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WHERE'S WANDO?



WE'VE HIDDEN WANDO SOMEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE OF 365INK. CAN YOU FIND HIM?

I have so many people to thank and so many fun photos from the last month of running the 2017 Marine Corps Toys For Tots Campaign serving 5000 children in the Tri-state area. There's not nearly enough room for either, so here are some highlights, and a great excuse for a tired guy like me not to have to be creative for an entire column this week!



Jeff Lenhart is my right hand Minion through this process and always willing to do the heavy lifting, even when he's grumpy. Thanks to Rick and the Dubuque Mission for loaning him to me during the work day. Kristina Nesteby is my right-hand-wo-man at 365ink and keeps cranking out great papers when my head is elsewhere. She also packs toys and deals with the headache of getting all the auction items to winners.



Each year the Dubuque Fighting Saints collect enough plush toys in one night to fill our need for an entire season, this year we got over 1200!



HR Cook and the Five Flags Center crew not only helped us raise money at two concerts this month, they even created an entirely new event to support our program with bourbon and dogs! They also give a home to our free Kid's Christmas party each year.

Below, the Marine Corps League jumped back in to Toys For Tots with both feet, manning the

wall at Theisen's Stuff the Truck, placing money collection tubes across town, working our fundraising events as well as our Kid's Christmas event coming up at Five Flags.



Speaking of Theisen's, they're now responsible for over \$100,000 in financial impact on Toys For Tots since I've taken over the program from my dad. WOW! And Rob Anglin and the Radio Dubuque crew are there for us every step of the way too!



Mike Kinsella is my Santa whenever I need a Santa!



A night of drinks with friends at Odd Fellows Bar last Saturday night turned into a \$1000 for Toys For Tots! Thanks Scott and crew! That was easy!



This last pic above represents everyone else who makes this program possible and my life easier in November in December. Steven, Chief, Paul, Hodge Companies, Finnin Ford, Dubuque Photography and Digital Dubuque, Gen. Bob, and , of course, my Mrs. Claus, Christy!



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MICHAEL LONDRA

CHRISTMAS FROM IRELAND

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 PM @ FIVE FLAGS THEATER
(405 MAIN ST)

Emmy® nominee, Michael Londra, the Irish singer best known as the voice of Riverdance on Broadway and for his own US TV special, *Beyond Celtic*, presents an evening, bringing you "Christmas from Ireland" told in song, dance and the festive stories of his youth on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Five Flags Theater.

The evening features traditional, heartwarming Irish carols like "Winter, Fire and Snow" and Gaelic versions of Christmas songs you will love such as "Oiche Ciuin" ("Silent Night"). Michael will also sing Celtic songs of a new Ireland including his own popular carol "Beyond the Star" recorded and performed by choirs worldwide. The famed tenor sings many carols more familiar to international audiences like "O Come Emmanuel" and "The First Noel" but sung in a Celtic more traditional style by one the "greatest Irish singers of our time".

Irish musicians join Michael onstage to perform age-old Celtic airs on the haunting uilleann pipes, fiddle, low whistles and the national drum of Ireland, the bodhran. They thrill the audience with their own frenetic traditional jigs and reels. The musicians are some of the most popular traditional players in Ireland, playing festivals and concerts throughout the year.

Rounding out the evening are the breathtaking Celtic Fire dancers, built from Michael's connections to Riverdance. They perform traditional and modern dances that



reflect the two worlds that Ireland lives in. The dancers are some of the best in the world, performing with Riverdance, Lord of the Dance and many more productions but come

Christmas they present breathtaking steps especially choreographed to celebrate the season and dances traditionally danced during the holiday season.

Coming from a large musical family, Michael tells the tales of his grandmother and the Christmas traditions of her home such as "The Wren Boys" where locals dress in unusual garb on St. Stephen's Day (Dec. 26) gather at the crossroads and on to wander the village, singing in the streets.

Tickets start at \$26 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com and Five Flags Center box office, at Ticketmaster Outlets or charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Five Flags Center Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit FiveFlagsCenter.com. ■

FREE HOLIDAY MOVIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

A CHRISTMAS STORY @ 4:30 PM

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION @ 6:30 PM

MINDFRAME THEATERS (555 JFK RD)

Join Midwest Bus Trips for the annual Free Holiday Movies at Mindframe Theaters on Sunday, Dec. 17. No tickets are required, and seating is on a first come first served basis. Everyone will receive DBQ con swag bags while they last!

A Christmas Story starts at 4:30 p.m. In the 1940's, in the town of Hammond, 9-year-old Ralphie wants one thing for Christmas—a Red Ryder BB rifle. When he asks his mother for the BB gun for Christmas, she says, "No, you'll shoot your eye out". When he writes an essay about it at school his teacher gives him a C+ with a note saying "You'll shoot your eye out."

Next he asks Santa for the gun, Santa's response is familiar, he says, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid." Ralph fears that he'll never get the BB gun for Christmas. But there may be a surprise in store for him.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation starts at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas season has arrived, and the Griswold family is preparing for another holiday season. Unfortunately, things aren't running smoothly for Clark, his wife Ellen and their two kids. Dealing with in-laws and sappy trees, Clark keeps his spirits high knowing that his Christmas bonus is coming soon. ■

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

**Movie Night: The Big Sick**

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Starring Kumail Nanjiani and Zoe Kazan, *The Big Sick* (2017) is a romantic comedy based on the real-life relationship of a Pakistani-born comedian and his non-Muslim white girlfriend who falls into a coma. Rated R. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**.

**Opioid Epidemic Panel**

6:30-7:30 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY, ASBURY BRANCH

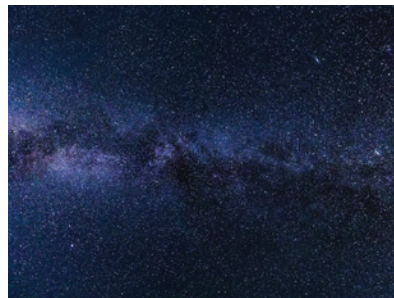
What you need to know about the opioid epidemic. Local health, police, first responders and community service providers will make up the panel. Come gain a perspective of this national issue and how it presents itself in our county.

Inspiring People Series: I'm a Dubuquer

7-9 PM @ INSPIRE CAFÉ

These monthly presentations are offered as informal and intimate exchanges for the open-hearted and curious. To be a Dubuquer is a good thing. As our city changes and grows, it is time to expand our imagination about what it means to be a Dubuquer. Instead of using this word to draw a line, let's expand the circle and open our hearts to all who call Dubuque home. Free. 955 Washington St. **563-583-8338. inspire-cafe.com**.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

**Star Party**

6:30 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)

Bring your telescopes along discover the night sky! The nature center will also have telescopes out for viewing. If skies aren't clear, the program will be cancelled. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA.

**Holiday Nights at Galena Cellars**

7-10 PM @ GALENA CELLARS (GALENA, IL)
Join Galena Cellars on the second floor in The Nouveau Room for a pre-holiday night out! A night full of Christmas carols, group sing alongs, Jingle Bells and of course... wine! Hosted by the pianist and soloist Lannette Calhoun. 515 S Main St, Galena, IL.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas Storytelling

8-11 AM @ INSPIRE CAFÉ

Christmas Storytelling event is geared towards kids aged 3-8 years old. Meet Santa from 8 to 9 a.m. From 9 to 10 p.m., children will be able to listen to some wintery tales and get their faces painted after the readings. 955 Washington St.

Beyond Exposure Workshop (Any Level)

10 AM-NOON @ EVERYTHING PHOTOGRAPHY
The "Beyond Exposure" class continues where "Finding Exposure" leaves off.

Cover focus modes, drive modes, metering modes, quality modes, live view, and image stabilization or vibration reduction. Look at why these settings are important and when to use them. \$30. 90 Main St. **563-845-7207. EveryPhotoStore.com**.

Eco-Trivia

11 AM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Join Green Iowa AmeriCorps for Eco-Trivia. Coffee and baked goods will be for sale. Questions will revolve around recycling and composting. 2811 Jackson St.

**A Very British Christmas**

11 AM @ MINERAL POINT, WI

Join Mineral Point Opera House for the most British Christmas film ever: *Love Actually*. You'll be feeling festive (and hungry) after the film, so head to Tequila Point afterwards for an absolutely smashing, traditional 3-course British Christmas meal, complete with all the trimmings. Book in advance. **BrownPaperTickets.com**. \$39.99 adults; \$19.99 children.

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CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE-OFF

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

1-3 PM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
(2811 JACKSON ST)

Join State Rep. Chuck Isenhardt, The Campaign for the Common Good, Circles Initiative, Convivium Urban Farmstead, and Dubuque Farmers' Market for a Christmas cookie bake-off at Convivium Urban Farmstead on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 1- 3 p.m. As part of the Double Up Food Bucks promotion, proceeds from cookie donations will help pay for free classes at Convivium to teach Circles leaders and other SNAP families various ways to prepare simple, healthy meals using fresh, nutritious produce from the Dubuque Farmers' Market and other local sources such as CSAs, community gardens and backyard gardens.

The public is invited to bring at least one dozen cookies or as many as you want to Convivium (along with a decorated container) on the day of the event. Event participants will sample cookies and "vote" for their favorites by putting a donation into your container. Bakers can also "sell" cookies to participants in any quantity and for any contribution you request. The three bakers with the most contributions in their containers will be recognized for "best-in-show." Any



remaining cookies can be exchanged with other bakers. Cookies can be cut in pieces for sampling. Please bring paper plates and plastic wrap for people who want to take your cookies home.

Individuals and groups also can bake cookies any time between now and Dec. 31 and give them to family, friends, co-workers or acquaintances in exchange for contributions to the Circles/SNAP/ Double Up Food Bucks project.

Contributions can be mailed to or dropped off at Convivium Urban Farmstead. Put "cookie bake-off" in the memo line of any checks. ■

DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS

DECEMBER 28 AND

JANUARY 5, 6, 12, AND 13

7:05 PM @ MYSTIQUE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

Ready to have some fun? The Fun Starts Here at Our House as the Dubuque Fighting Saints continue another season at the Mystique Community Ice Center.

On Dec. 28, the Saints take on the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders, and it's your chance to skate with the Saints!

Then, they take on the Muskegon Lumberjacks on Jan. 5 and 6. College night is Jan. 5, and Markers for St. Mark's School Supply Drive is on Jan. 6. Help students in the Tri-State Area by donating school supplies of all kinds at Our House to benefit St. Mark's Youth Enrichment!

The Saints go head-to-head with the Youngstown Phantoms on Jan. 12 and 13. It's Saints4Life Weekend, so celebrate the history and tradition of excellence of Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey with messages from alumni, a look back into the past, and a Jim Montgomery bobblehead doll giveaway to the first 1,000 fans in attendance on Jan. 12! A River Museum Family 4 Pack will be given away on Jan 13.



PHOTO: STEPHEN GASSMAN

The Dubuque Fighting Saints' established tradition of excellence will look to continue under the direction of first-year head coach Oliver David with the leadership of captain Cole Guttman. The Fighting Saints own the longest active playoff streak of seven consecutive seasons in the Clark Cup playoffs, with two Clark Cup championships in that span (2011, 2013).

Buy your tickets today at DubuqueFightingSaints.com, call the box office at 563-583-6880, or stop by the offices at the Mystique Community Ice Center. ■

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16



Christmas Around the World

11 AM & 2 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI)

Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. and Dec. 16-17 and 27 at 2 p.m. Fever River Puppeteers presents their Christmas performance, *Christmas Around the World*. In the 45-minute original production, Elf Jingle can't resist messing around with Santa's mysterious "Clockenspiel" and finds himself on a whirlwind tour of 10 countries. He finds out that there are more Christmas traditions than he ever imagined and that the holiday season is a whole month, from Dec. 6 to Jan. 6! He does manage to get back to the North Pole in time in a most unusual way. Kids can pose for photo ops with puppets after the show, and they get to see the puppets up close. \$5 Adults; \$4 children 12 and younger. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-6404**. hazलगreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.

Christmas at the Ham House

11 AM-4 PM @ MATHIAS HAM HOUSE
Dec. 16-17 and 30-31. Enjoy holiday house tours, complete with Victorian Christmas decorations, light refreshments and themed activities that will change each weekend. Check for weekly activity updates at rivermuseum.com/hamhouse. \$5 Adults; \$3.50 children. 2241 Lincoln Ave. **563-557-9545**.

Santa's Workshop

1-4 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Meet the Nature Center's Santa and make recycled bird feeders. Bird seed available while supplies last. If time allows, Santa might even join for a short hike! 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA.

Mistletoe Stroll Holiday House Tour

2-4 PM @ GALENA, IL
Experience Galena's finest Bed and Breakfasts. Tour their parlors and dining rooms, which have been decked out for the holidays and enjoy a couple of tasty treats—they may even share their recipes! Tickets and maps of participating bed and breakfasts, along with a description of each house, can be obtained at any of the participating inns on the days of the event. \$10. **815-777-3323**. BestOfGalena.com.

Illusions Midwest Holiday Drag Show (Two Shows)

7 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK
Enjoy two shows full of holiday fun featuring Dubuque's own Illusions Midwest drag troupe! The all ages drag show starts at 7 p.m. and is \$5. The 21+ show starts at 9 p.m. and is \$10 (includes early show). 62 E 7th St. **SmokestackDBQ.com**.

Spring Awakening

7:30 PM @ UW-P CFA (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Spring Awakening is a rock musical with music by Duncan Sheik and book and lyrics by Steven Sater. It is based on the German play *Spring Awakening* (1891) by Frank Wedekind. Set in late 19th century Germany, the musical tells the story of teenagers discovering the inner and outer struggle with many relevant issues that arise at this stage in their lives. In the musical, alternative rock is employed as part of the folk-infused rock score. Mature themes. Ages 14 and up. \$8-21. 755 W. Main St, Platteville, WI. **608-342-1298**. uwplatt.edu.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Breakfast with Santa

8 AM-NOON @ DBQ CO FAIRGROUNDS
Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast as well as local vendors, activity booths and of course Santa will be on hand. \$5 Adults; \$3 ages 2-12; free under 2 (limit 2 per adult); \$2 vendor show only. **563-588-1406**. DBQfair.com.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Geek Out Book Club: The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet

6-8 PM @ MINDFRAME THEATERS
This club is for lovers of science fiction, fantasy, dystopian, tech/cyber-themed, young adult and other unique books. Tonight's book discussion will be about the book *The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet* by Becky Chambers. Popcorn is provided; other concessions are available to purchase. Free. 555 JFK Rd. **563-589-4225**.

SOMETHING NEW: Sentimental Reflections Video Magazine

6:30-7:30 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY ASBURY BRANCH PROGRAMMING ROOM
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Advent Taize Prayer

7 PM @ SINSINAWA MOUND (SINSINAWA, WI)
Prepare your heart for the gift of Christ's birth in the simple, meditative prayer chants of Taize music. The communal singing of this ecumenical worship will draw you into a deeper prayer experience. Freewill offering accepted. 585 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI. **608-748-4411**. Sinsinawa.org.

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ROCK IN THE NEW YEAR WITH ELIMINATOR

ZZ TOP TRIBUTE BAND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
7 PM @ OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

You won't find any cheesy store-bought Santa beards here! The original ZZ Top tribute band, The Eliminator Band, is coming to Ohnward Fine Arts Center this New Year's Eve at 7 p.m.

With close attention to detail, The Eliminator band faithfully reproduces the tone, taste and tenacity of "That Lil' Ol Band From Texas". The Eliminator band plays all the greatest ZZ Top hits from the radio classics "LaGrange" and "Tush" to their ground breaking music videos, "Sharp Dressed Man" and "Legs" which helped define MTV in the '80s.

Not only does Eliminator—which features Bobby Killingers as bassist Dusty Hill and Kris Nazz as ironically named and clean-shaven drummer Frank Beard—break out fuzzy guitars for a song or two at each night, they spin the instruments, like Gibbons and Hill do live, too. "The secret to spinning the guitars is a strap that is manufactured by a saxophonist that came up with the idea," Holloway says.

Fully owning the persona of one of the greatest rock bands of all time must be a daunting task. But, even



the most diehard ZZ Top fans may be hard-pressed to know the difference once Eliminator hits the stage and starts rockin'. Twenty years of impersonating ZZ Top is unparalleled in the world of tribute artists. The only band that has been performing these songs longer than ELIMINATOR is ZZ Top themselves!

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at The Ohnward Fine Arts Center **563-652-9815** (Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.), Osterhaus Pharmacy and the Maquoketa State Bank Main Office, Anderson Pharmacy in Preston and the Bellevue Pharmacy in Bellevue. Tickets are also available at OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com. ■



RETRO REWIND DUBUQUE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018
7:30 PM @ FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

On Jan. 6, 2018, the Vintage Torque staff and volunteers will be bringing another exciting event that caters to the traditional builders and backyard enthusiasts who break knuckles and bust their bodies to bring their automotive dreams to life: Retro Rewind Dubuque. The show starts 9 a.m. at the Five Flags Center. The event will wrap up with a special performance by Adam Lee Band in the Five Flags Theater that night around 8 p.m.

The following are just some of the highlights that you can expect at Retro Rewind Dubuque:

- Film Festival in the Theater—Screening *The Wild Angels* and *Hollywood Knights*
- Traditional hot rods
- Classic kustom cars
- Vintage motorcycles
- LIVE MUSIC! Outlaw country, Western swing and rockabilly vibrations will get your feet a movin'
- Classic pin-up contest
- Vendors from all over the Midwest
- Today's hottest contemporary lowbrow and automotive artists
- Car club handmade trophy picks
- Original lowbrow art auction

This event designed to have fun and raise money for kids with congenital heart defects. Door proceeds go directly to Helping Hannah's Heart Foundation—a 501(c)3 dedicated to helping families with children suffering from congenital heart defects.

The atmosphere is laid back and the rides here are driven. Affordable food and beverages for the whole family will be on site as well. This is definitely *THE* winter party, so join Retreo Rewind Dubuque, rain or shine, at the Five Flags Center on Jan. 6.

Tickets are \$10 for Cars and Guitars and the film festival; \$10 for the Adam Lee Concert; or \$15 for Cars and Guitars, the film festival, and the Adam Lee concert. Tickets can be purchased at the Five Flags Center box office (Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., **563-589-4254**) or at the door. For a full schedule of events, check out RetroRewindDubuque.com. ■



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**Prescott Soup Luncheon**

11 AM-1 PM @ PRESCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Enjoy a soup lunch, silent auction, student artwork and student performances. Proceeds benefit Expeditionary Learning and the Arts programming at Prescott including the all-school musical, fieldwork, guest experts, and beyond-the-school-day programs. Snow date: Dec. 20. \$15. 1151 White St. **563-552-4200**.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Salsa Dance Night—Baile Conmigo**

6 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK
Salsa dance lesson with Katie Koerperich. Bring a partner or come solo, all are welcome. Free. 62 E 7th St. **SmokestackDBQ.com**.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Kids in Nature: Holiday Crafts

9-10 AM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Non school-age kiddos are invited for a morning of fun in nature. Work on crafts for the holiday season. Register in advance. **563-556-6745**. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA.

Praying with the Seasons: Winter Solstice

6:30-8:30 PM @ SINSINAWA MOUND (SINSINAWA, WI)
Honor the winter solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year. Slow down and more truly inhabit this magical day. Utilize this contemplative session for spiritual reconnection; ritual; and, weather permitting, a short time to get outside. This program is part of Sinsinawa Mound's ongoing series, "Exploring a Contemplative Ecology." Facilitators are Ecological Program Coordinator Eric Anglada and Care for Creation Coordinator Sister Christin Tomy, OP. Freewill offering. **608-748-4411 x862**. **sinsinawa.org/moundcenter**. 585 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Haiku Dubuque

6-7 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
Award-winning poets will be sharing their poems while guests warm their spirits with mulled wine. There will also be interaction with a group activity. Free. 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391**.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

**Winter Break Camp: Snow Fun!**

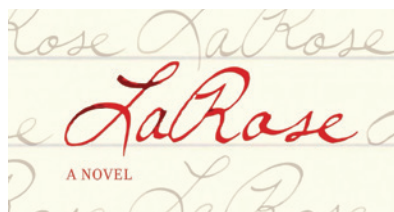
9 AM-2 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Spend the day discovering all winter has to offer. If there is sufficient snow, kids will explore the Swiss Valley Preserve by snow shoe and kicksled. Other activities include winter tracking, winter survival, and warming up indoors with hot cocoa and games. Dress to go outside. Pack a lunch, snack will be provided. Ages 7-10. \$40. **563-556-6745**. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Winter Art Camp

9 AM-2 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Use nature as your inspiration for various projects we will create! Kids will use a variety of mediums to create artwork to take home. Dress to go outside. Pack a lunch, snack will be provided. Ages 7-10. \$40. **563-556-6745**. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

**Feminist Book Group: Larose**

6 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
Read and be empowered! The Feminist Book Group will discuss *Larose* by Louise Erdrich. Erdrich wields her breathtaking narrative magic in an emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture. 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391**. **RiverLights.com**.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Adventure Day: Legos & Pottery Workshops

8:30 AM @ CREATIVE ADVENTURE LAB
No school? No problem! Creative Adventure Lab's Adventure Days occur throughout the school year on days where area schools are closed. They are the perfect blend of our signature, skill building activities and plenty of time for free play. Your child will climb, build, create, and have a blast all in a single day. Register in advance. Ages 6-12. \$65. 210 Jones St. **563-607-5366**. **advntr.org/programs**.

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SONGS IN THE KEY OF WONDER: 50 YEARS OF STEVIE WONDER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

7:30 PM @ UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER

JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

University of Dubuque will present Sons of Serendip, Songs in the Key of Wonder: 50 Years of Stevie Wonder on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center.

Finalists on Season 9 of NBC's *America's Got Talent*, Sons of Serendip creates beautiful music through the use of harp, piano, cello, and voice. The quartet met in graduate school at Boston University and has been performing for audiences as a powerhouse ever since. Sons of Serendip hopes to bring joy to audience members and make their lives a little better—even just for a moment. The group honors singer-songwriter legend

Stevie Wonder in their Songs in the Key of Wonder show as they perform Wonder's top hits such as "Isn't She Lovely," "Higher Ground," and "Superstition."

A free Cybercafé Knapp Stage Pre-Show Concert featuring the Tim Crumley Trio is held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Sons of Serendip is made possible, in part, by the William P. Woodward Visiting Artist-in-Residence Endowment.

Tickets range from \$9 to \$36 and can be purchased Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

9 AM-3 PM @ KENNEDY MALL (555 JFK RD)

Escape the winter weather and explore the 11th annual Dubuque Sports and Recreation Festival on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year the Dubuque Sports & Recreation Festival moves to a new, centrally-located facility: Kennedy Mall!

The Dubuque Sports & Recreation Festival offers free admission and

many activities for attendees of all ages including registration opportunities for youth sports leagues and other activity- and hobby-based organizations.

There will be a stage featuring dance and other performances.

For more details on the festival, visit DBQPony.org or email info@DBQPony.org. ■

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

**Black Friday Screening**

8 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK

Black Friday is a science fiction comedy directed by Crescentia Volz and produced by Jayme Schmitt. When two friends become involved in an alien invasion plot, it's up to them and a group of rag tag punks to fight back. Join The Smokestack for a public showing of this Dubuque film two years in the making and help support our local filmmakers. \$10. 62 East 7th St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve Bash

8 PM @ DUBUQUE CO. FAIRGROUNDS

Time to bring in the new year with a new years eve bash! Enjoy music from the Larry Busch band and dance the night away! Champagne toast at midnight and breakfast brunch. Block of hotel rooms at Mainstay and Country Inn and Suites. Must mention the Dubuque County Fair to receive a discount. \$35. 563-588-1406. DBQfair.com.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

First Day Hike

1-3 PM @ EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Hike the America's State Tree Woodland Walk or for a shorter hike, join a friends group member on the ADA accessible woodland walk trail. For those looking to try to cross country ski, snow shoe or hike, meet at the south parking area. 8991 Bellevue Heights. Cancellation information: iowadnr.gov/parks and click on "closure information." 563-690-8992.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

**DIY Birdfeeders**

2 PM @ GALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY (GALENA, IL)

This program is for the birds! Use natural materials, such as pinecones and soy butter, to make a special treat for our winged friends! Grades K-6. 601 S Bench St, Galena, IL. 815-777-0200.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

2018 Legislative Luncheon

11:45 AM-1 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE

As the voice of business in the Dubuque area, the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to keeping our region competitive, improving the business climate and advancing policies that create a more prosperous Dubuque. Join and listen to priorities presented by State Legislators on issues that will continue to sustain Iowa. The presentations will be followed by an audience Q & A. Kurt Strand, CEO, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and Chamber board member will moderate. RSVP in advance. \$20 non-chamber members; free for chamber members.

563-557-9200. DubuqueChamber.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

**Gather To Set Free**

10 AM @ MINDFRAME THEATERS

Learn about human trafficking. January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Come learn about what this means. Hosted by Set Free—Dubuque.

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facebook.com/setfreedubuque.**Miss Gay Dubuque Iowa 2018**

9 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK

Celebrate the crowning of the very first Miss Gay Dubuque Iowa 2018! Hosted by Miss Theresa Addams with special guests Mz. Tracie the First Lady of Dubuque, Bianca Lynn Breeze Miss Club Wisconsin, and many more! Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., \$35. Open to all Iowa residents or within 25 miles of the Iowa border. 21+. \$5. 62 East 7th St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Epiphany Prayer Service

4:30 PM @ SINSINAWA MOUND

(SINSINAWA, WI)

As the Christmas season comes to a close, celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with the Sisters. This evening prayer will include musical reflections and a procession to the Christmas crèche. 585 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI. 608-748-4411. sinsinawa.org.

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BRANSON ON THE ROAD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

7 PM @ OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

Branson on the Road is the kind of show you thought was long gone in this day of overproduced music, overused special effects and performers singing to tracks. The show comes to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

Featured on national television, Branson on the Road is in the same tradition as the traveling road shows during the glory days of the Grand Ole Opry, the Louisiana Hayride and the first Branson music shows...and now, Branson is coming to you!

The award-winning Branson on the Road keeps you tapping, laughing and

smiling from opening note to final curtain. The fast-paced, high energy show will leave you with a smile on your face and humming a tune under your breath.

Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door for adults and \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door for students. Tickets can be purchased at The Ohnward Fine Arts Center **563-652-9815** (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.), Osterhaus Pharmacy and the Maquoketa State Bank Main Office, Anderson Pharmacy in Preston and the Bellevue Pharmacy in Bellevue. Tickets are also available at **OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com**. ■

ONGOING

Reflections in the Park

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2018

5-10 PM @ LOUIS MURPHY PARK

Drive through the park and enjoy the beauty of the twinkling lights this holiday. Advanced tickets \$8 at any Hillcrest or DB&T location or \$10 per car at the gate. 1700 S Grandview Ave. **563-845-0378. hillcrest-fs.org**.

Red Cross Everyday Heroes Nominations

DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 22

The Northeast Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking for honorable and selfless citizens who have demonstrated heroism in their community. Our Everyday Heroes could be a first responder, a neighbor, a teacher, a friend or even a stranger who did something above and beyond in service to others. Nominations are being accepted at **RedCross.org** (search for "Everyday Heroes of Northeast Iowa") through Jan. 22. The Everyday Heroes of Northeast Iowa breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Dubuque on Thursday, March 15 at 7 a.m. The event is the area's major fundraiser for the Red Cross.

Theisen's Wags at the Flags

NOW THROUGH MARCH 7, 2018

4:30-8 PM @ FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Wags at the Flags is an indoor dog park as well as a Barka Lounge with food, drinks and adult refreshments. Four vendors are featured at every event. \$3 per dog. 405 Main St. **563-589-4375. FiveFlagsCenter.com**.

Winter Farmers' Market

SATURDAYS NOW THROUGH APRIL 28, 2018

9 AM-NOON @ FORMER COLTS CENTER

More than 20 regional vendors will be offering seasonal produce, eggs, meats, cheeses, baked goods, and more. Dubuque Winter Farmers' Market also features hot breakfast options. This is the same location as in previous years. Free parking is available in the parking lot on Central Avenue at 11th St. 1101 Central Ave. **WinterMarketDBQ.com**.

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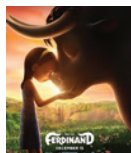
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COMING TO THEATERS

Star Wars: The Last Jedi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

In Lucasfilm's *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, the Skywalker saga continues as the heroes of *The Force Awakens* join the galactic legends in an epic adventure that unlocks age-old mysteries of the Force and shocking revelations of the past.

Ferdinand (PG)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

The animated story of a giant bull with a big heart. After being mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure.

Jumanji (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

When four high-school kids discover an old video game console with a game they've never heard of—*Jumanji*—they are immediately drawn into the game's jungle setting, literally becoming the avatars they chose.

Father Figures (R)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Two brothers (Owen Wilson and Ed Helms) hit the road to find their long-lost dad after they learn that their mom has been lying to them about his death.

Downsizing (NR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

When scientists discover how to shrink humans to five inches tall as a solution to over-population, Paul (Matt Damon) and his wife Audrey (Kristen Wiig) decide to abandon their stressed lives in order to get small and move to a new downsized community—a choice that triggers life-changing adventures.

Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

After the highs of winning the World Championships, the Bellas find themselves split apart and discovering there aren't job prospects for making music with your mouth. But when they get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour, they join together to make some music and questionable decisions one last time.



MOVIE BUZZ

Seth Rogen is set to portray legendary newsman Walter Cronkite in a new drama called *Newsflash*, based on the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Rogen will reunite with *Pineapple Express* director David Gordon Green on the project. The assassination is known for its major impact on television news reporting and the moment a visibly shaken Cronkite first delivered the news that President Kennedy had died.

A *Ready Player One* sequel is now being written by Ernest Cline, ahead of the release of Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the first book. Following the release of the new trailer for Spielberg's *Ready Player One* movie, Cline confirmed that he is already working on a follow-up to his very popular 2011 novel. *Ready Player One* takes place in

the year 2045, in a world where people take refuge from the collapse of society around them by escaping into the virtual universe known as the OASIS.

Lucasfilm is reportedly readying the Obi-Wan Kenobi *Star Wars* movie spin-off for an early 2019 production start. Rumors of an Obi-Wan solo film have been circulating for years now, ever since Lucasfilm announced its intention to develop spinoff *Star Wars* movies. The Obi-Wan Kenobi spinoff is expected to take place sometime between the events of *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith* (Episode III) and *A New Hope* (Episode IV). Many *Star Wars* fans felt Ewan McGregor didn't get a chance to properly shine as Obi-Wan during the prequel trilogy. Giving McGregor's version of the Jedi Knight his own solo film could rectify that. ■

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STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI (PG-13)

Fri–Thu: (12:15), (3:30), 7:00, 10:05

COCO (PG)

Fri–Tue: (12:30), (3:15), 6:30, 8:55
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THE STAR (PG)

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Set in 1968, singing sensation The Wonderettes are providing the entertainment for the annual Harper's Hardware Holiday Happening. Join in on the laughs as the girls have to get creative and save the party when Santa goes missing! You'll enjoy their unique '60s twist on holiday classics like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Santa Baby" and "Jingle Bell Rock."

Tickets are just \$20. For tickets and information call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■



THE SANTALAND DIARIES

DECEMBER 21-23 AND 25

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Following a sold out run last season, the Grand Opera House is bringing back encore performances of *The Santaland Diaries* at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 21, 22, 23 and a special Christmas night performance on Dec. 25.

Based on the (mostly) true chronicles of David Sedaris' experience as Crumpet the Elf in Macy's Santaland display, this cult classic riffs on a few of Sedaris' truly odd encounters with his fellow man during the height of the holiday crunch. From spitting Santa's to parents willing to do anything to get the perfect picture, Sedaris leads the audience on a journey through the magical Santaland making regular stops at the "Magic Window," the "Oh My God" corner and the "Magic Tree" that leads to Santa's house. He rewards the audience at each stop along the way with stories of the humorous, sometimes depraved, ways that people act during the holidays when they think no one is watching. Take some time for yourself this holiday

season and join us for a good "bowl full of jelly" laugh at your neighbor.

Grand Opera House Executive and Artistic Director Frank McClain will take on the role of Crumpet in this one man show and Michelle Blanchard will direct. Seating is limited to 100 per performance and the production will be presented "black box style" with the audience sitting on stage.

The Santaland Diaries is recommended for ages 14 and up; contains mature content and language, and the secret of Santa is exposed. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in person at the Box Office (Monday through Friday from noon until 4 p.m.) or by calling **563-588-1305**.

Tickets can also be purchased at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■

THE DUBUQUE CITY YOUTH BALLET

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

DECEMBER 15 AND 16 @ 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 17 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

This annual Dubuque tradition has been the pinnacle of the holiday season for decades, making it a family tradition that parents have shared with children who in turn shared it with their children years later. *The Nutcracker* will be on stage on Dec. 5 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

It is Christmas Eve, and Clara and her parents are eagerly awaiting the guests. Clara's mother and father present delightful Toy Soldiers who march and salute! All join in a joyous Christmas dance. Clara's Godfather tells the story of a Prince who was transformed into a wooden Nutcracker by an evil Rat. As night falls, a lovely tree is lit, and all go off to sleep. Clara dreams of magical lands both beautiful and frightening. Journey with Clara to the Lands of Snow and Beautiful Dreams; experience the dreamland of the Sugarplum Fairy.

Generations of dancers have graduated through the ranks of the ballet, beginning as toy soldiers and working through their years of instruction to soloist and principal



dancer roles. The timeless story told through the combination of music and dance make this a multi-generational experience that is not to be missed. Artistic Director of the DCYB is Marina O'Rourke. All new choreography is by Artist-in-Residence Megan MacLeod.

The Grand Opera House is thrilled to be the home of the Dubuque City Youth Ballet and their sister company The Heartland Ballet, to keep the tradition of great Ballet and ballet instruction in the city of Dubuque alive.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 18 years old and can be purchased in person at the Box Office (Monday through Friday from noon until 4 p.m.) or by calling **563-588-1305**. Tickets can also be purchased at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■

KIDS TAKE THE STAGE CLASSES

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The Bell Tower Theater continues its award-winning Kids Take the Stage Youth Theater Classes this winter. Kids from kindergarten to sixth grade are encouraged to dive into the wonderful world of theater in these weekly class sessions.

Music teacher and director Sue Fogel joins Bell Tower Theater Artistic Director Sue Riedel to teach four different six-week-long classes. Under their guidance, aspiring actors and actresses will learn a variety of skills and techniques for live performances.

Classes are held in the classroom and on the stage at the Bell Tower Theater. Financial assistance scholarships are available for qualified families. Deadline for enrollment is January 17, 2018. For information or to sign up, call **563-588-3377**,

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TOYS FOR TOTS KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
NOON-3 PM @ FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)

It's the biggest, craziest party of the holiday season... it's for kids 10 and under... and it's FREE!

Marine Corps Toys For Tots is excited to announce the 3rd Annual Kids' Christmas Party presented by McGraw Hill Higher Education, Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto and Paramount Ambulance. Taking place on Sunday, Dec. 17, 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 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.

The three hour party will have music and dancing with a live DJ that's great with kids. Giant inflatable rides return as will the Paramount Ambulance 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 Star Wars plush toy giveaway to every child with other surprise goodies giveaways as well. There are plenty for everyone, so there's no need to line up early—we promise.

Get your photo taken with Santa in his sleigh at the party, courtesy of Dubuque Photography, and this year you can also get your picture with Frozen's Elsa and Olaf in front of a wintry palace backdrop. Plus face-painting, kids games, free cookies, popcorn and milk and punch thanks to the generosity of the 365ink Magazine, Diamond Jo Casino, Mindframe Theaters, Prairie Farms Dairy, Dubuque Photography, St. Mark Youth Enrichment, Five Flags Center, Dollar Tree, the Dubuque Fire Department and Radio Dubuque.

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MILLWORK MARKETPLACE OPENS IN THE HISTORIC MILLWORK DISTRICT

STORY BY BRYCE PARKS
PHOTOS BY BOB FELDERMAN

When Bob Johnson bought the Novelty Iron Works Building in 2005, there was no Millwork revitalization effort; no district strategy, no master plan. What a difference a dozen years makes.

While the building opened to residential tenants three years ago, until now, there really hasn't been a reason or an opportunity for the general public to take in the beautifully renovated space. That is finally about to change, and change in a very big way.

Backpocket Brewing from Coralville, Iowa opened their pub in the southeast corner of the property in May of this year and just last week, Dubuque was introduced to the Millwork Marketplace concept and the Iron Bar with a soft opening. By the end of 2017, there will be four different dining options on the first floor of the Novelty Iron Works complex, in a space that will become known as the Millwork Marketplace as well as an amazing new event space and a big expansion to an already loved local bakery business. The concept is not like anything Dubuque has seen before and, well, you're just going to have to check it out in person to really understand what's so special.

For the first time since 2014, we sat down with developer Bob Johnson and Millwork Marketplace president Jeff Holder to get the inside scoop on what's about to happen in Dubuque's Millwork District.

"I sometimes go back and re-read the 365ink piece on us from a few years ago to remind myself of what we set out to do," jokes Bob Johnson. "I want to see that we are still on course with that vision. Good things take time. Today most of the things we talked about back then are indeed coming to fruition."

"It's a daunting task, almost more from the business and funding perspective than the restoration itself. It's an

expensive undertaking and it's perceived by people in the financial world as risky, so it's a lot of work before you ever start swinging a hammer. We found great support from our banks, tax-credit investors, and the City, and thanks to their partnership, here we are. In terms of the building itself, it's a huge team of hundreds of people, architects, engineers, tradesmen, a great construction management partner and in-house staff here as well. We've benefitted from the fact the building is pretty wide open, but with adaptive reuse, taking a space that did not have apartments or commercial space and turning it into that has its unique set of challenges. And doing that across a 260,000 square foot building complex, well it's just a lot of space to transform. It's been exciting and our team likes to solve puzzles and this place is a puzzle every day. We enjoy that process, cracking the code and making the building work. Working closely with the City of Dubuque was critical too, in terms of code compliance to make sure the building works and is safe. The City has been an outstanding partner and I give them major credit for helping us get this done."

"Jeff Holder was brought on board several months ago to serve as president of the Millwork Marketplace, LLC, when we understood that we were close to having the space ready for retail and restaurant development, that's Jeff's specialty. I'm delighted to say in keeping with that initial vision, we've got a very large square footage area here, probably 8,000 to 9,000 square feet dedicated to smaller vendors with small footprints. These retail opportunities are very approachable and not too risky for those that want to get their products and services out to the public or expand their outlet points. Jeff has already pulled in over a dozen marketplace participants and for a lot of them it is a secondary outlet."

Jeff Holder explains how it works. "We have an ambassador and a cashier here to service all of the retail kiosks, so those vendors don't always have to be here with their goods. We do encourage them to be here for special events and to do demonstrations on the busier days to represent their products to the larger crowds that may be coming through. Each vendor has their nucleus of influence and is out spreading the word and multiply that by all of the vendors in marketplace as well as collective marketing to highlight those vendors."

For such a large-scope project, it's basically necessary to do development in stages so things can be opened and generating revenue as quickly as possible.

"To date, the Marketplace represents the Commercial tenant improvement stage of the project," explains Johnson. "It's between our already-completed phase one and future phase two. Phase one was all about doing the whole building in terms of the building envelope and the infrastructure to 100 percent completion. It also included the build out 76 apartments which are now occupied. Of our 260,000 square feet, we tackled build out on close to 180,000 SF of that in phase one."

Millwork Marketplace, a name you will come to hear a lot in Dubuque, is the main umbrella anchor tenant of the first floor space in the Novelty Iron Works Building at 333 E. 10th Street in downtown Dubuque. There are all kinds of offerings under that umbrella beyond the core Marketplace described above.

Johnson notes that The Backpocket Taproom, is independent of the Marketplace, but that the Marketplace was designed with Backpocket in mind. This taproom project driven by and owned by the home brewery in Coralville. This is their operation, and so far they are exceeding their business expectations in the space. Soon, there will be even more reasons to get excited about the venue. The brewmaster, Jake Simmons, has officially assumed the role of general manager. So he'll now have a presence in the operations of their Dubuque bar. Backpocket is one of the venues that will benefit from the new massive kitchen facilities at Millwork Marketplace (which we'll get to soon), by having their very own unique pub menu. Food offerings will be a big boost and change to their initial offerings. They've had some food trucks in the summer and currently have options from Brazen but they will finally have their very own unique menu for their patrons.

Getting back to the notable components of the Marketplace itself, they all work together and at the same time, stand apart. It's a unique operational model the you've never seen implemented in the Dubuque area before.

"What's here? We'll start with the second bar," begins Jeff Holder. "Adjacent to the Millwork Marketplace we've established a cocktail lounge called the 'Iron Bar', which has its own distinct food menu. It's a great place to gather after work, during events in the facility or the district or to start off your night. Iron Bar patrons have a front seat view to the Millwork Marketplace retail kiosks ... it's all open and available for people to shop. We are looking at a product mix with the vendors in the marketplace that makes this a nice destination for a variety of potential purchases, but it's really about attracting both the local crowd as well as Dubuque's tourism, which is



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MARKETPLACE DEVELOPER



ARACELI DEWITT, MILLWORK
MARKETPLACE GENERAL
MANAGER AND
JEFF HOLDER, MILLWORK
MARKETPLACE PRESIDENT



BACKPOCKET TAPROOM

increasing every year, as we really want to become one of those must-see places on every visitor's agenda."

"Following that we have the Foundry Restaurant and Bar at the corner of 10th and Washington Streets. The Foundry is a casual dining outlet with very competent execution of menu items. The menu pricing is designed to appeal to the value conscious Dubuquer. It's not that 'special occasion only' kind of place; it's an everyday kind of place."

The dinner menu is really about paying homage to Grandma's recipes, shares Jeff Holder. "Comfort food to the max, executed with a chef's touch. Nobody can beat Grandma! It's a lane we're looking to occupy. It's not fine dining; it's quality casual dining, very accessible to people in every way. We want to be their dining choice two or three times a month, not two or three times a year. So we're really looking to earn strong repeat business."

Johnson gets deeper into the menu's concept. "The Foundry menu stems from this notion that we all have had family members (grandmothers, parents and even in-laws) that were brilliant cooks. And what was brilliant about these recipes they cooked, some for generations, is that they are often just good, simple comfort food. They're not expensive. They're what you feed your family. And they're so delicious and satisfying and good. There's a little nostalgia in there, but, for example, my mother-in-law's meatballs which came from her mother, etc., they're so good. I could eat them until I explode. Talking amongst our group, everybody seems to have one or two of those favorites you only get to have at holidays. They are special to them ... the best thing ever. Well, let's take the best thing ever and put it on the menu and offer it up every day. For me, the menu items have to pass the test of, it can be simple, but it can't be remotely ordinary. It's got to have that indefinable 'thing.' For example, the way my grandmother made meatloaf, it's remains the best meatloaf I've ever had in my life and I'm a meatloaf kind of guy. There's none like it, and yes, we have the recipe! The ingredients are simple but the process can be fairly 'involved'. The cooking techniques are not like you see today. Sometimes they're a bit time consuming, and we do understand we can't cut corners to prepare them correctly. There's going to be a reward for that extra work. There will be steak and seafood offerings, pork and poultry as well as vegan friendly offerings, but the comfort food section of the menu is what I'm most excited about. The Foundry Restaurant and Bar is focused on some private events presently, but will be opening to the public imminently. Expect to see it available to all yet in December."

Note that the Foundry was the "evening component" of this space. That is because the exact same restaurant space will also be open for breakfast and lunch but with a very different menu, vibe and even separate entrance. Given the lighting and music and style of service, you'll have a complete flip from the day to the night. During the day it's counter service. It's light. It's airy. You come in and out at your own pace. The evening is more traditional. You'll be greeted by a host and a server, with full bar capacity.

"It's a fairly unique model," says Holder. "It certainly is to Dubuque. The fact that we have a single kitchen plant that will service the needs of the Foundry, the Iron Bar, Backpocket Brewing, and East Mill Bread Company. In addition, it will also execute the menu for all of our weddings and events. We have a large event space that can seat up to 500 people as well as the capacity to host smaller events in our marketplace as well."

Once again, you'll want to back up here and ask, "Did you just say East Mill?" We did. Nick and Emily Puls' much-loved bakeshop on South Grandview Boulevard is

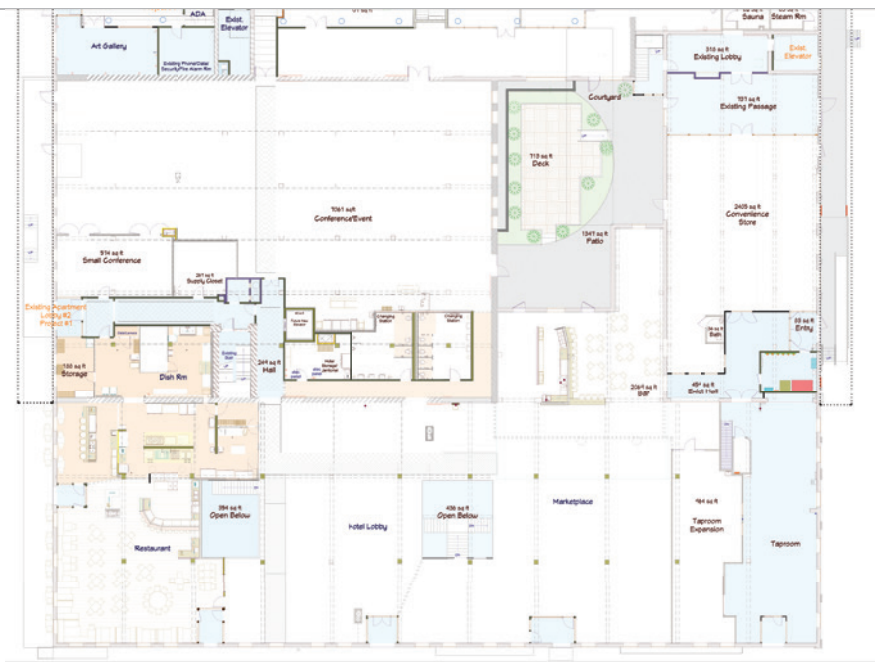
merging with the Millwork Marketplace. Nick Puls will serve as the Executive Chef for the Millwork Marketplace venues, and Emily Puls will be head pastry chef as well as the head of baking operations, which encompasses the wholesale side of East Mill, another joint business the entire team is collaborating on.

"Nick is a great chef with a culinary degree, and he's the real deal," lauded Johnson. "With the growth of East Mill and what we're doing, the stars lined-up, and it just made great sense. We're expanding the baking operation for East Mill so they can respond to the wholesale opportunities and unmet regional demand. Nick and Emily are kind of dividing and conquering the world right now. With the transition, they're becoming co-owners of the Millwork Marketplace and will have access to the entire team for support." The merger collaboration will see East Mill establishing a huge presence at the Marketplace while Jeff and his crew will be making an enhancing impact on East Mill's Grandview location as well. "Normally a kitchen will close at 10 p.m. The bakery on Grandview is just starting up then. This will be no different. The Millwork Marketplace kitchens will be working on East Mill wholesale products overnight. We're 'sweating the assets', keeping the kitchens at work all day long, meanwhile more than doubling the bakery output capacity"

That explained, let's talk about what you'll find during the day at the corner of 10th and Washington. Naturally, the day part of that space will be East Mill Bread Company. In the morning, you'll find fresh breakfast sandwiches, muffins, scones and tasty things of that nature, as well as a fresh juice bar in addition to gourmet coffees and more. And then they roll into lunch where they're also featuring the incredible bread components of East Mill for gourmet sandwiches as well as soups and salads.

"One thing we want to highlight, because Emily is such a wonderful pastry chef, is our desserts," shares Bob Johnson. "On theater and concert nights in Dubuque (which is about every weekend in this town) we will shift gears at 9 or 9:30 p.m. and become a dessert-focused venue for a couple of hours. Not just a place that has good desserts, but a place that focuses on desserts as the reason for coming out after the show for a treat. So, after the movie or the concert, people can come down and just get dessert and don't have to feel obligated to order a meal. You're just here for the pastries and the cheesecake."

Among many interesting amenities in the restaurant space was the bar around the kitchen area, and it's interesting for four reasons. They call it the 'Chef's Counter'. You literally are bellied-up to the kitchen with a first-hand view of everything as it's being prepared. It's like watching the pizzas being made at Happy Joe's, but for grown-ups. Secondly, your server is literally the chef. You order directly from the chef. Maybe you'll even get a small taste here and there of other stuff he's working on that you didn't even order. Finally, Bob Johnson is



big on wheelchair accessibility. Both the chef's counter and the Iron Bar have lowered sections of the bar for accessible opportunities to participate in these unique experiences. As a former frequenter of Johnson's Captain Merry restaurant in East Dubuque a few years back, I also noticed the bar that you might get a drink at while waiting for your table at the Foundry is from the Captain Merry. And the gorgeous bar back at the Iron Bar is also from the same former bar at the Merry. As I mentioned earlier, there will be separate entrances used for the daytime venues and the evening venue, further establishing them as unique entities within their time of day.

The last reason the kitchen area is interesting is because it's literally two full kitchens operating simultaneously, back-to-back. Shared resources but independent preparation and cooking spaces. That's how they are able to serve multiple menus in multiple venues at the same time and still service a huge wedding banquet. Again, something new in the Dubuque area. "Jeff and his team can be catering a whole banquet on the back side of the kitchen and not even cross paths with the chefs preparing dinner at the Foundry," shares Bob Johnson.

"Each venue on this ground floor will have its own unique menu," shares Holder. None will be the same. "That's important because if we have a 400-person event here for the weekend, we want them to know they can come back and experience something different, and we don't expect them to go to the same venue every time. This way they have options, truly independently unique options."

"The next component of the Millwork Marketplace is the mini-mart," continues Jeff, "an in-house convenience store with a very nice deli selection, fresh meat counter and grocery items of course. It will give us the opportunity to do some cross-selling of our items, like our juices that we will be doing fresh daily as well as hot and cold soups to-go. Keeping in mind that our upstairs residents and neighbors will want to come shop for daily needs or even their dinner that evening, and have it ready to go. We're hoping to fill that niche to area tenants as well as the transient customers with Marriott's soon-to-be 75 extended-stay rooms" next door. And having a restaurant that is flexible and serves all day long is also preparing the Novelty Iron Works property for its own other future developments.

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A winter wonderland finally arrives in Dubuque, as evidenced by this lovely glowing image by photographer Shannon Woulfe.



The Christmas tree at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library is always a stunner. Photo by Bob Felderman.



Tom Kiefer, of the '80s rock band Cinderella, performs to a sold out crowd at the Q Showroom at Q Casino. Photo by Bob Felderman.



Fans come out in force for a sold-out Christmas concert by beloved country music star Martina McBride at Five Flags Center. Photo by Bob Felderman.



Tony Orlando is getting into his show bigtime at the Mississippi Moon Bar. Photo by Bob Felderman.



Lou Uran, owner of New Diggings General Store and Inn, plays auctioneer for their 13th Annual Christmas Auction. In that time the auction has raised over \$100,000 for charity.



The Dubuque Fighting Saints help Marine Corps Toys For Tots collect over 1200 plush toys at the annual Teddy Bear Toss... WOW!



Ben, Lucy, David and Sam Klavitter shortly after cutting down their tree at Ochs Christmas Tree Farm near Galena, Ill.



The "Griswold House" is back again to the delight of Dubuquers at 1320 Forest Ln in Dubuque (Behind the American Legion Hall). Photo by Bob Felderman.



Tim Althaus from Family Beer and Liquor in East Dubuque is in full Christmas Story "spirits" this holiday season! Watch out for that cork, you'll shoot your eye out!



Miss Kitty from the Grape Escape in Galena leads the festivities at their ugly Christmas Sweater party.



The Dubuque City Youth Ballet joins the Dubuque Nutcracker Suite during the annual favorite Christmas event.



reindeer, but this pack is big enough to do the job. Peter Fraterdeus in Galena, IL.



Santa visits with one of the youngsters who came to see him at the Hotel Julien Dubuque this holiday season. Photo by Bob Felderman.



The ladies at Gymkana Blue salon in Dubuque are all cozy and ready for the holidays to arrive!



The Krampus crashes his own party at Jumpers Sports Bar in Dubuque. The folklore creature that punishes children who have misbehaved, handed out very strange gifts to all who sat on his lap.



Corporal Cassandra Welch, United States Marine Corps, reporting for Tots duty at Theisen's Stuff the Truck event.



The Brew Ha Ha Players brought some killer fun to Stone Cliff Winery over the weekend, with two productions of "Ho, Ho Homicide", a murder-mystery event.



A magical view of the Hotel Julien Dubuque's Christmas through a glass ball, taken by Bob Felderman.



ue Symphony Orchestra on stage for a sampling from the Christmas Concert at Five Flags Theater.



365ink's own Kristina Nesteby gets her rock-n-roll on (her keytar and blinky shoes too) for her band Unicorn Fist's recent show at the Mississippi Moon Bar in the Diamond Jo Casino.



Your Pie, a new pizza place in Wacker Plaza opens with a fundraiser for Two-By-Two Character Development in Dubuque.



Jennifer Hogue portrays photographer Margaret Bourke-White for the Dubuque Museum of Art's Famous Dead Author Series.



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"Our lower level (viewable and accessible through many large openings built into the floor of the first level) houses a heck of a lot of support plant equipment and services for the restaurants and food business," explains Johnson. "Leveraging the food plant all day is important to the operation. A lot of storage, walk-in coolers and such are occupying a larger chunk of the basement than I thought they would. But still, in addition to that we have a nice area in the lower level that has windows, and so we will be developing additional office space, some for our use and some for third-party use. There may be some entertainment and some marketplace complimentary functions down there as well. We still have about 4,000 lower level square feet where the use is still 'to be determined'. We envision it could be an extension of the kiosk set-up depending on demand and that process is going very well."

"We've had a wonderful experience already this year, having put on a dozen or so weddings, that we understand that when you get two or three hundred people in here for the weekend, they're discovering the marketplace and the district. There's so much excitement, and they want more if it. Looking into 2018 already, if someone wants to have a wedding here in a Saturday night between April and November, we're going to have to put them in the basement," jokes Holder. "The need is there and our books are pretty much full. We're filling in 2019, and we've got some 2018 Friday openings, but we're filling up fast."

One of the biggest things the Millwork Marketplace will do for the Millwork District in general is add to the opportunities and offerings for general retail and dining patrons. Outside of Brazen, 7Hills Brewery and Inspire Café, most of the businesses in the area are very specific destination-style retail or professional outlets.

"For the millwork district's viability as a commercial destination as a collection of things to do, I really believe our goal is to represent the tipping point of critical

mass," explains Bob Johnson. "We love our neighbors, and what they've done, but we also know those day-trippers from Galena, after a short time, they're asking 'What's next?' We'd like to keep them right here. Our Marketplace and 30,000 square feet of new things to experience, both retail, dining, craft beer and entertainment, makes the Millwork District a full day trip now. That's exciting for us and this entire neighborhood. Everybody wins when you've got that much to offer."

What stands out for Jeff Holder is the level of excitement from their vendor partners, who are taking this leap with them, to the management staff and employees of the Millwork Marketplace who are completely and utterly involved in the possibilities of what this can be. "Everyone is truly excited about it. When you're fortunate enough to have been in the industry as long as I have, I've come across a lot of people I was able to hand pick. So I can go and get the people I know are just right for a specific part of our team, and they come along for the ride. I have to kick them out of here at the end of the day to go home. There's plenty more work to do tomorrow."

"The most special and exciting thing about this is Jeff's team," Bob concludes. "The excitement about doing something new is infectious, and they've all caught it. When you see them so engaged and excited about what they're doing, it's amazing. They are all contributing ideas because it's all those things together that take this place, this blueprint, the bricks and mortar that is pretty cool looking, and brings it to life. The creative process and all of the team coming around and supporting that game-changing different vision is very rewarding. We're out to create something new for Dubuque and for the region, and our team is totally stoked about being a part of it and we're thrilled to have that."

The Novelty Iron Works building is located on the corner of 10th and Washington Streets in downtown Dubuque. For more information about Novelty Iron Works and all of the things going on inside, visit NoveltyIron.com or call **563-583-4883**. ■



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The Dubuque Initiatives, Gronen Properties and Tri-State area non-profits invite the community to visit the Roshek Building for a Roshek Holiday Celebration now through Dec. 23.

Opening Night was a great success and bidding continues and is close to or over a total of \$10,000! Additionally, the Caring & Sharing Tree is already filling up with gifts.

The original Roshek's Department Store dates back to 1893. At the store's peak, it offered six floors of retail space, a mezzanine, three floors of offices, and the Packet Room Restaurant located in the lower level. Customers navigated the building using one of its six elevators, each manned with a white-gloved attendant.

The holidays were a special time for Roshek's. "Roshek trains" that brought shoppers into Dubuque from surrounding communities at Christmas time for shopping. Children would stand in amazement watching

the moving figures of Santa, his elves and reindeer, which were featured in the outside display windows.

The Roshek Holiday is a way to relive the awe and wonder of the season's first holiday lights, but with a special emphasis on giving. Beginning in 2013, Roshek has been inviting over 500 Tri-State area nonprofit organizations to participate in a Roshek Holiday Silent Auction.

In addition to the Non-Profit Silent Auction is the Caring & Sharing Tree, where each non-profit has provided a "wish list" of items in need. These wishes are placed on a tree ornament for the public to select. Choose an ornament(s) from the tree, then simply purchase the wish list item, wrap it, and return the gift to the Roshek Lobby using the ornament as the gift tag. All donations will be accepted in the lobby through Saturday, Dec 20.

Visit RoshekBuilding.com/holiday or call the Roshek Building Management Office at 563-583-1470 for more information. ■

UPCOMING ROSHEK HOLIDAY EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:30 AM-12:30 PM: JEFFERSON
MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

11 AM-NOON: AMERICANA BAND
11 AM-2 PM: SELFIES WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

NOON-1:30 PM: DUBUQUE
CHORALE CADENZA CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

11:30 AM-12:30 PM: MARSHALL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

11:30 AM-12:30 PM: ROOSEVELT
MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

11 AM-2 PM: SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR



HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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Celebrate the holiday season at Hotel Julien Dubuque during the 12 Days of Christmas. Now in its fifth year, this holiday series features events for all ages designed to spread seasonal cheer throughout the Dubuque community.

"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. "It is our hope that families come and enjoy the hotel in all of its holiday splendor!"

For details and more information, visit HotelJulienDubuque.com or call 563-556-4200. ■

UPCOMING HOTEL JULIEN 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Jazz It Up With Jingle Barry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30-7:30 PM @ RIVERBOAT LOUNGE

Dubuque's very own Christmas caroler extraordinaire, Barry Gentry, will be singing your favorite holiday tunes. Stop by, listen (or sing along), and enjoy scrumptious complimentary appetizers. There is no charge for this event, but a donation for Student Crisis Fund (www.nicc.edu/crisisfund) is appreciated. Drink specials, fantastic appetizers, and the one and only Barry Gentry—sure to be THE holiday event of the season (or just a really fun time)!

Ugly Sweater Contest

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

11 AM-9 PM @ CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT

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

Secret Santa Reception

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ 6 PM

Hotel Julien Dubuque will be collecting supplies for three area non-profits throughout the month of December. On Thursday, Dec. 21,

the hotel will be hosting a reception to present the donations to the organizations. All are welcome to attend the reception and share in the gift of giving this season!

Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 PM @ CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT

A nod to a simpler time, the Old Fashioned Christmas 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 are recommended. Call 563-588-5595.

A Gift For Mom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

4 PM @ POTOSA SPA

Do you wish you could give your mom an extra special Christmas gift this year? Send Hotel Julien Dubuque a message explaining why and you could win the perfect gift for her—an entire day of pampering at Potosa Spa!

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TRI-STATE LIVE MUSIC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Statue of Liberty
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

MMB Live: Live Band Karaoke
7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Corey Jenny
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Tribe of Two
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Smokestack Jazz Night
7 PM @ The Smokestack

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Mark Zalaznik
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Brown Bottle Bandits
7 PM @ Swiss Inn

Roy Schroedl
7 PM @ The Perfect Pint

Michael Londra's
Celtic Christmas
7:30 PM @ Five Flags

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

Mr. Pickle &
The Martin Brando Effect
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

John Moran
8 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Hairball
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Wedding Banned
8 PM @ Q Casino

The Undercovers
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Rock Steady
8 PM @ Spirits

Boys Night Out
8 PM @ George's Bar & Grill

Garrett Hillary
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

The Lonely Goats
8:30 PM @ 7 Hill

The Wundo Band
8:30 PM @ Red n Deb's

Round Midnight Jazz
9 PM @ The Smokestack

Broken Strings
9:30 PM @ Dirty Ernie's

Summer Son
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Acoustic Jam
1 PM @ Council Hill Station

Massey Road
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Andrew Houy
2 PM @ Grape Escape

Fever River String Band
Backwoods Bars Live Taping
2 PM @ New Diggings
General Store

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Chocolaterie Stam

Roy Schroedl
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

The Wundo Band
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

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

Tanya English Trio
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Marcus DeJesus
8 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Christmas with the Celts
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Christmas with the Nelsons
8 PM @ Q Casino

Paul Filipowicz &
The All Aces Band
8 PM @ The Blu Room,
Breezer's Pub

Renegade
8 PM @ Knickers

Hot Mess
8 PM @ Eichman's

Madtown Mannish Boys
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

The Beaux
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Mississippi String Band
8:30 PM @ 7 Hill

Aaron Williams & The Hoodoo
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape

Joie Wails
Gary Houy Benefit
9 PM @ Hammerhead's

Taste Like Chicken
9 PM @ Shenanigans Pub

Brown Bottle Bandits
9 PM @ Dirty Ernie's

Flash in a Pan,
Bluegrass Alumnatics
10 PM @ The Lift

Juice, NXbel Price, Exsilium
10 PM @ The Venue

Six Shots 'til Midnight
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
Open Mic w/ Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Open Jam w/ Fever River
String Band
1 PM @ New Diggings
General Store

Acoustic Jam
1 PM @ Council Hill Station

Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

Open Mic w/ Lenny Wayne
3:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

The Lonely Goats
6 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
Comedy Open Mic
9 PM @ Monk's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
Trivia Night
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Salsa Dance Night
6 PM @ The Smokestack

Acoustic Jam
w/ Andy Wilberding
6:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Gladdy's Open Mic Experience
6:30 PM @ The Blu
Room, Breezer's Pub

Scott Waterhouse
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Comedian Mike Mercury
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
Todd McDonough
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

MMB Live: Statue of Liberty
7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Medicinal Purposes
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Smokestack Jazz Night
7 PM @ The Smokestack

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Roy Schroedl
6:30 PM @ Gina's, Platteville

Bally Heigue
7 PM @ The Lift

Hoffmann, Troy, & Marceau
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Corey Jenny
7 PM @ The Perfect Pint

Medicinal Purposes
7:30 PM @ Murph's

Brittany Bauerly
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

CCrider
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Becky McMahon
8 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Kashmir: The Live Led
Zeppelin Show
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

T.O.M.B. (The Old Man Band)
8 PM @ Q Casino

Laura McDonald & Robbie Barr
8 PM @ Spirits

Meghan Davis
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

An Evening for Liz:
Miles Nielsen & The Rusted
Hearts, The Family Business
8 PM @ Lawrence's Pub,
Benton

David Zollo
8:30 PM @ 7 Hill

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
Acoustic Jam
1 PM @ Council Hill Station

Jeff Weydert & Dave Pingel
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Andrew Houy
2 PM @ Grape Escape

Strutter KISSMiss Party
6 & 8 PM @ Q Casino

Master Hypnotist Jim Wand
6:30 & 9:30 PM @
Mississippi Moon Bar

Chuck Murphy
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Rock Steady
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

Brittany Bauerly
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Steve Grismore Jazz Trio
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

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Statue of Liberty
8 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Blu Room Christmas Party All-Star Jam w/ The Blue Dogs
8 PM @ The Blu Room, Breezer's Pub

Mississippi Trio
8 PM @ Spirits

Michael Charles
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Campfire Kings
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Laura McDonald
8:30 PM @ 7 Hill

Brianna Hardyman
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape

Tony Walker
9 PM @ Dog House Lounge

Juice, Emple, Mister Whiskerz, Chef, Kingpin
10 PM @ The Venue

Playground of Sound
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**
Open Mic w/ Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Open Mic w/ Cal Coohy
3:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
Andrew Houy
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Dinner & Music w/ Laurie
6 PM @ The Cornerstone

Trivia Night
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
Andy Wilberding
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Salsa Dance Night
6 PM @ The Smokestack

Andrew Houy
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Acoustic Jam w/ Marty Raymon
6:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Gladdy's Open Mic Experience
6:30 PM @ The Blu Room, Breezer's Pub

Todd McDonough
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Duo de Dodo
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Comedian Mike Brody
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Left Lane Cruiser, Woress
10 PM @ The Lift

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
Marty Koppes
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Drummer Dave
4 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Meghan Davis
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

John Moran
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

MMB Live: David & The 10 Strings
7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Jef Spradley
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Open Mic w/ Jeff & Jimmy
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Smokestack Jazz Night
7 PM @ The Smokestack

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
Casey Klein
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Sam & The Others
6 PM @ Inspire Café

Jake Bender
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

Massey Road
7 PM @ DBQ Driving Range

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

Brandon Hagen & Friends
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Statue of Liberty
8 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Club 84
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Johnny Trash
8 PM @ Q Casino

Brickyard Road
8 PM @ Spirits

Dylan Doyle Band
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Frank Busch
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
Acoustic Jam
1 PM @ Council Hill Station

Roy Schroedl
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Meghan Davis
2 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Andrew Houy
2 PM @ Grape Escape

Sam & The Others
6 PM @ Inspire Café

John Moran
7 PM @ Stone Cliff

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

Steve Grismore Jazz Trio
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

One: Tribute to Metallica
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Cougars
8 PM @ Q Casino

Missbehavin'
Blu Room New Year's Eve Party
8 PM @ The Blu Room, Breezer's Pub

DuRocks
8 PM @ Spirits

Blue Scratch Band
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

5th Fret
8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Ten Gallon Hat
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape

Kingpin
10 PM @ The Venue

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**
Open Mic w/ Scott Rische
Noon @ Grape Escape

Acoustic Jam
1 PM @ Council Hill Station

Meghan Davis
2 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

The Lonely Goats
"Noon Year's Eve Party"
2 PM @ Trakside

Pat Riedy & The Lads
3 PM @ The Lift

Tony Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

Katie Sullivan
5:45 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Pub

Blue Dogs
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler
New Year's Eve Party
7 PM @ Midtown Marina

Honeywise
7:30 PM @ The Cornerstone

Roaring 20s NYE Party
Feat. DJ Salad Spinner
8 PM @ The Smokestack

New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Hal Reed & Mississippi Journey
Flatted Fifth Blues & BBQ
8 PM @ Potter's Mill, Bellevue

Fever River String Band
8 PM @ Anton's Saloon

The DuPage Band
8:30 PM @ The Palace Ballroom, Farley Speedway

NYE Party: Jordan Danielsen & Ginger Co.
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape

Soul Sherpa, The Inquiry
9 PM @ 7 Hills

Material Girl: Madonna & Lady Gaga Tribute
9 PM @ Q Casino

Massey Road
9 PM @ Spirits

Backseat Betty
9 PM @ Galena Brewing Co.

Swamp Donkey
9 PM @ New Diggings General Store

Sunshine
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10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern



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BALLY HEIGUE

WED 12/27 • 10 PM
LEFT LANE CRUISER, WORESS

SUN 12/31 • 3-7 PM
PAT RIEDY AND THE LADS

SAT 1/6 • 10 PM
JACK LION

SAT 1/13 • 10 PM
FORT DEFIANCE, HASTINGS 3000, BLACK WIDOWS

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16



Paul Filipowicz & The All Aces Band
8 PM @ THE BLU ROOM (600 CENTRAL AVE)
"Paul Filipowicz is one of those rare bluesmen that defines the genre. There is more heart, soul and guts poured into one of his solos than most players can muster in a career."—Rick Tvedt, MAMA. With seven critically acclaimed CDs under his belt, including two "Top 20 Texas Blues New Releases" in a row, Paul's original slashing guitar style has been established and documented. His latest release *Chinatown* is the logical next-step for a bluesman that has warranted comparisons to a diverse group of greats such as John Lee Hooker, Albert King, Buddy Guy, and Albert Collins just to name a few.



BUDWEISER LIVE MUSIC FEATURES



Madtown Mannish Boys
8 PM @ FLATTED FIFTH BLUES & BBQ
(300 POTTER DR, BELLEVUE, IA)
The Madtown Mannish Boys are a Madison-based Blues band who are steeped in Chicago-style Blues, including artists like Muddy Waters, Junior Wells, Otis Spann, Paul Butterfield, and Little Walter. They play harmonica-driven tunes with gritty fervor and dynamic energy, and perform with raw exuberance and driving rhythms that make you want to boogie!



Flash In a Pan, The Bluegrass Alumnatics
10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)
Founded in 2012, named on the assumption that the band would play two shows and dissolve; this collective of Iowa City musicians is currently in its fifth year of playing, having recently released their first studio album *Off The Rails*. These pickers and grinders bring a mix of folk music of many shades. Noted for their shining harmonies, provocative compositions, and heart-felt performances, Flash in a Pan dishes out a sound that is all at once familiar and refreshingly different.

Opening will be the newest group of folk/bluegrass musicians out of Dubuque, The Bluegrass Alumnatics!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22



Bally Heigue
7 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)
Check out Dubuque's newest purveyors of Irish and Celtic folk! Bally Heigue have opened for some of the best Celtic groups in the nation and its always a treat to have them on The Lift stage!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23



Michael Charles
8 PM @ FLATTED FIFTH BLUES & BBQ
(300 POTTER DR, BELLEVUE, IA)
Eight-time Grammy nominated artist, Michael Charles, returns to Flatted Fifth! Originally from Australia and now hailing from Chicago, Michael Charles has enjoyed being featured in numerous television and radio broadcasts and several music magazines. His credits include gracing countless stages and pages such as the Chicago Blues Fest, Philadelphia Jazz and Blues Fest, Windy City Live Television, WGN TV, JBTv, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Chicago Sun Times*, and *The College Music Journal*. In October of 2015 Michael Charles received the extreme honor of an induction into the Blues Hall of Fame. Reservations encouraged.



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MASTER HYPNOTIST JIM WAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 @ 6:30 & 9:30 PM

Considered one of the most professional hypnotic entertainers in the business, Wand has performed more than 9,000 times for audiences around the world. Wand has appeared on Comedy Central and other major networks numerous times, including a nationally-televised Fox special called "WOW." He's worked with many notable personalities throughout the years, including Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, Chris Rock, Carrot Top, Larry the Cable Guy, Sylvester Stallone, George Strait and many more.

Currently, Wand is the only hypnotic entertainer in the world to hold a doctorate in philosophy, a unique trait that brings a special perspective to his act.



MISSISSIPPI MOON BAR ENTERTAINMENT

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**.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 8 PM

Christmas with The Celts presents a perfect combination of modern Christmas hits, lively Irish Carols, hilarious spontaneous humor, thrilling Irish dancing, and lush string arrangements giving audiences a most memorable interactive Christmas experience.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DUELING PIANOS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 8 PM

Featuring the talented Chicago-based keyboard masters Elisa Carlson and Tony Hays, this phenomenal performance includes a balloon drop, party favors, a midnight champagne toast and more.



DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: ULTIMATE ROCK HITS

JANUARY 19 AND 20 @ 8 PM

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra joins with local rock bands to present an amazing symphonic rock experience! These concerts feature chart topping hits from the 1970s to now.

MMB Live: Live Band Karaoke
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 7 PM

Hairball
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 8 PM

**Laughing Moon Comedy:
Mike Mercury**
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ 8 PM

MMB Live: Statue of Liberty
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ 7 PM

**Kashmir:
The Live Led Zeppelin Show**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 @ 8 PM

Master Hypnotist Jim Wand
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
@ 6:30 & 9:30 PM

**Laughing Moon Comedy:
Mike Brody**
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 @ 8 PM

**MMB Live: David and
the 10 Strings**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 @ 7 PM

Club 84
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 @ 7 PM

**One:
The Only Tribute to Metallica**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 @ 8 PM

**Steve Moris Unplugged: With
Special Guests Bowman, Pick**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ 8 PM

Reza: Edge of Illusion
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 4 & 8 PM

Gear Daddies
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 8 PM

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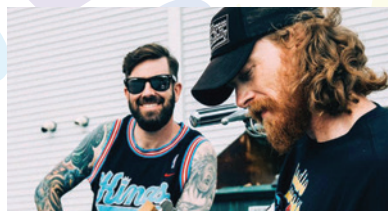
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27



Left Lane Cruiser, Woress

10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)

This whiskey-fueled, two-man frenzy of blues-driven rock'n'roll noise straight from Fort Wayne, Indiana promises to hit you like a shock wave and show you a foot-stompin' good time. Left Lane Cruiser is comprised of Joe Evans (Freddy J IV) on slide guitar and vocals and Pete Dio on the drums. The raw blues power duo of LLC have practiced through thick and thin to hone a sound unlike any other and have been together long enough to have previously released a couple of self-produced EPs. Learning their craft by playing at house parties, at the corner streets of their home town, and rehearsing in a heatless garage, they have developed their personal take on the North Mississippi Hill Country sound.

Once again opening for LLC, WOR-ESS kicks you in the teeth with their brand of "secret metal doom blues."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31



Pat Riedy and the Lads

3-7 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)

Join us for a celebration of Irish New Year with Pat Riedy and The Lads! It's been YEARS since they've been back at The Lift!



Roaring '20s New Year's Eve Party ft. DJ SaladSpinner

8 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK (62 EAST 7TH ST)

Countdown to 2018 at Smokestack, 1920s speakeasy style. Costumes encouraged for all our Jazz Babies, but never required. Prohibition Era cocktail specials, DJ SaladSpinner brings the tunes, and our traditional champagne toast at midnight! No cover!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

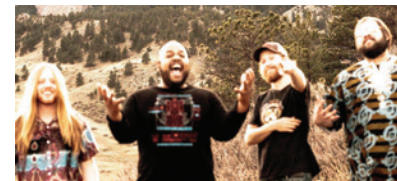


Retro Rewind Official Pre-Party with Telekinetic Yeti, Bluegrass Alomatics, and Erin Hedley

8 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK (62 EAST 7TH ST)
COVER: \$5

Join the Smokestack for Retro Rewind's Official Pre-Party! Telekinetic Yeti are heroes of the underground and Iowa's own intense stoner doom duo. Bluegrass Alomatics are acoustic-ballistic bluegrass and punk AF. Erin Hedley is a locally-grown, heartfelt, whiskey-soaked, singer-songwriter.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13



Corey McCauley

9 PM @ THE SMOKESTACK (62 EAST 7TH ST)

Warm up and party with Corey McCauley & The Hop Jam Brew. Acoustic reggae, on tour from Colorado and Minnesota.



Fort Defiance, Black Widows, Hastings 3000

10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)

Fort Defiance is a Nashville based, husband and wife duo, known for their crowd-oriented stage show, timeless harmonies, and honest songwriting. Playing over 250 shows this year, the two have garnered heavy attention for their live performance, being hailed as "breathtakingly seductive!" (That Music Mag), and "The best live show you'll see all year" (Tempest Music Group). Armed with a gas mask, smoke machines, heavy beats, and insane guitars, "Hastings 3000" is a one man rock show formed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. in late 2009. The Black Widows occupy a sound that fits right into Russ Meyer's Hollywood heyday. Part rockabilly, part go-go dance, they bring a titillating party to the stage.

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PARTY AFTER DARK! WEDDING BANNED (FREE SHOW)

DEC. 15 @ 8 PM

Hailing from Chicago, via Gas City Indiana, Wedding Banned has become "the greatest wedding band on Earth." Wedding Banned plays 80's and 90's music, throwing in some other guilty pleasures, that will take you back to great times and moments. Their unique performance combines music, audience interaction, and comedy. Wedding Banned selects a bride and groom to get "married" on stage at most shows. Wedding Banned plays over 100 club shows, weddings, corporate events and festivals a year. If you want to have one of those, "you should have been there nights," come and see Wedding Banned! Plus enjoy \$2 Bud Lights!



CHRISTMAS WITH THE NELSONS

DEC. 16 @ 4 & 7 PM

This heart-warming multi-media live concert experience stars the third generation of #1 Nelson Family hitmakers, Matthew and Gunnar Nelson. This is NOT merely a rock concert with a few holiday songs thrown in... Christmas with the Nelsons delivers Christmas Classics the Nelson Family way. Interweaving quick humor, soaring sibling vocals, and state of the art big screen video, Matthew and Gunnar's completely new show will take you on a sleigh ride through time.



TOMB (FREE SHOW)

DEC. 22 @ 8 PM

The Old Man Band is a concert experience like no other! It is a full costume / big production / high-energy show from start to finish! The band covers all your favorite rock / disco party songs. They play the soundtracks from all those movies you loved during the 80's! They create a feeling and take you back to some of the best years of your lives!



KISSMISS PARTY FEAT. STRUTTER (KISS TRIBUTE)

DEC. 23 @ 6 & 8 PM

STRUTTER, the longest running KISS tribute band, rocks audiences with an unforgettable mix of classic KISS tunes, fire breathing, blood spitting, smoking guitars, explosive pyrotechnics, authentic costuming, full makeup, staging and special effects.



JOHNNY TRASH (FREE SHOW)

DEC. 29 @ 8 PM

Johnny Trash have been the godfathers of hard rock in the Tri-States for years. With a set full of hard-driving favorites loaded with classics from metal's 80s heyday, like AC/DC, Judas Priest, and more. "If it's too loud, you're too old."



PARTY AFTER DARK! THE COUGARS (FREE SHOW)

DEC. 30 @ 8 PM

The Cougars: three female vocalists performing everything from Journey to Lady Gaga with spine tingling harmonies! The Cougars bring the heat with a fantastic mix of pop/80s, cross-cover country and a whole lot of eye candy, and above all, a lot of fun! Find out why this is one of the hottest bands in the Midwest and one of the biggest drawing bands in the Green Bay area—The Cougars bring it! Don't forget to enjoy \$2 Bud Lights!



MATERIAL GIRL (FREE SHOW)

DEC. 31 @ 9 PM

You won't want to miss Material Girl if you love Madonna or Lady Gaga and who doesn't? Material Girl is a cover band who will capture the elegance and essence of these two superstars. The lead vocalist is spot on with Madonna in her prime and passion for Madonna's entire catalogue of hit songs, supported by her stellar band and dancers—they will present a world-class concert that you won't want to miss. Then these talented musicians will perform a complete set of Lady Gaga songs. Material Girl takes the diva experience to a whole new level giving you the chance to relive this incredible illusion of two incredible ladies! There will be party favors and a champagne toast to round out your New Year's Eve experience at the Q Casino!



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Food For Thought

WEBER MEATS

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BY RICH BELMONT

During these summer months we often discover some of the best dining places are on our own decks and patios. We invite friends and family over as we re up our BBQ grills and smokers.

We take full advantage of living in an area where there is an abundance of ultra fresh produce. It's all around us at the local farmers markets, the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farms, Fincel's Sweet Corn and The Food Store.

Then too we are so fortunate to have a real old fashioned butcher shop just a few miles away. Otto Weber opened Weber Meats in 1905 in Belleville, WI. He brought with him from Switzerland the expertise he learned in the family meat business and recipes that had been with his family for generations.



After many years the shop was moved to Cuba City, WI where it remains to this day. It is now operated by Dan and Tracy Weber. Dan is the fourth generation Weber to run the business. He and Tracy continue the traditions

and skills of selling quality cured meats, sausages, ham and bacon established by his Great Grandfather and continued by his Grandfather, Father and Uncles.

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RICH BELMONT

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Dan has been in the meat business his whole life. He likes to say being a butcher is all he knows. And obviously he knows a lot. He has been awarded well over 200 State and National Championships for his meat products. There are so many Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards there is no room to exhibit them in his store. Dan was inducted into the Cured Meats Hall of Fame on July 14, 2007 at the Association of Meat Processors Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

Now obviously, it is not because of awards people have been coming to Weber Meats for 108 years! Customers from 3 states come in droves and line up to buy meat for their next BBQ or to load up their freezers. Some of the patrons are 3 generations of the same family.

So I asked Dan why so many of his customers travel great distances to Cuba City instead of just buying meat in the super market. His answer was quite interesting. First of all, Weber Meats is not a grocery store, it's a meat store! The staff knows where the meat is produced. They know all their suppliers personally and they know how the animals are raised. Secondly, the same family has operated this business for over a century and there is nothing about meat they don't know. And thirdly, and Dan could not stress this enough, the entire Weber staff is totally dedicated and extremely knowledgeable. They are all masters of their trade. Several Weber Meat employees have been with the company ranging from 15 to 39 years. In fact, the four oldest employees have a combined 120 years of meat cutting experience!

For these reasons many of the area restaurants rely on Weber for all their specialty meats. Some of the big sellers are steaks and chops, beef and pork tenderloins, ground beef, sausages, beef and pork roasts and ribs, and chickens.



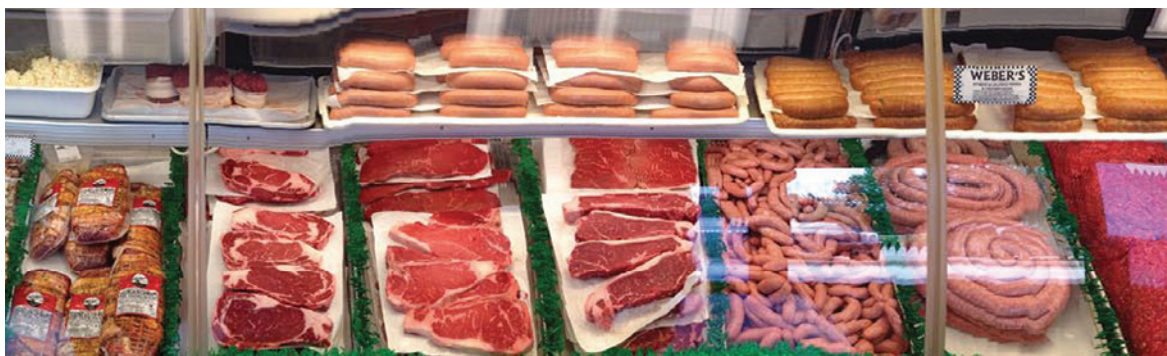
All the beef is USDA Choice Grade. It is wet aged from 14 to 28 days. I recently grilled some T-Bone Steaks and some bacon wrapped sirloins. The meat was so flavorful I quickly ascertained it didn't even require seasoning.



On another night I put some of Weber's signature marinated pork chops on the grill. The specially prepared homemade marinade imparted a delightful and distinctive taste.

Weber Meat's is also a meat processing company. This is why you will always find a number of specialty products available. One example is Dan's own creation called Ham for Two. This is a sirloin tip of ham just the right size for four to six people. (Or two if you are a ham lover like me!) Another example is the tremendous assortment of cured bacons. There are at least 8 of them including hickory smoked, maple, pepper, applewood, Canadian, cottage and nitrite-free. There are also a number of flavored hamburger patties. You might find Bacon & Cheddar; Pepperjack; Jalapeño & Cheddar; Mushroom & Swiss; or Pizza burgers.

The Weber people are also talented and expert sausage makers. You will usually find rope, summer, seasoned, hot and mild Italian links, kalberwurst, and salami just to name a few. There are also approximately 25 different flavors of Bratwurst! These include Traditional German, Swiss,





Beer, Philadelphia Cheese, Hawaiian, Kraut & Onion, Beef, Mushroom & Swiss just to name a few. Some of the more unusual brats are Badger (red bell peppers & Swiss cheese), Packer (green bell peppers & cheddar cheese) and Tailgater (beer with onions).

On a couple of recent visits I noticed many customers were either calling in or appearing in person to order sides of beef or pork. Half sides and quarter sides are available. You can pick and choose all of the cuts of meat you want and you are able to customize your entire order so you only receive the meat you desire. Of course you have more options when you order a half side: for example, there are approximately 18 T-Bone Steaks (including Porterhouse and Club Steaks) or you can have the bone removed and get New York Strips and Fillets. You also receive about 14 Ribeye Steaks that are boneless. Or you can choose to have the bone left in for Rib-Steaks. Your order will also include about 3 Arm, 8 Chuck and 4 Rump roasts. There is also about 24 pounds of Round Steak or you can have some of this tenderized and made into Cubed Steaks. A typical side includes about 65 pounds of ground beef divided into 1 or 2 pound packages or into quarter-pound patties as well. There is also about 6 pounds of Stew Meat, 6 Soup Bones, and 4 Short Ribs you can keep as is or have processed into more ground beef. All these different options are explained on the Weber Meats website processing page.



As I mentioned earlier, Weber Meats is a meat processing center and it is clean and modern despite being a 108 year old business.

When you visit you are invited to put on a hat and tour the plant if you are interested. And while you are there if you do not see a particular meat you need the staff will be happy to cut it for you. I recently asked for suggestions on smoking some pork and was advised to try pork shoulders liberally coated with Weber Seasonings.

The resulting pulled pork sandwiches were quite sumptuous.



Weber's is a delicatessen too. There is usually coleslaw, potato and macaroni salad in the display case. You can choose from a number of cheeses including Block Colby, Mild Swiss, Medium Swiss, Baby Swiss, Cheddar, Cojack, Pepper and Muenster. Deli meats include roast beef, salami, corn beef, deli ham, honey loaf, jellied roast beef loaf, smoked ham and liverwurst. You will notice all the deli meats, also known as luncheon meats, and cold cuts where I come from, are never pre-sliced. It has always been my contention pre-slicing deli meats dries them out even if the slices are encased in plastic wrap. I always ask for my cold cuts to be sliced "paper thin." In my opinion thin slices bring out more flavors. On the other hand you might prefer thick slabs in your sandwiches so you get more of a bite. Obviously this is a personal preference so I recommend you always ask your server to show you the first slice. Then you can tell him to make the rest of your slices thicker or thinner until he gets them to the thickness you like.

For those of you looking for a new supplier of ash frozen seafood you should know Weber Meats has a nice selection. There are cod fillets, sun fish, cat fish, salmon, yellow fin tuna, tilapia and walleye just to name a few.

So the next time you are planning a back yard feast take a ride out to Weber Meats of Cuba City. It's only 18 and a half miles and about a half-hour drive from Dubuque. Cross the Dubuque-Wisconsin Bridge, take Exit 1 onto Route 11 East and then turn left onto Route 80 North. It's at the North end of Cuba City; you can't miss it, especially when you are hungry! ■



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7 THINGS WE SHOULD ALL APPRECIATE ABOUT PEARS

BY HY-VEE NUTRITIONISTS MEGAN HORSTMAN (ASBURY) AND AMY CORDINGLEY (LOCUST)

Let's please talk about pears. While everyone else is buzzing about apples and oranges, pears are often cast aside as the hard fruit in the produce section. And that's too bad. For a few reasons.

1. Pears are loaded with fiber-more so than apples-which is something Americans don't get enough of. A medium-sized pear contains 5.5 grams of fiber, while larger ones provide around 7 grams. For reference, women should try to get at least 25 grams of fiber; men should aim for at least 38.
2. All pears contain flavonoids, which may help decrease the risk of type 2 diabetes. And red pears contain an additional compound called anthocyanin, which promotes heart health and anti-aging.
3. Pears are rich in antioxidants and vitamin C that can be beneficial for the immune system.
4. Pears are a good way to get more potassium, which can have a significant impact on heart health.
5. One medium pear provides 12 percent of your daily dose of vitamin C.

6. Pears are about 84 percent water-coupled with the high amount of fiber they contain, this helps keep your digestive system healthy.
7. There are few fruits juicier and sweeter than a fully ripened pear. Use them in baked goods, on oatmeal or yogurt, or to make sauces and salads. They're particularly nice when paired with a strong-flavored cheese and drizzled with honey.

If pears are hard when you purchase them, store them in a paper bag at room temperature. The bag traps ethylene gas-which is naturally produced by pears-and speeds up the ripening process. Once pears are ripe, store them in the refrigerator to slow down the ripening process.

Learn more about pears and find recipes at Hy-Vee.com/recipes-ideas. ■

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MANO A' MANO

BY BOB GELMS

One of the exciting parts of Christmas for me is the fact that my whole family feeds the book monster in me. There are always two or three books under the tree. Today's book could be a holiday present to you or to the reader in your life.

I recently acquired *The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway*. The so called Finca Vigia Edition which refers to the land and house Ernest Hemingway bought in Cuba. It was there that he wrote the first 49 stories published in magazines and then in hard cover. Those stories are stunning. EH, in my opinion, was a much better short story writer than a novelist, with the notable exception of the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.

You have to remember how popular EH and his sometimes pal, F. Scott Fitzgerald, were in the 1920s and '30s. It has been written that Fitzgerald sometimes commanded \$4,000 per story (which is more than my granddad made in a year back then). And a Hemingway story about to be published in *Cosmopolitan* had the magazine's print run top out at five million copies which sold out in two days. As the literary rock stars of the day, these guys had a mano a' mano, love-hate relationship.

Put *The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway* on your list for that reader in your life. The stories are very enjoyable without having to try to read meaning into them. However, it's not possible to miss Papa's attitude toward women. The women in these stories are manipulative, phony gold diggers and, in the story that kicks off the book, *The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber*, possibly murderous.

Francis' life, in a way, was as short as it gets. Happy??? Well, I'm in the camp that says he was. He

became for a painfully short time, a man who literally takes on dangerous African big game, looks them straight in the eye, and stands his ground. Do you think his wife killed Francis on purpose or was it an accident as she was trying to save his life? Great stuff!

The third offering in the book, *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, is, to my mind, the most famous Hemingway story. By acclimation, it's on the short list of his stories in the Nobel Prize area. It starts out with mysteries about the frozen body of a leopard near the summit, where we meet Harry and Helen. Harry has gangrene, is out of sorts and also happens to be dying.

Harry's character could have easily been ripped out of *Ulysses* by James Joyce, another contemporary of Hemingway. Harry is a failed writer and has many thoughts on the subject. We get to know him very intimately through the use of stream-of-consciousness, a literary technique perfected to a spectacular degree by Joyce in his masterwork.

I have always been uncertain of one thing in *Kilimanjaro*. Most people think Harry and Helen are married. I don't. I think she is Harry's companion. Are there any opinions out there? This is a quite powerful story and has been dissected and eviscerated in American Lit classes for 80 years.

Joyce and Hemingway palled around the left bank in Paris when they both lived there in the 1920s. They drank heavily and Joyce's wife to be, Nora, thought Hemingway was a bad influence on her poor Jim. Well, he was! But that didn't interfere with Joyce's literary opinion. He was quoted as saying, "Hemingway has reduced the veil

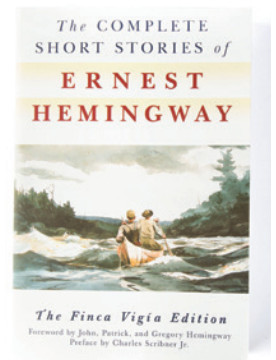
between literature and life... *A Clean Well-Lighted Place*... is one of the best short stories ever written."

A Clean Well-Lighted Place is not only a tour-de-force but also my favorite Hemingway story. He creates this magic in just four pages. Another famous writer who thought highly of the story, Hemingway himself, said this was HIS favorite story. Now, that's an endorsement.

A small café late at night. One patron drinking brandy. Two waiters talking about the old man. The youngest waiter overfills the glass. He wants the old man to leave so he can go home to his wife. When the old man drinks it down and asks for another, the young waiter says the place is closed and sends him on his way. The story is in the conversation the two waiters are having about their lot in life, the older one musing that for some people it is important, for a moment of happiness, to have a clean, well-lighted place to go to spend some time.

This story is a 900-pound gorilla who is exceptionally busy. It is packed to the bursting point. Every time I read it, I get a little more out of it.

Wrap up *The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway* and give it to someone you love for the holidays. This book is filled with amazing tales and it has one great advantage as a gift. When the reader in your life shakes the package to try to figure out what's inside, it doesn't make any noise. ■



VULTURE AND HUMMINGBIRD

BY MATT BOOTH

Is it possible for two people in the same circumstance to see it completely differently? Can one person see the positive and one person see the negative? The positive and negative are both there, often side by side. The attitude that you have is not a lizard brain instinct; it is a choice. Nobody chooses your attitude for you. Nobody controls what you think. You determine what you look for in this world. You decide how you will react to the world.

It can be easy for me to lose my cool when flights get delayed; when I'm stuck in traffic; picking up our kids from school (why is that such a mess?); or in the longest, slowest line at the grocery store. There are certain times and events that tend to bring out the worst in each of us. Positive psychology researcher Shawn Achor tells us that 90 percent of our long-term happiness is predicted not by the world around us, but by how our brain processes the world around us. In other words, if we choose to see the world as out to get us, then that is how we will experience it. The flip-side of that is also true: if we choose to see the world as a generally positive, supportive place, then that is how we will experience it. Keyword "choose".

Vultures and hummingbirds don't have the ability to choose. They each fly over the same land and coexist in the same areas. Vultures fly over the landscape looking for the dead carcasses that they feed on. They have incredible eyesight and can spot a dead animal from miles away. Hummingbirds fly over the same landscape looking for the flowers that they feed on. Hummingbirds are attracted by the bright colors and consume the sweet nectar inside the flower. Vultures fly over flowers and hummingbirds fly over dead animals, but they only notice what they're looking for.

We are not much different. If you fly around looking for dead smelly stuff,

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A common sense approach to a **positive attitude**

you'll find it. If you are looking for gossip, bad news, negativity, gloom and doom, you will find them. However, if you're looking for sweet nectar, you'll find it. If you are looking for exciting, positive, joyful experiences, you will find them. One looks for decaying stuff and one looks for sweet nectar. The decaying stuff and the sweet nectar are both there, often side by side. As it is with the vulture and hummingbird, so it is with us. As we fly over our personal and professional landscape, we're looking for something to feed us. The vulture and the hummingbird don't have a choice on what they look for. We do have a choice. We choose what we look for to feed on—life or death, failures or successes; the negative or the positive.

What you choose to look for significantly determines your circumstances. What you choose to look for will change the world around you. This isn't a secret or any sort of magic; it is just how the world works. Nobody else can force you to be grumpy. Nobody else can force you to be in a good mood. The attitude that you have is determined by choices you make repeatedly each day.

What are you looking for? The rotting meat or the beautiful flowers? The ugliness and beauty, positive and negative are both there, side by side. What you are looking for is what you're likely to find and that is what fuels you. What are you going to be, a vulture or a hummingbird? It's your choice! ■

"Consistently make others look good and you'll look good." — Matt Booth

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TIS THE SEASON

BY DR. WILLIAM KUTTLER, D.D.S., KUTTLER DENTAL TEAM



As teeth chatter in the arriving cold weather, we see more smiles as people prepare for the Holiday season. It doesn't seem to matter what your religion (or lack there-of) is, almost everyone seems to get into the joy of celebrating at this time of the year. Although we live in turbulent times, that doesn't seem to stop most of us from expressing gratitude and joy.

Want a brighter smile? See your dentist. Want to prevent teeth from shattering due to the chattering? See your dentist. Want to make a New Year's resolution revolving around better health? Make an appointment with your dentist. She or he, and the team of professionals they work with, can help you in many important ways. So with that, I've done my "job" of promoting dental health and services in this column—on to more fun stuff!

One of the things I'm most grateful for is that over 40 years ago I decided that I wanted to be a dentist. As a result of that decision, off I went to college and dental school, because just like Hermie the Elf, I knew that's what I wanted to do. While lots of things turned out differently than I expected, I'm still joy filled and delighted that I made that choice way back then. I, and the wonderful team I work with, get to help people every day. What an honor and a privilege that people trust us and then thank us when we've done for them what we really love doing!

So what fills your heart with joy? I hope you'll pause in the midst of this busy and crazy time of the year to consider that question. Then, when you've come up with some answers, do MORE of it! Maybe even LOTS more of it! Partly because you deserve it, but perhaps even more than that, I notice that when

people I'm around are filled with joy, everyone around them is more joyful as well. What a great way to give gifts that don't even cost a dime.

Smiles are free! Hugs are free! Kindness is almost always free! Maybe many of us want to receive something material for Christmas, especially kids, but usually a lot less is expected than what is received. I remember as a kid often having more fun playing with the boxes that the gifts came in than the gifts themselves. Spending time with people who maybe don't have family near them might be the best gift you give OR receive all year long. I know that when I've done that, I almost always walk away feeling better than when I arrived.

The "Santa Spirit" really IS alive! Probably the greatest gift given by Santa, or any of us, is to really listen to each other. (Something I'm still working at learning...)

We have a box in our office collecting for Toys for Tots. Yes, buying something to put in that box does cost some money, but I also believe it helps those kids feel a little love and joy that maybe they wouldn't have felt otherwise. That can bring joy as well to those of us who contribute. Thanks to Bryce Parks and all of the volunteers who help him make that happen every year in Dubuque—they are gifts to so many!

So PLEASE have a joy-filled holiday, no matter what your spiritual beliefs are. I only hope part of your belief system includes Peace on Earth and Good Will to all Men, Women, and Children! I hope everyone reading this has many reasons to smile this season, and a blessed 2018! ■



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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

General Bob is out and about. Do you know where he's at?



Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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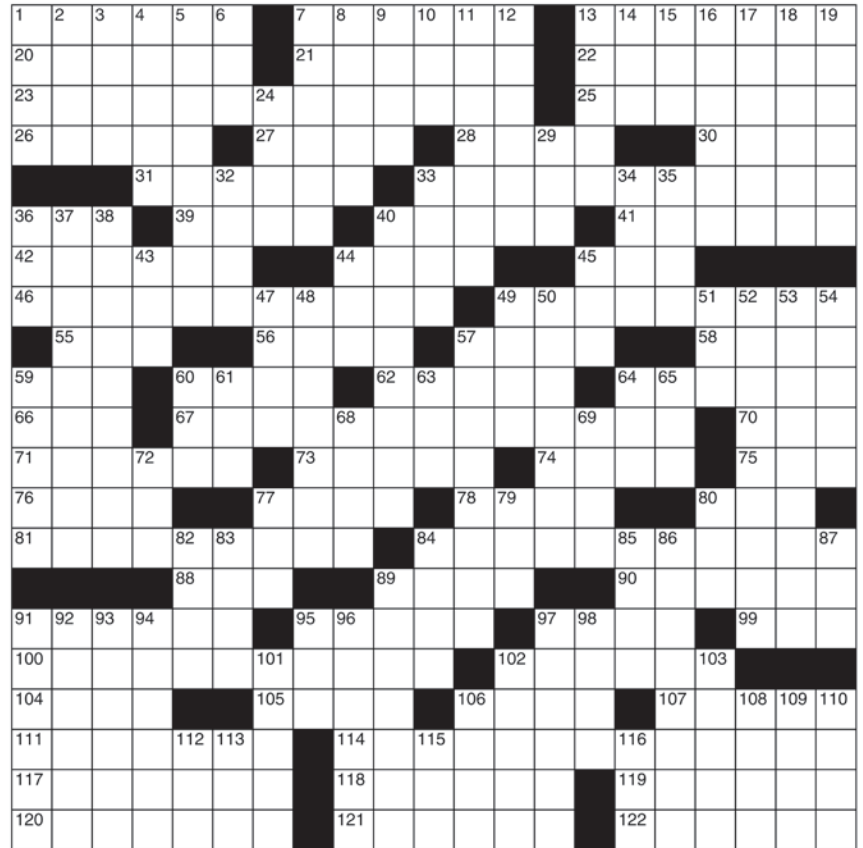
PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

FAMOUS FOODIES

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- 1 Withdraw
- 7 Second-rate
- 13 Mexican meat dishes
- 20 Pro speaker
- 21 Start of a pirate chant
- 22 Minimal cash
- 23 Actor Kevin from Quebec?
- 25 Marsh gas, mainly
- 26 William who created Shrek
- 27 Lettuce type
- 28 Fierce wind
- 30 At any point
- 31 Willied gift
- 33 Astronaut Alan clearing hurdles?
- 36 It's scanned in a store, for short
- 39 "Blasted!"
- 40 Discontinued iPods
- 41 Restitution
- 42 "The Taking of — One Two Three" (1974 film)
- 44 Tie-ons for messy food
- 45 See 64-Across
- 46irate novelist Anne?
- 49 Lull comedian John to sleep?
- 55 Vast span
- 56 Per piece
- 57 City on Interstate 80
- 58 Original "Star Trek" captain
- 59 French artist Jean
- 60 Rye husk
- 62 Kagan on the Supreme Court
- 64 With 45-Across, the 1980s, politically
- 66 Gene stuff
- 67 Bewilder justice Warren?
- 70 Med. service
- 71 Sniff out
- 73 French artist Dufy
- 74 Healing balm
- 75 Fancy shooting marble
- 76 Slips a cog
- 77 Outfielder Ty
- 78 Author Sarah — Jewett
- 80 Key on a PC
- 81 Honor essayist Charles with jesting insults?
- 84 Singer Fiona behaving very badly?
- 88 Pilfer from
- 89 Fruit such as a pear
- 90 Enthusiastic French assent
- 91 Long, thin cigar
- 95 Even trades
- 97 Blast noise
- 99 Aired of "Conan"
- 100 Newswoman Ann being a coward?
- 102 Special Arctic light
- 104 One-named "Smooth Operator" singer



105 Met highlight

106 "It's —!" ("That's evil!")

107 Take on the role of

111 Thick-skinned fruits

114 Baseballer Mike with chicken pox?

117 Turned-up facial feature

118 United, with "up"

119 South Dakota city

120 Form-fitting swimwear

121 Litters about

122 Pants part

DOWN

1 Birds of fable

2 Part of QED

3 Support stick

4 Virtual sales

5 Longtime pickup model

6 "— tu" (Verdi 105-Across)

7 Jaded sorts

8 Foyer

9 Moby Dick's hunter

10 Pt. of SPCA

11 Japanese chiefs of old

12 Longtime cleanser brand

13 Actress Marisa

14 Hex ender?

15 Ran into

16 "Arrow of God" novelist

17 Yeast, e.g.

18 Set of nine

19 Boat backs

24 Blind as —

29 Old hi-fi buys

32 Tennis unit

33 Be in sync

34 Stoolie, to Brits

35 Former car-financing co.

36 Happy times

37 Grammy-winning jazz/pop pianist

38 Nile queen

40 Heineken alternative

43 Solo in sci-fi

44 Paper Mate alternative

45 Prefix with chic

47 Heedless

48 Fled

49 Contact lens care brand

50 Sounding off

51 Alias letters

52 Disco, e.g.

53 School theater group

54 "Catch my drift?"

57 Flowers again

59 Deadly viper

60 U.K. media giant

61 Tire catcher

63 "— Grant"

64 Classic auto

65 'Fore

68 Common rhyme scheme

69 Exultant joy

72 -ette relative

77 Hack's auto

79 Blvd., e.g.

80 Prefix with dermis

82 Small band

83 MGM mogul Marcus

84 Long, strong and fibrous

85 Taboo

86 Baked with a cheese topping

87 "— for Evidence" (Sue Grafton book)

89 Rampart part

91 PC admin people

92 Get misty-eyed

93 "Ripe" period

94 Actress Headly

95 South, in Lima

96 Bracelet holders

97 Assembles

98 Composer Thomas

101 Cartons

102 Cockeyed

103 Ranch units

106 Tiptop

108 Ripped

109 Halo, for one

110 Flower part

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Family Page

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot 10 differences between these two photos? Answers on page 34.



UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Toddler Tuesday “M is for Mississippi River”

9–10 AM & 10:30–11:30 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
The River Museum’s Toddler Tuesday program is open to children ages 2–4 and a care-giver each month from September to April. Programs include a variety of hands-on and active activities, including a craft and a game. Advanced registration is encouraged, as space is limited. \$5. **563-557-9545 x212.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Baby & Me Tours

9–9:30 AM @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART
Babies and their caregivers are welcome to participate in a 30-minute tour of the Museum exhibitions, focused on shapes, colors and textures. Baby and Me tours are offered every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Advance registration required. **563-557-1851.**

Young At Art

2–2:45 PM @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, toddlers ages 3–5, accompanied by a parent or grandparent, are invited to the Museum to enjoy a merry and messy time creating art. Please come dressed to get messy! All supplies are furnished. \$3. **563-557-1851. mbuhr@dbqart.com.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13



L&MOP Concert Series: Julien Chamber Winds

10–10:30 AM
@ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
The “L. & M. O. P.” concert series is offered for preschool children and their families. Children will leave each concert with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop to enjoy! This series is sponsored by the Northeast Iowa School of Music. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

CREATIVE ADVENTURE LAB EVENTS



Adventure Day - Legos & Pottery

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:30 AM–3:30 PM @ CREATIVE ADVENTURE LAB
Adventure Days (designed for ages 6–12) occur on select days when Dubuque Community Schools are not in session. The day includes two different guided learning topics, as well as opportunities for your child to freely explore our Adventure Labs, all supervised by our engaging and fun staff. Your child will design, build, test, and explore several new ideas using a wide variety of materials, all in a single day. \$65. 210 Jones St. **563-607-5366.**
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Last Day to Paint Pottery Gifts In Time for Christmas!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
Creative Adventure Lab’s impressive pottery selection make for hands-on and creative gift-giving options year after year. To ensure your pottery gifts make it out of the kiln in time for Christmas this year, all pieces will need to be painted by Thursday, Dec. 21. **563-607-5366.**

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— CELEBRATION —

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Gwen Werner's Good Advice



DEAR GWEN,

I'm trying to juggle the family Christmas gatherings. With my husband's family and my family, there are four Christmases in a day and a half. Too many Christmases! At what point do I get to say no? I'd like to have a little Christmas with my family on Monday morning and do very little else. How do I make this happen?
—Yours truly, HO HO NO

DEAR HO HO NO,

Christmas is about complimenting your aunt's sweater even though you're breathing her vodka breath and your kid is screaming in your ear. Christmas is about three generations of women with similar facial structures micromanaging each other in the process of making too much food for too many people. Christmas is about your kid daring another kid to swallow an archaic tinker-type toy in Grandma's basement while every adult watches TV. It's about buying stuff bland enough to please your extended family, big enough so as to not make you look cheap, wrapping it begrudgingly, and giving it phonily. It's about carefully hopping from one tame topic to another in hopes you will not enrage yourself or others by accidentally wading into politics (oops!) or religion (oh my!). It's about loosening your grip on your personality so as to fade into the wallpaper of everyone's grandma's house—be opinionless, be wide-eyed and dopey until everyone is satisfied. Yes, buying a new furnace is a racket, Uncle Ted! Embroidery is the most rewarding handcraft, Gran! Christmas is about nodding your damn head and biting your damn tongue.

You're not getting out of this. Because none of us get out of this. Play Greensleeves on the piano until your eyes bleed.
—xoxo Gwen

DEAR GWEN,

My daughter has a solo in her school holiday program. She's nervous. I'm trying to keep a level head, but I'm so anxious for her, I could implode! What if she forgets the words?! What if she freezes?! What if I drop the camcorder and miss the whole thing?
—Sincerely, Fa La La La Mama

DEAR FA LA LA LA MAMA,

Well at least she comes by her paralyzing fear honestly! First things first: can you both get out of going altogether? My suggestion would be to learn how to spin your heads all the way around whilst projectile vomiting a la sweet Regan from the *Exorcist*, but in tandem. Puking in tandem forever.

If you can't coordinate synchronized demonic barfing, Momma Rose her! Tell her the family dog is dead and maybe you'll elicit the best dramatic performance of the night. Your morals will be questionable, but hey, Momma Rose was a tyrannical stage mom, somehow worse than those moms who make their kids wear fake teeth in pageants, but she had a couple really talented kids.

Maybe create an elaborate distraction for the moment she starts to sing. Bring a marching band in the back door. Hire someone to do a bunch of flips! Start a fight with the mom behind you! Light yourself on fire and self-immolate in the name of childhood panic and Christmas music!

Whatever you do, don't encourage her and keep your fear under wraps. Something terrible might happen.
—xoxo Gwen

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