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I'm a pretty generous guy, I think, but man, can I hold a grudge when I think stupidity, apathy, or injustice is at work.

I say this as I pay off the final bills from our old office. We had Mediacom business internet there. This is like Mediacom's at-home service, except that we did a speed check, and it's actually a fraction of the at-home speed... for twice the price! Welcome to being a business! The other difference is that they force you into multi-year renewal contracts for service. So even though we had been a customer for like 20 years, you still need to, I guess, sign a new contract every few years even though nothing changes about the service or equipment. The only thing it does is paint you into a corner, so that if you end service before the contract is up... yep... PENALTY! Nevermind that you've been a good client for a couple of decades. And that is exactly what happened. I am apparently just finishing the second year of my three-year contract renewal, and thus I owe them \$1,000 for ending the service early. We could not transfer service, as we have internet provided as part of the rent in our new space. So the only answer is canceling.

I understand that it was a contract and they can bend me over whatever barrel they like, but it's just bad business, in my opinion. What way is that to treat a longtime customer? And along those lines, I have Mediacom at home as well. Well, I did anyway. I'm changing to ImOn now, purely out of spite. They can take their \$1,000 pound of flesh, but they're also losing what, \$2,500 or so per year in billing to my home? So kiss that goodbye. And if anyone else in our office switches, that's another \$2,500 a year gone from their coffers per angry person changing their at-home service. So Mediacom, you do your thing and trigger my thing, and now you lost way more money than you would have if you'd have had some compassion, or just plain old respect for longtime customers.

And then there was the saga of moving the 365ink office number to ring to my cellphone. What a mess! After getting my account number and PIN for my Mediacom account, I had to contact Verizon and provide them the info to begin the process. Ten minutes later, the nice guy who helped me said it was all taken care of, and in 24 hours it would all switch.

Guess how well that worked? When I called 26 hours later, that service agent could not even find any changes made to the account. Why was I not shocked? After two transfers, I got a guy who sounded like he was calling from the floor of the



stock exchange. He said in broken English that there was a birthday party happening behind him. A comedy of epic proportions ensued and as I talked to the guy, Kristina, who was sitting across from me in the 365 office, was holding back laughter listening to me try to communicate with this person.

He kept confusing which number I was porting over and which was my existing cellphone number. And then he told me to turn off the phone I was porting to and I was like, "Um... I'm talking to you on that phone." He asked me to do this three times over 10 minutes. A couple times he said, "Can you start over and tell me what we're trying to do?" Insert massive eye-roll and rage-calming exhale here. And then during pauses, he started asking me weird questions. "Oh, you have an iPhone 12, that's a very nice phone." And I was like, "Doesn't everyone have this or better?" "What's your favorite Apple product?" "Have you checked out this service or that?" I finally stopped him and said, "Can we just move the phone number and stay on task?" Rude, I know, but this was getting crazy.

It was a good 30-minute call, and at the end, he could not fix anything. He then said he needed to transfer me to another department to change a thing he was unable to before he could then help me. The new person immediately understood what I wanted to do, fixed it all in five minutes, and everything was great. But that middle guy was the most bizarre customer service call of my life. But at least **563-588-4365** still works. Get it, "588 FOR-365!" I'm so clever, it's disgusting.

Lastly, let me thank every business that donated to my annual Facebook auction for Toys for Tots and all of those great people who then bid generously on the items. We raised \$25,000 in just a few days, and now we're working frantically to get over 100 auction packages out to the winners and collect payment. This whole auction is so much busy work but clearly worth it. So, we just hunker down and git-er-done. And now all we have to do is get over 20,000 toys out to 5,000-plus kids in four counties in the next 30 days. No problema! ■

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LOUIS MURPHY PARK
(1700 S GRANDVIEW AVE)
Hillcrest Family Services' annual lights festival celebrates their 28th anniversary. The drive through event takes place Nov. 23-Jan. 1 at 5-10 p.m. while the walkthrough is offered on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 6-8 p.m.

Visitors will see many new displays and have the option to participate in

the featured "Memory Lane," an opportunity to remember your loved ones in a special way. Santa Claus will visit on Mondays through Christmas.

Hillcrest Family Services is excited to, once again, offer a walk through Reflections in the Park on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. Take your time strolling through the park on foot before the display opens to vehicles. Admission for this one-day-only walk through is \$10 per person, ages 3 and younger free.

For the main event, discounted tickets available at all DB&T banking centers or are available for \$12 per vehicle at the gate. For more information, visit hillcrest-fs.org. ■

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Holidazzle Downtown Dubuque

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 10 AM-8 PM
DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE
Dubuque Main Street announces the return of Holidazzle Downtown Dubuque. This event will take place on Small Business Saturday, November 25.

There will be free shuttle services provided by Trolleys of Dubuque (with support from Andersen Windows & Doors and ImOn Communications) transporting shoppers from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. between Cable Car Square, the Central

Ave Corridor, the Millwork District, and the Old Main Street and Upper Main Street districts. Additionally, carolers will perform during the lunch hour.

"It's part of an effort to encourage holiday shoppers to buy small and local this season," according to Dubuque Main Street's Executive Director, Danielle Jacobs. "Downtown Dubuque businesses can participate by decorating their storefronts and interiors, offering gift-wrapping and holiday specials, serving seasonal refreshments, and more," she added.

This is the second year Dubuque Main Street has hosted this event. Those interested in learning more should call Dubuque Main Street at **563-588-4400** or email office@dubuquemainstreet.org. ■

THU 11/23

Free East Dubuque Thanksgiving Meals

11 AM-3 PM @ EAST DUBUQUE, IL

The East Dubuque Lions Club will provide free traditional Thanksgiving dinners to the East Dubuque, IL, community. This is not income-based; anyone who wants it gets it. You can pick up your meal or they can deliver on Thanksgiving Day. Last year, they provided 544 meals to the community with the help of many volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, join the crew to help deliver meals in the community. Reserve your meal or volunteer. **815-747-9049**.

Ginter Family Thanksgiving Dinner

NOON @ ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Ginter family provides a free, in-person Thanksgiving meal as well as meal deliveries to people unable to leave their homes. Donna Ginter began the annual dinner in 1962. Each year, hundreds of community members give generously to support the annual meal. Free. 1458 W Locust St. **563-556-9647**.

FRI 11/24

**Gnome Hunt**

8 AM-4 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE

PRESERVE (PEOSTA, IA) Nov. 24 and 25. Every year, Swiss Valley staff report sightings of tiny men in red hats hiding out in nooks and crannies along the trails of the preserve. Gnomes are known to be highly skilled wood workers and deeply care for nature may be why they are found here. Share your gnome sightings, insight, and research on the Dubuque County Conservation Facebook page. Free.

13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745**. [facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation](https://www.facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation).

SAT 11/25

DEL's Siege for a Better Dubuque Rainbow Six Siege Tournament

10 AM-6 PM @ DUBUQUE ESPORTS LEAGUE

Join for an exciting day of Rainbow Six Siege competition, camaraderie, and community building. Dubuque Esports League present this new annual event dedicated to supporting their mission to provide a platform for gamers to develop STEM-based skills, grow in their social-emotional attributes and characteristics, discover career pathways, and enhance the skills needed to thrive in work and life. Ages 13+. RSVP by Nov. 23. \$40. 3220 Dodge St. **dbqesports.org**.

Head Lamp Hike

6 PM @ PROVING GROUNDS RECREATION AREA

Discover the magic of hiking at night, where even the most familiar trails reveal unique sights and sounds. Under a blanket of stars, learn all about the surrounding nocturnal forest. This hike is could be adapted to many experience levels, but participants should feel comfortable walking on uneven terrain for 2-3 miles. Bring hiking boots and a headlamp. Free. 10616 W John Deere Rd. **563-556-6745**. [facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation](https://www.facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation).

SUN 11/26

Teeny, Tiny, BOLD: Artist Sunday

11 AM-2 PM @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)

Shop the gallery walls and gift shop to give a special, unique and handcrafted gift this holiday season. *Teeny, Tiny, BOLD* is the annual

juried small works exhibit, highlighting the power in the compact. All artwork is less than 12 inches in any direction. The exhibit features 31 artists from across the US with over 40 works of art. Juried by artist Margie Criner. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. **routreegallery.org**.

TUE 11/28

Heartland Harmony's Holiday Harmonies Concert

7 PM @ WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Holiday Harmonies is a concert of uplifting, inspirational, and holiday music performed by Heartland Harmony, a treble choral ensemble from NISOM, and talented 5th through 12th grade singers from NISOM and Bellevue High School. In lieu of an admission charge, patrons are asked to make a monetary donation to Rotary Dubuque—Holiday Help Interact. 2155 University Ave. **563-580-8367**. nisom.org.

WED 11/29

**Holiday Help: Tips for Coping with Grief & the Holiday**

6:30-8 PM @ MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER (GALENA, IL)
Nov. 29 at 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 30 at 10:30 a.m.-noon.
The presentation will offer additional resources to guide participants during the Christmas season, offer suggestions on avoiding the holiday "blues," tips on how to care for yourself and others, and honor the memory of the person who died. Light refreshments and conversation will follow. RSVP. Free. 1 Medical Center Dr, Galena, IL. **815-776-7381**. MidwestMedicalCenter.org.



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Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9am–2pm

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Don't miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa on Friday, Dec. 1st at 6pm!

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Christmas on the Square

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 10 AM–7 PM

SANTA @ 6 PM

CABLE CAR SQUARE (4TH & BLUFF ST)

Few holiday traditions in Dubuque stretch back as far as Santa Claus coming down the Fenelon Place Elevator to harken in the holiday season after Thanksgiving. The 48-year-old festive gathering is now a full festival and also moved in recent years from Black Friday evening to Small Business Saturday. Dubuque Main Street has organized a great hop-on, hop-off trolley that will ferry people for free from downtown shopping hot spot to hot spot.

The day naturally includes shopping on Cable Car Square from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., highlighting all of the specials

and holiday fare that the retailers on the Square have stocked up on for the gift-giving season. Christmas carolers will stroll from shop to shop and serenade shoppers during the day too.

After you work up a hunger with all the shopping, from 3 to 7 p.m., a great variety of food trucks will set up on the Square. Joie Wails will be performing live at 5 p.m. to accompany your dining selections and shopping excursions.

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

Thanks to Dubuque Toys for Tots, all of the kids who meet Santa will also get to go home with a little surprise gift from Santa with the help of the Hempstead High School cheerleaders who will be helpful elves for the event!

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Jeep Jingle Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 5–7 PM

MAIN STREET, GALENA, IL

Each year, on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrives on his sleigh in historic Galena, IL, reminiscent of a Hallmark holiday movie! It's festive and with even more jingle, cheer, and festivities because he is being escorted with a brightly lit Holiday JEEP parade.

The Galena Civil War Generals will lead things off, followed by the festively decorated Jeep Jingle entourage (75 in total)! The Galena Trolley will transport festive children just ahead of Santa. Candy will be safely distributed to children

during the parade. Make a holiday visit for the day or weekend as Santa's arrival heralds the town's tree lighting.

A little elf spilled the eggnog that Mr. Kringle and The Grinch will be packing gifts to award outstandingly decorated rigs! Come to historical and beautiful downtown Galena to kick-off your holiday season, enjoy the Jeep Jingle parade, and get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping at the local shops.

The parade is also a holiday fundraiser for Riverview Center to benefit families affected by domestic violence who may need assistance during this holiday season... and beyond. Each Jeep in the parade is asked to donate a minimum of a \$25 gift card, which will be given directly to Riverview Center clients. You can also donate by providing a \$25 gift card to local services, purchasing a commemorative Jeep Jingle T-shirt from one of the Galena shops, or make a donation directly to riverviewcenter.org/donate-2.

If you're interested in registering your Jeep for the parade and would like more details, you can register and find out more at [16467.aidaform.com/JeepJingleRegistration](https://16467.aidaform.com/). Or contact Heidi Zull, Director of Development and Public Relations at the Riverview Center by emailing heidiz@riverviewcenter.org. ■

THU 11/30

Steve's Ace Holiday Shopping Social

4:30-7:30 PM @ STEVE'S ACE HOME & GARDEN
The annual shopping social hosts a variety of vendors, food and beverage samples, event-exclusive offers, music, and loads of fun. 3350 JFK Rd. **563-690-1500**. stevesace.com.

FRI 12/1

**AccessDubuque Jobs.com Workforce Breakfast**

8-9:30 AM @ DIAMOND JO CASINO
Join the Greater Dubuque Development team for their twice annual breakfast where they will discuss the latest strategies and recent impacts of their Workforce Solutions efforts. All topics support their #1 priority of workforce and how they are delivering on their promise that YOU can be great here. Space is limited. RSVP. Free. 301 Bell St. **563-557-9049**. greaterdubuque.org.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

6 PM @ ASBURY PARK (ASBURY, IA)
Help decorate the tree by making and placing ornaments on it. Santa will be lighting the tree as a symbolic start to the holiday season. Hot chocolate will be provided. 5499 Asbury Rd, Asbury, IA. **563-556-7106**. cityofasbury.com.

Couples Cooking Class: Taco Pizza

6-7:30 PM @ GALENA ARC (GALENA, IL)
Learn to make this yummy pizza with a spicier flare. Homemade crust layered with meat, beans, cheese, and all the toppings. Make as spicy as you want, too.

Fee includes all ingredients. Bring a pizza pan and your favorite wine, beer, or beverage to enjoy during class. Instructed by Lynn Kaufman. You can also sign up as an individual. \$45 per team. 11084 W US HWY 20, Galena, IL. **galenaarc.org**.

SAT 12/2

The Territory Holiday Market

8:30 AM-1:30 PM @ GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION OWNERS' CLUB (GALENA, IL)
Get in the holiday spirit and welcome the holiday season with winter decorations, gift items, arts and crafts, baked goods, and much more. Free. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. **815-777-2000 x131**. thegalenaterritory.com.

The Galena Territory Holiday Housewalk

10 AM-5 PM @ GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION OWNERS' CLUB (GALENA, IL)
Visit five beautifully decorated homes, Horsepower Farm, and Shenandoah Riding Center on this spectacular holiday tour in The Galena Territory. The tour begins at The Galena Territory Association Owners' Club. Proceeds benefit various Jo Daviess County charities. Ticket sales start at 8:30 a.m. \$18. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. **thegalenaterritory.com**.

**Scuba Santa**

NOON-1 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Dec. 2 and 3. Bring your friends and family to take your picture with Scuba Santa in the Gulf of Mexico Aquarium located in the Rivers to the Sea Exhibit. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. RiverMuseum.com.

**Hazel Green Opera House Gingerbread House Fundraiser**

2-4 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI)
Build a gingerbread house at home and bring it to the opera house the day of the event. There will be prizes in multiple categories. The event is open to amateurs, professional bakers, businesses, families, and children. Visitors will be able to vote on their favorite buildings while munching on homemade cookies. Select buildings will be auctioned off at 4 p.m., when winners will be announced. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Grant County. RSVP by Nov. 25. \$20/building adults, \$5/building students, free attendees. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129**. facebook.com/familypromisegrantcounty.

Yoder's Annual Christmas for Kids

4:30 PM @ YODER'S ROCKVILLE BAR (ROCKVILLE, WI)
Enjoy 50/50 raffles throughout the evening, silent auction at 4:30 p.m., live auction at 7 p.m., and big raffle drawing at 9 p.m. Purchase raffle chances for guns, hogs, and cash. 6090 US-61, Rockville, WI. **608-763-2013**.

Holiday Fire in the Sky

6:30-7 PM @ DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL
Kick off the holiday season in downtown Galena and watch as the night sky comes alive with beautiful fireworks! They will start around 6:30 p.m. and go on rain or shine. The launch location will be Grant Park, so you will be able to view them from pretty much anywhere in the downtown area. **815-776-9200**. facebook.com/GalenaDowntown.

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Hotel Julien Dubuque 12 Days of Christmas

NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 31

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Celebrate the holiday season at Hotel Julien Dubuque during the 12 Days of Christmas. This holiday series features events for all ages designed to spread seasonal cheer throughout the Dubuque community.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 27 at 6-7:30 p.m. is the perfect kickoff to the holiday season. Join as Hotel Julien unveils their beautiful lobby Christmas tree. Enjoy Christmas cookies, hot chocolate or hot cider, live music, a visit from Santa Claus, and a live tree lighting ceremony during this popular family event.

The Mistletoes present SNOW-BIZ on Thursday, Dec. 7 for a noon matinee and 6 p.m. evening show. Find more information on page 19. Call **563-599-7775** or visit **mistletoes.biz**.

Enjoy Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8-11 a.m. Bring your little ones to meet the man in red and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast buffet. Activities begin at 8 a.m., and breakfast will be served until 10 a.m. Each child will write a letter to Santa, create a tree ornament, and decorate a Christmas cookie. Adults are \$21, and children ages 12 and younger eat free with a donation of a new, unwrapped \$10 toy for Toys for Tots. Register at **hoteljuliendubuque.com/event/breakfast-with-santa**.

Experience a Rockin' New Year's Eve with the rockabilly band Dirty Fishnet Stockings at the Riverboat Lounge. Book your stay at Hotel Julien Dubuque to experience the very best food, drinks, accommodations, party favors, and entertainment in the area.

Additional events include a Cyber Monday gift card sale on Nov. 27, celebrate It's A Teal Christmas Ovarian Cancer Fund-raiser at Potosa Spa in December, donate to the Christmas Angel Tree at Caroline's Restaurant Dec. 1-15, master the perfect martini recipe at JINGLETINI'S With Jody on Dec. 14, sip on local celebrity-prepared cocktails for a cause on Dec. 20, donate blood at the blood drive on Dec. 21, enjoy a Christmas eve dinner and Christmas day brunch at Caroline's Restaurant.

For more information, call Hotel Julien Dubuque at **563-556-4200** or visit **HotelJulienDubuque.com**. ■



A Merry Millwork Market

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 4-8 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 9 AM-2 PM
DUBUQUE MILLWORK DISTRICT
(10TH ST BETWEEN JACKSON & WASHINGTON STREETS)

A Merry Millwork Market is entering its 7th year and continues to grow, with more than 30 handmade art and craft vendors, food, and hot beverages to keep you warm as you shop locally for holiday gift-giving. Located in the courtyard and under the tents on 10th Street—all in the spirit of celebration and building community. Join for a completely unique outdoor holiday shopping experience in Dubuque's Historic Millwork

District on Friday, Dec. 1 at 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

This unique outdoor event is hosted by Gronen. They bring together the best handmade art, craft, and food vendors so you can shop local for the holidays. Other activities to look forward to that weekend include a Friday night tree lighting ceremony with Santa; hot food and beverage vendors; horse drawn carriage rides on Saturday; and live entertainment from Duhawkapella, Dubuque Music Men's Chorus, Americana Band, Adam's Dance Connection, Ring93 Illusionists, and more.

Proceeds from this event raise funds to support The Dubuque Millwork Collective, a dynamic multi-tenant organization supporting nonprofits and community initiatives. DMC Partners operate more efficiently and generate increased impact through co-location and shared services. The resulting collaboration provides cost savings while fostering new opportunities and a greater focus on each partner's individual mission.

Follow A Merry Millwork Market on Facebook and Instagram to see previews of the amazing participating vendors as the event dates draw closer. For more information, visit **MerryMillworkMarket.com**. ■

SUN 12/3

Pancakes with Santa
9 AM-NOON @ DUBUQUE COMMUNITY Y

Breakfast will be served at 9-11 a.m., and Santa will be at the Y at 9:30 a.m.-noon to meet and take pictures with the kids. Other fun activities will also be available such as a bounce house and pin the heart on the Grinch. RSVP. \$8 Ages 13+, \$5 ages 5-12, FREE ages 4 and younger. 35 N Booth St. **563-556-3371**. dubuque.org/pancakeswithsanta.

**Mystery Dinner Theater:****Ho, Ho, Homicide**

5 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY

Everyone at the North Pole is working extra hard this year to make this a holiday to remember, but something's amiss on Poinsettia Parkway. Presented by the Brew Ha Ha Players. Includes a four "corpse" meal and show. RSVP. \$69.99. 600 Star Brewery Dr. **563-583-6100**. stonecliffwinery.com.

THU 12/7

The Flight into Egypt: A Refugee Perspective

6:30-7:30 PM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER CHAPEL

The story of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary is a story of a refugee family. Their early years living in Egypt were not one of choice but an escape into the night from persecution and imminent murder. When the time seemed safe from danger, they returned to their country and were allowed to choose their ultimate home in Nazareth. Without these basic human rights of freedom of movement, both internally and externally from their country, there may not have

been a Christmas Story as we know it. Join as Sr. Frances shares the story of the holy family through the lens of refugees, including a showing of her presentation followed by a Q&A session. RSVP by Dec. 4. \$10. 1001 Davis St. **563-582-3592**. shalomretreats.org.

SAT 12/9

St. John's Episcopal Church Cookie Walk and Christmas Bazaar

8 AM-2 PM @ ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY CENTER
Find cookies, candies, breads, baklava, Christmas decor, gift items, and more. Soup lunch available. 1458 Locust St. **563-556-0252**. StJohnsDBQ.org.

Lunch with Santa

11 AM-1 PM @ MID-TOWN MARINA (EAST DUBUQUE, IL)
Kids will enjoy a special kids lunch, a visit with Santa, a gift bag of goodies, and crafts. Limited lunch menu available for adults. The event always sells out, so save your spot today. RSVP. \$12/child. 285 5th St, East Dubuque, IL. **815-747-3310**. midtownmarina.com.

**Ruby and Ghost Mini Lighted Cactus or Nightlight Class**

1-3 PM @ PLANTED.
Choose from a mini lighted cactus or tiny tree nightlight, select whatever colors you want, learn glazing techniques, and make your own tiny timepiece for the holidays. Includes tree or cactus, lights and hardware, glazes and all painting supplies, and firing service. All glazed pieces will be fired and ready for pick up by Saturday, Dec. 16. making this a great gift or home decor piece just in time for the

holidays. RSVP required. \$45. 245 W 1st St. **563-239-9289**. planteddbq.com.

Love is the Reason: Rediscovering the Mystery of the Christmas Creche

2-4 PM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER CHAPEL
Embark on a journey with Saints Francis and Clare this holiday season. Join for an unforgettable live performance that will take you on a journey to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. Participants will go home with resources to share with their families or classrooms. Guests are invited to bring a piece of their creche to be blessed. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served following the performance. RSVP by Dec. 6. 1001 Davis St. **563-582-3592**. shalomretreats.org.

Cuba City Santa's Workshop

4:30-7 PM @ CUBA CITY, WI
Start at the Presidential Courtyard Caboose at 4:30 p.m. for popcorn, hot dogs, cheese curds, and hot cocoa. The parade on Main Street begins at 6 p.m. followed by meeting Mr. and Mrs. Claus and goodie bags for kids. facebook.com/CubaCityChamber.

Light Up The Hill Luminaries and Christmas Lights

5:30-8:30 PM @ KNOB HILL DRIVE AND NEIGHBORHOOD
Follow the signs through the "Hill" streets and see more than 100 homes decorated for Christmas with lights and luminaries. You are invited to drive (dim lights) or walk through the neighborhood to enjoy the lights and luminaries. Parking available on Fremont Ave. for walkers. This free family event is loved by young and old alike. The annual event draws many and grows yearly to enjoy. Free. **563-451-4994**. angie@travelhdqdbq.com.

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DECEMBER 1-2, 8-9, AND 15-16
MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE
(2241 LINCOLN AVE)

Join the Mathias Ham Historic Site for three weekends of holiday tradition at Home for the Holidays on Dec. 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16. Three separate events take place: Candlelight Tours, Daytime Guided Tours, and Afternoon Tea.

The Ham House will be decorated in period style and costumed interpreters will share winter holiday traditions from Dubuque's history. Refreshments and crafts will be available, included as part of admission. Winter-themed crafts and cookie decorating will be available as well as guided tours of the Ham House.

To register or for more information, call the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium at **563-557-9545 x276** or visit **RiverMuseum.com**.

Home for the Holidays: Candlelight Tours

DECEMBER 1-2, 8-9, AND 15-16 @ 6 PM
A 45-minute candlelight tour allows visitors to take in the house in a different light. Holiday customs will be highlighted by the guides as the tours move through the house. \$10 Adults, \$7 ages 3-17.

Home for the Holidays Daytime Guided Tours

SATURDAYS: DECEMBER 2, 9, AND 16 @ 11 AM-4 PM
Tours occur on the hour and half hour. Non-members: \$9 adults, \$6 ages 3-17; members: free.

Home for the Holidays: Afternoon Tea

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 1-3 PM
Take a break from the bustle of holiday preparations to gather with friends and enjoy a beautiful Holiday Tea. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, scrumptious holiday treats, and a variety of teas (or hot chocolate with marshmallows). With advance notice at time of booking, some dietary restrictions can be accommodated. RSVP. \$25 Adults, \$15 youth. ■

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Galena Holiday Festival

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 11 AM-6 PM
DOWNTOWN GALENA

The Galena Holiday Festival brings a new annual event to Galena on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The festival supports the downtown businesses, encourages residents and visitors to attend the festival and Fire in the Sky, and to contribute funds to the Galena ARC, the sponsor of Holiday. Galena was, after all, named Best Holiday Town by *Midwest Living Magazine*.

This come and go, family-friendly event features traveling local artisans with holiday items and local food

vendors, Christmas music including live Christmas caroling, kids' activities, a downtown Galena business scavenger hunt, petting zoo, ice skating rink and skate rental, and more! The Fire in the Sky fireworks display to follow the event presented by the Galena Downtown Business Association.

A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Galena ARC. The event will work together with the mission of the Galena ARC which is partially to "develop community cooperation in programs and activities which further arts/crafts, sports, and recreation for all ages."

A \$5 donation is suggested per family. For more information or to become a participating vendor, visit **galenaholidayfestival.com**. ■

SUN 12/10

Breakfast with Santa at DeSoto House

8 AM-1 PM @ DESOTO HOUSE (GALENA, IL) Children will get to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus and share their wishlist. Frosty the Snowman and a cheerful elf will be making appearances throughout the event to spread some extra holiday cheer. Festive music, beautifully decorated Christmas tree, delicious breakfast meals, with specialty menu for the children. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. **815-777-0090**. desotohouse.com.

**Wreaths & Wrapping**

10:30 AM-1:30 PM @ MINES OF SPAIN Create your own wreath to showcase the natural beauty and smell of Eastern Red Cedars. Other kid-friendly crafts and cedar ornaments will be available to create. Bring any gifts that still need wrapping with donated sustainable materials including bags, newspaper, twine, etc. Supplies are first come, first served. Free. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. **563-556-6745**. facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation.

**The Man Who Reinvented Christmas**

2 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Historian Kathy Wilson presents The Man Who Reinvented Christmas: Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, and Victorian Social Reform. Drawing on more than 20 years of experience specializing in 18th and 19th century British-American cultural history, Wilson explores how a novel about social reform

transformed Christmas from a date on the church calendar into the holiday we know today. Kathy Wilson earned her bachelor's degree in history from Bemidji State University and completed her master's at the University of York in England. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegioustout.org.

WED 12/13

13th Annual Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Tree of Love

6:30 PM @ MIDWEST MEDICAL CENTER (GALENA, IL) Honor someone special by sponsoring a holiday ornament personalized with their name and hung on the 2023 Tree of Love. Join for a special tree lighting celebration. The Tree of Love will be on display the second week of November through Jan. 1 in the hospital lobby. 1 Medical Center Dr., Galena, IL. midwestmedicalcenter.org.

THU 12/14

**Museum X: Holidays in Historic Dubuque**

9-10:30 AM @ MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE The Mathias Ham House has been the site of elaborate holiday events for many years. Join Heather Green, Interpretation Program Manager, and take a look at how the winter holidays have been celebrated in Dubuque over the years. Explore how the young people entertained themselves during the coldest winters, what made a great New Year's Eve party, and what people's favorite Christmas gifts were from the 1840s through today. RSVP. \$10 Non-members, free members. 2241 Lincoln Ave. **563-557-9545 x220**. rivermuseum.com.

Dubuque Audubon Society Program: Tony Moline

6-7 PM @ EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER Tony Moline will share pictures and discuss the Sax-Zim Bog in northern Minnesota. This is an ideal location to do winter birding and see species such as the Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl and other winter birds. Free. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. audubondubuque.org.

FRI 12/15

History of Common Vegetables

5-6 PM @ ONLINE Learn all about where your food really comes from and how humans domesticated and distributed some of the most common vegetables we consume today. Led by Laurana Snyder, Sinsinawa Mound's Horticulturist and Farm Coordinator. RSVP by Dec. 13. \$10. **608-748-4411**. sinsinawa.org/moundcenter.

Christmas Movie Trivia Night: Elf

7-10 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Join for a night of fun and laughs, and test your knowledge of the holiday movie *Elf*. Doors open at 5 p.m., trivia starts at 7 p.m. Prizes given away for the top three scoring teams plus other fun contests such as Best Themed Table/Group, Ugly Sweater Contest, Frosty the Snowman Game, and more. Teams can be up to 8 people. Space is limited. All ages. RSVP by Dec. 11. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. dbqfair.com.



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 2-5 PM
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 Join the Carnegie-Stout Public Library for the annual tree lighting ceremony for its 18-foot Christmas tree decorated in full Victorian splendor on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2-3 p.m. in the Second Floor Rotunda.

The Senior High School Madrigal Singers will provide holiday music and singalongs around the tree. Children can enter a drawing to light the tree. Come enjoy this annual celebration and enjoy a holiday cookie and hot chocolate.

Come early to check out the Art @ your library art show featuring local artists to shop for a perfect and unique holiday gift!

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



Night of the Luminaria & Living Windows

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 4-9 PM
DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL

Don't miss one of the most beautiful and romantic nights of the year when Galena, IL presents their Night of the Luminaria & Living Windows on Saturday, Dec. 9. Luminaries are typically lit from 5 to 9 p.m. with windows coming to life from 4 to 7 p.m.

From Main Street to the hills overlooking Grant Park, all of Galena will be glowing. Enter a land of enchantment on this magical night with more than 5,000 candlelit luminaries on streets, steps, and sidewalks.

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5-10 PM @ LOUIS MURPHY PARK

THROUGH JAN 1

Hillcrest Family Services' annual lights festival celebrates their 28th anniversary. Visitors will see many new displays and have the option to participate in the featured "Memory Lane," an opportunity to remember your loved ones in a special way. Santa Claus will visit on Mondays through Christmas. Discounted tickets available at all DB&T banking centers. \$12 per vehicle. 1700 S Grandview Ave. hillcrest-fs.org.

Model Train Show

1-4 PM @ GALENA CFA (GALENA, IL)

THU-SUN THROUGH DEC 17

Catch the train in Galena at this family holiday celebration of model trains. Train enthusiast Philip Jackman will display his N Scale operating trains. Additional programming includes educational presentations and The Polar Express readings. Donations welcome. Free. 971 Gear St., Galena, IL. galenacenterforthearts.org.

Ohnward's Community Christmas

OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (MAQUOKETA, IA)

THROUGH NOV 26

Browse and bid on items. Decorated trees and wreaths be plentiful, and additional holiday decorations and gifts will also be available. All who visit can register for a Christmas basket. All the proceeds from the silent auction of sponsored and donated OFAC items help to ensure that Ohnward Fine Arts Center's 841-seat theatre will remain operational for future generations. 1215 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA. **563-652-9815**, or at OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com.

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

10 AM @ MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

1ST TUE

Discover the ABCs through hands-on and active activities including a craft and a game. Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. \$10 Non-members; \$8 members; adult free. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545 x222**. RiverMuseum.org.

WEDNESDAY

Dubuque Area Humanists Social Hour

6 PM @ BACKPOCKET

DUBUQUE

1ST WED

Enjoy a craft beer and join for lively, informed discussions centered around values,

philosophy, and life experiences. Free. 333 E. 10th St. [facebook.com/dubuqueareahumanists](https://www.facebook.com/dubuqueareahumanists).

She Unites

6:30-7:30 PM @ 7 HILLS

EVENT CENTER

3RD WED

No event in Dec. 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.

Toastmasters Speakeasy Club

6:30-7:45 PM @ DUBUQUE

COUNTY LIBRARY

ASBURY BRANCH

(ASBURY, IA) & ONLINE

2ND, 4TH, AND 5TH WED

No event on 11/22. Develop your public speaking and

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FRIDAY

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

IN DUBUQUE

1ST FRI

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SATURDAY

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

9 AM-NOON @ KENNEDY

MALL WEST CONCOURSE

THROUGH APRIL

No event on 12/30. Regional vendors offer homemade and baked goods, meat, cheese, eggs, seasonal produce, and more. Bring your own reusable shopping bags and drop off clean egg cartons, glass jars, and plastic clam shells. The all-volunteer driven market focuses on supporting our regional food system, eating from our food shed year-round, and providing annual funding to farmers through a grant program. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNTREE

GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)

1ST & 3RD SAT THROUGH APRIL

Find homegrown and handmade products from fresh produce and prepared food to stained glass and bath bombs. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. **608-218-4374**. PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-

STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY

2ND SAT THROUGH APRIL

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Events at Five Flags Center

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Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

FAMILY & HOLIDAY CONCERTS

FAMILY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 1 PM CONCERTS:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 2 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Join the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra for their holiday concerts. The Family Concert is on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. while the full concerts are on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Both concerts are at the Five Flags Theater.

Cherished holiday memories are made with the DSO at the Holiday Family Concert. Sing and jingle along to your favorite holiday tunes, including carols, selections from *The Nutcracker*, film scores, and more. The special one-hour family program of kid-friendly holiday music and sing-along tunes features vocalist Jeff Liebow, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir,

and members of the Heartland Ballet. Includes photos with Santa post-concert.

The warm sounds of the holidays fill the hall at the Holiday Full Concert. The DSO will again welcome members of the Heartland Ballet, the Dubuque Chorale, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Chorus, and they will present vocalist Jeff Liebow, who has sung lead in *Jersey Boys* for many years. Saturday evening concert attendance includes entry to the post-concert Encore Reception at Five Flags. Enjoy refreshments and visit with DSO musicians.

Under the direction of Maestro William Intriligator, the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra creates exceptional live musical experiences that challenge and inspire audiences. Their mission is to engage the Tri-State community and enrich its quality of life through musical performances and educational programs. The DSO strives for artistic achievement, innovation and commitment to our community.

Family tickets are \$14-\$34. Full tickets are \$19-\$79. For more information, call the Dubuque Symphony at **563-557-1677** or visit [dubuquesymphony.org](https://www.dubuquesymphony.org). ■



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Million Dollar Quartet Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

In *Million Dollar Quartet Christmas* rock 'n' roll newcomers, and soon-to-be legends Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley, come together again to celebrate the holidays. They visit the Five Flags Arena on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

Inspired by the true story of their December 1956 homecoming at Sun Records, this heartwarming rock n' roll musical rings with sounds of the season and the chart toppers that made the Million Dollar Quartet famous. The gang is up to their usual antics as we journey through stories of Christmas past, present, and future in a joyful evening filled with nostalgic holiday hits including "Run Rudolph Run," "Jingle Bell Rock," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and more.

Tickets are \$35-\$65. ■

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

It's "CSI: Bethlehem" in this holiday mystery extravaganza, from the author of *Late Nite Catchism*. Solve the mystery at *Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold* at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Sister takes on the mystery that has intrigued historians throughout the ages: Whatever happened to the Magi's gold? ("We know that Mary used the frankincense and myrrh as a sort of potpourri—they were in a barn after all.")



This hilarious holiday production retells the story of the nativity as only Sister can. Employing her own scientific tools, assisted by a local choir as well as a gaggle of audience members, Sister creates a living nativity unlike any you've ever seen with gifts galore and bundles of laughs.

Tickets are \$40-\$65. ■

Lorrie Morgan: Enchanted Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Join platinum-selling recording artist and Grand Ole Opry member Lorrie Morgan for a night of unparalleled entertainment with hits and holiday favorites at the Five Flags Theater on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Morgan is known for her lustrous vocal phrasing and the down-to-earth believability of her torchy performances. She is a peerless song interpreter, drawing from a deep personal well that spans



enormous tenderness to cheeky hutzpah. Whether covering a classic or sharing one of her own songs, Morgan is truly a song stylist in the grandest tradition.

Tickets are \$49.99-\$69.99. ■

Events at Heritage Center

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



Christmas at Heritage Center

ALL THE SOULS ON EARTH SHALL SING!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 7:30 PM

HERITAGE CENTER

JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

Listen to carols from around the world and experience a beloved University of Dubuque tradition with Christmas at Heritage Center "All the Souls on Earth Shall Sing!" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Heritage Center. A reception follows the performance.

Presented by UD's Department of Fine and Performing Arts, Christmas at Heritage Center will feature the talents of over 60 students in the UD ensembles, including the UD Concert Band, the UD Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, and the UD String Ensemble. New this year is the UD Handbell Ensemble.

New carols will be mixed in with traditional favorites such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Carol of the Bells," and "Away in a Manger." The concert will also highlight a Dubuque composition—Tracey Rush's beautiful setting of "Cradle Hymn" for choir and string orchestra.

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

Christmas at Heritage Center will air on KDTH (AM 1370) at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; and 4 p.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

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



Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 @ 7:30 PM

HERITAGE CENTER

JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

The charming and funny ladies who run the kitchen at a Lutheran church

in Minnesota are back with a musical comedy providing a sweetly nostalgic look at holiday traditions and life in rural America. Out of the basement comes *Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas* at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Heritage Center.

The ladies take audiences back to 1959. In the midst of the holiday preparations, the ladies are creating their own memories from Christmases past and present. The reality of everyday life hits home as they plan the Sunday School Christmas Program. Little do the ladies know what surprises are in store for them.

A free pre-show reception for *Narratives by Ioana Mamali: What You See Is What Might Be* will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Bisignano Art Gallery. The exhibit will be open Dec. 1-29.

Tickets are \$31-\$49. ■



The Velveteen Rabbit

PERFORMED BY VIRGINIA REP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 1 PM

HERITAGE CENTER

JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

A fanciful musical production adapted from the classic story centered around a boy and his love for his favorite toy will take center stage with *The Velveteen Rabbit*, performed by Virginia Rep, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at Heritage Center.

This captivating story illuminates a faithful rendering of Margery Williams' 1922 tale of *The Velveteen Rabbit* and displays the power of friendship and the inevitable passing of time. Through a lovely score, unique puppetry, detailed period costumes, and outstanding cast, the incredible acting and profound attention

to detail will keep audiences engaged and transport them out of the theater and into a surreal and special performance.

Audience members will reminisce about their childhood and are encouraged to bring their own children along to experience the power of play and childhood fantasy in this beautiful production.

The Dubuque County Library District's "Page to Stage: Stuffed Animal Maker" will provide children in grades K-5 an opportunity to make a free stuffed animal. Each child who attends will also receive one free child's admission with the purchase of an adult admission to the performance. Page to Stage will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 1:30-2:15 p.m. at the library's Epworth Branch and Nov. 27 at 4:30-4:15 at the library's Asbury Branch. Register by Nov. 13, at dubcolib.org.

The Velveteen Rabbit Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children, \$5 lap seat. ■

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Erika Weitz Exhibit: Kill City

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 @ 7-10 PM
GOLDIES (251 W 8TH ST)

Join Erika Weitz and Goldies owner Sarah Anderson for a one-night exhibit for *Kill City* on Friday, Nov. 24 at 7-10 p.m. at Goldies. View the projection screening of the 150-piece collection; highly limited, signed, and numbered books containing the entire collection; and digital collection available on the ETH blockchain. The event features an online book sale, art, music, and drinks.

Kill City is a love letter to life and death in Los Angeles. Street level photographs of mixed methods on 35mm analog film are burned in flames.

Reality is centered, with unexpected beauty found in the damaged capture.

Shot in the trenches, this collection is direct exposure of over a decade in the 2010s and early 2020s in Los Angeles. It spans uprisings, subcultures, chaos, kink, and spirituality while remaining a celebration of the will to overcome physical and psychological vulnerability.

Kill City's hard edge melts perception and technique to offer a unique embodiment of life in LA.

Erika Weitz is a multi-disciplinary artist living and working in Los Angeles. Her work focuses on themes of deep past, far future, and how the human psyche travels within those realms. She aims to challenge and expand the way we experience our inner and outer world.

Sarah Anderson is a local native who brings back knowledge and experience of tattooing to Dubuque. She opened Goldies, a private, appointment-only studio to create an intimate experience to be tattooed. Her style uniquely pulls from a mixture of Japanese, traditional, and illustrative tattoo styles. Goldies is not only for tattooing but also a place to hold space for other artists. It is a space that has been curated by collecting unique pieces open to everyone.

For more information, visit ErikaWeitz.com/KillCity. ■



A Christmas Carol

NOVEMBER 24-25 AND
DECEMBER 1-2 @ 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 3 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

The Grand Opera House is excited to present Patrick Barlow's thrilling adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Performances are Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

Barlow's adaptation uses only five actors to bring some of Dickens' most beloved characters to life. From Scrooge and Tiny Tim to Bob Cratchit and Mr. Fezziwig, Barlow's *A Christmas Carol* uses nothing more than some simple props, fresh physicality, and the power of imagination to convey this timeless story of redemption.

In this morality tale, Scrooge (Shawn Steinhoff) is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley (Stuart Hoover) and the spirits of Christmas Past (Ann Cameron Williams), Present (Lydia Sigwarth), and Yet to Come (Zac Winkler). Witness Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from a stingy miser to a man who generously celebrates the spirit of the season all year long, in this highly theatrical adaptation.

A Christmas Carol is directed by Nick Halder. The cast features five local performers playing various roles throughout the production.

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. ■

Artists Sunday Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 @ 1-4 PM
GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
(971 GEAR ST, GALENA, IL)

Meet the Galena Center for the Arts' studio artists and enjoy holiday refreshments and music at the reception on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 1-4 p.m. The *Wonder of Winter Art Exhibit* will be on display in both the Regional Artists Gallery and Special Exhibit spaces.

The galleries will be filled with wintery art and home decor by dozens of regional artists, and many who have works on display will be present as well as artists who have studio space at the Center for the Arts. All of the art on display is available for purchase.

Because of the seasonal nature of the exhibits, customers who buy art can take home that day, offering the opportunity to find unique, one-of-a-kind gifts.

Susan Lipnick, Joan Harmet, and Kay Weibel will be playing holiday tunes on the piano at the reception. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 14.

The Galena Center for the Arts, founded in 2013, strives to make the arts accessible to our rural area as well as showcase talented regional artists in a professional setting. Visitors to the Galena Center for the Arts discover a vibrant art scene with high-quality exhibits, diverse programming, hands-on workshops, art for sale, and opportunities for locals and visitors to the area.

Donations are appreciated. For more information, visit galenacenterforthearts.org. ■

First Fridays

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

9 AM-4:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)
10 AM-7 PM @ ELEVATED IMAGES (129 MAIN ST)
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)
6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1ST ST)
6-9:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)
7-10 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly art series, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Visit all of the locations and celebrate our creative community. All stops are free.

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

Elevated Images is Dubuque's newest photography gallery and features aerial drone photography from Dubuque and around the world. Find local Dubuque scenes as never seen before, and explore the world through a drone point of view.

Stoned Art Studio and Gallery showcases Henry Matthiessen III's Driftless Region photography and also features the paintings of Dubuque artist Andrew Raeside. Stop by talk art, talk photography, talk Driftless, accompanied by blues and jazz music. 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 be available.

Outside the Lines features local artist Gail Chavenelle who will be demonstrating her metal sculpting technique throughout the evening and again the following morning. Light refreshments will be offered.

Join Planted. in "Gathering" to celebrate the community of artists that has been fostered in the Planted. Gallery. This show features new works from Fern Pusateri, K Kriesel, LeRoy Busch, Matt Adams, Claire Thoele, Angie Huffman, and Tab Link. Musical guest is Phoenix, Katie Yaddof performing keys.

Join Voices Studios for the unveiling of an exhibit that seamlessly marries classical painting styles with a contemporary edge. This unique showcase features the works of Timothy Rees and Evan Ventris, whose masterpieces embody a perfect blend of traditional techniques with a touch of modern sophistication. Doors at 5 p.m., artists talks at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

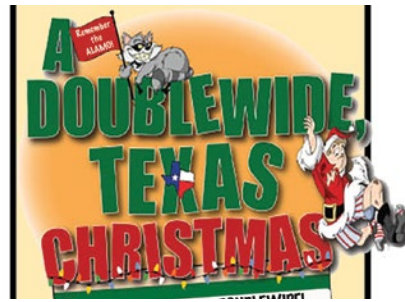
Just in time for the holidays, the Dubuque Area Arts Collective showcases a variety of original artwork by local and regional artists and makers perfect for gifting or adding to your personal collection. With all pieces priced \$250 and under, this event furthers the mission of the DAAC to make art accessible to all in our community while supporting the artists who live and make work here. ■

A Doublewide, Texas Christmas

DECEMBER 1-2, 7-9, AND 14-15 @ 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 3, 10, AND 16-17 @ 2 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

For the 2023 holiday season, Bell Tower Theater is off to the Texas heartland at the brand-new town of Doublewide—Population: 10. *A Doublewide, Texas Christmas* takes the stage Dec. 1-17.

It's Christmas time, and it's beginning to look a lot like trouble. Doublewide is being double crossed by the county and might lose their status as a town. Maybe if they win the countywide "Battle of The Mangers," their Christmas will be saved.



Early Bird performances on Dec. 1 and 2 are \$11.50, and all other performances are \$23. Thursdays are Girls Night Out; all audience members get a free glass of wine. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■



SNOWBIZ

FOREVER CHRISTMAS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
MATINEE @ NOON
EVENING @ 6 PM

HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)
The enchanting sounds of the holiday season resonate this year with an extra dose of festive magic as the Mistletones collaborate with the historic Hotel Julien Dubuque for the 14th installment of SNOWBIZ with this year's theme: Forever Christmas. This eagerly anticipated event unfolds with two dazzling shows on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the

historic Hotel Julien Dubuque. Both shows promise an unforgettable day of music, merriment, and holiday cheer, presented in an intimate dinner-theatre style.

SNOWBIZ features outstanding vocals, a live jazz band, and scrumptious holiday food and drink. They will debut a new arrangement of "The Little Drummer Boy" written for the band by the Tri-States' own Terry Dillon that features locals Masa Iwasaki on drums and Dave Richter on bass. SNOWBIZ represents some of the best musicians in the Tri-State area.

The matinee performance opens at noon with cocktails followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. and a 1:30 p.m. show. The evening performance opens the doors at 6 p.m. for cocktails with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$65 for the matinee and \$75 for the dinner performance. For tickets and additional information, visit **mistletones.biz** and make Christmas memories to last a lifetime. ■



DUBUQUE CITY YOUTH BALLET PRESENTS

The Nutcracker

DECEMBER 9, 15 AND 16 @ 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 10, 16 AND 17 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Whirling snowflakes and waltzing flowers frame this beloved holiday classic. The Dubuque City Youth Ballet presents the annual Dubuque Christmas tradition,

The Nutcracker at the Grand Opera house on Dec. 9, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 10, 16, and 17 at 2 p.m.

Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker battle the dreadful Mouse King in a nightmare that becomes a beautiful dream. Performed annually for over 20 years, the DCYB production will be a highlight of your family's holiday celebration.

The 2023 production of *The Nutcracker* will feature new design elements that are inspired by Dubuque and the surrounding area. This production is appropriate for the whole family.

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**. ■



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The Beatelles

Sunday, December 31, 7 PM

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Toys for Tots Sign Up & Events

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

The goal is to fully support the needs of over 5,000 children in Dubuque County, IA; Clayton County, IA; Grant County, WI; and East Dubuque, IL. Keep

an eye out at your favorite local retailers for official Toys for Tots donation bins.

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

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

Toys for Tots Distribution Resources

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

The Salvation Army

The Dubuque Salvation Army Distribution will take place Dec. 19 through 20, at their downtown Dubuque location at 1099 Iowa St.

Multicultural Family Center

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Toys Distribution at Multicultural Family Center will take place Nov. 29 through Dec. 13, Monday through Saturday. Registration for that program is open now and will remain open until all time slots are filled. The registration website is available in multiple languages, but you can also contact the Multicultural Family

Center at **563-582-3681** for assistance in registering using their computer lab.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up to assist with distributions at the Multicultural Family Center. There are two shifts per day where you help families shop for toys. Volunteers cannot receive toy assistance. Register to help at volunteersignup.org/RJXX4.

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

Grant County, WI

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

East Dubuque, IL

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

Clayton County, IA

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

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



14th Annual Stuff the Truck for Toys for Tots

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 8 AM-4 PM
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The 14th Annual Theisen's Stuff the Truck event to benefit Marine Corps Toys for Tots returns to Dubuque on Saturday, Dec. 2. Radio Dubuque will Supercast live at the Dubuque Theisen's while

shoppers take advantage of their annual toy sale discounts. Santa will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon to meet with eager youngsters and get a photo if you like!

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



Teddy Bear Toss

AT DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 7:05 PM
IMON ARENA (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

Mark your calendar for the Toys for Tots Teddy Bear Toss with Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 2 at ImOn Arena. The

Dubuque Fighting Saints play host to the Lincoln Stars with the puck drop at 7:05 p.m. Bring a new teddy bear or other plush toy to throw onto the ice following the Saints' first goal.

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



7th Annual Toys for Tots Kids' Christmas Party

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ NOON-3 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)

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

Marine Corps Toys for Tots is excited to announce the 7th annual Kids' Christmas Party presented by Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and Paramount Ambulance. Taking place on Sunday, Dec. 10, from noon to 3 p.m., the Five Flags Arena will transform into a yuletide display of controlled chaos, as hundreds (and hundreds) of Tri-State youngsters converge for the biggest party around. And the best part is, it's all totally FREE!

The event is hosted by Marine Corps Toys for Tots of Dubuque and the Dubuque Police Department in memory of Police Chief Mark Dalsing. This event will be a super fun, safe, and festive chance for kids to play together, have a blast, and go home with a few goodies along the way. This is not a charity event. It's for all kids in the Dubuque area, and it just happens to be free.

The three-hour party will have fun holiday music, and giant inflatable rides will return as will the Paramount Ambulance for kids to check out in person. Kids can also climb aboard a real fire truck and see how Dubuque heroes do their jobs when they get to talk with

real firefighters. new this year is a real race car for the little ones to discover.

Especially exciting is the Theisen's free toy giveaway to every child with other surprise goodies giveaways as well. There is plenty for everyone, so there's no need to line up early or wait in a long line when you get there, we promise. You can go have fun and get your gifts later at the event. We won't run out!

Note that this is not part of the annual Toys for Tots toy distribution program. This is a bonus event. So, if you need toy assistance, you can still get that separately through Toys for Tots at DubuqueToys.org.

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

And don't forget the photos! Get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and download the pictures for free, courtesy of DigitalDubuque.com. This year, Elsa, Anna, and Olaf will return in front of a wintery palace backdrop. And Darth Vader is back again too with a fun photo-op. All photos will be available for free to download online. You can also get your face painted and take home a balloon animal.

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

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Local Women's Fashion

By Sara Eliot Steuer and Nicole Welsh

With Thanksgiving flying right by, it's time to abruptly pivot to holiday shopping. While so many will take to the internet and the big box stores to fill their lists, there are some areas where bottom dollar and free shipping just aren't going to cut it, and fashion, especially ladies' fashion, is at the top of that list. There's just no substitute for both seeing the items in person and taking advantage of professional expertise to answer all of your questions and guide your shopping.

For guys, a huge benefit to shopping for your lady at a smaller, locally owned women's boutique comes down to three big things: Service, service, and service. Real expert advice from proprietors

who know their products well and who can take your input and hopefully send you home with something that will hit all the right notes this holiday season.

For the ladies, you know how great it feels to have a store that actually knows you, knows what you like, and is able to not only help you make great decisions, but also may even reach out to you when something comes in that they know will put a light in your eyes. The only place to find that kind of shopping satisfaction is in person, and the more you shop somewhere, the better the experience gets as you grow that relationship.

While it feels like the internet is taking over the entire world of shopping, we could not help but notice a great number of newer as well as veteran boutiques in the area bucking the trend and focusing on service and diverse options. You CAN find great stuff right here in Dubuque, and we'll bet you will find opportunities that you had no idea existed locally. Check out the 15 great local women's fashion destinations we've featured here, and see what stokes your fire this winter. And then, get out there and check them out in person. Who's going to help you up your fashion game in 2024? ■



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Belle Allure Minkz and Boutique is a women's fashion retailer owned and operated by local entrepreneur Erica Brewer and has been situated in downtown Dubuque since its opening in 2020. Despite opening the business during the summer of the pandemic, Brewer kept her business afloat, and it was later named the Best Small Black Business at the Black Business Expo in 2021; shortly thereafter, Brewer won the 2022 Deb Dalziel Woman Entrepreneur of the Year award from America's SBDC Iowa.

Belle Allure offers women's products ranging in styles from clubwear to business attire to casual clothing to outerwear and accessories; as suggested by the name of the boutique, mink eyelashes are also available for purchase. Some current inventories at this Central Avenue

Corridor treasure include fun and trendy garment options such as body-hugging clubwear dresses, covetable letterman jackets, and graphic print shirts, with accessories including shiny PVC boots, tie-dyed and bejeweled hats, and an array of colorful clutches and minibags.

As emblazoned on the storefront's window display, Belle Allure emphasizes the importance of empowerment, encouragement, community, and strength.



Classy & Chic Boutique

MILLWORK: 1065 JACKSON ST, STE #200
KENNEDY MALL: 555 JOHN F KENNEDY RD
563-582-6254

CLASSYANDCHICBOUTIQUE.NET

MILLWORK HOURS:

MON-WED: 10 AM-5 PM; THU-FRI: 10 AM-6 PM;

SAT: 10 AM-4 PM; SUN: 11 AM-3 PM

KENNEDY MALL HOURS:

MON-SAT: 10 AM-9 PM; SUN: 11 AM-6 PM

Classy & Chic Boutique owner, Donna Weber, is making a splash in Dubuque—so much so that

her business has expanded to two different locations including her original storefront in the Millwork District and her latest opening in Kennedy Mall. Both locations don the same name but offer different products for her customers to shop.

Owning a boutique has been a lifelong dream and is now a reality for Weber. "My boutique offers a wide variety of the latest women's fashions... When you shop here, it won't be your last visit as we have new items coming in weekly to satisfy everyone's cravings for the trendiest clothing around," she says.

"We hope you love our store as much as we do!" Weber proclaims. With clothing racks and shelves filled with products for women of different sizes, ranging from glamorous satin, pleather, and sequined clothing to Iowa Hawkeye game day apparel and cozy everyday casuals, how could one not love her stores? She also boasts a wide range of accessories including bags, footwear, and cold weather-wear to choose from and has even created a kids' section at the Kennedy Mall location.

To boot, both Classy & Chic stores participate in a point-based system that rewards customers for their loyalty to the brand with a discount for accumulating enough points.



Dirt Road Darlings

2600 DODGE ST, C4

563-451-4205

DIRTROADDARLINGS.COM

HOURS: MON-FRI: 10 AM-6 PM;

SAT: 10 AM-4 PM; SUN: 11 AM-3 PM
(HOLIDAY HOURS ONLY)

A name like Dirt Road Darlings brings to mind a certain image for the Midwest shopper, and this Dubuque boutique owned by Tracy Gloeckner delivers, if not exceeds, that expectation. One step in the door and a person can see how perfectly their name aligns with the products they have chosen for their customers, their wares so thoughtfully displayed amongst cozy country and farmhouse chic displays that invite casual browsers to take a closer look.

Surrounding racks of country fashion staples consisting of varied flannel plaids and timeless denim options, you will find treasures ranging from trendy sweaters and classy blazers to delightfully scented soy candles and locally made goat's milk soaps. Don't miss the plethora of genuine leather and faux leather bags purposefully placed

throughout the store; it will be difficult to choose just one to take home with you!

For shoppers looking for a personable experience, the cherry on top of this (dirt road) darling boutique's Midwestern charm is the exceptionally welcoming service you will receive from the staff who, in addition to offering help and suggestions to find what you are looking for, can offer personal experiences and product backstories to elevate your entire experience and send you on your way with products to warm both your hearts and your bodies this holiday season.



Fig Leaf

345 BLUFF ST

563-588-3160

FIGLEAF.SHOP

HOURS: THU: 10 AM-3 PM; FRI: 10 AM-5:30 PM;

SAT: 10 AM-5 PM; SUN: 11 AM-3 PM;

MON: 11 AM-5:30 PM; TUE-WED: CLOSED

Located in the heart of Dubuque's historic Bluff Street, Fig Leaf is a historic wonder in its own right, on the verge of celebrating its 32nd birthday this December. Originally started by her mother, current owner Rylynn McQuillen has grown the locally renowned boutique into something more than a store—rather, a tangible experience crafted to engage all five senses.

One visit to the storefront and it becomes quite clear why Fig Leaf was named 2022's Best Visual Merchandising winner by Dubuque Main Street Awards. McQuillen strives to make her shop something of a curiosity for her customers and has succeeded in this through her displays of vintage and oddity treasures ranging from stacks of leather bound books and suitcases to birdcages, dressforms, and statuette busts.

Fig Leaf is an apothecary first and foremost, best known for their wide variety of high quality soaps imported worldwide from soapmakers in Ireland, France, and Portugal, to name a few. The retailer also offers a lovely selection of women's clothing and accessories including covetable lacy bralettes, distressed denim, and furry coats and shawls. McQuillen also enjoys stocking the store with peculiar gift items you won't find elsewhere, adding to the oddity aesthetic of the shop, as does her hat bar-lowa's first, where customers can customize hats they have purchased there or brought from home with various embellishments.

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HOURS: MON-FRI: 10 AM-5:30 PM;

SAT: 10 AM-5 PM; SUN: CLOSED

As a female owned, multi-generational boutique, Gotta Have It, Inc. offers dynamic on-trend clothing and accessories for women. Owner Julie Berstler and staff pride themselves on providing customers with a friendly, knowledgeable sales team available to meet their fashion needs. Berstler opened Gotta Have It in 1991 after receiving a degree in Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management. Having “worked the retail gamut” Gotta Have It provided Berstler with the opportunity to create her own vision.

The boutique caters to the 30-to-70-plus age demographic, carrying misses sizes XS-XXL or 4-18 with some 1X. “We find many of our customers and their daughters enjoy our selection and are delighted by the amount of inventory we carry and

the large variation of looks,” said Berstler. “Many of our customers express how they love that we merchandise our store with beautiful displays, too,” something Berstler takes great pride in.

At a time when personal service and value can be difficult to find, Gotta Have It, Inc. fills a niche in the Dubuque fashion retail market by offering one-on-one service, Facebook live videos, and an ever changing inventory, making them a regular stop for long-term customers who have come to trust in their vision and selection.



Graham's Style Store for Men and Women

890 MAIN ST

563-582-3760

GRAHAMSDDBQ.COM

HOURS: MON & FRI: 9 AM-7 PM;

TUE-THU: 9 AM-5:30 PM; SAT: 9 AM-4 PM;

SUN: CLOSED

A local menswear staple that has expanded into women's offerings, Graham's Style Store

for Men and Women offers discerning shoppers a personalized experience designed to help them look and feel their best. With first-class customer service including in-house tailoring and an impressive collection of premium brands, Graham's offers a large range of sizes and styles to suit the needs of the modern man and woman. As a fourth generation family-owned business, they've proudly served the community since 1936, with a commitment to integrity and quality that is apparent as soon as you walk inside the door.

Greeted by racks of upscale wardrobe staples and elevated pieces by brands such as Joe's Jeans, Smartwool, Karen Kane, Tommy Bahama, Blundstone Boots, and Olukai Footwear, customers come to Graham's “to see how shopping for fine clothing was meant to be” according to the Graham family. With additional offerings of wardrobe and style consulting, professional shoe shine service, in-house tailoring, and free local delivery, Graham's Style Store for Men and Women offers a luxe shopping experience that is simultaneously traditional in its focus on quality and customer service, and casual in its modern brand offerings.



The Midwest Girl

898 JACKSON ST

563-542-8931

SHOPTHEMIDWESTGIRL.COM

HOURS: MON-FRI: 10 AM-5 PM;

SAT: 10 AM-4 PM; SUN: 11 AM-2 PM

Started as a place to celebrate the Midwest story, whether it's a tee, a hat, a sweatshirt, or a coffee mug, The Midwest Girl owner Marissa Hoffmann hopes that the boutique, tucked away in the historic Millwork District, will become part of each customer's family tradition.


“Just like that week up north at the lake, the Friday night at your local supper club, or simply being HOME, we are here to remind you to always remember your roots and to be proud to call yourself a Midwest Girl!” said Hoffmann. With a desire to open a “social shop” that felt like home the moment you walked in, for the past eight and a half years, The Midwest Girl has offered friendly faces and uniquely designed,

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branded merchandise that encompasses the true meaning of hailing from the Midwest.

Priding itself on bridging the generation gap, the boutique carries onesies for the littlest “Midwesty,” to tees that grandma will love. “We always say, no matter your age, you are always a Midwest Girl.” Inspired by a northern Wisconsin cabin, the décor is rich in plaids and locally made merchandising displays. With a team trained to provide exceptional, yet laid back service, Hoffmann wants customers to feel like they are shopping with a friend and offers inventory that changes monthly while consistently keeping their best-selling staples in stock. As a trademarked brand, everything you find, except for a few local makers, is a part of the Midwest Girl brand, with their goal being that the merchandise, décor, service and packaging all encompass that comforting sense of home.



MOM•ERELLA, HEY•GIRL, and KINDER•ELLA

MOM•ERELLA: 190 MAIN ST

HEY•GIRL: 241 MAIN ST

KINDER•ELLA: 240 W 2ND ST

563-584-9100

HONESTJOHNSTORES.COM

HOURS: MON-SAT: 10 AM-6 PM;

SUN: 10 AM-3:30 PM

The mission of MOM•ERELLA, to empower all women to be the kind of woman and mom they want to be, and HEY•GIRL, to allow all women to find their feminine power in ways that make them feel their best, was inspired by owner Anna Meadows’s disappointing search for maternity items while pregnant in 2021. As the fourth generation owner of the Honest John’s Family of Stores in Galena, IL, Meadows decided to open her own store, selling the things she wished had been available to her. “I brought the idea of ‘a mom store’ to the family, and MOM•ERELLA opened in June of 2021 as ‘The Store for Her.’” As it turns out, many women between the ages of 25 and 65 want to shop at a store designed just for them.

With a selection of comfortable yet stylish shoes and clothing that fit real women in sizes 0-3X, the brand has since expanded to include HEY•GIRL, which Meadows describes as “the meal everyone wanted to eat at MOM•ERELLA but were nervous to bite into because of the maternity mannequins,” and the children’s store, KINDER•ELLA. The adult boutiques, unique for their size range and style, both carry on-trend clothes from Judy

Blue Jeans to cocktail dresses and name-brand footwear including Birkenstock, Born, and Rieker, along with natural products for every category of life, maternity clothes, pregnancy gifts, and postpartum items at MOM•ERELLA.

At a time when people can go on Amazon to find a black jacket, Meadows considers it her job to give customers the experience that Amazon cannot, and clients have responded enthusiastically to that ethos. “When you walk into any of our shops, we’re ready to help you find the perfect outfit that you’ll love and to share the knowledge we have.” That, along with a harmonious atmosphere and on-trend décor, help create a total retail experience for women looking to express their best selves through style.



Namaste Athleisure Wear – For Women and Men

955 WASHINGTON ST, STE #106

563-599-7200

NAMASTEDBQ.COM

HOURS: TUE-SAT: 10 AM-4 PM; SUN: 11 AM-2 PM;

MON: CLOSED; BY APPOINTMENT

With a mission statement of “life is about balance,” Namaste Athleisure Wear owner Ann Butzier says that the importance of balancing career with home, exercise with leisure, and work with fun is at the center of what Namaste values most. At a time when people want to feel comfortable yet stylish all day, and demand wardrobes that can transition with them throughout various daily activities, Namaste offers a wide variety of high-quality name and boutique brands, with an array of sizes to ensure that they have something in both men’s and women’s options for those who appreciate quality athleisure wear, footwear, and accessories.

Celebrating their 8-year anniversary this November, the key to the boutique’s enduring success is not only the quality of the garments, from brands like Alo, Sorel, and Vuori, but the high quality of the service, friendly smiles, and a personalized shopping experience that the knowledgeable staff provides to customers in an inviting space located in the historically rich Millwork District. “What sets us apart,” said Butzier, “is our personal service, along with a beautiful, organized shopping environment and quality name brands that we believe share the same positivity, comfortability, life balance, and social responsibility as we do.”



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Olive & Opal Clothing Boutique

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OLIVEANDOPALBOUTIQUE.COM
 HOURS: TUE: 10 AM-2 PM (HOLIDAY HOURS ONLY); WED-FRI: 10 AM-6 PM; SAT: 10 AM-3 PM; SUN-MON: CLOSED

New to the scene—having just opened their brick and mortar doors in July of this year, Olive and Opal Clothing Boutique offers shoppers a lovely curation of affordable wardrobe staples and fashion trends amongst a calming, bohemian-inspired backdrop created by co-owners Abby and Jan Gloeckner.

“Olive and Opal is owned by a 60-something and 20-something mother-daughter duo. Together we saw the opportunity to bring on-trend clothes for women of all ages to the Dubuque area. We strive to keep our pieces at great quality with affordable prices,” state the pair. “The ability to help women find outfits that make them feel beautiful is something that fills our cup immensely.”

Their store inventory and price points both accurately reflect this, as does their social media marketing with which they demonstrate how women in different age groups can style both their trendy and timeless pieces. In-store shoppers can expect to find a wonderful selection of neutral-centric clothing options in the form of buttery-soft tops, classy sweaters, and a selection of trendy dresses amongst sprinklings of products with bold colors, interest-grabbing

patterns, luxe fabrics, and pretty embellishments in-between. The affordability of the items will have you walking out the door with a bag full of new goodies without breaking your budget.



Phoebe's Dressing Room

1043 MAIN ST
PHOEBESDRESSINGROOM.COM
 HOURS: MON-FRI: 10 AM-6 PM; SAT: 10 AM-4 PM; SUN: 11 AM-3 PM

The first thing you notice when walking into Phoebe's Dressing Room is the visually pleasing environment; lots of natural light and bright colors create a warm, welcoming, and youthful space. “When people step inside, they can expect a colorful shopping experience, they will smell some of our current candles for sale, and they will see trendy, affordable fashion, well displayed for easy browsing” said owner Dana Huettman. Motivated by her passion for style and boutique culture, Huettman opened Phoebe's to continue to do what she loved and to be able to take it to the next level after the place she had previously been employed unexpectedly closed.

With the objective of the store being to provide a fun, inviting and positive shopping experience for women and girls, Phoebe's target clientele ranges in age from 13-70+, with a definite emphasis on trendy, up-to-date style, while also striving to carry a selection that Huettman hopes has options for all who enter the boutique. “I firmly believe we have something for everyone here. And even if you are just along for the ride

or brought to provide an opinion on a possible purchase, we can offer you a comfortable, relaxing place to sit while you do so,” proving that accessible style and a comfortable shopping experience go hand-in-hand at Phoebe's.



PJ Chapin's Boutique

200 MAIN ST
563-556-3221
 HOURS: MON-SAT: 10 AM-4 PM; SUN: CLOSED; BY APPOINTMENT

As a certified image consultant, owner Paula Chapin decided 25 years ago to open a boutique of her own, one where women could find elegant clothing with a decidedly international flare. Located inside the historic Hotel Julien Dubuque, PJ Chapin's Boutique boasts a lineup of refined boutique brands that deliver on Chapin's promise of elegance. With lines such as Lemongrass, which features a selection of reversible knit tops and jackets in handprinted bamboo fabric, and clothing from Claire Desjardins, an abstract

painter with a signature collection of women's art apparel, the shop stocks sizes ranging from XS through 3X for the 30+ female demographic. In addition to clothing, PJ Chapin's Boutique also carries a line of coveted Modzori reversible sandals and other exclusive footwear and jewelry lines from Spain, Paris and Finland, along with a selection of home décor from countries as diverse as Lithuania, England, and Argentina, cementing it's almost three decade reputation as a trusted locally owned women's fashion retailer.



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a fourth generation family-owned women's fashion business with so much more to offer than one would expect based upon their name. While, as one would imagine, their inventory consists of a significant selection of exceptionally well-crafted, elegant fur and leather coats, hats, stoles, and blankets, the family has been sure to expand their offerings to many other beautiful products with styles and price points to appeal to shoppers of all ages and genders over the years.

Some of the fantastic products that have been added to the roster additionally include those made of cashmere, shearling, Swarovski, and high quality knits and denim. Shoppers can find these in the form of outerwear accessories including stocking caps, scarves, gloves, and mittens, as well as jewelry, belts, sunglasses, handbags, and ready-to-wear garments.

Striving to stay ahead of the curve and offer their customer base unique goods that cannot be found elsewhere locally, the boutique sources many of their wares internationally, and limits their stock of any particular item, in addition to creating custom restyled and tailored pieces for clients upon request. In support of their made-to-last creations, the store also offers services including cleaning, repairing, appraising, and vaulted, climate controlled storage.



River Layne Boutique

2613 DODGE ST

563-279-2055

RLAYNE.SHOP

HOURS: THU-SAT: 2-7 PM; SUN-WED: CLOSED

A gem hidden in plain sight, River Layne Boutique is a must-visit location for anyone shopping for the person in their life who loves trendy fashion and cozy home décor this holiday season. Self-described as a one-woman show, owner Jayden Hansen has found her niche in the market catering to stylish young women, both online and locally, who love to embrace the quickly-evolving, eye-catching trends that fit their unique personal styles.

Clothing shoppers can expect to find the latest styles of denim, crop tops galore, ridiculously soft co-ord sets, and both sweaters and outerwear that are just as warm as they are adorable. Her accessories aren't lacking either, with choices ranging from faux leather bags to sassy statement hats to fashionable pet clothes for your furry friends.

Conversely, her home and seasonal décor section has more of a timeless feel to it, with selections that are sure to remain relevant and interesting additions for holidays to come. Current inventory includes a wide variety of lovely holiday florals with woven baskets, oversized bottles and textured vases to arrange them in, along with eye-catching oversized bells, woodcut snowflakes, and word art signs with expressions such as "Merry and Bright," "Comfort and Joy," and, of course, "Merry Christmas."



Trendsetters Boutique

3430 DODGE ST, UNIT #25

563-207-8364

SHOPTRENDSETTERS.COM

HOURS: MON-FRI: 10 AM-7 PM;

SAT: 9 AM-4 PM; SUN: NOON-4 PM

Aptly named, Trendsetters Boutique is here to offer the women of Dubuque a wonderful selection of clothing that is equal parts relevant fashion and everyday comfort in a

trendy, farmhouse-inspired setting. Shoppers should expect to find a wide variety of western influence, particularly in the form of pointed boots, wide-brimmed hats, and floral print garments that will have a girl ready to scream, "Westward, ho!"

However, for as many prairie-esque items as one might find, there are just as many products with a high-fashion feel to them on their shelves, exemplifying the range of their goods. 'Tis the season of the cropped pleather puffy vest, and Trendsetters certainly has all of the puffy options covered for you to choose from so that the cold weather doesn't cramp your style this year. With a wide selection of strappy heels, oversized and aviator-style sunglasses, sparkly layered jewelry, and luxe satin hair accessories, they also have the means to affordably elevate all of your holiday party looks this season, too.

And, if you're one of the many still begrudgingly trying to figure out what to replace your beloved skinny jeans with to update your wardrobe, the boutique offers a well-chosen selection of denim to try on and help ease the transition, with a friendly staff to help you find the sizes you need.

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7 PM @ Twisted Vines
(Potosi, WI)

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

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

DougT Hypnosis Show
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Welcome Back Showcase
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Great Plains Gas Band Trio
8 PM @ Timber Lanes
(Maquoketa, IA)

Danny Parker Project
9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

FRI 11/24

Iowa Hawkeye Party: University
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11 AM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Brion Bowman
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Funk Junkies
6:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Tete De Mort
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Danny Parker Project
7 PM @ First Reserve

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

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7 PM @ Southend Tap

Steve Kalmes
7 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the
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Andreas Tranzo
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Chris Schlichting
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

PopROCKS
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Casey Klein
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque
Riverboat Lounge

Jordan Danielsen
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(Galena, IL)

The Mixed Emotions Band
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(Maquoketa, IA)

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SAT 11/25

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10 AM @ Convivium
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Daniel Stratman @ Noon
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Kristina Marie Castañeda &
Shawn Healy @ 2 PM
The Guthries @ 8 PM
Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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on Main (Galena, IL)

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5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
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Chuck Murphy
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque
Riverboat Lounge

Latin Night w/ DJ Papi
8 PM @ Smokestack

Tapestry
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
(Asbury, IA)

Willie and the Buzzhounds
8 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

Mike McCbee
8:30 PM @ The Big House
(Petersburg, IA)

Dave Zollo and the Body Electric
9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 11/26

Jacque Miller
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Tony Walker
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Classic Big Band BASH
2 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque
Grande Ballroom

Jimmy Welty Band
2 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

Small Brewery Sunday:
Eric Richards Duo
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Pennyroyal
3 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Steve & Randy
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Kampfire Kings
7 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

MON 11/27

Winter Orchestra
7 PM @ Clarke University
Jansen Music Hall

TUE 11/28

Heartland Harmony's
Holiday Harmonies Concert
7 PM @ Westminster
Presbyterian Church

WED 11/29

Ozzy & Bon JoeB
7 PM @ First Reserve

James Tutson
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Jukebox Bingo
7 PM @ Southend Tap

THU 11/30

Steve's Ace Holiday Pop Up:
Joie Wails
4 PM @ Steve's Ace
Home & Garden

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Jukebox Bingo
7 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

John Erickson Trio
Holiday Concert
7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

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

FRI 12/1

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joie Wails Acoustic Duo
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Brandon Bauerly
7 PM @ First Reserve

John Erickson Trio
Holiday Concert
7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

Christmas at Heritage Center:
All the Souls on Earth Shall Sing!
7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

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

Walking Molly
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

The Wayback Machine
8 PM @ Smokestack

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

Left Lane Cruiser
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 12/2

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
Holiday Family @ 1 PM
Holiday Concert @ 7:30 PM
Five Flags Theater

Jimmy Welty Band
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Danny Parker Project @ 2 PM
Tony Walker @ 8 PM
Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Jeff Theisen
2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Meghan Davis
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joseph John Valenti
6 PM @ Midtown Marina
(East Dubuque, IL)

Secrets
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Daniel Eric
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ R Place (East DBQ, IL)

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

Jabberbox
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Rap Night w/ T1 Productions
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

River Glen & Band, Sophie
Coyote, Alex Flesher, Wxley
8 PM @ Smokestack

Three Quarter Buzz
9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

SUN 12/3

Darrell, Jacque & Connie
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Scott Waterhouse
2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

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

Hangin' Around Band
2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Secrets
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

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WED 12/6

The Aluminatics
7 PM @ First Reserve

Luke Callen
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

THU 12/7

Open Mic Jam w/ Big Night Out
6 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

FRI 12/8

John Moran
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Gypsy
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Music Bingo w/ Trivial Dudes
6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler
7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Barefoot & Sunshine
7 PM @ First Reserve

Million Dollar Quartet Christmas
7 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Rock Steady
7:30 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

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

The Breakfast Club
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Diet Lite, Pure Service, Skinny and the Shakes, DJ Jon Purvis
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Lojo Russo
8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT 12/9

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

Big Night Out
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Jim McDonough & His Orchestra
2 & 7 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Danny Parker Project @ 2 PM
Alpha Romeos @ 8 PM
Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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

Theresa Rosetta
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co.

Three Quarter Buzz
5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Jacque Miller Duo
5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Tony Walker
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Nick Dittmer and the Saw Mills
7 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

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

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

Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts, Dickie
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Tri-States The Lady Has Talent Contest
8 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

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

Brushfire Bandits
9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

SUN 12/10

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

Merry TubaChristmas
2 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

DR Duo
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

WED 12/13
Midwest Megan
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 12/14

Clownvis
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

St. Jude's Fundraiser Trivia
7 PM @ The Lift

Jukebox Bingo
7 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

FRI 12/15

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Laura & The Longhairs
7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Christmas Movie Trivia Night: Elf
7 PM @ DBQ Co Fairgrounds

Rocktail
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Trivia
7 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Lorrie Morgan, Jimmy Welty Band
7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Mike Hosty
7:30 PM @ Voices Studio

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

Junk FM
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Garett Hillary
8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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9 PM @ The Lift



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NOVEMBER 25 @ 8 PM

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DECEMBER 1 @ 8 PM

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Additional Entertainment

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NOVEMBER 22 @ 8 PM

JABBERBOX

DECEMBER 2 @ 8 PM

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

DECEMBER 8 @ 8 PM

JIM MCDONOUGH & HIS ORCHESTRA

DECEMBER 9 @ 2 & 7 PM

JUNK FM

DECEMBER 15 @ 8 PM

HAIRBALL

DECEMBER 16 @ 8 PM

NOT QUITE BROTHERS

DECEMBER 22 @ 8 PM

DRINK 182

DECEMBER 23 @ 8 PM

RHINO


DECEMBER 29 @ 8 PM

TIME MACHINE

DECEMBER 30 @ 8 PM

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FRI 12/15 • 9 PM • FREE ARP OF THE COVENANT

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Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

SUNDAY

Disco Brunch
9 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead
2nd Sun

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

Gladdy Ressler, Jamie Jones, Special Guests
1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, 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 Co
6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)
1st & 3rd Mon

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

TUESDAY

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 Co
7:30 PM @ Backpocket DBQ

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 Co
7 PM @ Lina's Lounge

The Mixologist DJ AA
7 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, 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
No event on 11/23

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

Family Game Night
7 PM @ 7 Hills West (Dyersville, IA)
No event on 11/23

Music Bingo w/ Think & Drink
8 PM @ Barrel House
No event on 11/23

Tomato Throw Show
8 PM @ Comedy Bar
No event on 11/23

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

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

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7:30 PM @ Offside Sports Complex
2nd 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

L&MOP
10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library
2nd Sat

Gladdy Ressler, Jamie Jones, Special Guests
1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, IL)

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

Karaoke & Live Music w/ Johnny C
9 PM @ Swiss Inn (East DBQ, IL)
Last Sat

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7.18.24
MONTICELLO, IA

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BLOOMINGTON, MN

NASCAR 2024 NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE
6.16.24
NEWTON, IA





LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

WED 11/22



Sun Green

9 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

COVER: FREE

Neil Young's music spans decades, from the beautiful folk sounds of Harvest to the sonic guitar melodies of his band Crazy Horse. Sun Green, a tribute to Neil Young explores the gamut of this folk rock icon. From Hank to Hendrix sums up this seasoned four piece band from Dubuque. The band takes great pride and honor in covering all of Neil Young's music, from the country sounds of The International Harvesters, the Rock a Billy nuances of The Shocking Pinks, the folk element of Neil's solo material, and finally the deep rock driven guitar riffs of Crazy Horse. Sun Green is Bobby Bradford, Jimmy Berg, Jeff Weydert and Dean Wellman. smokestackdbq.com.

FRI 11/24



Funk Junkies

6:30 PM @ DARKBIRD TAPHOUSE

(7305 THUNDER VALLEY DR, PEOSTA, IA)

COVER: FREE

The Funk Junkies, a vibrant funk ensemble, specialize in delivering soulful renditions spanning various genres within hip hop, pop, and blues rock genres. Formed in April 2023 in Cascade, IA, their mission is to infuse the local scene with a distinctive sound and style. darkbirdtaphouse.com.

SAT 11/25



Rianna Marie

10 AM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
(2811 JACKSON ST)

"Rianna Marie's most recent release, 'Council Hill,' can be described as a dark, cowgirl country song. Rianna delivers a charming performance vocally and instrumentally. Living in Nashville, you are always exposed to great music and artists. You can tell Rianna has been influenced by what this city has to offer and the other writers. She is sticking to her country roots to give listeners a unique listening experience." —Pick Simply. convivium-dbq.com.



Dave Zollo and the Body Electric

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

COVER: FREE

If you're a follower of the Midwestern indie music world (or of American roots music generally) you might be forgiven for thinking David Zollo has been around forever. Since bursting on the scene as a baby-faced 21-year-old with Iowa City's white-hot, road-chewing pub-rockers High and Lonesome in 1992, Zollo has done just about everything you can do in the rock and roll business. You'll get a chance to experience the timeless power of a voice that seems to have been with us forever. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.



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Helen Russell & Company Holiday Show

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 2 PM
OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

Helen Russell & Company call Osage Beach, MO home. A little bit of country and a little bit of rock 'n' roll, the duo brings their holiday show to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA, on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

They will entertain you with great vocals, scalding piano, hot licks on the banjo and a jumpin' bass guitar with a variety of live Christmas tunes as well as country, bluegrass, rockabilly, gospel, and classic rock music of the '50s to the '80s, plus a tribute to our Veterans.

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. ■



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FRI 12/1



The Wayback Machine

8 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

COVER: FREE

The Wayback Machine DJs—Salad Spinner, Doctor Suitcase, and Jeff D.—treat your feet to a night of nonstop dancing featuring soul, funk, psychedelic, garage, disco, new wave... all played on original vinyl. This promises to be the first in a long line of vinyl-only retro dance parties in the hippest city on the Mississippi River. smokestackdbq.com.



Left Lane Cruiser

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

COVER: FREE

Specializing in a raw hillbilly punk-blues style that roars like a tweaking modal chain saw, Left Lane Cruiser is a band led by slide guitarist Frederick "Joe" Evans IV. Their music has the swampy feel of North Mississippi hill country blues a la Junior Kimbrough and R.L. Burnside, with a good dose of snarling garage punk tossed into the mix. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

SUN 12/3



Secrets

7 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY

(600 STAR BREWERY DR)

COVER: FREE

Secrets was originally formed in the mid '80s and through the years has had many changes, but Secrets has always

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

SAT 12/9



Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts, Dickie

8 PM @ FOX DEN MOTEL (920 MAIN ST)

TICKETS: \$20

Rockford, IL-based Miles Nielsen has spent nearly a decade enthraling audiences with music that draws force from the prime years of Western-influenced rock music and classic '60s soul. Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts claim influences as diverse as Otis Redding's classic soul and Jellyfish's cult power pop recordings. Dickie opens. foxdenmotel.com.



Tri-States The Lady Has Talent Contest

8 PM @ SANDY HOOK TAVERN

(3836 SANDY HOOK RD, HAZEL GREEN, WI)

COVER: \$10

Prepare at least four songs for the amateur karaoke and performance competition. Registration at 7 p.m., performance at 8 p.m. 1st place takes home \$200, 2nd takes \$100, and 3rd takes \$40. No professional talent. Proceeds benefit the Vern Ehler Memorial Scholarship Fund. sandyhooktaVERN.com.

Picture Yourself in the Tri-States



A double congrats to Stormy and Connie from Outside the Lines Art Gallery in downtown Dubuque (and Galena). With a big party, they celebrated both their 20th Anniversary and Connie's retirement.



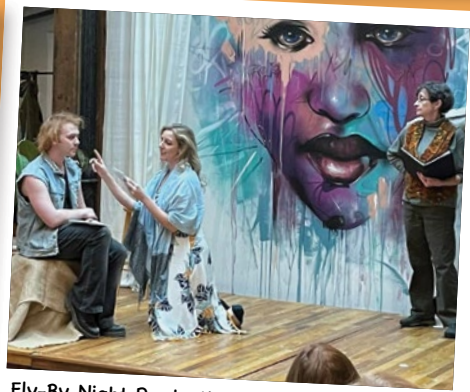
Resources Unite delivered nearly 1000 Thanksgiving Blessing Bags ahead of the holiday, stuffed with everything a family needs to create a perfect Thanksgiving meal. It doubled their original goal.



Blippi Live returned to the Five Flags Arena in Dubuque with a high energy show to the delight of hundreds of kids and hopefully to a few of the parents as well!



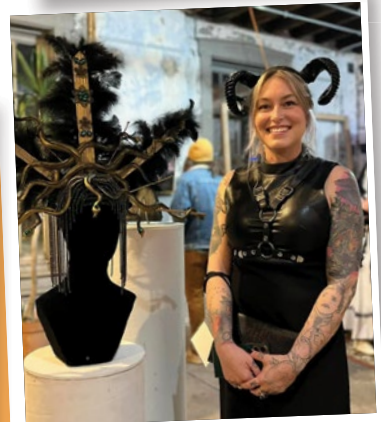
The amazing Struts rock band from the UK lit up a packed house during their recent concert at the Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar.



Fly-By-Night Productions presented a two part OBSESSION | POSSESSION series by performing Venus on Oct 29 at Convivium and Lucrece on Nov 18 at Voices Studios.



Lacey Speer Heffernan captured the pure joy of the celebration as the Lady Pirates of Galena High School won the 2023 1A Volleyball Illinois State Championship.



365's own Nicole Welsh was one of the artists celebrating the allure of darkness at the Dubuque Area Arts Collective's "Morbid Muse Gala" art exhibit at The Smokestack in Dubuque, showing us the profound beauty that can be found within the shadows.



Theisen's once again shows its love for the Dubuque community with over \$350,000 in grants allocated to local charities this year!



The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's Classics 2 performance: Those Who Served was an all-American tribute to freedom featuring guest narrators Sgt. Amy Bahl, US Army and Lt. John Beach, US Navy speaking the words of Abraham Lincoln in composer Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait".



The Dubuque Winter Farmers' Market opened for the season on Saturday, November 4th and will return each Saturday from 9 AM - Noon through April at Kennedy Mall's West Concourse next to Planet Fitness.



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Versus 2.0

By Danny Fairchild

Do words like “kare raisu” or “bulgogi” or even “curry” make you think twice about what you’re about to eat? Are words like that just too far out of your comfort zone to even consider tasting let alone chewing and swallowing? Do you refrain from chasing waterfalls, sticking to the chilis and the stews that you’re used to?

In short: Are you a culinary coward?

Yeah, you heard me right. I called you a coward. I’m calling your butt out. Oh, sure, maybe you’re not afraid of spicy. Maybe your chili is measured by number of alarms. Maybe you’ll try any high-Scoville hot sauce with a titter-worthy name. But the second you’re not sure how to pronounce it? Suddenly you shrink. Coward.

And I’m not the only one calling you out. The good people at Versus have expanded their food truck business to include a new brick-and-mortar restaurant where Buddy’s Supper Club used to was. It’s called Versus 2.0. It’s their flavors versus your tastebuds, and they’re here to knock your butt outside



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BULGOGI FRIES

of your comfort zone and show you what you’ve been culinarily missing.

I know that my opening to this column leaned heavily on the idea of spicy food, so I just want to dispel the notion that all the food on the menu at Versus 2.0 is spicy. That’s very much not the case. And even many of the traditionally spicy dishes can be ordered at lesser levels of heat. Boom. Disclaimed.

I’m super excited about Versus getting their brick-and-mortar on. Due to

their popularity, the lines at the Versus food truck are often prohibitively long. The food is undoubtedly worth the wait, but I don’t always have time for waiting. I’m sure you can relate. Now I can have a sit-down meal from one of my favorite food trucks. Life is good.

There’s still some artifacts left from the old supper club. I didn’t see the model train running, but the track is still overhead. And I’m guessing the salad bar was included in the sale of the property because it’s a proper little supper club salad bar. And don’t worry, there’s nothing scary there on the salad bar. The lettuce might include some romaine instead of all iceberg, but other than Thai peanut being one of the salad dressing options, you’re safe. Daddy won’t let anything bad happen to you. Coward.

The apps. The menu stressed that we must try the chả giò, and so we did. Two orders. We’re not cowards like you. But seriously, if there’s more than two of you, get more than one order. One will not be enough. Oh! Are you going to let a little foreign culinary term like “chả giò” scare you? Calm down. It’s just egg rolls, fool. And Versus’ egg rolls have won awards, yo. If you’re still a little cowardly, you can just eat the egg roll like any other egg roll. If you want your damn mind blown, however, you’ll wrap that egg roll in the provided lettuce leaf along with various fresh and pickled veggies and housemade nước mắm (a kind of fish sauce) and eat it that way. So damn good. There’s three to an order. Unless you’re not going to share, it won’t be enough. Two orders. Maybe three.

Continuing with the apps we tried, I’d like to give you a bit of advice. I know that “bulgogi,” though gaining acceptance around these parts, is probably new and scary to your cowardly sensibilities. My advice is this: If you ever see anything “bulgogi” on any menu... order it. Seriously. It’s Korean barbecue,

usually beef, and if you think the good ol’ U.S. of A. is the only good player on Team Barbecue, you’re not watching the whole game. You’re just getting the local highlights. And you’re a coward. Can’t stress your cowardice enough. Anyway, you’ve probably had and loved cheese fries. You’ve probably *veni vidi vici’d* some delicious chili fries. Just you wait until you try bulgogi beef fries. When you think “bulgogi,” think teriyaki beef, but chopped up and even better. Yeah, that sirloin is nice and bulgogified, but almost everything else on this friendly monster of an appetizer are things you already know and love. The gochujang cheese sauce might stump and scare a coward like you. Gochujang is a Korean flavor that’s really gained traction in the States over the past decade. Maybe you’ve never heard of it, but you’ve probably had it in some Asian cuisine without even knowing it. Just focus on the words “cheese sauce,” and all will be nice and safe. Everything else you’ve heard of and like. Plus... it’s fries. There’s probably a topping that doesn’t go well with fries. But I haven’t found it yet.

The entrees.

Look, coward. I’ll make this really easy on you. If you don’t want to get anything spicy or anything too “out there” flavor-wise, I highly recommend the kare raisu with tonkatsu. That’s a Japanese curry with a pork cutlet. People often see the word “curry” and think “spicy.” Oh, sure. It CAN be spicy. It often IS spicy. But that’s not a defining characteristic of a curry. There’s so many kinds of curry, it’s difficult to define in general, but spicy is NOT definitive. If you’re afraid, try thinking like this, you coward: When you think of “curry,” don’t think “spicy.” Think “stew.” That’s it. It’s a stew. Just like chili is a stew and is often spicy. And the kare raisu at Versus is a perfect example to get this across. The first word they use in their menu to

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KARE RAISU WITH TONKATUS (TOP LEFT), GAI PAD MED MAMUANG (RIGHT), MAPO TOFU (BOTTOM)

describe the kare raisu is “hearty.” And they ain’t kidding. So rib-stickingly hearty with potatoes and carrots and a big ol’ panko-breaded pork cutlet that you can easily cut with a fork. Not spicy AT ALL. If anything, it’s a little sweet. Just a little. Curries can be like that, too. It’s okay. Nobody is going to make you do anything you don’t want to do here. This dish is base. If you want to be safe, stay on base.

Oh, but then things get a little more interesting with gai pad med mammu-ong. Just kidding. It’s just Thai cashew chicken. You like cashew chicken, right? You know what cashews are, and you know what chicken is because you are one so you should be fine. Think of all the cashew chicken you’ve had and enjoyed. Versus’ Thai version isn’t too far from what you’re familiar with. Stir-fried chicken and vegetables with crunch cashews. Duh, right? But the Thai twist is there and worth exploring. But certainly not worth fearing. Unless you’re a bigger coward than I originally feared.

Stick with these two dishes if you’re afraid or are just having your taste-buds spar against Versus 2.0 instead of putting them in a fully sanctioned fight. If you want the heat, the heat is there, and it ain’t hard to find.

But I want to make you feel safe and cozy, coward, because I want to spring something on you that was almost out of our comfort zone. And there’s not much we won’t eat. I don’t like beets that much. Other than that, game on. I want to talk to you about dessert. I want to talk

to you about Mommy Ning Ning’s Maja Blanca. It’s a Filipino coconut pudding. Sounds good, eh? It is, but... let me walk you through it. It’s a pudding, but more of a gelatin consistency. But without the gelatin flavor. Creamy like a pudding, too.



MOMMY NING NING’S MAJA BLANCA

If you like the flavor of coconut but not the consistency, you might like this dish a lot. But there’s a surprise. It’s not the caramel sugar sprinkled on top. No. It’s the whole kernels of corn throughout. Now... come on. This is the Midwest. You’re going to let CORN scare you, of all things? I mean, I kind of get it. What the hell is corn doing in ANY dessert, let alone a coconut dessert? It lends sweetness and texture to it. And a fun texture, not a nasty texture. You know what corn is like. Prepare to taste how corn CAN be. Compared to the creaminess of the pudding, the corn kind of bursts on your tongue. I don’t know why it works, but dammit it just works.

Versus 2.0 itself just works. It’s their flavors versus your tastebuds. And if you’re really that much of a coward, they know how to go easy on you. ■



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What Would Jesus' Wife Do?

By John McAndrew

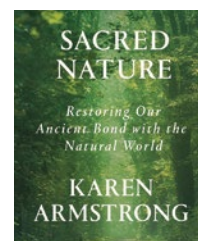
Karen Armstrong wrote *The Case for God, A History of God*, biographies of Muhammad and Buddha, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, and many others. A former nun, she said in an interview 20 years ago that she is “not interested in the afterlife. Religion is supposed to be about losing your ego, not preserving it eternally in optimum conditions.” She is unconventional. She is a meticulous researcher who offers what she has found (in sometimes obscure tomes) to readers who wonder and ask questions.

In *Sacred Nature*, now out in paperback, Armstrong considers how religions past and present have understood the relationships between Humanity, Nature, and the Divine. This is no environmentalist jeremiad: Armstrong offers a range of options to consider when trying to understand how these three might best work together.

In some religions, there are no creation stories, no creator deities. Mystery is found in Nature—as children and scientists in our own culture know—and devotion and spirituality are a matter of studying the Tao, Buddha Nature, and Qi as others study Torah and the Bible. What are these Laws of Nature, and how do we participate in them? The Divine is “an inexpressible but dynamic inner presence that flows through all things.” It is not a creator separate from its creation. (In a similar vein, Christian theologian Thomas Aquinas said “God was not a Being, but Being itself.”) The natural is the conduit for the Divine; there is no concept of “supernatural.”

In Hebrew scripture, Nature was separate from Yahweh, someplace the deity might occasionally visit. The Divine was experienced in human events. In Hebrew and Christian stories, when Nature revealed the Divine, it was because Nature was doing something bizarre, abnormal, against its own laws. A bush burns and speaks; a lake splits to reveal a path of dry land; men rise from the dead (not as zombies; different book); a man walks on water, restores sight to the blind, etc. Nature's laws are not the last word, in other words. If the deity wants to communicate, it does so by hijacking Nature, rather than being revealed in Nature's normal operations.

Having a creation myth means you're volunteering an explanation for how the world came to be, and in some cases, positing a separation between the deity and what they created. Not having a creation myth implies that either the world is and always has been, or that the question has no meaning or importance. In a fascinating examination



of the book of Job, Armstrong suggests that the Bible contains another viewpoint that is called the Wisdom tradition.

The Wisdom tradition looks at Job's agony through a different lens. “This is unfair to me” is anthropocentric; the Wisdom tradition urges Job to change his view and look, not at himself, but at Nature, and how suffering and pain are just the way things work around here. People, plants, and animals have a choice to either thrive in those conditions—and they do—or to whine that life isn't fair. The deity is not our guarantee of fairness in an unfair world. Job learns this by a divine revelation about the sacredness of nature, just as it is.

“By rationalising nature and confining God to the heavens, we have so drastically reduced the divine that for many it has become incredible or imperceptible.” If we exile the Divine and make Nature merely a backdrop to human affairs, we make evidence for the Divine less immanent and more abstract. We make the Divine more remote.

In contrast, “...one of the chief objectives of the Qur'an was to awaken within Muslims an awareness of the divine presence in creation.” The Qur'an identifies Nature as Allah's prime miracle. “Muslims are far more impressed by the regular rhythms of nature than by the supernatural miracles celebrated in the Jewish and Christian scriptures, because in the Qur'an the natural order is the revelation of divine power and wisdom.” Early on, Muslims viewed the natural sciences as sacred, akin to devotional reading and contemplation.

Armstrong discusses religions that center sacrifice in their rituals; the place of the self—is it to be elevated and saved, or transcended?—and how we are related to Nature and the Divine; the Golden Rule, first articulated, so far as we know, by Confucius, and how widely it should be applied; and much more, from both familiar and remote sources.

In the West, these questions arise urgently in diverse views of Nature in a time of climate crisis. Is this separation of humanity from both Nature and the Divine serving us? Some religious folks minimize the concerns with the climate, as they believe Jesus will return soon and bring with him a “new Heaven and a new Earth.” Meanwhile, other religious folks have found in their scriptures evidence of a mandate, not so much to dominate, but to be good stewards of, Nature. Karen Armstrong's readable, surprising observations may either confirm your views, or send you on a quest for better ones.

Either way, tend your garden; you never know who you may find there. ■



Health Through the Holidays

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

With holiday gatherings, office parties, shuffling kids to and from activities and school, the holiday season certainly is busy! But being healthy isn't seasonal. Feel good all season long with a health and wellness team dedicated to helping you be at your best! Hy-Vee registered dietitians know it's possible to hustle through the holidays and still support your health. I'm sharing my go-to meal and snack solutions to keep everyone feeling jolly. Ho-ho-ho, let's go!

Rediscover a balanced breakfast. Eating breakfast can help you manage your cravings throughout the day, increase your energy levels, and help control your blood sugar. The holiday season is always stacked with "too-many-things-on-my-to-do-list," which can play havoc with healthy eating. A simple solution? Start your day with a customizable sheet pan recipe such as the Sheet Pan Egg-Stuffed Bagels at hy-vee.com.

Stock the pantry and fridge with simple snack solutions. Snacks can be an easy way to help fill nutrition gaps in our diet and manage blood sugar levels throughout the day. My favorites include:

- Apple + pear slices with nut butter or dessert hummus: Using fiber-filled fruit for dipping paired with a protein-rich dip is a great way to build a balanced snack or appetizer. This combo will help with appetite control, blood sugar regulation and weight management.
- Non-starchy vegetables (like baby carrots, celery sticks, sugar snap peas, and cucumber slices) with guacamole, hummus or ranch: 90% of Americans still don't consume enough fruits and vegetables daily. Satisfy your crunchy craving with your favorite raw veggies in addition to your favorite pita chips or whole-grain crackers.

Plan and prep dinner in advance with help from Hy-Vee dietitians. Let's holiday healthier, together! Get the entire family involved in prepping and planning family dinner. Instead of spending time curled in front of a screen, entice your entire family to participate in an On-Demand Freezer Meal Prep Workshop to learn five new, delicious and FUN recipes to make at home. Even if you have a picky eater (or several) on your hands, encouraging time in the kitchen is one of the best ways to allow kids to enjoy more foods and overcome anxiety around food and mealtimes. View the menu lineup and sign up today at hy-vee.com/healthnew/dietitians.

Remember, healthy doesn't need to be hard. Don't over-think it! Aim for 3 to 5 of the 5 food groups together at mealtime and combine 2 food groups together for snacks to make eating simple, nourishing and well-balanced. Now go tackle the holidays and spread more healthy, holiday cheer! ■



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Beyond the Yellow Lights

By Matt Booth

Let's talk about integrity and those sneaky little tests life throws at us daily. You know what I'm talking about—when the light turns yellow and you floor it. When you toss that candy wrapper out the window or have mastered the art of "creative truth-telling." Each day, your integrity takes a pop quiz, and while some tests feel like a piece of cake, others... well, not so much.

Integrity isn't just about the big, grand gestures. It's in the everyday choices, like whether to treat that yellow light like the final lap at the Daytona 500. It's about the small decisions that add up to the big picture of who you are.

Integrity is kind of like being pregnant. You either are, or you aren't. There's no such thing as "a little bit pregnant." The same goes for integrity. You can't be "a little honest" or "sort of legal." You either have integrity, or you don't.

Let's be real for a minute: Sticking to your guns isn't always a walk in the park. Most of us have been there—showing up fashionably late, exaggerating accomplishments on a resume, gossiping, or bullying. When we bend our personal rule book, we chip away at our integrity. It's like a leaky boat. At first, it might seem manageable, but

over time, the small compromises accumulate, eventually causing the boat to sink. Just like a boat needs to be watertight to stay afloat, a person needs integrity.

Striving for integrity is a significant first step, but it's important to recognize that simply trying isn't always enough. Integrity involves consistent actions and choices that align with ethical and moral principles. It's about aligning your actions with your intentions and values, even when it's challenging or when no one is watching. Acknowledging mistakes and learning from them is a crucial part of maintaining integrity.

Living with integrity is akin to possessing a clear conscience. It's a life free from guilt and deceit, filled with the assurance that allows you to meet anyone's gaze with confidence, knowing you are true to your principles. It's like having a moral GPS that keeps you on the right path.

Do your best to make choices that align with your code of conduct. Sure, it's a bit of a tug-of-war sometimes, but the peace of mind and self-respect are worth it. Alan Simpson said it very well: "If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters." It's not just what you do, it's who you are when the light turns yellow. ■

"When you blame anyone or anything for your problems, you effectively surrender your own power to those very individuals or circumstances you wish to avoid." —Matt Booth



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WISH (PG)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Walt Disney Animation Studios' *Wish* is an all-new musical-comedy welcoming audiences to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force—a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe—the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico—to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.



THE SHIFT (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

In this modern-day retelling of *Job*, Kevin Garner (Kristoffer Polaha) embarks on a journey across worlds and dimensions to reunite with Molly (Elizabeth Tabish), his true love. The narrative unfolds as a dystopian drama and sci-fi thriller, where a mysterious adversary, The Benefactor (Neal McDonough), disrupts Kevin's reality. Faced with infinite worlds and impossible choices, Kevin must navigate through an alternate reality, resisting The Benefactor's tempting offer of wealth and power. As survival hangs in the balance, Kevin fights to return to the familiar world he cherishes and the woman he loves.



Movie Buzz

Amid a slew of rumors and speculation that the film had been canceled, Taika Waititi himself stated his *Star Wars* movie is still going ahead and that he was simply taking his time to get it right. "It will be... a Taika Waititi film. It's gonna piss people off."



The comment came with a knowing laugh from Waititi whose prior films have been no stranger to whacky comedy alongside deep emotion complete with jarring tonal shifts. So expect this film, if it happens, to divide the fanbase.

Director Destin Daniel Cretton has stepped down from helming *Avengers: The Kang Dynasty*, but it is an amicable departure as he continues to work on other Marvel projects.



There have been reports that Marvel Studios may be moving away from Kang as the main antagonist of the Multiverse Saga due to the legal problems of actor Jonathan Majors and the lukewarm reception of *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*.

Dwayne Johnson has confirmed the next movie he's filming will be the live-action remake of *Moana*, in



which he will reprise his role as Maui. The movie will be directed by Thomas Kail and the music will be composed by Lin-Manuel Miranda, who worked together on *Hamilton*. It is expected to follow the same story beats as the animated original, with familiar lines and songs making appearances. Given how many live-action remakes Disney has produced in recent years, *Moana* can learn from other movies' mistakes by embracing its animated identity while presenting a new take on the story. It is set to debut in 2025.

The *Highlander* reboot has been set for a 2026 release window, despite being set for a 2024 filming start and being set at Lionsgate.



The studio also recently confirmed development on *John Wick 5*, potentially splitting director Chad Stahelski's focus between the two projects. Despite the later release, the movie is expected to stay true to the original franchise and Henry Cavill's dedication ensures a fitting successor to the cult classic.

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The Green Bean Casserole Stays on the Table

By Pam Kress-Dunn

Ah, the holidays. We all know what we mean by that—not Veteran’s Day, not the 4th of July, not even Easter. What we mean is the march from Halloween straight into Christmas, with a major stop at what I call “Turkey Day,” and the rest of the country calls “Thanksgiving.” This is especially ironic because, in our house, I have roasted a turkey approximately zero times. Chicken, yes. Brilliantly roasted chicken, showered in lemon juice, strewn with fresh garlic and kosher salt, shoved into a blazing 425-degree oven and taken out, sans any kind of fussing or basting, with a shatteringly crisp skin and both white and dark meat cooked to tender, moist perfection. And get this—it takes *one hour* for one or two three-lb. birds.

This recipe came to me via a magazine whose title is lost to the ages and whose torn-out glory is yellowed by time and more than a few errant lashings of juice straight from a freshly squeezed lemon. It is a classic in my house, though probably not in yours. And that is the point. What matters—what absolutely must be on the table by 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month each and every November—varies by household but is all too often the stuff of high drama should someone decide to Try Something New.

So I don’t. Earlier this month, I sat down to draw up the menu for the big day, and after I had done so, I wondered why on earth I’d bothered. It is the same every year. First, the roast chicken, usually two so we all get some dark meat and some light. Next, and only because I want it, a green bean casserole. While I dutifully saved a “New Healthy Take” on this staple, using fresh beans, bechamel-portobella sauce, and freshly sauteed onion rings, I just sigh when I see it. Come on, people! GBC was invented by Campbell’s, and it’s just wrong not to open a can, or two, or four, because even though we eat fresh beans, either lightly steamed or not-so-lightly roasted, every other month of the year, there is something special about canned green beans.

I grew up eating canned veggies, and I know they are a pale shadow of their original crunchy selves. Canned corn is awful, canned peas surely a different species from fresh or frozen. I grew up thinking I despised beets, only to discover not all that long ago, that baking them yields a sweet, earthy flavor unknown to their diced, watery cousins. But please. You need canned beans for Green Bean Casserole, and that is that.

Even better, I bake the GBC in loan’s (my mom’s) vintage bluestone dish, a breakable inheritance that has survived 50 years or more and brings a smile to anyone who remembers it.

What else? Rolls. Many dozens of rolls, and they must be Pillsbury crescent rolls, which I suppose is meant to evoke actual French croissants. I have made croissants from scratch, and I know how much work goes into them—folding and buttering, folding and buttering—but I also know that the kids at the table, by whom I mean my husband’s 42-year-old son and my 45-year-old daughter—prefer crescents from a refrigerated container, the one you have to press with a spoon to release from its vacuum. Spoon to package and pop!—now there’s a Thanksgiving tradition!

Which brings me to another ritual dish, and a parting of the ways. I love cranberry sauce, the kind made in about five minutes from fresh berries, water, and sugar. I love how they snap as they heat, and how tartly sweet they are with a bite of chicken. The kids, however, were raised on what *The Simpsons* dubbed “Cranberry Sauce à la Bart,” from an episode featuring this boy cranking a can opener and sliding the round of jelly out onto a serving plate. In my house, it’s Mom’s cut-glass dish which comes out only on this day of days. So we have both kinds.

Sides? No one at our house cares for sweet potato casserole, with or without marshmallows, so we have potatoes. Plain potatoes, with butter and salt and pepper, no gravy. I have made gravy in the past, using chicken drippings, but it’s not worth the trouble, and it never tastes like the kind Mom made. I grew up on three-part dinners: 1) canned vegetables, 2) meat, 3) potatoes, the potatoes were always smothered in gravy. Chicken gravy, beef gravy, pork chop gravy, liver gravy, in descending order of flavor. In college, I once attempted to make chicken gravy after oven frying a batch, and forgot to water it down a bit. It came out like delicious chicken fritters. My boyfriend and I ate them up, but whoa, talk about too much.

I am alone in my love of Iona’s dressing, a concoction of creamed corn, celery, and crushed saltines and no sage—but sometimes pop a mini-portion into the toaster oven, just for me and my memories.

What about dessert? Here I break with pumpkin tradition, pulling out the big knife, the cutting board, and a bag of whatever apple best resembles the Jonathans of my youth. It’s hard work, don’t let anyone tell you otherwise. I cook the apples first, adding cinnamon and bit of vanilla, before sinking them into a generous pie crust that I no longer make from scratch. (Where would Thanksgiving be without Pillsbury?)

So there you have it—you’ve got your sugar, your veggies, your bread, your piquant sauces, and your perfectly roasted bird, complete with wishbone for breaking. That’s our tradition. Even if I’m the only one craving it, the Green Bean Casserole is staying on the table. ■

PAM KRESS-DUNN

PAM BELIEVES THAT IF SHE DOESN’T WRITE ABOUT IT, IT DIDN’T HAPPEN. YOU CAN READ ALL 300+ OF HER PAST COLUMNS, PLUS OTHER RANDOM POSTS, ON HER BLOG AT SIEGEOFWORDS.COM.



A festive advertisement for the Hillcrest Lights Festival. The background is dark green with a pine branch and red berries on the left. At the top, a gold banner reads "A HILLCREST LIGHTS FESTIVAL REFLECTIONS In The Park". Below this is the DB&T logo with "Presented by" above it. The dates "November 23 thru January 1" are prominently displayed, followed by "5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Daily" and "Louis Murphy Park - Dubuque". The ticket price is "\$12 Per Vehicle at the gate". A note says "Discounted tickets (\$10) available at all DB&T Banking Centers". The Diamond Jo Casino logo is in the bottom right. The text "See Santa Mondays thru Christmas!" is written in a playful font. At the bottom, the Hillcrest family services logo is shown, along with the tagline "A Holiday Tradition from Hillcrest Family Services".

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SAT 12/2



Fairy Tale Ball

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Santa's Workshop

1-2 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Calling all elves! Families and kiddos, here's your chance to make and wrap a few gifts for the holidays. Join in the rotunda after the program for the library tree lighting event. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.

SUN 12/3

Christmas at Centrally Rooted

2-5 PM @ CENTRALLY ROOTED
Enjoy a Mindful Musicians mini-class, photos, and a singalong with Santa as well as raffles, hot chocolate, and delicious holiday baked goods. Guests may also take advantage of Centrally Rooted's art and music exploration labs. Free. 2230 Central Ave. centrallyrooted.com.

SAT 12/9



The Gingerbread Chronicles

11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE
(HAZEL GREEN, WI)
12/9, 12/16, 12/27 @ 11 AM, 2 PM; 12/10, 12/17 @ 2 PM.
What do you get when you mix up Hansel and Gretel with the Gingerbread Man? Find out in the Fever River Puppeteers' new Christmastime marionette show.

This production features a 150-foot "crankie" or moving scenery panorama. There is an oven in this story, but Witch Hazel Green, a frequent performer on stage at the Hazel Green Opera House, prefers to use her magic cauldron to concoct a special treat for the villagers. Doors open a half hour before each performance. \$5. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. 608-732-7129. hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.



Painting Gifts With Your Gifts

1-3 PM @ CENTRALLY ROOTED
Centrally Rooted, a Dubuque-based nonprofit organization that focuses on brain health through creative expression, is hosting a brand new holiday art experience. Under the guidance of local artist David Barba, this interactive art workshop allows learners to paint one of three items and gift them to someone important in

their life for the holiday season. Centrally Rooted is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Dubuque. A center for developing positive mental health through creative expression, it offers private and group music and art lessons, music therapy, yoga and more. Ages 5-12. RSVP by Dec. 4. \$25. 2230 Central Ave. 563-663-1694. centrallyrooted.com.

FRI 12/15



Loras College Women's Basketball Annual Kids Night Out

5:30-8:30 PM @ LORAS COLLEGE GRABER SPORTS CENTER
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.





The Main Street Approach

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The Main Street Approach provides a practical, adaptable framework for revitalizing downtown districts and commercial areas. It encourages local leaders to take ownership of their downtowns' development and to create a unique identity that is tailored to their community's assets and sense of place.

One of the key components of the Main Street Approach is promoting downtowns and commercial districts as the social and economic hub of the community. Promotion efforts can have a significant impact on the success of a Main Street program, as it helps to showcase the unique characteristics of the district and attract investment and visitors.

Dubuque Main Street's Promotions Committee is committed to driving investment downtown by promoting a quality mix of businesses, including unique retail shops, diverse dining and nightlife options, and service-based businesses. Our goal is to capture an inventory of existing recurring events that happen downtown, who leads them, and who they target.

The Promotions Committee is working to build organizational capacity by creating a resource booklet for individuals or businesses/organizations who want to put on an event downtown. Additionally, we are identifying regional opportunities to drive increased activity downtown, both for special events (e.g., cruise ships, surrounding town activities, etc.) and for ongoing programming.

We are also actively promoting downtown hospitality and retail businesses, as well as rebranding Dubuque Main Street assets and assisting select districts in their branding. Together, we can continue to make the downtown area of Dubuque a vibrant and inviting place to thrive, dream, and explore.

The Main Street Approach is a powerful tool in the effort to revitalize downtown districts and commercial areas. Through our volunteers' hard work and dedication, the members of the Dubuque Main Street Promotions Committee are helping to make downtown Dubuque a vibrant and inviting place. If you are interested in joining the Promotions Committee, please contact djacobs@dubuquemainstreet.org.

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PUZZLE PAGE

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 32

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

APPROPRIATE TIME

ACROSS

- 1 Europe's "City of Light"
- 6 Part of NEA: Abbr.
- 10 Kailua Bay's island
- 14 Evil being
- 19 — acids
- 20 Greet the day
- 21 Muscat's country
- 22 Maine university city
- 23 Bisquick or Betty Crocker product
- 25 Be deemed acceptable
- 27 Capital of Turkey
- 28 — -Free (contact lens solution brand)
- 30 Floor of a fireplace
- 31 — Cruces
- 32 Iranian money unit
- 34 "Tortilla Flat" co-star Hedy
- 37 Apiary buzzer
- 40 Mardi —
- 42 Singer Duane or Gregg
- 44 Steel-gray element
- 47 Jazz guitarist with 20 Grammys
- 51 Dessert named for soprano Nellie
- 53 Big online brokerage
- 54 Took off
- 56 — Na Na
- 57 Brilliance of success
- 58 Makes diluted
- 59 Social-climbing whiz kid

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- 61 Letterman's rival, once
- 63 Recognize
- 64 Actress Kosarin or skater Ivanova
- 66 Yule songs
- 68 Clumsy sorts
- 72 1950s-'70s legal drama
- 76 Hitter in a horseback sport
- 78 Besides that
- 79 False name
- 81 "Hamilton" face-off
- 82 Grassland
- 83 "Sula" author Morrison
- 85 Athlete like Simone Biles
- 88 Miss Daisy player Jessica
- 90 Eyeliner flaw
- 93 "La Cage aux Folles" actor Tognazzi
- 95 Rooney or Kate of film
- 96 Warship with two banks of oars
- 97 What letter carriers carry
- 100 Grass cutter with an engine
- 102 Epoch of the first horses
- 103 Entraps
- 105 Meg of "I.Q."
- 106 Genetic helix
- 107 Little sister of Bart and Lisa
- 109 Poet Pound
- 111 Sit-up targets
- 114 Mexican inn

- 117 Divan, e.g.
- 119 Like smooth orange juice
- 122 "Yeah, that's about right"
- 126 Newspapers, magazines, and such
- 128 As a result of
- 129 Huge heads
- 130 Shredded
- 131 Newsy notes
- 132 Fable writer
- 133 Pond critter
- 134 Henchman helping Hook
- 135 Appropriate time to solve this puzzle?

- 17 Dollar bill
- 18 And not
- 24 Dojo activity
- 26 Windy month
- 29 With 45-Down, bad sign
- 33 "Sort of" suffix
- 35 Piece of gig gear
- 36 Baton-waving director
- 38 Actor Idris
- 39 Coup d'—
- 40 Govt. agent
- 41 Morning warning for sailors
- 43 Rival of Uber
- 45 See 29-Down
- 46 "Don't lose your head"
- 47 Where pooches get pampered
- 48 Close behind, as a dog
- 49 Judges evaluating cases, e.g.
- 50 City on the Rio Grande
- 52 Shout
- 55 Tic- — -toe
- 59 Element with a 235 isotope
- 60 Knock sound
- 62 J.D. Salinger title girl
- 65 Somalian-born supermodel
- 67 Long-used maxim
- 69 Totally original
- 70 "I want some grub!"
- 71 Obedient dog, at times
- 73 Spin
- 74 In progress

- 75 Big Apple team, on scoreboards
- 77 Longtime Nissan model
- 80 "So yummy!"
- 84 Algerian port
- 86 Neck's scruff
- 87 Had as its source
- 89 Elvis — Presley
- 90 Went fast
- 91 Earth orbiter
- 92 Those who've broken free
- 94 Dashboard fuel indicator
- 96 Journalist Gumbel
- 98 Air Force officer Curtis
- 99 Chou En- —
- 101 Blunder
- 104 Home: Abbr.
- 108 Guys writing jingles, say
- 110 African nation renamed in 1997
- 111 Poet W.H. —
- 112 Airship type
- 113 Muscle twitch
- 115 Bus driver for Bart and Lisa
- 116 Go no further
- 118 Chooses
- 120 Fail to include
- 121 Buttigieg of Biden's Cabinet
- 122 BlackBerry, e.g., in brief
- 123 Really regret
- 124 Female seal
- 125 FDR follower
- 127 Born as

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

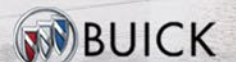
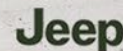


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DEAR ANGELA,

Is it me, or does it seem like everyone is publishing a book these days? I was at a business function a few weeks ago, and two different attendees casually dropped that they have written a book! Is writing books the en vogue thing to do these days?
—Wondering on Walnut.

DEAR WONDERING,

Huh, this is strange. You should have received your government-issued book deal last month. I'm wondering if it's held up in the mail? You know how busy the post office gets during the holiday season! Well, look for that in the mail, and in the meantime, you had best be considering the topic of your upcoming release. Will it be a historical romance about the 1980s roller rink scene? Or it could be about a teen who discovers he can do magic, attends a special school where he gets a god complex from professors telling him how amazing he is, but in the end he learns that the real magic are the friends he made along the way? You could go autobiographical, but that's a hard one to choose right now as you'd have to compete with Britney, and I don't think you have as many interesting stories about Justin Timberlake as she does.

DEAR ANGELA,

Do I have to clean my house? I am getting kind of tired of it.
—Tired on Theda

DEAR TIRED,

This is a question I ask myself every day. I suppose you could try not cleaning it and see how it goes? A better solution may be to find friends who enjoy cleaning as a hobby and invite them to join your new "club" which is dedicated to learning new tips and tricks for cleaning and organizing. Offer to have all the meetings at your house, because you are such a nice person. If this works for you, I'll start a chapter as well. We could really make this thing take off!

DEAR ANGELA,

I recently made a decision to change up how people think about me, in both my personal style and my professional life. A lot of people were really surprised by this, and I think unfortunately, they had expectations of me that I just couldn't meet. I thought people would understand that I needed to change, and I had hoped they would understand that I am more than just one thing that I was defined by years ago. Now, I worry that I may have made a mistake and that people won't like the "new" me.
—Ben on Birchwood

DEAR BEN,

Or should I say André 3000. You can be obtuse if you want, but this letter could have been written by no one else besides André 3000, the more outrageous half of the award-winning rap duo Outkast. I get that you felt the need to write to me after the mixed reviews you have received for your new all-flute music album. Look, I get it, I know you really wanted to make a rap album, but the wind literally blew through you into the many kinds of flutes you just happened to have lying around. It can be tough to be yourself when everyone else has a certain perception of you, but I applaud you for getting out there and tooting your own horn, literally and figuratively. But maybe next time you could throw us a bone and do a few bars???

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BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO... COMPLETELY NOT FAKE Horoscopes

By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos



ARIES
 (APR 19–MAY 13)

It may sound overdramatic to say your life will be a shamble, but that's just how zombies get around.



TAURUS
 (MAY 14–JUNE 19)

When adventure calls, just let it ring through to voice-mail. Who the hell calls anymore?



GEMINI
 (JUNE 20–JULY 20)

Your optimism will lead to many memorable experiences. Pregnancy scares, after all, are hard to forget.



CANCER
 (JULY 21–AUG 9)

A trip might just be what you need. After all, if anyone can lose your emotional baggage, it's an airline, amirite?



LEO
 (AUG 10–SEP 15)

People love to talk about nature's miraculous ability to transform. But not all Transformers are Autobots, know what I mean?



VIRGO
 (SEP 16–OCT 30)

You may feel clumsier than normal over the next few weeks. That's just because your character needs some kind of flaw that is still palatable to the movie-going audience, and it opens the door to comedic moments.



LIBRA
 (OCT 31–NOV 22)

If you're waiting until Jan. 1 to start your New Year resolutions, you've already failed. If you really meant to make a change, you'd do it now. Unless your New Year resolution is to increase your vocabulary. It makes no sense to buy a 2023 Word-A-Day calendar for just the last few weeks of the year.



SCORPIO
 (NOV 23–NOV 29)

The stars are aligned in your favor. That wasn't a typo. For the next few weeks, the universe won't be on your side, but you and the universe will taste roughly the same.



OPHIUCHUS
 (NOV 30–DEC 17)

Now is the time to take a good look in the mirror. Do you hardly recognize the person looking back at you? No? Now you see how dirty that mirror is. How many times have you been told to clean it?



SAGITTARIUS
 (DEC 18–JAN 8)

You may consider yourself a free spirit, but that's just because no one will put up with your "spirit" at ANY price.



CAPRICORN
 (JAN 9–FEB 15)

This holiday season, remember that home is where the heart is. Even hearts as cold and dark as yours came from somewhere.



AQUARIUS
 (FEB 16–MAR 11)

The problem with reaching for your horizons is that a horizon isn't something you can actually reach. Unless the Earth is flat. And it's not. No. It isn't. You fool.



PISCES
 (MAR 12–APR 18)

Employers value brainstorming, but none of them are prepared for the category five hurricane making landfall in your head.

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