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reserved. All bacon served semi-crispy.

It's Saturday night and I'm finally on the couch waiting for my toes to warm up watching the Hawkeyes take a beating from Michigan in the Big Ten Championship game. It's been a *loooooong* day, but a rewarding one. We spent from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. sitting outside in front of Theisen's in Dubuque to raise money and toys for Toys For Tots and did we ever do that.

For starters, it was practically a balmy 30-38 degrees today, instead of a potential zero degrees or a strong wind, snow, or sleet. So, that's a treat. Up until today we've been able to work in t-shirts all week, because of the fanatic weather so we can sport our nice new Toys For Tots t-shirts that Theisen's got for us at the start of the season. We had a nice heater, but we would have survived without it.

The day got off to a great start with toys and money coming in quick and early, and it really didn't let up all day. While I held down the fort at Theisen's, my sidekicks Paul and Jeff took a massive load of toys to Peosta for the Dept. of Human Services' distribution even happening at NICC this weekend. They brought back the Runde Community Support box truck that we've borrowed for the week and we decided to load that up directly at Theisen's because it's a bit bigger than the Theisen's box truck. It was a good call. By 4 p.m., that truck was packed from bow to stern with toy boxes piled higher than the sides of the boxes. It must be a thousand toys, easily. And they are NICE toys. I saw the prices on toys when I did some toy shopping. So many things we saw coming in that were easily \$40 toys. It was humbling and wonderful. The kind of things I can't afford to buy with my budget. Heck, I'm not even allowed to spend that much per toy if I wanted to.

Rob Anglin and the Radio Dubuque crew joined us for much of the day. And despite not needing to at all, many of our Theisen's friends, from multiple people with the name "Theisen" to guys like Scott Buse and Mitch Klepper who are not staff at the Dubuque store anymore, but who both once managed the Dubuque store, spent a long time outside with us chatting and thanking people for their donations. Current Manager Jim Gabel and his staff were, as always, the best possible hosts to us. And, truly, who can forget the Dubuque Marine Corps League guys who strike a wonderful image standing along the wall out by Dodge St./Hwy 20 and waving at traffic as it passes by? They make Toys For Tots look cool, and they draw a lot of cars into the lot that may have otherwise driven by. So many cars rolled by our table, rolled down their window and handed us twenties, fifties, and hundred dollar bills. Thanks as well to the young helpers from Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School who shuttled toys and greeted shoppers inside for hours.

That added up to about \$4,000 in cash donations. We will call it a great day. But that long day outside also tends to take a bit out of you. So you look forward to going home and resting. But alas, this



past Saturday was also the Teddy Bear Toss at the Dubuque Fighting Saints.

So fast-forward two hours and Paul Gilligan and I were at it again, this time next to the ice at the Mystique Community Ice Center waiting for the home team to score their first goal, which triggers the tossing of teddy bears onto the ice. Despite going down by a goal early, that first Saints goal came with about 5 minutes left in the first period. The doors at the end of the arena were thrown open and we filed onto the ice with 14 big Toys For Tots boxes as the players assisted in gathering the teddy bears together as they came flying over the dasher boards. A short few minutes later we were dragging all of the boxes, completely full, off of the ice, for another super successful night thanks to ImOn Communications, who sponsors Teddy Bear Toss every year. Thank you! We will return on Monday and get those bears on the Runde truck and get them quickly into the system to help make Christmas wishes come true.

This was the end of a jam-packed week of playing with toys. Operating our own toy distribution event again this year is a layer of complexity and organization I never had to worry about in my first 13 years of running the Marine Corps Toys For Tots program. While the Dubuque Multicultural Family Center helped us make that work with the help of many daily volunteers, there are none more awesome than Paul and Sandy Meyer who are working that event just about every day. What a relief they are.

We also made a giant refill trip to the Dubuque Salvation Army, as well as our annual pilgrimage to St. Olaf, IA, to drop off a huge load of new toys and books for the many underprivileged kids of Clayton County. In between all of that, we're picking up hundreds of teddy bears from PetSmart, cookies from Fairway, and dozens of other stores, sort of like a box truck ballet where we're showing up just in time at each place from Galena to Platteville to Dyersville. And, man, I didn't even talk about the five stores we hit on Black Friday to pack a truck with \$5,000 in new toys... and that was at Black Friday prices.

So yeah, I'm on the couch now watching football. And even though we're currently losing, it feels like a well-earned treat. Speaking of a well-earned treat, I think I'll have some more of the great pizza that Mike Meyer from The Otherside in East Dubuque, IL, delivered to us at Theisen's today. It sure is nice to be loved and supported by this community. As much work as this is, this makes it so much easier and more rewarding. 21 days to Christmas... we got this! ■

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GINGERBREAD BAKING: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 1-3 PM

CANDLELIGHT TOURS: SATURDAYS: DECEMBER 11 @ 6 AND 7 PM

MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE (2241 LINCOLN AVE)

The holiday season has arrived, and the Mathias Ham Historic Site is opening its doors for plenty of old-fashioned holiday events. Home for the Holidays features specially curated tours highlighting holiday traditions of the Victorian era with weekly crafts, entertainment, and special activities.

House Tours will be available from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 11, 12, 18, and 19. The Ham House will be decorated in period style, and costumed interpreters will share holiday traditions of the Victorian era. Refreshments and crafts will be available as well. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-17, and River Museum members receive free admission.

On Saturday, Dec. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., attendees of all ages can learn how to make gingerbread. Adult admission is \$25 and children's admission is \$15.

Candlelight Tours through the Ham House will be offered on Dec. 11, at 6 and 7 p.m. Tour the Ham House by candlelight while learning about the architectural and historical significance



of the home. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, with members of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium receiving a discount. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more information on all of these programs and activities, and for more registration details, visit [**rivermuseum.com/events**](http://rivermuseum.com/events) or contact Victoria Cote, Historic Site Coordinator at **563-557-9545 x218**. ■



Night of the Luminaria & Living Windows

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 4-7 PM
GALENA, IL

Don't miss one of the most beautiful and romantic visions of the year. On Saturday, Dec. 11 from 4 to 7 p.m., more than 5,000 candlelit luminaries line the streets, steps, and sidewalks, and store windows come alive! From Main Street to the hills overlooking Grant Park, all of Galena will be glowing.

In addition to the beautiful luminaries, store windows on Main Street come

alive with holiday-inspired animation in Living Windows and local businesses offer extended hours, so take advantage and do some holiday shopping!

If you're looking for some Christmas caroling, make your way to Grant Park at 6 p.m. where you will find carolers singing your favorite tunes in the park gazebo!

The Old Blacksmith Shop at 245 Commerce Dr. opens from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. as blacksmith Rich Tickner and his team of volunteers fire up the forge and demonstrate their craft for visitors. The gift shop will be filled with items custom-made by the blacksmiths.

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Neil Berg's Broadway Holiday

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

The Dubuque Arts Council, in cooperation with the University of Dubuque Heritage Center, is excited to present Neil Berg's Broadway Holiday at University of Dubuque Heritage Center John and Alice Butler Hall on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Direct from New York, Broadway's best, including Dubuque native Rita Harvey, will sing in the New Year with Broadway Holiday. Neil Berg's critically acclaimed musical revue will take audiences on a journey through Broadway history with



an unforgettable holiday event. The show will feature beloved holiday tunes as well as hits from classic shows like *My Fair Lady* and *South Pacific* to groundbreakers like *West Side Story* and *Chicago* to more recent blockbusters like *Jersey Boys* and *Wicked*.

Neil Berg's Broadway Holiday is one in a series of special concerts that raise money to support the Artist-in-Residence program, which brings live national and international performances to Tri-State area schools. In addition, every summer the Dubuque Arts Council, along with the support of corporate sponsors, presents Music in the Gardens, a series of free summer concerts held at the Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Tickets are \$29-\$49 for adults and \$24-\$44 for military and veterans. All tickets increase by \$5 for purchases on the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■



Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey

VS YOUNGSTOWN PHANTOMS: DECEMBER 9-11 @ 7:05 PM
VS MADISON CAPITOLS: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 7:05 PM
VS WATERLOO BLACK HAWKS: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 @ 7:05 PM
MYSTIQUE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

The Dubuque Fighting Saints head to the Mystique Community Ice Center for another season of hockey.

A recent schedule change brings the Youngstown Phantoms to Our House this weekend for three consecutive games: Dec. 9, 10, and 11. Then, the year closes out with two regularly scheduled games: The Madison Capitols on Dec. 17 followed by the Waterloo Black Hawks on Dec. 29.

On the heels of making the Clark Cup Playoffs for the 10th consecutive season, the Dubuque Fighting Saints will look to extend that streak to 11 with an exciting group of returning players and new faces, including a new face at the head coach position.

Call 563-583-6880 or visit DubuqueFightingSaints.com for tickets, the full season schedule, and more information. ■

THU 12/9

Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show
11 AM @ CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT
Enjoy lunch while seeing the latest in women's wear available at PJ Chapin's Boutique Shoppe located inside Hotel Julien Dubuque. \$20 per person includes a \$5 donation to Toys for Tots Dubuque to which Caroline's Restaurant will match. RSVP: **563-588-5595**. 200 Main St. hoteljulienDubuque.com.

Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board Fundraiser
6:30-9:30 PM @ DIMENSIONAL BREWING CO
Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board Inc. is collecting tips to support school bus grants and student educational programs. Music by Broken Rubber Band. Free. 67 Main St. **563-556-6745**. facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation.

FRI 12/10

DBQ Artisans Holiday Pop-Up Shop
4-8 PM @ SMOKESTACK
Dec. 10 at 4-8 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 2-6 p.m. Sip, shop, and support local. Unique, memorable, and beautiful holiday gifts from local artisans—jewelry, drawings, ceramics, clothing, and more. Featured local artists include Berlyn Designs, Pink Moons Cree-ations, Burn Art & Illustration, and art by Rachel Spurling. 62 E 7th St. smokestackdbq.com.

Book Release: The Langworthys of Dubuque
5 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
The Langworthys arrived in the lead mining district of the Upper Midwest in the 1820s. James built the first Methodist church, Solon plowed the first fields, and Lucius built the first road between Dubuque and Iowa City.

Author Susan M. Hellert adds to Dubuque's rich, historical heritage as she details how the Langworthys helped build a city—the City of Dubuque, Iowa. Susan's previous work, *Hidden History of Dubuque*, is also available at River Lights. 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391**. riverlights.com.

SAT 12/11



Breakfast With Santa
8-11 AM @ HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE
Join Santa for a delicious breakfast, crafts, ornament creation, Christmas stories, and music. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Reservations are recommended. Meals are \$16 for adults and children are \$9.50 or free with a donation of a new, unwrapped toy

for Toys For Tots. RSVP: **563-588-5563**. 200 Main St. hoteljulienDubuque.com.



Frentress Lake Shopping Event for Toys For Tots
10 AM-2 PM @ FRENTRESS LAKE RESORT, (EAST DBQ, IL)
This is a FREE event with a suggested donation or a new, unused toy to support Toys for Tots. They're packing a big shopping punch into four hours with a slew of door prizes including a guided river cruise. Browse items from a variety of vendors and 50/50 raffles throughout the day with proceeds going to Toys for Tots. Join sponsors Frentress Lake Marine Center, Midwest Motorsports, Potosi Brewing, and Galena Cellars for a day of shopping and fun. 818 Gill Rd., East Dubuque, IL.



Christmas Around the World
11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI)
Dec. 11, 18, and 29 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Dec. 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Elf Jingle can't resist Santa's magical "clockenspiel" and finds himself on a whirlwind trip around the world in the Fever River Puppeteers' marionette show, *Christmas Around the World*. The show is approximately 45 minutes. \$5. 2130 Main St., Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129**. hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.



Cedars for Celebration
1-3 PM @ SUNNYCREST MANOR
Bring home a native tree or wreath this season from right here in Dubuque County. While cedars are native to this area, they are taking over our remnant prairies and need to be taken out. Cedars will be cut down with hand saws and loppers provided by County Conservation Staff. Wire, ribbon, and tools will be provided for wreath making. Dress for the weather and bring rope to tie down any larger trees you will be taking home with you. Free. 2375 Roosevelt St. **563-556-6745**. facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 7 PM
OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
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The Neverly Brothers bring their rock n’ roll tribute to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA this New Year’s Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m.

Experience the birth, near death and resurrection of rock n’ roll. The Neverly Brothers’ one-of-a-kind high-energy performance will take you on a musical guided tour of rock history—from 1955 to 1965.

The first half of their concert pays tribute to the music created by the 1950s American Rock n’ Roll pioneers—which by 1960 had become a distant memory but became the inspiration for the next wave of young rock bands from Britain. The

second half then pays tribute to the 1964 British Invasion bands that re-recorded the forgotten 1950s American rock music—along with lesser known early 1960s rhythm & blues songs, recorded their own original songs and pulled Rock n’ Roll from the edge of extinction by re-inventing and re-energizing it for a new generation.

You’ll learn rock history and be thoroughly entertained with their chronological song sequence, stories behind the music, and vintage wardrobe changes. Their repertoire consists of show-stopping renditions of early hits by Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Eddie Cochran, Buddy Holly, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Dave Clark Five, and more!

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door and can be purchased at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center box office, by calling **563-652-9815**, or at **OnwardFineArtsCenter.com**. ■

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Bryan Anthony’s
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 8 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

The Dubuque Arts Council kicks off the 2022 New Year with famed big band vocalist Bryan Anthony’s Celebrating Sinatra—His Life in Music at The Grand Opera House on Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. Bryan will perform music of Nelson Riddle in concert with the Hunter Fuerste Orchestra.

Bryan Anthony and Hunter Fuerste bring the legacy music made famous by Nelson Riddle and Frank Sinatra with their soulful and sweetly nostalgic performance like “I’ve Got You Under My Skin,” “I’ve Got the World on a String,” and “I Get a Kick Out of You.”

Along with and Nelson Riddle Orchestra, Bryan is a veteran vocalist of ensembles like the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey bands. He returns to sing with Dubuque’s own Hunter Fuerste,



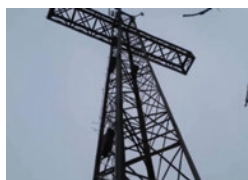
who played with Guy Lombardo—Mr. New Year’s Eve, himself. This collective homage to Old Blue Eyes takes contemporary audiences back to the Swing Era in style. Bryan’s fondness and respect for the Great Gentlemen of Song has led to this development of extensive repertoire that provides stunning homages without resorting to impressions.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■

SAT 12/11

**Katie's Garden
Winter Wonderland:
Holiday StoryWalk**5-7 PM @ KATIE'S GARDEN
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)

Read the story with your family at your own pace while enjoying the holiday lights, pick up a free children's book, and explore the animated light displays. 275 W Business HWY 151, Platteville, WI. **608-348-8888**. platteville.com.

**Centennial Cross
Fundraiser**5-7:30 PM @ JOLIET
EVENT CENTER

KC Council 510 is hosting a fundraiser for the blue lighted Centennial Cross in Key West. Poor Man's Catering has donated beef tips (prime rib) and homemade noodles with two sides, homemade bread, and a dessert. Music provided by Ron Lubbers. RSVP required. \$10. 781 Locust. **563-588-2011**.

**A Cherry, Cherry
Christmas Dinner
Show**5-9:30 PM @ EHRLER
SPECIAL EVENT BARN
(GALENA, IL)

Take some time to fill your tummies, warm your hearts and get in the holiday spirit. Join vocalist and story teller Denny "Diamond" for an evening of holiday music featuring songs from Neil Diamond's Acoustic Christmas album along with stories and songs from his show, A Neil Diamond Story. \$55 Adults, \$25 children. 11866 Chetlain Ln, Galena, IL. **815-893-9202**. dennydiamond.com.

**Christmas Glow
Parade**

6 PM @ CUBA CITY, WI

The parade theme "Christmas Staycation" offers prizes for the top three entries! Doug Collins will be MC for the evening with Christmas music. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by firetruck during the parade and then meet with children at the Presidential Plaza Gazebo. Complimentary hot chocolate, hot dogs, and popcorn plus enjoy deep fried cheese curds. Lioness will have ornaments for the Tree of Remembrance. City of Presidents will have the Caboose open for tours.

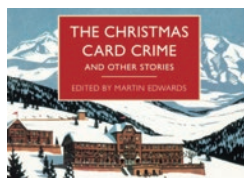
SUN 12/12

**Murder Mystery
Dinner Theater: Cut
Loose Tree Farm**

5 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY

Cut Loose Tree Farm is the only tree farm in Iowa that carries all 16 varieties of Christmas trees. They're known for their perfectly pruned pines and beautiful balsams. But, it's just before Christmas and a parasite has proven to put inventory in peril. President Pine (who prefers Christmas Cocktails rather than taking the family tree business too seriously) isn't too concerned. Everyone else is, as jobs are on the chopping block. But wait! That chopping block just got more interesting...Who's on it? Marketing Director, Sappy Selfie? The company's accountant-and-resident karaoke queen, Merryoke? Perhaps Jack Frost or Holly N. Ivy is in the know...or maybe they're about to be butchered themselves. It's a prickly place for Christmas capers this fine December, for sure. The dinner includes a four course meal, wine or beverage of your choice, and the theater. RSVP required. \$59.95. **563-583-6100 x203**. stonecliffwinery.com.

MON 12/13

**L. May Book Group:
The Christmas Card
Crime and Other
Stories**

6:30 PM @ L.MAY EATERY
Libations and discourse over a variety of literary genres. Discuss *The Christmas Card Crime and Other Stories* by Martin Edwards. 1072 Main St. **563-556-4391**. riverlights.com.

TUE 12/14

**Holiday Arrangement
Workshop**6-8 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN
GRANDE BALLROOM

Join floral designers Hillary and Rhonda from Handpickd for a fun-filled workshop where you get to create your very own holiday Christmas arrangement. In this two-hour workshop, you will learn how to make a fabulous holiday arrangement, decorated unique to your own style. Handpickd will provide all the decorations and arrangement-making materials. Workshop is \$85. RSVP: fresh@handpickd4u.com. 200 Main St. **563-556-4200**. hoteljuliendubuque.com.

**Dubuque Coalition
for Nonviolence**

7 PM @ ONLINE

The Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence will remember the Sandy Hook tragedy with a 30 minute live stream event. Speakers include Tom Giesen and Chris Oldroyd, parents who experienced a school shooting near Denver, Co and son of longtime Dubuque activists. Also, we will remember each of the victims who died at Sandy Hook Elementary. Free. **563-581-7690**. facebook.com/DBQCNV.

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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1199 MAIN ST)

Area musicians and performers are featured in 12 weekly performances. The series is held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church every Friday between Jan. 7 and March 25 from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m.

The schedule for this year's series is as follows:

- Jan. 7: St. Luke's Artists: Dr. Charles Barland, organ; Ann Duchow, violin; Sue Hattel, clarinet
- Jan. 14: Sharon Jensen, piano; Al Williams, lute
- Jan. 21: TBD
- Jan. 28: Rebecca Christians, journalist
- Feb. 4: Dr. Charles Barland, organ; Marcia Martin, bassoon
- Feb. 11: Marcus DeJesus, guitar
- Feb. 18: Leslie Appleby, piano; Laura Southworth, soprano
- Feb. 25: Clarke University String Trio
- March 4: Potosa Strings
- March 11: Jeremiah Cawley, voice; Michael Bagby, piano
- March 18: University of Dubuque Choirs, Kristen Eby, director
- March 25: Upper Main Street Jazz/Swing Band, Ric Jones, director

Masks are required. The performances are free to attend. Donations support St. Luke's Jesus Fund and People In Need (P.I.N.) Emergency Aid. For more information, call **563-582-4543** or visit stlukesdbq.org. ■



Retro Rewind

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 10 AM–7 PM
FIVE FLAGS CENTER (405 MAIN ST)

All good things must come to an end. Celebrate the final Retro Rewind on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Five Flags Center.

Vintage period correct hot rods, kustom cars, and vintage motorcycles will be on display. Check out the vendors selling their original art in the automotive vendor area or stroll on over to the swap meet area where you can find some old car parts. Don't miss the live bands, pin up contest, art auction, and more at this special fundraiser for Helping Hannah's Heart Foundation.

For more information, find Retro Rewind Dubuque on Facebook. ■

Galena LitFest

JANUARY 11–22
ONLINE

The seventh annual Galena LitFest takes place virtually Jan. 11–22. LitFest hosts bestselling authors and aspiring writers from throughout the Tri-State region and beyond. Since the move into the virtual realm, the festival has gained a global audience, further enriching the experience for Galena locals.

This year's events include:

- Jan. 11: Indie Author Panel featuring the Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project
- Jan. 12: *Not Always a Valley of Tears*: Miracles Discovered
- Jan. 13: An Evening with Sylvie Perry: Author of *The Hawthorne School*
- Jan. 15: Creative Journaling
- Jan. 19: She Speaks: An Evening of Indigenous Poetry and Conversation
- Jan. 20: All Who Belong May Enter
- Jan. 22: Brainstorming: How to Unstick What's Stuck

Registration information can be found at GalenaLibrary.org. Alternatively, all events will be streamed simultaneously at facebook.com/galenalibrary and most will be uploaded to YouTube for on-demand viewing. For more information, contact adult services librarian Larissa Distler at **815-777-0200** or distlerl@galenalibrary.org. ■



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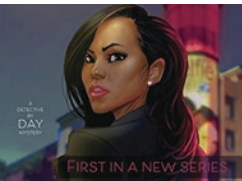


TUE 12/14

Native American Book Discussion: The Night Watchman

7-8:15 PM @ ONLINE
Join Eric Anglada virtually to share musings of Louise Erdrich's *The Night Watchman*. Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award winning author Erdrich's grandfather, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman. **608-748-4411. sinsinawa.org/moundcenter.**

WED 12/15



Mystery & Mayhem Book Club: Hollywood Homicide

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Discuss *Hollywood Homicide* by Kellye Garrett. Struggling actress Dayna witnesses a fatal hit and run accident and decides to use her love of detective novels to solve the case, claim the \$15,000 reward, and find justice for the victim. Copies are available for check out. Ages 18+. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225. carnegioustout.org.**

Community Blue Christmas Service

6:30 PM @ ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ONLINE
A service of healing and hope for anyone feeling blue this season. A reflective opportunity for all who have experienced grief, setbacks or loss. Clergy leadership from First Presbyterian,

First Congregational, Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. John's Episcopal, and St. Luke's United Methodist. Child care provided. 1199 Main St. **stlukesdbq.org/worship.**

Tree of Love Tree Lighting Ceremony

6:30 PM @ MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER (GALENA, IL)
Honor loved ones during the holiday season. This event raises money for Midwest Medical Center in Galena and Galena Stauss Senior Care Community. The Tree Lighting Ceremony features music by the LoveNotes from the Galena Center for the Arts. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation Free. 1 Medical Center Dr, Galena, IL. **815-777-6056.**

THU 12/16



Sugar Cookies: Ugly Sweater Style

5:30-8:30 PM @ STEEPL SQUARE
The holidays are just around the corner and you know what that means... ugly sweaters, of course! Why not take that even further and decorate cookies to look like ugly sweaters? Join this fun class to bake and decorate sugar cookies, ugly sweater-style, and then take some home to enjoy or share. RSVP. \$39. 101 E 15th St. **844-642-2338 x1399. nicc.edu/solutions.**

Antiracism Book Club: So You Want to Talk About Race

6-7:30 PM @ ONLINE
In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt

to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life. RSVP required. Free. **shakeragalley.org.**

FRI 12/17



Tallgrass Music Festival: The Juliani Ensemble

5-7 PM @ GOLDMOOR INN & RESORT (GALENA, IL)
Dec. 17 and 18 at 5-7 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 3-5 p.m. The fourth annual Tallgrass Chamber Music Festival hosts The Juliani Ensemble. Enjoy the return of live performance with a program featuring Duet for Violin and Cello, J. Montgomery; Grand Trio for Flute, Violin and Cello, Op. 35, E. Walckiers; and Trio for Flute, Viola and Cello, Op. 40, A. Roussel. Guests will be treated to pre-concert hors d'oeuvres and drinks, along with the opportunity to meet the musicians following the performance. \$50. 9001 Sandhill Rd, Galena IL. **815-777-3925. goldmoor.com.**



Classic Christmas Movies Trivia Night

7 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
A holiday staple for years, a few classic Christmas movies will be the topic for the Christmas-themed trivia night. Five rounds of questions test how well you know the characters and their hijinks from the movies. Up to 8 people per team. Win cash prizes! RSVP. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406. dbqfair.com.**

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SAT 12/18

Country Christmas

10 AM–NOON @

SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL)

Celebrate Christmas at the indoor arena with gifts from Santa, pet the mini-brigade, create a Christmas craft, and wagon rides. Hot drinks from Galena Roasters available for purchase, and Belden Boys Books available for purchase. \$5 children; free for adults. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. thegalenaterritory.com.

Katie's Garden Winter Wonderland: Singing Santa

5–7 PM @ **KATIE'S GARDEN (PLATTEVILLE, WI)**

Santa will sing with caroling groups including the Middle School Swing Singers, Roy Schroedl, and more TBA. Explore the animated light displays. Presented by Building Platteville in partnership with Platteville Regional Chamber. 275 W Business HWY 151, Platteville, WI. **608-348-8888**. platteville.com.

SUN 12/19



Breakfast with Santa

8 AM–NOON @ **DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, tater tots, eggs, apple sauce, oj, milk, and coffee. Santa will be there from 9:30 a.m. until noon to meet with kids and get pictures taken. \$8 Adults, \$4 ages 5–12, free ages 4 and under. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. dbqfair.com.

Holiday Blitz Youth Wrestling Tournament

8:30 AM @ **FIVE FLAGS ARENA**

Modified National High School Federation for boys and modified freestyle/folkstyle for girls. Double

elimination—referee decisions final. \$10 spectators. 405 Main St. **563-589-4258**. fiveflagscenter.com.

TUE 12/21

Natura Divina-Wild Church: Winter Solstice

6:30–8 PM @ **SINSINAWA MOUND (SINSINAWA, WI)**

Fire and song, ritual and community, prayer and quiet: this ecumenical gathering is centered on honoring the sacred time of Winter Solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year. Be prepared to spend some time outdoors. Sinsinawa Mound Center's Ecological Programming Coordinator Eric Anglada will facilitate. Freewill offering. 585 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI. **608-748-4411**. sinsinawa.org/moundcenter.



Shalom Winter Breakfast: St. Francis of Assisi and the Crèche

7:30–8:30 PM @ **SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

Sister Ginny Heldorfer, OSF will focus on St. Francis' contribution to the birth of the crèche. Feel free to bring a figure from your own crèche to focus on during the closing prayer. RSVP by Dec. 16. \$15. 1001 Davis St. **563-582-3592**. shalomretreats.org.

WED 12/22



Gingerbread Houses

5:30–8:30 PM @ **STEEPLE SQUARE**

Bake traditional gingerbread from scratch and then learn to cut out, assemble, and decorate a fun gingerbread

house using a variety of sweets and candies. You could start a new family tradition! RSVP. \$39. 101 E 15th St. **844-642-2338 x1399**. nicc.edu/solutions.



Sky Viewing Event

6:30–8 PM @ **SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)**

The sky viewing lesson includes instructions on how to use star charts and other tips to view astronomical objects. Afterward, take to the night skies with telescopes! Star charts and other sky viewing materials will be provided, but flashlights are recommended to bring. This event will be held mostly outside, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Space is limited. RSVP. Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745**. facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation.

WED 12/29



Art for All: The Gift of Gratitude

11 AM–3 PM @ **DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART**

This quarterly multigenerational program is offered in partnership with the Multicultural Family Center. Art for All will feature art activities that focus on the theme of gratitude. Free. 701 Locust St. **563-557-1851**. dbqart.org.



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Ongoing & Recurring Events

SUNDAY

Arcade Meetup LGBTQ+ Social
3RD SUN @ 4:45-6:45 PM
BACKPOCKET DUBUQUE
Gathering for LGBTQ+ community and allies. All ages. 333 E 10th St. [facebook.com/DubuqueLGBTQ](#).

MONDAY

Social Connections for Singles Euchre
MON @ 6:15 PM
DENNY'S LUX CLUB
Come for friends and euchre. 3050 Asbury Rd. 815-297-3308.

Dubuque Area Humanists
3RD MON @ 6:30-8 PM
DUBUQUE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (ASBURY, IA)
Cultivate a community in Dubuque who is good without God. Free. 5290 Grand Meadow Dr, Asbury, IA. [facebook.com/dubuqueareahumanists](#).

TUESDAY

Early Explorers
1ST TUE & SAT @ 10 AM
MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Discover the ABCs of the world around us. Hands-on activities including a craft and a game. RSVP suggested. Ages 2-5 with parent/care-giver. \$10 for non-members; \$8 for members; adult free. 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545. [RiverMuseum.com](#).

Faith Writers Group
3RD TUE @ 6:30-8 PM
ONLINE
Shalom Spirituality Center's monthly writer's group allows time to share up to two pages of writing with an opportunity for feedback and

critique from other members. Facilitated by Mary Potter Kenyon. Free. 563-582-3592. [shalomretreats.org](#).

WEDNESDAY

MFC Teen Nights
WED @ 5:30-7:30 PM
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER
Teens can enjoy dinner and activities while hanging out in a safe, fun environment that promotes unity among diversity and empowers youth to reach their potential. Free. 1101 Central Ave. 563-582-3681. [MFCdbq.org](#).

Toastmasters Speakeasy Club
2ND, 4TH, AND 5TH WED @ 5:30 PM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Overcome your fear of public speaking and develop the skills to give an organized, dynamic, and interesting presentation. Ages 18+. Free. 360 W 11th St. [facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub](#).

Green Drinks
2ND WED @ 6 PM
SMOKESTACK
Have a drink with environmentally-minded friends and discuss local issues concerning global environmental challenges. 62 E 7th St. [GreenDubuque.org](#).

SheUnites
3RD WED @ 6-7:30 PM
SMOKESTACK
No meeting in December.
SheUnites is an inclusive women's group in Dubuque, working to connect women across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. All are worthy, all belong, all are welcome. Free. 62 E 7th St. [SheUnitesIowa.com](#).

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS

DO YOU HAVE A TRI-STATE EVENT THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS? LET US KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BY SENDING US YOUR INFORMATION!
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FRIDAY

Social Connections for Singles Meet & Greet
FRI @ 5-7 PM
SHOT TOWER INN
Come for friends and food. 390 Locust St. 563-845-0070.

SATURDAY

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market
1ST & 3RD SAT THROUGH APR 30 @ 8 AM-NOON
ROUNTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Find homegrown and handmade products from fresh produce and prepared food to art and crochet blankets. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374. [PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com](#).

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers
2ND SAT THROUGH APRIL @ 10-10:30 AM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers (L&MOP) is a concert series for preschool children and their families. Performers presents a mini-concert introducing children to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Masks required for ages 2+. Free. 360 W 11th St. 563-690-0151. [NISOM.com](#).

Driftless Poets Monthly Workshop
2ND SAT @ 2-4 PM
ONLINE
Local and aspiring poets are invited to provide support and encouragement for poets seeking honest feedback on their work. Submit work one week in advance to receive feedback and critique. RSVP. 608-987-3292. [driftlesspoets.com](#).

27TH ANNUAL

Reflections in the Park
NOW THROUGH JANUARY 2 @ 5-10 PM
LOUIS MURPHY PARK (1700 S GRANDVIEW AVE)
Join Hillcrest Family Services for the 27th annual Reflections in the Park, a Hillcrest Lights Festival! Drive through the park and enjoy the beauty of the twinkling lights this holiday. Santa will visit every Monday.

Pick up advanced tickets for \$10 per vehicle at any DB&T location or pay \$12 at the gate. Proceeds benefit the programs



of Hillcrest Family Services. For more information, call 563-845-0378 or find "Reflections in the Park" on Facebook. ■



Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

SATURDAYS THROUGH APRIL 30 @ 9 AM-NOON
KENNEDY MALL WEST CONCOURSE ACROSS FROM PLANET FITNESS (555 JFK RD)
Join the Dubuque Winter Farmers Market for their 15th season on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in Kennedy Mall. Winter Market is held in the west concourse in the former Younkers Men's storefront near Planet Fitness. Winter Farmers Market will be open every Saturday (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) through April 30, 2022.

This season, over 30 regional vendors will offer seasonal produce, eggs, meats, cheeses, honey, maple syrup, starter plants, herbs, baked goods, and more.

On Dec. 18, the market stays open one hour later and welcomes holiday art and craft vendors for the first time ever! Shop local, unique handmade goods for your holiday gift-giving. Many of the regular market vendors will have special holiday gift boxes of your favorite local food products as well.

Also added to the Dec. 18 roster is Food For Thought: A Winter Market Speaker Series at 11 a.m. Join for engaging conversations with farmers, advocates, and food system disrupters who will help you make connections to the broader food system. For more information, visit wintermarketdbq.com/speakerseries.

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.

Become part of the energy by participating as a vendor, shopping each week, or volunteering. To volunteer, contact Market Manager, Danielle Stowell, at manager@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 Street, with support from City of Dubuque, Sustainable Dubuque, and Dubuque County Food Policy Council.

For more information, visit wintermarketdbq.com. ■

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MOVIE NEWS

Coming Soon

WEST SIDE STORY (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

From Seven Spielberg... Love at first sight strikes when young Tony spots Maria at a high school dance in 1957 New York City. Their burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks—two rival gangs vying for control of the streets.



SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

For the first time in the cinematic history of Spider-Man, our friendly neighborhood hero's identity is revealed, bringing his super hero responsibilities into conflict with his normal life and putting those he cares about most at risk. When he enlists Doctor Strange's help to restore his secret, the spell tears a hole in their world, releasing the most powerful villains who've ever fought a Spider-Man in any universe. Now, Peter will have to overcome his greatest challenge yet, which will not only forever alter his own future but the future of the Multiverse.



THE MATRIX RESURRECTIONS (R)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Twenty years after the events of *The Matrix Revolutions*, Neo lives a seemingly ordinary life under his original identity as Thomas A. Anderson in San Francisco, with a therapist who prescribes him blue pills to counteract the strange and unnatural things he occasionally glimpses. Plagued by strange memories, Neo's life takes an unexpected turn when he finds himself back inside the Matrix.



SING 2 (PG)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Can-do koala Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch a dazzling stage extravaganza in the glittering entertainment capital of the world. There's just one hitch—he has to find and persuade the world's most reclusive rock star to join them. What begins as Buster's dream of big-time success soon becomes an emotional reminder of the power of music to heal even the most broken heart.



Movie Buzz

Apple Studios will back and distribute *Bad Blood*, a Jennifer Lawrence-starring feature about



Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes, directed and written by Adam McKay. The film will track the rise and fall of the disgraced CEO, whose blood-testing startup catapulted Holmes, a would-be healthcare revolutionary, to billionaire status and darling of many a private investor. The company collapsed following an expose by former *Wall Street Journal* reporter John Carreyrou. *Bad Blood* is based on his book, *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup*. Holmes is currently on trial for fraud allegations.

Co-writer/director Colin Trevorrow reveals that *Jurassic World: Dominion* will follow the original



movie's cast in their own plotline. "They're not together the entire time, but we are following both of their stories equally, and you have a sense that they're going to collide at a certain point. There's this tension. It's not structured necessarily in a way that we're used to seeing our Hollywood movies structured. But it works." The latest installment in the sci-fi adventure franchise picks up four years after the events of *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* in which the dinosaurs were released into the world. The threequel will see humanity struggling to find a way to coexist with the various dinosaur species around the world. *Jurassic World: Dominion* will see the returns of sequel trilogy stars Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Daniella Pineda, Justice Smith, Omar Sy, and Isabella Sermon as well as original *Jurassic Park* stars Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, and BD Wong.

Steven Spielberg's next film, *The Fabelmans*, has officially been given a release date that's just in



time for the holidays next year, Thanksgiving weekend on Nov. 23, 2022. Set in Arizona, the film is billed as a loose adaptation of Spielberg's own childhood. The film was shot in Los Angeles this summer, and the Amblin production will be distributed by Universal Pictures. *The Fabelmans* will be the 36th film to come from the acclaimed director and follows his adaptation of *West Side Story*, which releases this Friday.

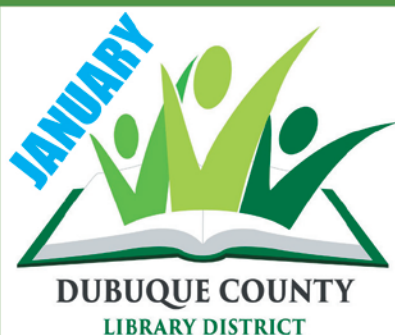
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3D Pen Logo Keychains

(Suggested 2nd Grade & Up)
 Learn to use our Makerspace 3D pens to create keychain art based on popular fandom and sports logos. Registration re-quired. Limit of 10 per class.



Epworth, Monday, Jan. 17, 10:30-11:30AM
Asbury, Monday, Jan. 17, 1:30-2:30 PM
Peosta, Wed., Jan. 19, 4:30-5:30 PM
Holy Cross, Thursday, Jan. 20, 6-7 PM
Farley, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 4:30-5:30 PM

Anime Drawing Basics

(Suggested Ages 8 & Up) (Virtual)
 Professional artist and instructor, Addie Atable of Artistic Dragon will teach the basics of anime character drawing. Registration required.



Virtual, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 6:30-7:45 PM

Book Club (Teen/Adult)

Join Jenn for the return of this long running book club. January title: Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson. Register by 12/17 to receive a copy of the book.



Asbury/Virtual, Thursday, Jan. 20, 6:30-7:30 PM

Craft Club (Ages 16+)

Join Jenn for this monthly craft program. We'll be making Korean tissue paper art on fans. Virtual program requires registration by 12/17.

Virtual, Saturday, Jan. 8, 11AM-12PM
Asbury, Monday, Jan. 10, 6:30-7:30 PM
Farley, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 5:30-6:30 PM
Holy Cross, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 6:30-7:30 PM
Epworth, Monday, Jan. 24, 6-7 PM
Peosta, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 6:30-7:30 PM

Device Advice

Mondays, 1-4 PM

Need to Zoom, but can't get in the room? Emails keep getting lost? Give Jenn a call on Mondays, 1-4PM (319) 343-8454, or by appointment. By Phone, Mondays at 1-4 PM, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

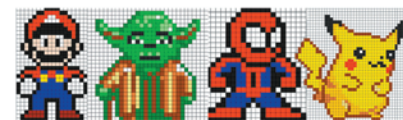


Fandom Creatives Panel

(Family/All Ages)
 Join a panel of experienced fandom creatives to learn about the art of fanfiction, fanart, and cosplay. There will be time for a Q&A with the audience. Registration required.



Virtual, Thursday, Jan. 27, 6:30-7:30 PM



Fandom Perlors (1st Grade & Up)

Drop in to make cool perler bead designs, featuring favorite fandoms. No registration required.

Epworth, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 4:30-5:30 PM
Holy Cross, Thursday, Jan. 6, 6-7 PM
Peosta, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 4:30-5:30 PM
Asbury, Thursday, Jan. 13, 4:30-5:30 PM
Farley, Saturday, Jan. 15, 10-11AM

Fanfiction Workshop (Grades 3-6)

Fanfiction is stories written by fans. Join Miss Kayla - who has written sixty-four fanfiction stories since she was eighteen - to learn how to write your own fanfiction and where you can post it. Registration required for virtual program.



Virtual, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6:30-7:30 PM
Peosta, Thursday, Jan. 27, 4:30-5:30 PM

Kids Craft Club

(Kindergarten-5th Grade)
 Join Miss Kayla each week for a different themed craft. Registration re-quired for virtual craft clubs. In order to receive supplies, please register by 12/17.
Holy Cross, Monday, Jan. 3, 6-6:30 PM
Virtual, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 6-6:30 PM
Asbury, Thursday, Jan. 6, 4:30-5 PM
Peosta, Monday, Jan. 10, 4:30-5 PM
Farley, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 4:30-5 PM



Virtual, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6-6:30 PM
Holy Cross, Monday, Jan. 17, 6-6:30 PM
Peosta, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 4:30-5 PM
Virtual, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 6-6:30 PM
Epworth, Monday, Jan. 24, 6-6:30 PM
Virtual, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6-6:30 PM
Asbury, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 4:30-5 PM

Kids' Book Club

(Grades 3-6)
 Read and discuss The Isle of the Lost by Melissa de la Cruz with other children and Miss Kayla. Registration required. Register by 12/17 to get a copy of the book.
Virtual, Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 6-7 PM



Local Author Panel

(Suggested Teen & Adult)
 Join local authors Ben Wolf from the Quad Cities, author of the Blood Mercenaries series, Andrea Jones from Central Illinois, author of the Hook and Jill series, and Erin Casey from Iowa City, author of the Purple Door District series, as they answer questions about the writing process, the inspiration behind their stories, and more. There will be a Q&A with the audience at the end. Registration required.
Virtual, Thursday, Jan. 13, 6:30-7:30 PM



Preschool Play (Ages 2-5)

Toys and crafts made from items lying around the house or in the recycle bin. Supplies provided, but bring some along if you'd like. No registration required.

Holy Cross, Sat., Jan. 8 & 22, 9:30-10AM
Peosta, Sat., Jan. 8 & 22, 10:30-11AM
Epworth, Tues., Jan. 11 & 25, 3:30-4 PM
Farley, Tues., Jan. 11 & 25, 4:30-5 PM

Preschool Story Time (Ages 2-5)

Join Ms. Teresa for some readaloud time, rhymes, and socialization.



Peosta Community Center, Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30-10AM
 More...

Holy Cross, Tues., Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30-11AM
Asbury, Wed., Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30-10AM
Epworth, Wed., Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30-11AM

SJ Tucker Live Virtual Concert

(Family/All Ages) (Virtual)
 Arkansas pixie bard, S.J. Tucker will share songs that range from Wonderland to Dungeons & Dragons. Registration is required for this free, family-friendly concert.



Virtual, Friday, Jan. 14, 6-7 PM

Story Starters (2nd Grade and Up)

(Virtual) Explore a new book each week with Miss Kayla! Color, play with Legos, or just listen as Miss Kayla reads a chapter or two. Registration required.

Wednesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 12-12:30 PM



Superhero Children's Yoga

(Ages 6-11)
 Young yogis are invited to join Miss Sandra for some Superhero Yoga, including easy poses, breathing mindfulness, and a simple craft. Registration required.

Asbury, Monday, Jan. 24, 4:30-5:30 PM



Superhero Toddler Yoga

(Ages 2-5)
 Young yogis (with parents) will join Miss Sandra for gentle, relaxing yoga.

Asbury, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 10:30-11:30 PM

Harry Potter Escape Room

Discover the secrets and mysteries of Hogwarts at this Harry Potter themed escape room! Search for clues, crack codes, and use a little fandom knowledge to solve the mystery before your time runs out. Suggested 8 & Up with at least one adult; groups of 3-6 people. Register for a half-hour time slot by calling 563-582-0008.



Epworth, Saturday, Jan. 29, 9:30-11:30 PM
Asbury, Saturday, Jan. 29 1:30-3:30 PM

Five Convenient County Locations...

- Asbury 5290 Grand Meadow Dr., 563-582-0008
- Epworth - 110 Bierman Road S.E., 563-876-3388
- Farley Municipal building, 206 1st St N.
- Holy Cross - 895 Main Street, 563-870-2082
- Call Asbury for info
- NICC/Peosta - 8342 NICC Dr., 563-556-5110 ext. 224



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MEET AUTHOR

Larry Friedman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 11 AM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
(360 W 11TH ST)

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library welcomes local author Larry Friedman on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Friedman will give a presentation on his latest book, *Jo Reynolds: A Diamond in the Rough*, in the third floor auditorium followed by a book signing.

In his book, Friedman shares the fascinating life story of Jo Reynolds, whose name is most often associated

with the Diamond Jo Casino. Readers will learn about Reynold's industrious background, his various business ventures, and the legacy he left behind.

Known locally as "Mr. Dubuque," Larry Friedman is a Dubuque bred resident, Loras College graduate, and recipient of the Telegraph Herald First Citizen Award (1999). After 40 years with the Friedman Insurance group, he began writing local history. This is his third book. Copies will be available for sale at the event.

This program is free. Masks are required inside the library. For more information, visit carnegioustout.org. ■

The NUTCRACKER

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The Nutcracker Ballet

DECEMBER 11, 17 AND 18 @ 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 12 AND 19 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE
(135 W 8TH ST) AND ONLINE

The Dubuque City Youth Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* is a yearly Christmas tradition for many families in the Tri-State area and beyond. This year, the ballet will be held Dec. 11, 17, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. at the Grand Opera House.

Join the incredibly talented students as they dance through the journey of Clara meeting her Nutcracker and the adventures they have through a world of mice and fairies. With something new each year, this show is always a treat.

In-person tickets are \$23 for adults and \$15 for children under 18. Streaming tickets are \$15 for a single household and \$25 for multiple households, and the video of the performance will remain available "On Demand" until 24 hours after the start of the performance. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at TheGrandOperaHouse.com. ■

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Famed Busch Light Lover, Carson King, who raised millions for U of I Children's Hospital, visits Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar for a recent game.



Cooper Graham helps to sort hundreds of toys at the Toys For Tots warehouse on a Sunday morning with dad, Brian.



Little Violet lets herself in to visit with Santa about what she's hoping for this Christmas at Kennedy Mall. Photo by dad Aron Mentz.



Santas arrives at Cable Car Square to greet throngs of kids and families for the annual Candlewalk Celebration. Photo by Ron Tigges @ DigitalDubuque.com.



The Galena Generals host a magical night of dinner, period dancing, music and fun at the DeSoto House Hotel.



Hundreds of plush toys come in again this year to Toys For Tots from PetSmart in Dubuque, and hey, both guys in this photo are named Bryce!



Henry Schroeder helps dad Peter pick out the perfect Christmas Tree at Bertjens Tree Farm in Kiel, WI. Photo by mom, Katherine.



The Branson on the Road Christmas Show was a hit as always, on stage at Onward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, Iowa.



Santa and Mrs. Claus ride through the streets of downtown Galena for the annual Christmas Parade.

Photo by Dave Hawley.



The Nielsen Trust featuring Cheap Trick's Rick and son Daxx Nielsen as well as other son, Miles, a Dubuque favorite, rocks to Q Showroom at Q Casino. Photo by Willie Hamel.



Country music star Kip Moore plays to a big Saturday night crowd at Five Flags Arena in downtown Dubuque.

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The Charitable Sisterhood Christmas Spectacular

DECEMBER 9-11 AND 16-18 @ 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 11, 12, AND 19 @ 2 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

Laugh your way through the holidays with *The Charitable Sisterhood Christmas Spectacular* at the Bell Tower Theater this Dec. 9-19.

Christmas is only three weeks away, and the ladies of the Charitable Sisterhood are preparing for the annual Christmas Spectacular... but they're having trouble focusing because



there's a criminal on the loose—someone has stolen the baby Jesus from the nativity scene. The fun doesn't let up until the hilarious climax, which will leave you filled with the very best spirit of the Christmas season.

Tickets are \$22. Dec. 9 and 16 are Girls Night Out; all audience members get a free glass of wine. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■

The Comedy Bar

NASHVILLE TAKEOVER: DECEMBER 10 AND 11 @ 8 PM

GEOFF ASMUS: DECEMBER 17 AND 18 @ 8 PM

KRISTEN TOOMEY: DECEMBER 31 @ 7 AND 9 PM

NICK YOUSSEF: JANUARY 7 AND 8 @ 8 PM

AARON WEBER: JANUARY 14 AND 15 @ 8 PM

KEVIN BOZEMAN: JANUARY 21 AND 22 @ 8 PM

CHRIS HIGGINS: JANUARY 28 AND 29 @ 8 PM

TBA: FEBRUARY 4 AND 5 @ 8 PM

ZOLTAN KASZAS: FEBRUARY 11 AND 12 @ 8 PM

VIKRAM BALAJI: FEBRUARY 18 AND 19 @ 8 PM

AMY SHANKER: FEBRUARY 25 AND 26 @ 8 PM

THE COMEDY BAR (333 E 10TH ST)

The Nashville Takeover (Dec. 10 and 11) features Zac Townsend, Matt Taylor, and Chance Willie as the headliner.

Geoffrey Asmus (Dec. 17 and 18) began performing stand-up in 2013 immediately after wasting \$143,548 in college. Within a short time, Geoffrey won Comedy on State's "Funniest Person in Madison 2015" and Penguin Comedy Club's "Funniest Person in Iowa 2015," both times beating out the guy who invented meth, Quentin. Soon after Geoffrey was selected as a "New Face" performer at Just For Laughs Montreal and was featured on FOX's *Laughs* and Kevin Hart's LOL Network. He has also performed at the Laughing Skull, Bridgetown, Limestone and Boston comedy festivals. Geoffrey has headlined comedy clubs all over the country including Comedy on State, Hilarities, Laugh Factory Chicago, Seattle Comedy Underground, Laughs Seattle, Skyline, Laffs and many others. Geoffrey has also opened for Dave Attel, Brian Posehn, Aparna Nancherla, Todd Barry, Daniel Sloss and Alonzo Bodden among others. In 2021 Geoffrey released his first album, *Prodigal Little Bitch*. The album went to #1 on iTunes and is played nationwide on SiriusXM radio.

Kristen Toomey's (Dec. 31) comedy career began in 2008. Since then, she has performed in L.A., New York City and everywhere in between. Her commanding stage presence and energetic, expressive, and truthful style of comedy are just a few of the reasons The A.V. Club said, "Kristen Toomey is a Chicago original." Kristen is a regular on the late-night comedy show *Man of the People* with Pat Tomasulo. She is an actress as well, most recently appearing on an episode of *Chicago Med*. You can see

and hear her on her podcast, *I'm Upset!*, Kevin Hart's LOL Network, WGN Radio 720, and NPR's *The 21st*.

Nick Youssef (Jan. 7 and 8) is an LA/NY based comedian, writer, actor and host of *The According To Nick Youssef* podcast. Nick's comedy has been featured on Hulu, NBC's *Last Call*, @midnight, Viceland's *Funny How?* and podcasts such as *The Joe Rogan Experience* and *WTF with Marc Maron*. Nick's first two stand-up albums debuted in the top 5 of the iTunes comedy charts and are obnoxiously available in physical vinyl format. Aside from stand-up, Nick is a contributing writer for *Esquire* and *Brooklyn* Magazines and is constantly telling his dog, Ricky, he's a good little buddy.

Aaron Weber (Jan. 14 and 15) was born and raised in Montgomery, AL. After barely graduating from Notre Dame in 2014, he moved to Nashville and started doing stand-up. Since then, he's become a regular at Zanies Comedy Club and has gotten to perform at clubs and theaters all over the country. In 2019, he became the youngest comedian to perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Aaron is currently a co-host of a weekly podcast *Nateland* with Nate Bargatze on the All Things Comedy network.

Kevin Bozeman (Jan. 21 and 22) has been entertaining in clubs and colleges across the country with a smooth and clever style, a great smile, and a contagious laugh. In 2000 he was the winner of the Midwest region of the HBO *Comedy Competition* and flew to Los Angeles to compete as a finalist. He performed on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* in 2003, and finished 2nd in the Boston Comedy Competition in 2005. He was a semi-finalist on NBC's *Last Comic Standing* in 2015. Kevin has appeared on Comedy Central, NBC, CBS and Fox. His Dry Bar Comedy Special, *Clean & Unfiltered*, has over 7 million views

Chris Higgins (Jan. 28 and 29) is a native to Boulder, CO and a Chicago-based stand-up comic. Since moving to Chicago, he has become a staple at clubs and shows around town such as The Comedy Bar, Zanies, and The Laugh Factory. He's a cast member at the Lincoln Lodge and helps produce two local showcases.

Zoltan Kaszas (Feb. 11 and 12) is best known from his Dry Bar Comedy Special, *Cat Jokes*, a clip of which has over 60 million views on Facebook. His follow up special, *Modern Male*, has 2.6 million views on YouTube. A regular on SiriusXM, he's



also won The Seattle Comedy Competition and performed at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Vikram Balaji (Feb. 18 and 19) is an international touring comedian who has performed in six foreign countries and at various comedy festivals like World Series of Comedy Festival, Chattanooga Lookout Comedy Festival, and Magners International Comedy Festival (Philippines). He won 2nd place in the 2019 World Series Comedy Festival at Zanies satellite. He recently opened for Russell Peters (Chicago Improv) and Nick Di Paolo (Las Vegas). He brings a comedian style which involves finding humor in painful experiences but still very relatable to all kinds of audiences. He is based out of Chicago.

Amy Shanker (Feb. 25 and 26) grew up with a family that her friends dubbed "The Jewish Griswalds," so she had no choice but to go into stand-up comedy. Her dry comedic style and edgier perspective stem from her time as an inner-city high school English teacher. Amy is a regular at Laugh Factory, Zanies, and New York Comedy Club. She performs at clubs, corporate events, and colleges across the U.S.

Tickets are \$18 for GA with first come, first serve seating, and VIP is \$25 with reserved front-row seating. All shows are 17 and over. Doors open 60 minutes prior to show-time. For tickets and more information, visit **comedybar.com**. ■



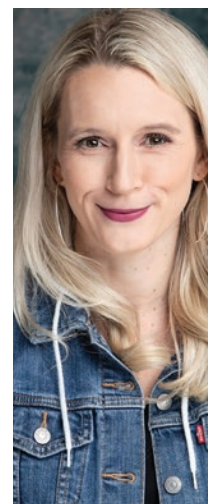
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BEN ULIN WITH JEN KUHLE

Verlo Mattress Winter Comedy Series

JOHN BUSH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 7 PM

MIKE ARMSTRONG: SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 7 PM

**MIKE & MIKE SHOW (MIKE MERCURY & MIKE MARVELL):
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 @ 7 PM**

**BEN ULIN WITH JEN KUHLE: SATURDAY, MARCH 5 @ 7 PM
TBA: SATURDAY, APRIL 16 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)**

The Verlo Mattress Winter Comedy Series returns to the historic Five Flags Theater. The series began last year and featured a half-dozen regionally and nationally known comedians. The 2021–2022 edition of the series opens on Saturday, Dec. 18 with headliner John Bush.

Tickets for John Bush, Mike & Mike Show, and Ben Ulin with Jen Kuhle are \$19.25 for reserved seats and \$35.25 for box seats. Tickets for Mike Armstrong are \$24.25 for reserved seats and \$40.25 for box seats. All tickets increase by \$5 on the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and Five Flags Center box office. For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](https://www.FiveFlagsCenter.com).

John Bush

John Bush will appear in the upcoming major motion picture *Way of the Warriors* due to be released in 2022. He can currently be seen as Mr. Nichols on *The Kyle Dunnigan Show* on YouTube where he is also a writer. John appeared on Hulu's *Triumph's Election Special 2016*, AXS TV's *Gotham Comedy Live*, and Fox News Channel's *Red Eye with Tom Shillue*. As an actor, he has been seen on shows ranging from *Spin City* to *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*. Bush has also performed with the internationally touring hit comedy *Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy*. John has delivered stand-up performances on HBO, Comedy Central, as well as sketches on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. John tours as a stand-up comedian specializing in events for companies and association meetings.

Mike Armstrong

The series continues on Jan. 22 with a performance by Mike Armstrong. A former police officer known as the quintessential Southern Gentleman, Armstrong has made a name for himself with numerous TV and movie

roles, as well as regular appearances on the nationally syndicated *The Bob & Tom Show* radio show.

While working as a police officer in Kentucky, Mike was encouraged by fellow officers to give it a try at the local open mic night and ended up winning \$300 his very first time on stage. It wasn't long before he started making a name for himself as an opener, warming up the audiences for the *Crook & Chase* television show. Because of his unique talent for improvisational comedy, he became a regular on *The Bob & Tom Show* and will forever be known as that program's resident ex-cop.

Mike has appeared on HBO, Comedy Central, Fox, and CMT as well as opening for major musical acts such as Michael Bublé, Alan Jackson, Tracy Lawrence, and David Allan Coe... just to name a few. In addition, Mike was a consultant and actor on the hit show *America's Dumbest Criminals* and has made cameo appearances in shows such as *Xena: Warrior Princess* and *Vice*.

One of the most iconic themes of Mike's shows is that they are family-friendly—meaning he does not cuss, is not vulgar, and does not talk about politics or sex. His shows are full of hilarious real-life stories of family life, police life, and just plain living. When asked why he has kept his shows like this over the years, Mike's response is always that when he first started out, he was just mindful of the fact that he didn't want to put on a show that his grandma wouldn't enjoy. That philosophy has worked out great for him throughout the years.

When he is not on the road, you can find Mike at home in Kentucky, enjoying a very blessed life with his wife Petra, their five children, numerous grandchildren, and fur babies.

Mike & Mike Show

Wisconsin native Mike Mercury is a professional stand-up comedian and writer who has been involved in the performing arts in one form or another since he was 8 years old.

While attending college, Mike became a star in the community theater scene. He gave commanding performances in everything from serious dramas to high comedy to musical operettas. In 1983, armed with just his sizzling array of talents and his wealth of experience (and about \$180 in his pocket) he headed west to Los Angeles to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a movie star.

That didn't happen. He did, however, accomplish many notable things. He joined an improvisational training and performance group called L.A. Connection. After a year with them, he formed his own Improv group, High

Adventure. After passing an audition for Mitzi Shore at the world renowned Comedy Store, they quickly became a favorite act there, appearing weekly while opening for Louie Anderson, Robin Williams, Roseanne Barr, Sam Kinison, and Andrew "Dice" Clay, just to namedrop a few.

After moving back to Wisconsin, Mike played the lead in a production of an original political satire called *Election Rejection: How I Flunked Out of the Electoral College* which was produced at the renowned Ark theater. After a successful run in which critics and audiences alike raved about his performance (some were heard saying, "He should go back to L.A."), he was hired as a permanent act at the Piccadilly Comedy Pub. It was there that he finally put all his talents to use in what has now become the show that it is today.

Mike quickly became an audience favorite and a headliner at comedy clubs all across America. Now working primarily in the corporate market, his likable persona, quick wit, and clean and clever observational material, make him a much-sought-after performer.

Mike Marvell has been doing comedy professionally for over 25 years, although he's been making people laugh his whole life. He told his guidance counselor in high school he wanted to be an engineer, and she told him "With your grades? That's hilarious, you should be a comedian!" His comedy is based on growing up in Wisconsin... football, hunting, fishing, his family, and his wife and kids. He's performed at everything from churches to swinger clubs, grade schools to colleges, country clubs to biker clubs, nursing homes to casinos (same thing). Instant likability, he reminds you of your crazy cousin, the guy next door, your brother-in-law. Even if you don't hire him, you'll still want to hang out with him.

Ben Ulin with Jen Kuhle

Ben Ulin is the host of the longest running show at the Adventureland theme park in suburban Des Moines. He has been named the "funniest person in Iowa" by Showtime. Beyond the borders of the Hawkeye state, Ulin wows audiences all over the world with his amazing mix of magic and comedy.

Jen Kuhle got her start performing at an improv theater in Des Moines, IA about a decade ago and has seen her career grow from there. Her improv career took her to stages all across the Midwest plus the East Coast and even to Scotland. As a stand-up, she shares hilarious stories about her daily interactions with naughty children! ■

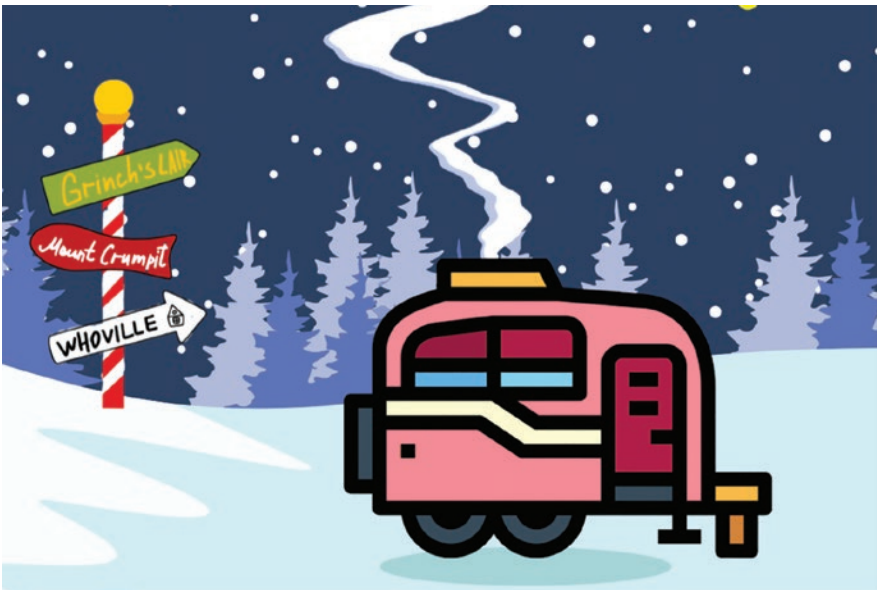


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Who's Holiday!

DECEMBER 22, 23, 25, AND 26 @ 7:30 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)
Cindy Lou Who is back for an encore in *Who's Holiday!* on Dec. 22, 23, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Opera House.
Matthew Lombardo's *Who's Holiday!* is a wildly funny and heartfelt adults-only comedy that tells the story of Cindy Lou Who as she recalls that Christmas Eve she first met the Grinch and the twisted turn of events her life has now taken.

You saw her last when she was just two / Celebrate the holidays with Cindy Lou Who / Pull up a seat and fill up your cup / 'Cause your favorite little Who is all grown up!

All seating is general admission and on stage with the performer. This show contains mature content. Parental discretion strongly advised.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■

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A harmonica and absolute hilarity that will remind you of home. You know him from ABC's hit comedy sitcom *According to Jim* and *Saturday Night Live* as well as the front man of R&B band The Blues Brothers. Now, Heritage Center welcomes Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy to John and Alice Butler Hall for a night of rambunctious, rumbling laughter on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Accompanying Belushi are Megan Grano, Larry Joe Campbell, and Joshua Funk, all of whom are classically-trained professional improvisers who tour regularly nationwide. Jim Belushi and the Board of Comedy features the group's Second City improv style, years of incredible experience, and each



individual's unique humor in a high-energy, interactive setting. As they say in improv: You've never seen this show before, and you will never see it again!

Tickets are \$25-\$49 for adults and \$20-\$44 for military and veterans. All tickets increase by \$5 for purchases on the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at **DBQ.edu/heritagecenter**. ■



That Golden Girls Show!
a puppet parody

Coming to the Five Flags Theater
Friday, February 4

That Golden Girls Show!— A Puppet Parody

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)
Fans of the classic TV comedy *The Golden Girls* are in for a special treat when the historic Five Flags Theater plays host to a performance of *That Golden Girls Show!—A Puppet Parody* on Friday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

That Golden Girls Show! is a brand-new show that parodies classic *Golden Girls* moments—with puppets! Get set

for an evening of cheesecake, laughter, Jazzercise, shoulder pads, sex, and the elegant art of the quick-witted put down.

From Sophia's get-rich-quick schemes, to Rose's tales from St. Olaf, Blanche's insatiable hunt for men and the Fountain of Youth, and Dorothy's daily struggle to make sense of her life. Devoted fans will fondly remember our four girls from Miami, and for the first-timers, this will be a joyful introduction to the brilliance of that television series.

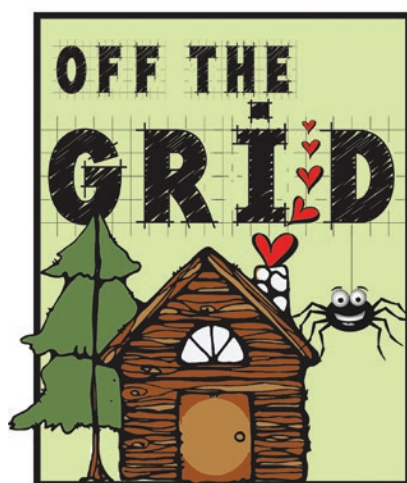
Tickets are \$29–\$69 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com and Five Flags Center box office. For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit FiveFlagsCenter.com. ■

Off the Grid

**FEBRUARY 11–12, 17–19,
AND 24–26 @ 7:30 PM**
FEBRUARY 13, 20, AND 27 @ 2 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)
The special Valentine's comedy *Off the Grid* gets on the stage at the Bell Tower Theater on Feb. 11–27 for its United States premiere.

Martha (Marty) is an architect who is anxious to learn more about self-sufficient houses so she can write a magazine article about living "off the grid." Her husband, Leonard, reluctantly agrees to spend their anniversary at one such house—without TV, the internet, or a flush toilet. Enter Lowell, their reclusive next door neighbor. But, it seems like Lowell might be hiding something...

Early Bird performances on Feb. 11 and 12 are \$11.50, and all other performances are \$23. Thursdays are Girls Night Out;



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Steel Magnolias

FEBRUARY 25-26 AND
MARCH 4-5 @ 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 27 AND MARCH 6 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Follow the lives of strong Southern women in northwest Louisiana in *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling. You may be familiar with the 1989 film that was based off the play. Now, you can see the performance on the Grand Opera House stage on Feb. 25-26 and March 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 27 and March 6 at 2 p.m.

At Truvy's beauty shop, the women are all sass and brass. Anybody who's anybody is a regular there. Through clouds of hairspray and over the buzz of blow dryers, six Southern spitfires gather each week to gossip and support each other through thick and thin. But those bonds are about to be tested when M'Lynn and her daughter Shelby face a life-changing event. Infused with heart and humor,



Steel Magnolias is a hilarious story of love, loss, and enduring friendship.

Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$15 for children under 18. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



Bob Saget

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 @ 7 AND 9:30 PM
DIAMOND JO CASINO MISSISSIPPI
MOON BAR (301 BELL ST)

Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar gears up for a night of comedy with Bob Saget on Friday, March 4 with two shows at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Bob Saget has starred in many successful television shows, including two of the most family-friendly shows network TV has ever produced (*Full House* and *America's Funniest Home Videos*) but he's also an out of his mind, Grammy-nominated stand-up comedian for over 30 years. From directing MGM's cult favorite feature film *Dirty*

Work, to starring on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Bob Saget shows no signs of stopping. Ever.

Last fall, Bob performed at Dave Chappelle's Summer Camp, and he performed as Squiggly Monster on *The Masked Singer*. He recently wrapped shooting the dark comedy film, *Blue Iguana*, in the Cayman Islands.

Bob is overjoyed to be back on his stand-up tour with over an hour of new material. Catch him at the Mississippi Moon Bar this March!

All shows are 21+. For tickets and more information, call Diamond Jo Casino at **563-690-4800** or visit **MoonBarRocks.com**. ■



Paula Poundstone

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 @ 7:30
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

Pioneering stand-up comedian Paula Poundstone brings her smart, observational humor and a spontaneous wit to the Five Flags Theater on Friday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

With accolades reaching back to the late 1980s, Poundstone continues to receive acclaim for her comedy specials, books, and regular appearances on NPR's news quiz show *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!*

Time magazine, in the March 2020 "Best of" issue, listed Paula's HBO special, *Cats, Cops and Stuff* as one of "the 5 funniest stand-up specials ever." Paula can be heard weekly as the host of the comedy podcast, *Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone* and as a regular panelist on *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* Also an author, Paula's second book, *The Totally Unscientific Study Of The Search For Human Happiness*, was one of eight semi-finalists for The Thurber Prize for American Humor, the highest recognition of the art of humor writing in the United States. The audiobook was one of five finalists for the Audio Book of the Year AUDIE award.

Paula tours regularly, appearing on stage with a stool, a microphone and a can of Diet Pepsi. In a review for *The Boston Globe* of Paula's performance, Nick Zaino III wrote: "Poundstone has one of comedy's most nimble and disarming comic imaginations. She improvises with the crowd like a jazz musician, swinging in unexpected directions without a plan, without a net—there's a

disarming ease in her craft, an immediate sense that she's so quick on her feet you need never worry about the possibility of something going wrong."

Paula was the first woman to perform stand-up and host the White House Correspondents' Dinner, sharing the dais with the then President of the United States. She has starred in several HBO specials, including *Paula Poundstone Goes to Harvard*, marking the first time the university allowed its name to be used in the title of a television show. Her live coverage of the 1992 Democratic National convention for *The Late Show with Jay Leno* was so memorable that she ended up doing the Republican Convention and the Presidential Inaugural as well. In 1994, the 46th EMMY Awards followed with an invitation for Paula to do stand-up on the show, but she insisted on doing live behind-the-scenes coverage instead. The producers were so dubious about her decision, unheard of at the time, they cut Paula to one spot. After she filed the first one, they asked her to do three more. Her performance was reviewed as "career making."

Paula just released a new album, *Paula Poundstone Goes to College (For One Night)*. She is the winner of an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic and has accumulated a list of other awards and accolades too long to mention. She continues to be recognized in innumerable lists, documentaries and literary compendiums noting influential stand-up comedians of our time.

Tickets are \$36-\$44 and can be purchased at **Ticketmaster.com** and Five Flags Center box office. For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit **FiveFlagsCenter.com**. ■



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The Pirates of Penzance

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 @ 3 PM
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Gather yer maties and head to the University of Dubuque Heritage Center for *The Pirates of Penzance*, performed by New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, on Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.

This tale features a band of tender-hearted pirates celebrating the coming of age of Frederic, who was mistakenly apprenticed to the pirates until his 21st birthday. A ludicrous leap year snag threatens to keep him apprenticed to the pirates for life! Throw in a bevy of beauties,

a brash Pirate King, and the delightfully stuffy Major-General Stanley and you've got what *The New York Times* calls, "An endearing production with high musical standards and spirited performances."

Set sail with this classic musical comedy that boasts one of the most famous patter songs in musical theatre history and America's preeminent professional Gilbert & Sullivan repertory ensemble—the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players. Since its founding in 1974, the company has presented over 2,000 performances of the G&S masterpieces throughout the United States.

Tickets are \$24–\$45 for adults and \$19–\$40 for military and veterans. All tickets increase by \$5 for purchases on the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■

Ole & Lena's 50th Wedding Anniversary and Vow Renewal

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Your favorite Scandinavians are back at the Grand Opera House for *Ole & Lena's 50th Wedding Anniversary and Vow Renewal* on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

Lena saw a couple renew their vows on *Dr. Phil* and decides that's what she and Ole are going to do for their 50th wedding anniversary; but the only thing on Ole's mind these days is the Lodge's ice fishing tournament and how he and his neighbor, Sven, are going to win the "whole deal."

Will Lena get Ole to the altar to renew his vows? Will Ole talk Sven into covering for him so they can both fish in the tournament? Find out in this comedy about love, marriage, and growing old together.



Real-life husband and wife Michael and Julie Bateson have brought the lovably dim-witted Scandinavian couple of Ole and Lena to life. There is just the right amount of improv with some interactive audiences segments thrown in for good measure.

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Scott McKensie
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

FRI 12/10

Secrets
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Steve Kalmes
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Joe Hart
7:30 PM @ Frank
O'Dowd's Irish Pub

Dark Side of the Yule:
Classical Blast
7:30 PM @ Turner Hall
(Galena, IL)

Comedian Chance Willie
8 PM @ The Comedy Bar

The World's Most Ridiculous
Trivia Game Show
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

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

D R O H O
8 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Dealbreakers
9 PM @ Smokestack

Emily Nenni
10 PM @ The Lift

SAT 12/11

L&MOP: David Landau
10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Library

Elizabeth Mary @ Noon
Big Medicine @ 4 PM
Galena Cellars Downtown
(Galena, IL)

Detour
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar and Grill

John Moran
2 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard
(Scales Mound, IL)

Jeff Theisen
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

Massey Road
4 PM @ Knickers Saloon

Kristina Marie & Shawn Healy
4 PM @ Champagne on Main
(Galena, IL)

Ron Lubbers
5 PM @ Joliet Event Center

Tony Walker
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Triple Threat
6 PM @ PromiseLand Winery
(Guttenberg, IA)

Ethridge Netz
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Mike Brietbach and
the Broken Rubber Band
7 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

MiniMonster Duo
7 PM @ Gehlen Barn
(St Donatus, IA)

Jimmy Welty Band
7 PM @ Twisted Vines
(Potosi, WI)

Michael Moncada
7 PM @ Cajun Jack's
(Elizabeth, IL)

Neil Berg's Broadway Holiday
w/ Rita Harvey
7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Joe Hart
7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub

Comedian Chance Willie
8 PM @ The Comedy Bar

Ashley McBryde
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

DJ Salad Spinner
8 PM @ Esther's Lounge

Ned LeDoux
8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Massey Road
8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Sophie Cayote
8 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

Shekinah King Band
8 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Mixed Emotions
8:30 PM @ The Big House
(Petersburg, IA)

Rock Steady
9:30 PM @ Dirty Ernie's
(Farley, IA)

7 Minutes @ 7 Hills
10 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

KrampusNight
Creatures & Queens Drag Show
10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 12/12

Elizabeth Mary
1 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Michael Breitbach
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

DR Duo
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

Missbehavin
3 PM @ Hawg Dogs
(Savanna, IL)

WED 12/15

Trivia Night
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

THU 12/16

Corey Jenny
6:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Ugly Sweater Trivia
7 PM @ The Lift

Scott McKensie
7:30 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

FRI 12/17

Cowboy Jim Calhoun
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

Tallgrass Music Festival:
The Juliani Ensemble
5 PM @ Goldmoor Inn & Resort
(Galena, IL)

Jimmy Welty Band
5:30 PM @ Otherside
(East DBQ, IL)

Jukebox Bingo
6 PM @ Knickers Saloon

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Watkins Carolers
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Downtown (Galena, IL)

Big Night Out
7 PM @ Burkey's Bar and Grill

Scott Waterhouse
7 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Joie Wails and Ty Bailey
7 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Sara Evans
7:30 PM @ Five Flags Arena

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

Comedian Geoff Asmus
8 PM @ The Comedy Bar

Maddie Poppe:
Acoustic Christmas Tour
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Rock Steady
8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Dan Whitaker and the
Shinebenders
10 PM @ The Lift

Kieleroke
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern
(Hazel Green, WI)

SAT 12/18

LA Suess
Noon @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Tan + Jae + Jesse
1 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Garrett Hillary
1 PM @ Highway 20 Brewing
Company (Elizabeth, IL)

Secrets
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar and Grill

Dan Peart
2 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard
(Scales Mound, IL)

Casey Klein
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

Tallgrass Music Festival:
The Juliani Ensemble
5 PM @ Goldmoor Inn & Resort
(Galena, IL)

Singing Santa: Middle School
Swing Singers, Roy Schroedl
5 PM @ Katie's Garden
(Platteville, WI)

Joie Wails
6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Temple Hill Road
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Mixed Emotions
7 PM @ Knickers Saloon

Ballyheigue
7 PM @ The Lift

Ugly Sweater Party:
Mojo Busted
7 PM @ Cajun Jack's
(Elizabeth, IL)

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

Comedian Geoff Asmus
8 PM @ The Comedy Bar

Stephen Percy,
The Voice of Ratt
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Verlo Winter Comedy Series:
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SUN 12/19
Jimmy Welty Band Duo
1 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Massey Road
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

Misbehavin'
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

Tallgrass Music Festival:
The Juliani Ensemble
3 PM @ Goldmoor Inn & Resort
(Galena, IL)

WED 12/22
Trivia Night
7.30 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

THU 12/23
Scott Waterhouse
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

D R O H O
6:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Scott McKensie
7.30 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

Dick Hubert, Pure Service,
Karaoke
10 PM @ The Lift

FRI 12/24
Karaoke
7 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

SUN 12/26
Campfire Kings
2 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

John Moran
2 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Secrets
3 PM @ Stone Cliff

THU 12/30
Danny Parker Project
6:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

FRI 12/31
DR Duo
4 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Dylan Doyle
4 & 8 PM @ Flatted Fifth
Blues & BBQ (Bellevue, IA)

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6 PM @ Stone Cliff

Comedian Kristen Toomey
7 & 9 PM @ The Comedy Bar

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8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
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8 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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8 PM @ Grand Opera House

Kieleroke
8 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern
(Hazel Green, WI)

Statue of Liberty
8 PM @ Galena Brewing
Company (Galena, IL)

Marques Morel
8 PM @ Cajun Jack's
(Elizabeth, IL)

Kings of Radio
9 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

DJ Papi
9 PM @ Smokestack

Three Quarter Buzz
9 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Big Night Out
9 PM @ Otherside (East DBQ, IL)

SAT 1/1
Marty Raymon @ Noon
Gypsy & Resident @ 4 PM
Galena Cellars Downtown
(Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley
2 PM @ Mid-Town Marina
(East DBQ, IL)

Tony Walker
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain
Tips Up Food & Spirits

John Moran
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Patient Wolf w/ Chad Aaron
Olson, Kurt Kieffer
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8 PM @ Grape Escape
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Wicked Dame

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Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM
Backpocket Dubuque

WEDNESDAY

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Trivia w/ Fun N Games Co
Wednesdays @ 7 PM
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Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM
Denny's Lux Club

Rock Star Bingo
w/ Think & Drink
Wednesdays @ 8 PM
Barrel House

Karaoke
Wednesdays @ 9 PM
Skinny Maginny's

THURSDAY

Trivia
Thursdays @ 6 PM
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Hy-Vee Trivia
Thursdays @ 6:30 PM
Hy-Vee Dodge

Rock Star Bingo
w/ Think & Drink
Thursdays @ 7 PM
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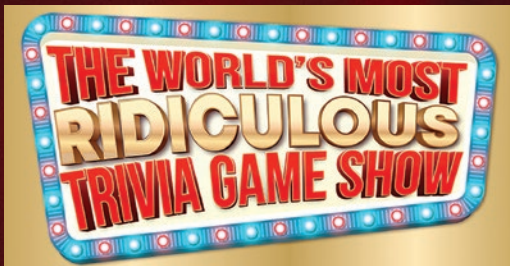
Upcoming Entertainment



Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas Tour

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 8 PM

Maddie Poppe is a 23-year-old singer-songwriter from Clarksville, IA and Season 16 winner of *American Idol*. She has appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and *Live! with Kelly & Ryan* to name a few, and performed at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles 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" also swept radio charts, reaching #17. Last holiday season, Maddie released a holiday EP aptly titled *Christmas From Home*.



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Country singer and songwriter Ned LeDoux heads to Q Casion’s Q Showroom on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.

LeDoux is well respected for his high-energy live shows that mix his western roots with the rock and roll influences he acquired in his youth. He routinely headlines his own shows as well as earning coveted opening slots for Toby Keith, Aaron Watson and Garth Brooks.

“We opened for Garth in Indianapolis last year, and it was our first football stadium which was crazy,” he says. “When people are coming out to our shows and spending their hard-earned money on a ticket, I don’t want to leave them disappointed. We’re going to give you a show and leave you wanting more. I’m always out of breath and soaking wet when we’re done, but it’s so much fun!”
Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at QCasinoAndHotel.com or at Guest Services inside Q Casino. Show will be standing room only. Must be 21 to attend. ■



Sara Evans

BLUE CHRISTMAS TOUR
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)
Platinum-selling country artist Sara Evans brings her Blue Christmas Tour to the Five Flags Arena on Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Sara Evans’ career in country music spans nearly a quarter-century and has included several hits that remain popular on country radio and streaming services. Her first No. 1 came in 1998 with the title track from her sophomore album, *No Place That Far*. The follow up to that record, 2000’s *Born to Fly*, spawned three Top 5 singles. Additional No. 1s include “Suds in the Bucket,” “A Real Fine Place to Start,” and “A Little Bit Stronger.” All together, Evans has recorded more than 30 charting singles and totaled more than five million album sales.
Evans has also released a pair of collections of holiday music: 2009’s *I’ll*

Be Home for Christmas and 2014’s *At Christmas*. The latter reached the Top 20 of Billboard’s Country Albums chart. The ten-track record included both contemporary and traditional Christmas songs, as well as the original title track. Evans’ rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” featured guest vocals from her daughters Audrey and Olivia.
Beyond her music career, Evans has also made extensive television appearances. She was one of the inspirations for the lead character Rayna James on the series *Nashville* and consulted with producers about her experiences as a working mother in the music industry. Evans would eventually guest star as herself on an episode of the show.
Tickets are \$40–\$86 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com and Five Flags Center box office. For more information, call 563-589-4254 or visit FiveFlagsCenter.com. ■



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 12/10



Emily Nenni
10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)
COVER: FREE
Nashville-based singer-songwriter Emily Nenni sang her first songs on stage at legendary Robert’s Western World by bribing the band and doorman with cookies. She has since honed in her honky-tonk skills in double-wide trailers on Sunday nights, clubs across the south, and playing for ranchers and wranglers in Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado.



**KrampusNacht
Creatures & Queens Drag Show**
10 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 EAST 7TH ST)
TICKETS: \$15
This holiday drag show gets dark and mysterious for KrampusNacht! Featuring Elektra SuperNova, Anna Mae, Cynthia Mooseknuckle, Sage Umbra, and Gretch Grimm-Deville. Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater for your chance to win the contest during the show.

SAT 12/11



Ethridge Netz
7 PM @ DIMENSIONAL BREWING COMPANY (67 MAIN ST)
Ethridge is a Midwest singer-songwriter with a Midwest heart. He hones his own craft writing candid narratives and spinning honest yarns.



Jimmy Welty Band
5:30 PM @ THE OTHERSIDE (68 SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL)
Country, rockabilly, and blues all rolled into one neat little package. That’s how this three piece describes themselves. And it’s old school at that, with the bass being a good ol’ acoustic upright and the drums a simple trap set with just a kick drum, snare, and hat. Get all of the fancy stuff out of the way, and let the country music come out the way it’s supposed to sound, led by Jimmy’s distinctive voice. With decades of combined experience, Jimmy has opened for many country artists including Sammy Kershaw and Charlie Pride. Songs range from classic country, retro, and even a little outlaw country thrown in to mix it up for everyone to enjoy.



DJ Salad Spinner
8 PM @ ESTHER’S LOUNGE (123 MAIN ST)
Spinning vinyl from the ‘60s, ‘70s, and early ‘80s. Motown, funk, r&b, disco.



Dan Whitaker and the Shinebenders
10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)
COVER: FREE
Singer-songwriter Dan Whitaker’s music defies easy assumptions, moving from dark ballads to intricate country jazz instrumentals to character-driven stories set on the road and in honky tonks.

SAT 12/18



Elizabeth Mary
8 PM @ Q CASINO Q SHOWROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)
COVER: FREE
With a prolific string of singles and records since 2018 including *Dance With the Fear* and *Meet Me in Madison*, the single “Sweatpants and Wine” garnered great regional airplay and won KBOE 104.9 FM Iowa Country Song of the Year. Whether playing solo or with the full band, Elizabeth will leave an impression on your heart and a smile on your face. Elizabeth Mary’s relatable lyrics and genuine personality will leave you wanting more.



Boogie Monster
8 PM @ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (242 N MAIN ST, GALENA, IL)
COVER: FREE
Boogie Monster came to life in Dubuque, consisting of vocalist “Lady Katie” who also plays alto sax, bassist Jeff Weydert, drummer/guitarist Marlon McNatt, guitarist Tony Brown and tenor sax player Nick Thompson. All have years of experience, having played in a wide variety of bands from rock music to ska, blues, salsa and merengue. Their diverse background and

mutual love for soulful funky grooves is what creates their very own sound. Expect everything from far-out funk to well-known disco and soul hits.

THU 12/23



Dick Hubert, Pure Service, Big Sloth
10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST)
COVER: FREE
Dick Hubert is a three-piece rock n roll group consisting of D.j. Martin, Zach Hedley, and Jason Michael. Pure Service is an indie/surf rock outfit from Dubuque consisting of Randall Guerdet and brothers Ethan M Schrodt and Hampton Schrodt. Big Sloth is a 4-piece rock n roll band out of Dubuque.

SUN 12/26



Secrets
3 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY (600 STAR BREWERY DR)
COVER: FREE
Secrets was originally formed in the mid ‘80s and through the years has had many changes, but Secrets has always stuck to its roots. They play a wide variety of music: ‘60s through the ‘80s, rock and roll, country, plus some rhythm and blues just to flavor the sound. Secrets plays many tunes that everybody can dance and sing along to. Steve Sieverding is an accomplished songwriter and his hit “Heartbreak” placed No. 1 on the indie charts in the ‘80s. Sandy Manuel has played with Roy Orbison and has been inducted into the Iowa and Indiana Rock & Roll hall of Fames. Kurt Stutzke brings many years of experience and excellence to the stage with strong vocals and lead guitar. Mick Yaeger has toured across the U.S. and Canada, and if you had a song on Country Radio in the ‘80s and early ‘90s, the Mick Yaeger band was playing music with you.

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Darkbird Taphouse

By Danny Fairchild

What a time for beer fans to be alive in this country. The United States has some serious problems. That ain't a hot take, no matter where you lie on the political spectrum. But one thing we've managed to come together to sort out over the past couple of decades... is our beer. After a couple of generations, we've re-established beer as a science AND an artform. Good for us. Just look at all the brewpubs in the Tri-State area alone. There's so many I'd probably accidentally forget some if I tried to list them from memory. And I wouldn't be surprised if I just plain don't know about a few. Everybody's brewing their own beer, and I'm so friggin' here for it. In fact, I'm just going to say something that would have been laughable 30 years ago: The United States has the best beer in the world. Europe who, am I right?

But you know what's been missing? Something that doesn't necessarily add to the TAPestry of Iowa beers (Get it? Like beer taps?), proudly puts that tapestry on display for all to taste. Though I guess one doesn't normally taste tapestries. Ah well... good pun, bad metaphor.

Darkbird Taphouse isn't your usual taphouse where you can try the offerings from one particular brewer. Darkbird Taphouse is a taphouse where you can try the offerings from brewers from all over Iowa (with a few taps reserved for out-of-state brewers as well). I'm from Western Iowa, and I love that I'm from there and I occasionally go back. That said, there's no way I'm going to try a Plush English porter from Marto Brewing Company in Sioux City if it

means I have to go to Sioux City to get it. That's just way too boring to drive to then end up in Sioux City. And I don't want to have to get into the whole Des Moines-ness of it all to try selections from Lua Brewing in Des Moines. But I'll boldly go to Peosta to try them. You wouldn't be able to stop me. Darkbird is where you go if you just friggin' love beer and want to try different beers without making it a whole thing.

BUT! What if you're not a huge beer snob? Or what if you ARE a huge beer snob but want to get your suds on with your non-beer-snob friends? That last question was a trick. Beer snobs have all long-since alienated all their non-beer-snob friends. But what if? Darkbird doesn't turn up its nose at offering your classic cocktails, nor does it feel it's above serving your Mich Ultras, your High Lives, your Busch Lights. Folks, this is Iowa. We drink Busch Light here. That's the way it is. That's us. It's time for at least one beer haven to embrace that fact. The bickering must stop, and I apologize for any part I ever had in it. Beer shaming is classist and foolish. A world without beer shaming is a world in which we all deserve to live. I'm not saying that Darkbird Taphouse is bringing about world peace, of course. But I AM saying that if world peace ever does come... it'll come from Darkbird Taphouse.

Anyway, you can even get some local Dubuque beers from Dimensional Brewing. Other Dubuque brewers should take the fact that Dimensional is currently the only Dubuque brewery offered as a hint that they might be doing something wrong. Whether you don't want your beers offered there or Darkbird doesn't want your beers offered there. Either way, you need to get your act together. Darkbird is a sanctuary dedicated to beer. Time to come to Beer Jesus.

Speaking of beer cheeses, let's talk food, specifically pretzels. Darkbird makes



DIRTY BIRD BURGER

their own beer cheese for dipping. I mean of course they do. Can you imagine how embarrassing it would be to own a place that specializes in beer and you DIDN'T make your own beer cheese? Ugh, gawd. I would die. The cheese itself I'm guessing comes from good ol' Shullsburg, judging by Shullsberg playing a big role in many of the dishes on Darkbird's evolving menu. The pretzel comes out of the oven and served up hot with the light toothiness you want from a pretzel. One of the best things about pretzels is that they pair well with literally any beer without exception. If you're there drinking beer but you're trying figure out something to nosh, the answer is pretzel. You can either share it or keep it all to yourself.

If you're definitely sharing, I'd like to direct your attention to the Brewcuterie Board. Yeah, I don't like that name, either. Makes it sound like a flight of beers instead of what it is: a non-pretentious charcuterie board. But I think you'll like what's on it. We're talking an assortment of Shullsburg cheeses, some yummy

Italian cured meats, housemade jams (which I always appreciate on a charcuterie board. Round out that saltiness of the cured meats with some fruity sweetness? Hell yeah, I'm in.), dill pickles, and fancy crackers. A small board feeds two, a large feeds five. Order accordingly.

A word on cheese curds. Look, this is the Tri-States. I'm not going to tell anybody reading this anything new about cheese curds. We know cheese curds. There's absolutely no reason to have bad cheese curds around here. You have all the tools right here. So I'll just copy and paste their description to let you know that they do, in fact, mean business: "Shullsburg cheese curds, house batter, spicy mayo" Nuff said, right?

If you need more of a foundation on which to build your beer drinking session, look no further than the burgers. Iowa Angus ground beef, yo. The Beer Cheese burger has, you guessed it, beer cheese right on the mofo and damn it looks good. I wouldn't know because I was seduced by the Dirty Bird Burger. It



LOADED FRIES

was definitely a case of my eyes being too big for my stomach. Get this: “Two Iowa premium Angus patties, Wisconsin cheese curds, cajun mayo, grilled onions, muenster cheese.” Right? I could wax poetic about this burger, but the best description I’ve seen so far comes from our own Kristina Nesteby: “If the Dirty Bird had a dating profile, it would say ‘I’m not your typical burger,’ and you’d roll your eyes but you’d also swipe right.” Yup. Beautifully friggin’ said.

Beer and food aside... this place is just friggin’ beautiful. The way you can see the lit up sign from the highway kind of reminds me of *Porky’s*, but I think that’s on me. That is NOT their brand. It’s an incredibly nice place with two levels EACH with a bar, and I can’t wait to table up outside when it gets warmer.

Everything is shiny and new at Darkbird, so have no fear of the bathrooms. Darkbird Taphouse is the kind of place you go if you love beer. Not only that, it’s the kind of place that makes you love beer. This place is awesome. ■



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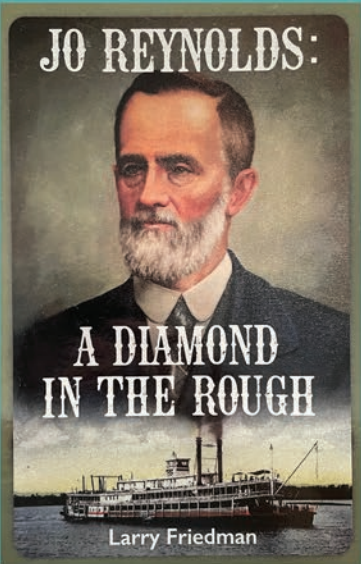


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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 1 PM

Local author Larry Friedman will give a presentation on his latest book, "Jo Reynolds: A Diamond in the Rough," in the third floor auditorium followed by a book signing. This program is free and open to the public. Masks are required inside the library.

In his book, Friedman shares the fascinating life story of Jo Reynolds, whose name is most often associated with the Diamond Jo Casino. Attendees will learn about Reynold's industrious background, his various business ventures, and the legacy he left behind.



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21 Months

By Matt Booth

Are you sitting around waiting for a change? Maybe you're waiting for a sunny day or a new job? Maybe you're waiting for things to get back to normal? Yep, I'm just waiting for change. Once things change, then I'll start living. It's safe to say that change happens. If the last 21 months have taught us anything, it is that change waits for nobody.

Walls have been built and then knocked down. This COVID crap changes daily! You can just sit there in a COVID Coma while everything changes around you, or you can change. Everything will change, except what's important. Important things like your health, your career, your family, your relationships, your happiness, and your success. You need to understand this basic principle: For your life to change, you must change. If you don't change yourself, the next five years of your life will look very similar to your last five years.

The waiting for change mindset stinks. First, you wait until you graduate, and then you wait around until you move to a place with more opportunities. You sit around and wait until you get married or have kids, and then life will begin. Waiting for change sounds as foolish as working to retire. What's the point? If you're just waiting for change, you might as well go to the morgue, take a number, and tie it to your big COVID toe. If you're just waiting for real life to begin, it never will.

No matter what you've been through in the past 21 months, there will always



be more problems and challenges in your life. If you look hard enough, you can always find some unfinished business to be gotten through before real life begins. These problems and challenges are your life, and how you handle them determines your future.

Show some faith in yourself and take a chance. Rather than waiting around, choose to make the change. Start wherever you are right now and go after your dreams. Chase down your dreams, because dreams don't chase you back. Don't waste any more of your precious time. Use your energy, your thoughts, and your efforts to create change now. You must grow where you've been planted. Do what you can, where you are, with what you have. Everything will always be changing around you, but things won't change for you—not the important things unless you change them. I know there's been all kinds of change in the past 21 months, but your life changes when you decide to change it. ■

"Stop allowing people to cause you emotional harm and keep them around by saying 'that's just how they are.'" —Matt Booth

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Quick Weeknight Meals

By Hy-Vee Nutritionists Megan Horstman (Asbury) and Amy Cordingley (Locust and Dodge)

As the holidays approach, adding extra tasks like gift giving and hosting holiday gatherings to your to do list can be stressful. As a result, things like meal planning may take a back seat. But preparing balanced meals doesn't have to take a lot of time or effort. Try these tips for getting dinner on the table quickly and check stressing out about dinner off your list.

- Did you know that Hy-Vee offers virtual freezer meal classes every month to help you with quick and easy dinner options? During the class, you'll follow along in your own kitchen as a Hy-Vee registered dietitian demonstrates how to make five recipes. You also get a grocery list and a link to Hy-Vee Aisles Online to add all of the ingredients for the class to your cart with one click of a button.
- A balanced meal includes at least three different foods groups. Grab Hy-Vee Short Cuts to add colorful fruits and vegetables to your meal without the prep. A ready-to-eat rotisserie chicken provides lean protein. Round out your plate with a whole-grain option, such as a steamable bag of Hy-Vee brown rice.
- Warming up leftovers is a fast way of making dinner. But leftovers can also be reimagined; think of them as ingredients to be used in other dishes. Try leftover turkey in a casserole or chili.
- A Hy-Vee dietitian can help make meal planning easier through a variety of services. Learn about new products during a store tour, get a month of balanced meals through our menu program, and more.

This recipe is a great option for when you need a quick meal during the busy holiday season. It only takes about 20 minutes to prepare. For other quick meal ideas, go to hy-vee.com/recipes. ■

Spicy Tuna Roll Ramen

MAKES 4 SERVINGS

- Ingredients**
- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
 - ½ tsp cayenne pepper
 - ¼ tsp salt
 - ¼ tsp ground black pepper
 - 2 (8 oz each) ahi tuna steaks, about 1-inch thick
 - 1 tsp ginger paste
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 32 oz no-salt-added chicken broth
 - 2 (3 oz each) pkgs ramen noodles, seasoning packets removed
 - ½ cup cucumber, seeded and cut into thin strips
 - ½ cup shredded carrots
 - 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
 - ½ avocado, seeded, peeled, and chopped
 - 1½ tbsp dried nori sheets, cut into thin strips
 - Sriracha sauce, for serving
 - Sesame seeds, toasted, for garnish

- Directions**
1. Heat a medium skillet with 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat.
 2. Combine cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper in a small bowl. Rub tuna with spices. Add tuna to skillet and sear for 3 minutes on each side. Remove from skillet and set aside.
 3. Add remaining olive oil to a medium saucepan. Sauté ginger and garlic until fragrant, about 1 minute. Pour in chicken broth and bring to boiling. Add ramen noodles and cook for 3 minutes.
 4. Remove ramen from stovetop. Fill four serving bowls with soup and top with cucumbers, carrots, cilantro, avocado, nori, sriracha, and sesame seeds. Slice tuna into strips and divide between bowls. Serve immediately.

Recipe source: hy-vee.com



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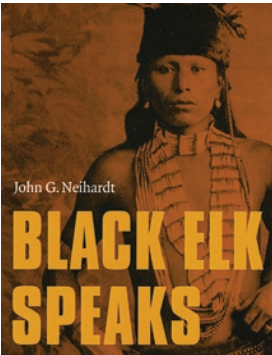
When He Talks We Listen

By Bob Gelms

I was reading my calendar a little late this month. I came upon Nov. 26. It is Native American Heritage Day, and the month of November is American Indian Heritage month. I decided to acknowledge those events by writing about the best book on Native Americans I have ever read, *Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux*. The Tribe considered him a mix of holy man, priest, visionary, a preacher, and a shaman. He was deeply involved in two of the most famous battles in the 19th Century. He was only 16 years old during the first battle and 20 or 21 during the second. His birthday is in some doubt, but his mother had reason to remember the event. It was around 1860, so 1860 it became. The first battle was the Battle of the Greasy Grass as the Native Americans know it, but it, surely, will live in infamy as the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The second battle he participated in is something the government and the Army should never forget: the murder-massacre of men, women, and children at Wounded Knee. The Army says there were no women

or children killed at Wounded Knee. Oh yeah!! The Army also said that the Battle of the Little Bighorn was a victory. John Neihardt AKA Flaming Rainbow was a white man profoundly interested in telling the story of Native Americans. He met Black Elk in 1931, who was 71 years old at the time. Black Elk communed with the Great Spirit who told him to teach Flaming Rainbow about them and to teach him about the other side. Thus began a relationship that lasted every day for months and resulted in the book *Black Elk Speaks*. Their conversations lasted well into the night. Mr. Neihardt was blessed with his daughter who was an expert at dictation, and she caught every word that was spoken. Every word in the book is one long quote. It is unimaginably precious. One of Black Elk's friends, Standing Bear, has drawn a large collection of illustrations, drawings of both battles from the Native American perspective along with a narration to explain the action of both sides. Unbelievable. Wounded Knee has some spiritual elements to it. It is referred to as the Messianic Dream. Almost all the shamans and holy men had similar visions right before the

butchering. There was great confusion and sorrow. Some have said it was retribution for Custer. It has come to this to solve our problems. Here are a few historical things I learned. The battle didn't happen just on the afternoon of June 25, 1876. It lasted almost three days, and all of the 210 soldiers that day died, but that wasn't the entire 7th Cavalry. I always thought they all died and Custer was stripped, scalped, and mutilated. His body was found. He was stripped. He wasn't scalped, neither was he mutilated. He was shot twice; either wound was lethal. If you read *Black Elk Speaks*, I guarantee during some parts you will feel the Earth move beneath your feet. It is a haunting book. You cannot read this book and ever again in your life think of Native Americans as blood thirsty, psychotic savages. I bought this book in the '60s and have taken very good care of it ever since. Yes, it's that good, and better yet: IT'S STILL IN PRINT. ■



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PUZZLE PAGE

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 38

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

FOLLOWING CONCEPTION ACROSS

- 1 Vocalist Vaughan
- 6 Falsely present as genuine
- 12 Wizards-Magic matchups, e.g.
- 20 Brand of spaghetti sauce
- 21 Illicit moneylender
- 22 Legendary lost city of gold
- 23 Carjacking or kidnapping
- 25 Guys playing in central positions in team sports
- 26 Whirling, old-style
- 27 Vase variety
- 28 Disgrace
- 30 Major Dutch banking corp.
- 31 "I believe," on the internet
- 32 Metabolism or reproduction
- 37 Places for petri dishes
- 39 Old Delta rival
- 40 Actress Anderson
- 41 Haul to court
- 42 Attempt to give a bias to news coverage
- 46 Bottom-line deficit
- 50 Ed of "Up"
- 51 With 98-Down, have a meal around noon
- 52 Bend in ballet
- 55 Playwright Jean
- 56 Burns' "— Lang Syne"
- 59 Market condition that eventually "bursts"
- 62 Mammal with secretions used in perfumery
- 66 Vessel spar
- 67 Marked down
- 68 Billfold bill
- 69 Geometric design used to calibrate a video display
- 73 Imbibe slowly
- 74 "Sakes alive!"
- 77 "Va-va- —!"
- 78 Boxes of toy building blocks
- 81 They patrol on horseback
- 85 Historic NYC club, with "The"
- 86 Wolf in "The Jungle Book"
- 87 About
- 88 Genre for Cardi B
- 90 Blown away
- 94 Made calm
- 96 President or prime minister
- 99 Billfold bill
- 100 Hawaiian isle
- 103 Neighbor of Arg.
- 104 Actor Brody
- 105 Chemistry trial, perhaps
- 112 Former NPR host Flatow
- 113 Slangy sleuth

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- 114 Zapped with intense light
- 115 Social insect
- 116 Monastery musical piece
- 118 Pub vessel
- 121 "P.S." comment ... or where the ends of eight answers in this puzzle might appear?
- 125 Mention quickly so as to minimize
- 126 A Chinese capital
- 127 Loosen, as a boot
- 128 Irremediable
- 129 Hams it up
- 130 Pit of a fruit
- 17 Ike's first lady
- 18 Utopias
- 19 Jukebox selections
- 24 Supreme Court's Samuel
- 29 Solo of "Solo"
- 31 "Casablanca" heroine
- 33 Embrace fully
- 34 Not healthy
- 35 Surpass in firepower
- 36 Tabloid VIPs
- 38 Move furtively
- 43 Gunky stuff
- 44 Cry of cheer
- 45 Siouan tribe
- 46 Pos. opposite
- 47 Safe, in hardball
- 48 Give a convincing argument
- 49 Brews, as tea
- 52 Pre-coll. exam
- 53 Itemize, e.g.
- 54 Recon data
- 57 River of forgetfulness
- 58 Subpar grade
- 60 Savory taste of MSG
- 61 A beatnik may beat it
- 62 Partners of poppas
- 63 Disjoin, as a pair of oxen
- 64 Transitioned smoothly
- 65 Answers an invite
- 70 Honk
- 71 Casual shirt
- 72 Fun activities, for short
- 75 Airing past midnight, say
- 76 — Island
- 79 Jukebox selections
- 79 Mayberry boy
- 80 Yemeni capital
- 82 Poppa
- 83 — Magnon
- 84 Unit of corn
- 89 Source of a purple fruit
- 91 Augmenting
- 92 Start to get tiresome
- 93 Witty Bombeck
- 95 Nation within a nation
- 96 Golfer Michelle
- 97 Hip-hop "Dr."
- 98 See 51-Across
- 100 Mmes.' counterparts
- 101 Wood cutter
- 102 Software revision, e.g.
- 105 Pack away
- 106 Violin cousin
- 107 Get frosty
- 108 Facilitates
- 109 Proportion
- 110 Lacking skill
- 111 Thees and —
- 117 Em, to Dorothy
- 119 Hurdle for some college srs.
- 120 "2 funny!!!"
- 122 Relatives, casually
- 123 "— a pity!"
- 124 Casual shirt

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BY SARA CARPENTER



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Did you know you can still plant a tree in December?

Things You Didn't Realize You Could (Or Should) Do in the Winter

At the time of writing this, it is a balmy 50 degrees, and while this unseasonably warmer weather may be making you think about venturing more outside and (dare I say) planting a tree—I just did last week—there are several things you can do or should do around this time every year.

- Keep watering until the ground freezes. Make sure to give any new trees, shrubs, or perennials a GOOD drink before we go into the winter and the ground is frozen. The ground has been dry, and if they go into the winter dry, some plants will really struggle.
- Take advantage of a late season sale on a tree or shrub. Not sure if you should store or plant them? Go ahead and put them in the ground. They will fair far better in the ground than in a pot. Ideally, you want to allow a month before a hard freeze to establish roots, but it's okay to plant them any time the ground is workable.
- Ensure your equipment is ready BEFORE the first big storm of the season. Don't wait to get your snowblower serviced or to realize that old, rusty shovel just won't cut it this season. Take care of it now. Also, make sure you have a solid supply of ice salt on hand. Ice is slippery. Don't find yourself slipping your way to the store during an ice storm when supplies are slim.

- If you haven't already, get your HVAC system inspected/serviced. It's so important to make sure that your HVAC system is ready for when the thermometer dips below zero and you find yourself cursing the fact you decided to move somewhere so stinking cold.
 - Seal any leaky doors or windows to keep your energy costs lower. Check the seals around your windows and doors for drafts. These seals go bad over time and are fairly easy to replace. If you have a lot of bad seals—as is common in many older homes—you can seal the entire window with a special plastic covering that you can find in ready-to-go kits.
 - You can still have porch pots and hanging baskets for this season. They're usually composed of live evergreen trimmings that will soak up moisture now and stay vibrant all season. They're a low maintenance way to show some color around your house—and they make really great gifts.
 - ... Or you can bring some life inside. Grey skies and shorter days can be depressing. But studies have shown that houseplants can help prevent stress, improve productivity, and have a calming effect on people. Additionally, many houseplants like succulents or spider plants or philodendrons are really low maintenance.
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PUZZLES ON PAGE 36
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DEAR GWEN,

My friend really wants me to go on vacation with her next summer. She didn't really ask me, just assumed I'd say yes, and she wants me to be in charge of booking the flights so she can focus on hotels and tours and other things involved with the trip. I have a lot going on in my life and don't want to take that much time off work, but she keeps hounding me about when I'm going to buy the tickets. How should I let her know that this trip just won't be feasible next year? —Sincerely, Non-confrontational on Nevada

DEAR NON-CONFRONTATIONAL ON NEVADA,

Well, I'm not going to tell you to just be honest with her and let her know you're not interested in going because when has communication solved anything?

You know, I'm an annoyingly organized person. But I will say that one of my downfalls is I have lists in too many places. It used to be that I had one planner with my schedule (monthly, weekly, and daily), my receipts, my budget, and my lists all in one place. But then I got married to a person who decided we needed to sync our Google Calendars, a thing I didn't have and really didn't want. And now I have a Google Calendar. This has made me half analog and half digital and it has really thrown off my organizational groove. I even started using my iPhone Notes app for more than just weird snippets of my brain that feel important in the moment, but are ultimately so unimportant I forget why I wrote them down. I have actually important stuff in there now all coagulated with notes that say things like "Guy at kiosk was way too honest with me for no discernible reason" and "Taylor Swift goth" and a list of all the

birds I know, which is only a list of six birds and I feel like I should really know more birds at this point in my life and "brown ones" isn't even a type of bird, but it's on the list. Anyway, when I need to remember something and I know I put it on a list, it's nearly impossible for me to remember if I wrote it on a physical list or a digital list. Even worse, I've started making lists on envelopes, receipts, scraps of paper, empty Amazon boxes, my arm, a kid's arm (That's a lie. In grade school someone told me you can get ink poisoning from writing on your arm and while I don't think that's true, it does plague me, so I'm not writing lists on a kid. There are other reasons I'm not writing lists on kids. One of them is that they're kids and that's a really insane thing to do, but it's also not very practical because kids run a lot and they'd be just as hard to track down as a note in my phone). I'm telling you, the Google Calendar really threw a wrench in my whole system.


That said, you should mess up your organizational system by starting to use a Google Calendar, write a bunch of stuff down in a bunch of places so you forget where you wrote everything, then write down that you need to buy those flights. You'll never remember to do it or where you wrote it down, everything will be terrible, but you'll have a very reasonable explanation as to why you didn't buy them. Blame it on the Google Calendar situation. —xoxo Gwen


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 **ARIES**
(APR 19–MAY 13)
The only reason you order all this stuff online is so you have something to look forward to. You should probably keep doing that because... wow, there's just nothing good coming your way otherwise.


 **TAURUS**
(MAY 14–JUNE 19)
Leaving fallen leaves on the ground may be the environmentally sound thing to do, but your neighbors have been talking. You're going to want to watch your back.

 **GEMINI**
(JUNE 20–JULY 20)
No matter what ANY President of the United States of America says, peaches don't grow wild in this country. So if you move to the country, either buy a peach orchard or bring a lot of peaches with you. Peach farmers don't bother with warning shots.

 **CANCER**
(JULY 21–AUG 9)
You will learn that watching a lot of romantic comedies does not make you an expert on love. Just like watching *Breaking Bad* does not make you an expert on meth. Ironically, it'll be your love of meth that will make you an expert on love. And meth.


 **LEO**
(AUG 10–SEP 15)
You will get caught up in the latest version of the cinnamon challenge. It's basically just a cinnamon enema. It's called cinema.


 **VIRGO**
(SEP 16–OCT 30)
Never meet your heroes. Because all your heroes are dead and that would be really sad for the rest of us.


 **LIBRA**
(OCT 31–NOV 22)
You will alienate every-one you love. As an alien it's just


kind of what you do, y'know?
Aliens gonna alienate, amirite?


 **SCORPIO**
(NOV 23–NOV 29)
You need to get up to date on current affairs. The last affair you kept up on was that whole Clinton thing, and that was ages ago.

 **OPHIUCHUS**
(NOV 30–DEC 17)
You will put the "overt" in "poverty".

 **SAGITTARIUS**
(DEC 18–JAN 8)
Naming your next pet "Peeve" so that you literally have a pet Peeve is not clever. People will hate you for it even more than they already do.

 **CAPRICORN**
(JAN 9–FEB 15)
You will realize that since blindness has a scientific explanation, which means every single person with a visual impairment has been blinded with science. So Thomas Dolby isn't the innovator we all think he is. And neither are you.

 **AQUARIUS**
(FEB 16–MAR 11)
The argument over where to order food will turn violent. But at least the resulting carnage will provide a good store of food for the survivors.

 **PISCES**
(MAR 12–APR 18)
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