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**DECEMBER 1**

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

The holidays are here, and we definitely have things to celebrate since the last issue of *365ink*. : )

You know, like Thanksgiving (albeit alone) and soon... Christmas (hopefully not alone). What did you think I was referring to?

If you read regularly, you know that I'm the jolly fat man who brings toys to thousands of kids every Christmas across the Tri-States, and since it's already Thanksgiving, I am officially up to my eyeballs in holiday... um... cheer.

Of all the things I thought would be a problem with getting toys to 5,000 kids, I never thought actually giving the toys away would be the issue, but here we are in 2020! Joy! Two of my biggest distribution partners had to cancel their distributions this year because of the threat of COVID-19 exposure. So a month out, we were wondering how we connect those 600-800 kids to the toys we were planning to give them.

The answer was to gather the minds of Dubuquers who have a vested interest in solving this problem and do just that. Enter my first real Zoom meeting of 2020. Okay, I called into a couple, but this is the first one I actually proactively organized. And by organized, I mean I was hoping it would work when I tried to invite people 15 minutes before the meeting. Thankfully, Danielle from the United Way offered to setup the meeting invite in advance so I once again dodged having to learn how to do that.

Within 45 minutes, we had a plan. A huge thank you to Beth McGorry and St. Mark Youth Enrichment, Randy Rennison at Veterans Affairs, Jacqueline Hunter at the Multicultural Family Center, Danielle Peterson from United Way, and Beverly Maas from HACAP for helping save Christmas for so many kids.

Despite being Santa in the Dubuque area for 12 years, I've never actually helped organize an actual distribution event unless you count the kids party at Five Flags. But that was just a big party where everyone got the same thing... and lot of cookies. THIS IS HARD. It's not just giving out toys; it's a crazy scheduling nightmare where you help hundreds of families without all of them coming in at the same time. After all, we can't have more than, what is it, 15 people in a room at a time? Whoa boy. This is going to be interesting. But we got it. Already, every person or company I asked to chip in to make it work has said yes without hesitation. THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN DUBUQUE! THANK YOU!

So, now that smart people are helping me with that, I can go back to just fundraising, buying, collecting, sorting, packing, and delivering 15,000 toys in the next three weeks. Piece of cake! Hold my beer!

Just last week I hosted my annual Facebook Silent Auction for Toys For Tots. Over the years, we have grown from \$7,000 to \$15,000, to an amazing \$21,000 last year. We made a LOT of money auctioning off concert and theater tickets packaged with great local dinners thanks to a lot of crazy generous partners who run those venues. Then coronavirus happened. And they took a hit. A devastating hit. So this year's auction was not going to have a huge

slate of theater tickets. Like, no theater tickets... at all. Ugh. This was going to be rough.

I thought if we expanded the auction to include some quality pre-owned items donated by Dubuquers we just might clear \$10,000 this year. Well, a lot of emails and phone calls later... and generosity far beyond what I thought we would see in 2020, something crazy happened. We did AWESOME with the auction. We didn't just beat my \$10,000 goal; we beat last year's \$21,000 haul by a couple hundreds bucks. And here's how great Dubuquers are: when people paid for their items, we got a LOT of people rounding up to the nearest \$10, \$50, or \$100 level. So we will exceed \$22,000 when all is said and done.

The ugly side of the auction is, now that we are in the full swing of toy season, I'm also trying to fulfill these auction packages. In one day, I sent toys out to two agencies, picked up five pallets of toys from Tomy Toys in Dyersville, IA using the awesome Runde Auto Group Community Support box truck, I delivered an auction air hockey table, and picked up a donated used snow blower (that got sold for \$500) to give to the winner later. I make multitasking look like a walk in the park. Note: I also managed to knock out this issue of *365ink* in the same week.

Of course, knocking out this issue and connecting so many auction winners with their loot could not have happened without Kristina keeping the ship afloat at *365ink* while I play with toys. Someone should really buy her something nice.

So in the next few days we will attempt to safely Black Friday shop at a couple select Dubuque retailers and sort those toys with only 10 masked people, spaced out in the toy warehouse. That's instead of an army of 50 doing the job in two hours. On Dec. 5, we will be outside at Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto stuffing the truck with toys. We've been doing that for 12 years, and who knew that the safe social-distancing nature of the event would one day make sense, since we have frozen our butts off many, many times for this cause. And I think there will still be a Teddy Bear Toss for Toys For Tots at a Saints game, but it might come later in the season, and then we'll have all the plush toys we'll need for 2021 already in the bag. Like 200 bags. Glad lawn and leaf bags to be exact.

So, I KNOW you were wondering how you can help out. Hey, glad you asked. This is easy. When you are out buying toys for other kids this year, buy one more for our kids and put it in a Toys For Tots box. There are boxes all over town, but if you can't find one, we suggest Theisen's, Steve's Ace, Hartig Drug, or Dollar General. And if you ain't leaving the house until there is a COVID vaccine, you can go online to [ToysForTots.org](http://ToysForTots.org), take a few seconds for **FIND THE DUBUQUE PAGE** on the site, and make a tax-deductible cash donation to our program. We would really appreciate it.

And, because a few people have asked, I'm happy to say that this is the first holiday season in two years that I don't have cancer. So when I spend January in bed, it's because I earned it, not because I'm recovering from having organs removed! That's enough to be thankful for right there. But I'll still take a pecan pie or a cheesecake if anyone's offering.

Happy Holidays to you and yours from all of us at *365ink*. ■





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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 8 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

The Five Flags Center will be adding laughs to the Thanksgiving menu this year with *Turkey Night Comedy* in the historic Five Flags Theater on Wednesday, Nov. 25, the night before Thanksgiving, at 8 p.m.

Nathan Timmel is a stand-up comedy veteran, masterful storyteller, and headliner with more than a decade of experience behind the mic. Nathan finds the absurdity in everything from making babies to overcrowded prisons, creating comedy that's intelligent, fun, and engaging (with a sprinkling of raucousness).

Doug's comedy incorporates impressions, parenting, and marriage. He

was the supporting act for a nationwide theater tour with the stars of the *Impractical Jokers* television show.

Dubuque native AnnaRose was the first and only female hypnotist to headline a show on the Las Vegas strip when she booked a residency at the Paris Hotel and Casino. Her show mixes hypnosis, mentalism, and comedy for a truly unique entertainment experience. She will serve as the show's host/MC

Tickets are \$15, and the spaced-out seating is general admission. Purchase tickets at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com). For more information, call 563-589-4254 or visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](https://www.FiveFlagsCenter.com). ■



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NOVEMBER 27 AND 28 @ 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 29 @ 2 PM

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Kick off the Christmas season right with the Grand Opera House and three of your favorite Christmas stories. *Christmas Treasures* takes the stage on Nov. 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.

*Christmas Treasures* takes you into the fictional radio station KGOH, the Grand's very own 1940s temporary radio station. A small cast of talented actors, Foley artists, and a piano player bring *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *A Child's Christmas In Wales*, and *A Christmas Carol* to life. You can enjoy the performance from one of our limited seating options in the theater or like it would have been enjoyed in the 1940s—from the comfort of home.



The Grand Opera House is offering limited socially distanced seating. Masks are required at all times. All three performances can also be streamed live for 24 hours from the performance start time.

Tickets for the theater performance are \$23 for adults and \$15 for children under 18. Streaming tickets are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for groups. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling 563-588-1305, or at [TheGrandOperaHouse.com](https://www.TheGrandOperaHouse.com). ■

## DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS HOCKEY

VS UTDP U17: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 @ 7:05 PM

VS CHICAGO: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 7:05 PM

VS WATERLOO: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 7:05 PM

VS MUSKEGON: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 7:05 PM

VS MUSKEGON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 7:05 PM

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The Saints take on the UTDP U17 on Nov. 28 followed by a bout with Chicago Steel on Dec. 4. The Waterloo Black Hawks head to Our House on Dec. 5 for the 11th Annual Teddy Bear Toss to benefit Toys for Tots. Bring a teddy bear or stuffed animal to throw on the rink for

children in need. Then, the Muskegon Lumberjacks prep for back-to-back games on Dec. 11 and 12 before the Saints hit the road for a couple of weeks.

Read the full article on page 16. For tickets, the full schedule, and more information, visit [DubuqueFightingSaints.com](https://www.DubuqueFightingSaints.com). ■





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# STUFF THE TRUCK FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 8 AM-5 PM

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The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Theisen's Stuff the Truck event to benefit Marine Corps Toys For Tots returns Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to Theisen's in Dubuque. Radio Dubuque will supercast live at the Dubuque Theisen's while shoppers take advantage of the annual toy sale. Bag your own great deals or donate a new toy to Toys For Tots. You can also bring in a new toy or cash and donate it at the event.

Santa will pop-in during the day to greet kids from a safe distance and distribute candy canes. There will be no photo-ops with Santa this year. Marine Corps League veterans are scheduled to join the fun as well.

Every year since 1946, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Programs has brought the hope and joy of the holiday season to millions of children and families across America, and Dubuque is once again proud to be a strong part of that effort, recognized

annually as one of the top performing local campaigns in America among more than 800 sites. And Theisen's is the single largest local supporter of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Program.

Keep an eye out in your favorite local retailers for official Toys For Tots donation bins. Locally, Toys For Tots serves children and families through partnerships with the many agencies that serve those families year round, even amid the difficulties presented by COVID-19 and the associated protocols.

The largest single-day fundraiser for the Dubuque Toys For Tots, the event regularly brings in about \$10,000 in toys and cash for local youngsters. The goal is to fully support the needs of nearly 5,000 children in Dubuque County, IA; Clayton County, IA; Grant County, WI; and Jo Daviess County, IL.



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## FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 7 PM  
ONLINE

Clarke University's annual *For a Blessed Christmas* program is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. This virtual program was recorded in Clarke University's Sacred Heart Chapel throughout the fall semester. *For a Blessed Christmas* is a touching portrayal of the Christmas story through music and biblical narrative.

This year's program includes performances by the Clarke Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Rob Stull, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Activities; the Clarke Collegiate Singers under the direction of Dr. Amanda Huntleigh, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities; and a vocal solo by Dr. Joshua D. Glasner, Assistant Professor of Voice. Clarke University ensembles are accompanied by Anthony Capparelli, Instructor of Music and Collaborative Pianist. The featured soloist this year is Clarke University Instructor of Guitar, Marcus DeJesus '14.

Marcus DeJesus is a guitarist originally from Brazil and professor of guitar at Clarke University and Loras College. In addition, Marcus is the music director at Chavez Elementary School in Madison, WI. In the spring of 2016, he finished a master's degree in guitar performance from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale, IL) and in the spring of 2014, a Bachelor of Arts in music performance from Clarke University. As a performer, DeJesus has collaborated with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra,



Southern Illinois Symphony, Larry Busch Big Band, The Mistletones, Handphibians Samba, Hunter Fuerte Vintage Jazz Orchestra, and many other ensembles. In addition, he regularly tours around Brazil as a guitar performer and educator. In the fall of 2019 DeJesus released his first solo guitar album called *Retratos*, which combines a variety of styles: from Bach to Bachianinha; from Choro to Bossa Nova. In May of 2018, his ensemble the Blu Flame Duo, released the album *Just Jazz* in partnership with another Clarke alumnus, Brian Eiffes. The work includes original compositions by Eiffes, jazz standards of yesteryear, and some modern originals reminiscent of the styles of the crooner era.

*For a Blessed Christmas* musical selections will include works by Steven Bryant, Giovanni Gabrieli, Alf Houkom, Francisco Nuñez, Astor Piazzola, Francisco Tarrego, and Antonio Vivaldi, as well as familiar Christmas carols.

This program is available free on or after Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at [clarke.edu/forablessedchristmas](http://clarke.edu/forablessedchristmas). ■





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# *12 Days of* CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATING THE SEASON AT HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE

<p>MONDAY</p> <p>CYBER MONDAY</p> <p>GIFT CERTIFICATE SALE</p> <p>November 30</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>LIGHT UP OUR PAGE CHALLENGE</p> <p>SHARE A PHOTO OF YOUR TREE TO ENTER!</p> <p>December 2</p>	<p>FRIDAY - THURSDAY</p> <p>GINGER-BREAD HOUSE LAND EXHIBIT</p> <p>AVERY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER</p> <p>December 4-10</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DRIVE-IN</p> <p>8 AM - 11 AM</p> <p>December 5</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p>December 8</p>	<p>THURSDAY-MONDAY</p> <p>HOLIDAY DISTILLERY</p> <p>RIVERBOAT LOUNGE</p> <p>December 10-14</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>LADIES' LUNCHEON</p> <p>AND FASHION SHOW AT CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT</p> <p>December 17</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>HOLIDAY SWEATER DINNER</p> <p>AT CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT</p> <p>December 19</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY DINNER</p> <p>PRIME RIB TO-GO</p> <p>December 24</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>CHRISTMAS MORNING HOT COCOA</p> <p>December 25</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>CHRISTMAS BRUNCH</p> <p>READY FOR PICK-UP!</p> <p>December 25</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE STAY-CATION</p> <p>December 31</p>

FOR FULL DETAILS, VISIT: [HOTELJULIENDUBUQUE.COM/EVENT/12-DAYS-OF-CHRISTMAS/](https://HOTELJULIENDUBUQUE.COM/EVENT/12-DAYS-OF-CHRISTMAS/)  
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**ONLINE**

Grammy-nominated songwriter and piano sensation Jim Brickman presents *Comfort & Joy at Home*, a unique virtual concert experience from the comfort of home on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Brickman will bring the live concert experience up close and personal by blending yuletide memories and holiday carols with his own hit songs such as "The Gift," "Sending You A Little Christmas," "Angel Eyes," and "If You Believe." Brickman will warm the hearts of all as sweet sounds of faith and love make spirits bright, bringing families and friends together virtually for anything but a silent night.

Heritage Center's audience members will enjoy the one-of-a-kind performance with an audience from the Von Braun Center in Huntsville,



Alabama, bringing patrons from across the country together virtually.

Brickman is the best-selling solo pianist of this era, earning 22 No. 1 albums and 33 Top 20 Billboard singles. He has garnered two Grammy nominations, gospel music's Dove Award, two SESAC Songwriter of the Year Awards, and the Canadian Country Music Award.

A portion of each ticket purchased to this live event will benefit the University of Dubuque Heritage Center. Three ticket packages are available and start at \$40. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [JimBrickman.com](http://JimBrickman.com). ■



## I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

**FEATURING TONIC SOL-FA AND SHAUN JOHNSON & THE BIG BAND EXPERIENCE**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 7:30 PM**  
**ONLINE**

Shaun Johnson hosts *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, a never before seen virtual concert special filmed as much more than a livestream. Celebrate the holidays with University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

For two decades, performance venues throughout the Midwest have hosted Tonic Sol-fa's sold-out holiday shows. While the pandemic has shuttered many in-person events, this high-energy vocal group is not sitting still.

The show features the Emmy-winning vocals of Tonic Sol-fa as well as the manic energy of a Top 5 Billboard artist with Shaun Johnson & the Big Band Experience. The 60-minute virtual event includes special guests; new songs from an unreleased, upcoming album; a live chat; and an interactive Q&A.

Tonic Sol-fa is a ground-breaking a cappella ensemble from Minnesota. It

stands as one of the leading forces in the world of vocal music with Emmy-winning arrangements and multi-million selling compositions. Ensemble members include lead vocalist Shaun Johnson, tenor and vocal percussionist Greg Bannwarth, baritone and percussionist/vocal percussionist Theo Brown, and bass Jared Dove.

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A portion of each ticket purchased will benefit the Heritage Center. Tickets for digital access are "pay what you can" starting at a suggested \$10 per household. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [tonic-sol-fa.myshopify.com](http://tonic-sol-fa.myshopify.com). ■



TUE 11/24



### Meet Author Erika Billerbeck

6 PM @ ONLINE

Join Carnegie-Stout Public Library for a virtual event with Erika Billerbeck, author of *Wildland Sentinel: Field Notes from an Iowa Conservation Officer*. In *Wildland Sentinel*, Billerbeck takes readers along for the ride as she and her colleagues sort through tangled investigations, respond to natural disasters, haul drunks to jail, and encounter memorable characters; all while maintaining a sense of hope for Iowa's remaining wild places and the people who use them. She also touches on what it means to be a woman working in the male-dominated field of conservation law enforcement. Erika Billerbeck is a wife, mother,

conservation officer, and author from Solon, IA. Billerbeck has previously written the "Warden's Diary" column in *Iowa Outdoors Magazine*. *Wildland Sentinel: Field Notes from an Iowa Conservation Officer* is her first book. RSVP required. [bit.ly/WildDBQ](http://bit.ly/WildDBQ).

THU 11/26



### East Dubuque Thanksgiving for People in Need

11 AM-3:30 PM @

EAST DUBUQUE, IL

Mike and his crew at The OtherSide plus many area businesses are providing free meals to East Dubuque residents who would like a free Thanksgiving dinner. No income restrictions; open to all. Call **815-747-9049** to reserve your meal.



### Reflections in the Park

5-10 PM @ LOUIS

MURPHY PARK

Nov. 26-Jan. 3. Drive through the park and enjoy the beauty of the twinkling lights this holiday. Plus, Santa will make a special appearance every Monday before Christmas from 5 to 8 p.m. Read the full article on page 18. \$10/car Door; \$8 advance at Hillcrest or DB&T. 1700 S Grandview Ave. **563-845-0378**. [hillcrest-fs.org](http://hillcrest-fs.org).

FRI 11/27

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Day After Thanksgiving Blood Drive

7:30 AM-1 PM @

KENNEDY MALL

All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need. Appointments strongly encouraged. **563-275-0597**. [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



### The Great Swiss Gnome Hunt

10 AM-2 PM @ SWISS

VALLEY NATURE

CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)

Every year Swiss Valley staff report sightings of tiny men in red hats hiding out in nooks and crannies along the trails of the preserve. Gnomes are known to be highly skilled wood workers and deeply care for nature may be why they are found here. Keep a safe physical distance of six feet or more from all gnomes, as well as other humans who are not a part of your group. Clues will be posted about their

location closer to the event. Sponsored by the Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board. Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd. **563-556-6745**. [facebook.com/swissvalleynyc](https://facebook.com/swissvalleynyc).

SUN 11/29



### Anna B. Lawther and Dubuque's Connection to the Fight for Women's Suffrage

2 PM @ ONLINE

The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution was adopted in 1920. Learn more about the local impact of this important milestone and the fight to make it a reality with Dr. Anderson-Bricker. RSVP required. **563-489-4225 x2224**. [dubuque.lib.ia.us](http://dubuque.lib.ia.us).

MON 11/30

### Your Birth: Beyond the Basics

6:30-8:30 PM @ STATERA

LOWER LEVEL

Nov. 30; Dec. 7 and 14. Work with your body, not against it, for a more comfortable, efficient birth. Includes one partner and all three sessions. \$125. 3375 Lake Ridge Dr. **563-207-8932**. [stateraintegrated.com](http://stateraintegrated.com).

TUE 12/1

### GivingTuesday

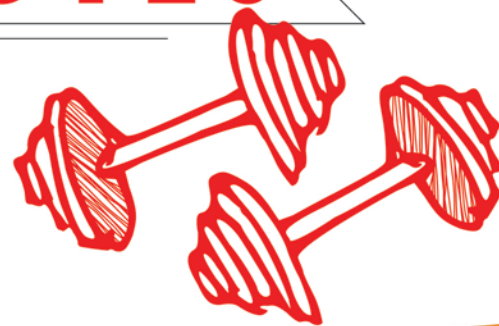
GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give.



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## TEXAS TENORS

### HOLIDAYS AND HITS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 8 PM**  
**FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)**

Chart-topping vocal group The Texas Tenors bring a *Holidays and Hits* concert to the Five Flags Center on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. The Texas Tenors have played to sold-out crowds during previous appearances in Dubuque.

The Texas Tenors formed in 2009 and quickly made a name for themselves, advancing to the Final Four of that year's season of NBC's *America's Got Talent*. They have since gone on to be the most successful music group among the acts that have appeared on the program. They were the only American group invited to return to *America's Got Talent* for its "The Champions" competition last year.

The Texas Tenors' holiday hits have wowed fans in recent years as well. The group released a holiday-specific album, *O Night Divine*, in 2013. Included on the



disc were traditional holiday favorites like "White Christmas," "Mary Did You Know," and "O Holy Night," as well as contemporary songs including "No Room at the Inn" and "Believe." The group has also released a holiday concert video, "Deep in the Heart of Christmas," which was recorded in Branson.

To help ensure physical distancing, only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$29-\$59 and can be purchased at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](http://FiveFlagsCenter.com).

*Note: We anticipate this show will be postponed until 2021, but tickets will be valid for the new date. Keep an eye on Five Flags Center's social media and website for more details.* ■

## MADDIE POPPE'S ACOUSTIC CHRISTMAS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 7:30 PM**  
**GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8<sup>TH</sup> ST)**

Join Maddie Poppe for an intimate night of music at the Grand Opera House. The Clarksville, IA native and Season 16 winner of ABC's *American Idol* is releasing a Christmas Album in November and touring Iowa with a stop at the Grand Opera House on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. *Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas* is presented at the Grand Opera House in partnership with The Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association.

Maddie fell in love with music at a young age, learning to play guitar, ukulele, and piano, and in 2016, Maddie released her self-produced debut album, *Songs from the Basement*. After years of performing locally in Iowa, she decided to audition for *American Idol* stealing America's hearts and was crowned the winner, giving the audience an emotional, overjoyed, and tear stained performance of her single, "Going Going Gone."

Since her *Idol* victory, Maddie has been in high demand appearing on multiple TV shows including *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Live! with Kelly & Ryan*, and the 2018 Radio Disney Music Awards, and performing at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Special Olympics, and CMA Fest in Nashville.



Maddie's sophomore album, *Whirlwind*, reached #2 on the iTunes Pop charts, and her hit single "Made You Miss" earned #19 on the Hot AC Radio charts. Her sentimental ballad "Not Losing You" swept radio charts as well.

Most recently, Maddie supported Ingrid Michaelson on The Dramatic Tour, an experience she calls a dream come true. Maddie's new album, *Christmas from Home*, was released in Nov. 2020 and can be found on Spotify.

Tickets for this event will be sold in groups of 2, 3, or 4. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in person at the box office or by calling **563-588-1305**. The box office will be open Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. A livestream option will be available for this concert at a later date.

Find the Grand's full calendar of events and more at [TheGrandOperaHouse.com](http://TheGrandOperaHouse.com). ■



## SAT 12/5

## Santa Day

10 AM-1 PM @ SHAKE RAG ALLEY (MINERAL POINT, WI)  
Santa will be on the Cabinet Shop porch for socially distanced photo ops with families at 10 a.m.-noon (\$10 per photo, RSVP required). Take-and-make holiday crafts and sweet treats will be available for all youth who register for photos. Masks and social distancing required. **608-987-3292**. [shakeragalley.org](http://shakeragalley.org).



## Mathias Ham Historic Site Holiday Tours

6 & 7 PM @ MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE  
Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Celebrate a Victorian Christmas with festive tours from costumed interpreters. Experience the Ham House by candlelight just as the Ham family would

have prior to the invention of electricity. Candlelight tours are offered for up to 12 individuals and are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 3-17. Members: \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 3-17. Private group day tours are offered on Saturdays and Sundays in December at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. for up to six individuals for \$40. Masks are required. RSVP required. 2241 Lincoln Ave. [rivermuseum.com/holidays](http://rivermuseum.com/holidays).

## Holiday Fire in the Sky

6:30 PM @ DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL  
Kick off the holiday season in downtown Galena and watch as the night sky comes alive with fireworks! They will start around 6:30 p.m. and go on rain or shine. The launch location will be Grant Park, but you will be able to view them from nearly anywhere in the downtown area. Free. **815-776-9200**. [facebook.com/GalenaDowntown](https://facebook.com/GalenaDowntown).

## GIT Improv

7:30 PM @ BELL TOWER THEATER

This award-winning improv troupe from the Quad Cities will bring their unique twist on improv to Dubuque. Watch as they create a new show right before your eyes based on suggestions from you and your fellow audience members. Masks required and seating is spaced for social distancing. All ages. \$20. 2728 Asbury Rd. **563-588-3377**. [belltowertheater.net](http://belltowertheater.net).

## Virtual Polar Plunge

ONLINE  
The Polar Plunge is a signature fundraiser for Special Olympics where individuals and organizations raise money to support Special Olympics Iowa by jumping into frigid water. This year you can celebrate Polar Plunge your own way and from the comforts of your home. Send your photos to Special Olympics Iowa and enter to win prizes! [soiowa.org](http://soiowa.org).

## WED 12/9

## Winter Writers Reading Series: Matt Blessing

7 PM @ ONLINE  
Matt Blessing, winner of the Council for Wisconsin Writers Kay W. Levin Short Non-fiction Award, is the author of "The inventions, though of little importance, opened all doors for me": John Muir's years as an inventor" in the Wisconsin Magazine of History. [shakeragalley.org/writers-reading-series](http://shakeragalley.org/writers-reading-series).

## The Healing Power of Music: Making Connections in Difficult Times

7-8 PM @ ONLINE  
Music has the power to lift the soul and gives courage in the face of difficult times. Facilitator Suzanne Holtz is the music therapist at Hospice of Dubuque and has a passion for helping people tell their stories using music. RSVP by Dec. 8. \$10. **608-748-4411**. [sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://sinsinawa.org/moundcenter).

## THU 12/10

## Chow Bella Book Group: Christmas Days

6 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE  
Chow Bella is a book group for foodies. Discuss *Christmas Days: 12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days* by Jeanette Winterson. 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391**. [riverlights.com](http://riverlights.com).

## FRI 12/11



## DSO LIVE from our Living Room: Alec Bowman

7-7:30 PM @ ONLINE  
The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra brings the symphony to your home with free live mini concerts. Donations are accepted. [DubuqueSymphony.org](http://DubuqueSymphony.org).

## SAT 12/12



## Around the Farm Table with Inga Witscher

2 PM @ ONLINE  
Carnegie-Stout Public Library and James Kennedy Public Library host a holiday-themed cooking demonstration with Inga Witscher. Inga is a Wisconsin dairy farmer and the host of the Wisconsin Public Television series *Around the Farm Table*. RSVP by Dec. 11. **563-589-4225**. [bit.ly/AroundFarmTable](http://bit.ly/AroundFarmTable).

## Driftless Poets Monthly Workshop

2-4 PM @ MINERAL POINT, WI  
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## PATRICK DEWANE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 7:30 PM  
ONLINE

University of Dubuque Heritage Center welcomes back actor Patrick Dewane on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Dewane performed his multimedia one-man show *The Accidental Hero* in fall 2017 at University of Dubuque Heritage Center. The performance brought to life archival material Dewane found in his late grandfather's basement. Dewane will return (virtually) to Heritage Center for an in-depth interview and performance of some excerpts from a sequel to *The Accidental Hero* that tells a WWII story set at Christmastime.

Streaming live on Facebook and Twitter @HeritageCTR, and YouTube @UDBQMedia. To request a direct



link to a Live(stream) with Heritage Center episode, call **563-589-3432**.

There is no fee to stream the program; however, Friends of Heritage Center donations are appreciated. For more information, visit **DBQ.edu/heritagecenter**. ■

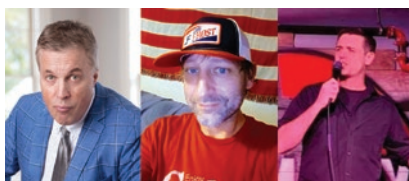
## VERLO PRESENTS HOLIDAY HA HA LIVE COMEDY

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 8 PM  
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

Three great comedians come together in the historic and now socially-distanced home for 2020 comedy in Dubuque, the Five Flags Theater. The show takes the stage on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.

Enjoy a night full of laughs from hilarious stand-up veterans Mike Mercury, Tim Sullivan, and Todd Baysinger. The evening is made possible by the generous support of Verlo Mattress Factory in Dubuque.



Tickets are just \$15, and the spaced-out seating is general admission. Get tickets in advance at the Five Flags Box Office or online at **FiveFlagsCenter.com** or **Ticketmaster.com**. ■

## THE 12 DATES OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 23 AND 25-27 @ 7:30 PM  
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8<sup>TH</sup> ST)

Celebrate the holidays with The Grand Opera House's annual Christmas show for the grownups. *The Twelve Dates of Christmas* by Ginna Hoben will have your belly shaking like a bowl full of jelly on Dec. 23, 25, 26, and 27 at 7:30 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day, Mary discovers that her fiancé is cheating on her when she catches him on national TV kissing another woman at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. She then must navigate a year's worth of hapless holidays and luckless romances amid the colorful characters that make up her family. This one women tour de force will star Megan Frankovich and will be directed by Sue Flogel.



The play contains adult language and themes and will be presented to a socially distanced live audience. Tickets are \$15 and go on sale Dec. 2. They can be purchased in person at the box office or by calling **563-588-1305**.

Find the Grand's full calendar of events and more at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■

SAT 12/12



Night of the Luminaria and Living Windows

2-9 PM @ DOWNTOWN  
GALENA, IL

From 2-5 p.m., watch store windows come alive with holiday-inspired animation Living Windows. Then from 4:30-9 p.m., enter a land of enchantment with more than 5,000 candlelit luminaries on streets, steps and sidewalks. From Main Street to the hills overlooking Grant Park, all of Galena will be glowing. Free. **815-776-9200**. **facebook.com/GalenaDowntown**.

Canadian Pacific  
Holiday Train at Home

7 PM @ ONLINE  
Join Serena Ryder, the Trews, JoJo Mason, Logan Staats and Kelly Prescott for the beloved Holiday Train experience at your home. The CP Holiday Train raises money for food banks across North America. **facebook.com/canadian.pacific**.

WED 12/16

Mystery & Mayhem  
Book Club: The Spellman Files

6 PM @ ONLINE  
The first book in this upbeat series follows Izzy Spellman and her work at her dysfunctional family's detective agency. Izzy's family doesn't understand the term "boundaries" and she's had it up to here. She decides to move on with her career, but first she takes on one last case... Ages 18+. RSVP required. **563-589-4225 x2235**. **dubuque.lib.ia.us**.

Winter Writers  
Reading Series: David Southward

7 PM @ ONLINE  
David Southward is a two-time winner of the Lorine Niedecker Prize from the Council for Wisconsin

Writers (2016, 2019) and the Muse Prize from the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets (2017; selected by Mark Doty). He is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. **shakeragalley.org/writers-reading-series**.

THU 12/17



Santa's Catwalk

3-8 PM @ DUBUQUE  
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
This fashion-focused shopping event features locally owned clothing, jewelry and accessory companies. It's time to finish off your winter look or find that perfect holiday outfit! There will also be a few area crafters and makers plus some food and beverages. Hosted by Jodi & KT Invite You. **facebook.com/JodiandKT**.

FRI 12/18

Illuminate the Night

5-7 PM @ HERITAGE POND  
Discover the wonders of the winter nighttime forest on a self led hike along the Heritage Trail that starts at the Heritage Pond. The trail will be lit by small candles. The trail is flat and stroller friendly. Pull on all your winter gear, pack some hot cocoa or cider!



Peace on Earth, Good-Will to Dogs

7 PM @ ONLINE  
Fly-By-Night Productions presents an online Christmas play reading of *Peace On Earth, Good Will To Dogs*. This little known, family-friendly, Christmas story, takes place in a small New England town in 1906 and evokes feelings of a Dickens' Christmas. **flybynightdubuque.com**.

Home Alone Trivia

7 PM @ DUBUQUE  
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Test how well you know the *Home Alone* characters and their hijinks. Teams up to 8 people with cash prizes. Food and bar available. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. **dbqfair.com**.

MON 12/21

Into the Darkness:  
Winter Solstice

7-8 PM @ ONLINE  
Join Sinsinawa Mound to honor the longest and shortest day of the year. Share reflections, poetry, and song. Facilitated by Eric Anglada. RSVP by Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. \$10. **608-748-4411**. **sinsinawa.org/moundcenter**.

MON 12/28

Winter Break  
Day Camps

9 AM-4 PM @ NATIONAL  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
MUSEUM & AQUARIUM  
Elementary youth are invited to these modified day camps that accommodate new health and safety standards. Camps include: Grossology, Critter Connections, The Ultimate Hunt, and "Otter" This World. Masks are required. \$60 per camp. 350 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St. **563-557-9545 x213**. **rivermuseum.com**.

THU 12/31



Denny and the  
D.C. Drifters

7 PM @ OHNWARD  
FINE ARTS CENTER  
(MAQUOKETA, IA)  
Denny & the D.C. Drifters will take you back to your 1950s prom. He will even chose a King and Queen! Hear music from Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline and more. \$30 Adv/\$35 door. 1215 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA. **563-652-9815**. **OnwardFineArtsCenter.com**.



## DUBUQUE WINTER FARMERS MARKET

**SATURDAYS: NOW THROUGH APRIL 24, 2021 @ 9 AM-NOON**  
**KENNEDY MALL FORMER YOUNKERS MEN'S STORE (555 JFK RD)**

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market will be open every Saturday (except Dec. 26) through April 24, 2021 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Kennedy Mall. Winter Market is held in the former Younkers Men's storefront near Planet Fitness. Approximately 35 regional vendors will be offering seasonal produce, eggs, meats, cheeses, honey, maple syrup, starter plants, herbs, baked goods, and more.

Market Tokens are available for purchase at the Winter Market Information Booth. Use your credit, debit, or SNAP/EBT card to purchase tokens that are used just like cash at all vendor booths.

In an effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle, Winter Market organizers encourage you to bring your own reusable shopping bags. They also offer a recycling station that will accept clean egg cartons, glass canning/mason jars (only), and plastic grocery bags.

You can become part of the energy by participating as a vendor, shopping each week, or volunteering. To



volunteer, contact Paula Neuhaus at [neuhaus.paula@gmail.com](mailto:neuhaus.paula@gmail.com). Vendor applications are available at [WinterMarketDbq.com](http://WinterMarketDbq.com). Founded in 2007 by a group of dedicated volunteers, Dubuque Winter Farmers Market is made possible through partnerships with the Four Mounds Foundation, Kennedy Mall, and Dubuque Main, with support from Premier Bank, City of Dubuque, and Sustainable Dubuque.

Masks are required and will be available for free at the door if you do not have your own. For more information, visit [WinterMarketDbq.com](http://WinterMarketDbq.com). ■

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[rivermuseum.com/toddler-time](http://rivermuseum.com/toddler-time)

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[facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub](https://www.facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub)

#### Trivial Pursuit

**1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAYS @ 8 PM**  
**HOPS & RYE**  
 Free. 1108 Locust St. **563-580-7354**.  
[hopsandryebar.com](http://hopsandryebar.com)

#### Rock Star Bingo

**FRIDAYS @ 8-10 PM**  
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[7hillsbrew.com](http://7hillsbrew.com)



#### Ohnward Festival of Trees

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**NOV. 28-29 @ NOON-6 PM**  
**OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (MAQUOKETA, IA)**  
 Join Ohnward Fine Arts Center for their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees. Bid on creative trees and beautiful wreaths. Find paintings, jewelry, pottery, and special seasonal gifts to fill your Christmas needs in the Drew Gallery. The trees and wreaths will be sold through write-in bids at the end of the display period. Fundraiser for Ohnward Fine Arts Center. 1215 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA. **563-652-9815**.  
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# DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS HOCKEY

## OUR HOUSE LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS SEASON

Much like everything else in 2020, when fans walk through the doors of the Mystique Community Ice Center, things will be different. From fans wearing masks, to social distanced seating, to hand sanitizing stations around the concourse, the Saints have had to adapt to the times as they embark on their 11<sup>th</sup> season back in Dubuque.

It wasn't easy sledding for the Saints to even get to this point. Nearly eight months ago, they unknowingly played their last game of the 2019–20 season at home against the Waterloo Black Hawks. Shortly after that the USHL postponed and ultimately cancelled the 2019–20 season.

Since then, the behind the scenes work has been in high gear to make sure things are running smoothly for the new season. As is always the case, a new season presents new challenges, but this year more so than normal.

The goal for the Saints this season is to provide the same entertainment value as years past, in a safe environment for the fans. Certain things cannot be achieved, like visits with players postgame and other group events, but by in large, the off-season work was tailored to providing a familiar product for fans while also maximizing safety.

When you come to Saints games this season, there's a lot that's new and different. As is the case anywhere

in Dubuque, masks are required at all times during your time in the Mystique Ice Center. The only people you won't see wearing masks are players, but they are required to wear masks at all times other than when they are on the ice. The Saints have also implemented a social distanced seating layout to comply with state mandates. All seats are sectioned off into "pods" so fans are only sitting close to those they ordered their tickets with.

On top of those changes, Dubuque has also implemented a few other tweaks to keep things sanitary in the arena. Hand sanitizing stations are laid out all around the concourse and other areas of the arena for fans to use frequently. The Saints have also gone to a fully mobile ticketing system this season, reducing the interaction between ticket takers and fans throughout the duration of the game.

For fans that are interested in finding out more about all the changes, they can visit **DubuqueFightingSaints.com**. There are details on mobile tickets, safety practices, and more laid out across the website so fans always know what to expect.

With all these changes in place, one thing does remain the same: the product on the ice. The Saints once again have a solid group to compete with this season. Last year would have likely been a record-setting season for Dubuque in many areas, had they been able to complete the full year. However, this season could



prove to be very successful too. Despite a slow start, the Saints have the necessary pieces to make a deep run.

They return 10 players from last year's team, making it the second season in a row Dubuque has returned double digit players. They also have brought in experience from the NCAA level and other junior leagues to even out a lineup that features five players who are 17 years of age or younger.

While this year will showcase many things that Saints fans are unfamiliar with, as the USHL tries to navigate a season during the midst of a pandemic; it will also feature one thing that Saints fans are very accustomed to, a fun and entertaining hockey team on the ice. ■

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

## CELEBRATING THE SEASON AT HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE

Celebrate the holiday season at Hotel Julien Dubuque during the 12 Days of Christmas. Now in its eighth year, this holiday series features events for all ages in a safe, socially distanced manner.

The celebration kicks off on Monday, Nov. 30 for a Cyber Monday special. Purchase \$200 in gift cards and receive a \$25 gift card for yourself!

Always a favorite event, the tree lighting ceremony will look a little different this year. Instead of the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Hotel Julien Dubuque is asking people to share photos of their own Christmas trees on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to win a \$200 gift card. Guest Services Manager, Sara, came up with a great idea for the hotel to continue to share in the holiday spirit. They're calling it the "Light Up Our Page Challenge!" Here are the details:

- Post a photo of your decorated tree on Facebook or Instagram and tag Hotel Julien Dubuque
- All photos will be entered into a random drawing
- 3 random winners will be announced on Monday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.
- Each of the winners will receive a \$200 gift card that can be used at Potosa Spa, Caroline's Restaurant, Riverboat Lounge, or Hotel Julien Dubuque

Stroll through Gingerbread House Land on Dec. 4–10 and take part in a silent auction fundraiser for the Avery Foundation. Enter your family's gingerbread house for a chance to win a one-night stay in the Capone Suite with a stocked refrigerator! To enter the contest, please contact Kelley Wolter at the hotel Front Desk: **563-556-4200**.

Enjoy breakfast with Santa, also in a different way, on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8 to 11 a.m. Instead of a sit-down breakfast with Santa, Hotel Julien is doing a drive-through Toys for Tots fundraiser. Load the car with the children; a new, unwrapped toy for Toys For Tots; and letters to Santa, and drive through Hotel Julien Dubuque's back parking lot to drop off the toy and get breakfast served by Santa and his elves. Each child donating toy will receive a grab-and-go breakfast, ornament building kit, stocking stuffers, and candy canes. Meals are \$9.50 for children and \$16 for adults. Call **563-588-5595** to make your reservation.

The blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. is your chance to give back at a time when donations decrease. You can scheduled an appointment in advance.

Reserve a 12-ounce bottle of Hotel Julien Dubuque's holiday flavor infused Cody Road Bourbon for pick up on Dec. 10–14. The festive infusion includes hints of orange, clove, honey, and vanilla. Bottles are \$55 each, and supplies are limited. Reserve your bottle by calling **563-588-7109**.

On Thursday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m., enjoy lunch at Caroline's Restaurant while viewing a fashion show presented by PJ Chapin's Boutique. Donations will be collected for Mary's Inn Maternity Home. Reserve your place for \$20 by calling **563-588-5595**.

Dress to impress in your best holiday sweater on Saturday, Dec. 19 to qualify for a buy one, get one dinner offer. Call **563-588-5595** to make your reservation.

Spend time with your family this Christmas Eve and allow Hotel Julien Dubuque to take care of the cooking. A special Christmas Eve dinner will be available to go and includes: roasted prime rib with signature smashed potatoes, grilled asparagus, au jus, and dinner rolls. Meals are available in three sizes: Quarter (serves 4–5 people for \$115), Half (serves 8–12 people for \$225), and Full (serves 16–22 people for \$400). Orders must be placed by Dec. 19 and picked up on Dec. 24.

If you're spending Christmas Eve at Hotel Julien Dubuque, you can stop by the front desk on Christmas morning to pick up a warm wake-up cup of hot chocolate starting at 7 a.m.

On Christmas Day, you can pick up brunch to go featuring Chef Jason's quiche with fresh baked pastries and seasonal fruit. The half quiche serves 4–5 people for \$60, and the full quiche serves 8–10 people for \$100. Make it a proper brunch with a Bloody Mary or mimosa kit for two for \$12. Orders must be placed by Dec. 19.

To close out this year's 12 Days of Christmas, enjoy a staycation at Hotel Julien Dubuque. Choose from one of three overnight New Year's Eve packages: All Inclusive for \$699, Our Night Out for \$329, or Just the Two of Us for \$259.

For more information on events taking place during Hotel Julien Dubuque's 12 Days of Christmas, visit **HotelJulienDubuque.com**. ■





## DSO HOLIDAY CONCERTS

STORY BY JOHN MORAN

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The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is preparing for its first show since the pandemic began. William Intriligator, Music Director and Conductor for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, is very excited about it. Two shows are planned for Saturday, Dec. 5, one at 2 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

The DSO Christmas spirit shines bright in these holiday concerts despite the changes that had to be initiated due to the virus.

"We had to pare back the orchestra size and make sure the players on stage are all distanced from each other," said Intriligator. "So it will be a smaller group [of musicians]... and we decided to just focus only on the brass and percussion sections of the orchestra. We are tapping into an old musical holiday tradition... It's a pretty large brass ensemble and the percussion section is as well. In addition, we will have dancers from the Heartland Ballet." They will be dancing out front, socially distant from the band members.

Because singing spreads the virus, there will be no singers this year at the holiday concerts. "We can't have the Dubuque Chorale involved or a guest solo singer like we usually do, but we are finding a way to do the shows," insists Intriligator.

Joe Klinebriel, from Clarke University, will narrate a couple of classic Christmas stories during the concerts, accompanied by the brass and percussion. One of the stories will be 'Twas the Night Before Christmas as well as a special reading from *A Christmas Story*.

Joe Klinebriel is an actor, director, and educator who is thrilled to be working in conjunction with the Heartland Ballet and the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. As a professor of drama at Clarke University, Joe teaches all performance courses, directs productions for the Fine and Performing

Arts program at Clarke University, and has also appeared as a guest actor in many of Clarke's productions. Joe has also had the pleasure of directing multiple summer productions for the Grand Opera House including *Phantom of the Opera*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Les Misérables*, *The Producers*, *Cabaret*, *Gypsy*, *The Pajama Game*, and will return again this summer to direct *Brigadoon*. Joe has a B.A. in theatre performance from Western Michigan University and an M.F.A. from the Alabama Shakespeare Festival/University of Alabama. Other performance experiences include productions at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, HERE Theatre in New York City, and the Heartland Festival in Platteville, WI.

Intriligator added that, "We will be performing pieces that are very old and Christmas themed... all the way up to more modern compositions. Some of the pieces will have more of a percussion focus... a couple will involve only percussion ('Little Drummer Boy' comes to mind). And we will also include a rocked out Mannheim Steam Roller style song."

"It will be a little different than our normal holiday production. The audience will be socially distanced, wearing masks. We still have to work out how people will enter in intervals so it is not crowded all at once. We are limiting the number of audience members. [Although] the hall seats about 711 at Five Flags Theater, we will be limiting it to 195 [so] the seats can be spaced. The show will also be shorter with no intermission."

Due to a limited number of seats available, purchase tickets early. To avoid Ticketmaster fees, buy direct from the Five Flags Box Office on the corner of 4th and Locust St., open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 30-Dec. 4.

For more information, call 563-557-1677 or visit [DubuqueSymphony.org](http://DubuqueSymphony.org). ■

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# THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HILLCREST REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK

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We've lost more than one cover story event to COVID-19 since March, but we think we found one that's going to be a winner. For if ever there was an event created specifically to thrive amidst a pandemic, it is one in which you remain safely in the friendly confines of your own vehicle and take in the beautiful sights of the holidays, then go on about your night without ever getting closer to another person than paying your \$10 admission fee out the window. Sign us up! Considering all of the craziness and sadness that 2020 has thrown our way, the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Hillcrest Reflections in the Park deserves to be a runaway success for the organization and a surefire escape from your quarantine blues!

As a board member of Hillcrest Family Services, Sharon Foley started Reflections in the Park 26 years ago, after seeing a similar light show while shopping near Chicago. She thought she could bring something similar to Dubuque. That first year, they had 19 displays and grossed about \$90,000 for the organization. Man, was she ever right about that idea! Today they have about 90 sponsored displays. That's not even counting the smaller side pieces. And some of those sponsored pieces are fairly huge. Last year Hillcrest enjoyed a net profit of \$162,000 plus. Let's see if we can't help them set a new record in 2020. A great way to cap off an otherwise real dumpster-fire of a year.

We sat down with Darlene Bolsinger, Mission Advancement Coordinator for Hillcrest Family Services, who, among many other responsibilities, gets the pressure of continuing the success of the lights in the park program as it starts its next 25 years. Like everyone we ask about the project, all credit goes directly to the many volunteers who make it all possible each year.

"The volunteers have stuck around year after year. Two original volunteers dropped out this year because, well, they're not as young as they were when this all started 26 years ago. People continue to be in it for the long haul."

And with so many years of experience from the volunteers, everyone already knows their role.

"Everyone has a job and they do it," explains Bolsinger. "There are two main guys at the park that make it happen: Butch and Bummy."

They have real names, but they won't let me tell you. I found them out, but I'll stick to the deal and keep them to myself. They don't want any attention or credit thrown their way. They are 73 and 84 respectively, a retired lineman and a John Deere retiree. The experience of that combo couldn't be any better.

"Those tow guys work on it Monday through Friday, and they work all year round. The three of us are definitely on the same page. We're not procrastinators. And I think that's why it works so slick."

As seems to be the case in every group like this, the best volunteers are never in it for the recognition. They just do the work because they enjoy it and do it for the outcome.

"It rolls down from those main two men, with people specializing in certain jobs," continues Darlene. "One guy is great at welding. Greg Birkett at the Dubuque Advertiser is indispensable with the marketing help and organization. I couldn't do it without those key people."

That adds up to around 300 volunteers, not to mention the over 130 sponsors contributing to the fundraiser and the 40 media partners promoting the program.

So where do all of these lights come from, and where do they go after Christmas?

"We deal with a company called Winterland out of Indiana," says Bolsinger. "I would say a brunt of the big displays come from there. It's probably a 70/30 split. Every year the guys here are making more of their own. If you have never been through the park, it really is a celebration of Dubuque. You will find representations of Dubuque landmarks, both physically in the Town Clock and other buildings recreated in lights as well as landmark Dubuque companies celebrated in lights."

Somehow, Darlene convinced Bummy to let me ask him a few questions about the physical task of making the park come to life each year.

Actual setup in the park starts around the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, and they work in the park every weekday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prior to that, they work in a warehouse where the lights are stored for a few days and haul all of the gear over to the park to pre-prep while also trying to stay out of the way of

the crews from the city who are themselves finishing up the closure and winterization of the park.

"In the offseason, we rejuvenate everything that they own themselves," explains Bummy. "We have a lot of rope light displays and electrical cords. And everything gets gone over in the offseason. We have a varying crew size anywhere from a dozen to 25 people at a time. John Deere sends in a group each year for a day as well to assist."

The main group of volunteers is unique and notable as well in its median age. Bummy doesn't believe there's anyone working on the physical setup of the park that is under 70 years of age. That is simply astonishing. He has been involved since the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the event's existence. One of the guys involved gave him a call and said come on over and help. Well, clearly Bummy never left.

"In the park itself, we have 22 permanent electrical panels spaced throughout the park to power the hundreds of displays and probably millions of lights. And even after 25 years, each setup is a living thing needing attention to detail to get it just right. It's something the volunteers never know until they get everything set up and wait for dark to try it out."

"We're setting all this stuff up," relates Bummy, "and then comes the moment of truth—you plug it all in, and we have a walk through."

While we of the untrained eye might see the magic and wonder of it all, a long-serving volunteer like him sees the spots for improvement—filling in dark spots, adjusting displays for the best overall impact, and to balance the all-important electrical load. These are the final touches the crew does on the last days before Reflections opens to the public.

The event is done on Jan. 3, 2021, but obviously, the displays need to be struck, packed up, and put away. The answer to when that is, is it comes down when weather permits. The day after, they drop power and unhook everything. But if needed, they may not finish taking the last things down until April.

We asked Bummy back in 2008 what keeps him coming back year after year?

"I'm dumb ... just plain dumb," he deadpans then. "Hopefully it looks good and we get a lot of people



through." Twelve years later, it still looks good. Heck, it looks amazing.

As perfectly suited as this event seems to be for the current situation with social distancing, there are many more factors at risk due to COVID-related shutdowns and hardships.

"It's been a difficult year," admits Darlene Bolsinger. "We've had hard times before, but this definitely takes the cake. I've been nervous and scared, but as time got closer and people thought about it, the phone started ringing with support to continue. For those who were not able to continue sponsoring because of obvious and understandable financial constraints imposed by COVID-19, others have stepped in and stepped up to ask if they could be a part of it. It's all understandable at any level from big businesses to the smaller sponsors."

For Hillcrest itself, Darlene sees the effect on their services, fundraising, and other aspects of operation as being part of the ripple effect from those most directly affected by COVID-19.

"The need is always there, but the greater need caused by current events is still building. But we remain here for anyone who needs help regardless of your situation. We are here to help everyone. We strive to be a premier health and education provider for peoples' brain health. We're famously know for what we began as our adoption program, and everything has really stemmed from that. But we have a very large variety of brain health services."

If you are a veterans Reflections viewer, you already know all the tips and tricks to getting the most out of your visit, but for the uninitiated, here's some stuff to consider, like "When is the best time to come?"

"It really depends on the night," says Bolsinger. "The closer we get to Christmas, the busier we are. Certain groups of volunteers run cars through faster than others. If you want to come on a quieter night, I would choose any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Or join the bustle and excitement of a weekend."

It takes 15 minutes or less to drive through the park. Take your time and see all you want to see.

"You have the group of people that wait hoping to see the lights in a fresh snowfall. Recent years have not seen a lot of those opportunities, so don't hold your breath, and don't miss out because you wanted the perfect situation. We promise that the park display is beautiful every night, snow or no snow."

On the other hand, a blizzard can cause a closure of the display until it can be unearthed. Thankfully that has not happened in three years.

Either way, they will be ready for you. PPE is available for all of the volunteers, and they're taking all of the

precautions they can. Safety is job one, so don't feel at all worried about your own safety when you visit the display. If you don't want a program or a candy cane because of the extra touch points, simply say you don't want them. And, as always, if you'd like one, there's always treats for the dogs in the car!

The planned annual walk through event on Wednesday, Nov. 25 was just cancelled following the recent state-wide COVID-19 proclamations, and the annual gala was cancelled some time ago. So sadly the only way to see the park in 2020 will be from your vehicle. Luckily for you, that is exactly the way it was setup to be enjoyed.

Vehicle traffic begins Thursday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 3, from 5 to 10 p.m. every night. Santa Claus will also be there every Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is just \$10 per vehicle at the gate or \$8 in advance at all DB&T baking centers and all Hillcrest locations with proceeds benefiting the programs of Hillcrest Family Services. They estimate about 10,000 cars a year roll through the gate with 40 to 50 thousands visitors. That is amazing.

And Bummy really wants you to know, "All the volunteers as a group should get the credit. We couldn't do it without all of them doing it together."

Noted. And thank you all!

## ABOUT HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES

Hillcrest Family Services is a non-profit organization that assists children, adults, and families in need of help. Every day, Hillcrest builds confidence in hundreds of people and families. It is a place where compassion is commonplace. Where their passion soars and faith restores.

Over the last five years, they have helped over 175,000 people live better lives by providing adoption, residential care, and education for troubled youth, brain health counseling for adults and adolescents, and health and wellness for all in need. Since its founding in 1896, their programs have impacted millions of people in 23 different states.

Hillcrest Family Services is a results-focused organization that adds direction to those who have lost their way. To those suffering from addictions who need to get back on track, to people who want to start a family through adoption, and others who need a little tending to because of an unintended pregnancy. And they are there for individuals who have dependencies but want to work toward independence. At Hillcrest, they provide many services but with only one focus: results.

What a great resource to support with your safe family outing this holiday season! For more information, visit [ReflectionsInThePark.com](http://ReflectionsInThePark.com). ■

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## HOLIDAY PET ADOPTIONS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

BY ANGIE HERTING WITH BRYCE PARKS

365ink had a cover story this time last year about pet adoptions, but with the recent surge in adoption due to COVID-19 related boredom, seclusion and loneliness, we thought it was a very good time to revisit the pros and cons of pet adoption in the age of COVID.

It is exciting to add a new pet to your family anytime during the year and especially so during the holiday season. And in the crazy reality that is 2020, COVID has affected everything, and we don't just mean getting infected. We mean getting secluded in your home while you safely ride it out. Nothing cures loneliness like companionship, and there's no better companion than a pet. However, careful consideration should be taken before you head to the local animal shelter to adopt a new pet. COVID-19 will eventually pass. And when it does, will you still be the companion that your pet needs after you no longer need the companionship they offered you?

The heartbreaking truth is that many pets are returned to animal shelters or re-homed after the holiday cheer fades away and the reality of the responsibility of pet ownership sets in. And that was true even before COVID-19 and the glut of abandoned pets that is sadly sure to take place when it's safe to be in public again.

If you're starting to feel drawn to the idea of adopting a dog, cat, or

critter, you should analyze your reasons and situation before deciding. Here are several important things to consider before adopting a pet:

### WHY DO YOU WANT A PET?

Think about why you'd like to get a new pet this holiday season. Your motives may be able to predict how well the arrangement will turn out. If you want a dog or cat because they are cute or because you are temporarily bored due to being stuck at home because of COVID-19 quarantines or fears, you should probably wait. Will you still have real time for them if and when life gets back to normal? Also, adding a pet to your family is very different than "getting a pet for the kids." While children can certainly participate in training and help with the care of a pet, at the end of the day, you are the adult, and a new pet is your responsibility.

### HOW ARE YOUR FINANCES?

Pets aren't free or even cheap—they need food, visits to the vet, medicine (sometimes), training, and other items (a bed, litter box, treats, and toys). While cats may cost a little less than dogs, either can cost anywhere from a couple hundred dollars annually to several thousand. In addition, being prepared for unexpected medical expenses or carrying pet insurance is a good idea.

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With all that in mind, plan a budget that includes pet costs, especially in this economic climate where employment is not always certain as businesses continue to face shutdowns and layoffs. If you can balance your income with pet expenses and your own spending, you can probably afford it. However, if you'd be scrounging and scraping for cash, you should save first. You don't want to deprive your new best friend of the necessities and some treats, too!

### WHAT'S YOUR LIVING SITUATION LIKE?

Does your landlord allow dogs and/or cats in the building? The answer is a critical component of whether or not you can adopt an animal. If you go behind the landlord's back to bring a pet into the apartment, you could stir up some trouble for yourself—from losing your security deposit to eviction. You're best off waiting until you move into a pet-friendly apartment to adopt your puppy or kitty. However, a smaller critter may still be an option.

### WHAT IS YOUR LIFESTYLE?

Dogs and cats like to spend time with their people. When their owner isn't around, they can become lonely. You also need to feed your pets and give them exercise. This all takes time. If you're rarely home, it may not be a good time to adopt a pet. And again, are you only home now because the Coronavirus has forced you home? What happens when the world opens back up?

Dogs require more time and attention than cats and need to be exercised and played with daily. However, you can work full time and have a furry friend—hiring a dog walker, pet sitter, or doggie daycare is always an option.

If you do not have enough time for either a dog or a cat, you may want to consider a smaller animal. According to Bri Eickhoff, the Operations Director at the Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS), "While smaller animals (hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs, and even fish) require less time, they still have needs as far as clean housing, space for exercise, engagement, and proper nutrition." All animals require your time and attention, and this is an important consideration to make prior to adding a pet to your family. How active are you and your family? If you are planning to adopt a dog, you will want to get one that suits your activity level.

Also, think about how your lifestyle might change in the future outside of the COVID stay-at-home situation. Keep in mind that when you adopt a dog or cat pet, you are making a 10 to 20 year commitment or more.

### READY FOR THE ROUGH STUFF?

Cats claw at furniture sometimes, and dogs might have an accident—it's just part of owning a new furry friend. Before you bring your animal home, you should be ready to handle these issues. Fortunately, you don't have to educate your pet on your own. Seek a training program. These guided experiences teach you, your family, and your animal.

Look into potential allergies. It is astonishing how many people are heartbroken when they have to return pets because they were unaware of their allergies. Be prepared beforehand and interact with friends' and family's cats or dogs to see if there could be an allergy issue. Perhaps pet-sitting for friends or walking your neighbor's dog would be a good test of your potential allergies.

### BABY STEPS

Consider a "foster to adopt" process. Some rescue organizations allow you to essentially take a cat, kitten, puppy, or dog for a test drive before committing to a full adoption. Fostering allows you to take the time an animal needs to adjust to a new situation without committing to the adoption.

An animal that is stressed and fearful at an adoption event or shelter often turns out to be playful and affectionate in the right home.

Robin MacFarlane and the team at That's My Dog caution you from getting caught up in the thought that a "rescue dog" has something in their past that can't be left behind.

"When you adopt a dog, move forward as if it is day one and give that dog the life that he/she deserves," states Robin. "Dogs will thrive in an environment that provides them with appropriate exercise, structure, and the necessary guidance to show them what you want them to do."

Even after you have done your due diligence and followed the prescribed method above, things still might not go exactly as planned. However, Robin suggests that "if you find that you are not getting the results you want, then please seek professional help sooner rather than later." Most behavioral issues can be addressed, but minor behavioral issues can quickly escalate into major issues if not properly dealt with in a timely fashion. Please take ownership of and responsibility for your decision to adopt a new pet. Robin suggests that prospective new pet owners "evaluate their lifestyles, define their vision of what they want from a pet, do some research, and then select a pet that matches your vision and lifestyle."

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# BORN IN DUBUQUE, SKULLDUGGERY BRINGS VINTAGE CLASS TO MEN'S GROOMING

BY BRYCE PARKS

A few years back I attended some amazing parties in a little garage behind a house on Alpine Street. You'd expect a keg and a smell of oil leaking. But no, this was a space with a vibe and a purpose. This was a little room filled with people dressed up in vests and ties and cocktail dresses drinking good liquor while a little live music was being performed on the little stage at the side. There was a bar, couches, mood lighting, and most importantly, fun interesting people having a fun interesting time. No, it wasn't a fever dream I had. I was really there, more than once. Still, maybe it was part dream.

"Yes, back in 2014, some friends and I converted my garage into a makeshift speakeasy where we sampled fine whiskeys and dressed in our finest suits," explains Adam Zalaznik. "We called it 'The Alpine Gentleman's Club.' It was meant to be a joke. We were playing dress up, but it became more than that. Dressed to the nines, we treated each other differently. The environment became more respectful and proper. We began to host parties, charity events, and local music performances in the speakeasy/garage. It became a place where fine-dressed gentlemen and gentlewomen would get together and have cocktails, listen to live music, and have mature conversation. I loved the style and sophistication of it all. There was something to be said about adults getting spiffed up and seeing my friends in a different light with their new-found confidence. If you want to be something, you have to look the part. Being a designer by day, I wanted to somehow incorporate that experience and vibe into a brand I could say I created from scratch. I rolled with an idea and a lot of sweat equity."

What came out of that life experience is Adam's own Dubuque-based men's organic hair, beard, and skincare grooming products called Skullduggery. It's a very extensive line of personal care products that put some attitude into just about every aspect of looking and living better.

If you're confident, classy, and stylish, you probably give a damn about grooming yourself. And if you give a damn about grooming yourself, you'll probably feel more confident, classy, and stylish. That's the vibe of the gentleman's club that Adam was aiming for. And that is the vibe that he wants the men who use his products to infuse into their own lives and the attitude and confidence with which they approach each day.

But it's also about much more than just good marketing and a slick container. If you are going to feel better about yourself, you need products that actually make you a better you, through quality ingredients, not just a great slogan.

"I've had struggles with dry and sensitive skin. I knew I didn't want my own brand to have just some

smell-good junk in it that ultimately didn't do the job. Skullduggery products are all natural, vegetable protein-based, and have no harsh chemicals. I wouldn't promote something I didn't meticulously analyze and put through a strict vetting process. Skullduggery is great for all skin types, hair, beards, and mustaches. It adds the finishing touch to a sharp-dressed man."

For Adam, it's not just about creating locally, it's also about sourcing locally.

"Over 70 percent of my products are made in my hometown, Dubuque, IA. I also partner with a family-owned company out of Ontario, Canada, that specializes in all-natural ingredients and products. I research and sample different scents to find the right combination I feel will leave my customers satisfied. Skullduggery products contain no chemicals, parabens, sulfates, diesel fuel, impurities, or insecurities."

You can browse the array of products, any of which would make great Christmas gifts for the gentleman in your life (or to treat yourself) online at [TheWeekendGentleman.com](http://TheWeekendGentleman.com).

"The Weekend Gentleman was born from my past experiences, personality, and design styles and is the home site for all things Skullduggery. The name and look of Skullduggery Grooming Co. was based on a play on words mixed with my fascination with vintage advertising. My brand is dedicated to men and women who still believe in style, class, and chivalry. I tell people chivalry isn't dead, it's just evolved."

Listen to some of the great stuff you'll find in the Skullduggery line. You'd expect deodorant, soaps, and shave cream and there's that. But think more along the lines of shaving butter, beard and skin spray oils, dead sea bath salts, lip balm, clay pomade, body bars, and cologne. But even that last one isn't a spritzer bottle of smelly stuff. It's a very cool tin of solid run-on colognes. Add to that mustache wax, beard balm, and specialized face and beard soap. And, oh yeah, he's a gentleman so you know he's got good coffee. "Good Morning Numbskull" Medium-Dark Roast Coffee to be precise. And round out the look with a variety of Skullduggery-branded products from shirts and hats to mugs, bottles, and an essential oil soy candle. It's a whole lifestyle, so embrace it all! Maybe kick things off with the Essentials Grooming Kit to get a feel for it, just \$59.99.

I asked Adam what he would tell a guy if he had 30 seconds to turn him into a Weekend Gentleman. He took it quite seriously as a conversation...



"Good day, sir. Do you hanker for the bargain smell-good body products at Walmart, or would you desire to up the ante and support good old-fashioned class and style? I'll make it easy for you to try my high-end, all-natural grooming products and create a unique customer experience tailored just for you. My products pair well with a glass of fine whiskey and a night on the town. (Or, in pandemic times, a night in the house.)"

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Even with a huge selection of products already, Zalaznik sees a lot of room for growth with the brand.

"Moving forward, I want to expand my product line and brand out across the United States. I do have some t-shirts and gear for purchase and am working on adding more unique gifts and accessories. I envision my products in higher-end barbershops and salons. If things go well, I'd love to start my own classic barbershop here in Dubuque. Professional barbers, unique atmosphere, and quality service you can't easily find elsewhere. I want to have my Weekend Gentleman website eventually serve as a hub for men to read fashion tips and daily blogs and to serve as a network or community of like-minded individuals who want to be a part of something bigger than themselves."

"I'd like to thank the businesses that have given me the opportunity to introduce my products to the people of Dubuque. I welcome anyone to reach out to me with feedback, ideas, or future business opportunities. Email me at [info@TheWeekendGentleman.com](mailto:info@TheWeekendGentleman.com). Thank you for supporting local!"

Currently, you can find Skullduggery products in Dubuque at Suppz Nutrition, Central Avenue Mercantile, 7 Hills Brewing Co., Capri College, Zazou's Bridal Boutique, and at occasional Dubuque Winter Farmers Markets. Products can also be purchased online and shipped directly to you from [TheWeekendGentleman.com](http://TheWeekendGentleman.com). If you're looking for a unique holiday gift this year, please place your order by Dec. 10 to ensure you receive it by Christmas. ■



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The great vendors at the Ultimate Shopping Experience at the Meadows filled a huge box for Toys For Tots with the support of their generous patrons.



The craftsmen at the Key City Creative Center assembled a fleet of bicycles for Toys For Tots in just a couple of hours. That's efficiency!



The Masked Carol Singers put on a great holiday show at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center despite all the hurdles 2020 could throw at them! We wonder what it sounded like? : )



Dubuque Veterans honor their own with a 21-gun salute during this year's Veterans Day ceremonies at Marshall Park in Dubuque.  
Photo by DigitalDubuque.com



Three sidewalk murals serve as colorful reminders that storm drains are a direct connection to our local waterways, thanks to a Keep Iowa Beautiful grant and talented artists David Barba, Chloe Peil, and Dan Leick.



365ink cover photographer, Bob Felderman, becomes the model during the recent cover shoot on a cold windy night at Louis Murphy Park.



Though not a public event, the 2020 DockDogs World Championships at Five Flags was a big success for the canine-loving organization.



Hundreds of Trump supporters braved the cold and the COVID to see the President stump for votes at the Dubuque Regional Airport.



The Great River Reapers haunted attraction on Burden St. in Dubuque just keeps getting bigger each year!

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6 PM @ Iron Horse Social Club

'80s Party: Crystal Leather Acoustic  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Danny Parker Project  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Turkey Night Comedy: Nathan  
Timmel, Doug T, AnnaRose  
8 PM @ Five Flags Theater

**FRI 11/27**

Secrets  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Laura McDonald & Marcus DeJesus  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Mark Zalaznik  
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Jordan Danielsen & Jef Spradley  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Rock Star Bingo  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SAT 11/28**

Massey Road  
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar & Grill

Darin Shireman  
2 PM @ Grape Escape

Jimmy Nick & Don't Tell Mama  
3 PM @ Hawg Dogs, Savanna

Al Ronek  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

A Few Blind Mice  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Jake Bender  
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Danny Parker Project  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Jimmy Nick & Don't Tell Mama  
7 PM @ Hawg Dogs, Savanna

Rooster: Alice In Chains Tribute  
7 PM @ Poopy's, Savanna

Joie Wails Acoustic  
8 PM @ Southend Tap

Adam Bartels Band  
8 PM @ Leadmine Tavern

Etheridge Netz  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SUN 11/29**

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

Johnnie Walker  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

Jimmy Harrington &  
The Tonky Honkers  
3 PM @ Iron Horse Social Club

**THU 12/3**

Corey Jenny  
6 PM @ Grape Escape

**FRI 12/4**

Roy Schroedl  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Joie Wails Acoustic  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Garrett Hillary  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Rock Star Bingo  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SAT 12/5**

DSO Holiday Concert  
2 & 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Palomino  
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar & Grill

Jimmy Welty Band  
3 PM @ The County Line, Zwingie

Steve Cavanaugh &  
Randy Droessler  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Steve Kalmes  
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Jake Bender  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Matt Meyer  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

**SUN 12/6**

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

DSO Holiday Concert  
2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Mark Bateman  
2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Jimmy Welty Band  
2 PM @ Massey Wharf

Johnnie Walker  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

**THU 12/10**

Kristina Castañeda & Shawn Healy  
6 PM @ Grape Escape

**FRI 12/11**

Jordan Danielsen  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Steve Kalmes  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Ky & Ty  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Steve Cavanaugh &  
Randy Droessler  
8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Rock Star Bingo  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SAT 12/12**

Theresa Rosetta  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

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7 PM @ Wicked Dame

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**SUN 12/13**

MD Moncada  
12:30 PM @ Lot One

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

Tony Walker  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

Maddie Poppe's  
Acoustic Christmas  
7:30 PM @ The Grand Opera House

**THU 12/17**

Bryce Reeg & Dayton Olson  
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Shekinah King  
6 PM @ Grape Escape

**FRI 12/18**

Three Quarter Buzz  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Gypsy & Resident  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Kara Gordon  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Missbehavin'  
8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Rock Star Bingo  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SAT 12/19**

Massey Road  
1 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Bryce & Dayton  
6 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Jef Spradley  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

8UP  
6 PM @ Hawg Dogs

Sam Day Christmas Show  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

The Lonely Goats  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Holiday Ha Ha Live Comedy:  
Mike Mercury, Tim Sullivan,  
Todd Baysinger  
8 PM @ Five Flags Theater

GIB  
8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

**SUN 12/20**

Bryce & Dayton  
1 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

8UP  
2 PM @ Hawg Dogs, Savanna

Johnnie Walker  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

**WED 12/23**

Scott Waterhouse  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

**SAT 12/26**

Broken Rubber Band  
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Secrets  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Crystal Leather (acoustic)  
6 PM @ Wicked Dame

Kampfire Kings  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

HTMF  
8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

**SUN 12/27**

Casey Klein  
1 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

Jordan Danielsen  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

**THU 12/31**

Laura McDonald & Marcus DeJesus  
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Jordan Danielsen &  
Jef Spradley  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Denny and the D.C. Drifters  
7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center

Jimmy Welty Band  
8 PM @ Burkey's Bar & Grill

Yellow Brick Road  
8:30 PM @ Goldmoor Inn

Massey Road  
9 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

**FRI 1/1**

Matt Meyer  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

Rock Star Bingo  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SAT 1/2**

Matt Meyer  
2 PM @ Grape Escape

Shekinah King  
7 PM @ Grape Escape

**SUN 1/3**

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

Rock Star Bingo  
8 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co.

**SUN 1/10**

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische  
1 PM @ Grape Escape

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# JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS

BY BRYCE PARKS

If you are coming out of hiding amid the current resurgence of COVID, you may have noticed that the much-anticipated Jersey Mike's Subs has finally opened in Warren Plaza next to Target where Radio Shack use to be (moment of silence, may it rest in peace). So the next time you have to get your Target fix, veer left and try out Dubuque's newest sandwich shop at the same time. You will not be sorry you did.

Jersey Mike's sort of started at the Jersey Shore town of Point Pleasant when CEO, Peter Cancro, started working at a place called Mike's Subs at age 14. He bought the place at 17 on a loan co-signed with his football coach (good call, coach!). In 1987, he added "Jersey" to the name and started franchising, now closing in on 2,000 stores (1,835 exactly) in 49 states (tough break, Alaska). Compare that to about 3,000 Jimmy John's and, get this, 45,000 Subways. So they are comparatively young and growing, but growing fast.

It's brand new, so the interior is obviously clean, fresh, and inviting. Right off the bat, the staff was enthusiastic and friendly. The sub prep area is behind glass but right there in front of you to see, and it looks tasty. Those tomatoes look ripe and not paper-thin. And they, of course, famously slice the meat in front of you when you order.

They claim that they are all about quality as it's the ingredients, high-quality meats and cheese sliced in front of you, store baked bread, and the authentic taste that makes it stand out in the crowd. They kind of have to though, don't they? But the thing is,

they can back it up. We tried it. A lot of it. And it was indeed the real deal.

The signature cold subs are served "Mike's Way" with white onions, lettuce, tomatoes, "The Juice" ("an exquisite splash of red wine vinegar and olive oil blend"), and always finished with spices. You might wonder why you'd want a "wet" sandwich, but hold your judgement until you try it. We think you will be converted. It's a true elevation over the dry sandwich, though taking it "Mike's way" does add over 275 calories and 28 grams of fat to the equation, if you even care about that.

One of the things that sets them aside from other shops is the freshness of the meat. They don't cut a whole bunch meat and just have it sit around till someone orders it; they wait till you order a sandwich and cut the meat fresh right then and there. And there's plenty of it with all the toppings you care to pile on.

There are three bread choices as well: white, wheat, and rosemary Parmesan. We like the classic white the best. The wheat seemed a bit dryer and not as flaky and fresh feeling. The rosemary Parmesan has a Parmesan cheese melted crust on it that flakes off fairly easily and for some, the rosemary flavor may be a bit too overpowering. You make the call. The white is a home run though. We should mention that the have gluten-free buns that they don't make themselves and it shows. They're fairly dry and no one is getting famous off of those.

The main themes of the "original nine" cold subs revolve around salty



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Italian meats and provolone, roast beef and provolone, or bacon and provolone. The Number Four (provolone, prosciuttini, and cappacuolo) has the best mix of spicy without going too meat heavy. And the #6 (Famous Roast Beef and Provolone) is famous because it is “cooked on the premises using only USDA Choice Top Rounds,” but also because it is super thinly sliced and has exceptional acid balance when getting it “Mike’s Way” (and adding in their homemade pepper relish.)

One fan’s biggest gripe was that people go for their cold subs when the truly best experience that Jersey Mike’s has to offer is the Philly Cheese Steak sandwich. Another real Philadelphia, eater of cheesesteaks claims Jersey Mike’s is still one of his favorites. That’s some high praise. Pat’s and Geno’s may be boiling over with rage right now. We had one for lunch today, and he ain’t lying. It’s quite amazing. And one big sandwich was enough for two of us. They pile the fresh-grilled meat and onions high, and when they’re done, you’ve got a piping hot cheese steak dripping with cheese that’s totally addictive. One fan suggests to “definitely get it with the peppers and onions and extra cheese!”

The Thrillest podcast guys say a cheesesteak must posses the Hylian Triforce of elements (It’s a Legend of Zelda thing):

1. The roll must be toasty and warm and able to withstand the grease of

- the melted cheese, meat, and onions/peppers without sogging through.
2. The chopped steak must be crispy and tender, without an abundance of the fatty, inedible bits that bounce your teeth back when you bite down.
3. The cheese (Whiz or American) must be of the correct melty consistency to act as a binding agent for the meat, cheese and onions without overwhelming the entire production.

They concluded that the cheesesteak at Jersey Mike’s had all of those elements.

The sandwiches come in three sizes: 5 inch Mini, 7 inch Regular, and 14-15 inch Giant. They also offer wraps, and tubs (that’s a salad version), chips, desserts, and drinks. With quality comes price. Jersey Mike’s Subs is not participating in the race to the bottom for cheapest sandwich on the market and thankfully so. The footlong-ish giant will set you back \$12 to \$14. Minis are around \$6 while regular and wraps hit the \$8 range. The rewards program is pretty good, too. You get 4 to 12 points per sandwich purchased and can redeem free sandwiches with as little as 48 points for a \$6 mini or 144 points for a \$12 giant sub.

We didn’t have the desserts, but we saw a ranking by greatness: 1) Peanut butter KandyKakes. 2) Butterscotch Krimpets. 3) Cupcakes. ■



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# THE OLD HORSESHOE

BY MATT BOOTH



My dad has a five-gallon bucket full of old horseshoes. That bucket of horseshoes was collected over the years by my Uncle Dave on the home farm where my Dad grew up. When Uncle Dave was plowing the fields, he'd turn up and hit a horseshoe, probably cuss, and then jump off the tractor, pick up that horseshoe, and throw it in the bucket.

That bucket of old horseshoe might not mean much to a lot of people, but to me, it represents a lot of hard work. Not long ago, my family had to work extremely hard physically just to put food on the table. Those horseshoes were put on Belgian work horses by my great grandpa and would often fall off in the fields. Homesteading a farm, clearing trees, pulling out the stumps, and breaking ground with plows and horses was a HUGE amount of work. Those horseshoes are a stark reminder of how hard life was just a few short generations ago.

Today, life is physically easier. I woke up this morning in a warm house, had a hot shower, got a clean shave, made tea, had breakfast, jumped in my Jeep, and drove to my office. All very physically easy. Right now, I'm working on my computer in my climate-controlled office.

Even in this COVID era, those old horseshoes let me know how good we have it. We waste a lot of time and worry over something we have very little control. We stress and argue about staying home, wearing masks, virtual learning, going to church or the store, going to a wedding, and even worrying about how many people are coming over for Thanksgiving dinner. Some people are even upset because the biggest night out of the year (Thanksgiving Eve) might have to end at 10 p.m.? I agree, much of this sucks, but when I look at that old horseshoe, it makes me think of how difficult it would be to hook up a team of Belgium horses to plow a field. My great grandpa might even



be embarrassed by me because sometimes I don't even want to cut my own grass!

No doubt, life is different today than was a couple of generations ago. What is certain, success still depends on hard work. In this pandemic, remember we still have it really good! Control what you can control! I don't think my great grandpa would have wasted much time or energy thinking and worrying about COVID-19. Not when there was work to get done. I can't say that for sure because I never met my great grandpa. I do, however, know what my Uncle Dave does when he hits an old horseshoe in the road. He says a cuss word, jumps off the tractor, picks up the old horseshoe, throws it in the bucket, and gets his butt back to work. This storm didn't come to stay, it came to pass—a simple and powerful lesson for us all! ■

## CHECK YOUR ATTITUDE

Keeping a positive attitude in a negative world is a difficult task. You will run into problems and obstacles daily. Bad crap happens, it's called life. To stay positive, understand your attitude is a skill you can improve! Becoming better at a skill is something you can do. Work on improving, amplifying, and refining your attitude! Your attitude is a real skill that determines in part, your success. To keep a positive attitude in a negative world, remember you can improve your attitude. Check Your Attitude enough and you won't have to worry about Covering Your Butt!

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# HOW TO HOST AN ALLERGEN-FRIENDLY THANKSGIVING

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

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all of the things you are grateful for, but let's be honest... it's really mostly about the food. However, for someone with food allergies, navigating a Thanksgiving dinner safely could be more stressful than celebratory. So if your guest list includes someone with food allergies, read on for some tips to help you prepare a delicious—and safe—meal that everyone is sure to enjoy.

## SEND IN THE SUBS

There are eight foods that cause the majority of allergic reactions: milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soybeans. If your recipes contain any of these items, look for allergy-free substitutions. For example, if you need to replace egg in a recipe, you can use a packaged egg replacer or mix one tablespoon of ground flax seeds with three tablespoons of water. If dairy is the problem, replace cow's milk with a non-dairy milk. Just make sure that the replacement does not also contain an allergen. For example, almond milk would not be a good substitution for someone with a dairy and tree nut allergy. In that case, rice milk would be a better option.

## START NEW TRADITIONS

If you don't want to modify your favorite recipes, introduce new ones into the mix. There are many resources available for finding allergy-friendly recipes. And who knows, you may just discover a new favorite. Many people associate certain dishes with Thanksgiving, so try to keep the same flavors in the new dish. For example, instead of the traditional pumpkin pie, try pumpkin mousse.

## BRING YOUR OWN DISH

If you won't be preparing the meal, work with the host to make sure there will be allergy-friendly options. When in doubt, bring a dish or two that you know are safe. There are many great allergy-friendly options in the Hy-Vee HealthMarket, including egg replacers, dairy-free milks, gluten-free baking ingredients, and more. For help navigating the aisles, finding appropriate substitutions, and modifying recipes, reach out to your local Hy-Vee dietitian.

*The information is not intended as medical advice. Please consult a medical professional for individual advice.*

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# WISH UPON A STAR

BY BOB GELMS

We have a Humdinger with this issue's book. They have been few and far between in 2020, but this one more than makes up for it.

Edgar Rice Burroughs wrote what has come to be regarded as one of the finest science fiction/fantasy series to ever grace pulp paper. It is alternately called *John Carter of Mars*, *The Barsoom Series*, or simply *The Martian Series*. Earthlings call the red planet Mars, but Martians call it Barsoom. I call the series one of the greatest creations of human imagination. It is a seven book set, and the first book is the best of them all. It is a stunning achievement. Write this down, *A Princess of Mars*.

Mr. Burroughs was a strong proponent of two vile and pernicious ideas: eugenics and scientific racism. You don't have to look too hard to see these ideas played out in his most popular and famous creation, *Tarzan*. It is very interesting to me that Burroughs simultaneously wrote *Tarzan* and *The Martian Series*. *The Martian Series* contains little or none of the ideas on eugenics or scientific racism found in the *Tarzan* novels. In fact, on Mars, John Carter finds sentient beings in a wide variety of colors and remarkable biological diversity. Not stopping there, Burroughs created an astounding variety of animal and plant life.

In the beginning of the novel, Carter is described as a former captain in the army of the Confederacy. This happens only once or twice. In the rest of book

he becomes John Carter of Virginia and, occasionally, John Carter, a gentlemen from Virginia. Carter respects everyone he meets and treats all with generosity and kindness. It wouldn't be much of an adventure if there weren't characters and/or animals John Carter fears, and they are the things of which nightmares are made.

All of the adventures he has are leading him to one goal: to catch a glimpse, have a conversation, and spend time with the Princess of Mars, the incomparable Dejah Thoris. Carter is a Southern white man from Earth, and he barely notices that Dejah Thoris is of the Martian red race. He, seemingly, doesn't register the color of her skin, and throughout all seven novels of the series, his skin color and hers are of no consequence to either of them.

When the civil war ends, Captain Carter heads west to try his hand at prospecting for gold. He is chased by hostiles into an out of the way cave where he hides and spends the night. He woke up in the middle of the night to the creepy sounds of rustling leaves emanating from the rear of the cave and went outside to calm his nerves and distract his imagination. It is inky black, no moon, no clouds, a bazillion stars with one right overhead that was blood red. Being a man of war, Captain Carter readily recognized that red star—planet actually—as Mars, named after the God of War.

He gazed intently at the red planet for a long time and slowly entered into a kind of trance. He was inexorably

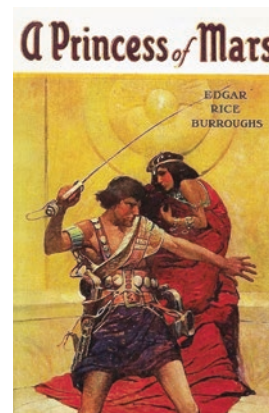
drawn to Mars. He woke up on the ground. He was on the planet Mars, a guest of the God of War.

And so, it began.

I have decided to not only confer the title of Humdinger on *A Princess of Mars* but also the additional title of *A Ripping Yarn*. I was so jazzed-up the first time I read it that I finished the last page, went right back to the beginning and read it again. I have been light on plot points in this review because you, dear reader, must grab this fiery meteor as it screams across the pages, hang on to your hat, and enjoy a most exhilarating read.

I am going to tell you something that I discovered many, many years ago. Part one I learned in high school when reading about Mr. Burroughs. Part two I learned about 10 years ago. You see, it seems that Edgar Rice Burroughs, Earnest Hemingway, and yours truly all were born and raised within a few miles of each other on the southwest side of Chicago. I hope to gain admittance to that little club in other ways besides the accident of birth. Whenever that crosses my mind, it plasters a BIG smile on my face.

*A Princess of Mars* is one of the four or five best novels I have ever read. I hope you will give it a try. A splendid time is guaranteed for all. ■







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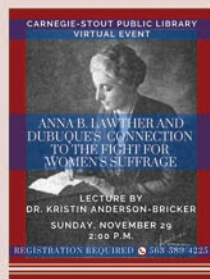
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## ANNA B. LAWThER AND DUBUQUE'S CONNECTION TO THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 @ 2 PM

Dr. Kristin Anderson-Bricker, professor of history at Loras College, will present on Anna B. Lawther and Dubuque's Connection to the Fight for Women's Suffrage. The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution was adopted in 1920, granting women the right to vote in the United States. Learn more about the local impact of this important milestone over the last century, and the local fight to make it a reality. Dr. Anderson-Bricker will answer audience questions after her virtual lecture.

Registration is required for this event and an email address must be entered to receive the Zoom invitation link. You will receive a link and a password to the event via email shortly before the program begins.



## VIRTUAL MYSTERY & MAYHEM BOOK CLUB THE SPELLMAN FILES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 6 PM

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Registration is required. We will be meeting online, through Zoom. On the day of the book club, you will receive an email with the link to join the online meeting.

From Goodreads.com: "Meet Isabel 'Izzy' Spellman, private investigator. This twenty-eight-year-old may have a checkered past littered with romantic mistakes, excessive drinking, and creative vandalism; she may be addicted to Get Smart reruns and prefer entering homes through windows rather than doors -- but the upshot is she's good at her job as a licensed private investigator with her family's firm, Spellman Investigations. Invading people's privacy comes naturally to Izzy. In fact, it comes naturally to all the Spellmans. If only they could leave their work at the office."

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# NEWS OF THE WORLD, ON PAUSE

BY PAM KRESS-DUNN

September 16, 1926, was a sad day for my family. That's the day my grandma Maude Kress, whom I never met, lost her brother, John Stafford, in a tragic car accident. Coming across the news clipping in a box of family papers, I learned he was driving a Velie car—a model developed by John Deere in Moline, IL, named after Deere's grandson, Willard Velie. The accident was not my great-uncle's fault. Over five hundred people, including a state senator, attended the funeral.

The details of the accident and obituary are fascinating, but I found another level of news on the back of the yellowed paper. While the headline is missing, it was probably something like "Around and About" or "What Your Neighbors Have Been Up To." Organized by locale, we learn that in the Duxbury neighborhood, "Fritz Kally, who has been south working, returned last week to spend the winter at home," and "S.E. Wasson and Ed Goebel were out on a sight seeing trip Sunday." And also, "Quite a few of the folks attended the fair in Cloverton Saturday." Quite a few! Think how annoyed you'd be if the latest virus counts appeared in the Dubuque paper that way. "Quite a few new COVID cases popped up in Dubuque County yesterday." Easier than counting, that's for sure.

So much is said: "Oscar Maygren returned Monday from Duluth, where he had been visiting his mother who was operated on last week for goiter. Mrs. Maygren is recovering as rapidly as can be expected." So much is unsaid: "A miscellaneous shower was held on Mrs. Jack Bently at her home in Keene, Tuesday." Wedding shower? New baby? How exactly was it held "on" Mrs. Bently? And did women have first names back then?

More mystery prevails in this odd announcement from Windmere Township: "Tuesday evening a charivari party called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Wells at their home west of Moose Lake." A quick search for "charivari" indicates it involved a gang of noisemakers descending on a house to grab a wrongdoer and hold him or her to account, sounding uncomfortably like a non-lethal lynching, something akin to the Pilgrim custom of putting scofflaws in stocks for public ridicule. We can only hope that, in 1926 Minnesota, it was more of a fun post-wedding visit by raucous friends, like a miscellaneous shower on steroids. In my youth, we might have festooned Mr. and Mrs. Wells' house with streamers of toilet paper.

Not today, though. TP is precious, and getting more so as winter descends and the virus resurges with a vengeance. People don't change much, but times do. We still want to sightsee, celebrate the birth of twins, go south for the winter and back home in the spring. We announce our comings and goings not in the newspaper but on social media, with perhaps less gory detail about our goiters and car smashups, but just as much attention to who poured the tea (or who

made the sourdough bread, with photos) or what kind of car we've got our eye on. Back in 1926, "J.W. Pearson purchased a Studebaker Six from a party in Pine River, and it was delivered to him Sunday." What a glorious day for Mr. Pearson.

There's been a rhythm to my family's announcements all through these months of lockdown. First we checked in to see how everyone was doing, and not just via Facebook or Twitter. Like so many others, Bob and I picked up the phone and called people we hadn't seen in ages, in distant outposts like Minneapolis, Atlanta, Seattle. I sent real letters to people lacking email, and it was very cool to receive real letters back. My packages to the grandtwins increased, and we played around with video chats. Everyone is so good at Zooming now, we can complain of Zoom fatigue.

It was heartening to see lists of things other folks were doing to procure groceries, pass the time, educate the kids, and stay sane. Once the weather calmed, we reported cautious in-person visits with friends in town. "Ms. Dunn had a three-hour conversation with Ms. Hill beneath a pergola of clematis at the Arboretum," the paper could have reported. "The Kress-Dunns dragged lawn chairs from their cars to look at the Lock and Dam from Eagle Point Park while chatting with the Curtises, whom they last had over for a pre-Christmas dinner."

Now winter is closing in. A group of men I know who've met at coffeehouses for years—solving the world's problems, laughing at old jokes—has relocated to one fellow's garage. My son is setting up his firepit, though there's too much COVID between Iowa and Nebraska for us to gather round in his Omaha yard. Families are planning holidays in which everyone eats the same thing at the same time on Zoom, counting their blessings if none of those beloved squares is empty.

Let's salute the everyday news, and the people who make it, both now and long ago. Here's a final bit of happy gossip from small-town Minnesota, c. 1926: "The cream route has a new driver. Hjalmar Jacobson has gone to Minneapolis to attend school, and Carl E. Wells is working in the store and driving the cream truck." Thank you, Carl. Thank you, all the essential workers who continue to staff the stores and drive the trucks. Celebrate your own little news this winter. It's bigger than you think. ■

PAM KRESS-DUNN

PAM BELIEVES THAT IF SHE DOESN'T WRITE ABOUT IT, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. YOU CAN READ ALL 300+ OF HER PAST COLUMNS, PLUS OTHER RANDOM POSTS, ON HER BLOG AT [SIEGEOFWORDS.COM](http://SIEGEOFWORDS.COM).





MOVE OVER, STEVE!

# DIY ADVICE

FROM A MOM WHO KNOWS HOW

BY SARA CARPENTER

STEVE'S  
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# GIVE JOY IN 2020: FUN FINDS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

A GUIDE FROM THE PARENTS  
AT SPROUT, THE FLOWER  
SHOPPE, AND STEVE'S ACE

I don't know about you, but 2020 has me longing for the finish line. This whirlwind of a year has been exhausting on all accounts. Many of us have been juggling a lot this year. If you're a parent like me, you've been trying to balance working from home, being a teacher, and trying to find moments to laugh.

With Christmas just around the corner, I also know that finding gifts for the special people on your list can be stressful (thank goodness for delivery). That's why the teams at the Flower Shoppe and Sprout came together to make you smile and bring families together over the holidays.

## #1 GET COZY

### LITTLE SLEEPIES PAJAMAS

INSTAGRAM-WORTHY COMFORT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

I cannot say this enough. These pajama sets from Little Sleepies aren't just perfect for that family Christmas card, they're comfortable. Seriously, you have to experience it for yourself. They're made of the softest, stretchiest bamboo viscose fabric that feels like butter. Bamboo is naturally hypoallergenic, antibacterial, and regulates body temperature, making it perfect for year-round wear.

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## #2 BOND OVER A PUZZLE

### PUZZLES WITH HART

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## #3 PLAY A GAME

### REGAL CLASSIC BOARD GAMES

ALL AGES

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## #4 BUILD A FORT!

### PICASSO TILES: FORT BUILDING KIT

AGES 5+

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## #5 GET COOKING

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## #7 DON'T FORGET FIDO: PETS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR STORE!

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## DON'T FORGET TO ROUND UP!

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## PUZZLE PAGE

### Conceptis Sudoku #1

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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### Conceptis Sudoku #2

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 34

## PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

### GOOD THINGS

#### ACROSS

- 1 "I don't know yet"
- 8 Order
- 15 "Amo, amas, I love —"
- 20 Plane pilot
- 21 Result of iron deficiency, to a Brit
- 22 "I Love Lucy" actress Vivian
- 23 Staying loyal despite adversity
- 25 Poet Lorde
- 26 The sun, in Spanish
- 27 Slimy slow movers
- 28 Actor Rex or singer James
- 29 Swing wildly, as one's arms
- 32 What the Union was for earth, in a Lincoln message
- 35 "I think," to texters
- 38 Really bother
- 40 TV studio alert
- 41 Gave the Red Cross some funds, e.g.
- 47 Something to scratch
- 51 Old politico Stevenson
- 52 Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. —"
- 53 Coral reef eel
- 54 Courage
- 61 Beach grit
- 63 "The Simpsons" store clerk
- 64 Bitter-ender
- 65 Pol with a six-yr. term
- 66 "A Death in the Family" author James
- 67 With 9-Down, "Paper Moon" child actress
- 70 Utah's — Canyon
- 71 "— girl!"
- 72 Pro-firearm org.
- 73 Rules established by legal precedent
- 75 Long Russian river
- 76 Fewer
- 77 The attorney general heads it
- 82 Glossy proof, for short
- 83 110-Across' high home
- 84 Ear-splitting
- 87 Helper: Abbr.
- 88 19th-century anti-alcohol fraternal society
- 94 Result in
- 96 Really bother
- 97 U.S. Army soldiers
- 98 Beatles song on the "White Album"
- 105 Dog restraint
- 107 Strike caller
- 108 "Coyote Ugly" actress Piper
- 110 "Bald" bird
- 114 Very, in music scores

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- 115 Christian set featured in this puzzle
- 119 Cerebrum's place
- 120 Helped criminally
- 121 Creates
- 122 Matches up, as sets of files
- 123 Have
- 124 Really should

#### DOWN

- 1 Stop sleeping
- 2 Stuntman Knievel
- 3 Whoppers
- 4 In the — luxury
- 5 Working overtime, e.g.
- 6 Centuries on end
- 7 Bit of work
- 8 Lyricist Sammy
- 9 See 67-Across
- 10 Mob group
- 11 Restaurant offerings
- 12 Love-in- — (plant with feathery foliage)
- 13 Louse-to-be
- 14 Lah-di- —
- 15 1972 Jack Lemmon film
- 16 Sidesplitter
- 17 Drug banned for Olympians, for short
- 18 Minor fight
- 19 Words on an F paper, maybe
- 24 Opening for a letter-shaped bolt
- 28 "My, my, old chap!"
- 30 Suffix with prop-
- 31 Ky. neighbor
- 33 Young guy, in hip-hop
- 34 Doc studying laryngitis
- 35 Wyo. neighbor
- 36 Hip '60s teen
- 37 Programs running in web browsers
- 39 Hanna-Barbera bear
- 42 "Live PD" network
- 43 Inmate
- 44 Two-time Wimbledon winner Lew
- 45 Improvise
- 46 Allude (to)
- 48 Committing to a fiduciary
- 49 Officers in training
- 50 Doglike scavengers
- 53 Prefix with afternoon
- 55 Really bother
- 56 Muscle jerk
- 57 One-on-one student
- 58 "Stop that, silly goose!"
- 59 Pool triangles
- 60 Yummy tidbit
- 61 Actress Bullock
- 62 Doesn't differ
- 68 Wrist-to-elbow bones
- 69 San —, California
- 71 Tinfoil giant
- 73 — -Magnon
- 74 Klingon officer of TV
- 78 Reviewer of paintings
- 79 Be suitable
- 80 Army wheels
- 81 For later use
- 85 — -fi film
- 86 "Of course"
- 88 "Of course"
- 89 Coll. in Columbus
- 90 Neighbor of TV's Homer
- 91 Brunch fruit
- 92 — -wee Herman
- 93 A Gabor
- 95 Chefs' tie-ons
- 98 Makes easier, with "down"
- 99 University in Atlanta
- 100 "Sounds like —!"
- 101 Sword types
- 102 Birds' refuges
- 103 Isle of Minos
- 104 Roof edges
- 106 Detested
- 109 Cots, e.g.
- 111 Holster fillers
- 112 Riga native, old-style
- 113 Rival of Petro-Canada
- 115 Spying tool
- 116 "Westworld" network
- 117 Actor Diesel
- 118 Suffix with serpent

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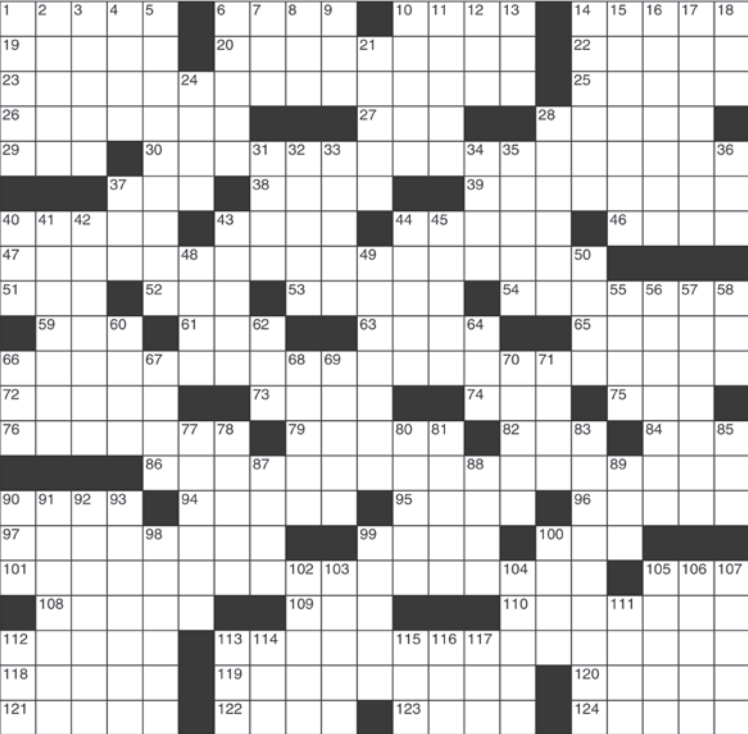
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- ACROSS
- 1 Acquire a wintry glaze
  - 6 Ending for Rock
  - 10 Dollars and cents
  - 14 Woodard with four Emmys
  - 19 Many a Jamaican believer, informally
  - 20 Canine pain
  - 22 "Yes, —!" ("Definitely!")
  - 23 1936 film sequel with William Powell and Myrna Loy
  - 25 Utter words
  - 26 — Boys (hit rap trio)
  - 27 "Lenore" poet
  - 28 Suffered
  - 29 Abbr. on a naval vessel
  - 30 A wide physical variety
  - 37 Stretch (out)
  - 38 Oscar winner Jared
  - 39 Seattle baseball team
  - 40 Possible reply to "Who's there?"
  - 43 Debater's platform
  - 44 Model Klum
  - 46 While lead-in
  - 47 1997 James Bond film
  - 51 — trial basis
  - 52 Mess up morally
  - 53 Locale of Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle"
  - 54 Immune response trigger
  - 59 Mess up
  - 61 Canine coat
  - 63 Scarf site
  - 65 "Yay, me!"
  - 66 Question about a weak effort
  - 72 Woman on the throne
  - 73 Designer Cassini
  - 74 Father
  - 75 LA-to-IN dir.
  - 76 Apply via an aerosol
  - 79 Rockability singer Chris
  - 82 "Send help!"
  - 84 Epoch
  - 86 Influential Brian Eno album of 1975
  - 90 Peter of "Columbo"
  - 94 Dark beer
  - 95 Rock guitarist Lofgren
  - 96 No-brainer class
  - 97 Cut across
  - 99 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer
  - 100 Sun, church oration
  - 101 Fifteen minutes of fame
  - 105 Triceps' place
  - 108 Quick snacks
  - 109 Intense anger
  - 110 Electrical resistance measures
  - 112 Shrink back
  - 113 Novel and film whose last line is formed by six key words in this puzzle
  - 118 "— Is Born"
  - 119 Came to an end
  - 120 Finnish architect
  - 121 Comes to an end
  - 122 Je ne — quoi
  - 123 Bullets, e.g.
  - 124 Hair lock
  - DOWN
  - 1 Ex-Yankee Hideki —
  - 2 Snug eateries
  - 3 "Cómo —?"
  - 4 Rugged
  - 5 Ones sharing in meals, e.g.
  - 6 Jazz singer Waters
  - 7 "Little piggy"
  - 8 Young child
  - 9 Verb suffix in the Bible
  - 10 Olympic craft
  - 11 Top points
  - 12 "— Na Na" members
  - 13 She cackles
  - 14 Home of St. Francis
  - 15 Contour of one's kisser
  - 16 Coldest refrigerator part
  - 17 Bookworms
  - 18 "Oh no, micel!"
  - 21 River giant, informally
  - 24 Floor square
  - 28 Actor Brody
  - 31 Deli side dish
  - 32 Ketchup brand
  - 33 Befuddled
  - 34 Surrounded by
  - 35 Gymnast Comaneci
  - 36 JFK jet, once
  - 37 Angry music genre
  - 40 Skater Midori
  - 41 Gets rid of some flab
  - 42 More brainy
  - 43 Dunkable treat
  - 44 "— mud in your eye!"
  - 45 Put up
  - 48 Rock fissure
  - 49 Pickling liquid
  - 50 Clic — (Bic brand)
  - 55 Persia, now
  - 56 Artillery unit
  - 57 Aged
  - 58 Prefix with classical
  - 60 Actress Perlman
  - 62 Pi follower
  - 64 Early English dramatist Thomas
  - 66 Mental figs.
  - 67 Novelist Seton
  - 68 Peace
  - 69 Nobel Root
  - 70 Surrounded (by)
  - 71 Springs in deserts
  - 72 Japanese wheat noodle
  - 73 Beginnings
  - 78 Tally mark
  - 80 Strain at — (fuss over trivialities)
  - 81 Shrimplike crustacean
  - 83 Sugary delicacy, old-style
  - 85 Org. for periodontists
  - 87 Carry along
  - 88 Race in "The Time Machine"
  - 89 Rowing tool
  - 90 Bouquet-bringing co.
  - 91 Middle East studier
  - 92 Let have it
  - 93 Ski mask, e.g.
  - 98 Villains' looks
  - 99 Lerner's partner in musicals
  - 100 "Quiet down"
  - 102 Moses' mount
  - 103 Hunts quarry
  - 104 Reached
  - 105 Moving spryly
  - 106 Fees for flats
  - 107 Old PC platform
  - 111 Wage — of words
  - 112 Used to exist
  - 113 Motorist's navig. aid
  - 114 Ending for Rock
  - 115 Boise is its cap.
  - 116 Actor Hanks
  - 117 Fan sound



#2,013 Average time of solution: 62 minutes

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Gwen Danzig's  
Good Advice



**DEAR GWEN,**  
My boyfriend's ringtone has been the same for two years. It's not just a ding, it's "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go" by Wham. Every phone call, text message, it's "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go" by Wham! I think I've been incredibly patient after years of relentless "uuuWAKE ME UP!!" I assumed he would get sick of it eventually, so I never said anything, but at this point, I feel like it's about to make or break this relationship. Does being annoyed by minor things like this mean I'm not in love with him

anymore? Am I allowed to tell him to change his ringtone?  
—Pleadingly, Wake Me Up Oh Please God No No

**DEAR WAKE ME UP OH PLEASE GOD NO NO,**  
Number one, I do think you love him because hearing Wham! weekly, let alone daily, let alone multiple times a day might make you eligible for sainthood. I'm literally on hold with the Vatican right now trying to get ahold of the Pope. He's cool, he likes the gays as far as

I understand, and I have no doubt you'll be up there practicing secret handshakes with Mother Theresa and listening to people pray that their kids finally go to bed dammit or to find their keys, or whatever saints do, when you inevitably off yourself from hearing "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go" 45 times a day.

My boyfriend's ringtone is some late 90s/early aughts song by Eminem, and I think it's been his ringtone since he was 15. I, too, hear it constantly, but I'm unable to make out the words except "ask ya momma," which is frankly good advice. Eminem, who knew? Regardless, it ALSO sucks. Remember the good ol' telephone ring? Congress isn't doing anything, maybe we should petition the government to ban songs as ringtones. I'll write a letter, I'm sure they're tired of hearing from people living in poverty and struggling small businesses right now, maybe they'll put their power to good use on something.

Circle back in a couple years, maybe Congress will have solved your problem by then. I'll let you know when I hear back from the Pope, too, once I get through this spiderweb of call transfers. I feel like I'm calling Mediacom.  
—xoxo Gwen

**DEAR GWEN,**  
My mother asked me to bring green bean casserole to Thanksgiving. I've lived out of town for 10 years and haven't been to a family Thanksgiving, so she has no idea I can't cook. Seriously, I burn boxed mac & cheese. Should I fess up and be forthright about being an awful cook? Should I get some Hy-Vee potatoes and put them in my own Tupperware?  
—Sincerely, Green Bean Messerole

**DEAREST GREEN BEAN MESSEROLE,**  
I have an even bigger ask than your mom. Burn a turkey and mashed potatoes and green bean casserole for your immediate household because Federal Government Daddy Anthony Fauci told us Thanksgiving is gonna kill everybody. Or go! But double down on quarantine measures and start two weeks ago. Please!!!!  
—xoxo Gwen

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 11/15

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU #2

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GOOD THINGS

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GENERAL BOB IS AT STONED ART STUDIO





**ARIES**  
(MAR 21-APR 19)  
You'll be tempted to text your ex at 3 a.m. out of sheer boredom. Don't do it because they're probably already "quarantined" with someone else at the moment. During this time, seek single people and not old flings.

**TAURUS**  
(APR 20-MAY 20)  
You'll run into an old friend at the grocery store, which may or may not be a horribly awkward experience. Bring headphones so you can pretend to be too occupied with music, otherwise you'll have to answer those "How you been?" questions.

**GEMINI**  
(MAY 21-JUNE 20)  
Congratulations, this month you will be the newest record holder of most spider bites in a minute. Unfortunately, you don't get super powers, just a swollen leg.

**CANCER**  
(JUNE 21-JULY 22)  
Use this time to binge watch *Orange is the New Black*. You will be going to jail soon over the opposite sex.

**LEO**  
(JULY 23-AUG 22)  
I bet you can't punch every Scorpio you know in the face before the end of the week!

**VIRGO**  
(AUG 23-SEP 22)  
You may continuously face obstacles in your projects. Consider putting them off until the time is right. Like the day after the deadline date. That's usually a good time.

**LIBRA**  
(SEP 23-OCT 22)  
2020 has been the easiest year to call in sick. Stop using the taking advantage of COVID season by telling your manager you don't feel well. Because although you won't be fired for missing two weeks of work, you also will be missing rent.

**SCORPIO**  
(OCT 23-NOV 21)  
You think you're so cunning and stuck-up, but all someone has to do is not give you full attention. You crave attention from those who don't give it to you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(NOV 22-DEC 21)  
Stop making announcements of the goals you plan on doing before actually doing them. Social recognition is a reward that may cause you to reduce your efforts. Just like when you dirty talk your significant other and you end up falling asleep early.

**CAPRICORN**  
(DEC 22-JAN 19)  
Why are you buying unnecessary stuff for your children? You bought your 6-month-old a 4 wheeler. You gave your 9-year-old an Apple Watch. And you gave your 5-year-old nephew \$600. Why? Give them your time instead.

**AQUARIUS**  
(JAN 20-FEB 18)  
You complain about relationships and how nobody takes them serious anymore. Every person that you date, the relationship lasts no more than three months. But have you ever thought that maybe it's not "relationships today?" Maybe it's the type of people that you date.

**PISCES**  
(FEB 19-MAR 20)  
When you find yourself at a crossroads between staying in or going to the bars in Wisconsin to drink and risking COVID, close your eyes and spin in a circle with your arm pointed out for one minute straight. If you don't feel like driving after, then stay home.

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