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80'S TRIBUTE BAND  
DECEMBER 8



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## JIM McDONOUGH & HIS ORCHESTRA

DECEMBER 9



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It is, without question, the busiest week of my year. While I'm often busy, this is the time of year when many of my days are scheduled down to the hour. And yes, it's mainly due to Toys for Tots. It's really a juggling game, as I have to essentially get about 20,000 toys out to four counties in five days and still make this newspaper.

The first trick in making that happen is totally relying on Kristina Nesteby to basically make this issue without me. Bless her little heart. (Even if that spoiled punk is doing all of that work from the warm confines of Los Angeles this week.) Either way, without her carrying the brunt of the paper burden this week, I'd never make it to the finish line on toys. After all, the toy's finish line is not flexible. It has to happen, and it has to happen now.

I'm writing this, or at least the first part of this, on a Saturday night sitting on my couch after a very full and fulfilling day. We were up at the crack of dawn today to get to Theisen's for another full day of Stuff the Truck madness. We've been doing this special event for 14 years now, and it's always a big boon to the program, but sometimes it can be a cold, merci-less slog. Not this year. It was a darn near balmy 40 degrees, which is like a tropical paradise compared to, say, 4 degrees. So I'll take it. The Marine Corps League was out in force waving down traffic along Dodge Street most of the day, and we were collecting toys and money right out in front of the store. We indeed filled the entire length of our Runde Chevrolet box truck. Just amazing generosity from the Dubuque community, our hosts at Theisen's, and the crew of Radio Dubuque, especially Rob Anglin, who does a lot of work behind the scenes to make not only this event a success, but helps the toy program out in many ways as well.

Tomorrow we're back at it on a Sunday morning, sorting thousands of toys and packing them for distribution throughout the week. A great volunteer crew makes short work of a mountain of toys. This is one of the few times when a lot of help from many people is needed for a short time, and it's so vital to our success.

Speaking of volunteers, the crew at the Multicultural Family Center in Dubuque, led by Sarah Petersen, puts on the best toy distribution event I could possibly hope for. In addition to a wonderful toy display and a superbly managed plan to get so many families helped as efficiently as possible, there is a second group of volunteers here that are as critical as our toy sorters. Over 160 individual volunteer time slots over three weeks at the distribution event need to be filled in order to reach our goal. This year, with just a simple group email to last



EVENT PLANNERS SAUNDRA FIELD AND LINDA DI FIORE CARROZZA TEAM UP WITH VENUE HOST FRED BONNET AND THE CREW AT FRIED GREEN TOMATOES TO COLLECT TOYS AND RAISE FUNDS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

year's volunteers, we filled 95% of those slots without having to beg, borrow, or cajole. What a stress reliever. My biggest thanks to our most die-hard volunteers, Paul and Sandy Meyer. Paul is also the creative master who is building us our new Santa throne to be unveiled at next weekend's ginormous kids party at Five Flags.

But first, I have to get those 20,000 toys delivered. So, Monday we will load the box truck to the brim with a huge toy load for Western Dubuque County on Tuesday. Then, to Galena for a big, wonderful toy drive dinner at Fried Green Tomatoes that would make your head spin. They really know how to throw a party! Then, on Tuesday, we actually deliver those toys to West Dubuque and come back and reload the truck for a trip to St. Olaf, IA, in the middle of nowhere in Clayton County. St. Olaf also happens to be home of the biggest pork-T I've ever had... and soon will have again (insert evil laugh here). Then home to load the truck again for a Thursday run to Lancaster, WI, for the Grant County Holiday Project. This includes an important trip to Zippy's Brass Rail for burgers (but Yoder's in Rockville has those amazing fried mushrooms—you MUST try them!) We'll hop from there to Platteville to pick up pallets of toys from Farm & Fleet and home to unload. And Friday, we load ALL of the supplies and goodies into Five Flags for Sunday's kids party. In between that, insert 20 or so smaller missions to accomplish before we pass out each day. Yeah, we got this!

After that Dec. 10 party, my life gets a lot easier, but we're still not done. But it does mean the end of the road is in sight! My knees actually still feel good this far into the season and so does my back. So that's another double-win.

And next issue, I'm going to tell you all about my new-to-me Toys For Tots pickup that we found waiting for us by the side of the road in Canton, MN, over Thanksgiving weekend. Dad's storied Chevy needs to be retired, and that's hard to admit, but Dad would love this new bright red Ford F-150 to get us through another 15 years of this. ■

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 7 PM  
OHWARD FINE ARTS CENTER  
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)  
Celebrate New Year's Eve with The Beatelles at Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA at 7 p.m.

The Beatelles feature four powerhouse female vocalists performing the songs of John, Paul, George and Ringo with harmonious perfection. These ladies have shaken

up the tribute world, offering a fresh and fun twist to a timeless catalog that spans from “Love Me Do” to “Let It Be.” Set to a backdrop of stunning multimedia, there is also choreography, costume changes, witty banter, and trivia. This is a must see show for any fan of The Beatles!

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



## Sinatra and Friends

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 @ 8 PM  
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8<sup>TH</sup> ST)  
Spend New Year's Eve with Bryan Anthony's Sinatra and Friends at The

Grand Opera House. This performance is presented by the Dubuque Arts Council.

The show features Hunter Fuerste's American Vintage Orchestra and the music of Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, and Old Blue Eyes, himself.

Bryan Anthony keeps the legacy of the Great Gentlemen of Song, especially Sinatra, alive and well in his immensely satisfying and sweetly nostalgic performances. A veteran vocalist of ensembles like the Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Nelson Riddle Orchestra, Bryan provides stunning homages to the swing era for contemporary audiences.

Close out 2023 with The Grand Opera House and Bryan Anthony's Sinatra and Friends. Tickets are \$39-\$45 and can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



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## Special Olympics Iowa Winter Games

JANUARY 8-9  
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Dubuque plays host to more than 200 athletes and Unified partners and 100 volunteers for the two-day Special Olympics Iowa Winter Games on Jan. 8-9.

Cold weather, snow, ice, mountains... nothing can stop the Winter Games athletes from speeding down the



slope, running through the snowshoe course or skating around the rink.

For the full list of competitions and more information, visit **soiowa.org**. ■



**FRI 12/8**



**Teeny, Tiny, BOLD: Artist Reception**

4-7 PM @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)  
*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 who builds miniature narratives inside abstract sculpture. Criner lives in Chicago, IL and has exhibited her work in galleries, art centers and museums throughout the United States. On display through Jan. 13. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. [roundtreegallery.org](http://roundtreegallery.org).

**THU 12/14**



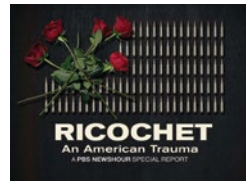
**20 Days in Mariupol: Movie Screening**

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY THIRD FLOOR AUDITORIUM  
 A war documentary film by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mstyslav Chernov. An AP team of Ukrainian journalists trapped in the besieged city of Mariupol struggle to continue their work documenting atrocities of the Russian invasion. As the only international reporters who remain in the city, they capture what later become defining images of the war: dying children, mass graves, the bombing of a maternity hospital, and more. Rated TV-MA. Free seating is first come, first served. Free. 360 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. **563-589-4225**. [carnegiestout.org](http://carnegiestout.org).



**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](http://audubondubuque.org).



**Ricochet: An American Trauma Movie Screening**

7 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY JANSEN MUSIC HALL  
 The Annual Community Remembrance of the Sandy Hook School massacre features a screening of the movie *Ricochet: An American Trauma* followed by a discussion with four panelists, each involved with different aspects of the gun violence issue: Dr. Heleana Theixos (Loras College Asst. Professor of Philosophy (Medical & Business Ethics)), Payton Bellings (Recent graduate of Bellevue High School), Steve Drahozal (Attorney and Public Defender), and Art Roche (President, Iowans for Gun Safety). The movie focuses on families who have

experienced the trauma of a mass shooting, a homicide or a suicide and what they and others are doing to bring about awareness and change. This will be the Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence (CNV)'s 12<sup>th</sup> annual event in response to the horrific murders of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook School in Newtown, CT on Dec. 14, 2012. Come to experience the movie and gain insights on ways we can end gun violence.

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](http://sinsinawa.org/moundcenter).



**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](http://lorasgirlsbasketballcamp.com).

**FRI 12/15**



**History of Common Vegetables**

5-6 PM @ ONLINE  
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Two days of winter fun for the whole family take over the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium at Ice Fest on Jan. 13 and 14 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Activities throughout the two-day festival include sledding, snowshoes,

ice harvesting and more. There will be indoor crafts and games for kids as well. S'mores ingredients and beverages will be available to purchase. Gluten-free and vegan s'mores options will also be available.

More information to come soon. For details, contact the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium at **563-557-9545** or visit **RiverMuseum.org**. ■



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**GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)**

Join faces&voices for this annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 15 at the Grand River Center. Breakfast is served at 7 a.m. and is followed by a celebration at 7:30 a.m.

Keynote speaker Dr. Ruth Haley Barton presents "Leading with Strength of Soul." Barton is founder of the Transforming Center, a ministry dedicated to strengthening the souls of pastors and Christian leaders, and the congregations and organizations they serve. A seasoned spiritual director (Shalem Institute), Ruth holds a doctor of divinity from Northern Seminary along with her studies at the Loyola University Chicago Institute for Pastoral Studies. She is a sought-after speaker and preacher, having served on the pastoral staffs of several churches and also teaching frequently at the graduate level.

Ruth's books include *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, *Life Together in Christ*, *Sacred Rhythms*, *Pursuing God's Will Together*, *Invitation to Retreat*, and *Invitation to Solitude and Silence*. She shares perspectives on transforming leadership through her *Beyond Words* blog and her *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership* podcast.

RSVP by Monday, Jan. 8. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 12 and younger, and \$250 for a 10-person table. All registrations after Jan. 8 are \$300 per table or \$30 per individual (adult and youth). Payment by cash or check may also be made at the door the morning of the event.

To register and for more information, visit **dbqschools.org/facesandvoices**. ■



SUN 12/17

**Horse Play**

10 AM @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL)  
Engage in several different horse-related activities and meet with many horses both big and small. Groom, tack, and lead the horses around the property. The horses love attention and are a great way to interact with equines for younger or more apprehensive humans. Tour the barn and meet with whoever may be inside that day while learning about the functioning of the farm and what it takes to care for these amazing animals. \$25. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. [shenandoahridingcenter.com](http://shenandoahridingcenter.com).

WED 12/20

**Lunch & Learn: Seed Catalogs**

NOON-1 PM @ CONVIVIAM URBAN FARMSTEAD  
Order lunch and join Convivium Farm Manager A.J. for this one-hour Lunch & Learn. Now that the ground is frozen, the tools are all put away, and the gardens are all put to bed... It's time to cozy up next to the fire with a cup of tea, a giant pile of seed catalogs, and start dreaming of next season. AJ will share his seed catalog tips and tricks: What to look for in a seed catalog, how to interpret different catalogs to get the most out of them, the various ways catalogs are organized, and hear all about his personal favorites. Free. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900**. [convivium-dbq.com](http://convivium-dbq.com).

THU 12/21

**Evening of Classics**

7 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS  
The critically acclaimed Tallgrass/Juliani Ensemble will perform classic masterworks from Bach, Mozart, Hayden, Albeniz, and Nabors. The superb artistry of these international musicians has gained them broad recognition, including performing in many of the world's most celebrated concert halls. Classical painter Tim Rees will begin the evening with a gallery talk describing his approach to making oil paintings through the implementation of traditional techniques. Mr. Rees' paintings, which reflect both a renaissance and modern ethos, will be adorning the walls of the Voices gallery through Jan. 28. Doors open at 6 p.m. Limited seating. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. \$40. 1585 Central Ave. **563-590-2533**. [voicesstudios.org](http://voicesstudios.org).

TUE 12/26

**Teen Advisory Group Hangout**

4-5 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Games, crafts, and more. Explore a craft or activity while providing feedback on making the library a welcoming place for teens. Ages 13-18. 360 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. **563-589-4225**. [carnegioustout.org](http://carnegioustout.org).

WED 12/27

**Wagon Train Showdown**

4 PM @ DUBUQUE ESPORTS LEAGUE  
Compete against rival wagon trains to see who can make it to Oregon first. Dubuque Esports League hosts a fundraising event to support their mission to provide opportunities for tweens, teens, and young adults to use esports as a platform to enhance skills needed to thrive in work and life. RSVP. 3220 Dodge St, Ste 09. **563-241-5690**. [dbqesports.org](http://dbqesports.org).

FRI 12/29

**Punch Out Your Stress with Empowermental**

NOON, 12:30, AND 1 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY THIRD FLOOR AUDITORIUM  
Say goodbye to 2023 by punching away your stress so that it doesn't follow you into 2024! Join instructor Eryka Cook of Empowermental for a 25-minute hands-on class that will show you how to use physical movement to reduce your stress. Eryka will guide participants through a variety of de-stress techniques that you can continue using into 2024. Participants of all ability levels are welcome to join in this fun and judgement-free event. Ages 18+. RSVP required. Free. 360 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. **563-589-4225**. [carnegioustout.org](http://carnegioustout.org).



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**Dec. 14 | 9:00-10:30 A.M.**

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## Ongoing & Recurring Events

### DAILY

#### Reflections in the Park

5-10 PM @ LOUIS MURPHY PARK  
THROUGH JAN 1  
Hillcrest Family Services' annual lights festival celebrates their 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://galenacenterforthearts.org).

### TUESDAY

#### Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM  
1<sup>ST</sup> TUE  
Discover the ABCs through hands-on and active activities including a craft and a game. Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. RSVP suggested. \$10 Non-members; \$8 members; adult free. 350 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St. 563-557-9545 x222. [RiverMuseum.org](http://RiverMuseum.org).

### WEDNESDAY

#### Dubuque Area Humanists Social Hour

6 PM @ BACKPOCKET DUBUQUE  
1<sup>ST</sup> WED THROUGH DEC  
Enjoy a craft beer and join the Dubuque Area Humanists for lively, informed discussions centered around values, philosophy, and life experiences. Free. 333 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. [facebook.com/dubuqueareahumanists](http://facebook.com/dubuqueareahumanists).

#### She Unites

6:30-7:30 PM @ 7 HILLS EVENT CENTER  
3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://SheUnitesIowa.com).

#### Toastmasters Speakeasy Club

6:30-7:45 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY ASBURY BRANCH (ASBURY, IA) & ONLINE  
2<sup>ND</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, AND 5<sup>TH</sup> WED  
Develop your public speaking and leadership skills. This safe and fun environment will help you become a more skilled and confident speaker. Each meeting will have a few prepared speeches, time to practice your ability to think on your feet with short improvised speeches, and feedback to guide growth. Meetings on a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday will be held online. Free. 5290 Grand Meadow Dr, Asbury, IA. [facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub](http://facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub).

### FRIDAY

#### First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE  
1<sup>ST</sup> FRI  
First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly visual art series, hosted by galleries, museums, and venues, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Free.

### SATURDAY

#### Dubuque 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](http://wintermarketdbq.com).

#### Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com).

#### Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
2<sup>ND</sup> SAT THROUGH APRIL  
Northeast Iowa School of Music is pleased to present Lollipops and Music for Our Preschoolers (L&MOP) preschool concert series. L&MOP is a monthly concert series that introduces children and their families to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Audience members should come prepared to sing, play instruments, and dance a bit with their family. Children leave with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop. All ages. Free. 360 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. 563-690-0151. [nisom.com](http://nisom.com).





# 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 is open for the distribution at the Multicultural Family Center, but The Dubuque Salvation Army distribution is now closed. A registration link is 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!

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, see below for your contact resources to get assistance.

### Multicultural Family Center

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Toys Distribution at Multicultural Family Center takes place now through Dec. 13, Monday through Saturday. Registration 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.

### 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. ■



## 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 1 PM

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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 University of Dubuque 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.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children, and \$5 lap seat. They can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at **DBQ.edu/heritagecenter**. ■

## First Fridays

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

9 AM-5 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11<sup>TH</sup> ST)

10 AM-7 PM @ ELEVATED IMAGES (129 MAIN ST)

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

5:30-9:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)

7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library hosts a group show for Arts @ your library. Support local artists while shopping for a unique gift.

Elevated Images is Dubuque's newest photo gallery and gift shop which offers a wide range of wall décor and gift items. From puzzles, playing cards, keychains, and more, they've got your stocking covered.

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

Voices Studios hosts *Eternal Elegance and Landscapes of Eastern Iowa*, 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. Their collective creations are set to illuminate Voices Studios in an exclusive set of works



GALATEA BY TIMOTHY REES

that embody beauty, landscapes and the human spirit, demonstrating a profound and harmonious merger of past and present artistic expressions. Additionally, the Studio Gallery will feature an eclectic array of works by graffiti writer-turned studio artist Mario ZORE Gonzalez.

Dubuque Area Arts Collective (DAAC) celebrates 14 regional and local artists from the Scenic Art Loop. The Driftless Region's exclusive year-round art guide invites travelers on a self-guided art tour along the backroads and byways through the prehistoric landscapes of the Driftless Region and Mississippi River. More than 60 artists and artisan businesses are dispersed in over 1,700 square miles in the Tri-State region. The collection of works spotlight various mediums of art including paintings, illustrations, photographic works, mixed media, metal and clay sculptures. ■





## Ultimate Rock Hits

**JANUARY 12 AND 13 @ 8 PM**  
**DIAMOND JO CASINO**  
**MISSISSIPPI MOON BAR (301 BELL ST)**  
 The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra joins with local rock bands and guest conductor Dr. Rob Stull (DSYE Youth Orchestra Conductor and Director of bands/Assistant Professor of Music at Clarke University) to present an amazing symphonic rock experience on

Jan. 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. at the Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar. Featuring chart-topping hits from the 1970s to the present, past performances have included covers of legendary songs from groups like Aerosmith, Van Halen, The Rolling Stones, and Led Zeppelin. You won't want to miss this unique collaboration that has never failed to bring the house down!  
 Tickets are \$25-\$45. For tickets and more information, call the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra at **563-557-1677** or visit [dubuquesymphony.org](http://dubuquesymphony.org). ■



## 2024 Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival Deadline

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15 @ 5 PM**  
 The 2024 Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival will take place Feb. 8-11, with community festivities on Sunday, Feb. 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Applications open Dec. 8 and are due by Monday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m.  
 Every year, Dubuque celebrates the Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival in its downtown Washington Park. This

free, family-friendly event is produced by the Dubuque Museum of Art in partnership with the City of Dubuque's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. Typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend in February, teams of professional, amateur, and collegiate artists sculpt Thursday through noon on Sunday transform 288 cubic feet of snow into masterful works of art.  
 A winning team is chosen and offered the opportunity to represent the state of Iowa at the U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition in Lake Geneva, WI the following year. A People's Choice selection is also chosen through online and in-person voting from noon to 4 p.m. following the call for "tools down" on the Sunday of the festival weekend.  
 For 2024, teams are encouraged, but not required, to design snow sculptures inspired by LOVE. Educational programming and entertainment scheduled in association with Winter Arts community activities are in conjunction with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's Spring Classic Concert Series *Star-Crossed Lovers*, featuring unique retelling of *Romeo and Juliet* and *West Side Story's* love story of Maria and Tony.  
 For full registration information, rules, and more, visit [cityofdubuque.org/winterarts](http://cityofdubuque.org/winterarts) ■

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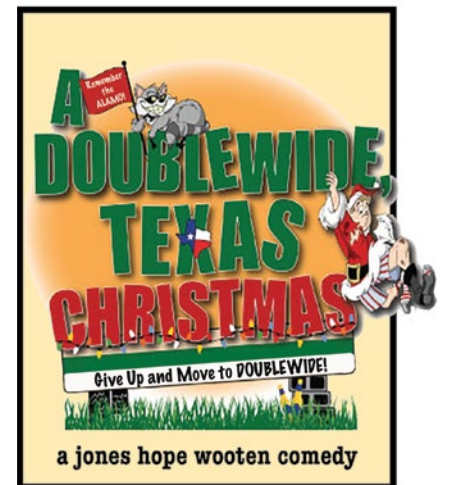
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## A Doublewide, Texas Christmas

DECEMBER 7-9, AND 14-15 @ 7:30 PM  
 DECEMBER 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.

Tickets 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](http://BellTowerTheater.net). ■



## Million Dollar Quartet Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 7 PM  
 FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)  
 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. Get ready for the season with this stellar musical featuring top-tier performers and your favorite Christmas jingles.

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 and are available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or at the Five Flags Center Box Office. For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](http://FiveFlagsCenter.com). ■



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](http://StJohnsDBQ.org).



### Jenni Petersen Brant Holiday Sale & Open Studio Event

10 AM-6 PM @ 695 PERRY ST 12/9 @ 10 AM-6 PM; 12/10 @ 11 AM-3 PM.  
Local ceramic artist Jenni (Petersen) Brant is opening up her home studio at 695 Perry St. in Dubuque for your holiday shopping pleasure. Shop handmade pottery and enjoy yummy snacks on the main floor or head down to her basement studio for free crafting projects. All ages. Free. **402-217-0015**. [bit.ly/holidays\\_burrobranch](http://bit.ly/holidays_burrobranch).



### 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 required. \$12/child. 285 5<sup>th</sup> St, East Dubuque, IL. **815-747-3310**. [midtownmarina.com](http://midtownmarina.com).



### 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, *The Gingerbread Chronicles*. This production features a 150-foot "crankie" or moving scenery panorama, which helps the gingerbread man move through forest and fields, the Village of Papparkakor, the banks of an icy river and finally to the witch's gingerbread cottage. There is an oven in this story, 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. She finds a way to use locally sourced ingredients and gets some help from a milkmaid and a metal sculptor. This original tale, just under an hour in length. Doors open a half hour before each performance. \$5. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129**. [hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com](http://hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com).



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

4-6 PM @ PLANTED.  
Remember those lighted ceramic trees your grandparents had growing up? Now you get to glaze your own mini version! 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 1<sup>st</sup> St. **563-239-9289**. [planteddbq.com](http://planteddbq.com).



### Cuba City Glow Parade: 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](http://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](mailto:angie@travelhdqdbq.com).

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**Home for the Holidays: Candlelight Tours**

**DECEMBER 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**

**DECEMBER 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. 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.

**Home for the Holidays Daytime Guided Tours**

**SATURDAYS: DECEMBER 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. ■



**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.

Store windows on Main Street come alive with holiday-inspired animated Living Windows. Many of the businesses offer extended hours, so take advantage of the magic and do some holiday shopping.

For more information, visit **visitgalena.org**. ■



SUN 12/10

**Waffles with Santa**

7:30 AM-NOON

@ CAMP ALBRECHT

ACRES (SHERRILL, IA)

Enjoy breakfast which includes meat, juice, milk, coffee, and all-you-can-eat, freshly made waffles. Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and take a family picture. Purchase some holiday decorations and check out the silent auction. All proceeds benefit the campers of Camp Albrecht Acres. \$10 Adults, \$5 ages 4 and younger. 14837 Sherrill Rd, Sherrill, IA. **563-552-1771**. [albrechtacres.org](http://albrechtacres.org).

**Breakfast with Santa at DeSoto House**

8 AM-1 PM @ DESOTO HOUSE (GALENA, IL)

Enjoy the splendor of Christmas at DeSoto House Hotel and have a jolly good time at the annual Breakfast with Santa. 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. With festive music, beautifully decorated Christmas tree, delicious breakfast meals, with specialty menu for the children, it's sure to be a holly jolly experience for the whole family. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. **815-777-0090**. [desotohouse.com](http://desotohouse.com).

**Christmas Cantata**

8:15 AM @ ST. PETER

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ONLINE

The St. Peter choir will be sharing the Christmas story through songs and narration. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube. Free. 3200 Asbury Rd. **563-583-0860**. [youtube.com/stpeterlutherandubuque](http://youtube.com/stpeterlutherandubuque).

**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. Also bring any gifts that still need wrapping with sustainable materials we had donated, including bags, newspaper, twine, etc. Supplies are first come, first served. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested. Free. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. **563-556-6745**. [facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

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. Wilson uses her extensive background in history and education to create programs that entertain, engage, and inform audiences. Free. 360 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. **563-589-4225**. [carnegiestout.org](http://carnegiestout.org).

**Merry TubaChristmas**

2 PM @ TURNER HALL (GALENA, IL)

Experience the sounds of the season, big brass-style! Join in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Merry TubaChristmas, a worldwide phenomenon founded by Harvey Phillips, in which tuba and euphonium players (with instruments festively decorated) gather and play traditional Christmas favorites. Free. 115 S. Bench St, Galena, IL. [galenacenterforthearts.org](http://galenacenterforthearts.org).

WED 12/13

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 is on display through Jan. 1 in the hospital lobby. 1 Medical Center Dr., Galena, IL. [midwestmedicalcenter.org](http://midwestmedicalcenter.org).

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## The Nutcracker

DECEMBER 9, 15 AND 16 @ 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 10, 16 AND 17 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8<sup>TH</sup> ST)

Whirling snowflakes and waltzing flow-ers frame this beloved holiday classic.

The Dubuque City Youth Ballet presents the annual Dubuque Christmas tradi-tion, *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 high-light of your family's holiday celebration.

The 2023 production of *The Nut-cracker* will feature new design ele-ments 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. Tick-ets can be purchased in person at the Grand Opera House box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



## Lorrie Morgan: Enchanted Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7:30 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER (405 MAIN ST)

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.

Lorrie Morgan, the first woman in her genre to begin her career with three consecutive Platinum albums, is known for her lustrous vocal phras-ing and the down-to-earth believabil-ity 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.

She has been a daughter, a bride, a mother, a divorcee, a widow, a single mother, a breadwinner and, ultimately, a survivor. In many ways, Lorrie is a living, breathing country song, and she knows what she sings.

Lorrie Morgan has been around great songs all her life. She is a Nashville native who is the daughter of Country Music Hall of Fame member George Morgan. She made her debut on the Grand Ole Opry stage at age 13, singing "Paper Roses." Her father died suddenly of a heart attack at age 51. She was 16 at the time and just beginning her musical career. Lorrie Morgan began making her own records shortly thereafter and was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry at just 24 years old.

Morgan married fellow country singer Keith Whitley in 1986. She was signed to RCA Records in 1987, and her onslaught of hits began the following year. Whit-ley's tragic death of an alcohol overdose in 1989 left her a widowed working mother. Their duet "Til a Tear Becomes a Rose" earned her a 1990 CMA award.

Tickets are \$49.99-\$69.99 and are available at **Ticketmaster.com** or at the Five Flags Center Box Office. For more information, call **563-589-4254** or visit **FiveFlagsCenter.com**. ■

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, Inter-pretation 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**.

FRI 12/15



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Christmas Party

5:30-8:30 PM @

MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

Join for food, fun activities for the kids, Hispanic/Latino cultural celebrations, music with live DJ, gifts, and prizes while supplies last. RSVP by Dec. 8. Free. 1157 Central Ave. **563-582-3681**. **mfcdbq.org**.



### 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. 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**.

SAT 12/16

### Santa Claus on the Fire Truck

9 AM-4 PM

@ CITY OF ASBURY, IA

Santa and his elves hop on the fire truck and visit residents in Asbury. Music, lights, and sirens will be used as they pass by on the truck. **563-556-5874**.

**facebook.com/AsburyCommunityFireDepartment**.



### Country Christmas

10 AM-NOON @

SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL)

There will be various crafts for the kids, as well as wagon rides for the whole family! Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be there to hand out gifts and read stories. Don't miss the hot chocolate bar to warm up after your wagon ride. Every-thing is included in the ticket price. Reserve your space online or pay at the door. Lead lines on horses and ponies will also be available. \$5 Children, free adults. 200 N. Brodrecht Rd., Galena, IL. **815-777-9550**. **shenandoahridingcenter.com**.

### Visit with Santa

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12/17 @ Steve's Ace Locust.

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SUN 12/17



### Breakfast with Santa

8 AM-NOON @ DUBUQUE

COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Join Santa and the Dubuque County Fairground elves for a breakfast. All ages. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. **dbqfair.com**.

TUE 12/19

### Shalom Winter Breakfast

7:30 AM @ SHALOM

SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Winter Breakfast features Pastoral Care Team member Julie Hill. Julie will usher you into the holidays with a seasonal titled "O, Winter!" in which she will reflect on how winter can provide portals to walk through during this sacred season with a grateful heart. Enjoy a delicious and festive meal, friendship, and fun. RSVP by Dec. 12. \$15. 1001 Davis St. **563-582-3592**. **shalomretreats.org**.

THU 12/21

### Wild Church: Winter Solstice

6:30-8 PM @ SINSINAWA

MOUND CENTER

(SINSINAWA, WI)

Fire and song, ritual and com-munity, prayer and quiet: this inclusive, outdoor gathering is centered on honoring this day of equal light and dark. In a time of planetary upheaval, it is crucial to recover our elemental sense of connec-tion and kinship with Creator and Creation. We are inspired by Celtic tradition and the Wild Church movement. This event will be held outdoors at Cavanaugh Park. Led by Eric Anglada, Sinsinawa's Ecological Programming Coordinator. Freewill offering. 585 County Rd Z, Sin-sinawa, WI. **608-748-4411**. **sinsinawa.org/moundcenter**.





## Hotel Julien Dubuque 12 Days of Christmas

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)

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

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](http://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 celebrate It's A Teal Christmas Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser 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](http://HotelJulienDubuque.com). ■



## Reflections in the Park

THROUGH JANUARY 1 @ 5-10 PM

LOUIS MURPHY PARK (1700 S GRANDVIEW AVE)

Hillcrest Family Services' annual lights festival celebrates their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The drive through event takes place now through Jan. 1 at 5-10 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.

Discounted tickets are available at all DB&T banking centers or are available for \$12 per vehicle at the gate. For more information, visit [hillcrest-fs.org](http://hillcrest-fs.org). ■





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## TRI-STATE LIVE MUSIC

**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**

Dan Peart  
5 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

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

Laura McDonald & Marcus DeJesus  
7 PM @ Wyndham Galena  
Birch Lounge (Galena, IL)

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 Library

Big Night Out  
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

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

Darin and Amber  
3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

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

Nathan Tricky Allen  
7 PM @ Dubuque Eagles Club

Nick Dittmeier & the Sawdusters  
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

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr  
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque  
Riverboat Lounge

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

Secrets  
8 PM @ The Mine Shaft  
(Mineral, Point, WI)

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

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

**SUN 12/10**

Kris Karr  
1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

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

Corey Layne  
2 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the  
Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

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

DR Duo  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Secrets  
3 PM @ Hawg Dogs (Savanna, IL)

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

**WED 12/13**

Shannon Woulfe  
6 PM @ Jubeck New  
World Brewing

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**

Jeff Theisen  
4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Three Quarter Buzz  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery



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

Christmas Movie Trivia Night: Elf  
7 PM @ DBQ County 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 Tronso  
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)

ARP of the Covenant  
9 PM @ The Lift

**SAT 12/16**  
Cameron McCallister  
10 AM @ Convivium  
Urban Farmstead

Christmas Karaoke  
w/ Becky McMahon  
Noon @ Kennedy Mall

Massey Road  
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Danny Parker Project @ 2 PM  
Kara Gordon @ 8 PM  
Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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

Sam Day  
5 PM @ Galena Cellars  
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Stone Wolf Trio  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

O'Guilty's  
7 PM @ Days Inn  
Spirits Bar & Grill

Nixon  
7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

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

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

Hairball  
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino  
Mississippi Moon Bar

Rock Steady  
8 PM @ The Dungeon

Searchlight Soul  
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque  
Riverboat Lounge

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards  
8 PM @ Northside Bar

Jef Spradley  
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club  
(Asbury, IA)

Mark Cameron Band  
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth  
Blues & BBQ (Bellevue, IA)

Matt McPherson Band  
9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

**SUN 12/17**  
Laura McDonald & Jeff Weydert  
1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Jimmy Welty Band  
2 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Gypsy  
2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co  
(Dyersville, IA)

Scott Waterhouse  
2:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse  
(Peosta, IA)

Jordan Danielsen  
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

**WED 12/20**  
Dan and Cindy Caraway  
6 PM @ Jubeck New  
World Brewing

Broken Rubber Band  
7 PM @ First Reserve

**THU 12/21**  
Elizabeth Mary  
6 PM @ The Corner Taproom  
(Cascade, IA)

Evening of Classics:  
Tallgrass/Juliani Ensemble  
7 PM @ Voices Studios

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

**FRI 12/22**  
Shannon Wouffe  
4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Daniel Eric  
5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse  
(Peosta, IA)

Holiday Sing Along  
w/ Jubeck Family Band  
6 PM @ Jubeck New  
World Brewing

Joseph John Valenti  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Jimmy Welty Band  
6 PM @ Timber Lanes  
(Maquoketa, IA)

Rock Steady  
7 PM @ Days Inn  
Spirits Bar & Grill

Cal Coohy  
7 PM @ First Reserve

Dean's Birthday: Sun Green  
7 PM @ Smokestack

Not Quite Brothers  
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino  
Mississippi Moon Bar

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

DICKMAS: Dick Hubert,  
Pure Service, Marzipan  
Mailbox, and More  
9 PM @ The Lift

Barefoot & Sunshine  
9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

**SAT 12/23**  
Danny Parker Project @ 2 PM  
Mojo Busted @ 8 PM  
Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails  
3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Emma Smith @ 5 PM  
Bob and Gus @ 6 PM  
Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Dan McGuire  
5 PM @ Galena Cellars  
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Steve & Randy  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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**SAT 12/23**

Tiger Kings  
7 PM @ Days Inn  
Spirits Bar & Grill

Ballyheigue  
7 PM @ The Lift

Brushfire Bandits  
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Ozzy & Bon JoeB  
7 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the  
Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Smokehouse  
7 PM @ Twisted Vines  
(Potosi, WI)

Drink 182  
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino  
Mississippi Moon Bar

Chris Stevens  
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth  
Blues & BBQ (Bellevue, IA)

**MON 12/24**

Michael Breitbart  
11 AM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

**TUE 12/26**

Carolers  
5 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's  
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

**WED 12/27**

Carolers  
5 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's  
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Jay Jubeck & Friends  
6 PM @ Jubeck New  
World Brewing

**THU 12/28**

Carolers @ 5 PM  
The Gutheries @ 7 PM

Frank O'Dowd's Irish  
Pub (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails  
6 PM @ The Corner Taproom  
(Cascade, IA)

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

**FRI 12/29**

Casey Kliem  
4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Carolers @ 5 PM  
The Gutheries @ 7 PM  
Frank O'Dowd's Irish  
Pub (Galena, IL)

John Gay  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

Jimmy Welty Band  
7 PM @ Offside Sports Complex

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr  
7:30 PM @ Wyndham Galena  
Birch Lounge (Galena, IL)

Rhino  
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino  
Mississippi Moon Bar

Joseph John Valenti  
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque  
Riverboat Lounge

Jordan Danielsen  
8 PM @ Grape Escape  
(Galena, IL)

**SAT 12/30**

Secrets  
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

Tony & Shannon  
3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

The Mixed Emotions Band  
5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Noah James Hittner  
5 PM @ Galena Cellars  
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Daniel Eric  
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joseph John Valenti  
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse  
(Peosta, IA)

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

Massey Road  
7 PM @ Days Inn  
Spirits Bar & Grill

Time Machine  
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino  
Mississippi Moon Bar

Tessa  
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque  
Riverboat Lounge

Big Mojo  
8 PM @ Alfred's Bar at  
Leisure Lake (Bernard, IA)

The Jimmys  
8 PM @ Flatted Fifth  
Blues & BBQ (Bellevue, IA)

Big Night Out  
8 PM @ Monticello Eagles Club  
(Monticello, IA)

**SUN 12/31**

Mark Zalaznik  
1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Secrets  
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

The Other Two  
3 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse  
(Peosta, IA)

Luxembourg New Year's Eve:  
Jacquie Miller Duo  
3 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the  
Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Big Night Out  
4 PM @ The Other Side  
(East DBQ, IL)

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

DR Duo  
5 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Ron Tegeler  
5 PM @ Flatted Fifth  
Blues & BBQ (Bellevue, IA)

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

Forest Schoenrock &  
Brody Tupy, Jef Spradley Trio  
7 PM @ Grape Escape  
(Galena, IL)

The Beatelles  
7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts  
Center (Maquoketa, IA)

New Year's Eve Dueling Pianos  
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino  
Mississippi Moon Bar

Sinatra and Friends  
8 PM @ Grand Opera House

Rockabilly New Years Eve  
Show: Dirty Fishnet Stockings  
8 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque  
Riverboat Lounge

Joie Wails  
8 PM @ Wicked Dame

The Lonely Goats  
8 PM @ Goldmoor Inn  
(Galena, IL)

Three Quarter Buzz  
9 PM @ Days Inn  
Spirits Bar & Grill

DJ SaladSpinner  
9 PM @ Smokestack

River Moonshine  
9 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)

The Mixed Emotions Band  
9:30 PM @ The Big House  
(Petersburg, IA)

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

PUZZLES ON PAGES 34 AND 35  
GENERAL BOB IS AT THE IRISH COTTAGE

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**Conceptis Sudoku #2**

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### Jim McDonough & His Orchestra

DECEMBER 9 @ 2 PM

As seen on PBS! This dazzling event features International Steinway Artist Jim McDonough, alongside his 15-piece professional orchestra, performing spectacular arrangements of everyone's favorite Christmas music and other all-time hits. The awe-inspiring performance is a grand combination of sensational music and the true spirit of the season.



### Hairball

DECEMBER 16 @ 8 PM

The lights, sound, smoke, fire, bombs plus Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, and Aerosmith are but a few of the acts fans will see brought to life. 2023 finds Hairball celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of rocking.



### Not Quite Brothers

DECEMBER 22 @ 8 PM

Central Iowa's fastest growing cover band formed in 2018. They quickly became known for their huge sound, eclectic setlist, and ability to enhance any party. These five fellas are as tight as brothers... but not quite.

### Additional Entertainment

#### THE BREAKFAST CLUB

DECEMBER 8 @ 8 PM

#### JUNK FM

DECEMBER 15 @ 8 PM

#### DRINK 182

DECEMBER 23 @ 8 PM

#### RHINO

DECEMBER 29 @ 8 PM

#### TIME MACHINE

DECEMBER 30 @ 8 PM

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

#### DUELING PIANOS

DECEMBER 31 @ 8 PM

#### DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: ULTIMATE ROCK HITS

JANUARY 12 & 13 @ 8 PM

#### BOBCAT GOLDTHWAIT

FEBRUARY 2 @ 8 PM

#### FOOL HOUSE

FEBRUARY 3 @ 8 PM

#### THE DAVE MATTHEWS

#### TRIBUTE BAND

MARCH 2 @ 8 PM

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## Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

### SUNDAY

Disco Brunch  
9 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sun

### MONDAY

Trivia w/ Fun N Games Co  
6:30 PM @ Round Two (Peosta, IA)  
4<sup>th</sup> Mon

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

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

### TUESDAY

Tarot Tuesday @ 4 PM  
Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Nick Riedman and DJ Chris Wilson @ 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

Free Den Wednesdays  
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

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

Blues Jam @ 6 PM  
Thirsty Thursday Open Mic @ 8 PM  
Smokestack

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

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

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

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

Tomato Throw Show  
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Trivia w/ Fun N Games Co  
8 PM @ Steve's Pizza (Platteville, WI)  
When UW-P is in session

Karaoke  
9 PM @ Southend Tap

### FRIDAY

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

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

Trivia Night  
7 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing (Maquoketa, IA)  
1<sup>st</sup> Fri

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon  
7:30 PM @ Offside Sports Complex  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fri

Karaoke  
7:30 PM @ Lock 12 (Bellevue, IA)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Entertainment  
9 PM @ Baraboo's on Main

Karaoke  
9 PM @ Southend Tap

### SATURDAY

L&MOP  
10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Latin Night w/ DJ Papi  
9 PM @ Smokestack  
Last Sat

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

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# Regional Nightlife & Festivals

## DAVENPORT, IA

Luminare Christmas  
Dec 10 @ Rhythm City Casino

Nate Bargatze  
Dec 16 @ Adler Theatre

Michael W. Smith  
Dec 18 @ Adler Theatre

Jesse McCartney  
Jan 25 @ Rhythm City Casino

Sawyer Brown  
Feb 24 @ Rhythm City Casino

## MOLINE, IL

Bryan Adams  
Feb 23 @ Vibrant Arena

Foreigner  
Mar 3 @ Vibrant Arena

## EAST MOLINE, IL

Sevendust  
Dec 30 @ The Rust Belt

Russell Dickerson  
Feb 24 @ The Rust Belt

Dropkick Murphys  
Feb 25 @ The Rust Belt

## CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Jo Koy  
Dec 8 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Maddie Poppe  
Dec 10 @ Paramount Theatre

Mannheim Steamroller  
Dec 20 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Home Free  
Dec 21 @ Paramount Theatre

Blue October  
Mar 6 @ Paramount Theatre

## IOWA CITY, IA

Sara Evans  
Dec 10 @ The Englert Theatre

Preservation Hall Jazz Band  
Dec 12 @ The Englert Theatre

Martin Sexton  
Jan 18 @ The Englert Theatre

Paula Poundstone  
Jan 20 @ The Englert Theatre

Foy Vance, Bonnie Bishop  
Jan 26 @ The Englert Theatre

Demetri Martin  
Jan 28 @ The Englert Theatre

Mariachi Herencia de México  
Feb 2 @ The Englert Theatre

John Waite  
Feb 9 @ The Englert Theatre

Ben Bailey  
Feb 23 @ The Englert Theatre

Postmodern Jukebox  
Feb 25 @ The Englert Theatre

The Blind Boys of Alabama  
Feb 29 @ The Englert Theatre

## RIVERSIDE, IA

Clint Black  
Dec 8 @ Riverside Casino

Clay Walker  
Feb 9 @ Riverside Casino

## MADISON, WI

Liz Phair, Kate Bollinger  
Dec 8 @ The Sylvee

Darren Criss  
Dec 12 @ Barrymore Theatre

Sean Patton  
Dec 31 @ Comedy on State

Sam Morril  
Jan 4-6 @ Comedy on State

Joe Pera  
Jan 25 @ Comedy on State

James Kennedy  
Jan 26 @ Liquid

Shane Gillis  
Jan 26 @ Overture Center

Randy Rainbow for President  
Jan 28 @ The Orpheum

Ms. Pat  
Feb 3 @ Barrymore Theatre

Nickel Creek  
Feb 7 @ Overture Center

Nate Bargatze  
Feb 8 @ Alliant Energy Center

Ashley Gavin  
Feb 8-10 @ Comedy on State

Roy Wood Jr  
Feb 10 @ The Orpheum

Jonathan Van Ness  
Feb 16 @ The Orpheum

Subtronics, Hedex, Jon Casey,  
Distinct Motive, Skellytn  
Feb 18 @ The Sylvee

Sheng Wang  
Feb 22-24 @ Comedy on State

Three Dog Night  
Feb 22 @ The Orpheum

Jonathan Richman  
Feb 23 @ Barrymore Theatre

John Batiste  
Feb 23 @ The Sylvee

Bruce McCulloch  
Feb 24 @ The Majestic

Fortune Feimster  
Feb 25 @ Overture Center

Journey  
Feb 26 @ Kohl Center

Silversun Pickups  
Feb 26 @ The Sylvee

Static-X, Sevendust, Dope,  
Lines of Loyalty  
Feb 26 @ The Sylvee

Postmodern Jukebox  
Feb 28 @ The Orpheum

Delfeayo Marsalis & The  
Uptown Jazz Orchestra  
Feb 28 @ Overture Center

Gaelic Storm  
Mar 1 @ Barrymore Theatre

Intocable  
Mar 1 @ Overture Center

Flogging Molly, Amigo the  
Devil, Gen and the Degenerates  
Mar 2 @ The Sylvee

Waterparks, Loveless  
Mar 6 @ The Sylvee

Francis Ellis & Lil Sasquatch  
Mar 7-9 @ Comedy on State

Eliades Ochoa  
Mar 7 @ Overture Center

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<b>LAINY WILSON</b> 7.18.24 MONTICELLO, IA	<b>GEORGE STRAIT</b> 5.25.24 AMES, IA






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

FRI 12/22 • 9 PM • FREE  
**DICKMAS**

SAT 12/23 • 7 PM • FREE  
**BALLYHEIGUE**

SUN 12/31 • 9 PM • FREE  
**NYE PARTY  
 IRISH TOAST AT 6 PM**

SAT 1/27 • 10 PM • FREE  
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 THU • \$3 DOMESTIC BOTTLES  
 FRI & SAT (5-7 PM) • \$2 OFF TAP BEERS  
 SUN • \$2 OFF JAMESON + GUINNESS



**LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES**

**SAT 12/9**



**Nick Dittmeier & the Sawdusters**  
 7 PM @ GEHLEN BARN BEER IN THE BARN  
 BREWERY (101 MAIN ST, ST. DONATUS, IA)  
 Nick Dittmeier & the Sawdusters are  
 a three piece progressive roots band  
 from southern Indiana. Their newest  
 and fourth album, *Heavy Denim*, is a  
 genre-bending collection of songs, full  
 of characters who were developed while  
 staring over the dash of a beat up van,  
 cruising through towns all over the Mid-  
 west. For fans of The Band, Dire Straits,  
 and JJ Cale. [gehlenhouseandbarn.com](http://gehlenhouseandbarn.com).

**SUN 12/10**



**Corey Layne**  
 2 PM @ GEHLEN BARN BEER IN THE BARN  
 BREWERY (101 MAIN ST, ST. DONATUS, IA)  
 Corey Layne's East Tennessee roots  
 have greatly influenced his music as  
 a country singer-songwriter. Inspired  
 by his grandfather who had played  
 the Grand Ole Opry, Corey's music  
 is heartfelt and emotional. His work  
 covers the gamut of personal struggle  
 and loss to finding happiness and  
 love. His original music inspires the  
 listener with the resounding sincerity  
 of his genuine vocals and searing  
 lyrics. [gehlenhouseandbarn.com](http://gehlenhouseandbarn.com).



**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 Jel-  
 lyfish's cult power pop recordings.  
 Dickie opens. [foxdenmotel.com](http://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. 1<sup>st</sup> place takes  
 home \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> takes \$100, and 3<sup>rd</sup> takes  
 \$40. No professional talent. Proceeds  
 benefit the Vern Ehrler Memorial Schol-  
 arship Fund. [sandyhooktaVERN.com](http://sandyhooktaVERN.com).

**FRI 12/15**



**Mike Hosty**  
 7:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS  
 (1585 CENTRAL AVE)  
 Mike Hosty, featured in the film  
*Oklahoma Breakdown* at the Julien  
 Dubuque International Film Festival  
 this past spring, is coming to Voices  
 Studios from Oklahoma where he will  
 seamlessly weave rhythm and melody  
 with unparalleled skill. Hosty plays as  
 a one man band, performing in more  
 than 250 shows a year. He simultane-  
 ously tears through gritty slide leads,  
 blows harmonica and or kazoo and uses  
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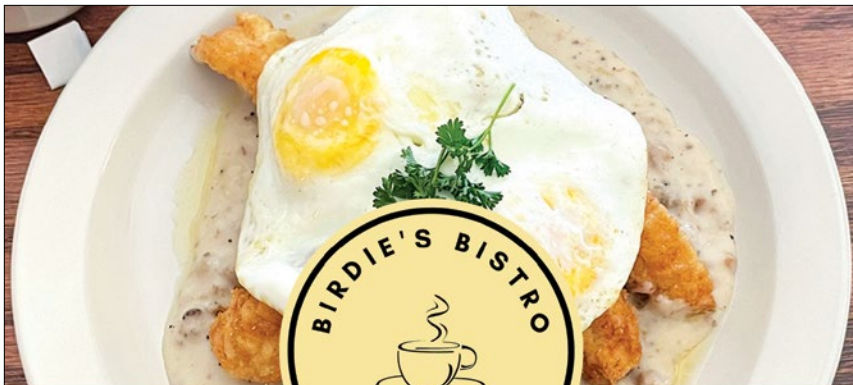
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## Gyro Hub & Mediterranean Grill

By Danny Fairchild

I'm just going to cut the crap. If I and/or friends can't decide where to order from, the default answer is going to be Gyro Hub & Mediterranean Grill. They've got something for everybody as well as things you can't get anywhere else in Dubuque. Yes, they have gyros, and their gyros are not to be missed. But there's one thing I'm sure many of you are aching to hear, so here it is: Dubuque has a new place to get Indian food! I repeat! Dubuque has a new place to get Indian food! And that's not all, yo. Every time I look at their one-page menu I snagged from there, I keep saying, "Oh, man! They got that, too?!" Seriously. I just looked again and saw that they have Italian beef. I guess this *is* a Mediterranean grill, and Italy *is* on the Mediterranean. But Philadelphia isn't anywhere near the Mediterranean, so how can you explain a Philly Cheesesteak on the menu?

I explain it this way: They downloaded a list of the things I crave the most directly from my brain and made a menu out of it. I mean, they have chicken gizzards listed as a side! Chicken gizzards! I know other people besides me crave chicken gizzards. But I haven't known any other such people

since my dad died. And he doesn't even eat chicken gizzards anymore.

But the main point I want everyone to take away from this is that glory be! Dubuque has a new place to get Indian food! The menu is about as multicultural as it gets, what with listing said Indian food under the heading "Pakistani & Indian Food" but that just makes it even better! Dubuque has a new place to get Pakistani and Indian food!

The vibe is as eclectic as the menu. Bright, contrasting colors on opposite walls augmenting the cleanliness of the dining area and prep stations. It looks kind of sports bar-ish. But oh! What's that on the TV behind the counter? Some kind of sporting event? Nope! It's a news feed from Mecca showing thousands of Muslims making the Hajj. Italian beef. Philly Cheesesteak. Gyros and shawarma. Chicken gizzards. Pakistani and Indian food. Live broadcast of the Hajj. As someone nearly three-quarters Scandinavian, I am offended that MY culture didn't make it onto this menu. Every other culture has. I'm kidding. I like lutefisk, but asking others to like it is asking too much.

And I know what you're thinking. You're asking, "But Mr. Fairchild. With all these different dishes from all these



different traditions... how can ANY of them be done well?" We can do this because this is America. And in THIS country, we don't discriminate against a culture's cuisine! Just the people! And okay, sure... sometimes we discriminate against their cuisine, too. I mean how much are you willing to pay for a fine dining experience? Oh, I forgot to mention! The fine dining experience is Mexican cuisine. Does that affect your price at all, you bigot? Anyway. We live in a country where this menu is possible. Oh, you want chicken? 2 piece? 12 piece? 20 piece? Oh, you specifically want wings? You can get as many as 35 for \$34.99. That's a buck a wing, partner! What's that? You've been craving some good fried okra just like downhome? Come get some at Gyro Hub! Watch the Hajj while you're there!

Now let's get down to flavor.

It's called first and foremost Gyro Hub, so I had to try me a gyro. They give you the makings, and you can construct it however you want. I got all the usual suspects, including tzatziki. In Dubuque that means lettuce, too, but whatever. What's good is good. It's some of the best tzatziki I've had around these parts. Or any parts, really. It tastes delightfully fresh and bright. And the strips of gyro meat are loooong, oftentimes extending beyond the width of the pita. And you get to see the gyro and shawarma meat rotating and being carved. They use one of those little handheld shavers that looks almost like a tiny iron but it's actually more terrifying. You know those big spinning blades used to slice cold cuts and cheese? Those gyro shavers are like that, but 'cept in handheld form. And that's just terrifying to me. It looks like something my dad would use to shave his back. Ha, ha. Just kidding. My dad doesn't have a hairy back. Not since they cremated him, anyway.

Sorry. Went a bit dark there. But I'm talking loooong, thin strips carved off spinning cones of meat. The thinness is important in gyros and cold cuts because it allows for air pockets that aerate your food as you chew it. I have no scientific evidence to back this up. I just know that thinly sliced sandwich meat tastes better on a sandwich when it's individually loosely folded. And that's why you need special equipment to slice gyro meat so thin instead of hacking off a big chunk of it.

The meat is so flavorful, and watching it being shaved from the cone is such a treat as long as I don't think about the accidents that could happen with that little death slicer. And the pita! Ooooooh, yes! I know that it seems counterintuitive to have a flatbread that is yeast-leavened. But that's what pita is. And the pita at Gyro Hub is light and almost fluffy. Definitely fluffy as far as flatbreads go.

From the Pakistani & Indian menu, I ordered butter chicken and the shish kebab.

I ordered butter chicken because it's what I often order, and it's the Indian dish I make the most. So, I felt most qualified to judge it. But if you're looking for your chicken biryani or your chicken tikka, or even your palak paneer, Gyro Hub & Mediterranean Grill has you covered. And if the butter chicken is any indication, then Gyro Hub & Mediterranean Grill has you covered WELL! Theirs is better than mine. But just barely, and mostly because they use coconut milk, and I always forget that I don't have any in my pantry and I should just go ahead and add it to my next grocery list. I make my butter chicken for myself, so it's no coincidence that I like mine so much. So, it says a lot when I say that Gyro Hub's is even better than mine.

The shish kebab. Be warned. You aren't getting cubes of meat and vegetables grilled on a skewer. What you're getting is more like the Pakistani seekh kebab. It's ground meat formed into kind of a cylindrical shape on a skewer, seasoned to deliciousness, and grilled to even more deliciousness. It's like a grilled meatloaf. How's that for a delicious image, eh? Soooo good.

Everything I've tried so far has been delicious. This is the place you suggest to friends when your friends want hamburgers but you want something more worldly. Or when you're craving anything from baklava to jalapeño poppers. It's such an eclectic atmosphere and menu that you'd think everyone would feel out of place. But everybody there seemed to belong. It's a beautiful thing. It's what food SHOULD do. ■

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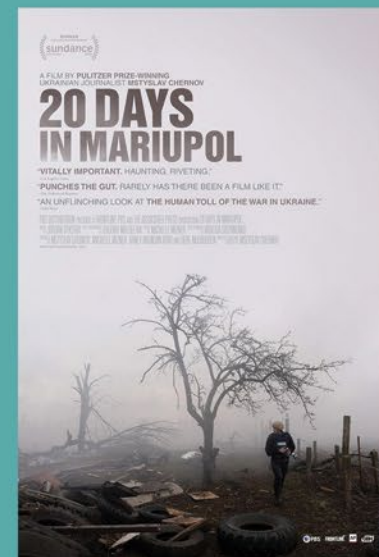


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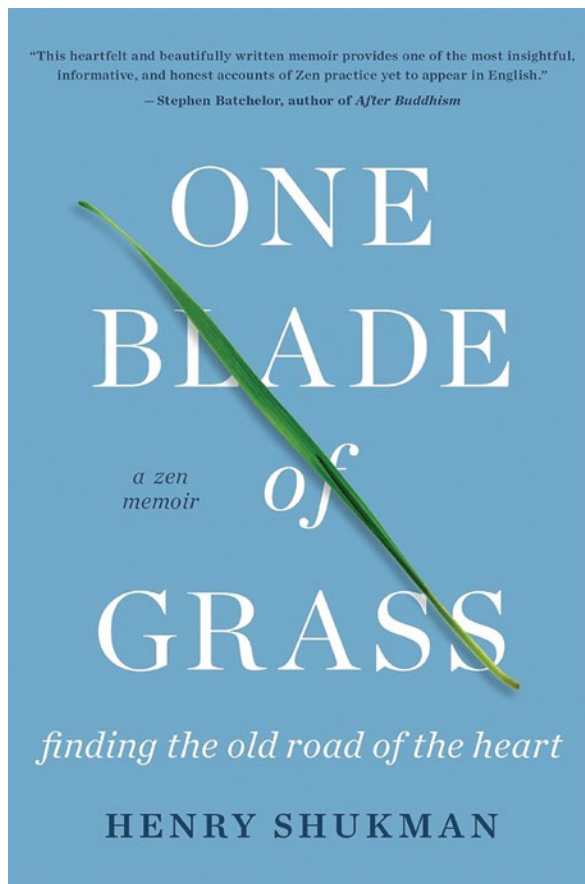


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# One Blade of Grass

By John McAndrew

Zen is one of those things that everyone knows a little about. We know its aesthetic is austere, spartan. We know it has some relation to Buddhism, whether it's a branch, an offshoot, or a synonym. We know it's of Asian origin (Zen is the Japanese word for it. In Chinese, it's known as Chan.). We know some famous people are practitioners, like Gary Snyder, Thich Nhat Hanh, John Cage, the Dalai Lama (nope: he's a Tibetan Buddhist). Or THE Tibetan Buddhist, and that guy in that kung fu TV show. We know that lots of Westerners are now practitioners. But what's with that question, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" Sounds like asking, "Which way is blue? What color is stubbornness?"

If you are curious about Buddhism, and Zen in particular, Henry Shukman's memoir, *One Blade of Grass*, is an excellent introduction to the religion and its practice. For Western/American readers,

some aspects of Zen will be familiar, while some will be thoroughly baffling. Shukman emphasizes the importance of a supportive teacher, the centrality of a community of practitioners, the necessity of discipline in one's practice, and the difficulty or impossibility of comprehending the truths or realities being pursued. While one may have profound, unsettling, disorienting experiences during meditation ("zazen"), they are not proof of having "arrived." And they certainly don't solve all of your problems.

Shukman was born in Oxford, England, in the early '60s. His father was Jewish, and that is part of his identity as well. As a young man, he was plagued by a persistent case of eczema that affected his social life and self-esteem. His earliest teachers—not about Zen, but about living a life that diverges from the ordinary—were a friend of his mother named Speedy, and a Colombian priest and liberation theologian named Gustavo. Henry had his first awakening experience as a teenager on a South American beach, long before he knew about Zen. Echoing his lesson from Speedy, it gave him another glimpse of a different way of being a person. He had a sudden, new sense of belonging, of being claimed, of being loved. Then he went home, and the wonder faded and was drowned by his return to the old life. But that first taste created in him a desire to pursue it wherever it would lead.

Another friend of his mother, Flora, was a Romanian elder who knew witchcraft and fortune telling. (I know; stick with it.) She was the first to recommend that Henry meditate, but her point of reference was the Greek philosophers rather than Buddhists. A musician friend introduced Henry to Transcendental Meditation. Meditation became the still point in his life, the spoke around which things both moved and remained tethered. In time, his work as a travel writer brought him into contact with Natalie Goldberg, a writer (*Writing Down the Bones*) in Santa Fe, NM, and other Zen practitioners and teachers. Goldberg told him that, "Zen isn't a matter of knowing. It's a practice, it's something you do."

And that's where things really take off. Shukman is a great storyteller. He's a successful travel writer and a bestselling novelist. He tells of further awakening experiences with surprising clarity, given that they are largely encounters with the preverbal, with mysteries that are not only hard to articulate, but where any description instantly imposes distance between the listener and the experience. I know—it's self-contradictory. Get used to it. That's a prominent characteristic—but not a weakness—of Shukman's narrative. Logic and language, in addition to our cherished views of our struggling, ever-striving selves, are among the things that Zen teaches practitioners do not to rely on, or to set aside entirely. (In other words, this review is entirely superfluous. Shrug.)

Here lies mystery. Shukman is a convincing tour guide. There is neither hagiography nor evangelism here. He's not interested in making converts. It has been said that, "The Tao is not this. And not that." Shukman says that, "Gradually it became clearer how this reality got obscured: it was through thinking and then believing the thoughts." Zen, he says, "seeks to free us from a mistaken perspective generated by a misunderstanding about our sense of self: namely, that it's a thing, that *me* is a fixed entity." Like a free lunch, there is no you.

Confused?

Excellent. "It may be a little inaccurate but not unreasonable to say that in the end, all Zen is love." Like love, it's a persistent behavior, not a feeling, and it leads way outside our comfort zones. Like love, it makes no logical, rational sense. Like love, it's about recognizing that we are all connected.

Great book. It may completely mess up your five year plan. Enjoy. ■

#### JOHN MCANDREW

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# Hy-Vee Dietitians' Food Year in Review and 2024 Food Forecast

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

As we gear up for 2024, it's time to dive into the blend of time-honored traditions and exciting new trends that will shape our upcoming year. In a world that's always on the move, the way we celebrate the end of one year and the start of another is constantly evolving.

One thing we're gladly leaving behind in 2023 is restrictive diets. It's time to embrace a more balanced and holistic approach to well-being, focusing on nourishing our bodies with a diverse range of foods rather than sticking to rigid dietary rules. We've realized that these restrictive diets often do more harm than good, promoting unsustainable and unhealthy habits. Instead, people are adopting intuitive eating, being more mindful of what they consume, and placing greater emphasis on the quality of their ingredients. It's a refreshing shift toward sustainable and flexible wellness, where we understand that true health encompasses both body and soul. If you need some guidance on making this transition, Hy-Vee dietitians can help you make the switch while ensuring you're nourishing your body appropriately.

Another trend that's keeping its momentum into 2024: the rise of plant-based ingredients. With new research showing the health benefits of consuming more plants and a wide variety of plants in our diets in addition to sustainability of food production methods and crops, more and more consumers are turning to plant-based options. Whether it's meatless burgers that taste just like the real deal or innovative dairy alternatives, these plant-based ingredients have moved from being niche to becoming mainstream staples in our kitchens and at restaurants. As we step into the new year, the plant-based movement is firmly rooted in our culinary and cultural landscape. As a Hy-Vee dietitian, I would be happy to help you navigate a plant-based approach when it comes to your diet in 2024!

There's another exciting new trend we're eager to embrace in 2024, and that's allergy-friendly dining and heightened awareness of food allergies. It's a trend that's not limited to those with dietary restrictions; it symbolizes a more considerate and inclusive approach to food. Restaurants and food manufacturers are making a stronger commitment to providing safe and delicious options for individuals with allergies, sensitivities, and dietary restrictions. And it goes beyond just gluten or nuts: It encompasses a wide range of allergens. By embracing these inclusive food practices, the industry sends a powerful message that everyone deserves the joy of a great meal, regardless of their dietary needs. You can already see this trend in action with Hy-Vee's dietitian picks of the month, like General Mills gluten-free cereals and Sweet Loren's cookie dough. Both companies are proud to offer many delicious gluten-free products.

If you're on the hunt for unique and meaningful family traditions to add some extra sparkle to your New Year's Eve this year, why not consider adopting the Twelve Grapes tradition from Spain? This charming custom

involves eating one grape for each stroke of midnight, with each grape symbolizing good luck for each month of the coming year. It's a delightful and interactive way to welcome the new year, and it's suitable for all ages. So as the clock nears midnight on Dec. 31, gather your loved ones, prepare a dozen grapes, and make a wish with each sweet bite. This tradition from across the sea can bring a touch of Spain's warmth and festivity to your own New Year's festivities, creating cherished memories and a unique connection to cultures around the world. For more grape-centric ideas for your New Year's party, check out our Grape and Thyme Baked Brie, below. Cheers to 2024!

Hy-Vee dietitians are eager to help you navigate your nutrition goals as we head into the New Year! If you're ready to learn how a Hy-Vee dietitian can help you, schedule a complimentary Discovery Session today by contacting our Discovery Call Center via email [nutritionservices@hy-vee.com](mailto:nutritionservices@hy-vee.com) or call 515-695-3121. ■

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- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme, plus extra for garnish, if desired
- ¼ tsp flaky sea salt
- ¼ tsp Hy-Vee black pepper
- ¼ cup salted caramel topping

### All You Do:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Place Brie on prepared baking sheet. Top with walnuts and grapes. Drizzle with avocado oil. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon thyme, sea salt and black pepper. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes or until softened.
3. Transfer cheese to a serving platter. Drizzle with salted caramel topping and garnish with additional thyme, if desired.

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Bella is brought back to life by her guardian, the scientist Dr. Godwin Baxter. Initially naive, Bella is eager to learn about the world around her, albeit under Baxter's protection. Wanting to see more, she runs off with Duncan Wedderburn, a slick and debauched lawyer. Free from the prejudices of her times, Bella demands equality and liberation.



### THE BOY AND THE HERON (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mahito, a young 12-year-old boy, struggles to settle in a new town after his mother's death. However, when a talking heron informs Mahito that his mother is still alive, he enters an abandoned tower which takes him to another world. Directed by Hayao Miyazaki.



### THE OATH (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

400 A.D., in a forgotten time of Ancient America, a lone fugitive must preserve the history of his fallen nation while being hunted by a ruthless tyrant, but rescuing the King's abused mistress could awaken a warrior's past.



### WONKA (PG)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

With dreams of opening a shop in a city known for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. The movie serves as a loose prequel to the 1970s classic. Starring Timothée Chalamet.



### AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM (PG-13)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

After failing to defeat Aquaman the first time, Black Manta wields the power of the mythic Black Trident to unleash an ancient and malevolent force. Hoping to end his reign of terror, Aquaman forges an unlikely alliance with his brother, Orm. Setting aside their differences, they join forces to protect their kingdom and save the world from irreversible destruction.



## Movie Buzz

While *Avatar 3* was filmed at the same time as *Avatar: The Way of Water* (along with the first act of *Avatar 4*), according to director James Cameron, a "very hectic two years of post-production" are ahead before the movie is ready. *Avatar 3*, which will deal with a fire tribe of the Na'vi, is currently scheduled to hit theaters in December 2025.



Contrary to rumors, Robert Downey, Jr. (Iron Man) and Chris Evans (Captain America) are NOT returning to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Says Marvel President Kevin Feige, "We all worked very hard to get to [those characters' goodbyes], and we would never want to magically undo it in any way."



Fresh off their success with *Barbie*, stars Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling are re-teaming for an *Ocean's Eleven* prequel. In the film, which is set in Monte Carlo in 1962, the pair will play the parents of George Clooney's Danny Ocean and Sandra Bullock's Debbie Ocean characters. Reportedly the central heist takes place on a private yacht of a shipping mogul. Jay Roach (*Austin Powers*) directs.



Director Rob Reiner and stars Michael McKean, Harry Shearer, and Christopher Guest are all returning for a sequel to the 1984 cult classic *This Is Spinal Tap*. The film's story is said to involve a contract with their late manager, which said that Spinal Tap owed his family one final show. As a result, the band is forced to come together and give it a go. Filming begins in February for a release in late 2024. But will it still go to 11?



Fresh off working together on the new film *Ferrari*, filmmaker Michael Mann confirms that star Adam Driver is in talks to star in *Heat 2*, which will be Mann's next film. Driver has long been rumored to be playing the younger version of Robert De Niro's Neil McCauley character from the original movie.



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# Asking Effective Questions

By Matt Booth

In the world of communication, asking good questions is like navigating with a compass; it guides you toward a clearer understanding and deeper knowledge. It's essential to recognize that not all questions are created equal. The quality of your questions can either open doors to valuable insights or lead to superficial answers.

**1. Define Your Objective:** The first step in asking effective questions is understanding what you aim to discover or learn. This clarity of purpose sets the stage for a meaningful dialogue. For instance, if you're curious about a colleague's perspective on a project, a question like, "What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of our current approach?" is direct and opens the door for detailed feedback.

**2. Focus on One Topic at a Time:** It's easy to bombard someone with multiple questions at once, but this approach can be overwhelming and confusing. Stick to one subject for clarity. Ask, "What inspired you to start your own business?" rather than muddling the conversation with unrelated questions.

**3. The Power of Listening:** Often overlooked, listening is a crucial component of asking good questions. It's not just about waiting for your turn to speak, but about genuinely understanding the

other person's response. This attentive listening can then shape your follow-up questions for a more in-depth discussion.

**4. Follow-up for Depth:** Initial responses can often be just the tip of the iceberg. Dig deeper with follow-up questions based on the answers you receive. If someone mentions a recent challenge they faced, you might ask, "How did you overcome that obstacle?" This shows genuine interest and encourages a more meaningful exchange.

Beyond the initial question, consider how your inquiries can open up broader discussions. Questions that invite the sharing of experiences, opinions, and feelings can transform a simple exchange into a meaningful dialogue. This not only enriches the conversation but also strengthens relationships and builds understanding between the participants.

Try to frame your questions in a way that encourages expansive answers. Open-ended questions, as opposed to yes/no inquiries, invite elaboration and provide the respondent with an opportunity to express themselves more fully. A question like, "How do you envision the future of your business?" invites a more thoughtful and detailed response than a closed-ended question.

In essence, asking good questions is a skill that enhances effective communication. It's not just about getting answers, but about fostering a sense of engagement and understanding. By honing this skill, you become better equipped to navigate the complexities of human interaction and knowledge gathering. ■

"Judging your success against others steals your happiness." —Matt Booth

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**Farley: Thursday, December 14, 5:30 PM**

**Snack on Science: Black Holes**  
For kids K - 3rd grade. We'll learn about a science topic and do an experiment we can eat to go along with it. December is black holes.  
**Holy Cross: Monday, December 11, 6 PM**  
**Peosta: Tuesday, December 12, 4:30 PM**  
**Epworth: Wednesday, December 13, 4:30 PM**  
**Farley: Saturday, December 16, 10:30 AM**  
**Asbury: Saturday, December 16, 1:30 PM**

**Candy Houses**  
Spend your holiday break making a candy house! We'll provide graham crackers, icing, and all sorts of candy decorations, and YOU provide the imagination. For All Ages.  
**Farley: Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 AM**  
**Peosta: Wednesday, December 27, 3:30 PM**  
**Epworth: Thursday, December 28, 1 PM**  
**Holy Cross: Thursday, December 28, 6 PM**  
**Asbury: Friday, December 29 @ 10:30 AM**

**Storytime**  
Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour of reading, rhymes, and socialization. Ends December 20th.  
**Peosta: Mondays @ 9:30am**  
**Epworth: Mondays @ 10:30am**  
**Farley: Tuesdays @ 10:00am**  
**Asbury: Wednesdays @ 9:45am**

**Craft Club: Cork Planters**  
December's craft is Cork Planters. Registration is recommended but drop-ins are welcome while supplies last. For ages 16+  
**Asbury: Monday, December 18, 5:30 PM**

**Baby & Toddler Storytime**  
Songs, stories and socializing for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Ends December 20th.  
**Peosta: Tuesdays, 9 AM**  
**Asbury: Wednesdays @ 9 AM**

**Kids Craft Club: Snowflake Kaleidoscopes**  
Join Miss Kayla for a craft club! For kids K - 5th grade. December's craft is snowflake kaleidoscopes.  
**Epworth: Thursday, December 7, 4:30 PM**

**Five Convenient County Locations...**

- Asbury 5290 Grand Meadow Dr., 563-582-0008
- Farley Municipal Bldg. 206 1st St N. 563-744-3475

- Epworth - 110 Bierman Road S.E., 563-876-3388
- Holy Cross - 895 Main Street, 563-870-2082
- NICC/Peosta - 8342 NICC Dr., 563-556-5110 ext. 224



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## PUZZLE PAGE

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 22

### WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



### PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

#### CAPITAL-GRAMS

- ACROSS
- Slogan
  - Like horses offered for breeding
  - "You played well!"
  - Knot on a tree branch
  - Like Lowell's "day in June"
  - Anomalous
  - Creature in the Philippines' capital?
  - Former British prime minister Benjamin
  - Geronimo or Cochise
  - Voting "no"
  - Final inning, usually
  - Best Picture of 2012
  - "El —" (1961 epic film)
  - Horse-drawn carriage in Angola's capital?
  - Sobieski of the screen
  - Plains
  - Olympic swimmer Tom
  - Skating couples in France's capital?
  - Like charged atoms
  - Pear variety
  - Melodramatic
  - Privy to
  - Massey of old movies
  - Affliction for some war vets
  - Mineo of old movies
  - Pollen-bearing organ from a flower in Iran's capital?
  - Golfer Hale
  - Insect's egg capsule
  - Boise loc.
  - "State Fair" actor Ayres
  - Ring thrown at a peg in Ecuador's capital?
  - Public square in Bolivia's capital?
  - Abbr. on a navy vessel
  - Website ID
  - Showed up at
  - Narratives
  - Feudal lords in Greece's capital?
  - TV captain Jean- — Picard
  - Big shindig
  - Has to have
  - Like a desert
  - Workforce newcomer
  - Harper of "No Country for Old Men"
  - Doughnut-shaped
  - Small parasite in South Korea's capital?
  - Primitive-based kind of diet
  - "OB-viously!"
  - Striped stinkers
  - Comedian in Lesotho's capital?
  - Fridays (eatery chain)
  - "Fancy —!"

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- DOWN
- "Gigi" studio
  - roll (hot)
  - Scarlet bird
  - Libyan port
  - Cantina pot
  - Popular beer from Japan
  - Not flabby
  - Lanka
  - Mexican meat dishes
  - Ariel's planet
  - Letter before epsilon
  - Rove (about)
  - Kimono sash
  - Clip- — (some ties)
  - 1996 presidential hopeful Bob
  - Bit of salt
  - Modify
  - Island south of Sicily
  - Nobelist Root
  - Says "OK" to
  - Tabby not leaving the house
  - Swiss peak
  - Singer Chris
  - Part of DKNY
  - Baba
  - Fond du —, Wisconsin
  - Kin of -ette
  - Like a desert
  - Drivers' org.
  - Brand of coolers
  - Fills the lungs
  - Deli staple
  - "So chic!"
  - Allergic outbursts
  - Hot wax may be a part of it
  - Pluralized -y, often
  - Ill-suited
  - Pleasantly pungent
  - Fiduciary figure
  - Moves with a rustling sound
  - Morse click
  - Best Picture of 1997
  - Actress Long
  - Timber tool
  - They often precede verbs
  - Experienced via another person
  - String after P
  - Final: Abbr.
  - Target of the Salk vaccine
  - Petri dish site
  - Doc's Rx
  - Paper VIPs
  - Palace area for women
  - Country south of Braz.
  - Fahrenheit alternative
  - Snarky laugh
  - Deer relative
  - Letter before upsilon
  - Ending for schnozz
  - "Time to ride the waves!"
  - Beat in a mano-a-mano
  - Releases from one's grasp
  - Jamaican music genre
  - N.J. hours
  - Gummies up
  - Removes some rodents
  - Stately home
  - Solitary
  - Album's first half
  - Ewoks' forest moon
  - Detect
  - Creator of Tom Sawyer
  - Dutch cheese
  - Past due
  - Female goat
  - MSNBC anchor Cabrera
  - Vietnamese holiday
  - Mud bath site
  - Lime drink
  - Method: Abbr.

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**UNTHEMED NO. 7: SUPER CENTER**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Boots up again
  - 9 Spill-cleaning implement
  - 15 Manages OK
  - 20 Nontraditional protagonist
  - 21 "Interview With History" author Fallaci
  - 22 --garde
  - 23 Kamala Harris is his veep
  - 24 Guys in the petroleum industry
  - 25 San Diego major leaguer
  - 26 Clearasil may clear it up
  - 27 Hands-on program for law students
  - 30 Highest point
  - 31 Vowel sound in "tent" or "peg"
  - 33 Made efforts to come from behind
  - 36 Bieber who co-hosted "Drop the Mic"
  - 39 Put on a musical staff
  - 40 Measure of temperature plus humidity
  - 44 Exaggerated tales
  - 49 Passing reference
  - 50 Get nude
  - 51 Cargo weight units
  - 52 Heartbeat frequency
  - 53 ALF et al.
  - 56 Tahitian wrap
  - 57 Alabama speedway city
  - 58 "I Am --" (reality show starring Jenner)
  - 59 Bluish form of oxygen
  - 60 People plundering
  - 61 After a while
  - 62 Frilly fabric
  - 63 Tightrope walkers, e.g.
  - 64 Kind of chimpanzee
  - 65 Mork's planet
  - 66 1955
  - 67 16th-century Spanish ship
  - 68 Restoration to factory defaults
  - 69 "Yes, I'm 100% for it!"
  - 70 They may follow right jabs
  - 73 Deterrents to auto thefts
  - 74 Balcony cry from Juliet
  - 75 "The Scarlet Letter" protagonist
  - 76 Early 1940s, politically
  - 82 Draws a bead on
  - 87 Part of i.e.
  - 88 Bulbs controlled with phone apps
  - 91 Acronym comparable to "carpe diem"
  - 92 Irritated
  - 95 Storm into
  - 96 Dog food brand
  - 98 Each
  - 99 Less original
  - 100 Full of life
  - 101 John of farm equipment
  - 102 Esteems
  - 103 Some pastries
  - 5 Yellowfin 90-Down, in Hawaii
  - 6 Apt to vote Republican
  - 7 It has limbs
  - 8 Aria, e.g.
  - 9 Like sheep
  - 10 Writer Jong
  - 11 Actress Meg or Jennifer
  - 12 Mrs. Eisenhower
  - 13 Nonstop
  - 14 Fail to stay calm
  - 15 Salary ceiling
  - 16 Eggs, formally
  - 17 Asian noodle dish with peanuts
  - 18 On the way
  - 19 Central Asian plains
  - 28 Highest point
  - 29 Many a Bach choral work
  - 32 The thing right here
  - 34 Actor Peter O--
  - 35 PC key abbr.
  - 37 Vows heard at weddings
  - 38 "Mexico Set" novelist Deighton
  - 40 Boba Fett captured him
  - 41 Aaron's son, in the Bible
  - 42 Genre for Beck and Nirvana, in brief
  - 43 Tommy -- (power pop band)
  - 44 Mistaken beliefs
  - 45 Official doing taxing work
  - 46 Sowing machines
  - 47 They fill job positions
  - 48 Does' mates
  - 50 Rounded edge, as on a stairstep
  - 52 Royal homes
  - 53 Dine at a friend's house, say
  - 54 Transverse rafter-joining timber
  - 55 Easy walks
  - 57 Many bathroom floor installers
  - 58 Locale of Hudson Bay
  - 60 Don of TV announcing
  - 61 Legendary Rhine siren
  - 63 Single-wheel load carriers
  - 64 Peel that changes from green to yellow
  - 66 Sprinted, e.g.
  - 67 Polenta grain
  - 68 WWW page code
  - 69 Calendar box
  - 70 Decreased
  - 71 Tending to cause wear
  - 72 New Jersey city opposite Manhattan
  - 73 Jagged cliff
  - 75 Meddling sorts
  - 77 Sect in "Witness"
  - 78 Made a dash for
  - 79 1991 Daytona 500 winner Ernie
  - 80 Novelist Calvino
  - 81 Earlier-born
  - 83 Avian mimics
  - 84 Part of ESE
  - 85 "The Sandbox" dramatist Edward
  - 86 Some tadpoles, in time
  - 89 Hat's place
  - 90 Sushi staple
  - 93 Drop the ball
  - 94 Coloring stuff
  - 97 Buddy, in Burgundy

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By Dave Green

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**Conceptis Sudoku #2**

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BY SARA CARPENTER

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

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

As per typical this time of year, we have seen temperatures in the 50s and then temperatures in the 30s over the last few weeks. Welcome to the Midwest, right?!? There have been plenty of days where many of us, me included, have spent a good amount of time outside planting and cleaning up our yards. In fact, there are several things you can do or should do around this time every year.

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

4. Get your HVAC system inspected/serviced. It's so important to make sure that your HVAC system is ready and functioning properly before the temperatures drop below zero.
5. Check the seals around your doors and windows for drafts. Be sure to seal any leaky doors or windows to conserve as much energy and control your costs through the winter. These seals may go bad over time, yet they are easy to replace. If you have a lot of bad seals—as is common in many older homes—you can seal the entire window with a special plastic covering that you can find in ready-to-go kits.
6. You can still have porch pots and hanging baskets for this season. They're usually composed of live evergreen trimmings that will soak up moisture now and stay vibrant all season. They're a low maintenance way to show some color around your house—and they make great gifts.
7. ...Or you can bring some life inside. Grey skies and shorter days can be depressing. But studies have shown that houseplants can help prevent stress, improve productivity, and have a calming effect on people. Additionally, many houseplants like succulents or spider plants or philodendrons are really low maintenance.

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The Dubuque Music Men Chorus provides the musical backdrop for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Hotel Julien Dubuque, which always features one of the most impressive trees in the area.



The Jingle Jeep Parade through downtown Galena was not only a fun night of festively decorated vehicles, it was also a great fundraiser for Riverview Center to provide sexual assault services.



Scuba Santa returned to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium again this holiday season as evidenced in this great pic of the Pfohl family enjoying the unique photo-op event!



Let it snow! They're open for business at Sundown Mountain Ski Resort just west of Dubuque! It sure helps when you can decide when it snows!



It took the Dubuque Fighting Saints 15 seconds in the first period to score their first goal, triggering hundreds of flying teddy bears to hit the ice for Toys For Tots!



365's Bryce Parks stops in at Phoenix Theatres during their \$1 showings of The Polar Express to check in on Santa and the Frozen Princesses! It's not always such a hard job!



Christmas on the Square, held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, filled Cable Car Square with hundreds of families to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus as they ride down the Fenelon Place Elevator. The night was filled with music and festive activities.



The Bellevue Marquette High School basketball team delivered these blankets they made for pediatric patients at Dubuque's Mercy One Medical Center.



The DRA announced a \$200K contribution to Dubuque/Jackson County Habitat for Humanity for their Mt. Pleasant Pocket Neighborhood Project to purchase land for 14 affordable homes in Dubuque's Wood Street neighborhood.



Our friend Donna Loewen participates in the fashion runway show at this year's A Merry Millwork Market supporting the charities of the Schmid Innovation Center in Dubuque's Historic Millwork District.



The Dubuque Jaycees keep up their long tradition of decorating Washington Park for the holidays. Did you know the Jaycees once raised the money to build that gazebo?

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**DEAR ANGELA,**

So many questions I could ask you; why do drivers not use blinkers before making a lane shift or turn, how difficult would it be for restaurants to use cloth napkins instead of paper, why do delivery people think they can walk across your grass instead of using the driveway and sidewalk to the front door, and many other questions. So here is my question today: Why is it so many people today are rude to others, think only their opinions count, never do any research on any subject of subsidence, make up false claims about elections, are racists, and have no clue about most anything?  
—Fed up on 45

**DEAR FED UP,**

In response, I could offer you so many answers, such as blinkers are simply old fashioned, cloth napkins are too likely to clash with outfits and therefore totally gauche, and delivery people are actually paid by Big Grass to ruin your lawn to keep you purchasing grass seed and fertilizer, but I'll only actually answer the question you specifically asked me today. My answer is actually a diagnosis, because I can tell you've been hit with a bad case of Grinchitis! It's a proven fact that people have been terrible since the beginning of time. All you can do is stand near a pine tree, take a deep breath, bake a batch of cookies and eat one, then another, and then take a nap. This is sure to make you feel better until the next time someone cuts you off on Dodge.

**DEAR ANGELA,**

I have a "friend with benefits." We met on a hook-up site and have been hooking up for a couple of months now. The "benefits" are great. Really. Toe-curling great. But, here's the thing. Although the "benefits" with my "friend with benefits" are great, I would like more. Like, maybe going out, on a date, in public, fully-clothed, with actual conversation. I don't want to lose my "benefits," but I'm scared that if I push for more, my "friend" will freak out.

How do I evolve my "benefits" friend into something... relationship-ish?  
—Signed, "Benefits" on the Bluff

**DEAR "BENEFITS"**

Your use of the term "friends with benefits" made me ponder the definition of a friend WITHOUT benefits, and I suppose those are actually just enemies? Either way, you didn't write to me to discuss definitions; you want solutions! I always say go big or go home. Book a trip to Vegas, and plan a variety of increasingly exciting and dangerous activities that the city offers such as zip lining, taking a helicopter ride, driving race cars, and eating at a buffet in a post-COVID world. A few days of crazy fun antics together will prime them for the next step: Propose in front of the Bellagio fountains, and get married by an Elvis impersonator. Bada bing, bada boom, return as a married couple!

**DEAR ANGELA,**

My family drew names for Christmas, and I'm dreading opening presents because last year was a total disaster. I got my cousin and bought him a really cool sampler set of peanut brittle. But I forgot that he is allergic to peanuts and just touching the package set off a panic through the whole house that ended with the present being unceremoniously dumped into the ditch behind my grandma's house. That wasn't even the last of the discomfort because when I opened the envelope that held my gift, I was shaking and ripped it in two, which also tore apart the gift certificate inside, making it invalid. I don't want to be mortified again this year, what can I do?  
—Mortified on Main

**DEAR MORTIFIED,**

Is that a cough I detect? Hmmm, you sound like perhaps you are getting a fever? Or is your tummy suggesting that you may have a sudden and violent case of food poisoning? You need to get sick, and it needs to be contagious and/or disgusting. Well, don't actually get sick, just say you are. How is your acting? If necessary, take a few improv classes this month and get ready to earn your first Oscar because there is no way you should take part in the gift exchange this year.

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# BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO... COMPLETELY NOT FAKE Horoscopes

By Danny Fairchild. Friend to the Cosmos



## ARIES

(APR 19–MAY 13)

If you want to make connections with others, your best bet is to try dishing out some heartfelt compliments. Beyond that, nobody wants to hear a single thing you have to say.



## TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

Take some time to celebrate yourself this holiday season. True, it can be argued that this is a wholly holy time of year and you should be celebrating other things. But how do you know you're NOT God?



## GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

Making a book of gift coupons for things like free massages might sound like a cute, inexpensive gift. But it goes against the true meaning of the holiday, which is capitalism.



## CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

Don't go chasing waterfalls. You don't really need to. Whatever waterfall you're after is probably still where you left it. Waterfalls don't often change locations. Niagara Falls is still very much at Niagara Falls.



## LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

If you're wondering what to get that special someone for the holidays, just remember that regardless of age, gender, or even sexual orientation, most people like boobs.



## VIRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

Home is where the heart is. Unless you're waiting for a transplant. In that case, your heart is currently at someone else's home.



## LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

With the new year almost upon us, take the time to learn something new. Like a new recipe. Or the name of that person you've awkwardly been friends with for months.



## SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

New income opportunities will mean more work for you. But... I mean... your lovers usually just lay there, anyway. May as well get paid for it for a change.



## OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

Only a few weeks left of 2023, and thus ends any hope of fulfilling your New Year's resolution. It's a shame, really. We were all counting on you. Life itself was counting on you. Humanity will die with your name and a curse on its lips.



## SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

Now is the time to work together for a common goal. Actually, it's ALWAYS time for that. That's how society functions. But apparently the universe felt you needed reminding, you sack of crap.



## CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

If you find yourself asking yourself, "Is this something I would do?" the answer doesn't have to be "yes" or "no." The answer could be, "It is now!" Don't blame me for the consequences, however. Blame astrology.



## AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

You'll really blur the line between a "just cause" and "just cuz."



## PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

You will be swept away over the next few weeks, but manage expectations. Being "swept away" could lead to a secluded beach, or it could lead to a secluded basement. Or worse, it could lead to a dustpan.

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