with non-starchy vegetables without added creams, sauces and butter. If you're having a hard time finding enough vegetables to fill this half, think about adding fruits. Moving on to the rest of the plate, a quarter can be filled with starchy vegetables or grains—choose whole grains whenever possible. And finally, the last quarter of the plate should be filled with lean protein. The American Association of Diabetes Educators have some great ideas to get you started:

- Non-starchy vegetables: carrots, green beans, broccoli, salad, Brussels sprouts and asparagus are great options; or add cranberries, baked apples and pears to your plate.
- Grains and starchy vegetables: sweet potatoes, mashed or baked potatoes, rice pilaf, or stuffing are great options.
- Protein: choose lean turkey slices (approximately 3 to 4 ounces), avoid dark meat, remove skin before eating, and consider a fruit-based relish instead of gravy to top your lean protein.

In addition to balancing your plate, there are other steps you can take, such as being more mindful throughout the rest of the day. Start with a nutritious breakfast and include other healthful snacks during the day, rather than saving all of your carbs and calories for one large meal. Don't go into the meal starving or it is too easy to overeat. When it comes time to fill the plate, survey your options, pick out your favorites, then decide what will go on the plate and in what amounts. If you have the option, a smaller plate can also help you control your intake.

If you are the guest at the holiday feast, call the host to find out the menu, and consider offering to bring a side to share—the recipe below would be a tasty addition to the buffet. Walking or being active with your friends and family members after a large meal can also help to stabilize blood sugar levels. Even with the best of intentions, things don't always go according to plan, so try your best and remember that tomorrow is a new day!

ou in—typically without an appointment. What's more convenient than getting a flu shot while you are out shopping for your favorite flu-fighting foods?

Treat your body right throughout the year and reap the benefits come flu season! ■

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SIX STEPS TO STOMP NEGATIVITY

BY MATT BOOTH

STOP LOOKING FOR THE SOURCE OF YOUR UNHAPPINESS

Life has its ups and downs. It's perfectly normal. Searching for the source of your unhappiness will only bring you more unhappiness. So stop it! Stop asking yourself, "Why do I feel so bad? or Why am I so unhappy?". Instead, ask yourself "What makes me happy and brings me joy and gratitude?" Let your mind look for those things, the things that make you feel good, and no longer the things that cause you to feel burned out, anxious, fearful and unhappy.

R-E-L-A-X

There's nothing wrong with feeling down from time to time. There's nothing wrong with feeling cranky, angry and irritated. You can't always be in a great mood. So just cut yourself some slack. Allow yourself to feel whatever you are feeling without worrying about it. Positive people get angry too. Positive people have bad days as well. So just be gentle with yourself. Don't burden yourself in vain. Allow whatever you are feeling to just be, without labeling it as good or bad. Don't try to run away. Don't fight and resist your uncomfortable feelings.

DON'T PLAY THE BLAME GAME

Blaming external forces for what you feel is not a good idea, for that only puts you in a weak spot. Making you feel powerless, a victim of your circumstances. Blame it on no one. Stop giving your powers away and start taking responsibility for whatever it is that you are experiencing.

YOU ARE NEVER UPSET FOR THE REASON YOU THINK

Life has an interesting way of showing us the things that are hidden deep within ourselves. An interesting way of 'presenting' us the things that require our attention, healing and forgiveness. I am rarely upset for the reason I think. There's always more to that which bothers us. We are seldom angry because of the reason we think.

KEEP THE PAST IN THE PAST

Forgive the past. Release yourself from the chains you have been wearing. Releases yourself from the self made prison you have placed yourself in all this time by not wanting to forgive. Let go of anger, bitterness and resentment. Forgive yourself. Forgive your life and forgive those who

might have treated you unkindly. Forgive others not because they deserve it, but because you deserve it. Forgive and you will be free. Forgiveness is a gift, a precious gift that you give to yourself to be free, to be at peace and to be happy. You don't forgive because you are weak, but because you are wise enough to understand that holding on to anger and resentment will only deprive you of the many wonderful gifts that life has to offer you.

THIS TOO SHALL PASS

No matter what you are going through in your life and no matter how bad and

painful it may feel, it is important to remember that no storm lasts forever. It will eventually come to pass. And until that happens, to make things easier for yourself, look for things to do, things that will take your focus away from what you are currently feeling and experiencing. Do something that makes you feel good, something that makes you feel happy and excited. Go out for a walk. Watch a movie. Eat some ice cream. Go for a massage. Do things that don't require too much thinking and too much intellectual work. Put your mind to rest and just go have some fun. ■



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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

PERMANENT LINKS

- ACROSS
- 1 Neighbor of Rwanda

7 Only OK

11 Lucky mystique

15 Odist, e.g.

19 Bagel shape

20 "— Excited"

21 Baldwin of film

22 Duncan of education

23 Decorative window option

25 Grown-up eft

26 Dryer fuzz

27 Tendril, e.g.

28 Atop, to a 15-Across

29 Washed-out

31 Slowly, on a score

33 Hurdle for a new driver's-license applicant

38 See 24-Down

41 Wall St. news

42 Prefix with vision

43 Superhero film of 2015

44 Apple pic application

46 Bottom-row PC key

47 "— Miniver"

48 Mimics a wolf

51 Totem pole, essentially

53 Item in an election box

56 Ocean's hue

57 Ocean's kin

58 Cleveland cager, briefly

59 Subsidies

60 Oxidizes

62 Upright height

65 Coach Riley

66 Pick up on

68 What can follow eight key words in this puzzle?

70 SSA part

75 City area, informally

77 Deny, as a fact

79 Mambo relative

80 "No, not true!"

84 Mine rocks

85 Bang into

87 Fix, as a cat

88 Vase inserts

90 Fixed goal

93 State, to Luc

94 Alias initials

95 Jacob's first wife

96 Secondary

97 Venerate

100 Objectives

101 24-hr. cash source

102 Serpentine letter

103 Fancy wedding mailing

108 Frosh topper

109 Seedy loaf

110 Salem-to-L.A. dir.

111 It's a no-no

115 Greek liqueur

116 White-dwarf explosion

119 Feature of a body-builder's tummy

122 Dunkable cookie

123 Smack hard

124 Gofer, e.g.

125 Isis' brother

126 "Freak on a Leash" rock band

127 In times past

128 Fulfill

129 Cloud layers

DOWN

1 Colorado natives

2 Alternative style to emo

3 Former BP gas brand

4 Not at all, informally

5 Classic cola brand

6 Count up

7 — mignon

8 Italian liqueur

9 Specific mag.

10 UFO museum city

11 Miracle food from above

12 Bullfighting yell

13 Hanukkah observer

14 Eighth of a circle

15 Tasty

16 They're not facsimiles

17 Film scorer

18 "Grand" mountain

24 With 38-Across, deteriorate

30 Logger's tool

32 Block (up)

34 Apple items with earbuds

35 Geeky sort

36 Rover's planet

37 Foot section

38 Jean-Luc of the U.S.S. Enterprise

39 Light-blocking brand

40 Propulsion

45 Egg-shaped

46 Raccoon lookalike

47 Experts

49 "— name it!"

50 Brand of fuel additives

52 "Gone" actor

53 "Lili" actress

54 Dolly's calls

55 Fur tycoon on the Titanic

58 "Aw" inspirer

61 Certain oar

63 Longhair cat

64 Romanov bigwigs

67 Half a sextet

69 Neighbor of 36-Down

71 Tooth parts

72 Horn in (on)

73 Demeans

74 Parfait parts

76 Look out for

78 Talk shrilly

80 Cola cooler

81 "Tsk, tsk!"

82 Daydreamer

83 Matinée time

86 Prefix with faceted

89 Barely earned, with "out"

90 Rig on a road

91 Manhattan area

92 Most distant

95 Equipment for real-time viewing on the Net

98 Steve of rock guitar

99 "All the same ..."

100 Above zero

101 To — (unerringly)

103 Nook reading

104 Prefix with physiologist

105 Beyond mad

106 Good point

107 Low point

112 Silents vamp

113 Somber paper notice

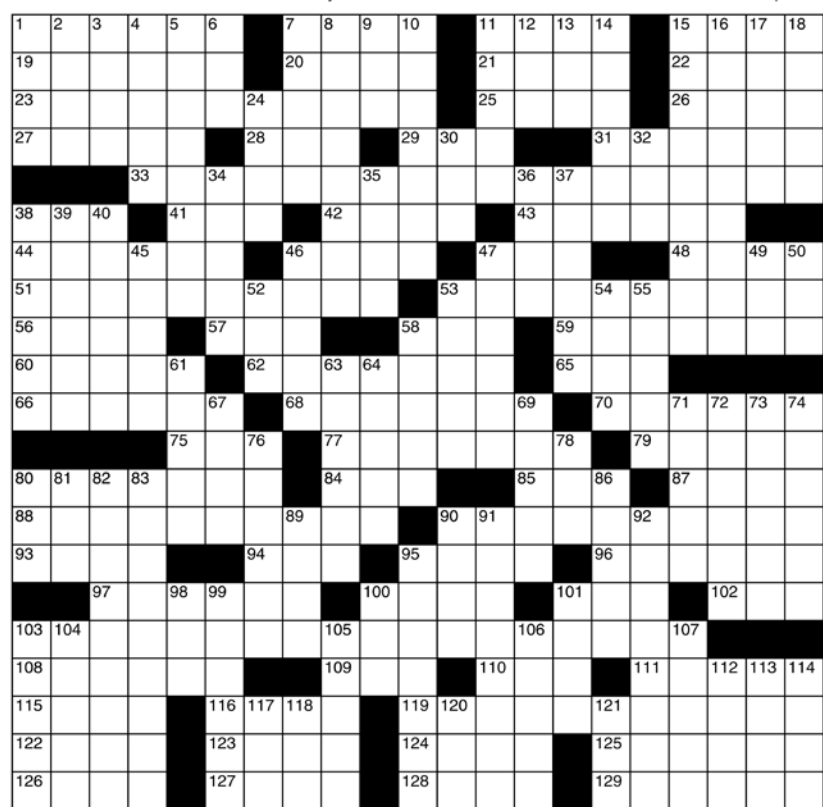
114 Greek mount

117 Have

118 Carpet sweeper, briefly

120 Move hastily

121 UCLA part



Crossword answers on page 39



YOUR LIBRARY CARD HAS EXPIRED

BY BOB GELMS

I have this “thing” about reading authors chronologically, especially thriller writers who have recurring characters. These days writers and publishers have learned that the reading public who come late to the party, might not want to buy the first three books in a series if they all depend on the previous installments to understand the current episode. Almost all writers these days who have recurring characters and write a series, write the books in a standalone way so you do not have to have read the previous books to understand what is going on in the current one.

When I come late to the party, as I have in the case of Glenn Cooper, I always wonder what the early books are like, in particular the very first one. Debut novels are so important. A writer spends his whole life writing the first novel and then gets a year, maybe a year and a half, to write the second one. In my limited view of the literary world, I find debut novels most interesting. Such is the case with Mr. Cooper.

After I read Mr. Cooper’s fourth and fifth novels, I couldn’t resist the temptation to go back to his first book, *Library of the Dead*. This book is where Will Piper is introduced to the public. Piper has a three book run but this is the first one. It’s a barrel of fun.

Will Piper is disgusting. He is a womanizing drunkard but at the same time, and you know there is always an “at the same time,” he is the best serial killer profiler in the FBI. He is just a few years away from retirement and has contracted retire-itis. Then, along comes the Doomsday Killer.

This killer sends a postcard with the drawing of a casket and the date of death to the intended victim. There is one big catch. None of the victims are related to each other in any way. The ways in which

they died have no relation to one another. There is neither evidence of one single killer nor any killer for that matter.

The FBI agent who was assigned to the case, Agent Mueller, had a stroke and Will Piper is reluctantly assigned by his supervisor to take over. She thinks Piper is over-the-hill and too soaked in booze to be of any use anymore so she assigns a newbie agent, Nancy Lipinski, to get him over the rough spots. Nancy is familiar with the case as she was assigned to it with Agent Mueller.

Do me a favor and suspend your disbelief when reading this because there is one surprising revelation after another. There was an earth-shattering discovery by a group of British soldiers right after WWII on the Isle of Wight under an ancient monastery at Victus. The monks there in the 8th century had made an astonishing discovery about one of the residents. In 1947, Winston Churchill turns over the find to Harry Truman who has it stored in Area 51. Then the Doomsday killer starts his spree in 2009. All these events are related and I developed a compulsion to keep turning the pages.

The book has a fulfilling ending. It also points to the future. It takes on somewhat of a supernatural bent that I found interesting not objectionable. There is a compelling discussion throughout about fate and predestination that is driven by the events of the story so there is a bit of a theological bent to the whole thing as well.

It is getting cold out at night and soon you will be stoking the fireplace and I can’t think of a better book to read by a roaring fire with an adult beverage than *Library of the Dead*. I am now on the hunt for books two and three in the series, *The Book of Souls* and *The Keepers of the Library*. ■

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EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE, ETC.

BY PAM KRESS-DUNN

There I was last night, cleaning up, checking the computer, and setting out my breakfast stuff, when it started to dawn on me. Why, I wondered, was I in such a rush to get to bed by my usual time, when I knew I didn't have to go anywhere in the morning?

For those not keeping score at home, I'm in the middle of a prolonged house arrest, ever since my stairs betrayed me and broke my left foot in two places. Recent x-rays revealed good and bad news—my broken fifth metatarsal is all lined up to heal properly, but it can't be used for another six weeks.

So here I am, knocking around at home, nowhere to be but here except for those exhilarating afternoons when my husband inserts me into the car for a foray into the Real World of medical clinics, drug stores, or maybe a trip for groceries.

Why am I so eager to get to bed on time? Old habits die hard. I've been rising by 6:00 for work for so long that I am incapable of sleeping in. Even on trips to cabins in the mountains, I rise with the sun. Getting up just as the sky begins to lighten, standing on the deck of somebody else's cabin, watching the white clouds swirling in the sky and in my well-creamed coffee, is the best way I can think of to greet another day. So I don't mind turning in early.

I never was one to burn the midnight oil, though Lord knows I tried.

First came slumber parties. One thing I love about my collection of Facebook friends is that they include grown women who, long ago, came to my house for a night of lightly transgressive behavior—staying up late playing records, dishing gossip, ironing each other's hair, taking incriminating pictures, drinking caffeinated soda, eating bags of nacho-flavored Doritos and glazed donuts, calling and hanging up on boys, and generally ensuring a state as close to a hangover, come morning, as most good-girl thirteen-year-olds can manage.

Sometimes I only pretended to sleep, so I could listen in if anyone said something about me. Most times, though, my fakery turned into real slumber. This was just as well, as my mother expected me to make at least a token effort at cleaning up, after my friends had waved their exhausted goodbyes.

In college, I soon learned that staying up all night was cool. This was more than burning the midnight oil; this was burning the candle at both ends, whether to blow through that due-tomorrow research paper, hang out with friends making messes with cornstarch and water (don't ask), or organize a campus strike over one grievance or another. (When a group of us decided to protest the war in Vietnam, my roommate and I stayed up baking cookies, having missed the detail about the hunger strike. Oops.)

That roommate and I were so compatible we had no problem hitting the hay at the same time, even putting the same side of the same vinyl album on her stereo every night so we could fall asleep to Tom Rush's soothing baritone. Once she moved off campus, though, I decided to do this bold, brave thing, this Staying Up All Night. I tried, I really did. Mt. Dew? Check. Cheetos? Check. Plenty of homework? Check. Electric typewriter? Check, but on second thought, maybe too annoying to the other girls down the hall. (You kids with computers have no idea what a racket students used to make during finals week.)

I made it until 2:00 a.m. Feeling like death warmed over, I threw in the towel, pulled back the covers, shut off the light. I didn't bother to wake up Tom for a song.

Jobs, more classes, and the advent of motherhood kept me from trying to mess with my circadian clock again. The last time I stayed up to watch the ball drop in Times Square was on December 31, 1999, just to see if there was any credibility to the Y2K nonsense. As soon as I knew things were okay in Australia, I stumbled off to bed.

Even before my son and his wife brought their twin daughters home from the hospital last August, those girls were messing with their clocks. The mama-to-be was exhausted, and my son, like any good husband, suffered sympathetic sleepiness. I learned not to call much later than 7:00. After the babies came home, I continued sending warning texts, asking, "What would be a good time to call?" Now the answer was likely to be, "Any time; we're always up with one or both of them."

Now that both mom and dad are back to work, though, the girls have organized themselves into a once-a-night feeding that allows everyone to face the dawn with at least one eye open. It will seem like no time at all before there are twin teenagers in the house, cajoling their parents into curfews that creep later and later.



As for me, I don't mind being an early bird. Even when I was on a semester-long sabbatical from my job, I rose and slept at hours my factory-bound father would have approved of. Driving early, I've seen pheasants walk down our city streets. Foxes, owls, and deer get up early, too.

So if you prefer to turn in early, you're not missing much. This time of year, the astonishing harvest moon is out soon after the sun sets and the stars are thrown across the sky. No need to stay up all night. Just go outside after supper, and look up. ■

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BACK IN MY DAY...

Questionably Lucid Advice
by **ERMA GERD**

DEAR ERMA,

Every single night, without fail, my roommate, "Billy" comes home with a new girl. I have no issue with him sleeping around as long as he's being honest with the girls, but what baffles me the most is where all of them are coming from! I can't really complain as they all happily clean the dishes in the morning before they head out. My problem, Erma, is that I'm helplessly in love with him. We've been best friends for years, but I never seem to have an opportunity to tell him how I really feel. Please, help this gal figure out what to do!

—Perplexed on Peacock Dr

DEAR PERPLEXED,

It sounds like Bill constantly has his hands... full, I suppose. Offer to hit up the town with him some night and see what happens. If that doesn't work out, try this trick from the ol' Book of Gerd. While Bill's away, stage a murder scene in your apartment. And don't skimp on the blood! Leave bloody smears down Peacock leading to your front door. Throw some things through the window, and you absolutely must do enough damage to ensure you won't get the safety deposit back on your place. As he pulls into the lot, both him and the poor woman in the passenger seat will hopefully be in

shock by the destruction. If he's lucky, he'll avoid stepping on the broken glass in the foyer and the pool of blood leaking from his bedroom door. By then, the gal should be scared enough that she'll kindly excuse herself. And there's your opportunity to step in and tell him how you feel. I never said it was a good idea.

—Erma

DEAR ERMA,

I absolutely hate Dubuque. The people here are so stupid and judgemental. They always talk behind my back, and I can never get a date because all of the girls seem to get together and hate on me.

I admit, the old me was a jerk and may have ruined a few marriages. However, I've changed. Last week I broga'd down for the first time and got in touch with the real me. But now I can't deal with these people anymore. Why can't they just forget who I was and love me because I'm a completely different person?

—Angry Adam

DEAR ADAM,

It's going to take time for peoples' perception of you to change; it's not happening overnight. Maybe if you weren't such an asshole people would like you. Maybe if you didn't ruin marriages,

people would date you. And maybe if you looked at you the way everyone else does, you'll realize that they have grudges for good reasons. If you've been a dick your whole life, it's safe to say people will assume people see your "kindness" as a ruse. Maybe you should go an apologize to the people you hurt instead of assuming they should instantly L O V E you, just because you had some revelation a week ago. Get off your high horse and SHOW Dubuque that you've changed for the better.

—Erma

DEAR ERMA,


There's a girl going around town, wearing weird clothes. The other day, I saw she changed her hair. It's bright orange. What is wrong with this girl? Doesn't she know that she's a total freak? Should I help her figure out how to dress like real person?

—Dapper Dana

DEARDANA,

Is she hurting you? Is she hurting anyone else? No? Well then, it sounds like she's a harmless person. If you don't like her lifestyle, then don't bother trying to befriend her. We're all different people—just let her express herself without having to deal with your judgement.


—Erma



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