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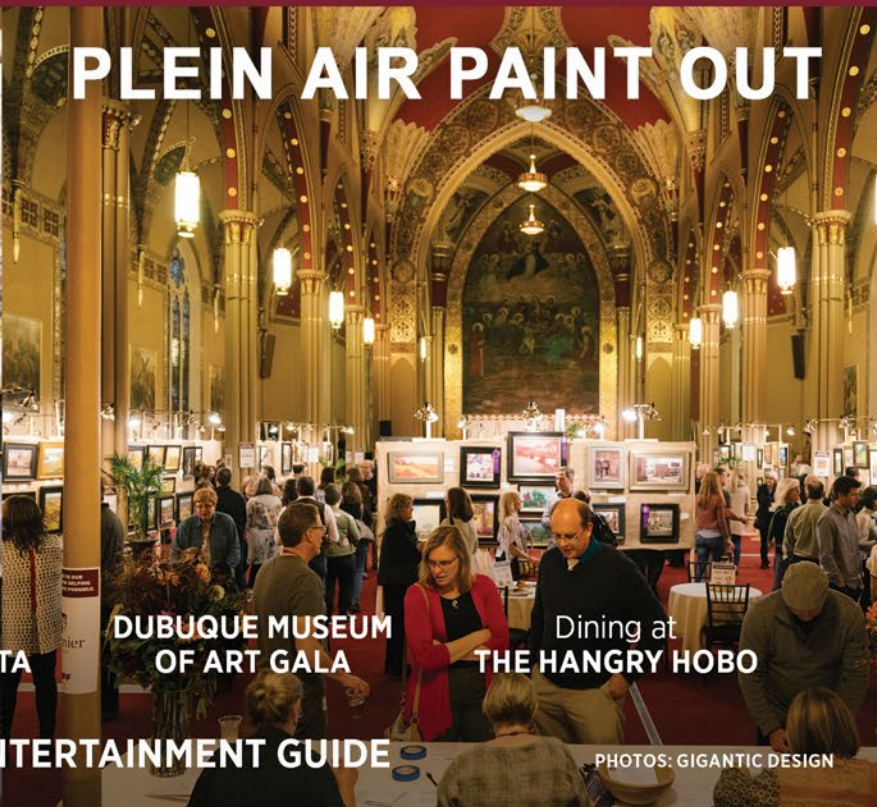
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It feels like I spent Labor Day weekend trying to catch a cannonball. I give it the weekend rating 0/10 stars. #donotrecommend. But, alas, I didn't have a choice. And since I'm alive and on my couch typing this, I should amend my rating to 10/10. But, still, the worst Labor Day weekend ever!

On Friday morning of the big weekend, I had surgery to remove cancer from my right lung. And for my avid readers, you're like, "Ah, crap. Not this again." But, yes, this again. And now, once again, by the grace of whoever dispenses grace, I am here on the backside of the experience, healing and looking forward to moving on with life, cancer-free again, at least for now. And that's all I can really ask for. But that's kind of a really fast recap so in case you wanted more details, here we go... (If not, go ahead and skip to the horoscopes!)

For the uninitiated, I've had three major cancers before. I lost my right kidney in 2018, and then in a double surgery, lost my prostate and half of my colon in 2019. Well, I wouldn't say I "lost" them. They were trying to kill me, so it was definitely an eviction-type situation.

Two of the worst experiences of my life, to be sure. The colon cancer was stage 4. It had spread to a couple of lymph nodes, and so I had chemo after. But, eventually, life returned to mostly normal for a few years.

About 18 months ago, we first saw this tiny nodule appear in my lung and had been watching it ever since. One small silver lining in surviving a couple of cancers is that every six months, they look everywhere. So, it's not that it can't come back. But in most cases, we're going to see it coming a mile away, and that's just what the great crew at Mercy One Cancer Center in Dubuque did. A year ago, my doc said, "We're still not sure what it is, but let's just pluck it out of there," and I readily concurred. Mayo, however, said it was too early and too small to act on right away.

So, we waited six months. And another three months. And finally, I went to Mayo for a very complex biopsy because of the difficult location of the spot in my lung. It was deep, and they didn't want to collapse my lung. So, they went down my throat (bronchoscopy) and did the biopsy from the inside. It must have been complex, because there were like 10 doctors in the room, and the bill was \$46,000 ... for a BIOPSY! Which turned out to be ... inconclusive! Ugh. So we waited three more months, did all the scans again, and decided to just go take it out, not knowing what kind of cancer it was. Once we decided to do the surgery, we literally booked it for Friday after just doing the scans on Wednesday. So, it was a fast call.

It was either going to be a new primary cancer, meaning it just appeared for

whatever reason, or it was metastatic, meaning it spread from somewhere else. My surgeon was pretty sure it was the former, but amazingly, in the middle of surgery, they can get a biopsy done so fast that they can know what kind of cancer it is on the spot and adapt their procedures to treat it appropriately. In my case it was actually metastatic, having come from my colon 4 years ago and just hid out there. The good news is that she said she got it all out successfully and tested the only nearby lymph node, and it was clean. So, knock on wood, this cancer is gone for good. But I've been here before, so I'll be happy with "probably gone for good" and certainly "gone for now."

So, now I have to heal up and get on with life. With most lung cancer surgeries, this is pretty fast and easy. But remember when I said it was deep and in a hard spot to get at easily? So in my case, no "plucking it out," as they can usually do robotically to so many cancers now. I needed to have a procedure called a thoracotomy. (This is where you stop eating lunch if that's what you're doing now.) This means, well, cutting me open under my arm, around to my back and then ... um ... breaking one of my ribs ... (yep, lunch is officially done) to get access to my lung to perform a "wedge resection," essentially taking a pie slice out of my upper right lobe and closing it up. And that's just what she did. My being a big guy didn't make her job any easier, and I apologize to my surgeon for that. She said it was the hardest one of these surgeries she's even done, and they're her specialty. So, I guess I'm both a badge of honor and a nightmare at the same time.

My lung actually feels totally fine today. It's so weird. I don't even have issues with breathing just a few days post-surgery. But coughs hurt. Oh man, do coughs ever hurt! But they don't hurt my lung. They hurt my damn broken rib. So more than anything, the next six weeks of healing will be, pain-wise, all about healing from the damage they had to inflict in order to get to the lung to do the work they had to accomplish.

So that's my update for now. I call it the "least worst" of my three major surgeries. I'm so glad to be back on my feet, looking forward to being robust enough to begin a new Toys For Tots season next month.

Next time here, I'll regale you with recovery stories, like why you should never watch movies about dogs dying while on meds in a hospital bed, and why, even after four cancers, I feel like a very lucky guy, with an amazing wife, incredible friends and family.

I'm cancerfree again ... and I have the scars to prove it! ■

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14th Annual Dubuque Oktoberfest

Sunday, September 17 @ 11 AM-6 PM
Q Casino Back Waters Stage
(1855 Greyhound Park Rd)



Dubuque Oktoberfest, the annual celebration of German and Slavic heritages, is hosting its 14th annual event on Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Q Casino Back Waters Stage.

All ages are welcome to attend the festival, which includes music, food, drinks, entertainment, and games. Two large festival tents will be on the grounds so Dubuque Oktoberfest happens rain or shine.

The day kicks off with the Loras College German Band followed by the Americana Band and ceremonial keg march at

12:30 p.m. with Mayor Brad Cavanagh. The University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Illuminate Dance Troupe performs and teaches polka dancing before the wiener dog parade and races. The Guttenberg German Band, stein holding contest, and JazzQ close the event.

There is no admission fee to Dubuque Oktoberfest, but donations are welcome at the gate for Camp Albrecht Acres, a camp in Sherrill, IA serving adults and kids with special needs. For more information, visit DBQOktoberfest.org. ■



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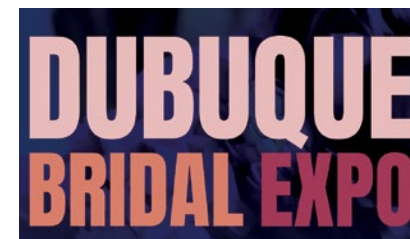
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Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. For tickets and information, call the Bell Tower Theater at **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■



Fall 2023 Dubuque Bridal Expo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ NOON-3 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

The Fall 2023 Dubuque Bridal Expo will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Grand River Center. The event is free to attend.

The Dubuque Bridal Expo, in partnership with Zazous Bridal Boutique and Tuxedos, Absolute Music, Zen Lens Creative, and Design By Faith, hosts more than 90 exhibitors to include everything from attire to videographers.

There will be over \$10,000 in giveaways, including drawings throughout the event. This is not an ordinary wedding show; it's a fully immersive, highly engaging, truly interactive, and entertaining bridal experience for brides, grooms, and their whole crew!

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 LORAS COLLEGE ALUMNI CAMPUS
 CENTER (1450 ALTA VISTA ST)

This year's Peace Festival invites us to explore constructive conflict resolution and sustainable peace. Join Dr. Peter T. Coleman at Loras College Alumni Campus Center on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. for his presentation on "The Way Out: How to Overcome Toxic Polarization."

Dr. Peter T. Coleman is a professor of psychology and education at Columbia

University and a renowned expert on constructive conflict resolution, intractable conflict and sustaining peace. He has authored or edited 12 books, and over 100 scientific articles. Coleman's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, PBS, and more. His book, *The Way Out: How to Overcome Toxic Polarization* was released in 2021. He spent his formative years growing up in Dubuque and graduated from Senior High School.

Since its 1981 inception, the United Nations International Day of Peace has marked humanity's personal and planetary progress toward peace. The theme of this year's 32nd anniversary in Dubuque is "Making Peace in Our Polarized Society."

For more information, visit facebook.com/dbqdayofpeace. ■



32nd Annual Guttenberg Germanfest

SEPTEMBER 22-23
 500-600 BLOCKS S. RIVER PARK DR,
 GUTTENBERG, IA
 Germanfest returns to Guttenberg, IA for year number 32 on Sept. 22 and

23. Head to the 500-600 blocks on S. River Park Dr. for two days full of German heritage and family fun.

Friday features music by Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen, polka lessons, a stein raising contest, and an open air market.

Saturday brings back the market plus 5k run, Star Power Dance Team, UNI Dancers, the super popular wiener dog races, home brew contest and tasting, classic Volkswagon display, Gutenberg Bible on display, tours, activities for the whole family, and more. Saturday's music features Guttenberg German Band, Elizabeth Mary Music, Beau Timmerman, Lovehandles, and Shirts & Skins headlining the evening party.

For the full schedule and more information, call **563-252-2323** or visit GuttenbergIowa.net/germanfest. ■



donuts, freshly popped kettle corn, lunch, kids games, pumpkins, all of Czipar's homemade products, and more. Enjoy live music at 11 a.m. with Gypsy on Friday and Tony Walker at Saturday.

With the third generation of the family now knee-deep in the apple business, Czipar's Apple Orchard and the annual festival of the same name are synonymous with Tri-State quality. Developed by Jo and Katy Czipar in the early 1940s, Steve and Shella have run the orchard for the past five years, with their children Kari and Tyler also working in the family business. In addition to a huge selection of apple varieties, you will find seasonal treats galore under the roof of the orchard store.

The festival is free to attend. For more information, call Czipar's at **563-582-7476** or visit facebook.com/cziparsorchard. ■

Czipar's Apple Festival

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Galena Cellars 13th Annual Fall Harvest & Art Festival

Saturday, September 23 @ 11 AM-6 PM
 Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery (4746 N Ford Rd, Scales Mound, IL)

Join Galena Cellars as they celebrate the 2023 harvest on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at their Vineyard & Winery.

The day will be filled with family friendly activities: the beloved grape stomp, live music by DR Band at 11:30 a.m. and Massey Road at 3:30 p.m., pumpkin painting for kids, horse-drawn wagon rides, local artists wares, and more. Local artists will be selling their

wares throughout the day. There will be food trucks, so you will be able to enjoy delicious eats during your visit. All wines will be available for purchase.

The festival is free to attend. Pre-register for the grape stomp for \$10 for adults and free for ages 12 and younger. For more information, call Galena Cellars at **815-777-3330** or visit **GalenaCellars.com**. ■



32nd Annual GermanFest Guttenberg, Iowa
 September 22 & 23

Friday, Sept 22

- 3 PM Open Air Market
- 5 PM Festival Tent & Biergarten
- 5 PM Food Trucks Open
- 5:30 PM Polka Lessons
- 5:50 PM Stein Raising Contest

Music Friday

- 6-10 PM Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen

Saturday, Sept 23

- 8:30 AM GMHC GermanFest 5K
- 9 AM Open Air Market
- 11-3 PM Lock & Dam Open House
- 11 AM Star Power Dance Team
- 11:30AM & 1PM UNI Dancers
- 12 PM Weiner Dog Races
- 12-2 PM Home Brew Contest & Tasting

Historic Walking Tour
 Gutenberg Bible on display at Guttenberg Library
 Classic Volkswagon Display

Music Saturday

- 11:30 to 1 PM Guttenberg German Band
- 1 PM to 3 PM Elizabeth Mary Music
- 3 PM to 5 PM Beau Timmerman
- 5 PM to 7 PM Lovehandles
- 7 PM To Midnight Shirts & Skins

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16th ANNUAL Galena Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 @ NOON-10 PM
 DEPOT PARK

(91 BOUTHILLIER ST, GALENA, IL)
 The 16th annual Galena Oktoberfest begins at noon with a cannon blast, tapping of the keg, and polka music. Main attractions will be the wiener dog races, polka

music and dancing lessons, non-stop live music, and games for adults and children.

There's something for everyone at Galena Oktoberfest. The wiener dog races will follow the raising of the flag by the Galena Fire Department and the singing of the national anthem. The big tent will feature plenty of seating with polka music, dance floor, and polka dancing lessons. Children will enjoy the bounce house, as well as pumpkin painting and other art related activities.

Later in the day, there will be tournaments for adults. Sign up for the Beer Stein Endurance Contest and try your hand at keeping the elbow straight while holding the 16-ounce stein. Following both the men's and women's contests, there will be a Bean Bag Tournament for the registered teams.

Hosted by the Galena Lions Club, all proceeds from this event will go back to the community to serve those in need. Pre-registration is required for wiener dog races and bean bag tournament.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for ages 12 and younger. For more information, call the Galena Lions Club at **815-331-0180** or visit **GalenaLions.org/oktoberfest**. ■

TUE 9/19



Museum X: Behind Closed Doors: Museum Collections at Work

5-7 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Hear from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium curatorial team as they unlock the hidden work of historic collections at the NMRMA. Melissa Conroy and Brittany Boettcher, Collections Technicians, will put a presentation under their experience with the IMLS. RSVP required. Free. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545. rivermuseum.com.**

Regional Indian Cuisine: Cooking with Vegetables

6-8 PM @ CONVIVIVUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Explore Indian food and culture with Convivium guest instructor Dr. Sunil Malapati. Sunil will be cooking with vegetables and herbs grown at Convivium, and participants will also get a tour of the gardens before the meal. Keeping with South Indian traditions of not wasting resources, Sunil will demonstrate how to use even the skins of some vegetables to make chutneys and other dishes. \$45. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900. convivium-dbq.com.**

THU 9/21



Senior Expo

9 AM-NOON @ DBQ CO FAIRGROUNDS BALLROOM
Learn what we have to offer in our community for senior citizens with over 30 vendors. First 100 attendees

will receive a goodie bag. Live broadcast with KDST Radio. Door prizes given throughout the expo. Free lunch to go provided by Oak Park Place. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **dbqfair.com.**



Life Organization with Jessi Bushman

6-7 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
Local professional organizer Jessi Bushman offers a life organization presentation that will focus on possessions, documents, and legacy. Bushman owns and operates Organizer Jessi, LLC and has more than 20 years of experience in organization methods and coaching. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.**

SAT 9/23

Gehlen Barn Beer Oktoberfest

NOON-10 PM @ GEHLEN BARN BEER IN THE BARN BREWERY (ST. DONATUS, IA)
Games include stein holding, keg toss, hammerschlagen, stein races, pretzel eating contest, chicken dance, yodeling contest, wife carry race, leg wrestling, and log sawing contest. Beer trivia at 5 p.m. Music with Americana Band at 1-5 p.m. and River Moonshine at 6-9 p.m. Kalmes will be on site making authentic German and Luxembourg food noon-6 p.m. There will be at least 14 beers on tap outside and 20 inside the barn. 101 Main St, St Donatus, IA. **563-213-8014. gehlenhouseandbarn.com.**

SUN 9/24

Fall Plant Swap

NOON-2 PM @ DIMENSIONAL BREWING CO
Bring your plants, cuttings, propagations you wish to

share. Every hour, Planted. will be raffling off cool plants, prizes, and goodies from their shops. Join at 11:30 a.m. for a special "collector" plant swap. Free. 67 Main St. **563-239-9289. facebook.com/planted.dbq.**

Friendship Tea

1-3 PM @ MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE
Bring your friends and celebrate that friendship with an afternoon tea. There will be a variety of finger sandwiches, treats, and teas. The afternoon includes a short program on the relationship between tea and friendship. All ages. RSVP requested. \$25 Adults, \$15 children. 2241 Lincoln Ave. **563-557-9545 x212. RiverMuseum.com.**

TUE 9/26

Suicide Prevention Awareness Event

6:30-8:10 PM @ HILLCREST HADLEY CHAPEL
The event begins with displays of community support and resources followed by community speakers at 7 p.m. Suicide related topics include awareness; perceptions; and what, where, how, and when help is needed. Donations of peanut butter and macaroni and cheese gratefully accepted for the Dubuque Food Pantry. 2005 Asbury Rd. **563-556-1394. dacuonline.org.**

FRI 9/29

Loras College Women's Basketball Kids Night Out

5:30-8:30 PM @ LORAS COLLEGE GRABER SPORTS CENTER
Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15. Hang out with the Loras College Women's Basketball Team and enjoy games, a bounce house, food, and more. Grades Pre K-6. RSVP. \$25 One child, \$40 two children, \$50 three children. **lorasgirlsbasketballcamp.com.**



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FALL 2023 MICHAEL LESTER
WENDT CHARACTER LECTURE

Rev. Gregory Drumwright

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 @ 7 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE
CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL
(2255 BENNETT ST)

Public theologian Rev. Gregory Drumwright will deliver the Fall 2023 Michael Lester Wendt Character Lecture "Joseph, Jesus, Justice, and George: How I Avoided a Life of Crime and Still Found Myself in

Court" on Monday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. in John at University of Dubuque Heritage Center.

In his 20th year as a pastor, Drumwright is one of America's most promising rising public theologians and served a national following during the activism of 2020. Through his work as clergy to the George Floyd family during the Derek Chauvin trial, Drumwright found himself on the front lines of the call for justice when he and his followers were pepper-sprayed and jailed, three days before the 2020 elections. After being charged with two felonies and four misdemeanors, Drumwright and Justice 4 the Next Generation were unanimously cleared of all charges by a jury in a neo-confederate stronghold in the South. Known as "today's voice for tomorrow's generation," Drumwright will share his story on the intersectionality of Jesus and Justice.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Wendt Character Initiative at **563-589-3440** or wendt@dbq.edu. ■

Shullsburg CheeseFest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 7 AM-4 PM
WATER STREET, SHULLSBURG, WI

Shullsburg welcomes fall by celebrating the cheese heritage of the city with experiences the whole family can enjoy—for free! Held on the town's historic Water St. the street is closed to motorized traffic for the Cheesefest so you can enjoy the festival, the town and its history in full glory on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A full day of cheese love from the Fireman's Breakfast, to vendors, foods, crafts, and cheese tasting. Live music plus kids activities like a milking contest, pedal tractor pull, and more. Enjoy wine, beer, and cheese tasting.

Live entertainment kicks off with magician Matthew Teague at 11 a.m. followed by The Whiskeybelles, the People's Choice" and "Country Artist of the Year" for the Southeastern part of Wisconsin and also "Artist of the Year" for the whole state!

Expect to find an array of cheeses, mouthwatering mac-n-cheese tastings, wine tastings, local shopping and vendors, live music and entertainment for a fun-filled day, games and activities for all ages, and various vendors.

Extend your weekend with the Copeland Guest House's Porchfest on Friday, Oct. 6. Live music by Adam Bartels Band and food from Sinnipeesmoke and Birds. Fried Chicken starting at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit facebook.com/shullsburgcheesefest. ■

Kids Expo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 10 AM-2 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

Kids Expo is a premier family fun and resource fair. Join for free on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Grand River Center.

Families can visit more than 50 booths to learn more about resources in the community and pick up information and giveaways. Exhibitors include recreational opportunities, educational services, health care services, social service groups, family-friendly businesses, and more. Enjoy family crafts, games, stage entertainment, balloon

artists, musical performances, dance demonstrations, and make-and-takes.

Connect with health services for children, including child ID kit, pediatric immunizations, flu shots, oral health screenings, lead testing, vision checks, and developmental screenings. Schedule an immunization appointment with the Visiting Nurse Association at **563-556-6200**.

Take home a newly-released, free Family Resource Guide, which is a comprehensive reference book with additional services and activities available for youth in the area.

The expo is free to attend. For more information, call Dubuque County Early Childhood at **563-588-1620** or visit dcearlychild.org/kids-expo-2023. ■

SAT 9/30

**Field of Dreams
Ghost Player Games**

1 PM @ FIELD OF DREAMS
MOVIE SITE (DYERSVILLE, IA)
Free event, concessions,
and autographs available.
Just bring your chair and sun-
screen for the Greatest Show
on Dirt! Free. **FieldOfDreams
MovieSite.com.**

SUN 10/1

**Steeple Square
Community Fest**

2-4 PM @ STEEPLE SQUARE
Head to the Steeple Square
plaza/green space for live DJ
music, food, drinks, inflata-
bles, games, dance troupes
and mascots. Attendees will
also have the opportunity to
tour the Steeple Square Com-
munity Event Center. Free.
101 E 15th St. **563-235-3584.**
steeple-square.com.

SAT 10/7

Galena Country Fair

10 AM-5 PM @ GRANT
PARK (GALENA, IL)
Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and
Oct. 8 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m. More
than 100 hand-selected
art, craft + fine art vendors
sell high-quality, original,
handmade items. Home
decor, seasonal, clothing, toys,
jewelry, photography, and
gifts. Come hungry and dine
on pork chop sandwiches,
brats, walking tacos, hand-cut
french fries, baked potatoes,
frozen custard, homemade
fudge, and more. A selection
of domestic and local craft
beer, and cocktails will be
served plus a Gazebo Wine
Garden serving Galena Cellars
red and white wine, sangria,
and more. Bring the family
to enjoy a fun-filled weekend
complete with live music, a
children's games area, a silent
auction, raffle, and play-
ground. \$2 Suggested dona-
tion. 625 Park Ave, Galena,
IL. **galenacountryfair.com.**

SUN 10/8

Duck Derby

3 PM @ GALENA RIVER
(GALENA, IL)
Support survivors in the most
fun way possible—a rubber
ducky river race! One ticket
will get a duck on the river,
and for every four tickets
purchased, the buyer will
be entered into a raffle for
a Midwest Staycation, and
more. All proceeds go to
provide free and confidential
services to survivors of sexual
and domestic violence being
served by Riverview Center.
\$5/ticket. **815-777-8167.**
riverviewcenter.org.



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Dubuque Latinx Fiesta

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 @ 2-8 PM
7TH ST BETWEEN CENTRAL AVE AND
WHITE ST AND SMOKESTACK

Join Dubuque Unidos for a fun block-style
fiesta right outside of Smokestack, on
Saturday, Sept. 30, from 2 to 8 p.m., in
celebration of the third Dubuque Latinx
Fiesta organized by Dubuque Unidos.
The fiesta has continued into its third
year with its ongoing hope that attend-
ees get to experience more of the Latinx
culture by being exposed to music,
arts, food, and their Latinx neighbors.

The event brings vendors from the Tri-
State area—food, merchandise, performers,
and bands. The group aims to fill in the gap
of supporting the Latinx community, be
an opportunity for organizations to meet
with local Latinx members, and network
in ways that may not often happen. This
event will be bilingual in nature, empower-
ing and celebrating our Spanish-speaking
Latinx communities while providing
English accessibility to our neighbors.

Dubuque Unidos is an organization
made up of 14 Latinx young profession-
als who are all striving towards the same
goal – bringing cultural and educational
awareness of the Latinx cultures to the
Dubuque community. Through Dubuque
Unidos, we are looking to educate, cel-
ebrate the diversity in our Latinx culture,
and enrich Dubuque's thriving communi-
ties. This year, Dubuque Unidos is excited
to introduce its first board - President
Yara Isabel Lopez, Vice-President Arantxa
Martinez Resendiz, Treasurer Sergio
Perez, Marketing Director Ivonne Sim-
monds Fals, and Secretary Clara Lopez.

Para ver esta historia en español, visite
el enlace de noticias en la parte inferior de
la página web de **DubuqueUnidos.com.**

For more information on this
free, all-ages celebration, visit
DubuqueUnidos.com. ■



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Vesperman Farms Fall Season

SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 29

VESPERMAN FARMS

(8149 STAGE RD, LANCASTER, WI)

Join Vesperman Farms for their 20th fall season, open daily Sept. 16–Oct. 29. Weekday hours are noon–7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Celebrating the fall in a big way is the corn maze, a 5-acre plot of twists and turns in the corn. Each year features a new design. The mini maze is an easier option for younger children. A variety of activities include tire mountain, duck races, trebuchet and air cannon pumpkin launch, and more. Stay for a



meal with a brisket sandwich, loaded baked potatoes, apple cider donuts, and even homemade ice cream!

Online daily admission is \$12.49 per person or pay \$14.49 at the gate. Ages 4 and under are free. Season passes are available online for \$29.99. For more information, visit VespermanFarms.com. ■

Ongoing & Recurring Events

SUNDAY

Galena Territory Farmers Market

8 AM–NOON @ GALENA

TERRITORY OWNERS' CLUB (GALENA, IL)

THROUGH OCT 8

Fresh produce, baked goods, regional meat, flowers, crafts, and more. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. **815-777-2000**. TheGalenaTerritory.com.

Dubuque Cars and Coffee

9 AM–NOON @ VETERANS

MEMORIAL PLAZA

3RD SUN THROUGH OCT

Casual meet up for cars of all makes, models, and years. Coffee, donuts, and drinks will be for sale. Proceeds go to Veteran's Freedom Center. 1795 Admiral Sheehy Dr.

facebook.com/dubuquecarsandcoffee.

MONDAY

Haunted History Walk

6:30 PM @ LINWOOD

CEMETERY

MON, WED, FRI

THROUGH OCT

Join a local paranormal group for eerie tales of times long ago as you learn about one of the oldest river towns west of the Mississippi. Walk and discover the people, legends, traditions and folklore of our city. Bring a flashlight and wear comfortable walking shoes. Ages 10+. \$10. 2736 Windsor Ave. **563-213-9043**. gripsghosthunt.com.

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

1ST TUE & 1ST SAT

Discover the ABCs through hands-on and active activities including a craft and game. Ages 2–5 with parent/caregiver. RSVP suggested. \$8/toddler member, \$10/toddler non-member, \$20

non-member toddler and adult plus admission. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. RiverMuseum.com.

WEDNESDAY

The Mid-Week Market on Iowa Street

4–10 PM @ 11TH AND IOWA ST

THROUGH OCT

Spend your Wednesdays where Dubuque Farmers' Market first started with fresh local produce, a beer garden and pizza from Jubeck New World Brewing, food trucks, and live music.

Sinsinawa Mound Farmer's Market

4–7 PM @ SINSINAWA

MOUND COLLABORATIVE

FARM (SINSINAWA, WI)

4TH WED THROUGH SEPT

Featured vendors include Collaborative Farmers, Sandhill Farms, City Girl Farming, The Mound's Farm, Sinsinawa Bakery, and Sinsinawa Book & Gift Shop. 2551 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI. **608-748-4411**. sinsinawa.org/farm.

Cuba City Community Market

4–7 PM @ VETERAN'S

MEMORIAL PARK

(CUBA CITY, WI)

3RD WED THROUGH SEPT

Featuring Vesperman Farms ice cream, home-made goods, meat, fresh produce, Sinsinawa baked goods, and arts and crafts. 100 S Washington St, Cuba City, WI. **608-744-2152**.

CubaCity.org.

Dubuque Area Humanists Social Hour

6 PM @ BACKPOCKET

DUBUQUE

1ST WED THROUGH DEC

Enjoy a craft beer and join the Dubuque Area Humanists for lively, informed discussions centered around values, philosophy, and life experiences. Free. 333 E. 10th St. facebook.com/dubuqueareahumanists.

She Unites

6:30–7:30 PM @ 7 HILLS

EVENT CENTER

3RD WED

An inclusive women's group working to connect women across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. Free. 1098 Jackson St.

SheUnitesIowa.com.

THURSDAY

In the Mind's Eye

2–3 PM @ DUBUQUE

MUSEUM OF ART

2ND THU THROUGH OCT

The respite program is committed to improving the quality of life and bringing the joy of art to people living with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. RSVP required. 701 Locust St. **563-557-1851 x115**. DBQart.org.

Dyersville Farmers Market

3–5 PM @ COMMERCIAL

CLUB PARK

(DYERSVILLE, IA)

THROUGH OCT 5

A variety of local and regional offerings. 225 11th St SE, Dyersville, IA. dyersville.org.

Millwork Night Market

5–8 PM @ 7TH–9TH

AND JACKSON ST

2ND THU THROUGH OCT

This independent evening farmers' market features high-quality local food producers, artists, musicians, and brewers. Smoke-free and pet-free. BYO water, reusable grocery bags, and lawn chairs. MillworkNightMarket.com.

Gary's Graffiti Nights

5–9:30 PM @ DUBUQUE

COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

THROUGH SEPT 14

Cars 1979 and older gather for a 1950s/60s car show based on *American Graffiti* with music and door prizes. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**.

facebook.com/GarysGraffitiNights.

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

5–9 PM @ SINSINAWA AVE,

EAST DUBUQUE, IL

THROUGH SEPT

All years, makes, and models of classic, muscle, and unique cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Great food, closed street, open containers, and live music. facebook.com/eastdubuquecarshow.

New World Brewing Curated Conversation

7:30 PM @ JUBECK NEW

WORLD BREWING

4TH THU

Join strangers and friends for a pint (or NA beverage) and some uncommonly meaningful conversation. Conversation starters present a topic before attendees split into groups for further discussion. Free. 115 W 11th St. **775-375-5692**.

facebook.com/newworldbrewing.

FRIDAY

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

IN DUBUQUE

1ST FRI

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 Farmers' Market

THROUGH SEPT @ 7 AM–NOON

SAT IN OCT @ 8 AM–NOON

11TH–13TH AND IOWA ST

Iowa's oldest farmers' market offers a variety of produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, handmade goods, and on-site prepared foods. Market Money tokens allow you to shop at all vendors if you don't have cash. Rain or shine. **563-588-4400**. DubuqueFarmersMarket.org.

Galena Farmer's Market

7 AM–NOON @ GALENA

CITY HALL PARKING LOT

(GALENA, IL)

THROUGH OCT

Families sell seasonal produce, flowers, maple syrup, raw honey, baked goods, re-purposed crafts, meat, roasted coffee beans, nuts, spices, canned goods, unique decor, and much more. Rain or shine. 101 Green St, Galena, IL. **563-542-0996**.

facebook.com/galenafarmersmarket.

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

8 AM–NOON @

PLATTEVILLE CITY PARK

(PLATTEVILLE, WI)

THROUGH OCT

Find everything from delicious vegetables to a variety of flowers, great gift items to canned preserves, and just about everything in between. All of the products you'll find are locally grown, harvested, or handmade by local vendors. 75 N Bonson St, Platteville, WI. **608-218-4374**.

PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.

Dyersville Downtown Market

8 AM–NOON @ 3RD AVE SW

AND 3RD ST, DYERSVILLE, IA

LAST SAT THROUGH SEPT

Head to the grassy square between Xavier School and the north fork of the Maquoketa River to find a variety of local vendors, food trucks, live music, and activities.

DyersvilleDowntownMarket.com.

PSYCHIC CHAKRA CENTER
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19 Locust St. Downtown Dubuque
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Events at Five Flags Center



The Five Flags Center is located at 405 Main St. in Downtown Dubuque. Fees may apply to ticket purchases. Tickets are available at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Five Flags Center Box Office. For more information, call 563-589-4254 or visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](https://www.FiveFlagsCenter.com).

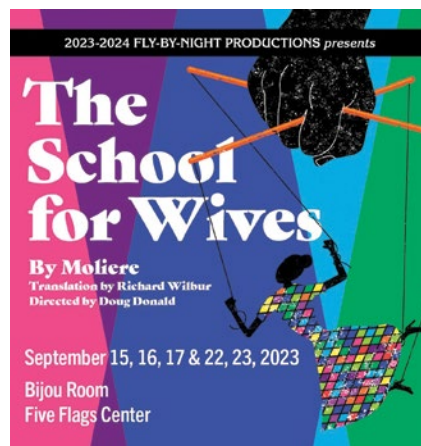
The School For Wives

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 22, AND 23 @ 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 17 @ 2 PM

FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM (405 MAIN ST)

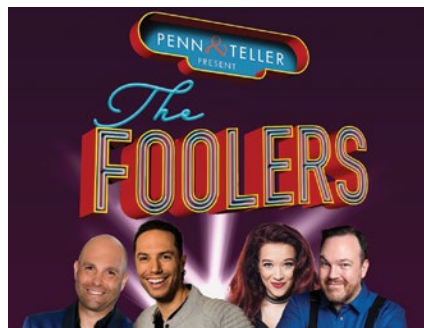
Fly-By-Night Productions brings its 41st season with *The School For Wives* on Sept. 15-16 and 22-23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Five Flags Bijou Room.

A masterful and timeless comedic farce with a modern perspective on marriage. Moliere, one of the great comic writers in theatre history, here satirizes the persistent ridiculous attitudes towards women. Fearing cuckoldry above all else, Arnolphe, a middle-aged rich man, has painstakingly trained the guileless Agnes, his ward from childhood, to become his obedient and faithful wife. Ah, but, as said, the best



laid plans often go astray! And there's plenty of laughs in this fool's errand!

Tickets are \$20. For more information, call Fly-By-Night Productions at **563-599-9486** or visit [FlyByNightDubuque.com](https://www.FlyByNightDubuque.com). ■



Penn & Teller Presents: The Foolers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

Curated and endorsed by the celebrated duo Penn & Teller, *The Foolers* is a new interactive live production that brings four of the world's best illusionists together at the Five Flags Theater for an interactive and irreverent evening of mind-bending magic on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Regarded as some of television's trickiest magicians, the four featured illusionists—Alex Ramon, Jessica Jane Peterson, Matt Donnelly, and Vinny Grosso—achieved the difficult task of impressing Penn & Teller with their mystifying magic and hilarious comedic routines. Now they come together for one night only to bring their celebrated Las Vegas-caliber magic to live audiences across the country. Penn & Teller will not be appearing at this event.

Tickets start at \$37.75. ■

Burning Red: Tribute to Taylor

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)
Burning Red brings their tribute to Taylor Swift to the Five Flags Arena on Friday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

Chicago-based Burning Red is a group of talented, experienced musicians who are proud Swifties. Every Burning Red show is a journey through all of Taylor Swift's eras, inspiring fans



to sing along with the lyrics they know All Too Well and dance to this beat.

Tickets start at \$18. ■



Rend Collective

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)
Rend Collective, is a worship band from Northern Ireland. Nothing to prove, just being faithful at the Five Flags Arena on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

Rend Collective (Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn, Ali Gilkeson, Patrick Thompson and Stephen Mitchell) wants to be known as a celebration band. The group's authentic and energetic style of worship has attracted an international audience, with songs like "Build Your Kingdom Here," "My Lighthouse," and "Counting Every Blessing." Their most recent albums have hit the highest non-Christian charting any worship album has ever achieved in the U.K.

In 2018, Rend Collective sold out their hometown show at the SSE Arena in Belfast making it the largest attended Christian concert in the country. Additionally, "Boldly I Approach" has become the most popular hymn in the German church! Tickets start at \$25. ■



Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

CLASSICS 1: PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 2 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)
For its 65th Anniversary season, the orchestra welcomes back husband and wife guest artists Lorraine Min, pianist, and Terrence Tam, violinist, as "bookends" to the Classics Series. Join for "Classics 1: Pictures at an Exhibition" on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Five Flags Theater.

Lorraine returns to the DSO stage to begin the season, performing an audience favorite, Grieg's Piano Concerto. The orchestra will be featured in all its sonic splendor in *Pictures at an Exhibition*, which includes the majestic "Great Gate of Kiev." Artwork of the Tri-State area will enhance the experience as the DSO partners with the Bluff Strokes Paint Out event. The orchestra will also perform an exciting work for percussion and strings by Native American composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

On Friday, Oct. 6, enjoy a lunch buffet at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club followed by insightful commentary by Maestro William Intrilligator and Min. RSVP by Oct. 4. Saturday evening concert attendance includes entry to the post-concert Encore Reception at Five Flags. Enjoy refreshments and visit with DSO musicians. At 1 p.m. prior to each Sunday Classics Concert, Intrilligator gives a free pre-concert lecture.

Tickets start at \$20 for Classics 1. For more information, call the Dubuque Symphony at **563-557-1677** or visit [dubuquesymphony.org](https://www.dubuquesymphony.org). ■



The Great Draw Street Art Competition

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 8 AM-4 PM
OUTSIDE THE LINES ART
GALLERY (1101 MAIN ST)**

The Great Draw Street Art Competition returns this year on Saturday, Sept. 16, in downtown Dubuque from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 11th Street. This event is now accepting applications for participants and is open to all ages and skill levels, with over \$3,000.00 in cash and prizes awarded. A local artist will judge the competition, choosing first, second, and third place cash winners for each category.

But you are also invited to just come down and enjoy the competition as a spectator. Watch the artists work, check out the great regional art inside Outside the Lines as well as the other great retailers in the area, and, of course, you can also get a bite to eat close by and see the art progress from before and after you went shopping and ate lunch. Plus, you

can vote for your favorites! More on that below. A free drawing area will also be provided for those who want to express their creativity but not enter the competition.

Entry fees are \$12 for students ages 18 and under, \$16 for adults, and teams pay for each person participating. Scholarships are available for those who are unable to pay. Pre-registration is highly recommended as spaces are limited. Any unsold spaces will be sold the day of the event on a first come, first serve basis, and fees will increase to \$15 for ages 18 and under and \$20 for adults.

Forms and all the information you need are available at TheGreatDraw.com and at Outside the Lines Art Gallery, 1101 Main St. in Dubuque and 101 S. Main St. in Galena, IL.

The competition is a fundraiser for The Great Draw Visual Arts Scholarship and Internship Fund.

Onlookers may purchase votes throughout the day and give them to their favorite artists. The top vote getting artists will be the winners of the People's Choice Award Prize Baskets, worth over \$300 each, filled with gift cards, merchandise, and art donated from area businesses and artists.

The Great Draw Street Art Competition is sponsored by Outside the Lines Art Gallery, Premier Bank, Hirschbach Motor Lines, L. May Eatery, O'Connor and Thomas Law Firm, Key City Vision, Capri College, and FEH Design, and with support from many local merchants and artists.

For more information, call Outside the Lines Art Gallery at **563-583-9343** or visit TheGreatDraw.com. ■

Emergence of Spirit: Souls of Sorrow

**SEPTEMBER 16 AND 23 @ 7 PM
VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)**

Emergence of Spirit (EoS) returns to the Dubuque community in the new Voices Studios on Sept. 16 and 23 at 7 p.m. with an entirely original collaborative event. Creator and Director Michele Chillook and company present Emergence of Spirit: Souls of Sorrow—part musical, part interpretive art, and dance. Live model performances, featuring sets and costumes transformed from trash into art.

EoS began as a break-out, alternative runway show with ulterior motives to inspire awareness of the soul and its journey into the individuals who experience it. This organization offers artists a progressive venue to unleash their radical designs into the atmosphere and art lovers the

opportunity to expand their palette. Once a runway exhibition, Emergence of Spirit is now transformed into an immersive avant-garde theatrical experience.

EoS launched its first event on the runway at Voices from the Warehouse in 2011 and produced yearly shows until 2015. A recipient of the 365ink Impact Award for the Arts in the category of "Shared Artist Spirit, Changing Expectations in the Face of Arts in Dubuque," the mission of Emergence of Spirit is to provide an eccentric, quality art runway show in downtown Dubuque. As a company, EoS presents up-cycled, recycled, re-purposed creations on live models as a theatrical production. Designers are encouraged to purchase as little as necessary and find use for items normally considered disposable/one-time-use. Allow your imagination to take you on a wild quest!

Gallery doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$25. For more information, visit wix.com/emergenceofspirit/emergenceofspirit. ■



Crafty Crawl

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 10 AM-3 PM
DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
(14569 OLD HIGHWAY RD)**

Head to the Dubuque County Fairgrounds for the Crafty Crawl on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jodi & KT Invite You to shop one-of-a-kind items from local makers, artists, crafters, bakers, and more. Admission gets you into all three buildings and outdoor market that are filled with over 100 unique crafters, makers, upcyclers, and more.

Admission is \$5. For more information, call the Dubuque County Fairgrounds at **563-588-1406** or visit facebook.com/JodiandKT. ■



Meet & Greet Author John Milas

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 2 PM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
(360 W 11TH ST)**

Carnegie-Stout Public Library welcomes author John Milas on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. Milas will read from his new book, *The Militia House*, a gothic horror novel

set in war-torn Afghanistan. This event is free and open to the public. River Lights Bookstore will have copies of the book available for purchase at the event.

The Militia House is a spine-tingling and boldly original gothic horror novel in which a young corporal attempts to escape days of boredom and dread by exploring the supposedly haunted ruins of a Soviet-era barracks, only to find himself changed in terrible ways. *The Militia House* is longlisted for The Center of Fiction's First Novel Prize.

John Milas served on active duty in the US Marine Corps and deployed to Afghanistan in 2010. He was honorably discharged from active service in 2012 and went on to earn his BA and MFA in creative writing. Milas grew up in Illinois, where he currently reads, writes, and watches baseball. *The Militia House* is his first novel.

For more information, contact Carnegie-Stout Public Library at **563-589-4225** or visit CarnegieStout.org. ■



Songfest

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 @ 7 PM
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(2100 RADFORD RD)**

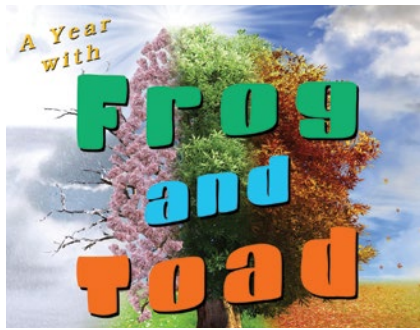
The Dubuque Chorale begins its 2023/24 season in collaboration other

area choirs for Songfest, a celebration of choral music, on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Dale Lass Auditorium.

The participating organizations include the Dubuque Chorale, Cadenza, and Children's Choirs; Heartland Harmony; Clarke University Collegiate Singers; University of Dubuque; Emmaus Bible College; University of Wisconsin—Platteville; and Dream Center's Dream Choir.

Each choir will perform some of its own music, and the concert will finish with a massed choir performance of "Hope for Resolution," a moving anthem by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory juxtaposing a European chant with an anti-apartheid song from South Africa.

Admission is free of charge. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, visit DubuqueChorale.org. ■



A Year with Frog and Toad

SEPTEMBER 29-30 AND

OCTOBER 6-7 @ 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 1 AND 8 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

The Grand Opera House presents *A Year with Frog and Toad*. Arnold Lobel's treasured characters hop from page to stage in a story of friendship and adventure. Performances are Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 1 and 8 at 2 p.m.

A hit on Broadway, *A Year with Frog and Toad* was nominated for three Tony

Awards—including Best Musical. Based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books, and featuring a hummable score by Robert and Willie Reale, this whimsical show follows two great friends—the cheerful, popular Frog (Zac Winkler) and the rather grumpy Toad (Asher Soppe)—through four fun-filled seasons.

Waking from hibernation in the spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding and learn life lessons along the way. The two best friends celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special. Part vaudeville, part make believe... all charm, *A Year with Frog and Toad* tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons.

A Year with Frog and Toad is directed by Cindy Caraway and music direction by Brion Bowman. The cast features six local performers playing various roles throughout the musical.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 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, OCTOBER 6

NOON-8 PM @ STONED ART STUDIO & GALLERY (1800 CENTRAL AVE)

NOON-7 PM @ WIDDERSHINS GALLERY (2204 CENTRAL AVE)

4:30-7:30 PM @ OUTSIDE THE LINES ART GALLERY (1101 MAIN ST)

5-7:30 PM @ ELEVATED IMAGES (129 MAIN ST)

7-10 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH 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.

Stoned Art Studio and Gallery showcases the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III. Stop by, talk art, talk photography, talk Driftless. Blues music, jazz music along with refreshments will be on hand.

Widdershins Gallery at Bear Dancer Studios hosts artwork by local, regional, and national artists including Mark Dierker, John Potter, Debra Sullivan, Sara Mess, and Dan Alderman. Enjoy the comfy vintage furniture while listening to classic rock tunes. Refreshments will also be available.

Outside the Lines features Jennifer Braig who will be demonstrating oil painting throughout the evening and again the following morning. Light refreshments will be offered.

Elevated Images opened a new gallery on Main Street and is excited to join for their first First Friday event. Light snacks will be provided.



FLAMING DAWN BY HENRY MATTHIESSEN III

Dubuque Area Arts Collective host local artist Lily Nesta. Lily is a Dubuque based oil painter currently attending Clarke University studying painting. Her work has been exhibited in the recent DUMA Biennial and has shown work in multiple art venues in town including Esther's Lounge, Planted, and The Fox Den Motel. Her work is delicately painted with a soft and inviting color palette but at times deals in more explosive subject matter. ■

Dubuque Museum of Art Gala

Friday, September 29 @ 6-9 PM
Dubuque Museum of Art
(701 Locust St)

Celebrate the groundbreakers of the past, present, and future as the Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) approaches its 150th anniversary and announces plans for monumental expansion. Join for its annual gala on Friday, Sept. 29 at 6-9 p.m. at the museum and meet the acclaimed architects who will design its future home.

Begin the night with an open bar with hors d'oeuvres and dessert by



Bread & Vine at 6 p.m., followed by the gala program and live auction at 7:45 p.m. Then, head to Smokestack at 9 p.m. for the after party.

Gala tickets are \$150, and the after party is \$30. Childcare for ages 4 and older will be provided. Hosted by Roux and Ian Loar. For more information, call DuMA at **563-557-1851** or visit DBQart.org/gala. ■

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Expanding Local Vistas, the Bluff Strokes 2023 Paint Out Returns

Story by Sara Eliot Steuer
Photos by Gigantic Design

"It's exciting when you get to see the Dubuque you know through the eyes of an artist," said Bluff Strokes committee member Jillayne Pinchuk. "Something you've driven by a hundred times and never noticed the beauty of, you then see presented in a unique way, and that's exciting." Bringing together 60 artists from nine states, the Bluff Strokes 2023 Paint Out returns to Dubuque on Sept. 17 through the 23, with artists setting up their easels in and around the city three weeks earlier than usual. They will be competing for newly increased prize money of over \$15,000 while engaging local residents in a unique show of live artmaking outside the confines of an art studio. Artists will paint landscapes and architecture in Dubuque and the surrounding areas with this year's work being judged by Indiana artist Carol Strock Wasson. Prizes include themed categories highlighting signature

Dubuque features, such as Mississippi Overlook and Historic Dubuque, with the addition of two new categories: Street Scene, highlighting neighborhoods, storefronts/signage, and alleyways, and Artistic License, where painters are simply encouraged to push the boundaries.

"One artist commented that we are 'a community just full of art,'" said fellow committee member Deb Otto. "We found that a validating statement that really speaks to the inherent beauty and rich cultural history of Dubuque."

Combining a renewed interest in the artistry of plein air painting, which seeks to capture landscapes in an open-air setting rather than a studio, with Dubuque's historic architecture, river scenes, and Driftless area landscapes, the competition began with a desire to promote what Dubuque had to offer creatively to the greater national artist community. Now holding its 6th Paint Out, after being dormant during the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, Bluff Strokes' second year

back isn't looking to reinvent the wheel; frankly, it doesn't need to. With a winning formula that has helped it become one of the most well-respected events within the plein air circuit, its grown in reputation and participation since its 2016 inception, so instead, this year will see small refinements, like catering from Brazen Open Kitchen and Jubeck New World Brewing at the Friday evening Patron Party and Art Sale, the addition of artists from farther reaches of the country, and the inclusion of a batch of younger artists who have typically played a lesser role in past events.

In that same spirit of community engagement, this year has spawned an exciting new collaboration with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra who asked Bluff Strokes to provide images to project during a performance of "Pictures at an Exhibition" in October.

"We have 91 artists represented with 430 works as options for the symphony," said Otto. While not all the works will be shown, Otto expects quite a few local artists will see their pieces presented. "We're just so excited to be able to share different creative interpretations of local landmarks with the public in yet another arts setting."

Founded by Wes Heitzman in 2014 in affiliation with the Dubuque County Fine Arts Society, Bluff Strokes was initially



CHRISTY MONK SHOWS OFF HER 2022 BLUFF STROKES ACQUISITION OUTSIDE OF STEEPLE SQUARE

a series of events and workshops for artists to explore Dubuque's natural and architectural legacy. The plein air movement had been regaining popularity since the mid-1980s within the United States and Europe, with its objective being to capture the mood of a fleeting moment in time in changing light. This intrigued Heitzman and his artist wife, Barbara, so from 2015 through 2019, the initiative held 10 workshops featuring master-level

instructors and inspired numerous local artists to further pursue and develop their techniques. The groups Plein Air Painters of Dubuque and the Urban Sketchers both formed as the result of these workshops and continue to meet and paint weekly at locations throughout the region, holding group shows, and serving as an example of community engagement through the arts that Heitzman and other committee members had hoped to see fostered locally.

While workshops were stopped in 2020 and 2021 and remained off the roster when the event returned in 2022, they've resumed this year for the first time since 2019, with a "Drawing and Watercolor Sketching in Nature" workshop being held on Sept. 15-16, taught by the Paint Out's first ever judge, artist Kathleen Newman. Intended to broaden artistic sensibilities, the course is designed for students of any experience level to walk away with both skills and a visual journal to draw on for future works.

While the goal of Bluff Strokes has always been to share the natural resources of Dubuque by establishing the city as a significant stop on the plein air arts circuit, it has also helped to cultivate the local art market.

"Our goal is to exhibit and to provide original art in Dubuque" said Heitzman. "With that, Bluff Strokes intentionally offers competitive prize money, so top prize-taking artists love coming here. We're very proud of being able to do that, which is a credit to our amazing sponsors who contribute generously to make this happen."

Noting that many of the artists are professionals, with this work being their full time job, Pinchuk added that many are friends who often travel to events in

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coordination with one other. “Our event is fortunate to have developed a strong reputation for being hospitable. These artists are like family to each other, and we have so many locals offering to house them while they’re in town that it’s more than we actually need.”

Upon launching its first Paint Out in 2016, which initially drew 45 artists, it quickly grew to 60, and now attracts participants from a dozen states, cementing a reputation among the national arts community as a well-run event with a unique spectrum of options for painting.

“It’s a lot of work,” said Otto “after a week outside in varied weather, artists are worn out, some having painted multiple works every day. But they report to us that they love it, it’s a sport to them.” This year’s event is being held earlier than in previous years, but as always, Midwest weather is unpredictable, and when added to the ever-changing scenery, shifting light, and challenge of capturing a scene in nature “it requires problem solving, but plein air artists just love that challenge.”

Encouraging the artists to explore the depths of what Dubuque has to offer visually, awards span several themed categories: Mississippi Overlook, Riverfront, Historic Dubuque, Industrial, Arboretum/

Garden, Rural Scene, and new additions Street Scene, and Artistic License. With a different guest judge every year who brings their own perspective to the process, it challenges artists to create fresh pieces utilizing their unique personal skills and aesthetics which add to their outcome and the collection of potential awards.

The Paint Out commences on Sunday, Sept. 17 with individual events throughout the week including artist registration and canvas date-stamping on opening day, and an evening artist picnic on Monday, Sept. 18. There is the Quick Paint and the newly added Young Artist Forum, encouraging artists and community members to participate in a casual discussion regarding the creative process, both on Tuesday, Sept. 19, and the Nocturne Paint Out on Wednesday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 21.

Friday, Sept. 22 features the main event, the eagerly anticipated Patron Party and Art Sale from 6 to 9 p.m., which garners major community support from art lovers and collectors alike. Patrons are encouraged to dress up and congregate while vying for their favorite pieces in the visually engaging historic Steeple Square Event Center, located at 15th and White Streets. Participating artists are present for attendees to engage with



while observing their work, with the event providing attendees an opportunity to purchase paintings on display prior to the public sale the following day. This year's party features heavy hors d'oeuvres by Brazen Open Kitchen, with wine and beer from Jubeck's New World Brewing. The evening's entertainment is provided by returning favorite, classical and jazz guitarist Marcus DeJesus. Patron passes are \$150 for the entry of two, with \$100 of that to be used a voucher applied to the purchase of a painting. Artists must turn in their finished pieces before 10 a.m. that morning with judging and awards handed out from 1 to 5 p.m. Each artist chooses three pieces to be judged, which are then hung in the gallery for sale. As one piece sells, another by that artist is added to the mix, maintaining three works per artist throughout the night. Tickets for the Patron Party and Art Sale can be purchased on the Bluff Strokes website at BluffStrokes.org and at all Premier Bank locations.

The following day, Saturday, Sept. 23, is the public Plein Air Art Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A free event, also located at Steeple Square, it will include the Lawrence Brothers Barbeque food truck on-site with options for purchase. With hundreds of paintings sold each year, Bluff

Strokes only retains a modest 25% commission, the lowest in the plein air circuit, whose proceeds go to underwrite the cost of the event, with additional commission money allocated to the development of future programs, such as workshops and scholarships. The most important aspect of the Paint Out is the desire the organizers hold to enrich the Dubuque community through the appreciation and participation in art and art patronage.

"We want the artists and visitors who come to Dubuque to be able to take a piece of the area's history home with them," said Pinchuk. "We aim to build a market here, with an appreciation for owning original art and supporting working artists. We love hosting these mostly non-local artists in our community, and that they deem us worthy of coming here to create is an amazing feeling. It's why we continue to do what we do."

The Bluff Strokes 2023 Paint Out sponsors include Bard Materials, Andy and Debi Butler/Cottingham and Butler, Conlon Construction, Gigantic Design Co., Gronen Properties, Hirschbach Trucking, Key City Vision Center, Lerdahl, McCoy Group, Premier Bank, and Steeple Square. Visit BluffStrokes.org for more information and to purchase event tickets. ■



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Millwork Night Market:
River Breitbach
5 PM @ 8th & Jackson St

Cruisin' Thursdays:
Li Li & the Dirty Bastards
5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave,
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Elizabeth Mary (Solo)
5 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Yellow Brick Road
6 PM @ Houlihan's

Erin Viancourt
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Scott Waterhouse
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Shekinah King
7 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

FRI 9/15

Yellow Brick Road
5 PM @ Park Farm Winery
(Bankston, IA)

Oktoberfest: Barefoot Becky &
The Ivanhoe Dutchmen
5 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Rock Steady
6 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Marty Raymon
6 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the
Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Steve Davis
6 PM @ Champagne on Main
(Galena, IL)

Super Kick
7 PM @ Yardarm

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ Locals Bar
(Epworth, IA)

Marques Morel
7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co
(Galena, IL)

Jake Stack
7 PM @ Off Shore Resort
Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

Lou Shields
7 PM @ Eliza's Lounge
(Mineral Point, WI)

Ken Flores
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Six Shots 'Til Midnight &
Meatplow
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Trampled by Turtles,
Charles Wesley Godwin
8 PM @ Q Casino Back
Waters Stage

Andreas Tranzo
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Kampfire Kings
8 PM @ Grape Escape
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2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Nick Stika @ 2 PM
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Off Shore Resort Bar & Grill
(Bellevue, IA)

Iowa Hawkeye Party: University
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2:30 PM @ Gary Dolphin's
Iron Bar

Johnnie Walker
4 PM @ Son Chasers
(Cassville, WI)

Tony Walker
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Hangin' Around
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Jordan Danielsen
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Denny and Bernie
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Karaoke
6 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the
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Maqtoberfest: 3 Day Rain
6 PM @ Main St, Maquoketa, IA

David Casas
7 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

Ken Flores
7 PM @ Comedy Bar

Tony & Shannon
6 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

David Zollo Duo
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Walking Molly
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Brushfire Bandit
7 PM @ Yardarm

The Old School
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Furious George
8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

The Mixed Emotions Band
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
(Asbury, IA)

Andreas Tranzo
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Searchlight Soul
8 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Rick Berthod
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth Blues &
BBQ (Bellevue, IA)

Triple i Tour: Chisongwriter,
DLC, 2Tone, Prince Ace, Cam
Dukes, Wxiley, Broz
9 PM @ Smokestack

charlie otto + his gear
10 PM @ The Lift

SUN 9/17

Dubuque Oktoberfest:
Loras College German Band @ 11 AM
Americana Band @ Noon
Guttenberg German Band @ 3 PM
JazzQ @ 5 PM
Q Casino Back Waters Stage

Chris Ross
11 AM @ Breitbach's Country
Dining (Balltown, IA)

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

Oktoberfest: Schnicklefritz Band
1 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Elizabeth Mary (Solo)
2 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the
Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Adam Beck
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort
Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

DR Band
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

The Mixed Emotions Band
3 PM @ Town Clock Pizza
(Centralia, IA)

BJ McAndrew
3 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Ten Gallon Hat
3 PM @ New Diggings General
Store (New Diggings, WI)

2nd Generation Band
4 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern
(Hazel Green, WI)

Stolen Grace
4 PM @ Park Farm Winery
(Bankston, IA)

Ron Lubbers
5 PM @ Louisburg Junction
(Cuba City, WI)

Jay Vonn
7 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Strange Frequency, Tang
9 PM @ The Lift



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WED 9/20

Mid-Week Market on Iowa Street: River Breitbach 5 PM @ 11th and Iowa St

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy 6 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Sophie Coyote 7 PM @ First Reserve

Weekend Friends, Liliana Asta 7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

THU 9/21

Cruisin' Thursdays: The Mixed Emotions Band 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy 6 PM @ Houlihan's

Kara Gordon 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Songwriters Showcase w/ Lenny Wayne and LVNMUZIQ 7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

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

FRI 9/22

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

River Glenn Trio 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Bobby Ray Bunch 6 PM @ Off Shore Resort Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

Guttenberg Germanfest: Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen 6 PM @ Guttenberg, IA

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Li Li & the Dirty Bastards 7 PM @ Yardarm

Trivia w/ Trivial Dudes 7 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Kerryn Feehan 8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Tripwire 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Rock Steady 8 PM @ The Dungeon

Them Coulee Boys, Elijah Berlow 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Jake Dodds 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Aaron Brenton's Shutter Step 8 PM @ Smokestack

Katie Sullivan 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley 8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Uncle Lucius 10:30 PM @ Fox Den Motel

SAT 9/23

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Sam Day, Brion Bowman, Joseph John Valenti 7 AM @ 11th-13th & Iowa St

River Breitbach 10 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Gypsy 11 AM @ Czipar's Orchard

Galena Cellars Fall Harvest & Art Festival: DR Band @ 11:30 PM Massey Road @ 3:30 PM Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, IL)

Guttenberg Germanfest: Guttenberg German Band @ 11:30 AM Elizabeth Mary @ 1 PM Beau Timmerman @ 3 PM Lovehandles @ 5 PM Shirts & Skins @ 7 PM Guttenberg, IA

Oktoberfest: Muzik Krauts Noon @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Oktoberfest: American Band @ 1 PM River Moonshine @ 6 PM Gehlen Barn Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Heartbeat 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Danny Parker Project 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Jordan Danielson 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

Mississippi Band 4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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Lauren Hall 5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Lou Shields 5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Yellow Brick Road 5 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Iowa Hawkeye Party: University of Iowa Alumni Marching Band 6:30 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Kerryn Feehan 7 PM @ Comedy Bar

Songfest 7 PM @ Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium

Mini Monster Duo 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Who Are These Guys 7 PM @ Yardarm

BritBeat 7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Wayland 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Thax Douglas Presents: Pure Service, Joshua Francis, Secret Rats, Brother Derek 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Sushi Roll 8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Katie Sullivan 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Mike Droho 8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

The Mixed Emotions Band 9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

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SUN 9/24

Tony Walker
11 AM @ Czipar's Orchard

Chris Ross
11 AM @ Breitbach's Country Dining (Balltown, IA)

Stef and Daniels Band
1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Jef Spradley
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Pennyroyal
3 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Paul Filipowicz
3 PM @ New Diggings General Store (New Diggings, WI)

Larry Michael & Debra Kay
3 PM @ BAR-tell Bar & Grill (Hazel Green, WI)

27th Anniversary Festival:
Avey Grouws Band
3 PM @ Tabor Home Winery (Baldwin, IA)

IARGUS 2023
Grand Gala Dubuque
4 PM @ UD Blades Chapel

Resistors
4 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Shekinah King
7 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

TUE 9/26
Brother Elsey
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

WED 9/27
Mid-Week Market on Iowa Street: Dan Zaccaro
5 PM @ 11th and Iowa St

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Holiday Inn
River Rock Kitchen & Tap

Kampfire Kings
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 9/28
Cruisin' Thursdays: Nutsy Turtle
5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Ralph Kluseman
6 PM @ Houlihan's

Penn & Teller Presents:
The Foolers
7 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Andrew Huber
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

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

FRI 9/29
Steve & Randy
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Burning Red: Tribute To Taylor
7 PM @ Five Flags Arena

The Boys
7 PM @ Yardarm

Mark Zalaznik
7 PM @ Off Shore Resort Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

Van Orman and Helwin
7 PM @ Eliza's Lounge (Mineral Point, WI)

Alex Velluto
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Smells Like Nirvana
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Bru Lei, Coolzey, Wxlley
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

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8 PM @ Q Casino Q Showroom

Ian Gould
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Alisabeth Von Presley
8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT 9/30
Dubuque Farmers' Market:
Jacquie Miller,
Cameron McCallister
7 AM @ 11th-13th & Iowa St

Gypsy
10 AM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Chris Ross
11 AM @ Breitbach's Country Dining (Balltown, IA)

Galena Oktoberfest:
Goodtime Dutchmen @ 11 AM
Dave Austin Band @ 3 PM
Boogie Monster @ 7 PM
Depot Park (Galena, IL)

Jefferson Fosbender
Noon @ Dimensional
Brewing Co

Marty Raymon
1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Scales Mound, IL)

Jimmy Welty Band
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Dubuque Latinx Fiesta
2 PM @ Smokestack

Jef Spradley @ 2 PM
The Lonely Goats @ 8 PM
Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Terry McCauley
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort Bar & Grill (Bellevue, IA)

One Headlight
3 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

The Mixed Emotions Band
4 PM @ Son Chasers (Cassville, WI)

Gypsy
5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Secrets
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Alex Velluto
7 PM @ Comedy Bar

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Adam Bartels
7 PM @ Yardarm

Sunshine
7 PM @ FOE Aerie No 952 (Galena, IL)

Roy Schroedl
7 PM @ Hoof It (Galena, IL)

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Sandy Bottoms-Up Campground (Cassville, WI)

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2nd Sun, Oct event on 10/15

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

Bingo
4 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Open Mic & Sketch Group w/ Addison Aronson
4 PM @ Smokestack
1st Sun

MONDAY

Trivia w/ Fun N Games
6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Company (Dyersville, IA)
1st & 3rd Mon

Taproom Trivia w/ Fun N Games Company
6:30 PM @ The Corner Taproom (Cascade, IA)
2nd Mon

TUESDAY

Dance Dance Party Party
5:30 PM @ Smokestack
2nd Tue

Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Jon Purvis and DJ Nick Riedman
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
7 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque Riverboat Lounge

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

HitMix Music Bingo
7 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

WORDS:
Poetry Hip-Hop Open Mic
7 PM @ Esther's Lounge

Open Mic
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Trivia w/ Fun N Games Company
7 PM @ Lina's Lounge

The Mixologist DJ AA
7 PM @ The Other Side (East Dubuque, IL)

Rockstar Bingo
7 PM @ 7 Hills North (Platteville, WI)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
8:30 PM @ Denny's Lux Club

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele Entertainment
9 PM @ Baraboo's on Main

THURSDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6:30 PM @ Hy-Vee Dodge

Dolph's Vinyl Night w/ Jeff Danna
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Family Game Night
7 PM @ 7 Hills West (Dyersville, IA)

Music Bingo w/ Think & Drink
8 PM @ Barrel House

Tomato Throw Show
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Thirsty Thursday Open Mic
8 PM @ Smokestack

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

Dolph's Vinyl Night w/ Jeff Danna
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar
3rd Fri

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ Offside Sports Complex
2nd Fri

Karaoke & Live Music w/ Johnny C
7 PM @ Swiss Inn (East Dubuque, IL)
2nd Fri

Trivia Night
7 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing (Maquoketa, IA)
1st Fri

Karaoke
7:30 PM @ Lock 12

(Bellevue, IA)
1st & 3rd Fri through Dec

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

Open Mic Karaoke
8:30 PM @ The Big House (Petersburg, IA)

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele
9 PM @ Baraboo's on Main

SATURDAY

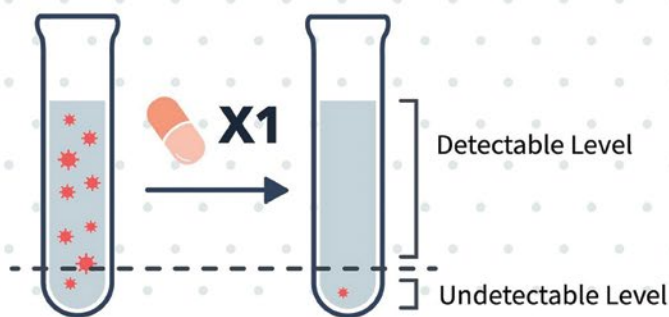
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9 PM @ Swiss Inn (East Dubuque, IL)
Last Sat

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Oct 8 @ Adler Theatre

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Oct 13 @ Adler Theatre

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Sept 28 @ Vibrant Arena

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Sept 19 @ The Rust Belt

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Sept 21 @ The Rust Belt

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Oct 13 @ The Rust Belt

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We Are Messengers
Sept 21 @ Paramount Theatre

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Sept 23 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

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Sept 23 @ Paramount Theatre

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Sept 27 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

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Sept 29 @ Paramount Theatre

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Oct 13 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

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Sept 20 @ The Englert Theatre

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Sept 29 @ The Englert Theatre

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Blake Shaw
Sept 30 @ The Englert Theatre

Devendra Banhart, Rogov
Oct 3 @ The Englert Theatre

Shovels & Rope,
Margo Cilker, Cristy Hays
Oct 13 @ The Englert Theatre

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Sept 28 @ Riverside Casino

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Sept 29 @ Riverside Casino

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BoDeans
Sept 15 @ Barrymore Theatre

Riley Green
Sept 16 @ Alliant Energy Center

Brad Williams
Sept 16 @ Barrymore Theatre

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Sept 16 @ Liquid

We Are Messengers
Sept 17 @ Overture Center

Jungle, Joesef
Sept 18 @ The Sylvee

Bryce Vine, RMR, Chad Tepper
Sept 21 @ The Sylvee

Lovett or Leave It
Sept 22 @ Barrymore Theatre

Hayden James
Sept 22 @ Liquid

Kathleen Madigan
Sept 22 @ The Orpheum

NOTD
Sept 23 @ Liquid

Hasan Minhaj
Sept 23 @ The Orpheum

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Oct 1 @ Barrymore Theatre

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SNBRN
Oct 6 @ Liquid

Black Veil Brides & VV,
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Oct 7 @ The Sylvee

Nimesh Patel
Oct 8 @ Barrymore Theatre

Brian Setzer, Yates McKendree
Oct 9 @ The Orpheum

Joanne Shaw Taylor
Oct 11 @ Barrymore Theatre

Zhu
Oct 11 @ The Sylvee

The Dollop
Oct 12 @ Barrymore Theatre

The Temptations & The Four Tops
Oct 12 @ The Orpheum

Carly Pearce, Hannah Ellis
Oct 12 @ The Sylvee

ARIZONA, Fly by Midnight
Oct 13 @ The Sylvee

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SEPTEMBER 15 @ 8 PM

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The Old School

SEPTEMBER 16 @ 8 PM

The Old School are four guys who just like playing old school rock from the 70s and the 80s.

Additional Entertainment

WAYLAND

SEPTEMBER 23 @ 8 PM

SMELLS LIKE NIRVANA

SEPTEMBER 29 @ 8 PM

BILL HALEY JR AND THE COMETS

SEPTEMBER 30 @ 8 PM

JOSH MELOY

OCTOBER 6 @ 8 PM

CARPOOL

OCTOBER 7 @ 8 PM

HEYWOOD BANKS

OCTOBER 13 @ 8 PM

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OCTOBER 27 @ 8 PM

MENACE

OCTOBER 28 @ 8 PM

RYAN NIEMILLER

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Enjoy an evening of rock and bluegrass on Friday, Sept. 15, when Trampled by Turtles head to Q Casino Back Waters Stage.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The opening act will be Charles Wesley Godwin, a country and folk singer from West Virginia.

Duluth, MN-based Trampled by Turtles released their first record, *Songs from a Ghost Town*, in 2004. In a genre steeped in tradition, the album stood out for its contemporary sound, essentially bridging the gap between the bandmates' background in rock music and their new acoustic leanings. The band's fourth release, *Duluth*, peaked at number eight on the Billboard bluegrass chart and paved the way for a number of festival appearances. When *Palomino* arrived in 2010, it was met with an even greater response, debuting at the top of the bluegrass chart and remaining in the Top Ten for more than a year. Two years later, their crossover appeal landed them at number 32 on the Billboard 200 pop charts upon the release of their sixth album, *Stars and Satellites*. Their latest release, *Alpenglow*, was produced by Jeff Tweedy of Wilco.

Tickets start at \$49.99. The all-ages show is held rain or shine. Purchase tickets in person at Q Casino or online at BackWatersStage.com. ■



BritBeat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 @ 7:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL
(2255 BENNETT ST)

Step into a time machine and experience a remarkable and propelling recreation of the Fab Four in concert during the fabulous 1960s! BritBeat: A Multimedia Concert Journey Through Beatles Music History will take the stage on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m., in John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center.

From its inception as a high school vision by Chris Getsla at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, IL, to an internationally renowned touring show, BritBeat has mesmerized audiences worldwide with its authentic tribute to the Beatles for over 23 years. Having performed thousands of shows across the globe, BritBeat has also shared the stage with a veritable who's who of sixties rock history, captivating audiences with their

immersive performances and dedication to preserving the Beatles' legacy.

With magnificent attention to detail, six dazzling costume changes, exquisite musicianship, powerful vocals, and a spectacular, stunning, and immersive multimedia backdrop, audiences will experience an engaging and electrifying trip through the iconic music catalog of the band of the century, the Beatles.

Each stage of the Beatles' history is brought to life in BritBeat's performances, including their early days at The Cavern Club in Liverpool through to the Abbey Road Studios recording sessions. What sets BritBeat apart from other tribute acts is their award-winning, stunning, and spectacular video projections that accompany the performers on stage, creating an immersive and unforgettable experience for fans.

By seamlessly blending stunning visuals with the emotive power of the music of the Beatles, BritBeat's mesmerizing Beatles show transports audiences into a world where sight and sound are synchronized. The integration of BritBeat's cutting-edge technology enhances the artistic expression of the performers, allowing them to communicate moods, memories, and emotions of Beatlemania in ways that were previously unimaginable.

Tickets are \$25-\$45. All tickets increase by \$5 for purchases on the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

SAT 9/16



Rick Berthod

8 PM @ FLATTED FIFTH BLUES & BBQ
(BELLEVUE, IA)

COVER: FREE

Rick started playing blues guitar in his late teens influenced by Eric Clapton, Duane Allman, Rory Gallagher, Jeff Beck, Jimi Hendrix, and BB King. Rick played clubs in town even though he was barely old enough to get into a bar. While living in Colorado Rick put together an All-Star Blues Rock band. After moving to LA in 1988, Albert Collins helped Rick put together a band of the best blues players on the West Coast. Rick's contemporary influences are Robben Ford, Warren Hanes, and Larry Carlton.



charlie otto + his gear

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

COVER: FREE

Charlie Otto is founder of the cult darlings This Must be the Band and DJ noDJ. "charlie otto + his gear" is his first solo project, running on the cutting edge of both music and video performance. Almost no one else is spontaneously using their guitar solo to generate what you see on the screen, or turning a knob to both modulate a synth and distort the images in the video. The lyrics and chords are gushing with feeling, the drums are throbbing, the synths are huge, it's very electronic while still achieving rock and roll status—probably because most of it is controlled by Charlie's amazing multi-guitar.

FRI 9/22



Uncle Lucius

10:30 PM @ FOX DEN MOTEL (920 MAIN ST)

TICKETS: \$25

Austin, TX's Uncle Lucius built a reputation as a live powerhouse on their way to becoming one of the biggest names in Southern rock. They also had a song on TV show *Yellowstone*. In 2013, *Radio Texas, Live!* put Uncle Lucius at No. 1 on their Top 5: The Most Underrated Artists in Texas Music list. The band received a Texas Regional Radio Music Award for Best New Duo/Group/Band in 2014 and was nominated for Country Band of the Year at the Texas Country Music Awards in 2018. Produced with the help of a crowdfunding campaign, their 2015 LP, *The Light* peaked at No. 16 on *Billboard's* Americana/Folk Albums chart. FoxDenMotel.com.

SUN 9/24



IARGUS 2023 Grand Gala Dubuque

4 PM @ UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE
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SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15

This year's festival is dedicated to the 250th anniversary since the birth of Andrei Sychra (1773-1850), the Czech guitarist and composer who was born in Lithuania, spent most of his life in Russia, and contributed more than anybody to the development of the seven-string guitar. Musicians include Dan Caraway, Dmitry and Mikhail Melnik, and Oleg Timofeyev, plus international guests James Akers of Scotland and Stefan Wester of Sweden.



Cash & Cline
 COUNTRY ROYALTY TRIBUTE SHOW
 FEATURING BENNY WHEELS
 AND LORI GRAVEL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 @ 7 PM
 OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
 (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)
 The Cash and Cline: Country Royalty Tribute Show brings together a tribute to two of the most influential and legendary artists of all time. See Benny Wheels as Johnny Cash with special guest Lori Gravel as Patsy Cline at Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA.

Benny Wheels is referred by many to be the No. 1 tribute to Cash working

today. Gravel has been singing for 45 years, performing at weddings, funerals, and band gigs. They will be backed by Walkin' the Line tribute band.

This is a family-friendly, entertaining tribute show. Enjoy the hits and fan favorites performed live by these two seasoned tribute artists. Take a journey back to experience classic country music.

Tickets are \$22 in advance or \$25 at the door for adults and \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center box office, by calling **563-652-9815**, or at OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com. ■

FRI 9/29



Alex Velluto

8 PM @ THE COMEDY BAR (333 E 10TH ST)
 TICKETS: \$20 GA, \$25 VIP
 Alex Velluto is known for his exceptional talent and unique accomplishments. Alex stands alone as the only comedian to have performed in three Dry Bar Comedy specials including his latest, *The Big Gulp Kid*. His specials have earned him millions of online views and thousands of fans including a follow from the official 7-Eleven Instagram account.

SUN 10/1



Sarah Day

2 PM @ OFF SHORE RESORT
 (4115 N RIVERVIEW, BELLEVUE, IA)
 Wisconsin-based singer/songwriter Sarah Day performs music with eclectic roots in rock, folk, country, and pop. Influenced by female powerhouses of the past including Stevie Nicks, Janis Joplin, and Patsy Cline, Sarah brings a fresh twist to classic tunes, honest lyrics, and soulful vocals. Big time fan of Led Zeppelin, The Doors, and Jackson Browne, you can expect to hear some classic rock tunes and spunky originals with a dash of girl rock pizzazz.



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SMASH BURGER

The Hangry Hobo

By Bryce Parks

Hangry Hobo is the latest entry into the seemingly ever-growing Dubuque food truck pantheon, but they are by no means an also-ran. Right out of the gate, the food coming off of Nick Bries' grill at his dream career is legit and deserves your trust in giving them a try.

Not too long ago, Nick was a professional plumber. But getting older, he knew his back wasn't going to last much longer hunched over or digging holes. If there was a time to take the money he saved up and prepare for the next part of his life, now was the time. And despite a number of jobs from painter to construction, you don't see "chef" on that list of experience. But fear not, the training is there.

"Yeah, I was involved with my brother (Mike Bries) in many of his food ventures in the past. I always worked in the kitchen, doing prep work in the back. I worked at Barrel House for him. That's how I got to know Adam here that works with me. He also used to work for Birds [one of Dubuque's other completely amazing food trucks]."

There's a little bit of "if you know, you know" when Nick Bries mentions his brother Mike. Mike has served up some of the best food we've ever had in town at place's he's worked, owned, or managed. Places like Watershed Cafe (may it rest in peace), Athenian Grill (in its heyday), Michael Paul's, and more. Mike Bries knows great food, and through many of those culinary stops, his brother Nick

was right there with him working as a prep cook, learning the craft, and coming to appreciate delicious food creation.

Nick started from scratch in creating Hangry Hobo starting with the order of his custom-made trailer with eight-foot ceilings. It took approximately six weeks. Then the general contractors built it out including electric and, of course, his former boss, Minor Plumbing, did the plumbing.

"Jake, my old boss, actually helped me get this thing all together. And I had some good people help me out to get where I'm at."

So, when the truck was done and the name picked out, logo whipped up and the trailer was getting wrapped and make pretty for the people, the menu had to get finalized. You won't be surprised at all when I tell you that dialing in the best items to serve, he turned to none other than his brother Mike to help him decide.

"I really liked his turkey melt and the gyros, and I mean, he's always willing to help me out if I need help with anything or recipe or whatnot," noted Nick. "Smash burgers are a new big thing. So I decided to do that. People are loving mine which are part short rib."

"The taco was my idea. I'm a big taco guy, and so are my fiance and my kids. I used to love Taco Rio at the end of Rhomberg, and that's where I got the idea from with the deep fried taco."

Starting out, Nick has featured a lot of revolving specials, and he sees what people like the most, what works best, and what goes over consistently well.

"It's a floating menu right now, just until we get it dialed in and I see what sells. People love what we have already. So, I think the menu that I have out there today is gonna be my menu for a while."

So, what's on that menu? Well, what's usually on that menu. Those deep fried tacos he's talkin' about are served in a giant, fried, gyro pita shell, and they are delicious. I can attest to

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GYRO

that. But he might have to serve it with a fork... and a handful of napkins.

Of course, this means that he also has an excellent gyro with all the traditional fixings.

The smash burger comes with your choice of provolone, cheddar, swiss, or pepper jack cheese.

Brother Mike's famous turkey melt lives on at Hangry Hobo. Or maybe a chicken bacon ranch wrap. Or, oooh... a Hobo Melt with ribeye steak, cheddar, and swiss. Or simplify (sort of) with a Hank Ren Grilled Cheese with cheddar, swiss, bacon, and tomato.

Everything comes with a generous serving of fresh, crispy french fries.

And you can even get some starters to kick things off with mini tacos or Hobo Poppers.

On our first visit, we had the smash burger, and it's the real deal. No frozen patty here. Fresh burger with that short rib we mentioned ground right in there and fixed on the flat top with a good ol' smash to get a crisp edge on it.

It was all fresh tasting, juicy, flavorful, and filling. We're not sure you need a starter to fill you up, but who am I to crush your dreams?

We think and hope that he'll add the convenience of beverages to his offering line up, and a lot of these items could be well served by a knife and fork and ketchup packets. So, I'll bet that all happens as well.

Just weeks in, Bries could not be happier with how things are going.

"Everything's going great. So, I couldn't be happier. I get choked up saying it." Clearly, this labor of love for Nick is far more than just a job. He has put his everything into this, and so much life experience and skill has finally culminated in something that is truly his, from the ground up.

"Something about it. I've done a lot of things over the years. You know, I always made money, but I didn't make it from the ground up."

Already Nick is finding some consistent spots that are winners so people can get used to knowing where to find him. And even those spots are kind of in family locations.

"That's why I consistently set up at TownePlace Suites down at 1151 Washington St. I used to be the chief engineer of maintenance down there. And I set up regularly at Journey Church [3939 Pennsylvania Ave]. It's my church, and I plan to operate right through the winter, too.

"We are also going to start booking some dinners starting in September. If anyone would like to book something, feel free to message us through Facebook Messenger."

So, get your food hanger up and track down the big green trailer! And tell 'em *365ink* sent ya! ■



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A HAUNTING IN VENICE (PG-13)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

In post-World War II Venice, Detective Hercule Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer. Based upon the Agatha Christie novel *Hallo'een Party*.



CAMP HIDEOUT (PG)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

After a troubled teen steals an important item from two big city goons, he hides in a church summer camp and finds he must protect his newfound friends at all cost when the goons track him down.



EXPENDABLES (R)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Armed with every weapon they can get their hands on, the Expendables are the world's last line of defense and the team that gets called when all other options are off the table to prevent a nuclear war between Russia and the United States. Features a new group of Expendables, including Iko Uwais (*The Raid*), 50 Cent and... Andy Garcia?



THE CREATOR (PG-13)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

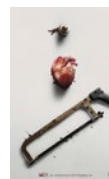
Amidst a future war between the human race and the forces of artificial intelligence, Joshua, a hardened ex-special forces agent grieving the disappearance of his wife, is recruited to hunt down and kill the Creator, the elusive architect of advanced AI who has developed a mysterious weapon with the power to end the war... and mankind itself. Directed by Gareth Edwards (*Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*).



SAW X (R)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Chasing a promising procedure that would allegedly cure his cancer, John Kramer heads towards Mexico to go through an experimental treatment, only to find out he was prey for a scam. Now, the scammers become the prey in Jigsaw's new game. The movie is set between *Saw 2* and *3*. Somehow.

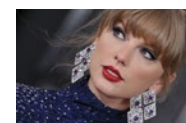


Movie Buzz

Samuel L. Jackson is in talks to star as the President of the United States in *The Beast*. The story revolves around the titular Beast, the Secret Service's nickname for the Presidential limousine, which is effectively an impenetrable armor-plated and bomb-proof tank stocked with weapons. The movie has secured a waiver from SAG-AFTRA as the production has agreed to adhere to the union's demands.



A concert film about Taylor Swift's Eras Tour was announced to be coming to theaters in October, and it utterly smashed the record for ticket pre-sales, previously held by *Spider-Man: No Way Home*. Projections are that it could hit more than double the current \$73 million record for the domestic box-office gross of a concert film (currently held by *Justin Bieber: Never Say Never*).



Warner Bros. Discovery claimed that it stands to lose up to \$500 million due to the ongoing writers' and actors' union strikes. In contrast, the Writers Guild of America issued a statement saying that the total cost for studios to meet the WGA's demands (for fair pay and streaming residuals) would total a whopping... \$47 million.



Craig Mazin revealed that he wrote a script for a sixth *Pirates of the Caribbean* film. He and co-writer Ted Elliot made a pitch and they felt it was "too weird," and that it would never be bought... and then Disney bought it. No word on if Johnny Depp and/or Orlando Bloom would return to the franchise.



The long-gestating remake of *The Crow*, which has been in development hell for more than two decades, now has a distributor and a release window. Lionsgate now aims to release it sometime in the first half of 2024. The revenge thriller, which shot in eastern Europe earlier this year, is a reimagining of the 1994 cult classic that starred Brandon Lee in his last role. Bill Skarsgard (*IT*) stars.





Making Family Meals SOUPer Duper

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

So what if dinner's not a four-course meal, served at 6 p.m. sharp, or even on all seven nights a week? The act of sitting around the dinner table with your kids can provide BIG benefits. Studies show that families who eat together have kids who perform better in school and have a lower risk of developing future eating disorders, substance abuses, obesity, and depression. Family dinners have also been found to relieve stress and save money.

September is National Family Meals Month, which encourages families to share one more meal together at home each week. How often do family meals occur in your household? If it's less than 2 to 3 times per week, consider setting one new goal this fall like eating one more family meal together. Not sure where to start? Consider these four tips to get the entire family involved:

1. **Start small:** Select 1 to 2 nights a week without additional activities that you can sit down as a family to enjoy a meal.

2. **All together now!** When cooking together as a family, read the recipe before getting started. Discuss how long it will take to prepare, and set out all of the ingredients and safe kitchen tools on a counter that everyone is able to reach.
3. **Give everyone a role:** Get the kids involved and divvy up meal prep tasks based on your children's ages and abilities. Measuring and mixing ingredients are math and science teaching moments, while small muscle skills develop from cooking tasks. Recipes and nutrition labels offer reading comprehension opportunities, and as children get older, they can take on more complex tasks, like chopping veggies or developing various garnish combos to encourage their culinary creativity and independence. Teens and adults can kick off table talk each night with one of these simple conversation starters:
 - **Foodie feelings:** If you could only eat three foods for the rest of your life, what would they be and why?
 - **Dream on:** What is something you want to learn to do and why?
 - **Get the giggles:** Would you rather swim in a pool of chocolate pudding or strawberry ice cream?
 - **School small talk:** If you could teach any school subject, real or pretend, what would it be?
4. **Establish family table rules:** No electronics at the table to distract from conversation. Distractions can also encourage overeating, leading to potentially unhealthy long-term results.

Bottom line: By taking the time to share meals with our loved ones, we can nourish our bodies and our relationships, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Remember: If you don't want picky kids, try not to be picky yourselves. That includes eating your serving of veggies, too! Eating together tastes better. Pledge to eat with your family more this fall. ■



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Ann Patchett

By John McAndrew

You will not want Ann Patchett's book of exquisite essays, *These Precious Days* (now in paperback) to end. The final page feels like hugging your best friend after graduation: Must we part?

The beloved bestselling author of *Bel Canto*, *Tom Lake*, *The Dutch House*, and other novels has collected her second book of autobiographical essays. If you love a book lover, give them this for any occasion or none at all. It's a treasure trove.

"That moment when you write a single, perfect sentence is worth more than an entire box of biscuits."

Patchett's recollections of the Iowa Writers Workshop alone are worth the price of the paperback as is the title essay, the story of her deep friendship with Sooki Raphael, an artist who worked for Tom Hanks. (The book's cover art is by Sooki.) The story of how they met, how their friendship developed, and how the arrival of cancer changed everything is tender and moving and leaves the reader both sad and grateful. Death and loss are frequent, but not necessarily depressing, elements of these essays.

If all you ever read of people of faith is dispatches from the culture wars, it may be surprising, even refreshing, to read Patchett's portraits of people of faith. For example, she writes of her friend, Father Charlie Strobel, "We want to get close so we can convince ourselves

that he is made of some rare and superior material that hasn't been given to us, but it isn't true. Calling him a saint is just a way of letting ourselves off the hook."

I could read her essay "How to Practice" five times and take delight from it each time. Her warm recollections of her best friend's father, Kent, and his hippie new age wisdom. The groundedness of her husband, Karl, his willingness to join Ann in a purge of accumulated belongings, his joy in giving things away.

The content and settings are commonplace: stories of friends, their families, passages of life, work done together. But the way she tells these stories helps us recognize the commonplace as gardens where grace can be found. She never gets sentimental or syrupy. It's just that she helps us recognize how deeply valuable these relationships and shared activities are.

We learn that Ann spent a year not buying anything. That she owns a bookstore. That she and her mother were frequently mistaken for sisters. That she thought actors should stick to acting. That she was not a strong reader as a child. That knitting saved her life—twice! And that she loved Snoopy...

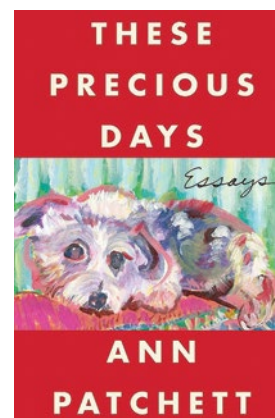
"Influence is a combination of circumstance and luck: what we are shown and what we stumble upon in those brief years when our hearts and minds are fully open. I imagine that for Henry James, the extended European tour of his youth led him to write about American expatriates. I, instead, was in northern California being imprinted by a comic strip."

You will relate to some essays and stories more than others. You may be more interested in knitting, say, than you are

in the American Academy of Arts & Letters (of which she is one of the 250 members), Snoopy, or downsizing. But in every essay—whether about her mother, her three fathers, fangirling over Eudora Welty, John Updike, or other authors—we see her "grappling with the same themes in my writing and in my life: what I needed, whom I loved, what I could let go, and how much energy the letting go would take."

And you will absolutely fall in love with Karl, especially when you read about his and Ann's trip home from Moscow in a plane loaded with American parents bringing home newly adopted Russian babies.

It sounds trite to talk about perfect sentences. But it would feel negligent not to. (And besides, Ann brought it up.) You will find one, for example, at the end of her short essay "Two More Things I Want to Say about my Father." It is perfect. There are *many* such moments throughout the book. You can't miss them. I was tempted to make this review nothing but a selection of her perfect sentences. But it would be cruel to take them out of context and spoil the effect. These jewels are enhanced by their settings. Boxes and boxes of biscuits. (I am not Ann Patchett; I can mix my metaphors.) Dig in! ■



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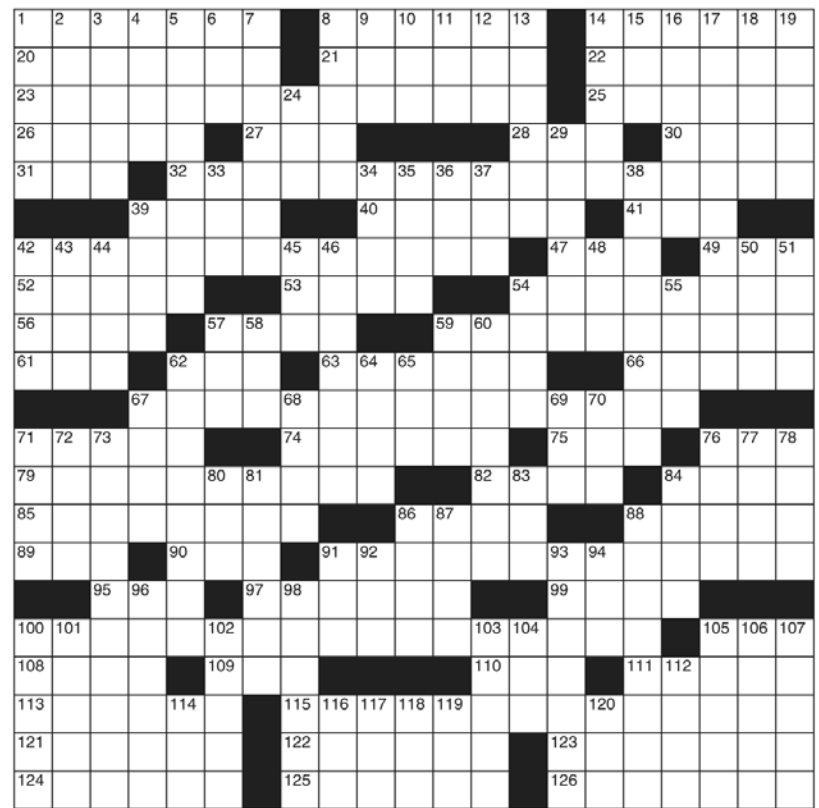
PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

AMERICAN CINEMA

ACROSS

- 1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase
- 8 Recording on a cassette
- 14 Drab military wear
- 20 Jostled, in a way
- 21 Fill with love
- 22 Wear away
- 23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy
- 25 Evening party
- 26 Second-string sports squad
- 27 Screw up
- 28 Revered Fr. woman
- 30 Singer Anita
- 31 "Absolutely!"
- 32 1991 Denzel Washington drama
- 39 Certain Slav
- 40 Novelist Gay
- 41 "Help!," asea
- 42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama
- 47 Tango move
- 49 Actor Linden
- 52 Wear away
- 53 Cribbage pins
- 54 Voluntarily
- 56 Messy sort
- 57 Executive nix
- 59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy
- 61 Take an ax to
- 62 Amigo
- 63 Got close to
- 66 Ronstadt of song
- 67 1978 Maggie Smith comedy
- 71 Pretend to be
- 74 Pontificated
- 75 "— Miniver"
- 76 37-Down container
- 79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie
- 82 Maple fluids
- 84 Jestling Jay
- 85 Tablelands, French-style
- 86 Org. looking for aliens
- 88 Deserve
- 89 Ecol. or biol.
- 90 Film bomb
- 91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy
- 95 "General" on a Chinese menu
- 97 Even (with)
- 99 Fleming and McKellen
- 100 1991 River Phoenix drama
- 105 Morning times, in brief
- 108 — avis
- 109 Dusting cloth
- 110 Talking- — (lectures)
- 111 Smack the baseball hard
- 113 Flaxen-haired woman
- 115 Fictitious college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle
- 121 Apple media player

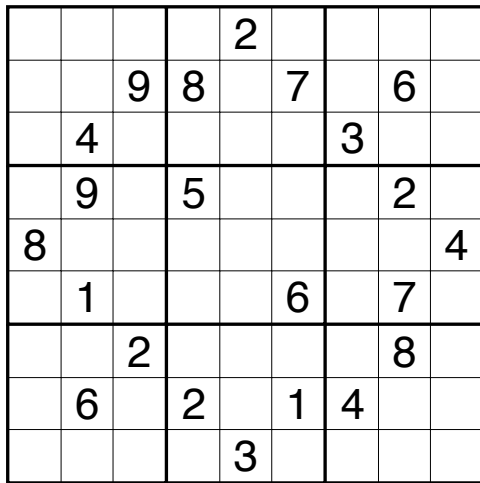


- 122 Quiz show fodder
- 123 Designed to fit most people
- 124 Argon and radon
- 125 Shiny fabrics
- 126 Ingredient in emollients
- 36 Sort
- 37 Soup veggie
- 38 Road paving materials
- 39 Wild guess
- 42 Net fabric
- 43 Harvard rival
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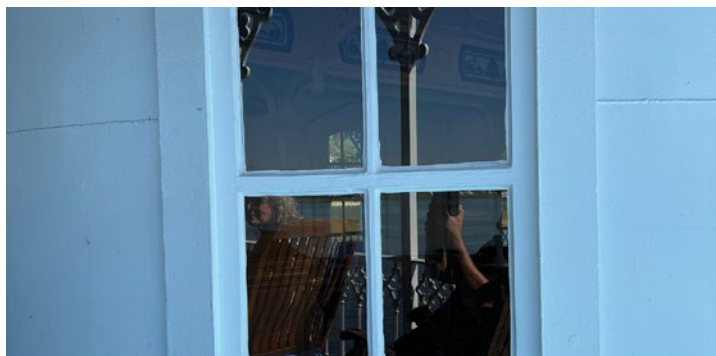
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Big Enough Lap

By Matt Booth

My Grandma Kennedy had knee replacement surgery when she was 70 years old. She didn't fear getting older. All she cared about was being able to attend and dance at the next grandkid's wedding or hold the next great-grandkid on her lap! No matter how old she was, she had hope that tomorrow could be better than today. Grandma always had a big enough lap for everyone!

You can find things to be hopeful about, too. Get active in the community. Love your family. You don't have to be a vulture all of the time. If you decide to take that route, you might as well go to the morgue, get a ticket, and wait in line! You can have hope. Hope that tomorrow will be better than today. How big is your lap?

A hopeful person's relationships are strong and based on truth, honesty, and transparency. Good communicators are straightforward and have nothing to hide. "Tell the truth because if you lie, you have to remember what you lied about." It's always better to tell the truth. If there's a conflict or misunderstanding, call and straighten it out.

Is the hopeful person perfect? Heck no! They have bad days, too. It's okay to have bad days. The difference is how they bounce back. They intentionally work on their attitude and surround themselves with more positive people. We know we can't be positive 100 percent of the time. I consider myself a generally positive, happy person. I'm positive about 87% of the time,

but I take the other 13% and deal with it productively, by moving or praying. I get the crap cleared out, refocus, and get back to basics. It's impossible to have hopeful and negative thoughts at the same time.

Now, let's contrast this to the non-hopeful person. If you don't have hope, it is hard to find a purpose. The non-hopeful person thinks, "Why should I try when tomorrow is going to suck anyway?" Look around at your coworkers, friends, family, neighbors, and community. It's not hard to see we currently have a "purpose crisis" in our country. Millions of people woke up this morning without a purpose in life, and they're going to a job they dislike that doesn't use their gifts and talents.

Maybe you're like the millions of other Americans wondering, "What the heck have we gone through the last few years, and what am I going to do about it?" People are disoriented, disillusioned, and disappointed. Changing our lives to fit COVID-19 restrictions has revealed the cracks in our concrete. People are asking themselves, "Is this the life I want?" What an excellent question to ask ourselves! The answer starts with hope. If we lack hope, we're not motivated to improve the future. My Grandma had a big enough lap for everyone! How big is your lap? ■

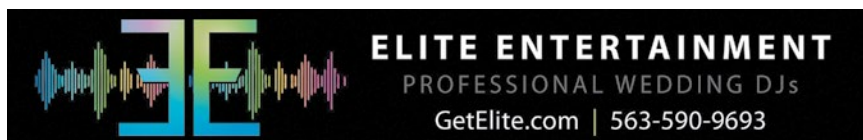
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Some models may have this information stamped onto the seat itself. Instead of the expiration date, some seats will have the date it was made. In this case, the car seat manual will let you know how many years the seat is safe to use. Don't worry if you have misplaced your manual; the seat's website will have all the information you need. Infant seats typically have two parts, the carrier and the base. Make sure to check the expiration date on both parts. The date will be the same if you bought the seat and base together as a set, but the base may differ if you purchased it separately. If you have any questions about the expiration date of your seat, you can always contact your seat's manufacturer.

If you have an expired seat, what should you do? You should always dispose of any carseat that is expired, been in an accident, or recalled (per the manufacturer's instructions). Cut the straps off your seat, rendering it unusable, and place it on the curb during trash day. Some retail stores will have specific times you can bring your expired seat to be disposed of as well. This may seem wasteful, but an expired seat can be a dangerous seat. The seat will not do what it's designed to do—protect a child in a crash—if it's expired.

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Car Seat Safety

We all know to check for expiration dates for our food and medications, but did you know car seats and booster seats expire as well? Most car seats and boosters expire between 6 and 10 years. Each manufacturer has their own expiration timeline based on the materials used and the type of seat. Hard plastics degrade over time, becoming brittle. Buckles and other moving parts can become worn over years of use. This degradation is compounded by the environment, such as sitting in a hot car all summer, or a freezing truck in the winter. Food spills can jam up buckles. Cleaning up spills can deteriorate the fire-retardant coating on the soft fabric.

Some of us remember when seat belts were not required. Laws are changing, and so are car seats. Manufacturers are creating new ways to keep our little ones safe. New technology allows seats to be easier to use and install. Every car seat manufacturer strives for a better seat with each model. The carseat industry and legislation is always evolving, and new requirements are constantly coming out every few years. With new requirements also come new labeling practices. By enforcing an expiration date, each child has the opportunity to benefit from the updated requirements.

How do you check the expiration date on your seat? Most seats will have this information on the side or back of the seat, usually on a sticker that contains the manufacturer and model numbers.


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Young miss Trentz proves to be a tough customer at Graham's Style Store for Men and Women in downtown Dubuque. We're not sure if she's too young to be wooed by a free Dr. Pepper?
Photo by mom, Samantha Trentz.



With opening weekend approaching fast, the crew at Vesperman Farms in Lancaster, WI preps a load of pumpkins to meet the soon-to-be demand of Tri-State fans of the popular venue!



Wednesday Middle School Night was a blast for kids eating a spaghetti dinner with garlic bread and homemade ice cream plus DJ/MC dance par-tay at the Multicultural Family Center. Every Wed is Middle School night, 5-8 PM and every Thursday, 5-8 PM is teen night!



Iowa State Representative Chuck Isenhart is surrounded by supporters of his Campaign for the Common Good during their participation in the Dubuque Labor Day Parade downtown.



Locals enjoy the 2023 edition of Project Rooted's The Rooted Table, a heart-centered affair that brings the community together to enjoy a local meal featuring fresh ingredients from area sources. Photo by Dorothy Mae Photography.



The ladies put their backs into the Tug of War competition at this year's Bloktoberfest celebration in Dubuque Millwork District. The event also featured food, live music and great BMX and Skateboard action.



Sometimes you gotta dig deep to persevere, like this man did to win the pie eating contest at Sandy Hook Tavern's Blueberry Jam Festival over the Labor Day Weekend, raising \$4,000 to put into the Garrett Wade Stephens Memorial Fund to help others.



The USS LST 325 has arrived at the Port of Dubuque. It is the last fully operational WWII Landing Ship Tank in the world and it's open for public tours at each stop it makes.



The Galena Ghostbusters fire up their proton packs to take part in the QuadCon comic and gaming event at Five Flags Civic Center.



Dubuque Teamsters Local 421 take part in the venerable downtown Labor Day Parade in Dubuque, saluting the working men and women of our community.



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DEAR ANGELA,

My wife thinks that our children shouldn't have to do any chores around the house until they are older. They are 13, 11, 9, 7, and 5-year-old triplets. Laundry and dishes alone are like having two full-time jobs. What can I do to change her mind?
—Lots of Tots

DEAR LOTS,

I guess I thought the main reason to have a lot of kids is to offload the household labor onto them? By now, your 13 year old should be able to use the chainsaw to cut up dead branches, the 11 and 9 year olds should split up

the plumbing and minor electrical work, the 7 year old should be a pro at all the lawn mowing and bookkeeping, and the triplets should really be babysitting themselves. But you have to start that training young. Beethoven was 12 when he wrote his first song, which means his parents were hounding him for at least 6 years to "sit at the damn piano and practice." Honestly, it's too late for you to right this ship. Perhaps you can convince the kids to get second jobs? Then you can afford someone to come clean. Otherwise, your best bet is to keep an account of how much the kids owe you so you know just how much of a pain to be in your old age and it's their turn to take care of you.

DEAR ANGELA,

I had a coworker totally throw me under the bus today in front of several other coworkers. She had things all wrong and couldn't even be bothered to give me the benefit of the doubt. I was stunned and couldn't think of a single thing to say to defend myself and explain my side of things. Now I look like a total fool. How do I recover from this?
—Shamed and stunned

DEAR SHAMED,

Oh boy, that's a rough one. I'm sorry that you weren't fast thinking enough to tell your coworker off. You need to practice speed and agility when it comes to defending yourself in the workplace. There are a few things you can try to exercise these skills. First, search for "local improv" and then join a group's practice. Make that noggin move a little bit faster. Next, go to a local drag show, sit right in front and refuse to tip, then listen to the insults roll off their tongues. Do this on repeat until you have the quick thinking combined with the ability to absolutely drag this awful coworker and confidence to confidently rip them a new one, verbally anyway.

DEAR ANGELA,

We've had a few weeks of school now, and it's just not been a good time for me. The kids in my classes either make fun of me or just plain ignore me. The homework takes a lot more time than I thought it would, and I'm really not even confident I have a great grasp on the subjects that I should. No one wants to sit with me at lunch and sometimes I even doze off during class. As a teacher, I feel like I should have it together better than I do!
—Already Tired of Teaching

DEAR TEACH,

I'm not going to sugar coat it: You're in trouble. I remember one time in high school we were all sent to the auditorium and watched *The Sixth Sense* in its entirety. Why did we do that? Another time, they actually bussed us all a half hour away to the nearest movie theater to watch *Joe Dirt* on the big screen (I'm dating myself big time here). I mean, for real, WHY did we have a school-sanctioned movie day multiple times? I wondered about this until you wrote in. Now I know: The entire faculty and administration of my school must have been suffering from the same malaise you are now! I recommend a good, old fashioned "educational movie day" for you, and your students. Teaching math? Show *The Matrix*. Philosophy or religion? Show *The Matrix*. Phys Ed? Show *The Matrix* but make the kids do the weird back bend as best they can.

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ARIES

(APR 19–MAY 13)

You won't be able to stop asking yourself, "What effort am I worth?" which is actually a step up from asking yourself, "Am I worth the effort?" So good job. And to answer your question, the cosmos calculates your worth at 42 effort points, which is pretty solid.



TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

As a doctor, you may have sworn to first do no harm, but over the coming weeks you'll meet some fools for whom a buttwhooping would do a world of good. The real story, however, is how you'll apparently become a doctor in record time.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

To everything there is a season. And it's called Lowry's Seasoned Salt. No disrespect to pumpkin spice.



CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

I'm not saying it's a bad idea, but your proposal to replace your company's rewards punch card with a card that allows your customers to punch people won't make it past legal.



LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

If you think you've gotten away with your past transgressions, think again. People are going to be dredging up so much stuff with you that your name might as well be William M. Black.



VIRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

It's spooky season again! Hooray! Just remember that there's nothing waiting in the shadows more terrifying than what lies waiting for you in the darkness of your soul and you're going to have to face it eventually. But in the meantime, HOO-RAY for spooky season! YAAAAAAAAY!



LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

You'll want to cut the blue wire.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

You're going to be an insufferable know-it-all over the next few weeks. I'd warn you that this could make people think less of you, but that's...no longer a concern at this point. So enjoy braising in your own smugness for once. You've earned it, champ!



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

New moon, new problems. That might sound like a hip hop lyric, but it's not. This is astrology, after all, and most hip-pies can't rap and the rest of them shouldn't rap. No, no! Don't send me evidence to the contrary. I won't listen to it. I'll give peace a chance, just not hippies. Aww, just kidding. They give the best hugs. Anyway, like I said: New moon, new problems! DJ! Drop the beat!



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

Now might be the time for you to set boundaries with everyone around you and create a space that is your own. See? Now doesn't that sound better than "violent uprising"? See, it's all about image.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

You may feel sharp as a tack over the next two se'en night, but here's the thing: Tacks aren't sharp. They're pointy. Pokey? Maybe, but they sure ain't sharp. But neither are you, so the simile stands. That's not a comment on your Intelligence. It just means you do piercing damage instead of slashing damage. You do 1d8 plus your dexterity modifier and proficiency bonus, all piercing damage. And your favored enemy is corkboard so that's another +2 piercing. Of course, that's if you hit. But it looks like you have flanking so you have advantage, too. Roll two d20s.



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

You'll feel the serenity of being truly content with yourself. Or, as your family calls it, "settling for yourself." Or, as everybody else calls it, "giving up on yourself." But whatever. At this point, serenity is serenity, amirite?



PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

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