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December

TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS

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7 PM - 9 PM

RIVERBOAT LOUNGE

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

GRANDE BALLROOM 8 AM - 11 AM

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SATURDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE: BOOGIE 'TIL THE BALL DROPS

RIVERBOAT LOUNGE 8:30 PM -12:30 AM

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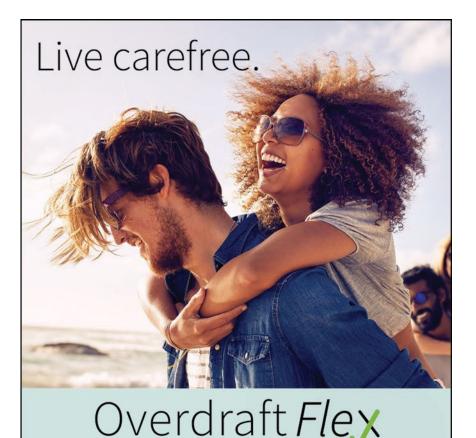
We've hidden Mike somewhere in this issue of *365ink*. Can you find him?

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So... how are your knees? Ugh, me too my friend, me too! Winter is HERE!

What happened out there? Two weeks ago I was contemplating a tee time, and now I'm shivering to my core walking back to my car after dining out tonight. I mean, it's not 10 feet of snow like they have in Buffalo, but man. So much for fall. I guess we got literally a few hours of fall and went straight from late summer to mid-winter. At least it's not that awful -5 degrees January misery, but I mean, come on. A couple of weeks in the 50s wouldn't kill. would it? Humbug.

Can we at least not have slush? Slush is the worst possible kind of winter for delivering toys. You can't set down toy boxes in the slush. So I guess, I'm hoping it'll be dry enough or cold enough that the slush freezes. No wind though. Am I being too needy here? Hey, Santa's got needs! I have toys to deliver.

Yes, I am literally THAT jolly fat man. And the two weeks after Thanksgiving are my go time. Must it be blustery and frigid? I've been a pretty good boy. Shouldn't I get a break? Apparently not. And on top of that, there's my trick knee. I guess when I said yes to 48 pallets of books for kids, I knew I would be sacrificing the body. But now that I've thrown in the towel on my left knee, I'm kind of lamenting my decision making. But we're here, um... knee-deep (sadly prophetically) in getting these books out to schools as we roll into the deep end of the Christmas pool.

Remember when you could refer to your knees as left and right instead of good and bad? So I shall suck it up, put on my new compression knee brace and maybe a Salonpas patch, and get after it. But sadly no ibuprofen, which would be sooo great right now, but, alas, one kidney means no more NSAIDs for this guy. I guess I just have to find the humor in it all.

Here goes...

I think my knee may be on its last leg. (Ba-dum, crash!)

Why did the man with the bad knee go to the mathematician? Because his knees were giving him problems he couldn't solve.

Sometimes I tuck my knees to my chest and lean forward. But that's just how I roll. (You might want to skip ahead to the horoscopes, seriously.)

Why do doctors give special attention to the knees of little children? This is because they are kid-knees! That joke's

a double-word score because, ya know, I only have one kidney. But remove some points because it's a terrible joke.

What's the nationality of someone with many knees? Polynesian (GROAN!)

When the moon hits your knees, and you mispronounce trees... Sycamore. (I'll just let myself out.)

Did you know most men have three knees? The left knee, the right knee, and the weeknee. Ha, just give me my Pulitzer right now!

A cop is driving down the freeway when he looks over and spots a granny knitting whilst balancing the steering wheel with her knees. He pulls alongside the granny, and angrily shouts, "Pull over!" The granny shouts back, "No, it's a scarf!" Ok, that was barely even a knee joke.

What do you call an elf who can't find his toy? Lego-Loss. Ha, not even about knees, but I mixed toys and *Lord of the Rings*. And if you know how many LEGOs I have at the Toys For Tots warehouse, you'd be laughing very hard right now.

Okay, enough silliness.

It's important to keep the important things in mind. And what I mean by that is that it's so crucial to remember that... I no longer live on the steepest street in Dubuque! I have a flat driveway and a flat street. Bless you, Van Buren Ave.! So that means no risking life and limb (and by limb, I mean knee) walking my dog up North Main St. It also means no more wondering if I'm going down on my arse when wondering if there's ice under that snow on my steep driveway. No way baby! Flat! FLAT, FLAT, FLAT! Sing it out loud!

The internet says I need to employ the "RICE" strategy: Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation. Rest? Ha, yeah right. So hopefully the other three will be enough? Actually, you know what? The last time I had a medial meniscus tear (I think that's what I did), I happened to also have cancer, and after my surgery for that, I was basically laid up at home for a month. And wouldn't you know it? That month of rest cured my knee. No, I'm not looking for another cancer surgery any time soon. So can I get myself to rest the month of January without, you know, being forced to? I hope so. Otherwise, my competitive dancing career is screwed.

One more... My left knee has never committed a crime. I can't say the same for his felony.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! ■





11.25 | SPAZMATICS
ultimate new wave 80's show
TICKETS START AT \$10



12.30 | FREE FALLIN'
tom petty concert experience
TICKETS START AT \$10



12.31 | THE PORK TORNADOES
the midwest's premiere
party band
TICKETS START AT \$15

FREE SHOWS



11.23 | JOHNNY TRASH

80's metal



11.26 | DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

50's and 60's rock



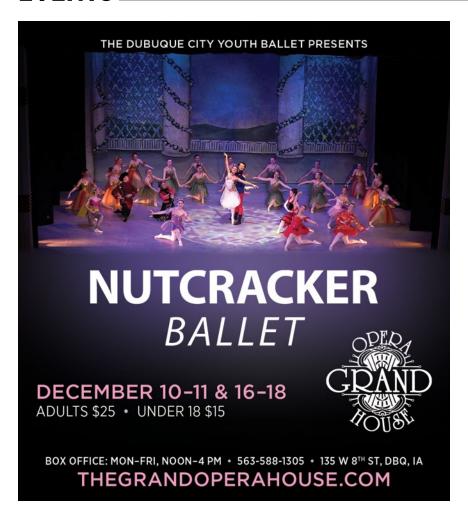
12.1 | ELIZABETH MARY

original music, top 40, 90's country/pop and some good ole sing-a-longs



12.2 | AUDIO DRIVE

80's rock cover band







47th Annual Christmas on the Square

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 @ 10 AM-7 PM CABLE CAR SQUARE (4TH & BLUFF ST)

Few holiday traditions in Dubuque stretch back as far as Santa Claus coming down the Fenelon Place Elevator to harken in the holiday season after Thanksgiving. Once called Cable Car Square Christmas Candlewalk and centered around a luminaria display, the 47-year-old festive gathering is back as Christmas on the Square on Saturday, Nov. 26.

The day includes shopping in Cable Car Square from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Christmas carolers will stroll from shop to shop and serenade shoppers during the day. From 3 to 7 p.m., a great variety of food trucks will set up on the Square, and Joie Wails will perform live at 5 p.m. to accompany your dining selections and shopping excursions.

Dubuque Main Street has organized a great hop-on, hop-off trolly that will ferry people for free from downtown shopping hot spot to hot spot. You can grab the lift at any of four stops: Cable Car Square, the Millwork District, Lower Main Street, and Upper Main Street (1000 block).

But the big finish, of course, is when the main man himself, Santa Claus comes down the Fenelon Place Elevator at 6 p.m. to greet the throngs of families waiting to meet him. He and Mrs. Claus will eventually work their way to his chair near the stage on Bluff Street where kids can line up to get their photo with Santa and tell him want they want for Christmas as generations before them have done.

Thanks to Dubuque Toys For Tots, all of the kids who meet Santa will go home with a little surprise gift. If you want to show your support for Toys For Tots, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to donate.

Santa, music, food, shopping, freebies, kids, and the best backdrop in town... what more can you ask for? We'll see your family at the 47th Annual Christmas on the Square! For more information, visit facebook.com/CableCarSquare.



Santa's Arrival and Jeep Jingle Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 @ 5 PM MAIN ST, GALENA, IL

Celebrate Santa's arrival in Galena with the Jeep Jingle Parade on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. Each year on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive on his sleigh in historic Galena, IL. It's festive... yet he could use a little more jingle to help him celebrate the season. This year, their appearance will be joined by a brightly lit parade with decorated Jeeps down Galena's Main Street at 5:30 p.m. We hear there's even going to be a Grinch-themed Jeep! Weather permitting, kids can hop on the trolleys and ride down Main with Santa as well. For those who would like to join the trolley, meet at the downtown post office at 5 p.m.

Santa will then light the city tree by the Old Market House at 6 p.m. followed by photo ops with kids until 7 p.m. There will also be free activities for kids along with hot cocoa and reindeer food.

The parade is a holiday fundraiser for Riverview Center to benefit families affected by domestic violence who may need assistance during the holiday season and beyond.

Contact ms_spyder@outlook.com for parade information, and for information about Santa's arrival, visit

facebook.com/GalenaDowntown.

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Silver Bells and Diamonds Featuring the Diamonds

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 @ 7 PM OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA) Silver Bells and Diamonds combines the best of The Diamonds in concert with sparkling holiday favorites everyone will enjoy. Jingle all the way to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

The show opens with a "Jingle Bells" medley followed by hit songs from the '50s through '80s. In the second half, The Diamonds use their signature harmony-filled vocals and always entertaining stage presence to get you into the Christmas spirit with a fast-paced ride through many of the great holiday favorites.

The Diamonds released an instant million-selling hit in 1957 called "Little Darlin'." Since dubbed the "National Anthem of Rock and Roll," the song soon went gold and led to a career that saw the group appear on *American Bandstand* 33 times and be inducted into both the Doo-Wop Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. "Little Darlin'" was followed by two more gold records, "The Stroll" and "Silhouettes."

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and can be purchased at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center box office, by calling **563-652-9815**, or at **OnwardFineArtsCenter.com**.



THE MISTLETONES PRESENT

SNOWBIZ

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
@ NOON AND 6 PM
HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE
GRANDE BALLROOM (200 MAIN ST)

The Mistletones present SNOWBIZ: A Mel Tormé Kind of Holiday with two shows on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Grande Ballroom at Hotel Julien Dubuque. The matinée begins with cocktails and check-in at noon, and the evening show begins at 6 p.m.

Staged dinner-theatre style, SNOWBIZ XIII is a throwback to the era where live Christmas shows and eventually Christmas television specials were the norm. The Mistletones pay homage to Mel Tormé with their own outstanding vocals, a live

jazz orchestra, and scrumptious holiday food and drink. Voted Best Event by the Dubuque Area Convention & Visitors Bureau/Travel Dubuque, join this veritable parade of Kringleistas who promise to put you in the Christmas spirit with this most festive offering. Start with cocktails and a meal followed by the show at 1:30 p.m. for the matinée and 7:30 p.m. for the evening performance. Your meal includes dessert and a complimentary glass of wine, beer, or soda with a cash bar available.

Dinner. Drinks. Show. If that's not a trifecta of holiday fun, we don't know what is! Reservations are required by Nov. 30. Matinée tickets are \$60, and evening tickets are \$70. To reserve your seat or for more information, call The Mistletones at **563-599-7775** or visit **mistletones.biz**.





THU **11/24**



50th Annual **Turkey Trot**

9 AM @ WAHLERT **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** Runners age six and older can compete in a 2.5- and 5-mile course. A certificate for a frozen turkey will be awarded to the first place finisher in each age division. \$15. 2005 Kane St. 563-583-9771. HolvFamilyDBQ.org/ turkey-trot.

Free East Dubuque **Thanksgiving Meals**

10 AM-2 PM @ EAST DUBUQUE, IL The East Dubuque Lions Club is providing free Thanksgiving dinners to the East Dubuque, IL, community. Enjoy a hot meal including turkey, mashed potatoes,

gravy, stuffing, corn, dinner roll, and dessert. It is not income-based; anyone who wants it gets it. You can pick up your meal or they can deliver on Thanksgiving Day. Last year they provided 544 meals to the community with the help of many volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, join the crew to help deliver meals in the community or drop off donations to help offset the costs. 815-747-9049.



Annual Ginter Thanksgiving Dinner

NOON @ JOLIET **EVENT CENTER** The Ginter family Thanks-

giving meal dates back to 1962. It's a passion for the Ginter family, providing a free, in-person Thanksgiving meal as well as meal deliveries to people unable to leave their homes. In 2019, 400 volunteers provided more than 2,500 meals. Drop off a donation at the West Dubuque Tap or mail a check to Ginter Thanksgiving Meal, P.O. Box 512, Dubuque, IA 52004. 781 Locust St. 563-556-9647.

FRI **11/25**



The Great Swiss **Gnome Hunt**

9 AM-3 PM @ SWISS **VALLEY NATURE** PRESERVE (PEOSTA, IA) Every year, Swiss Valley staff report sightings of tiny men in red hats hiding out in nooks and crannies along the trails of the preserve. Gnomes are known to be highly skilled wood workers and deeply care for

nature may be why they are found in the preserve. Clues will be posted about their location closer to the event. Sponsored by the Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board, Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. 563-556-6745. facebook.com/dubuque countyconservation.

SAT **11/26**



Head Lamp Hike

6 PM @ PROVING GROUNDS RECREATION AREA Discover the magic of hiking at night, where even the most familiar trails reveal unique sights and sounds. Under a blanket of stars, learn all about the surrounding nocturnal forest. Participants should feel comfortable

walking on uneven terrain for 2-3 miles. You bring the hiking boots and head lamps and Dubuque County Conservation will provide lasting memories. Due to the nature of the single-track trails you will be traversing, if it is wet, the event will be cancelled. Free. 10616 W John Deere Rd. 563-556-6745. facebook.com/dubuque countyconservation.

Bellevue's **Annual Lighted Christmas Parade** & Fireworks Show

7-9 PM @ RIVERVIEW ST RELIEVUE IA The parade will begin at 7 p.m. with fireworks immediately to follow. Best Overall Float winner gets \$200 to donate to a local charity of their choice. Brightest Float gets \$100 to donate to a local charity of their choice. Hosted by the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and River Ridge Brewing. **563-872-5830**. bellevueiachamber.org.

MON 11/28



Craft Cocktails: The Art of the **Perfect Drink**

6-7:30 PM @ BRAZEN **OPEN KITCHEN**

Here's a great idea for a date night, girl's or guy's night. or no reason at all night out. Mixing the perfect drink is an art. Join Brazen's Bar Manager, Jon Roling, for an introductory course on everything you will need to become a beginner mixologist. Become familiar with basic recipes and learn how to blend spirits in new ways to create your own signature drink. Ages 21+. \$45. 955 Washington St, Ste 101.

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Dec. 10: Matinee at 2:30 p.m. and evening at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11: Matinee at 2:00 p.m.

Space is limited. Get your tickets today! Rivermuseum.com/events

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Galena Holidaze Festival

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 11 AM-6 PM GREEN STREET PLAZA AND CITY HALL PARKING LOT (110 GREEN ST, GALENA, IL)

A new holiday tradition brings the holidays to Green Street Plaza and the City Hall parking lot in downtown Galena, IL from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Galena Holidaze Festival proceeds support the Galena ARC, an organization which has brought more than 50 years of art, sports, fitness, childcare, and early education to the community.

"During the winter of 2020 while celebrating Christmas and binge-watching holiday Hallmark movies as a family, during a time when we were away from so many, made me want bring the joy of the holiday season and rejuvenate the mission to support local more than ever in our Hallmark-like town of Galena post-pandemic times." Festival chair and Galena resident Christine Melaas will now see this vision come to life

thanks to the hardworking and dedicated festival committee and tremendous support from volunteers and locals.

Festival goers will have the opportunity to stroll through 12 handcrafted, barn-like booths filled with holiday and artisan gifts. The booths were made possible thanks to the Jo Daviess-Carroll CTE Academy. local construction workers. and volunteers. In addition to crossing items off holiday shopping lists, attendees will enjoy live holiday music performed throughout the day, tractor-pulled wagon rides through downtown Galena, a variety of local food and beverage vendors, a downtown Galena business scavenger hunt, reindeer games for kids sponsored by the Galena ARC, a children's story time presented by the Galena Public Library, petting a Christmas donkey, the Galena Country Tourism warming station, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hear children's Christmas wishes.

The festival concludes with caroling led by the Galena High School, Galena Middle School, and Scales Mound School choirs up to the levee to view the Fire in the Sky fireworks display sponsored by the Galena Downtown Business Association.

The Galena Holidaze Festival will run as planned unless weather conditions do not make that possible. There will be a suggested \$5 per family donation. For more information, visit

GalenaHolidazeFestival.com.



DR. LAURA CANELO-COHEN

Blessed Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 7:30 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 2 PM CLARKE UNIVERSITY SACRED HEART CHAPEL (1550 CLARKE DR)

Clarke University invites all to attend this year's *Blessed Christmas* program held in the Sacred Heart Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Blessed Christmas is a touching portrayal of the Christmas story through music and scripture presented by the Clarke Collegiate Singers and Melos as well as Clarke String Orchestra and Wind Ensemble.

Featured flute soloist, Dr. Laura
Canelo-Cohen, is originally from the
Dominican Republic. She graduated with
honors from Columbus State University
and holds a Masters in Contemporary
Music from the University of Valencia.
Canelo-Cohen obtained her Doctorate
in Musical Arts in Flute Performance and
Pedagogy at the University of Iowa and is
now the Flute Instructor for Clarke University, as well as offering private lessons.

Canelo-Cohen and the Collegiate Singers will also premiere "I Looked to the East" from Adam O'Dell '13, as part of the John and Nancy Lease Commission Series.

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and free for kids under the age of 18. Tickets can be reserved online at **clarke.edu/blessedchristmas** or by phone at **563-588-6593**. ■

TUE **11/29**

Getting Through the Holidays

6:30-8 PM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER
The holidays can be particularly challenging for those who are grieving. Facilitator Mary Potter Kenyon will share how to face the challenge of holiday grieving during this evening program, followed by time for discussion and sharing. RSVP by Nov. 25. Freewill offering. 1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592. shalomretreats.org.

WED **11/30**



Sip & Learn: No-Excuses Innovation

NOON-2 PM @ BLAUM **BROS. DISTILLING CO** (GALENA, IL) Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) hosts author Bruce Vojak where guests will receive a complementary lecture, lunch, copy of Vojak's book No-Excuses Innovation, and product tasting with the venue. No-Excuses Innovation: Strategies for Small- and Medium-Sized Mature Enterprises makes the case for the value of innovation: why it's worthy of investment and what it can do for the health and longevity of a company. Co-author Bruce Vojak is Managing Director and Founder of Breakthrough Innovation Advisors. Formerly Director of Advanced Technology at Motorola and Associate Dean and Adjunct Professor in the Grainger College of Engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he currently serves on the boards of Midtronics, JVA Partners, and Micron Industries. RSVP. 9380 US Hwy 20, Galena, IL. 815-297-7361.

THU 12/1



The Ghent Altarpiece and the Greatest Unsolved Art Theft of All Time

4-6 PM @ GALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY (GALENA, IL) AND ONLINE Michelle Cox discusses her latest novel, A Spying Eye. Refreshments will be on hand, books will be for sale. and one lucky in-person attendee will win a special prize! In this sixth book of the series, Clive and Henrietta return to Europe in an attempt to resurrect their failed honeymoon. While in London, they are approached by their old friend, Inspector John Hartle, who convinces them to search for the missing panel of the Ghent Altarpiece, a famous Renaissance painting, of which Hitler's top men are also in pursuit. Michelle Cox has won over 60 international awards and have been praised by Kirkus. Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, Booklist, Foreword, Elle, Redbook, Brit&Co., POP-SUGAR, Buzzfeed, and many others. Free, 601 S. Bench St. Galena, IL. 815-777-0200.

FRI 12/2



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Christmas Tea

11:30–2 PM @ FOUR
MOUNDS GREY HOUSE
Enjoy tea, delightful wines,
and handmade savories,
breads, and sweets. You
can tour the festively
decorated house and also
try your luck at the gift
basket raffle and silent
auction. Proceeds benefit
the Fellowship's mission of
restoration and preservation

of the Four Mounds estate. Space is limited. \$50. 4900 Peru Rd. **563-557-7292**. **fourmounds.org**.

Asbury Park Tree Lighting

6 PM @ ASBURY PARK (ASBURY, IA)

All citizens are invited to help decorate the tree by placing an ornament on this tree in Asbury Park, enjoy hot chocolate from Hy-Vee, and visit Santa in the City Hall outdoor atrium. **563-556-7106**. **cityofasbury.com**.

SAT **12/3**

St. John's Episcopal Christmas Cookie Walk

8 AM-2 PM @ ST. JOHN'S PARISH HOUSE
Cookies, candies, breads, baklava, and more.
Christmas decor and gift items. Soup lunch available. Free to attend. 1458
Locust St. 563-590-0854.

Galena Territory Holiday Market

8:30 AM-1:30 PM @ GALENA TERRITORY OWNERS'
CLUB (GALENA, IL)
Featuring local vendors, crafters and artisans with decorations, gift items, baked goods, and more. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. 815-777-2000.
thegalenaterritory.com.



Holiday Housewalk

10 AM-4 PM @ GALENA
TERRITORY OWNERS'
CLUB (GALENA, IL)
Enjoy Christmas in The
Galena Territory. Visit five
beautifully decorated homes
in holiday style on tour.
Tour begins at The Galena
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Ladies Must Swing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 2 PM TURNER HALL (115 S BENCH ST, GALENA IL)

The Galena Center for the Arts presents the 18-piece big band group, Ladies Must Swing, on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at Turner Hall in Galena, IL. This free Holiday concert carries on the spirit and tradition of the former Galena Festival for the Performing Arts, which has generously donated funds to the Galena

Center for the Arts to support musical performances featuring regional artists.

In 1997, Ladies Must Swing (LMS) formed in Madison, WI to share their love for 1940s-style big band swing music. LMS has received awards over the years including Madison Area Music Award's Best Jazz Band in Madison as well as recognition for volunteer work with Badger Honor Flight and VFW posts while performing at a variety of venues from airport hangars to casinos. They were especially proud to be part of the re-grand opening of the Tuskegee Air Museum in Alabama.

Free will donations will be gratefully accepted, as the generosity of the public allows the Galena Center for the Arts to continue to provide exceptional music and art to the Tri-State area each year. For more information, call the Galena Center for the Arts at 815-402-3111 or visit GalenaCenterForTheArts.com.



CP Holiday Train TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 8:30-9:15 PM

HAWTHORNE ST & RHOMBERG AVE
The CP Holiday Train is happy to be back
for its 24th year supporting food banks
and food shelves by raising money, food
and awareness for food insecurity issues.
Head to the Hawthorne St. and Rhomberg
Ave. crossing on Tuesday, Dec. 6 fat 8:30
to 9:15 p.m. and park on the Rhomberg
side of the tracks to enjoy performances
from Alan Doyle and Kelly Prescott. CP
asks attendees to bring a cash or nonperishable food donation if they're able.

Born in Petty Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador, Alan Doyle is a singer, songwriter, and actor who rose to fame as the frontman for acclaimed Newfoundland folk-rock band Great Big Sea. During their commercial peak from the late '90s to the mid-2000s, the band's fusion of traditional Celtic fare and sea shanties earned them international success far beyond the shores of their island home. Doyle launched a solo career in 2012 and released a trio of well-received albums. In addition to his musical work, he has appeared in numerous films and television shows.

Born in Ottawa, Kelly Prescott comes by her music in the most honest way possible as a third-generation singer-songwriter on both sides of her family. Growing up between a tour bus and a world-class recording studio, her childhood was steeped in traditional country music. Kelly and her family made their Grand Ole Opry debut as guests of Terri Clark in 2018. She has toured all over North America with such acts as Alan Doyle, Kyle Cook (Matchbox 20), Terri Clark, Dallas Smith, Jim Cuddy, Colin James, Dean Brody and her former band, The Claytones.

Local food shelves will set up collection station with all donations made staying with the local food bank to help people in need in the community. Because local food shelves buy food at a discount, cash donations can go further than food donations to help those in need. Since the Holiday Train program launched in 1999, it's raised more than \$21 million and collected 5 million pounds of food for community food banks across North America.

The event is free. For more information and to view the full route, visit cpr.ca/holidaytrain.

SAT 12/3



Scuba Santa 11 AM-NOON @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER

MISSISSIPPI RIVER
MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Dec. 3 and 4. Swing by
and snag a picture with
Santa in the Main Channel
Aquarium in the Mississippi
River Discovery Center. 350
E 3rd St. 563-557-9545.
RiverMuseum.com

Maquoketa Art Experience Craft and Vendor Show

11 AM-2 PM @ MAQUOKETA ART EXPERIENCE (MAQUOKETA, IA) Vendors, local crafters, treats, bake sale, face painting, and more. 1124 S Main St, Maquoketa, IA. 563-652-9925. maquoketa-art.org.

Holiday Angst: Dealing with Toxic People

12:30-2 PM @ STATERA
Join Karin Anderson,
Mental Health Counselor, and
explore how to recognize
toxic people and how to create personal and emotional
boundaries so you can
have more joy and peace
during your holidays. RSVP
encouraged. \$20. 3375 Lake
Ridge Dr. 563-207-8932.
stateraintegrated.com.



Carnegie-Stout Public Library's Annual Tree Lighting

2-3 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY View the Carnegie-Stout Public Library's 18-foot Christmas tree decorated in full Victorian splendor. The Dubuque Senior High School Madrigal Performers will provide holiday music around the tree including singalongs. Children can enter a drawing to light the tree. Enjoy holiday cookies and hot chocolate to celebrate Christmas cheer! 360 W 11th St. CarnegieStout.org.



Gingerbread House Fundraiser

2 PM @ HAZEL GREEN
OPERA HOUSE
(HAZEL GREEN, WI)
The smell of spicy cookies will fill the Hazel Green
Opera House on the first
Saturday in December during
the first ever Gingerbread

House Fundraiser, a benefit for Family Promise of Grant County, Local bakers have been invited to pre-register and bring their gingerbread creations to a competition that will draw attention to the plight of homeless people in Southwest Wisconsin, Select buildings will be auctioned off, with all proceeds going to the nonprofit. At 4 p.m., a panel of judges will announce winners in various categories. Concessions. including cookies and warm beverages, will be available. Purchase tickets to vote for your favorite buildings. Free 2130 Main St Hazel Green, WI. 608-732-7129.

Holiday Fire in the Sky

6:30-7 PM @ GALENA, IL Kick off the holiday season in downtown Galena, IL, and watch as the night sky comes alive with beautiful fireworks. The launch location will be Grant Park, so you will be able to view them from pretty much anywhere in the downtown area. Rain or shine. Free. **815-281-0673**.



Mineral Point Gallery Nights

MINERAL POINT, WI Mineral Point, WI is a small town among the Driftless hills that offers more than just charm: It also nurtures a rich community of working artists, from potters to painters, woodworkers to printmakers. A downtown stroll takes you past artistowned galleries, studios in converted historic buildings. and endless points of creative inspiration. See new works and works-in-progress-and enjoy chatting with local artisans about their craft along the way. 608-987-3201. mpgallerynight.com.

WED **12/7**



The Flight into Egypt: A Refugee Perspective

6:30-7:30 PM @

SHALOM SPIRITUALITY **CENTER AND ONLINE** The story of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary is a story of a refugee family. Their early years living in Egypt were not one of choice but an escape into the night from persecution and imminent murder. When the time seemed safe from danger, they returned to their country and chose their ultimate home in Nazareth. Without these basic human rights, there may not have been a Christmas Story as we know it. Sr. Frances Nosbisch shares the story of the holy family through the lens of refugees. RSVP for online. \$10. 1001 Davis St. **563-582-3592**. shalomretreats.org.









Classical Blast: Dark Side of the Yule

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30 PM TURNER HALL

(115 S BENCH ST, GALENA IL)

Christmas meets classic rock in Classical Blast's live holiday concert, Dark Side of the Yule, returning again to downtown Galena's Turner Hall on Friday, December 9 a 7:30 p.m.

Now in it's 7th touring season and 6th year at Turner Hall, Dark Side of the Yule is a highly popular holiday celebration. The show melds Christmas and rock music with original arrangements featuring music by bands like Metallica, Evanescence, Pink Floyd, Beatles, Joni Mitchell, and more, all mashed with holiday classics, baroque carols, classical, and originals. It may be the most unique holiday show around. Is it Christmas, is

it rock, is it pop, is it traditional? It's all of the above and more, all rolled into a series of musical stories that explore the holiday season's darker themes. No worries, everyone sees the light by the end!

With home base in the Chicago area, the show features the world class talents of Classical Blast members, Bill Syniar (bass), Dave Kelly (drums and vocals), Hannah K Watson (violin), and Stephanie Koklys (vocals and guitar). This year's show also features special guest, cellist Tom Culver of the popular band Strung Out-Chicago. The concert show is packed with great musical performances of songs from the band's album of the same name, with new songs added each year.

Adult tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ages under 18 are \$10. Parking is limited at Turner Hall but there is free parking throughout downtown Galena. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit **ClassicalBlast.com**.



Cuba City Candyland Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 8 AM CUBA CITY, WI

Head to Cuba City for their "Candyland Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The festivities kick off with the Lioness cookie walk at the American Legion at 8 a.m. followed by the Methodist Church bake sale at 10 a.m. Participating businesses will offer holiday food and drink specials throughout the day. Head to the Presidential Courtyard at 4:30 p.m. for food and drinks, and enjoy carolers from CCHS at 5 p.m. and Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. The parade on Main Street begins at 6 p.m. followed by a celebration in the Presidential Courtyard with St Rose carolers, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Lioness Christmas ornament and candy cane, The Grinch, and parade and home and business Christmas decorating winner announcements.

For more information,

visit CubaCity.org.

FRI 12/9

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AccessDubuque Jobs.com Hiring Fair

NOON-3 PM @
STEEPLE SQUARE
More than 60 employers
representing over 1,000 jobs
will be present. In-person
resources include success
coaches, insurance experts,
and lowaWORKS representatives. The event is open to
all job seekers. 101 E 15th St.
accessdubuquejobs.com/

Christmas Movie Trivia Night

career-fairs.

7-10 PM @ DUBUQUE
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Get ready for the hap-hap
happiest Christmas Vacation
trivia night! Up to 8 people
per team. No cell phones, web
devices, or smart watches
can be used. Win door prizes.

Food and cash bar available. Doors at 6 p.m. All ages. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. **dbgfair.com**.

SAT **12/10**



Holiday Mine Sing 4-6 PM @ MINING & ROLLO

JAMISON MUSEUMS (PLATTEVILLE, WI) Celebrate the holiday spirit above ground and below with a beautiful evening of music at The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums. A traditional Christmas concert around the 14-foot holiday tree by the 50-member Platteville Chorale will be followed by the Platteville High School Blue Notes performing jazz standards and holiday carols a cappella underground in the Bevans Mine. \$15 Ages

13+, \$11.25 ages 65+, \$7.50 ages 5–12, \$3 ages 4 and under. 405 East Main St, Platteville, WI. **608-348-3301**. **mining.jamison.museum**.

SUN 12/11



Mystery Dinner Theater: Ho, Ho, Homicide

5-7 PM @ STONE
CLIFF WINERY
Everyone at the North Pole
is working extra hard this
year to make this a holiday to
remember, but something's
amiss on Poinsettia Parkway.
The newest, coolest, and
most revered kids' bike on
the market—Zuzu's Pedals—
has some production issues.
On top of that, Mrs. Claus is
worried about Santa's diet
but mostly his sugary-sweet

secretary Candy Cane. Add in some elves, an environmentalist who's checking everything twice, and a perky Customer Service Rep who covers Santa's Ho, Ho Hotline, and you've got a Ho, Ho, Hilarious Homicide. Includes a four course meal, wine or beverage of your choice, and theater. Presented by the Brew Ha Ha Players. RSVP. \$59.95. 600 Star Brewery Dr. 563-583-6100 x203. stonecliffwinery.com.

MON 12/12

Milk Party and "Baby's First Christmas" Ornament Class

9:30–10:30 AM @ STATERA
This free support group is
for moms and breastfeeding
babies, as well as pumping moms and pregnant
women. This month, make
a baby's first Christmas
ornament. Free. 3375 Lake
Ridge Dr. 563-207-8932.
stateraintegrated.com.



Shalom Annual Advent Dinner, Music & Praver

6-9 PM @ SHALOM
SPIRITUALITY CENTER
Join for a joyous evening
that will open your heart and
mind to the beauty of the
season and the message of
the coming Messiah. Directed
by Carol Hemesath, OSF,
and Jim Brimeyer, featuring
Dubuque area musicians.
RSVP by Dec. 3. \$40. 1001
Davis St. 563-582-3592.
shalomretreats.org.

WED **12/14**

The Secret Indigenous Life of Christmas Trees

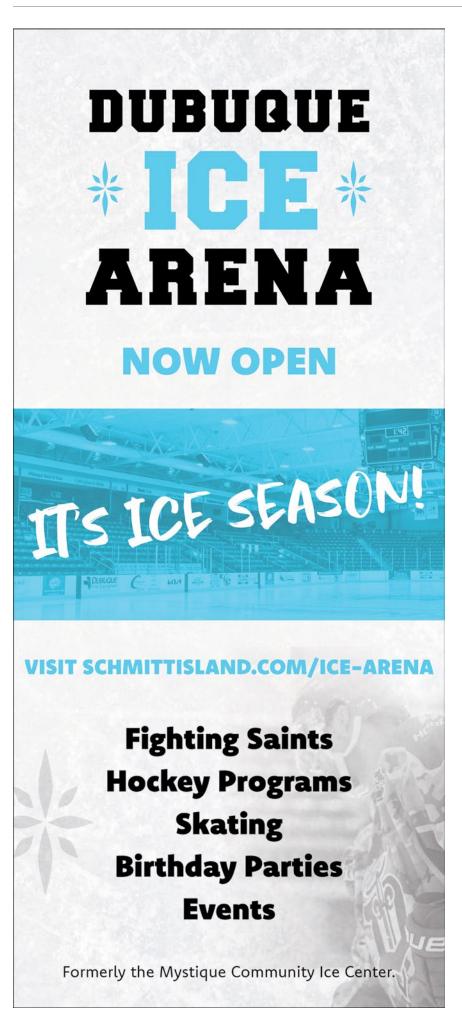
6:30–7:30 PM @ **ONLINE** In conversation with the bestselling book *Braiding*

Sweetgrass by Robin Kimmerer, join Damian Costello to explore the tree's long history, deep spiritual meaning, and its potential as a ceremonial medicine for cultivating reciprocity with the land. RSVP by Dec. 13. \$10. 608-748-4411. sinsinawa.org/moundcenter.

Stress Management Tips for Leaders Trying to Balance it All

8-10 AM @ NICC TOWN **CLOCK BUSINESS CENTER** Learn new techniques to identify which tasks can be shifted or transformed to create better work-life balance. Discover how to change your responses to stress and improve brain health by creating a roadmap to implement these new strategies. You'll gain new insights from this session! Instructed by Alisha Leytem. \$59, 680 Main St. Suite 100. 844-642-2338 x1399. nicc.edu/solutions.







Night of the Luminaria and **Living Windows**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 4-9:30 PM DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL

Don't miss one of the most beautiful and romantic visions of the year. Night of the Luminaria and Living Windows takes over downtown Galena, IL on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 4 to 9:30 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. From 4 to 7 p.m., 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. Carolers will be signing at the Grant Park gazebo from 6 to 7 p.m. Luminaries will light the way until 9:30 p.m.

Bundle up and squeeze in some last minute holiday shopping at this free outdoor celebration. For more information, call 815-281-0673.

Home for the Holidays and Candlelight Tours

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS: DECEMBER 17 AND 18 @ 11 AM-4 PM CANDLELIGHT TOURS: DECEMBER 17 AND 18 @ 7-9 PM MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE

(2241 LINCOLN AVE)

Celebrate Home for the Holidays and Candlelight Tours at the Mathias Ham Historic Site this holiday season. Guests are invited to the site on Dec. 17 and 18 to take part in Victorian era traditions.

During Home for the Holidays, visitors can take self-quided tours through the house and see the decorations from the Victorian era from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guides will not be leading tours through the house but will be providing information to guests. Admission is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Members get in for free.

Guests can take part in a cooking class where they will learn to make sugar plums on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. This class costs \$15.

On Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m., visitors can enjoy a holiday afternoon tea. All ages are invited to attend and tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Dietary requests can be met if notified ahead of time.

Come back at night for the Candlelight Tours. The 45-minute tours allow



visitors to take in the house in a different light at 7 and 8 p.m. The architectural and historical significance will be highlighted by the guides as the tours move through the house. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Members receive a discounted rate of \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children.

For tickets and more information, call the River Museum at 563-557-9545 or visit RiverMuseum.com/events.

FRI 12/16



Merry Branson Christmas

7 PM @ GALENA BIBLE CHURCH (GALENA, IL) Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Galena Bible Church (11108 US 20, Galena, IL): Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at Emmaus Bible College (2570 Asbury Rd); and Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at The Stone Church (18175 222nd St, Manchester, IA). Mike Walker is an award-winning vocalist and musical impressionist with a popular show in Branson, Mo. Come enjoy an evening with two-time Branson Male Vocalist of the year, four-time Branson Impressionist of the year and two-time Branson Matinee show of the year. Benefit for Tri-State Christian School. \$30. tscs.org.

SAT 12/17



Country Christmas

10 AM-NOON @
SHENANDOAH RIDING
CENTER (GALENA, IL)
Celebrate Christmas at the indoor arena with gifts from Santa, wagon rides, and create a Christmas craft.
Free adults; \$5 children.
200 N Brodrecht Rd,
Galena, IL. 815-777-9550.
TheShenandoah

Snowflakes & Sweets Stroll

RidingCenter.com.

NOON-4 PM @
DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL
Take your time enjoying
special sweet treats from
local bakeries, chocolatiers,
and more while strolling
down Galena's magical Main
Street. Hopefully you'll enjoy

some snowflakes as well as you stroll. Your ticket will get you a punch card good for 10 sweet treats. The sweet treats will be a mix (chosen by you) of cookies, candies, drinks, and more. Check in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$30. 815-281-0673. facebook.com/

SUN 12/18



Mystery Dinner Theater: Cut Loose Tree Farm

5-7 PM @ STONE
CLIFF WINERY
Cut Loose Tree Farm is the
only tree farm in lowa 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. Includes a four course meal, wine or beverage of your choice, and theater. Presented by the Brew Ha Ha Players. RSVP. \$59.95. 600 Star Brewery Dr. 563-583-6100 x203. stonecliffwinery.com.

MON 12/19



Cookie Decorating at Steeple Square

5-7 PM @ STEEPLE SQUARE
Join NICC for a fun night of
decorating cookies. Learn
about NICC's Career Pathway
Certificate programs and
meet their amazing College and Career Coaches.
RSVP. Free. 101 E 15th St.
844-642-2338 x1399.
nicc.edu/solutions.

TUE 12/20

Shalom Winter Breakfast

7:30 AM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER All are welcome to the Annual Winter Breakfast featuring Charism Team member Julie Tebbe. Julie will usher you into the holidays as "Christmas People!" Using music, stories, and prayer, Julie will share how carrying the true spirit of Christmas in our hearts lasts beyond the season, "Christmas People" are called to live and share the light of Christ all year long. Join for a delicious and festive meal, friendship, and fun. RSVP by Dec. 13. \$15. 1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592. shalomretreats.org.



BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!
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DUBUQUE365.COM/EVENTS





18th Annual Festival of Trees

NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 27 OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

Festive trees and wreathes are on display at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center, now through Nov. 27 during the 18th Annual Festival of Trees.

Bid on creative trees, beautiful wreaths, and theater entertainment. Proceeds will go to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. Available again this year are Holiday Family Gift Passes. This pass offers you four passes (tickets) to any of the future Ohnward Fine Arts Center productions. Easy to use, and you save money! Each Holiday Family Gift Pass is just \$80, and they never expire!

For more information, visit

OnwardFineArtsCenter.com.

Ongoing & Recurring Events

SUNDAY

Just Friends 50+ Brunch

LAST SUN 12:30 PM @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Join for brunch and good company. Contact Maureen Tyne for location, newsletter, and more information. **815-297-3308**.

Arcade Meetup LGBTQ+ Social

3RD SUN
3-5 PM @ BACKPOCKET

DUBUQUE

Gathering for LGBTQ+ community and allies. All ages.

333 E 10th St. facebook.com/

DubuqueLGBTQ.

MONDAY

Social Connections for Singles: Cards

MON 5:30 PM @ DENNY'S LUX CLUB

All single people of any age are invited to join for cards at 6 p.m. 3050 Asbury Rd. **608-732-5219**. **608-778-7776**.

Dubuque Area Humanists 3RD MON

6:30-8 PM @ DBQ CO
PUBLIC LIBRARY ASBURY
BRANCH (ASBURY, IA)
Cultivate a community who
is good without God. Free.
5290 Grand Meadow Dr,
Asbury, IA. facebook.com/
dubuqueareahumanists.

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

1ST TUE & SAT 10 AM @ RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

Discover the ABCs through hands-on and active activities. Ages 2–5 with parent/caregiver. \$10 non-members; \$8 members; adult free. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. **RiverMuseum.com**.

WEDNESDAY

Toastmasters Speakeasy Club

2ND, 4TH, AND 5THWED 5:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT LIBRARY AND ONLINE Overcome your fear of speaking in front of a group and develop the skills to give an organized, dynamic, and interesting presentation. Ages 18+. Free. 360 W 11th St. facebook.com/

ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub.

PSYCHIC CHAKRA CENTER (563)-564-9925 19 Locust St. Downtown Dubuque PALM, TAROT, MEDIUM & ANGEL READINGS

Green Drinks

2NDWFD

6 PM @ SMOKESTACK
Have a drink with environmentally-minded friends and
discuss local issues concerning global environmental
challenges with grassroots
advocacy, collaborative
actions and science-based
resources which support
transparency, accountability,
and citizen empowerment. 62
E 7th St. GreenDubuque.org.

She Unites

3RD WED
6-7:30 PM @ 7 HILLS
EVENT CENTER
No event on 12/21. An inclusive women's group working to connect women across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. Free. 1098 Jackson

She Unites: Rise

St. SheUnitesIowa.com.

2ND WED THROUGH MAY 7-9 PM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD Rise is a program designed specifically for high school girls in the Dubuque area. She Unites is on a mission to equip teenage girls with education and skills for real life. It is a place for young women to make friends and find support in the transition to adulthood phase of life. Free coffee, free community. and free education. Free. 2811 Jackson St. 608-218-4756.

sheunitesiowa.com.

THURSDAY

Grandparent Tea

15THU
9:30-11 AM @ SHALOM
SPIRITUALITY CENTER
DINING ROOM
Celebrate the gift of grandparenthood over a cup of
tea. RSVP. Freewill donation.
1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592.
shalomretreats.org.

Lunchtime Meditation

THU

12:10-12:30 PM @ ONLINE
Take a mindful moment with
Statera. This is a free, weekly,
guided meditation to connect
to self using techniques that

can lower heart rate, blood pressure, stress, or anxiety. Learn skills that are immediately useful and accessible. All you need is a moment in your day to sit and connect to the present moment. Free. **563-207-8932**. **stateraintegrated.com**.

FRIDAY

Forest School

2ND AND 4TH FRI
THROUGH MAY
10:30 AM @ VARIOUS
LOCATIONS IN DBQ COUNTY
No event on 11/25 and 12/23.
These programs are provided
for any school age child
and will be experiential and
hands-on utilizing the great
outdoors. RSVP required.
Free. 563-556-6745.
facebook.com/dubuque
countyconservation.

Social Connections for Singles: Dinner & Cards

FRI

5 PM @ SHOT TOWER INN All single people of any age are invited to join for dinner followed by cards. 390 Locust St. **608-732-5219**. **608-778-7776**.

Grown-Up YogArt

6-9 PM @ CHALLENGE TO CHANGE

Join Challenge to Change for a fun, social evening of gentle yoga, wine, and art. The first hour will be spent in an all-levels yoga practice. Afterwards, you'll have a chance to socialize and get creative in an art project specially selected each month. Wine and art supplies included. Ages 21+. \$30. 3337 Hillcrest Rd. 563-451-7034. challengetochangeinc.com.

First Fridays

1ST FRI VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly visual art series, hosted by galleries, museums, and venues, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Free.

SATURDAY

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

SAT NOV THROUGH APRIL 9 AM-NOON @ KENNEDY MALL WEST CONCOURSE No event on 12/24 and 12/31. Over 20 regional vendors offer seasonal produce, eggs, meats, cheeses, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, flowers, candy, and more. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

1st & 3RD SAT THOUGH APRIL 9 AM-NOON @
ROUNTREE GALLERY
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Find homegrown and handmade products from fresh produce and prepared food to stained glass and bath bombs. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374.
PlattevilleFarmers
MarketWI.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 monthly concert series for preschool children and their families. Performers presents a free mini-concert introducing children to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Children will leave each concert with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop to enioy! Children must be accompanied by an adult. All ages. Free. 360 W 11th St. 563-690-0151. NISOM.com.

Driftless Poets Monthly Workshop

2ND SAT
2-4 PM @ SHAKE RAG
ALLEY CFA (MINERAL
POINT, WI) AND ONLINE
Local and aspiring poets are
invited to provide support
and encouragement for poets
seeking honest feedback

on their work. RSVP. 18 Shake Rag St, Mineral Point, WI. **608-987-3292**. **driftlesspoets.com**.



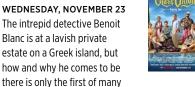
Coming Soon

THE FABELMANS (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Young Sammy Fabelman falls in love with movies after his parents take him to see *The* Greatest Show on Earth. Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother. Part memoir, part ode to the power of the movies, The Fabelmans finds Steven Spielberg digging at the family roots that helped make him a beloved filmmaker—and proves he hasn't lost his magic touch.

GLASS ONION (PG-13)

The intrepid detective Benoit Blanc is at a lavish private estate on a Greek island, but how and why he comes to be there is only the first of many



puzzles. He soon meets a group of friends gathering at the invitation of billionaire Miles Bron for their yearly reunion incluing Miles' former business partner Andi Brand, current Connecticut governor Claire Debella, cuttingedge scientist Lionel Toussaint, fashion designer and former model Birdie Jay and her conscientious assistant Peg, and influencer Duke Cody and his sidekick girlfriend Whiskey. As in all the best murder mysteries, each character harbors their own secrets, lies and motivations. When someone turns up dead, everyone is a suspect.

BONES AND ALL (R)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 A story of first love between Maren, a young woman learning how to survive on the margins of society, and Lee, an intense and disenfranchised



drifter. The liberating road odyssey of two young people coming into their own, searching for identity, and chasing beauty in a perilous world that cannot abide who they are.

DEVOTION (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 The aerial war epic based on the bestselling book of the same name, tells the harrowing true story of two elite US Navy fighter pilots during the Korean



War. Their heroic sacrifices would ultimately make them the Navy's most celebrated wingmen.

STRANGE WORLD (PG)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Walt Disney Animation Studios' original action-packed adventure Strange World introduces a legendary family of explorers, the Clades, as they attempt to navigate an uncharted, treacherous land alongside a motley crew that includes a mischievous blob, a three-legged dog, and a slew of ravenous creatures.

VIOLENT NIGHT (R)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 When a team of mercenaries breaks into a wealthy family compound on Christmas Eve, taking everyone inside hostage, the team isn't



prepared for a surprise combatant: Santa Claus (David Harbour, Black Widow, Stranger Things series) is on the grounds, and he's about to show why this Nick is no saint.

THE INSPECTION (R)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

In Elegance Bratton's deeply moving film inspired by his own story. A young, gay Black man, rejected by his mother and with few options for his



future, decides to join the Marines, doing whatever it takes to succeed in a system that would cast him aside. But even as he battles deep-seated prejudice and the grueling routines of basic training, he finds unexpected camaraderie, strength, and support in this new community, giving him a hard-earned sense of belonging that will shape his identity and forever change his life.

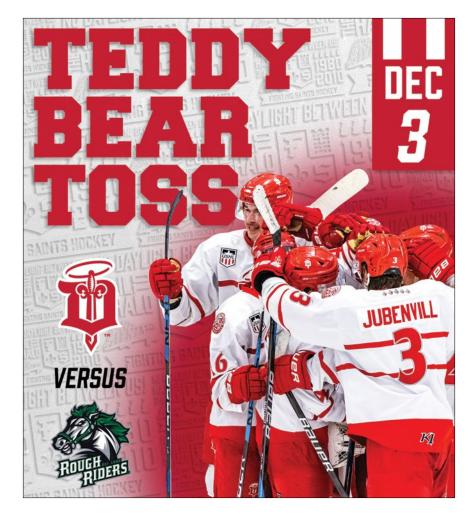
EMANCIPATION (R)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

"Emancipation" tells the triumphant story of Peter (Will Smith), a man who escapes from slavery, relying on his wits, unwavering faith, and



deep love for his family to evade cold-blooded hunters and the unforgiving swamps of Louisiana on his guest for freedom. The film is inspired by the 1863 photos of "Whipped Peter," taken during a Union Army medical examination, that first appeared in Harper's Weekly. One image, known as "The Scourged Back," which shows Peter's bare back mutilated by a whipping delivered by his enslavers, ultimately contributed to growing public opposition to slavery.











The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

NOVEMBER 25-26 AND
DECEMBER 2-3 @ 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 27 AND
DECEMBER 4 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

The Grand Opera House presents *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.* Based on the award-winning book by Barbara Robinson, this hilarious and heartwarming play is the perfect way to kick-off the Christmas Season. Performances begin the day after Thanksgiving, running Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Dec. 4.

"The Herdmans were the worst kids in the history of the world." The young narrator, Beth Bradley (played by Haley Mills), informs the audience at the beginning of the play. We soon learn that Mrs. Armstrong, the church's one-woman Christmas committee, has broken her leg just before the annual Christmas pageant. Will Christmas have to be cancelled? Who will organize the bazaar and the potluck and the pageant? The Church Phone Tree gets to work, and the pageant falls to Beth's mom, Grace Bradley(played by Amber Adkins).

How hard could it be to organize the Christmas Pageant? Then the Herdman kids show up and volunteer to play some of the most important parts in the pageant—when no one else will. Imogene (Hannah Stecher) plays Mary; Gladys (Maggie Pape) is the Angel; Ralph (Julien Derks) is Joseph; and Leroy (Josiah Brookins), Claude (Brekon FitzPatrick), and Ollie (Apollo Bellings) play the Wise Men. Will this year's show be the most disastrous Christmas pageant ever... or the best?

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is directed by Megan Schumacher.

Tickets are \$25 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**. ■

First Fridays

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

9 AM–5 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11^{TH} ST) 5–8 PM @ ART FACTORY (120 E 9^{TH} ST. STE 200)

6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1ST ST)

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly visual art series, hosted by galleries, museums, and venues, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Visit all of the locations and celebrate our creative community. All stops are free unless otherwise noted.

Celebrate the holidays at Carnegie-Stout Public Library with the Holiday Art @ your library® Show opening day featuring 12 local artists. Enjoy the show while shopping around the Library's 18-foot Christmas tree decorated in full Victorian splendor. Find a perfect and unique gift. All sales support local artists.

Art Factory presents acrylic paintings by Jillian Webb. Of her work, she says, "I create using an intuitive abstract expressionist approach, working to create the essence of a place or emotion. Accepting the imperfections and finding joy through the chaos, I paint life."



JILLIAN WEBB

Planted. features works from a ton of local artists who have shown in their gallery space before or may be scheduled to show in the upcoming 2023 year. ■

ARTS



MARGE BUCKLEY

Teeny, Tiny, **BOLD Reception** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 4-7 PM

ROUNTREE GALLERY (120 W MAIN ST, PLATTEVILLE, WI) Rountree Gallery announces the return of Teeny, Tiny, BOLD, the annual juried, small works exhibit, highlighting

the power in the compact. The public

is invited to join for the artist reception on Friday, Dec. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Artists from the US and territories were invited to apply and explore ideas of compression, focus, scale, the intimate and what gives impact and meaning through a restrained format. All artwork is less than 12 inches in any direction. The exhibit is on display now through Feb. 4, 2023.

Artist Sunday is a national day to support artists in your community. The gallery will be open on Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. so you can shop the gallery walls and gift shop to give a special, unique, and handcrafted gift this holiday season.

Teeny, Tiny, BOLD is juried by artist Michael Veliquette who makes intricately constructed paper-based sculpture. A working artist for 20 years, Velliquette has participated in over 150 exhibitions in museums and galleries in the US, Europe, and Asia. Velliquette is on faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he teaches courses in visual literacy and creative practice.

For more information, visit

RountreeGallery.org.





Sorry! Wrong Chimney!

DECEMBER 2-3, 8-10, AND 15-17 @ 7:30 PM **DECEMBER 4. 11. AND 18 @ 2 PM BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)** Bell Tower Theater gets into the holiday spirit with Sorry! Wrong Chimney!, a festive comedy on Dec. 2-18.

David is moonlighting as a department store Santa so he can buy his new wife a wonderful Christmas gift. He tells her he's working late, but she finds out he isn't at the office. A suspected other woman, a bit of hypnotism, the notorious Santa burglar, and a confused policeman add up to a rollicking tale of Christmas fun.

Early Bird performances on Dec. 2 and 3 are \$11.50, and all other performances are \$23. Thursdays 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.

Arts and Craft Holiday Bash

DECEMBER 3 AND 4 @ NOON-6 PM **HISTORIC LACY MANSION (1640 MAIN ST)**

Multi-talented people in and around our community come together to exhibit and sell their art, just in time to buy and sell one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. Celebrate our area artisans at the Historic Lacy Mansion on Dec. 3 and 4 at noon-6 p.m.

In addition to arts, there will be a tree with cards for children with their coat, hat, and glove sizes, as well as a

holiday gift the child wants. If you'd like to donate gently used toys to benefit the local nonprofit Oh Happy Play, there will be a drop-off box at the event. The organization cleans, repairs, and distributes used toys, reducing the amount of toys that go to the landfill. Food and coffee trucks are invited.

A \$5 suggested donation benefits Toys for Tots. Free parking is available in the lot and around Jackson Park. For more information, contact owner of the Historic Lacy Mansion, Katherine Tully, at katherinetully123@gmail.com or call 415-305-7621.



ARTS 365



A Christmas Carol

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 2:30-3:30 AND 7:30-8:30 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 2-3 PM MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE (2241 LINCOLN AVE)

A new immersive experience is coming to the Mathias Ham House this holiday season. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens will take place at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on

Saturday, Dec. 10, with the final matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The live performances will play out through the entirety of the house with the audience following from room-to-room as the story unfolds, creating a new experience for visitors.

This version of the play will be directed by Lenore Howard of Fly-By-Night Productions, and Craig Schaefer with LC Productions will serve as the executive producer and creative director for the recorded version.

Tickets are \$20. As tickets are limited, purchasing tickets early is recommended. There is also a virtual performance available to purchase online. For tickets and more information, call the River Museum at **563-557-9545** or visit **RiverMuseum.com**.





THE DUBUQUE CITY YOUTH BALLET PRESENTS

The Nutcracker

DECEMBER 10, 16 AND 17 @ 7:30 PM DECEMBER 11 AND 18 @ 2 PM GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST) Performed annually for more than 20 years, the Dubuque City Youth Ballet production of *The Nutcracker* will be a highlight of your family's holiday celebration. Get into

the holiday spirit on Dec. 10-11 and 16-18 at The Grand Opera House.

Whirling snowflakes and waltzing flowers frame this beloved holiday classic. Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker battle the dreadful Mouse King in a nightmare that becomes a beautiful dream.

Tickets are \$25 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**. ■



Little Women Auditions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 1-3 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 6-8 PM GRAND OPERA HOUSE REHEARSAL SPACE (880 LOCUST ST, SUITES 222 AND 228)

The Grand Opera House is holding auditions for their 2023 performance of *Little Women*. Meet at the Grand Opera House Rehearsal Space inside the Arcade building on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1–3 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 12 at 6–8 p.m. Performances are Feb. 24–26 and March 3–5.

Louisa May Alcott's classic novel of the March sisters is beloved by generations

of readers. In this stage adaptation, aspiring writer Jo March and her sisters, Meg, Beth, and Amy, do their best to make ends meet as they navigate the road to adulthood. Struggling to reconcile societal expectations with their own hopes and dreams, the girls are held together by bonds of loyalty and love. They may differ in their ideas of what it means to be a woman, but each of their journeys poses the same universal question: How do you find your own path?

The creative team seeks a diverse company of youth and adult actors. Actors of all ethnicities will be equally considered for all roles, and actors of color are encouraged to audition. All roles are open.

Actors will be asked to read from a selection of short sides that will be provided during auditions. Digital audition forms can be filled out prior to your arrival and can be found on the Grand's website. Anyone who would like to audition but can't make it during the regular audition times may contact the director, Jenna Jensen, at jenna.jensen627@gmail.com to arrange a time to meet or send a video submission.

For more information, call the Grand Opera House at **563-588-1305** or visit **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



28th Annual **Reflections in the Park**

November 24-January 1, 2022 @ 5-10 PM Walking event: Wednesday, November 23 @ 6-8 PM Louis Murphy Park (1700 S Grandview Ave)

As a board member of Hillcrest Family Services, Sharon Foley started Reflections in the Park 28 years ago after seeing a similar light show while shopping near Chicago. She thought she could bring something similar to Dubuque. That first year, they had 19 displays and grossed about \$90,000 for the organization. Man, was she ever right about that idea! Today they have around 90 sponsored displays. That's not even counting the smaller side pieces. And some of those sponsored pieces are fairly huge. In recent years, the net profits have exceeded \$150,000. Let's see if we can't help them set a new record in 2022.

Join Hillcrest Family Services for the 28th 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 Tuesday.

Hillcrest Family Services is excited to, once again, offer a walk through Reflections in the Park on Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Take your time strolling through the park on foot before the display opens to vehicles. Admission for this oneday-only walk through is \$10 per person.

Winterland Company out of Indiana helps provide the brunt of the big displays, about a 70/30 split. But every year, the incredible long-time volunteers led by the venerable Butch and Bummy—whose combines ages are 161 years—spend nearly a full month setting up the displays always make more of their own. If you have never been

through the park, it really is a celebration of Dubuque. You will find representations of Dubuque landmarks, both physically in the Town Clock and other buildings, recreated in lights as well as landmark Dubuque companies celebrated in lights.

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

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

Three hundred volunteers, 90 sponsors, and 40 media partners including 365ink come together to make it happen. But it's your visit that makes it impactful. It takes 15 minutes or less to drive through the park. Take your time, and see all you want to see.

You can 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. ■



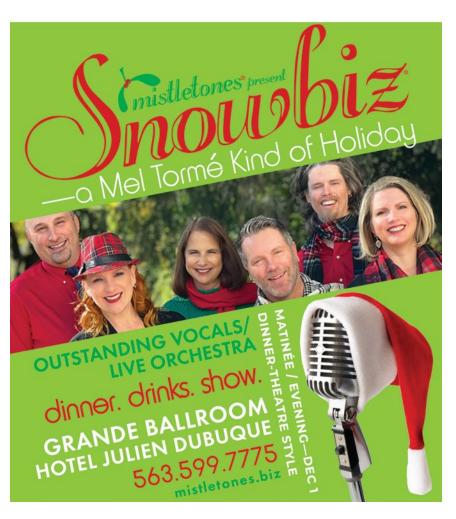




Hotel Julien Dubuque 12 Days of Christmas

November 28-December 31 Hotel Julien Dubuque (200 Main St)

Celebrate the holiday season at Hotel Julien Dubuque during the 12 Days of Christmas. This holiday series features events for all ages designed to spread seasonal cheer throughout the Dubuque community. For more information, call Hotel Julien Dubuque at 563-556-4200 or visit HotelJulienDubuque.com/event/12-days-of-christmas.



Cyber Monday

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 @ ALL DAY LONG
This year, take advantage of Hotel Julien
Dubuque's annual "Cyber Monday" gift
card sale. Here's the scoop: Purchase \$100
in gift cards and receive a \$25 gift card
free. Can be purchased in person, online
(hoteljuliendubuque.com/gift-certificates),
or by phone (563-556-4200).

Tree Lighting Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ 6-7:30 PM HOTEL LOBBY

Join Hotel Julien Dubuque as they light their beautiful lobby Christmas tree. Enjoy treats, holiday music, and a visit from Santa Claus during this popular family event.

Mistletones present SNOWBIZ

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
MATINÉE @ NOON; EVENING @ 6:30 PM
GRANDE BALLROOM
See page 26 for details.

Christmas Trivia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 7-9 PM RIVERBOAT LOUNGE

Gather a group of 3 to 5 of your smartest friends (the ones who are best known for their wealth of Christmas knowledge!) and head to the Riverboat Lounge for a holiday-themed trivia night with Brett. Prizes will be awarded to members of the winning team.

Breakfast With Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 8-11 AM GRANDE BALLROOM

Join for a delicious breakfast with crafts, ornament creation, Christmas stories, and a visit from Santa. \$16 for Adults; \$10 or toy donation for children. Reservations required: **563-588-5563**, **dmm@hoteljuliendubuque.com**.

Red Basket Holiday Luncheon MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 11:30 AM-2 PM GRANDE BALLROOM

Presented by PJ's Boutique and Potosa Spa, benefiting The Red Basket Project. Kick things off in the Atrium with holiday spirits and wine for purchase. Lunch will be served in the Grande Ballroom at noon followed by a fashion show by PJ's Boutique. Afterwards, enjoy live holiday caroling from the Movin' On Barbershop Quartet and a Hotel Julien Dubuque gift card sale. Tickets include a \$5 donation to The Red Basket Project. There will be a donation collection for cosmetic bags (unused and non-see through Clinique, Ipsy, Estee Lauder, and Mary Kay bags) and feminine hygiene products. \$35. Reservations required: 563-588-5570, Leadwc@potosaspa.com.

Christmas Cocktails With Carl

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 6-8 PM RIVERBOAT LOUNGE

Are you hosting a holiday party this season? Riverboat Lounge bartender Carl wants to help you master the perfect craft cocktail recipes to "wow" your guests. Join for an entertaining and educational evening!

Holiday Sweater Dining

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ ALL DAY CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT

Buy one breakfast, lunch, or dinner and get 50% off of a second entrée of equal or lesser value when wearing a holiday sweater. Reservations available: **563-588-5595**.

Holiday Giving Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ NOON-5 PM GRANDE BALLROOM

Tis' the season for giving, so why not give back at a time when donations are most needed? Reserve donation time: tiny.cc/HJDBloodDrive.

Christmas Eve Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 @ 5-8 PM CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT

Christmas Eve at Caroline's Restaurant is the perfect opportunity to get in touch with the true spirit of the holiday and enjoy a delicious dinner with family. Reservations highly recommended: **563-588-5595**.

Christmas Day Brunch

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 9 AM-2 PM CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT

Join Hotel Julien Dubuque on Christmas Day for Chef Michael Henson's special brunch menu creations. Enjoy a wide array of shareable starters, breakfast favorites, and delicious seasonal entrées as you spend Christmas Day together with the family. Reservations recommended: **563-588-5595**.

New Year's Eve: Boogie 'Til The Ball Drops

DECEMBER 31 @ 8:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS, CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT, RIVERBOAT LOUNGE

Looking for somewhere to "Boogie 'Til The Ball Drops" on New Year's Eve? Join Hotel Julien Dubuque as they bid a fond farewell to 2022. Experience a groovy New Year's Eve with the funkiest party featuring the very best food, drinks, accommodations, party favors, and entertainment from local funk band Boogie Monster. Take advantage of exclusive packages that include everything you need to "get down and boogie" into the New Year including hotel accommodations with a complimentary bottle of champagne, open bar, New Year's Day buffet, and more. Purchase your package: **563-556-4200**.





A Merry Millwork **Market**

Friday, December 2 @ 4-8 PM Saturday, December 3 @ 9 AM-2 PM 10th and Washington St

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Shop a variety of local arts and craft vendors at A Merry Millwork Market. This year's event takes place on Friday, Dec. 2 at 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10th and Washington St. in the heart of the Millwork District.

This event is an opportunity to heighten awareness of the Millwork District, its businesses, shops, and eating establishments. At the same time, they are fortunate to have created an amazing benefit for the nonprofit organizations comprising the Dubuque Millwork Collective. Additionally, Dubuque and the surrounding areas have a wealth of talented craftspeople and artisans. Everyone is encouraged to experience this talent and shop locally for the holiday season.

The opening night tradition is a family favorite and includes a tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m., a visit from Santa at 6:15 p.m., and Dubuque Music Men (5:45 p.m.) and Duhawkapella (6:15 p.m.)

singing your favorite holiday songs. The courtyard is packed shoulder-to-shoulder, and when Santa appears, the joy in the air is palpable. How wonderful it is to see a smile on each and every face.

On Saturday, visitors can catch a performance with Adam's Dance Connection at 11 a.m., the Americana Band at noon, and holiday carolers and magic tricks by local magic club Ring 93 throughout the day. You can also purchase horse and carriage rides from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New this year is a Millwork District fashion show with MC Brion Bowman BKM Musix. Whether you visit to shop for yourself or others, indulge in delicious foods, or enjoy a ride in a horse and carriage, there is something for all ages.

There will be both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks available for purchase, including beer, wine, hot chocolate, cider, etc. The Birds. Food Truck and Sandhill Farms will also be serving delicious food. Additionally, Wayfarer Coffee and Brazen Open Kitchen + Bar will both be open for business with full menus.

Since the inaugural market in 2017, A Merry Millwork Market has grown from occupying only the courtyard of the Schmid Innovation Center to filling 10th Street with holiday tents and lights. The 2021 market saw more than 4,500 visitors over the course of the two days. The idea of an outdoor market was that of Mary Mulgrew Gronen, who wished to replicate a small-scale Chicago Christkindlmarket, which is Chicago's largest open-air Christmas festival, well known for its high quality gifts, food, and holiday cheer.

There is no admission. However, donations to the Millwork Collective are always welcome at the photo booth and when visiting with Santa. There is a cost for the horse and carriage rides on Saturday. All proceeds from the event benefit the Millwork Collective. The Dubuque Millwork Collective, is a dynamic multi-tenant organization supporting nonprofits and community initiatives. DMC partners operate more efficiently and generate increased impact through co-location and shared services. The resulting collaboration provides cost savings while fostering new opportunities and a greater focus on each partner's individual mission. Members of the Dubuque Millwork Collective include Compass to Care, Dubuque Chorale, Habitat for Humanity, Junior Achievement of the Heartland, Mary's Inn, NAMI-Dubuque, Presentation Lantern Center, and Vision To Learn.

Donations of more than \$25,500 have been gifted to the Dubuque Millwork Collective since its inception (A Merry Millwork Market was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19).

The 2022 event is generous sponsored by Gronen, Wicked River Events, Cottingham & Butler, Crescent Electric, Dubuque Bank & Trust, Dupaco Community Credit Union, DRA, Geisler Brothers, Gigantic Design, Hirschbach, Honkamp Krueger, Co., Kunkel & Associates, MidWestOne Bank, Paulson Electric, Portzen Construction, Schmid Philanthropic Initiative, Steele Capital Management, Marine Corps Toys For Tots, and Volv Fitness.

For more information about A Merry Millwork Market, visit MerryMillworkMarket.com.



Schedule of Events

Friday, December 2

4-8 PM Open

5:45 PM Dubuque Music Men

6 PM Tree Lighting

6:15 PM Duhawkapella Performance

6:15-8 PM Santa Visits

Saturday, December 3

9 AM-2 PM Open

10 AM-2 PM Horse and Carriage Rides

(ticket purchase required)

11 AM Adam's Dance Connec-

tion Performance

Noon Americana Band

Millwork District Fashion Show, 1 PM

> MCd by Brion Bowman BKM Musix Magic Tricks by Ring 93

All Day All Day Pop up holiday carolers

Toys For Tots Sign Up & Events

Every year since 1946, the Marine Toys for Tots program has brought the hope and joy of the holiday season to millions of children and families across America, and Dubuque is once again proud to be a strong part of that effort. In 2021, Dubuque, IA was recognized as the #1 Toys For Tots Campaign in America from among more than 830 campaigns across the country.

The goal is to fully support the needs of over 5,000 children in Dubuque County, IA; Clayton County, IA; Grant County, WI; and East Dubuque, IL. Keep an eye out at your favorite local retailers for official Toys For Tots donation bins.

Information about the Marine Toys for Tots charity as well as online donations



can be made at **ToysForTots.org**. All donations stay local, and cash donations are tax deductible. Locally, Toys For Tots serves children and families through the many agencies that serve those families year round including the Salvation Army, the Multicultural Family Center, the Grant County Holiday Project, and more.

If you need assistance with toys this season, visit **DubuqueToys.org**. ■

Toys For Tots Distribution Resources

While there are a number of distribution partners that help Toys For Tots reach all of the kids in need in our area, there are two main distributions that are open to the general public in the city of Dubuque. Registration links for both distributions are now available at **DubuqueToys.org** as well as the official Toys For Tots website, **dubuque-ia.toysfortots.org**. Families can register for one or the other distribution BUT NOT BOTH!

The Salvation Army

The Dubuque Salvation Army Distribution will take place from Dec. 19 though Dec. 21, at their downtown Dubuque location at 1099 Iowa St. Registration for assistance through that program is open now through Nov. 23.

Multicultural Family Center

The Marine Corps Toys For Tots Toys Distribution @ Multicultural Family Center will take place from Nov. 30 through Dec. 15, Monday through Saturday. Registration for that program is open now and will remain open until all time slots are filled. The registration website is available in multiple languages, but you can also contact the Multicultural Family Center at **563-582-3681** for assistance in registering using their computer lab.

Dubuquers sign up to assist with distributions at the Multicultural Family Center.

There are two short shifts per day where you help families shop for toys. Volunteers cannot receive toy assistance. Register to help at **volunteersignup.org/8EPWM**.

Marine Corps Toys For Tots also partners with other Tri-State agencies for more distributions. If you are in one of these areas outside of the City of Dubuque, here are your contact resources to get assistance:

Western Dubuque County

In the communities of Western Dubuque County, reach out to your local school where you can get referred into the local toy distribution program.

You can also contact: Mickey Kelchen Rural Community Food Pantry 350 1st Ave E, Dyersville, IA (alley entrance) **563-543-7031**

Grant County, WI

Grant County Holiday Project PO Box 447, Lancaster, WI 53813 **608-723-2136**

East Dubuque, IL

City of East Dubuque 301 Sinsinawa Ave., East Dubuque, IL 61025 **815-747-3416**

Clayton County, IA

Shepherd of the Hills 100 W Hill St, St Olaf, IA 52072 **563-783-2409**

Dubuque Toys For Tots does not serve communities outside of the above area. ■



13th Annual Stuff the Truck for Toys For Tots

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 8 AM-4 PM THEISEN'S HOME • FARM • AUTO DUBUQUE (2900 DODGE ST)

The 13th Annual Theisen's Stuff the Truck event to benefit Marine Corps Toys For Tots returns to Dubuque on Saturday, Dec. 3. Radio Dubuque will Supercast live at the Dubuque Theisen's while shoppers take advantage of their annual toy sale discounts. Santa will be on hand from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to meet with eager youngsters.

The Marines and/or Marine Corps
League members will be there as well,
as Toys For Tots looks to match or beat
the amazing \$10,000+ in cash and toys
they receive from the annual event. Stop
by and say "Hi" to Bryce Parks from Toys
For Tots and the Theisen's and RadioDubuque crew manning the collection
zone outside the store (no matter the
weather) all day long on Saturday.



Teddy Bear Toss

AT DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 7:05 PM DUBUQUE ICE ARENA (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

Mark your calendar for the Teddy Bear Toss with Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Dubuque Ice Arena. The Dubuque Fighting Saints play host with puck drop at 7:05 p.m. Bring a new teddy bear or other plush toy to throw onto the ice following the Saints' first goal. Theisen's is a long-time proud sponsor of Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey.

Single game tickets start at \$13 and can be purchased at **DubuqueFightingSaints.com**.



6th Annual Toys For Tots Kids' Christmas Party

PRESENTED BY THEISEN'S, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DUBUQUE, AND PARAMOUNT AMBULANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ NOON-3 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST) It's finally BACK! The biggest, craziest party of the holiday season... it's for kids ten and under... and it's FREE!

Marine Corps Toys For Tots is excited to announce the return of the annual Kids' Christmas Party presented by Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and Paramount Ambulance. Taking place on Sunday, Dec. 11, from noon to 3 p.m., the Five Flags Arena will transform into a yuletide display of controlled chaos, as hundreds (and hundreds) of Tri-State youngsters converge for the biggest party around. And the best part is, it's all totally FREE!

The event is hosted by Marine Corps Toys For Tots of Dubuque and the Dubuque Police Department in memory of Police Chief Mark Dalsing, a big kid and a huge supporter of Toys For Tots who we lost way too soon. This event will be a super fun, safe, and festive chance for kids to play together, have a blast, and go home with a few goodies along the way. This is not a charity event. It's for ALL kids in the Dubuque area.

The three-hour party will have music and dancing with a live DJ that's great with kids. Giant inflatable rides will return as will the Paramount Ambulance for kids to check out in person. Kids can also climb aboard a real fire truck and see

how Dubuque heroes do their jobs when they get to talk with real firefighters.

Especially exciting is the Theisen's free toy giveaway to every child with other surprise goody giveaways as well. There is plenty for everyone, so there's no need to line up early or wait in a long line when you get there, we promise. You can go have fun and get your gifts later at the event. We won't run out! Note that this is not part of the annual Toys For Tots toy distribution program. This is a bonus event. So, if you need toy assistance, you can still get that separately through Toys For Tots at **DubuqueToys.org**.

This year, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque joins Theisen's with the giveaways, only they will be doing free fun activity and reader books for every child at the party.

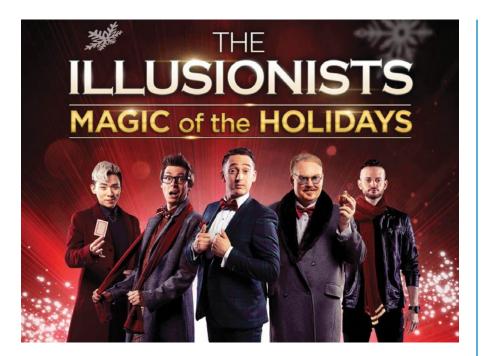
And don't forget the photos! Get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and download the pictures for free, courtesy of **DigitalDubuque.com**. This year, Elsa, Anna, and Olaf will return in front of a wintery palace backdrop. And new this year, Darth Vader and his dark side friends from Star Wars will be featured at a third photo-op. All photos will available for free to download online. You can also get your face painted and take home a balloon animal.

Plus, free cookies, popcorn, milk, and punch, thanks to the generosity of 365ink Magazine, Diamond Jo Casino, Fareway Stores, Prairie Farms Dairy, **DigitalDubuque.com**, Meyer Photography, Five Flags Center, Dollar Tree, the Dubuque Fire Department, and Radio Dubuque.

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







The Illusionists— Magic of the Holidays

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

It's the most magical time of the year... 'tis the season for *The Illusionists—Magic of the Holidays*, an all-new installment of the world-famous, blockbuster touring magic spectacular The Illusionists, from producers Simon Painter, Cirque du Soleil, and MagicSpace Entertainment. The new US Tour based off the smash-hit Broadway production brings the mind-blowing, family friendly show to the Five Flags Center on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

"Our record-breaking Broadway run for *The Illusionists—Magic of the Holidays* was an incredible hit, and we are so excited to bring the show to more audiences around the country," says producer Simon Painter. "The show is a perfect way for families and friends to celebrate the holidays together and see amazing illusionists perform on stage."

The Illusionists—Magic of the Holidays showcases the jaw-dropping talents of the most incredible illusionists on earth. The Illusionists has shattered box office records across the globe and dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

The Illusionists previously wowed audiences and around the world including smash hit engagements on Broadway, London's West End and on tour around the United States and Canada. This year's family-friendly show promises even more illusions, close-up magic, mentalism, and technological spectacle performed by master entertainers who've captivated audiences worldwide.

Tickets are \$36-\$96. ■



DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Holiday Concerts FAMILY CONCERT:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 1 PM HOLIDAY CONCERTS:

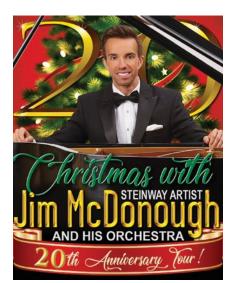
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 7:30 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 2 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Join the orchestra and Maestro Intriligator as the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra rings in the holiday season with their annual Holiday Concerts. The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra opens the Five Flags Theater to kids of all ages for the Holiday Family Concert on Saturday, Dec. 3 followed by the full symphonic experience that evening and again on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Saturday afternoon's Holiday Family Concert is approximately one hour in length with no intermission—perfect for families with young children. This special performance features a program of kid-friendly holiday music, sing-along songs, and guest appearances including vocalist Katie Richter, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir and members of the Heartland Ballet. Children are invited to get a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus following the concert. Tickets to the Family Concert are \$14-\$34.

Saturday evening and Sunday's matinée Holiday Concerts invite you begin the festive season on a high note as the warm sounds of the holidays fill the hall. The DSO is joined by vocalist Katie Richter, the Dubuque Chorale and members of the Heartland Ballet in an enchanting collection of holiday favorites. Saturday evening's concert includes admission to a post-concert celebration in the promenade from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. with cash bar. Enjoy cookies from Candle Ready Cakes and mingle with the musicians! Tickets to the Holiday Concerts are \$19-\$79.

For more information, call **563-557-1677** or visit **DubuqueSymphony.org**.



Christmas with Jim McDonough and His Orchestra THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 2:30 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Christmas with Jim McDonough and His Orchestra, an Iowa holiday

staple, returns to the Five Flags Theater on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The holiday stage production new for 2022—features International Steinway Artist Jim McDonough on the concert grand piano, joined by his professional orchestra and singers.

The tour will deliver the message of Christmas in a production suited for all generations. "I'm absolutely thrilled to resume this special holiday tradition, and to do so as I celebrate my 20th year in show business is extra meaningful," McDonough said. "We're pulling out all the stops to make sure this year's show is fitting of this milestone anniversary," he continued. "With a new stage set and the most spectacular musical arrangements we've ever brought to the stage, it's sure to be the grandest event of the season!"

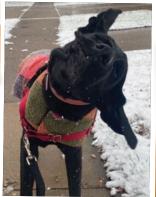
In 2010, McDonough was honored by the legendary piano maker, Steinway & Sons, naming him to its worldwide artist roster. He joins an exclusive international list of the most accomplished and discriminating performing artists including classical pianist, Lang Lang; jazz star, Harry Connick Jr.; pop icon, Billy Joel; and "immortals" Irving Berlin and Cole Porter.

Tickets are \$58-\$68. ■

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You'll have to excuse Nara here as he discovers snow for the first time during Dubuque's first snowfall of the season He's a transplant from California and not sure what he thinks about it just yet. Photo by Erin Eitter Kono.



Cirque Du Buque Drag Cabaret brought their Spookapalooza show to the Smokestack in downtown Dubuque, proving you can celebrate Halloween all year, even when Christmas is trying to start Nov 1.



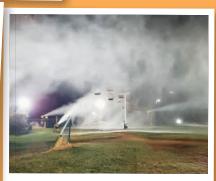
Saatvik Indian Cuisine was serving up some delectable sweets at the Dubuque Winter Farmers Market, now open Saturday mornings in Kennedy Mall's West Concourse, 9 AM - Noon. Soo much goodness to be had all winter long!



The McQuillen family dog Bowie helps pick out the tree this year at Lowe's Home Improvement's giant Holiday display in Dubuque.

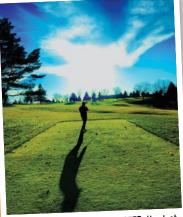


Fall Fest 2022 at Off Shore Hotel & Resort in Bellevue, IA, supported Research For The Kids via an afternoon filled with fun retail vendors, smoke-off competitors, cold beer, and in the case, HEAVY BEER in the beer stein holding contest.



Day one of snow making began the moment the temperature dropped below freezing at Sundown Mountain in Dubuque. With a string of early cold days, the family-favorite winter "hot spot" was able to open for the season on Friday afternoon, November 18. Hit the slopes before Thanksgiving!

OREO® cookie pieces, cocoa fudge and whipped topping



Yes, this photo was taken AFTER the last issue of 365ink came out. What a difference two weeks, or in this case, 24 hours, makes. Photo by Bob Felderman.



Cub Scout Pack 7 Tigers from Our Lady of Guadalupe visited the North Pole's Toys For Tots warehouse in Dubuque to help sort toys to make other kids' Christmases magical this season.



of Dubuque Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors to cut the ribbon on the newly re-minted Dubuque Star Beer at Stone Cliff Winery in the Port of Dubuque. Yep, you can get Star Beer again folks, and a selection of varieties. Cheers!



Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland was an unforgettable experience for the entire family to enjoy a world-class circus experience at the Dubuque Five Flags Arena. Photo by Sandy Meyer.







With A.1. Thick & Hearty steak sauce, creamy peppercorn sauce and crunchy onion rings



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They're the best-selling Christmas act of all time for a reason! Dubuque got a great show from Mannheim Steamroller at the Five Flags Arena on November 17. Photo by Jesse Gavin.

Submit your photo by using



on Social Media!

Events at Heritage Center Heritage

University of Dubuque Heritage Center boasts a variety of programming for all ages on the University of Dubuque campus, 2255 Bennett St. Tickets prices increase by \$5 on the day of the performance and can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter.



THE DUBUQUE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

The Texas Tenors

DEEP IN THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 7:30 PM HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND

ALICE BUTLER HALL

Billboard No. 1 Recording Artists and three-time Emmy Award winners The Texas Tenors bring their Christmas show to the University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Texas Tenors are the most successful music group and third highest selling artist in the history of *America's Got Talent*. Since appearing on the series in 2009, JC, Marcus and John have released five studio albums, two PBS specials, four DVDs, multiple singles, and a children's book that have earned them impressive recognition including three Emmy Awards, The Gelett Burgess Award for Excellence in Children's Literature, and the distinction of being *Billboard Magazine*'s No. 10 Classical Artist in the World. Tickets are \$35-\$55. ■



Earn H-PALS Double Points

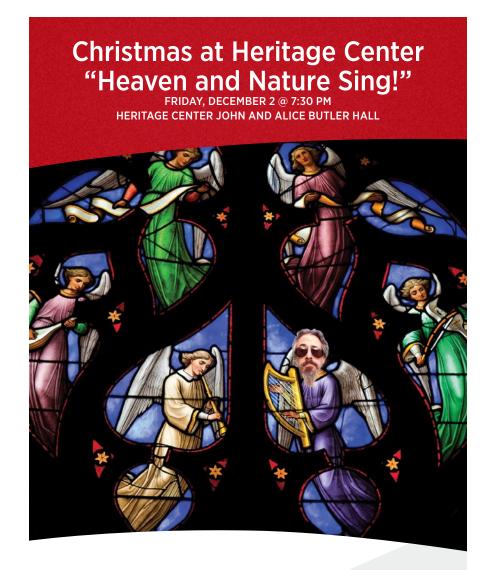
This Thanksgiving, the University of Dubuque Heritage Center will award double the points for Heritage Performing Arts Loyalty System (H-PALS) members who purchase tickets online at **www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter** Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 27. For every dollar spent, H-PALS members will earn two points instead of one.

New this season, H-PALS allows people to earn a point for every dollar spent. When patrons reach 200 points, they receive one free ticket (valued up to \$50) for an eligible event of their choice.

During the H-PALS online special, the Farber Box Office will be closed. Box office hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday will resume Monday, Nov. 28.

Don't forget to give the gift of a Heritage Center performance this holiday season! Receive a \$15 gift card bonus with each \$50 in-person gift card or online e-certificate purchase. Buy your "gift of entertainment" soon as this special is only available now through Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

Purchase gift cards in person at the Farber Box Office, 2255 Bennett St., during business hours or buy online e-certificates at www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter. For more details, contact the Farber Box Office at 563-585-SHOW or boxoffice@dbq.edu. ■



he University of Dubuque's Department of Fine and Performing Arts celebrates the birth of Christ through a concert presentation with Christmas at Heritage Center "Heaven and Nature Sing!" on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at University of Dubuque Heritage Center John and Alice Butler Hall.

Christmas at Heritage Center will feature the talents of numerous ensembles. The UD Concert Choir, UD Treble Choir, and UD Chamber Singers will be directed by Kristen Eby, MM, head of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, director of choral activities, and assistant professor of music. The UD Concert Band will be conducted by Nolan Hauta, DMA, director of concert bands and assistant professor of instrumental music. New this holiday season is the UD String Ensemble, which will be conducted by Tracey Rush, MM, an adjunct professor, in partnership with the Northeast Iowa School of Music.

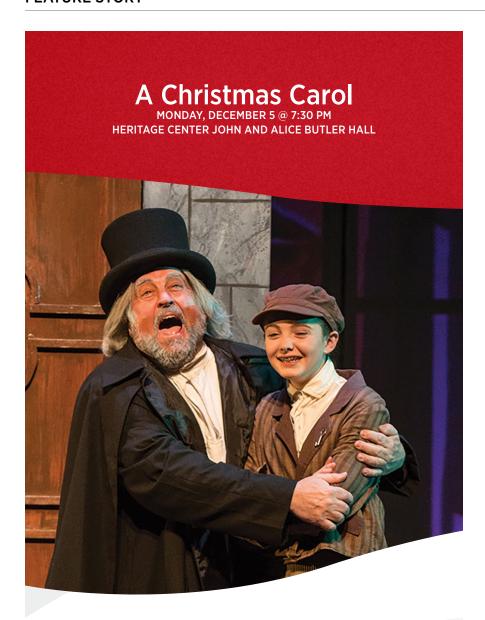
A variety of traditional favorites will be performed such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "In the Bleak Midwinter" as well as some beautiful new carols. Charles Barland, DMA, university organist and professor of music, will play the John and Alice Butler Pipe Organ. There will also be live narration.

Complimentary holiday refreshments and live music from UD's Jazz Band, which will be conducted by Evan Glickman, DMA, director of jazz and athletic bands and assistant professor of music, will follow the concert on Knapp Stage in Heritage Center.

Christmas at Heritage Center will air on AM1370 KDTH at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and 4 p.m. Christmas Day.

In case of inclement weather, Christmas at Heritage Center's snow date is Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$14-\$20 for adults and \$9 for children. ■



Christmas Carol, performed by Perseverance Productions, will be held on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at University of Dubuque Heritage Center John and Alice Butler Hall.

The Christmas performance will fill the stage with a cast of 16 professional actors, lush costumes, stunning sets and puppetry, song and dance, a heavy dose of humor, and a timeless message. Twenty-six beloved traditional carols of the season will be woven throughout this original production of *A Christmas Carol*, accompanied by live instruments onstage including guitar, violin, and flute.

Before the tale of the holiday classic begins, audience members will have the opportunity to attend two free events open to the public.

One of the events is a performance of TUBACHRISTMAS from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Knapp Stage. Last year, TUBACHRISTMAS Dubuque had two dozen local musicians serenading the audience with familiar carols. The warm, rich organ-like sound of the tuba-euphonium choir has won the ears and hearts of every audience. Those interested in playing should contact Nolan Hauta, DMA, director of concert bands and assistant professor of instrumental music, at nhauta@dbq.edu.

The other event is a free pre-show reception for *The Lasansky Family: Mauricio, Diego, and Tomas in the University of Dubuque Collection* from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Bisignano Art Gallery. A special pre-show lecture by Diego Lasansky with a Q&A will precede the reception at 6 p.m. in the Straatmeyer Rehearsal Room.

Tickets are \$31-\$49 for adults and \$26 for children. ■

Charlie Berens: Midwest Survival Guide Tour

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 @ 8 PM HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL



he University of Dubuque Heritage Center is excited to announce Charlie Berens, an Emmy-winning journalist, comedian, host, and creator of the Manitowoc Minute, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, in John and Alice Butler, Heritage Center. The performance is part of the 10th annual Live at Heritage Center Performing Arts Series.

A Wisconsin native, Charlie has been featured on FOX, CBS, Funny or Die, TBS Digital, Variety, MTV News, and more. In 2017, he began the viral Midwest comedic news series Manitowoc Minute. His fans flock daily to his Facebook page to view his content, and he has over 2 million Facebook followers. After garnering millions of views, he's toured the United States selling out venues within minutes.

Charlie began his career working for MTV News' Choose or Lose. In 2012, Tribune Media tapped Charlie to host the comedic news show Nightcap. In 2013, he won an Emmy for "The Cost of Water" while reporting for KDAF, a television station in Dallas, Texas.

In 2014, CBS Sports Network hired Charlie to host the sports game-show You're So Money. Also in 2014, PMC (Variety, Deadline) made Charlie the host of their comedy/entertainment news brand @Hollywood. From red carpets to Sundance to SXSW to Coachella, Charlie has interviewed hundreds of celebrities, politicians, actors, and musicians.

Charlie is a frequent collaborator on Funny or Die. His comedic mashups including "If Jack Dawson Was Really from Wisconsin" have garnered more than 16 million views.

Most recently, Charlie's Midwest-focused sketch comedy videos have garnered hundreds of millions of views. In addition to sketch comedy and the Manitowoc Minute, Charlie also hosts Dark Side Of on Discovery ID.

Tickets are \$50. ■



WED **11/23**

Beau Timmerman 2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery (Guttenberg, IA)

Mixed Emotions 5 PM @ Knickers Saloon

Randy and Steve 5 PM @ The Vault

Jay Harris, Big Night Out 6 PM @ Burkey's Bar and Grill

Massey Road 6 PM @ Grand Tap

Marques Morel 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Joey Valenti 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Johnnie Walker 6 PM @ Pizzeria Uno Annex (Platteville, WI)

Jake Bender and Eric W 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Elizabeth Mary Duo 7 PM @ Gehlen Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Joie Wails 7 PM @ Obie's (Maguoketa, IA)

Rock Steady 8 PM @ The Dungeon

Johnny Trash 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom Sun Green 8 PM @ Southend Tap

Lily Stella Maris, Little Scream 8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena. IL)

FRI **11/25**

Hawkeyes Game: University of Iowa Alumni Band 3 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Brittany Sword 4 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Secrets 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Amanda Beard 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

MiniMonster Duo 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Rock Steady 7 PM @ Hilltop at Menominee (Menominee II)

Steve Kalmes 7 PM @ Gehlen Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Johnnie Walker 7 PM @ Locals Bar (Epworth, IA)

Hearthfire Duo 7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Pop ROCKS 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar Spazmatics 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Three Quarter Buzz 8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Josh Byrnes 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Lenny Wayne 8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT **11/26**

Second Chances @ Noon DR Duo @ 5 PM Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Big Night Out 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar and Grill

Andrew Houy @ 2 PM Shekinah King @ 8 PM Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Christmas On The Square: Joie Wails 3 PM @ Cable Car Square

Danny Parker Project 5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Mixed Emotions 5 PM @ Denny's Char Bar (Platteville, WI)

MiniMonster Duo 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Theresa Rosetta 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA) Kampfire Kings Duo 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Ten Gallon Hat 7 PM @ Cajun Jacks (Flizabeth, II.)

Silver Bells and Diamonds 7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maquoketa, IA)

Hearthfire Duo 7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Ladies of the 80's 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Hembree, Little Hurt, Kid Baron 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Latin Night: DJ Papi 8 PM @ Smokestack

Rock Steady 8 PM @ Southend Tap

Taste Like Chicken 8 PM @ Spirits. Days Inn

Sly Fox Karaoke 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Matt Hamilton 8:30 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

TyJon Charlie 9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

Staring Contest 10 PM @ Esther's Lounge

David Zollo and the Body Electric 10 PM @ The Lift

SUN **11/27**

Beau Timmerman 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA) Jimmy Welty Band 2 PM @ Knickers Saloon

Tom Riley & Rachel Daack 3 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

John Moran 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

MON 11/28

Trivia 6:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

WED **11/30**

Scott Cornwell & Chuck Lewis 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

THU **12/1**

SNOWBIZ Noon & 6 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque Grande Ballroom

Trivia 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Corey Jenny 7 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

The Illusionists 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Daughters of St Crispin, Woodcreeper 10 PM @ The Lift

FRI **12/2**

Michael and River Breitbach 4 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Misbehavin' 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Jimmy Welty Band 7 PM @ Locals Bar (Epworth, IA)

Lojo Russo 7 PM @ Gehlen Barn (St. Donatus, IA) Christmas at Heritage Center 7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

lan Gould 7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Joe Fernandez 8 PM @ The Comedy Bar

Maddie Poppe 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Mr. Softheart, Odd Pets, American Cream Band 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Elizabeth Mary 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Laura & The Longhairs 8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Karaoke 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Middle Western 10 PM @ The Lift

SAT **12/3**

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Family Holiday Concert 1 PM @ Five Flags Theater

The Guthries @ 2 PM Lojo @ 8 PM Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

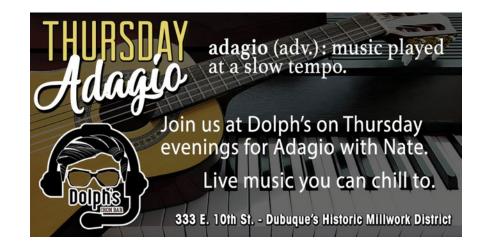
The Resistors 5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Steve & Randy 5 PM @ Midtown Marina (East Dubuque, IL)

Jacquie Miller 5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Joseph Valenti 5:30 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co





Jef Spradley 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joie Wails 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

NIXON 7 PM @ Southend Tap

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Holiday Concert 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

lan Gould 7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Joe Fernandez 8 PM @ The Comedy Bar

Drink 182 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Gabe Barnett and Them Rounders, Doug Collins 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

AudioDrive 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Ron Tegler Jazz Band 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Theresa Rosetta 8:30 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

Ratchet Jaw 9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

SUN **12/4**

Jimmy Welty Band 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Johnnie Walker 1 PM @ PromiseLand Winery (Guttenberg, IA)

Scott Waterhouse 2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Holiday Concert 2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

John Moran 2 PM @ Gehlen Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Ladies Must Swing 2 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

DR Duo 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Gypsy 3 PM @ Textile Brewing Company (Dyersville, IA) River Glen 5:30 PM @ Esther's Lounge

MON **12/5**

Trivia 6:30 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

WED **12/7**

DR Duo 6 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Michael & River Breitbach 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

THU **12/8**

BYO Vinyl with DJ Bobert 5 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Shekinah King 6 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena. IL)

Bingo 7 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Trivia 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

St Judes Trivia Fundraiser

FRI **12/9**

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Andreas Transo 7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Johnnie Walker 7 PM @ Locals Bar (Epworth, IA)

Classical Blast 7:30 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

Maiden Dixie 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Ratchet Jaw 8 PM @ Smokestack

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

Beats by Burns Karaoke 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Kara Gordon 8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT **12/10**

L&MOP: "Marvel" ous Musicians 10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library Jimmy Welty Band 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar and Grill

The Guthries 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails 3 PM @ Sundown Mountain Tips Up Food & Spirits

Nate Jenkins 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Running Man, Combat Naps, Hayes Noble 6 PM @ Monk's

Tony Walker 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Johnnie Walker 6 PM @ Pizzeria Uno's Annex (Platteville, WI)

Theresa Rosetta 7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Casey Jo Collins 7 PM @ Gehlen Barn (St. Donatus, IA)

Texas Tenors 7:30 PM @ University of Dubuque Heritage Center

Andreas Transo 7:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Sun Green, Elijah Berlow, Jeremy Quentin 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

UltraBeat 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Rock Steady 8 PM @ Shenanigan's

Elizabeth Mary 8 PM @ Spirits, Days Inn

Massey Road 8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Mixed Emotions 8 PM @ Locals Bar (Epworth, IA)



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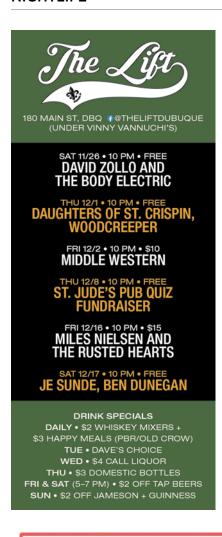
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Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

SUNDAY

Disco Brunch w/ DJ SaladSpinner 2nd Sun @ 9 AM Convivium Urban Farmstead

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische Sun @ 1 PM Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Bingo Sun @ 4 PM Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

MONDAY

3rd Mon @ 6:30 PM Textile Brewing Company (Dyersville, IA)

Taproom Trivia 1st Mon @ 6:30 PM The Corner Taproom (Cascade, IA)

Comedy Mon @ 9 PM Monk's

TUESDAY

Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Jon Purvis Tuesdays @ 7 PM Fox Den Motel

Trivia
Tue @ 7 PM
Riverboat Lounge

Leo-oke: Live Piano Karaoke Tue @ 7 PM Wicked Dame

Trivia w/ Fun N Games Co Tue @ 7:30 PM Backpocket Dubuque

WEDNESDAY

HitMix Music Bingo Wed @ 7 PM 7 Hills Brewing Co

Trivia For Dorks Wed @ 7 PM Dimensional Brewing Co.

WORDS: Poetry Hip-Hop Open Mic Wed @ 7 PM Esther's Lounge Open Mic Wed @ 7 PM Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Trivia w/ Fun N Games Co Wed @ 7 PM Hy-Vee Locust

Trivia w/ Think & Drink Wed @ 8 PM Barrel House

Open Mic Thu @ 8 PM The Comedy Bar

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon Wed @ 8 PM Denny's Lux Club

THURSDAY

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

Music Bingo Thu @ 7 PM 7 Hills North (Platteville, WI) Jukebox Bingo Every Other Thu: 12/1, 12/15, 12/29 @ 7:30 PM Backpocket Dubugue

Tomato Throw Show Thu @ 8 PM The Comedy Bar

Open Mic w/ Chad Olsen Thu @ 8 PM Smokestack

Karaoke w/ Genesis Thu @ 9 PM Esther's Lounge

Karaoke Thu @ 9 PM Southend Tap

Rotating DJ Thu @ 9:30 PM 1st & Main

FRIDAY

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 2nd Fri @ 7 PM Dubuque Driving Range

Speedquizzing Trivia w/ GQ Entertainment Fri @ 8 PM 7 Hills Brewing Co

Karaoke Fri @ 9 PM Southend Tap

Dj Maica Fri @ 10 PM 1st & Main

SATURDAY

Dj Maica Sat @ 10 PM 1st & Main

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Upcoming Entertainment



Maddie Poppe

DECEMBER 2 @ 8 PM

Maddie Poppe is a 24-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. In fall 2019, Maddie supported Ingrid Michaelson on The Dramatic Tour, an experience she calls "a dream come true." Maddie's sophomore album, *Whirlwind*, reached No. 2 on the iTunes Pop charts, and her hit single "Made You Miss" earned No. 19 on the Hot AC Radio charts. Her sentimental ballad "Not Losing You" also swept radio charts, reaching No. 17.



Pop ROCKS

NOVEMBER 25 @ 8 PM

Pop ROCKS brings you the best of today's hottest top 40 hits, throwback hip-hop, pop country, party rock, and timeless classics all mashed up and delivered in a party zone format. They combine the music of a DJ, the theatrics of a Broadway musical, and the live energy of an arena rock extravaganza!



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NOVEMBER 26 @ 8 PM

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Additional Entertainment

DRINK 182

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DECEMBER 9 @ 8 PM

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DECEMBER 10 @ 8 PM

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DECEMBER 17 @ 8 PM

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LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

WED 11/23



Lily Stella Maris, Little Scream 8 PM@ THE GRAPE ESCAPE (242 N MAIN ST, GALENA, IL)

Two Sprengelmeyer sisters and a washboard player will be taking over at The Grape Escape. One of our favorites, Lily Stella Maris is a banjo-wielding musical revelation. She'll bring the foot stomping (seriously, she's got a big drum built into a suitcase) good time with original and traditional bluegrass and folk tunes. She's got a couple albums of originals under her belt, too. Her wicked wit pairs nicely with her musical talent to bring the party wherever she goes. Don't be fooled by the long blonde locks and the puppy dog eyes. Lily will kick your music-loving butt with a banjo and a quip. Montreal-based songwriter and guitarist Laurel Sprengelmeyer has been playing music under the moniker Little Scream since 2008. In 2011, she released The Golden Record, which Pitchfork dubbed "a stellar debut" and NPR called "an absolutely captivating record." Her second album, Cult Following, which features guests including Sufian Stevens, Mary Margaret O'Hara, and Sharon Van Etten, earned Little Scream new band of the week status from The Guardian and received five stars from Bust Magazine. Since then, Little Scream has stayed busy as a member of Richard Reed Parry's Quiet River of Dust among other collaborations. Her third album, Speed Queen offers us a reflection on class and poverty in America.

FRI 11/25



Spazmatics

8 PM @ Q CASINO Q SHOWROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD) TICKETS: \$10

All the awesome sounds, styles, and way cool dance steps from the '80s we'd love to forget. Complete with skinny ties, Brill Creamed hair, and horn-rimmed glasses, the Spazmatics recapture all the best of the worst. Outstanding musicianship combined with creative flair and style makes for an evening of pure energy and entertainment.

SAT 11/26



Hembree, Little Hurt, Kid Baron 8 PM @ FOX DEN MOTEL (920 MAIN ST) COVER: \$15

Hailing from the American Midwest, Hembree's atmospheric indie dancerock is both anxious and infectious. In January 2018, Hembree were featured by NPR's Slingshot, a series dedicated to emerging artists, and a month later, their single "Holy Water" was featured on a Super Bowl ad for Apple. That same year, Rolling Stone named Hembree as one of the 30 Best Artists at SXSW 2018. The band released their full-length debut, House on Fire, in 2019. They also appear on the soundtrack of Netflix's 13 Reasons Why: Season 3. It's a rare treat that they mosey through Dubuque on their way across the country, and you can catch them in the very up-close-and-personal live music venue, Fox Den Motel.

FRI **12/2**



Middle Western

10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL) COVER: \$10

Middle Western is the culmination of almost 20 years of discussion between well-known lowa singer-songwriters William Elliot Whitmore and David Zollo, and Chicago-based multiinstrumentalist, sideman, and producer, Stephen "The Kid" Howard, Zollo and Howard played together in The Body Electric, the band Zollo formed after his first group, High and Lonesome, disbanded, and both played on recordings of Whitmore's. In 2011, the three began performing together, along with Body Electric drummer Brian Cooper, under Whitmore and Zollo's names, but the idea of forming a group that would write together and employ multiple singers, began taking shape.

SAT 12/3



Gabe Barnett and Them Rounders, **Doug Collins**

8 PM @ FOX DEN MOTEL (920 MAIN ST) COVER: \$12

Minneapolis bar-stage stalwart Gabe Barnett, and the ever-evolving crew behind him, them Rounders, seamlessly merge the heartfelt, poetic narratives of a folksinger with the cool, swaggering performance of a jazz combo, and add enough punky spirit, experimental tones, and danceable grooves to keep their sound uniquely their own, accomplishing what so many artists struggle to capture in their creations: timelessness.

SAT **12/10**

Running Man, Combat Naps, **Hayes Noble**

6 PM @ MONK'S (373 BLUFF ST)

Running Man is a Quad Cities, IA proto punk super group featuring members of Multiple Cat, Mondo Drag, and The Dead Kennedys. Combat Naps is an eclectic mix of styles shot through with punk and bossa nova from Madison, WI. Hayes Noble is an ear-splitting shoegaze rockstar from Galena, IL. Doors at 5 p.m.

FRI **12/16**



Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts 10 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL) COVER: \$15

Rockford, IL-based Miles Nielsen has spent nearly a decade enthralling audiences with music that draws force from the prime years of Westerninfluenced rock music and classic '60s soul. Claiming influences as diverse as Otis Redding's classic soul and Jellyfish's cult power pop recordings. We're not going to lie, these guys are unabashedly 365ink's favorite band. They ooze cool on stage, are so tight and in the pocket it's ridiculous, and simply have an unparalleled groove.

SAT **12/17**



The Beach Bums

8 PM @ Q CASINO Q SHOWROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD) COVER: FREE

Have you ever found yourself wasted away again in Margaritaville? Do you enjoy Cheeseburgers in Paradise? If so grab your floral shirt, Hawaiian lei, put a parrot on your shoulder and get ready for the greatest show on the surf with The Beach Bums.



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CHICKEN & WAFFLES



By Danny Fairchild

Boy howdy do I love dining in downtown Dubuque. I mean sure, parking can be a bit of a thing. Even if you park in a paid lot, you likely have a bit of a jaunt to your restaurant, but I even like that part. Downtown Dubuque is a lovely walk. Not in the wintertime, obviously, but if I HAVE to do some walking in the wintertime, I'd rather it be downtown Dubuque. And I'm sure the history is part of why I like it. I've officially lived here longer than I've lived anywhere, so I kind of feel like a part of that history. And, of course, the food itself is usually pretty durn fab. And then there's the bars. I like a good drink. Hell, after a certain point, I even like a bad drink. So if you can point me in the direction of a place with a good kitchen AND a

good bar? I'll make as close to a beeline as you can make in this wonky ol' town.

Enter The Vault, located in the historic German Bank location.

I'm not going to get into that history. Many know it, and for those who don't, you can conveniently read the story while standing in front of a urinal. I assume it's posted somewhere in the women's restroom, too.

You know what? Since I brought it up, I'll discuss the restroom situation right away. I kind of got out of the habit of telling you all about the restrooms of the eateries I've columned, and that's a bad thing. People need to know about bathroom cleanliness and availability going in. Speaking for the men's room, it's one of the cleanest bathrooms I've been in downtown. Downtown is old. And the



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bathrooms are usually the LAST priority when it comes to remodeling. For those who need accessibility, there is a bathroom on the main floor. Everybody else can head down the stairs (carefully, if you've had a few), turn left when you see the old bank vault doors. Once you enter the restroom, you know your poo and pee will be in good hands. VERY clean. The floor tile is black-and-white checkered to the point of almost inducing a seizure. The walls are a classy kind of deep red. Maybe maroon. I'm red-green colorblind, so don't trust me on that. But clean. Trust me on that.

The drinks. I like their drink menu. Yeah, there's a few cocktails specifically novel to The Vault, but I didn't order any of them. I went right for a Tom Collins. A Tom Collins was the first drink I legally ordered in a restaurant. My parents took me out to dinner to celebrate 21, I'd been reading a lot of J.D. Salinger at the time (it was mentioned a lot in *Franny and Zooey*), and unfortunately I was still of a mind that Salinger couldn't possibly lead me wrong. In this case, he didn't.

What's interesting about the cocktail menu at The Vault is that even with a classic cocktail like a Tom Collins (gin, lemon juice, simple syrup, topped with club

soda), they put their own little spin on it. Once I tried it, I wasn't entirely sure I was served the right drink. I didn't read the description on the cocktail menu before ordering it. I thought I knew what I was getting into by ordering a Tom Collins. I looked at the description finally and there it was: champagne. You might be thinking that this was a French 75 instead of a Tom Collins. But The Vault has a French 75 on their menu as well. It's made with cognac. which is a perfectly cromulent way to make a French 75. Anyway, it wasn't what I was expecting IN a Tom Collins, but it was certainly what I was expecting FROM a Tom Collins. A little sweet, a little sour, a little aromatic, and refreshing as hell.

The food. Your 365ink gang went to The Vault with a fairly large group, so I had the chance to sample a lot of different menu items.

We started with a few appetizers: Buffalo chicken dip and crab-stuffed mushrooms. Buffalo chicken dip has become a modern potluck classic. Or it would if people were doing potlucks right now. No criticism there. Now is not the time for potlucks. The Vault's Buffalo chicken dip is everything you've been missing. There's some spice but not a lot

of heat, and that wonderful accompanying tanginess. As for the crab-stuffed mushrooms... I have a hobbit-like affinity for mushrooms. These were brilliant. Unless I was fooled, which isn't likely, the crab that was stuffed into these mushrooms is real crab. Amen to that.

I, myself, ordered the chicken and waffles. Pay attention to this because I was fooled. It came served looking like... well... remember in The Empire Strikes Back, when the Empire invades the ice planet of Hoth and destroys the shield generators for Echo Base? Remember what those shield generators looked like? Kind of like dishes in a drying rack buried in snow? That's how the chicken and waffles come. "Dishes" of waffle alternated with some damn fine chicken in between. I thought you just kind of ate them like that. And I was fine with that. Nice presentation, yo. But it gets better. They're actually arranged on your plate like a club sandwich. The chicken and waffles are handheld! You just dip it into your syrup and take a bite. I love it. And the waffles were crisp on the outside, and the chicken had this wonderful potato chip breading on it. And if that doesn't sound good enough, there's crumbled bacon on it! Not Bacon Bits. Those aren't really bacon. I'm talking bacon that's been candied and crumpled on your chicken and waffles like the most delicious garnish EVAR!

Let me get more into the breading at The Vault. Most times you go to a restaurant, you're getting one kind of batter. Usually their signature beer batter, dig? It's certainly more efficient in a restaurant kitchen to just worry about one kind of batter. But The Vault knows that not all batters are the best for all circumstances. Like baseball, right? The chicken and waffles has that potato chip batter (and it should be noted that The Vault makes their own potato chips), but the pork tenderloin had kind of a tempura batter, and the fish and chips had more of a beer batter. Three different batters. And maybe more on dishes I haven't tried-yet. Does that happen often and I'm just now noticing it because these batters were so well-suited? I don't know. But I appreciate the work.

The French dip. I LOVE a French dip. It's probably my favorite sandwich. To get you as excited as I am about this sandwich, I need to call it by its listed name. The Prime Rib French Dip. Oh. Do I have your attention, now? Well throw on some fontina; some horseradish cream; sauteed peppers, onions, and mushrooms and how's your attention span now? With a nice crusty hoagie roll? Yeah? You like that, too? Well wait until I tell you about the au jus. The Vault serves a very decent bowl of French onion soup. And I'm almost positive that the au jus for the Prime Rib

French Dip is just some of that French onion soup. Yeah. You're listening now.

The pork tenderloin sandwich.

I teased you with the pork T a little earlier when discussing the breading. Some of you may have been affronted when I described it as tempura-like. See, this is the Tri-States. If there's one thing we know, it's pork T sandwiches. So if you go straying from the accepted breadcrumb method, you'd better deliver. The Vault delivers. The batter is a good choice. A GREAT choice.

The fish and chips. I have a reputation as a bit of an Anglophile, so maybe my perspective is skewed, so I must ask: Is there really anybody left who DOESN'T know that traditional fish and chips are, in our terms, chips and fries? I ask because literally every single restaurant in the area that has fish and chips on the menu serves fish and potato chips. The fish is comparable, but are people really still confused about the starch that traditionally comes with fish and chips? Whatever. At The Vault, you're getting potato chips, but at least they make their own. And the fish isn't at all overcooked, and the beer batter is perfect. But come on. Am I the jerk here?

All in all, The Vault is your quintessential downtown Dubuque dining experience. Nice, but not too toney, great food and great drinks, and the shadow from the bluffs takes your look from day into night. Enjoy.



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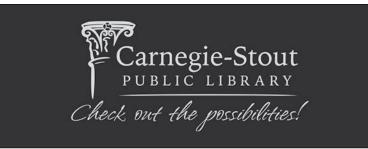
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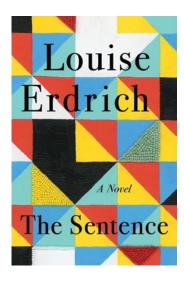
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The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Night Watchman

By John McAndrew

There are a few authors who can straddle the demands of whimsy and insight: Anne Lamott in *Hard Laughter*; David James Duncan in *The River Why*; and Louise Erdrich in her wonderful new novel, *The Sentence*. You may know of others. It requires a certain way of engaging in life, like delight and terror in the scream of a rollercoaster rider.

Erdrich's protagonist, Tookie, is recently released from prison—where she was sent for body snatching, among other things. She applies for a job in a bookstore in Minneapolis. (Not just any bookstore: the small independent bookstore which Erdrich owns in Minneapolis, Birchbark Books. It may be the only bookstore in America that contains an actual confessional—which plays a substantial role in her story.) Lovers of local independent bookstores know that they tend to have "characters" working there. Tookie is just one of them. Book people are a breed apart, right?

If you've read Erdrich, the grace and generosity with which she treats both her characters and her readers are familiar. Strange characters are not made to be objects of scorn; they evoke the reader's curiosity, and maybe a wary eye until they reveal themselves more, and you learn whether you can trust them. It's one of Erdrich's ways of opening our eyes to the wide range of ways to be human.

The first sentence of *The Sentence* is, "While in prison, I received a dictionary." Tookie loves to recommend the right book to the right reader. She says of herself, "... homing in on another person's deep needs is my best skill." The giving and receiving of books and recommendations is neither casual nor primarily commercial to her: it's meeting a need, saying "I see you, I hear you." But sometimes a book can act like a live wire on your motherboard: things short out, melt down. Sometimes just a sentence can have that effect.

Yes, there is a ghost. It rustles in the aisles of the store, knocks books off shelves, and has unfinished business to discharge, primarily with Tookie. There are living, paying customers, too, like the retired lawyer with demanding taste; the white woman who wanted to claim Native ancestry, and presented a picture of her great-grandmother ("The woman in the picture looked Indianesque, or she might have just been in a bad mood."); and the customer compelled to gift the store's Native American employees with self-congratulatory stories about her family's history with Native people. And there are the employees of the store, and Tookie's family, all quirky, charming, and troublesome. And all good company.

The book contains a bonus that book people of your acquaintance will love, making this a great gift: lists of other recommended books. They come under the headings of

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The story may echo long after you finish reading. For some, it may nag like the suspicion that there's some business you need to take care of but can't quite put your finger on what it is. For others, it may linger like a memory of succeeding in picking your way through a thorny situation that seemed inescapable. Whether it haunts you in a troubling or a nostalgic way, your time with Tookie and Louise will have been well spent—like time with friends in your local bookstores. And it will remind you that books, and the people behind them, can change lives.



Savory Sweet Potato Sides

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

When we think of our Thanksgiving feast, we often think of the main attraction: the turkey. However, let us not forget the tasty bird's sweet sidekick, the sweet potato. Sweet potatoes are not only nutritious but also very versatile. Take a look at how this sweet "spud" can take your Thanksgiving meal to a whole new level.

When selecting sweet potatoes, choose ones that are firm and do not have any cracks, bruises or soft spots. In addition, sweet potatoes should be stored in a cool, dark, and well-ventilated place. Avoid refrigerating sweet potatoes, as the cold temperature will negatively alter their flavor.

Sweet potatoes make a nutritious side dish for your feast. They contain carotenoids, which are antioxidants.

These natural compounds give sweet potatoes their orange color as well as protect your cells from daily damage. Sweet potatoes are high in vitamin A, with just one sweet potato giving your body 400% of your daily vitamin A needs. Sweet potatoes also provide your body with a good source of B vitamins, vitamin C, calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphorous, potassium, thiamin, and zinc. With this powerhouse of nutrition, sweet potatoes have been shown to lower your risk of cancer, diabetes, heart disease, macular degeneration, and obesity.

Are you looking for simple ways to incorporate more nutritious foods into your day? Check out our On-Demand Virtual Nutrition Tours led by our Hy-Vee dietitian team. While watching these store tours from your own home, you are able to learn about foods to add to your cart to give you and your family a healthy boost. Connect with a Hy-Vee dietitian for more ideas, suggestions and health tips.

Mix it up this Thanksgiving by serving up these delicious Garlic Parmesan Smashed Sweet Potatoes. ■

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Garlic Parmesan Smashed Sweet Potatoes

MAKES 10 SERVINGS

Ingredients

- ¼ cup Culinary Tours salted Irish butter
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tsp refrigerated garlic paste
- ½ tsp Hy-Vee salt
- ½ tsp Hy-Vee black pepper
- 2 (15 oz) sweet potatoes, cut into 1-in-thick slices; quarter each slice
- 1/3 cup Soiree three cheese blend shredded cheese

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a very large rimmed baking pan with foil.
- 2. Microwave butter in a large microwave-safe bowl on HIGH for 30 to 45 seconds or until melted. Stir in chopped fresh thyme, garlic paste, salt, and black pepper.
- Add cut sweet potatoes to butter mixture in bowl; toss to coat.
 Arrange in a single layer in prepared baking pan. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes or until fork-tender; remove from oven.
- 4. Place oven rack 5 inches from heat; preheat broiler to HIGH.

 Place a sheet of parchment paper over roasted sweet potatoes in baking pan. Using the bottom of a glass, press down on each potato piece to flatten. Remove and discard parchment paper.
- Sprinkle smashed potatoes with cheese. Broil for 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and sweet potatoes begin to crisp. Garnish with additional thyme, if desired.

Recipe Source: November 2022 Hy-Vee Seasons magazine





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Glow Party (K-5th Grade)

Who doesn't love things that glow in the dark? Join us for various glow-in-the-dark crafts and activities

Asbury, Thursday, Dec. 1, 6-7 PM Epworth, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 5:30-6:30 PM Holy Cross, Saturday, Dec. 17, 10-11AM

Handmade Holidays for the Whole Family (All Ages)

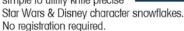
Join us for 4 weeks of handcrafting for the holidays. Kids, Teens and Adults can make something for themselves or to give as a giff! There will be options for all ages and abilities. We'll even have some wrapping

paper or bags for the little ones to take their surprises home! Can they keep it a secret? No registration required, as supplies last. Each week will have a new overall theme.

December 5-7: Ornaments December 12-14: Papercraft December 19-21: Surprise! Holy Cross, Mondays, 5:30 PM on December 5, 12, 19 Farley, Tuesdays at 5:30PM on December 6, 13, 20 Asbury, Wednesdays, 6PM on Dec. 7,14, 21

Snowflakes for All Ages (All Ages)

Stop in over winter break and make a snowflake or five to brighten up your house AFTER the holidays. There will be options ranging from simple to utility knife precise



Epworth, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 12-1PM Asbury, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 12-1PM Peosta, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 4-5 PM Farley, Thursday, Dec. 29, 4-5 PM Holy Cross, Thursday, Dec. 29, 5:30-6:30 PM

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

(6th-12th Grade)

Join Jenn for this brand-new graphic novel book club for our tweens/teens. We'll be reading and discussing Nimona by Noelle Stevenson. Please register by November 23.

Books available for pickup after 12/1. Farley, Friday, Dec. 16, 4:30-5:15 PM Holy Cross, Monday, Dec. 19, 4:30-5:15 PM Asbury, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 4:30-5:15 PM

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Respond vs. React

By Matt Booth

No matter who you are, the never-ending chorus of bad news is enough to test your Positive Mental Attitude (PMA). People everywhere are reacting to inflation, politics, war, and unstable markets. Most recent reactions show people gyrating out of control. Especially in difficult times, it must be understood that a positive attitude is essential. How can you remain positive when everywhere you look there's bad news? Stop reacting and start responding to the environment around you.

Reacting is often an unconscious reflex to any situation or event. It can be a knee-jerk to an external stimulus (not to be confused with a stimulus package). The doctor hits your knee with a rubber hammer and your leg jerks. A person reacts when they feel like they have no control over a situation. By reacting, you let events or other people dictate your life. Today's environment is loaded with reports that seem to be beyond control. Reacting rather than responding to these events only causes more damage.

A response is a thoughtful action to a situation or event. You take in the situation, consider the options, and make the most sensible decision. Think of EMTs or firefighters—they respond, assess the situation, and then take action. When you thoughtfully respond to events, rather than with knee-ierk reactions, you maintain control.

We have experienced circumstances that would rather not have experienced. Look back at the hard times you've made it through—whether it was a failed business venture, failed relationship, COVID, or being fired from a job-those hard times helped you discover something more within yourself to create the change you needed. Hard times bring out the best in many people. There will be new ideas, inventions, and businesses started by people who discover more within. Will you respond and be part of the solution or react and hope for the best? It is easy to be positive and good times, but to ingrain a positive attitude into your character, you must practice it in bad times as well. This is a temporary crisis. You can continue reacting or you can respond and use it as a catalyst to transform you into a new, more resilient, and secure being.

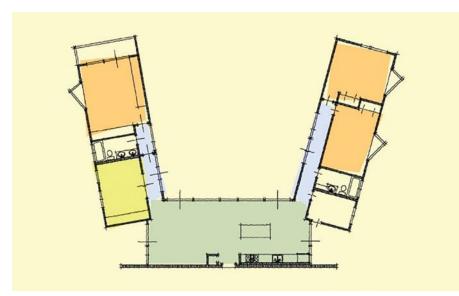
"Responding is typically positive action while reacting leads to more negativity." —Matt Booth

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THE FLOOR PLAN OF MY DREAMS

The Floor **Plan in My Purse**

By Pam Kress-Dunn

When I confessed to a friend that I'd been carrying the floorplan for my daughter's new apartment in my purse, she laughed, "Are you afraid you'll forget where the guestroom is?" and then asked, more seriously, "Have you ever done that before?"

Never, I thought, before shouting, "Yes! I have!" That one, I had to draw myself, but I did it with glee. It was going to be my ticket out, my own little Eden, not the first place I'd occupied alone but the one I would rent with my own funds. At college and grad school, I'd settled in, however briefly, 10 or so places ranging from a dorm-one room, two beds, one double desk—to the entire downstairs of a large house near Coe College, soon to be torn down for even more dorms.

This was the best, the southeast corner of a six-plex on a bluff near Davenport's downtown. Finally, I was moving out of the childhood home I'd boomeranged back into, renting an honest-to-goodness working-girl apartment, not owned by a college or shared with a girl (or boy) friend. I sketched each room, then daydreamed a list of furnishings, beginning with Desert Rose china for the built-in dining room closet.

Before I could take possession, my well-meaning Aunt Louise set me up for a blind date with some kid from her church, and my new boss set a screw on my desk

and made a proposition. Panicked at the thought of dating and/or fending off jerks, I did a thing I would never advise my granddaughters to do: I flew to Colorado to beg my ex-high school boyfriend to marry me. He agreed, and my castle in the air went to a co-worker. Lucky her.

Because my new husband worked for a mobile home company, I collected floor plans for those we lived in, moving up from a claustrophobic 8-wide to an isolated double-wide which turned into my cage. I've written about domestic violence before; no need to repeat myself.

When I managed to score a job relatively close to my hometown, I grabbed my son and daughter and fled to Dubuque. We started out in a duplex run by a sweet older couple, then found "The House"—a two-story with a stained-glass window, wood floors, walk-up attic, and an abundance of potential. It sold for \$30K in 1987, with a mortgage I could barely cover on my Loras library salary. We found a series of handymen who improved what we could afford—refinishing those floors, installing ceiling fans, tucking a tiny bathroom under the stairs-plus a boyfriend who created an arched wall freehand. (Dumped him. Kept the wall.)

With graph paper and a pencil, I drew up floor plans of those rooms, as well as tiny, to-scale representations of our furniture, so I could try out rearrangements without shoving sofas and beds around. We all—my two grown kids and I-still have occasional dreams of that house, and though each of us has inhabited many places since, when we talk about our early Dubuque years all we need to say is, "We did that at the house" and we know what the one we mean.

But wait! I fell in love with one more floor plan, belonging to a friend of a friend in Las Cruces, NM. As soon as we walked

in the door, I wanted that house. Not that very one, but a house laid out exactly the same, with a large space—a "great room," they used to call them—in the center, generously encompassing kitchen, dining, and living areas, with lots of desert light gracing the space through rows of windows.

It was the other parts of the house that enchanted me. On either side of the great room were two wings, each heading in a different direction, each holding a bedroom, bathroom, and more small rooms hidden from sight. Workroom, laundry, yoga, maybe. This woman lived there with her husband, each with one wing for working, writing, napping, talking on the phone, each with a hallway for returning to the public space to be together for meals, conversation, playing cards, welcoming guests. They were in their late 60s and had lived like that for a long time. Perhaps that was why.

I wasn't even married then, but I coveted that house. I could easily have occupied both wings, but I was charmed by the idea of a home that held secluded spaces for each half of a couple. I won't go as far as Katharine Hepburn, who declared, "Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then." There are ways to give each other space

without being actual next-door neighbors. My spouse and I have our own rooms—his music room, my study—and to be honest, I think of the whole lower level as mostly his man cave, packed as it is with oversize exercise equipment, storage for grandkid toys and airbeds, and a television I only occasionally watch. I can hang out in the sunroom while he plays piano downstairs.

While I'm no longer toting my daughter's floor plan around in my purse, I still have a hankering for something undefinable. The way a dwelling carries itself can govern how it feels to walk around in or return to at night. Staving in Airbnbs around the country has shown me that. When my friends visited me at "The House" on University Ave., they would often look around and say, "There's something about this place." Whatever it was, it worked for us. I hope your place works beautifully for you, too.

PAM KRESS-DUNN

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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

PLAYING A ROUND

- with it
- 9 Lyric work 12 It follows pi

- 20 Extreme agitation
- Woman
- goes down a mountain cliff?
- 25 Sheriff Taylor's boy
- "Ho-hum"

- 41 Intertwine
- 42 Yearning to play
- 48 Your and my
- 51 Red as

- 56 Crater parts
- 57 Eye sore

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- metal golf clubs?
- in Vegas 61 "I never purple
- 64 Tennis star Andre

- 77 Amazingly executed approach shot that a golfer recalls often?
- 86 Food intakes
- 90 Golfer's cry when a would-be one-under-par shot almost goes in the hole?
- 92 Sheep group 93 Foal's mother
- 94 Tears on foot
- putting area?
- 106 Cattle call
- 109 Height: Prefix

- 1 Willing to go along
- 15 Swindle
- 23 Golf tee shot that
- 26 Leaking goop 27 Suffix with hero
- 29 Harder to find 30 Pretty soon
- 38 Big continent
- golf again? 47 Bell's ring
- Scarf down
- 53 Gift topper54 Singer Fisher

- 58 Young woman who's very skilled with
- 60 CBS series set
- cow ..."
 62 Actress Dunham
- 65 Precious gem hidden among 111 No matter how an errant a golf course's long grass?
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- 73 In addition 74 Sigh of relief
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- 82 Circus venue
- 83 Muffin grain 84 Tots' batting game
- 87 Belittle, in hip-hop
- 88 Cafe freebie

- 95 Lettuce or spinach cultivated in a golf
- 101 One of the Twin Cities 105 Bolt variety

- Jackie's "O"



110 Elliptical 29 Group of amateur sports teams playing for fun

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mall event

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GENUINE PARTS





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Upcoming Family Events

SAT 12/3



Santa Day

10 AM-1 PM @ SHAKE RAG ALLEY (MINERAL POINT, WI) Visit the historic campus for photos with Santa (\$10), holiday craft-making (\$5), and sweet treats. All registered participants will be invited to enjoy the outdoor candy cane station and a free cookie and hot cocoa after your photo or crafts. RSVP required. 411 Commerce St, Mineral Point, WI. 608-987-3292. shakeragalley.org.

SAT **12/10**

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers: "Marvel"ous Musicians

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers (L&MOP) is a monthly concert series for preschool children and their families. Performers presents a free mini-concert introducing children to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Children will leave each concert with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop to enjoy! Children must be accompanied by an adult. All ages. Free. 360 W 11th St. 563-690-0151. NISOM.com.



Singalong Nativity 11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL

GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI) Dec. 10, 17, and 28 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Dec. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. Scenes of Bethlehem appear on the pages of a giant book, angels fly in from the balcony, and shepherds and wisemen pay homage to the newborn savior in this Fever River Puppeteers' marionette production. Although this production is more serious than some, there is comic relief in some of the animal characters. After the show is

over, there is a time for selfies with the puppets and a Q and A. \$5. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129**. **hazelgreenoperahouse. blogspot.com**.



Lunch with Santa

11 AM-1 PM @ MIDTOWN
MARINA (EAST DBQ, IL)
Dine with Santa at Midtown
Marina. Kids can enjoy
crafts, lunch (chicken nuggets, fries, and a festive
dessert), visit with Santa,
and a goodie bag. RSVP
required. \$12. 285 5th St, East
Dubuque, IL. 815-747-3310.

SUN 12/11

Breakfast with Santa

8 AM-1 PM @ DESOTO
HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL)
For big kids and little kids...
bring a list for Santa and
enjoy Rudolph, Frosty, and
a helpful elf while enjoying
a delicious breakfast. Santa
arrives at 8:30 a.m. and
leaves at 1 pm. RSVP recommended. Free. 230 S. Main St,
Galena, IL. 815-777-0090.
desotohouse.com.

SUN 12/18



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 available for photos starting at 9:30 a.m. Kids can decorate holiday crafts, and vendors will be on site to help with your holiday shopping.
\$10 Adults, \$5 ages 5-12, free ages 4 and under.
14569 Old Highway Rd.
563-588-1406. dbgfair.com.

Kids Holiday YogArt Camp

1-4 PM @ CHALLENGE TO CHANGE

At this special holiday YogArt camp, children will explore the practices of yoga and mindfulness, enjoy some holiday fun and activities, and create a special handmade gift ready for them to share with someone special! All supplies included. Ages 5–12. \$50. 3337 Hillcrest Rd. **563-451-7034**. **challengetochangeinc.com**.

Spot the Difference

Can you spot 10 differences in this photo of the Dubuque Symphony Holiday Concert by Ron Tigges from **DigitalDubuque.com**?





Spot the Difference Answers







PUZZLE ANSWERS

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DEAR GWEN,

My wife and I are returning to our hometown for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. Typically when we go home, we stay with friends, but this year my mom is insisting we stay with her. My wife and I think it would be a little weird and potentially miserable to crash with my parents for a week. I love my mom, don't get me wrong, but we would prefer to get a hotel or something. I tried to bring this up to her, and unfortunately, my mom won't take no for an answer. If it were just for one holiday or the other, it might be okay, but we're afraid that if Thanksgiving is rough, we would have no way out of staying there again in December without hurting mom's feelings. We just want to do the hotel thing from the start. How do I convince my mom we'll be better off in a hotel without upsetting her? -Truly, Dubuque Transplant on Tomahawk Drive

DEAR DUBUQUE TRANSPLANT ON TOMAHAWK DRIVE,

Over the years, I've accumulated a variety of responses to get me out of various situations. Situations not unlike yours. I'm naturally inclined to be isolated. By isolated, I mean I have to hype myself up to go to the grocery store for at least a day before I do it. Going to a concert or some other such thing? I need an eightmonth advanced notice to prepare, and I still need the freedom to cancel up until the start of the show, sometimes even after the opener. A doctor might give me an altogether different label, but politely, I'm a homebody.

My absolute favorite way to dodge plans (or even conversations) is an abrupt, "Oh whoops, I'm late for a doctor's appointment." This works in every situation. No one will argue. My most masterful use of this was almost a decade ago. It was 1:30 a.m., and I was at Eronel on 3rd and Main St. when someone said, "Hey, want to come to East Dubuque with us?" I looked at my phone, gasped, and said, "Oh no! I'm late for a doctor's appointment!" And I left. Guaranteed they didn't believe me about the doctor's appointment, why would they? But it was much less uncomfortable

than a mealy-mouthed, "Well, I'm tired and sleepy and tired, and hungry, etc.," which would have prompted an arduous back and forth that precisely no one wanted to have. So I played my doctor's appointment card. left, and didn't have to go to East Dubuque. I got to drink hot chocolate and watch Gossip Girl in my house, as the good Lord intended. With your mom, the doctor's appointment strategy could be implemented anytime the holiday lodging conversation is initiated. You have a doctor's appointment every time it comes up, and by the time Thanksgiving and/ or Christmas arrives, you've (oops!) already made a reservation at the Hyatt.

A new strategy I've been working on recently is an "I'm allergic" response. This works exceptionally well for me, as I'm already allergic to an implausible number of things. I don't want to go on a family trip; I say, "You'll never believe it, but I just discovered I'm allergic to x-rays." Even if flying isn't involved, no one asks questions. They say, "X-rays?! Oh no, take care of yourself, etc., etc." So for you, you're allergic to that lemon kitchen soap every mom has or something. Get creative, bud. I can't give you everything.

Ultimately, this could be solved entirely by being authentic, by honestly doing what feels best for you and your wife. You could directly and compassionately say, "Hey, Mom, I've been so worried about hurting your feelings that I haven't been completely honest about what I want to do for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We want to spend time with you, but we'd also like a bit of space at the end of the day, so we're booking a hotel room. I hope you understand, and I can't wait to see you."

But who's going to do that?

—xoxo Gwen

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ARIES (APR 19-MAY 13)

With the sun enters Sagittarius, it's a great time for your own personal growth. Speaking of growths, you'll want to get that thing checked out by a real doctor. It's probably benign, but still... gross.



TAURUS

(MAY 14-JUNE 19)

Jupiter has entered your social zone, reconnecting you with friends and family. Either that, or it's the week of Thanksgiving and astrology is BS. Or both.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20-JULY 20)

The sun will be positioned in your partnership zone over the next few weeks, making it prime time to fall in love. It won't be all fun and games, though. This relationship could be lasting, so find ways to take it to the next level. Try saying "I love you" on the first date. Walk past jewelry stores together and say things like, "What do you think of THAT one?" Or fart in their presence like you've been together for years. Because you COULD be.



CANCER

(JULY 21-AUG 9)

Jupiter is moving towards your career zone, so go big on those professional goals, yo. Just get to work early before your boss gets there, break into their office, sit behind their desk, and start working. When your boss shows up, they won't like it at first. But you'll be amazed at the lengths cowards will go just to avoid a confrontation. The opportunity is there. Take it.



LEO (AUG 10-SEP 15)

With the sun moving into your habit

zone, it's a perfect time to think more positive and hopeful. Or at least it would be if life had any meaning whatsoever. I mean, even if you're able to process all your trauma and day-to-day stress to the point where you CAN be hopeful, you're still going to die some day. Everybody will. So it's just one more way you are not at all special.



VIRGO

(SEP 16-OCT 30)

This will be a great time to express yourself as the new moon enters Sagittarius. For most people of your sign, it will be a fruitful time to display their creative talents. But for you, it'll just be a reminder that you don't have any of those.



LIBRA (OCT 31-NOV 22)

Thanksgiving comes at a good time for you. The position of the new moon means it's the perfect time to build special memories with family.

Just remember that finally telling off your homophobic uncle could be a very special memory, too.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29)

Wow! With the sun entering your

communication zone, you're just full of positive, new ideas, aren't you? Actually, let me take advantage of this. I've been dealing with my own issues lately. I won't trouble you too much with them, but suffice it to say that things aren't working so well for me... down there. Can you recommend a suppository, or perhaps a novel new diet to... get things moving down there?



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30-DEC 17)

You must be Snoop Dogg because these days your mind is on your money and your money's on your mind. Don't worry. You're rich in a lot of other ways. For example, you're rich in flavor and in nutrients. Just saying... you do have value to SOME people.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18-JAN 8)

If you're traveling for the holidays, let me talk you out of it. You'll want to stay close to home. And even if you're "going home" for the holidays, that isn't your home anymore. Not since the ghosts made it perfectly clear.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9-FEB 15)

With the cold weather, you'll be tempted to stay home instead of going out and that's okay. Self-care is important, and nobody will even notice you're not there anyway.



AQUARIUS (FEB 16-MAR 11)

be bursting with energy. Like... annoyingly so. You know those people who are bright-eyed and bushy tailed and all in your face before you've even had Sip #1 of your coffee? That's you. That's what you're going to be like. You'll try not to annoy people, but you won't be able to stop yourself. You'll hate

With the sun in Sagittarius, you'll just

Sip #1 of your coffee? That's you. That's what you're going to be like. You'll try not to annoy people, but you won't be able to stop yourself. You'll hate yourself even more than others will hate you, but still this energy will still keep radiating from your person. I don't know what you can do. Maybe there's nothing you can do. Maybe you're doomed.



PISCES

(MAR 12-APR 18)

This lunar cycle will be a great time to start that business you're always talking about. Oh, the business will definitely still fail, but at least you'll finally shut up about it. It's getting annoying.

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