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I've occasionally updated you on the chronicles of Coco the miniature rescue wonder poodle in this column. He's a 15-year-old rescue that we got when he was 9, and since then, he's become the center of our little world, bringing us joy and laughs on a regular basis.

Not so long ago I talked about the beginning of his health slide as he gets to be an old man (108 years old if you use the dog years math). His sight is bad, and his hearing is about gone, and in the last year, he's started showing signs of cognitive issues. We believe he's got dementia. He flinches at hands that move fast to pet him, and later at night especially, he becomes very moody. I believe they call it sun-downing. So, we're extra careful with him. Slow and deliberate and with extra love.

We just accepted that he may not have a long time left, so we're going to make sure he's comfortable and happy. And he is. Every morning, I wake him up by picking him up from his bed and laying him on my bed and give him a good rub and, his favorite, butt scratches, as he burrows his nose into the blankets. And then, a big, big yawn tells me he's ready to get down and go outside to do his business.

Well, two weeks ago, after the aforementioned butt scratches, he looked at me and gave me the big yawn, giving me a big eyeful of his wide-open yapper. But this time, I saw something on the roof of his mouth that was very much out of place. Like it was stuck to the roof of his mouth. I thought... food? Maybe bugs like I've seen on the internet. So, I took him to the vet the same day and got the news I didn't even consider for some reason. Coco had cancer.

Floored is all I can say. I think it hit me harder than finding out about my own cancer. And it did the same to Christy. So, we're in this terrible spot where we know that due to his age and declining health that invasive treatment, surgery, chemo, even just putting him under for a biopsy, can kill him. So, at his place in life, the kindest thing we can do is not give him any pain or suffering that he doesn't have to have if we can help it. That means putting him on steroids and making him as happy as we can until his condition gets to the point where he'll let us know that days are no longer better than worse.

We dread that day. I've had to do that only once before in my life, over 25 years ago, and it remains one of the saddest and most painful experiences I can remember. Christy has not had to face it before. She tries not to think about it. But her heart is huge, so this is going to be so hard on her.

Coco's been a daddy's boy since he arrived. He gets excited when Christy

comes home from work, and he loves to take walks with her, but at the end of the day, he only wants to snuggle up next to me on the couch. And as his dementia gets worse, his evening mood swings and grumpiness are pretty much aimed at Christy, mostly when she comes near us on the couch, growling and, occasionally when she gets real close, a snarl. Never a bite or violence. Just confused fear.

This would likely piss off most people or sour their attitude to the little guy, but Christy is a freaking saint. She only ever talks to him with loving words and tones. When he won't eat sometimes, she will sit and hand feed him one piece at a time, and it always works. She can even make him eat when I can't. She should be mad at him, but she never ever blames him for his actions or attitude. She just loves on him 100% of the time.

It's easy to love on him when he's your snuggle buddy and shows you the love and trust (that would be my role). So, to see Christy never vary from the way she loves on him, especially when sometimes he can really be a jerk and not deserve it, is amazing to witness. I already couldn't love her more, but to see the compassion and patience she shows him day in and day out makes my heart hurt in the best way.

As she's allergic to most dogs, finally adopting one was out of left field and all her idea (poodles are hypoallergenic). She deserved a dog that would spend as much time as possible in her lap. She didn't get that. But he's just too damn adorably cute to hold it against him.

We don't know what the first nine years of his life were like. We can tell some things happened that left him skittish. But coming into our lives was the best idea ever for all of us, I think. And now our job is to show him how much he means to us until the day we have to say goodbye. Conveniently, that's pretty much already describes everyday since we first met him almost seven year ago. So, more of the same. Hug your puppers tonight! I guess cats too... if you must. ■

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 @ 5-7:30 PM
 THE INNOVATION LAB
 (210 JONES ST, SUITE 100)

On Thursday, Feb. 1 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at The Innovation Lab, ambitious entrepreneurs will compete for seed funding at the Dubuque County Business Competition. The competition, organized by The Innovation Lab and powered by Dupaco Credit Union, is set to bring together startups, existing businesses, funders, and mentors under one roof, providing a unique opportunity for them to kickstart or scale their ventures.

Entrepreneurs were selected to participate from more than 45 applicants.

The competition will start with a Funding Fair at 5 p.m. where the finalists will each have a booth to display their business information and concepts. Attendees will listen to pitches from each business and vote for their favorite concept. A panel of expert judges will also listen to and score pitches. The businesses that garner the top five judges' scores and the business that generates the most crowd votes earn a spot in the live pitch event.

The six finalists will then take the stage at 6:30 p.m. to deliver their compelling 5-minute pitches to the crowd. Their pitches will be evaluated by a panel of judges with the top three businesses receiving seed funding of \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second place, and \$2,750 for third place.

Tickets to attend the competition are \$15 and are available at innovationlab.us.



The Dubuque New Car & Truck Dealers Association invites you to come see all the new vehicles in one climate controlled setting. The Dubuque Auto Show will be held at the Grand River Center on Friday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Participating dealers include Riley Subaru, Richardson Motors, Anderson Weber, Finin Ford & Kia, Deery Brothers Dubuque, McGrath Chevrolet, and McGrath Hyundai. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The Dubuque Auto Show is free to attend. For more information, visit facebook.com/DBQAutoDealers.

Dubuque Auto Show

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 @ 11 AM-7 PM
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 @ 11 AM-6 PM
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 @ 11 AM-4 PM
 GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)



Inspired by the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's (DSO) performance, families, friends and first time sculptors are invited to sculpt their own masterpiece based on the theme of love. Accompanied by music from the DSO, stroll among giant snow creatures carved by teams competing for a slot at the U.S. National Championships.

Inside the Museum, Senior High School curators invite you to the opening of the annual K-8 Student Art exhibition featuring work by more than 200 students. Food and beverages will be available for purchase with fried chicken from Birds. food truck, hot caffeinated drinks and pastries from Galena Coffee Roasters, and hot cocoa served by the Community Foundation's youth philanthropy program, the YAPPERS.

This is a free, family-friendly event. For more information, visit cityofdubuque.org/winterarts.

2024 Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
 DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART & WASHINGTON PARK (701 LOCUST ST)
 Celebrate our community's creativity at the 7th Annual Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival. Sculpting will take place Feb. 8-11, with community festivities on Sunday, Feb. 11 from noon to 4 p.m.

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Saturday, February 17, 2 PM

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Tickets: \$25 (adv) / \$28 (door), Students: \$15 / \$18

FRI 2/2

Liberty Recovery Open House

NOON-2 PM @ LIBERTY RECOVERY & TRAINING CENTER
Liberty Recovery Community is celebrating its 2nd anniversary. Check out the facility and talk to some of the residents. Refreshments will be served. Free. 2216 White St. **563-213-5552**. operationempoweria.com.

SAT 2/3

The Old Lady Shows Her Medals Play Reading

7 PM @ GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL)
2/3 at 7 p.m.; 2/4 at 2 p.m.
Honoring the imagination and sacrifice of a working-class woman during World War I, *The Old Lady Shows Her Medals* by J.M. Barrie is about two people who decide to take the risk of

meaning something to each other. Suggested donation \$10 adults, \$5 students. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. galenacenterforthearts.com.

SUN 2/4



Souper Bowl Sunday

3-4:30 AND 5-6:30 PM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Select a handmade ceramic bowl created and donated by local artist, and fill it with soup donated by local restaurants. The bowl is then yours to keep! Hear from speakers about poverty and food access issues within our Dubuque community and learn what you can do to help. Proceeds go to St. Stephen's Foodbank (a branch of River Bend

Foodbank) and Convivium Urban Farmstead. \$40. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900**. convivium-dbq.com.

WED 2/7



Mackin-Mailander Lecture Series: Clarke Lives

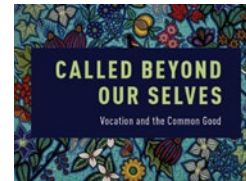
7 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY JANSEN MUSIC HALL
Norm Freund, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus presents "Clarke Lives: The Story of the 1984 Fire." This presentation is an immersion into the before, the during, and the after of the Clarke University fire of 1984. The story will be told from three vantage points: heritage buildings, conflagration, and resurrection. Free. 1550 Clarke Dr. **563-588-6300**. clarke.edu.

THU 2/8



Movie Screening: Oppenheimer

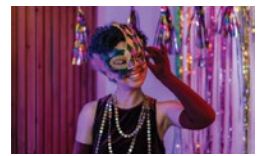
6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AIGLER AUDITORIUM
Directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Cillian Murphy, *Oppenheimer* (2023) is a biographical thriller about American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the Manhattan Project which developed the first nuclear weapons. This 3 hour movie is rated R for "some sexuality, nudity and language." Closed captioning or subtitles will be turned on. Seating is first come, first served. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegiestout.org.



Book Launch: Beyond Our Selves: Vocation and the Common Good

7 PM @ LORAS COLLEGE MARC LIBRARY 3RD FLOOR
This new book of scholarship on vocation and the common good explores the ways individual success relates to the flourishing of others. Join Erin VanLaningham, Professor of English and editor of and contributor to the collection, for a book reading and presentation on how educators can deepen and expand our notions of vocation to include not just personal fulfillment but communal well-being. Presented by the School of Humanities and Education. Free. 1450 Alta Vista St. loras.edu/event.

FRI 2/9



Galena Mardi Gars Pub Crawl

6 PM @ MISS KITTY'S GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL)
Get ready to crawl in style down Main Street in Galena with your host Miss Kitty of The Grape Escape. Accompanied with music by The Wundos. There will be raffle tickets for a Galena Getaway Package and a 50/50. Visit Green Street Tavern at DeSoto House Hotel, Eagle's Club, Galena Elks Lodge, Paradise Bar & Grill, and Gobbie's Sports Pub & Eatery. Make sure to take part in 50/50 raffle drawing at Galena Brewing Company, and end the night at The Grape Escape for a chance to take home the grand prize. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. **779-214-0003**. GrapeEscapeGalena.com.

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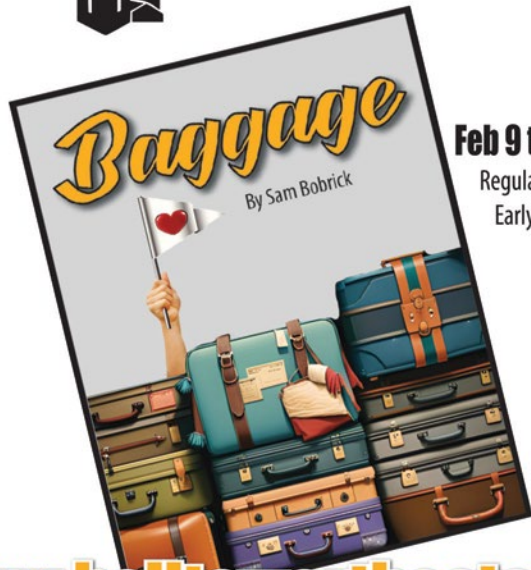
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @ 6:30 PM
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AND JANSEN MUSIC HALL**
(1550 CLARKE DR)

As part of their popular Arts at Clarke series, Clarke University invites you to spend a Night in Brazil. This celebration of Brazilian cuisine and music begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Wahlert Atrium on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Attendees will begin the evening by sampling iconic dishes from Brazil curated by Clarke University Dining Services. Just some of the options include potato croquettes with pulled chicken, black-eyed pea fritters with chimichuri, and three delicious desserts.

Following desserts and appetizers, guests will move into Jansen Music Hall for performances from Clarke Ensembles and Forró Fo Sho. Located in Madison, WI, Forró Fo Sho has been introducing

the exciting dance rhythms of North-eastern Brazil to Midwestern American audiences since 2015. Accordionist and vocalist Brendan Loula started the band while studying ethnomusicology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. They've earned a reputation for heating up dance floors with a mix of exciting folk sounds and more cosmopolitan grooves.

"These concerts offer a fantastic opportunity for people to experience, even if just for one night, a glimpse of what feels like 'home' to me," said Assistant Professor of Music Keisy Peyerl Xavier. "And, by sharing the vibrant aspects of the Brazilian culture, be it through music, dance, or food, Clarke cultivates a strong sense of connection and understanding of the diversity within our community, acting as a bridge between cultures."

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 11 AM-4 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

Whether you are planning to buy a new home, remodel your existing home, or if just want decorating tips for that special room, the annual Greater Dubuque Home and Builders Show is for you. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16 at 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The show features home products and services, remodeling, and interior design ideas. Whether you want to dream, plan, improve or build, come, and explore the current trends in the homebuilding industry. Guests are encouraged to attend the demonstrations from many of the attending vendors and local professionals. The seminars focus on topics current homeowners are most interested in. The demonstrations will provide lots of information and new ideas for current and new homeowners.

The Dubuque Homebuilders & Associates is a nonprofit trade organization formed to promote and enhance the professionalism of home building and associated businesses in the Tri-State area. Their goal is to achieve continuity and communication among builders, subcontractors, suppliers, financial institutions and local government to network for community growth and development.

Tickets are \$5, and children under 12 are free with an adult. This year, Opening Doors and St. Mark Youth Enrichment have been chosen as the recipients to receive a portion of the ticket price as a financial donation. For more information, visit DubuqueHomebuilders.com. ■

SAT 2/10



2024 St. Mark Ice Golf Classic

10 AM @ MIDTOWN MARINA
(EAST DUBUQUE, IL)

Teams of four will golf a course constructed from snow and ice and donated Christmas trees created by the St. Mark ICEMen. In addition to the event, St. Mark will hold a 50/50 raffle drawing and a public online silent auction. Awards for best sled, best-dressed team, and an overall themed costume and sled combo. Check-in at 8 a.m., golf at 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the kids in St. Mark Youth Enrichment programs. Space is limited. RSVP. 285 5th St, East Dubuque, IL. **563-582-6211 x110.** stmarkyouthenrichment.org.

Buddy Holly Dance

7-11 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Free dance lessons provided by Adam's Dance Connection at 6-7 p.m. contests include Peggy Sue lookalike, best dressed couple, and best '50s and '60s dance. Many door prizes available. Full concessions available at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Ages 18+. \$7 ADV/\$9 door. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406.** dbqfair.com.

SUN 2/11

Mardi Gras Jazz Worship Service & Meal

9:45 AM-NOON @ ST. LUKE'S UMC
The event begins with gathering music by Upper Main Street Jazz/Swing Band. Worship in person and online with special music starts at 10 a.m. and is followed by an 11 a.m. meal featuring both cajun and non-cajun options. Proceeds support St. Luke's 2024 Mountain T.O.P.

Mission Trip. Service: free; Meal: \$10 adults, \$5 children. 1199 Main St. **563-582-4543.** stlukesdbq.org.



Dubuque Shakespeare Project: Titus Andronicus

2-3:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Shakespeare's first tragedy is a revenge drama between Roman General Titus and Goth Queen Tamora, with their children caught in between. Quick shifts in political power and differences in ethics and morality between constituencies drive much of the action. A short presentation on Elizabethan theater will precede the discussion. 360 W 11th St. <https://shakespeare.carnegiestout.org>.

TUE 2/13

Speed Dating

5:30-7 PM @ BEASTRO SE7EN (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Get ready to mingle and find your perfect match. Whether you're single and ready to mingle or just curious to meet new people, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with potential partners. Includes two drinks and an "ice breaker" shot. Ages 21+. \$20. 45 N 2nd St, Platteville, WI. **608-348-6008.**

FRI 2/16



Winter Carnival Weekend

8 AM-9 PM @ EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA (GALENA, IL)
2/16-2/19. Embrace the spirit of winter at the four-day celebration of all things snow, ice, and frost. Enjoy a

plethora of winter activities including dazzling Fire and Ice shows, ice turkey bowling, cozy s'mores around the fire, and hayrack wagon rides, and more. Watch an ice-carving demonstration as Eagle Ridge's expert ice carvers take 500-pound blocks of ice and turn them into an ice bar which will offer marshmallow shots. Take part in snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, and ice fishing with equipment rentals from the Eagle Ridge Nordic Center. With an indoor play land, craft room, and golf simulator by Trackman, there's fun for all ages. 444 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena, IL. **815-777-5000.** eagleridge.com.

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11 AM-2 PM @ ST. ELIAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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SUN 2/18

Food Preservation: Canning

10:30 AM-NOON @ DBQ CO CONSERVATION OFFICE (PEOSTA, IA)
An interest in living off the land and food preservation through canning continues to grow. Once you're done with this class, you will have some of the fundamental skills to extend the life of some of your fruits, and veggies all year long. Make triple-berry jam. Lead by Friends of Dubuque County Conservation member Julie Kirshbaum. Julie has a culinary degree and decades of training crafting foods. With assistance from Iowa State University, Julie will be providing you with lots of resources and information about food preservation. Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation.

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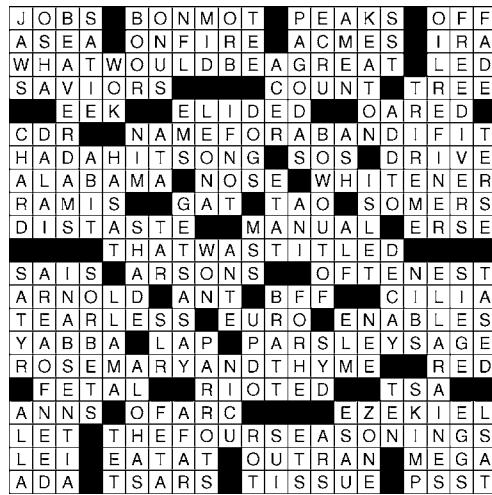
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Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Annual Gala

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 5 PM
HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)

The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival will host a mystical celebration full of wonder, magic—and just a hint of madness—during its annual gala on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Hotel Julien Dubuque. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and live auction at 7 p.m.

This year's gala is inspired by the 2010 Disney film *Alice in Wonderland*,

which tells the tale of Alice, who falls down a rabbit hole for a wild adventure in a world that's like no other place on Earth. Dress in red, black, or white attire—or your best “Wonderland”-themed costume.

The cocktail event will include appetizers, cash bar, and raffle, and then will move on to the main event: the live auction with sit-down meal and entertainment. In JDIFF tradition, it will be an evening of fun, film, bidding and more.

Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of live auction items, participate in a 50/50 raffle, and enjoy sneak peeks of some of the 2024 festival's Official Selections.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$900 per table of eight. To purchase, Venmo the festival (@jdifdbq), visit JulienFilmFest.com, or email julienDubuquefilmfest@gmail.com to request tickets. The annual gala benefits the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

The 13th annual festival is set for April 24-28 in downtown Dubuque. For more information, visit JulienFilmFest.com. ■

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 11 AM-4 PM
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AccessDubuqueJobs.com Spring Career Fair, scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Hotel Julien in downtown Dubuque. Connect with

over 50 of the area's top employers now hiring for entry-level to professional roles in administrative, manufacturing, financial and insurance services, warehouse logistics, IT, and more.

In addition to being open to any and all job seekers, the Spring Career Fair engages students from our local institutions of higher learning. Career services staff from these respective institutions will be on-hand to coach students for networking with potential employers and the opportunity to have a complimentary professional headshot taken.

For more information, call Greater Dubuque Development Corporation at **563-557-9049** or visit AccessDubuqueJobs.com. ■

Dubuque on Ice Brewfest

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
VIP: NOON-4 PM
GA: 1-4 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

The 12th Annual Dubuque on Ice Brewfest on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Grand River Center offers entry at 1-4 p.m. VIP entrance premium tasting begins at noon. Experience craft beer, distilled spirits, wine, coffee, cheese sausage and more from all over the Tri-State area.



All proceeds support the Potosi Foundation, Camp Albrecht Acres, and Research For The Kids all of which are 501(c)(3) nonprofits. General admission tickets are \$44, VIP are \$59, and designated drivers can enter for \$15. For tickets and more information, visit DubuqueBrewfest.com. ■

MON 2/19

Annual Darwin Day Lecture: Jim O'Loughlin

6:30 PM @ UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Jim O'Loughlin presents "Book Bans from Darwin to Vonnegut (and What's Happening in Iowa Now)." Dr. O'Loughlin is the head of the Department of Languages & Literature at the University of Northern Iowa. He teaches classes in American literature, creative writing, and digital humanities. He is the author of several nonfiction and fiction books as well as editor of many. Sponsored by the Dubuque Area Humanists. Snow date will be the following evening. Free. 1699 Iowa St. **563-583-6031**.

WED 2/21

**Museum X: Cooking with Julie**

6-8 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM

Julie Mueller will be discussing her two cookbooks, her passion and inspiration behind her love of cooking, and sharing a few samples of her dishes. \$10 Non-members, free for members. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545 x222**. RiverMuseum.org.

She Unites: Jennifer Mond

6:30-7:30 PM

@ THE INNOVATION LAB Speaker Jennifer Mond, Director of Organizational Development at the HODGE, presents "Take Care of Your Network, and Your Network Will Take Care of You!" Networking can be a daunting task but is so critical to business and life. This tactical presentation will go through the top 10 tips that have worked for Mond. She has been a

speaker at various annual conferences and events and has over 20 years of experience in sales, training, and management. Doors at 6:15 p.m. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.

SAT 2/24

Dubuque Largest Flea Market And Garage Sale

8 AM-3 PM @ TRI-STATE INDEPENDENT

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**55th Annual Rod & Custom Car Show**

11 AM-10 PM @ MONTICELLO BERNDEN CENTER (MONTICELLO, IA)

2/24 at 11 a.m.-10 a.m.; 2/25 at 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Two fun-filled days of family entertainment. John Schneider is the special guest and is known for his character "Bo Duke" from The Dukes of Hazzard TV show. View street rods, custom cars, street machines, hot pickups, race cars, and custom motorcycles. Plus, music, balloon artist, caricatures, and more. Bring a canned food item to benefit Four Oaks and get \$1 off admission. \$12 Adults, \$5 ages 12 and younger or free with paid adult. 766 N Maple St, Monticello, IA. **319-465-5119**. rodandcustomcarshow.com.

Seed Swap

1 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nine Square Feet will be sharing seeds with communities

through local libraries throughout Iowa, with over 30 libraries taking part in the simultaneous seed swap and giveaway. Swap seeds with your fellow gardeners and pick up some new seeds. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegiestout.org.

Talladega Nights Trivia Night

7 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GRAND BALLROOM

If you ain't first, you're last! Grab your table for this hilarious trivia night featuring the 2006 comedy *Talladega Nights*. Prizes offered. Full bar and concessions open. Doors at 5 p.m., trivia at 7 p.m. Space is limited. RSVP. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. dbqfair.com.

SUN 2/25

Exploring Mines of Spain through the Lens by Ron Tigges

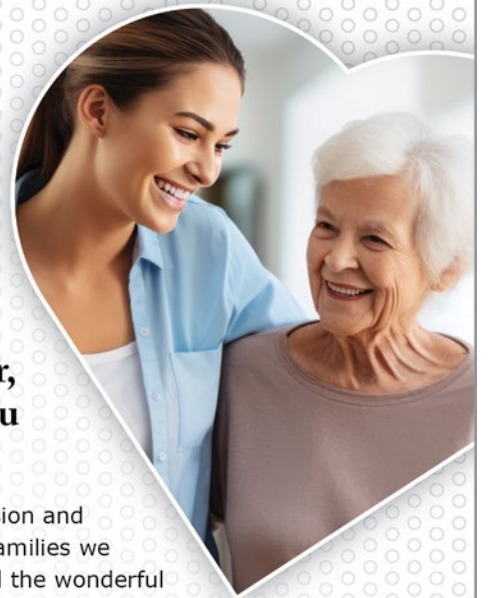
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Trivia Palooza

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 @ 7-9 PM
 GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)
 May the luck of the Irish be with you at Trivia Palooza, Opening Doors' trivia night happening on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grand River Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Teams of up to 10 players will compete for cash prizes with 10 rounds of trivia questions (wide variety of topics). Andy Schroeder will host the evening, and Jonathan and Jennifer McCoy will develop and oversee the trivia questions.

When he's not hosting one of many area nonprofit fundraising events in our community, Andy Schroeder is a Vice President of Prenger Solutions Group. Andy serves on Opening Door's board of directors and their Development & Marketing Committee.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$225 for a team of 10 (includes a \$25 donation to Opening Doors). Full bar and concessions will be available for purchase. For more information and for tickets, visit OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/trivia. ■

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TUESDAY



Early Explorers

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

WEDNESDAY



Dubuque Humanist Society

Dubuque Area Humanists Social Hour

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



She Unites

6:30-7:30 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB
 3RD WED
 An inclusive women's group working to connect women

across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.



Toastmasters Speakeasy Club

6:30-7:45 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY ASBURY BRANCH (ASBURY, IA) & ONLINE
 2ND, 4TH, AND 5TH 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 5th Wednesday will be held online. Free. 5290 Grand Meadow Dr, Asbury, IA. facebook.com/ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY



Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

9 AM-NOON @ KENNEDY MALL WEST CONCOURSE THROUGH APRIL
 Regional vendors offer homemade and baked

goods, meat, cheese, eggs, seasonal produce, and more. Bring your own reusable shopping bags and drop off clean egg cartons, glass jars, and plastic clam shells. The all-volunteer driven market focuses on supporting our regional food system, eating from our food shed year-round, and providing annual funding to farmers through a grant program. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.



Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
 1ST & 3RD SAT THROUGH APRIL
 Find homegrown and hand-made products from fresh produce and prepared food to stained glass and bath bombs. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. **608-218-4374**. PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.



Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 2ND SAT THROUGH APRIL
 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 11th St. **563-690-0151**. nisom.com.



15th Annual 365ink Impact Awards

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7 PM
Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar (301 Bell St)

The 15th Annual 365 Impact Awards, sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Premier Bank, return on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. to the Mississippi Moon Bar at the Diamond Jo Casino to recognize those who are making an impact on our community. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar with live music accenting the evening's awards. The event is free, and everyone (ages 21 or older) is welcome to attend.

Picking the winners is always a painful process. Naturally, everyone who gets nominated is worthy of an award, but, alas, we have only 10 original, locally made statues to give out, created for 365ink this year by potter Rich Robertson of Cricket Hill Pottery.

The mission at 365ink is to help connect people to relationships, opportunities, and the best possible living experiences in our community. And the 365ink Impact Awards are designed to honor those who choose to make the effort to impact the community in the spirit of our mission.

Who wins will not be a secret leading up to the event. After all, we want you to be able to come down and celebrate your friends when they take the stage on Tuesday, March 5. The event moves fast and is a lot of fun, and you will discover amazing things you never knew about your community. So, mark your calendars to join the festivities now. It's a Tuesday night, so you know already that you don't have anything better going on.

The 365ink Impact Awards are sponsored by Premier Bank and the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque as well as our generous hosts, the Diamond Jo Casino. With their generous support, 365ink is able to honor these people right, with original, local artwork. Impact Awards designs started with artist Gene Tully and have always been handmade by great local artists ever since. We can't wait the share Rich's design for 2024!

View the full list of all the past award winners and more information at dubuque365.com/impactawards. We'll see you on Tuesday, March 5 at the Mississippi Moon Bar! ■

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



Animaniacs In Concert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Join the original lead voice-cast of *Animaniacs* for a “zany, animany and totally insaney” evening at the Five Flags Theater on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

The iconic animated Warner Bros series created by Steven Spielberg comes to life as the cast performs the world-famous songs from the beloved cartoon TV series backed by projections of the equally world-famous animations (featuring a trio of wacky characters causing mayhem on the Warner Bros. studio lot). Starring the show’s original Emmy-winning composer Randy Rogel, and the voice talents of Emmy Winner Rob Paulsen (Yakko and Pinky), and Maurice La Marche (the Brain and others).

The property is as relevant today as it was when the TV series debuted in the early 1990s. With new episodes currently streaming on Hulu, *Animaniacs* is a multi-generational animated favorite with universally-recognized hit songs. As its creators say, “Animaniacs in Concert is for the adults—it’s hip, it’s funny... but kids will love it, too!”

Tickets are \$38–\$58. ■



Katherine Soper, at the Five Flags Center Bijou Room on Feb. 2–3 at 7:30 p.m.

What is the worth of your labor in an economy stacked against you? Tamsin works on the clock in a distribution packing center and cares for her homebound brother, who is declared fit to work thus denied government benefits. Between trying to keep her job by making her daily quotas, negotiating her brother’s bureaucratic issues, as well as full time care-taking, Tamsin’s gentle humor and ample grace help her power through this stressful time, celebrating her humanity and ours.

Join for a talk back with the cast and director following the Feb. 2 performance. Moderate profanity.

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

FLY-BY-NIGHT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Wish List

FEBRUARY 2–3 @ 7:30 PM

FIVE FLAGS CENTER BIJOU ROOM

Fly-By-Night Productions begins their 2024 season with *Wish List*, a drama by



Q CASINO PRESENTS

Pork Tornadoes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 @ 8 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

The Pork Tornadoes presented by Q Casino are heading to the Five Flags Arena on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m.

They are known for putting a unique spin on all of your favorite songs, spanning five decades and four different genres. Led by singer Mason Greve, who was a finalist on a not-to-be-mentioned

national TV singing show in 2014, The Pork Tornadoes will blow you away with an electric mix of covers ranging from Taylor Swift, Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake, and Beyonce, all the way to Lizzo, Morgan Wallen, NSYNC, and Phil Collins.

Recent accolades include being voted “Best Cover Band” by the Iowa Music Awards (2x), “Best Live Band” by *Little Village’s* Best of the CRANDIC, and “Best Band” by *CBJ’s* Best of the Corridor awards. Their debut EP peaked on the Apple iTunes Pop charts at #20 and has been streamed over 1.5 million times. They recently achieved viral success with the 4th-most viewed cover of “Tennessee Whiskey” on YouTube and an impromptu performance of “In the Air Tonight” with a drum line that was featured in *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Tickets are \$20–\$50. ■



Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Spring Family Concert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ 1 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Ignite your child’s imagination and love of music with this delightful, engaging, kid-sized DSO concert at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.

Memorable movie themes from *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, *Toy Story*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Frozen 2*, and more are featured along with excerpts from Prokofiev’s and Tchaikovsky’s *Romeo and Juliet*. This concert is approximately one hour in length and has no intermission.

Come in costume and stick around for all of the post-concert activities including photo booth, activity tables, and instrument petting zoo!

Tickets are \$14–\$34. For more information, contact the DSO at **563-557-1677** or visit [DubuqueSymphony.org](https://www.DubuqueSymphony.org). ■



Dinosaur World Live

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 4 & 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Back by popular demand, *Dinosaur World Live*, the interactive children’s theatre show that brings dinosaurs to life, returns to the Five Flags Theater on Monday, Feb. 12 for two performances.

Using stunning puppetry to bring remarkably life-like dinosaurs to the stage, *Dinosaur World Live* presents a host of impressive pre-historic creatures including every child’s favorite flesh-eating giant, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, along with a Giraffatitan, Microraptor, Segnosaurus, and Triceratops. The show introduces Miranda, daughter of paleontologists, who grew up surrounded by dinosaurs on a far-away island off the coast of South America. She has brought her pre-historic pals to your local theatre and would love you to meet them. Warning: some of these dinosaurs aren’t as docile as they seem!

Now an international smash hit, following five UK tours, a major tour of the U.S.A. and Ireland, and forthcoming tours of China and Australia, *Dinosaur World Live* has delighted critics and audiences alike, from all ages 3 and above.

Tickets are \$30–45. ■



Battle for the Bluff Rodeo

FEBRUARY 16 AND 17 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Sandburr Rodeo Productions Inc. brings the Battle for the Bluff Rodeo

to the Five Flags Arena on Feb. 16 and 17. Friday doors open at 6 p.m., Saturday doors at 5:30 p.m. The rodeo begins at 7:30 p.m. each night.

This fun family show will be action packed from start to finish with bare back bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, and bull riding. Enjoy mutton busting and a kids boot race, plus the junior riding events showcase the future of rodeo.

Family fun night on Saturday starts at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy pony rides, stick horse races, meet the rodeo clown, and meet all the cowboys and cowgirls for autographs.

Reserved tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door; GA tickets are \$21 in advance and \$26 door for adults and \$10 for ages 14 and younger. ■



RADIO DUBUQUE PRESENTS

Lee Greenwood

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Radio Dubuque brings the legendary Lee Greenwood to the Five Flags Arena on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Lee Greenwood is an American country artist who bridged the gap between traditional and contemporary country music. He is best known for his patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA." The iconic song, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2013, went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001, and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also No. 1 on the pop charts after 9/11. Greenwood says, "'USA' is the song I always felt I needed to write. I wanted to have something that would unite Americans from coast to coast, and I wanted to instill pride back into our country."

While Greenwood could easily talk about the accomplishments in his life,

this high-energy entertainer prefers to continue writing and recording with the same passion and integrity that has always fueled his amazing career.

Greenwood continues to tour across the country and performs for many charitable events, lending his time and name to numerous organizations including Helping A Hero, of which he is the National Ambassador. Helping a Hero provides specially-adapted homes for wounded warriors and their families.

Greenwood has also achieved success as an author, penning the politically-charged book, *Does God Still Bless the USA: A Plea for a Better America*, which was published in 2012. His latest, a children's illustrated book, was released Memorial Day Weekend 2015 and is called *Proud To Be An American*. Written to the lyrics of "God Bless The U.S.A.," and fully-illustrated with colorful pictures by Amanda Sekulow, the hardback book serves to encourage patriotism among our nation's younger generation. It debuted at No. 1 on three Amazon children's book charts the week of its release.

Tickets are \$38-\$68. ■



Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Star-Crossed Lovers

Saturday, February 10 @ 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 11 @ 2 PM
Five Flags Theater

Star-Crossed Lovers returns, by popular demand, to the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's Classics lineup on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Five Flags Theater. This dramatic retelling of the *Romeo and Juliet* story debuted in the spring of 2018, to great acclaim.

Shakespeare's ill-fated romance is retold using a pair of actors and a pair of opera singers—each portraying Romeo and Juliet—handing off the roles to each other, while the orchestra fills out the story with incredible music from Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Gounod, Bernstein, and Florence Price.

Actor and Director Sarah Hartmann returns as Juliet in the performances. Aidan Ziegler-Hansen debuts as Romeo.

Dubuque native soprano Megan Gloss returns singing the role of Juliet. This year, Gloss celebrates her 15th consecutive season as a company vocalist with Madison (Wis.) Opera, where she has performed in more than 20 operatic productions. Finding second homes there and in Chicago, she also has performed with Madison's Fresco Opera and Four Seasons theaters and studies with Jerad Mosbey, of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Dubuque native tenor Eric Ferring will make his DSO debut. Ferring recently made his Metropolitan Opera debut in the 2021-2022 season singing Pong in *Turandot*, followed by Tamino

in *The Magic Flute*, and Arturo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, among others.

"This is a truly unique concert experience that is part opera, part play, part concert, and very dramatic," shares Music Director and Conductor William Intriligator. "It will be so moving to audiences! This is also a really great way to treat your special someone for Valentine's weekend!"

Tickets start at \$20, and season tickets are still available as a 3 Classics Package at the DSO office. Tickets are available at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Five Flags Center Box Office. For more information, call the DSO at **563-557-1677** or visit [DubuqueSymphony.org](https://www.DubuqueSymphony.org). ■

Supplemental Concert Events

Sound Bites Luncheon

Enjoy a lunch buffet at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club followed by commentary by William Intriligator and guest artists on Friday, Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 payable at the door. Reservations due by noon, Wednesday, Feb. 7 and can be made by calling **563-557-1677**.

Encore Reception

Following Saturday evening's performance, visit with musicians and guest artists. Includes complimentary refreshments and cash bar. Sponsored by Poppy Conlon and Jason Bensen.

Musical Musings

Maestro Intriligator presents a free pre-concert lecture in Five Flags Theater on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.

Events at Heritage Center

Live at Heritage Center
UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

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



LIVE AT HERITAGE CENTER
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Cab Calloway Orchestra

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 @ 7:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

The Cab Calloway Orchestra will replace the Stan Kenton Legacy Orchestra to bring an unforgettable sensation of a modern jazz orchestra in full flight to the University of Dubuque Heritage Center stage on Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Patrons won't soon forget the shiny instruments all in a row, the soloist singing and playing their hearts out, the silky-smooth ensemble passagework, the spicy brass harmonies, the whole room bouncing and swaying to the irresistible rhythm, and everybody singing "Hi-De-Ho!" The Cab Calloway Orchestra, now under the baton of Cab Calloway's grandson, Calloway Brooks, delivers both the authentic sound of a hot jazz orchestra and a snazzy stage style—bringing out a jump, blues, and boogie experience that has been described as "Swing that is king and Jazz that's alive."

The Calloway family has been dazzling audiences since the 1920s, and the orchestra uses the Calloway bands original vintage orchestrations as a starting point, coupled with the incredible musicians who have played with this big band for decades.

Calloway Brooks started playing guitar at age 7, won his first musical awards at age 9, and went on to become a graduate of the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music. He credits the many years of experience with his grandfather Cab Calloway as a cornerstone of his musical education. Brooks has performed with jazz orchestras such as the Duke Ellington Orchestra, the Lionel Hampton Orchestra, and, of course, the Cab Calloway Orchestra.

Cab Calloway passed away in 1994. He was inducted posthumously into the International Jazz Hall of Fame in 1995.

A free pre-show reception for *Wendt Character Initiative Presents Character Explorations: Shaping Character for Lives of Purpose* will be held at 6:30–8 p.m. at the Bisignano Art Gallery. The exhibit will be open Feb. 5–29.

Tickets are \$30 to \$45. ■

DUBUQUE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 7:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band, presented by the Dubuque Arts Council, will perform at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

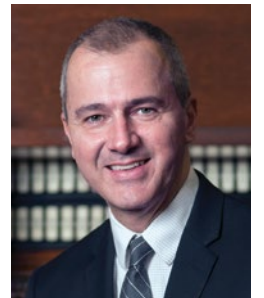
Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band's performance at the Heritage Center will dazzle audiences with a music journey beginning with classical pieces and transitioning into contemporary music performed by the five-piece band.



Johnson recently released a hip-hop album, titled *Evolution*, in which he used the blank canvas of hip-hop violin work to create something truly original.

Tickets are \$30–\$45 plus fees. Additionally, purchase one adult ticket, get up to two free student tickets using the code "Voilin", while supplies last.

Read more about this show and the Dubuque Arts Council on page 20. ■



LIVE AT HERITAGE CENTER
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass with Guest Organist Alan Morrison

AND SPECIAL GUESTS THE UD CONCERT BAND AND UD JAZZ BAND
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 7:30 PM

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass with guest organist Alan Morrison and special guests the UD Concert Band and UD Jazz Band perform in the third annual John and Alice Butler Pipe Organ Recital Series at Heritage Center on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Internationally known trumpeter Rodney Marsalis effortlessly mixes classical, big band swing, New Orleans jazz, and straight-ahead jazz with the Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass. Referred to as a trumpet prodigy, Marsalis has

received praise from international publications including *American Record Guide* for his evocative interpretation, impeccable virtuosity, and beauty of sound.

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is America's premier large bass ensemble. A group that reflects the diverse makeup of the American culture, the band is dedicated to the notion that music is a gift to be enjoyed by everyone.

Joining the Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is the talented Alan Morrison. Recognized as one of America's premier concert organists, Morrison was recently honored by the Philadelphia Chapter of The American Guild of Organists with the Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of his teaching and career.

With Marsalis's strikingly beautiful trumpet playing, the ensembles' charisma, and Morrison's precision on the organ, audience members are sure to be wowed by their unimaginable abilities.

The UD Concert Band, conducted by Nolan Hauta, DMA, director of concert bands and associate professor of instrumental music, and the UD Jazz Band, conducted by Evan Glickman, DMA, director of jazz and athletic bands and assistant professor of music, will open the show.

Tickets are \$28–\$40. ■

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Discmania Disc Golf competition returned to Five Flags Arena (like, the whole venue) for the 5th year. A very fun video of the event can be found at facebook.com/visualeclipse.



Jessica Dow was one of a number of avid skiers who answered Sundown Mountain's call to post photos of three generations of family skiing together at the resort since it opened in 1973.



Brad, Deb, & Cody from Asbury Community Fire Department taught CPR to 14 members of the community Wednesday night at the Asbury Eagles Club.



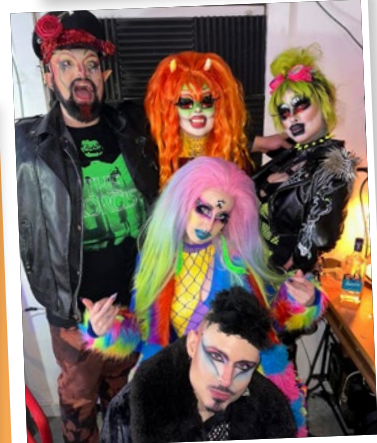
The Dubuque Area Arts Collective teamed with Art4Us to setup the Smokestack gallery for the exhibit "Black and You Are" which opens Friday, February 2nd from 7-11 PM.



Just in time for Primary season, NIXON is back baby! Wait, not that Nixon. This is a Dubuque based band with an eclectic set of great rock and roll who made their Mississippi Moon Bar debut at the Diamond Jo Casino in late January.



An Evening of Art with DBQFest filled the Lacy Mansion next to Jackson Park in downtown Dubuque with art, food and music lovers on a Friday night, all in support of the venerable Dubuque favorite arts and music festival, DubuqueFest, which will return to downtown Dubuque later this summer. Photo by Ron Tigges.



Cirque Du Buque hosted a New Year Nostalgia drag show at the Smokestack on Jan 20 where a host of colorful characters entertained a fun loving crowd. Photo from Bridget Knasiak. It happens again on Feb. 17th!



From 0 to 255,000 Sq. Ft. in 8 months! Congratulations to Gronen and their project partners on the recent ribbon-cutting of the new Seippel Warehouse where Simmons Pet Food calls home!



The Dubuque Kiwanis Club made a \$5,500 donation in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque food program, helping many kids in Dubuque. Bravo!



A splendid opening weekend of "Wishlist" by Fly-By-Night Productions brought theater fans to the Five Flags Bijou Room for a great show.



The Multicultural Family Center welcomed guests to the Celebrate Colombia Cultural Event in January. How often do you see people from Colombia, Bahamas, India and Germany all in one kitchen! Well you do at the MFC! That's kind of the whole idea!

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Black As You Are

Inclusivity and Evolution of the Local Arts

By Sara Eliot Steuer

Dubuque has a rich art history, from visual arts to symphony, ballet to local indie music scene. But there's long been a gap in representation, and now local black artists are carving out a bold place to express themselves, inviting the larger community to participate in a diverse celebration of all the things that make the black experience so rich. The latest exhibit, in honor of Black History Month, opens Friday, Feb. 2, at the Dubuque Area Arts Collective (DAAC) Gallery at The Smokestack. A collaboration between Art For Us and the DAAC, the second annual *Black As You Are* exhibit will include visual works, along with "Our Ancestors Wildest Dreams" poetry segment in partnership with Heritage Works Dubuque. The exhibit pays tribute to local and regional black artists and allies, as they share inspirations, perspectives, and narratives through the platform of art. While in honor of Black History Month, there is no denying the growth of

the local black-lead arts scene in recent years.

Briana Thompson has been an instrumental figure in this movement. Owner and founder of Art For Us, a marketing, consultancy, and talent acquisition company located in Dubuque, Thompson has been involved in the creative community for the past decade, first as the area's only black woman fashion and editorial photographer. As a creator, she quickly realized that

those in the black community lacked a voice and creative outlet, and looking to help provide opportunities for them, she held the first "Black As You Are" event one year ago, then curated six shows throughout the remainder of 2023.

"We had 2,200 people attend them, 85% were black," said Thompson, explaining that the community she now represents wants to participate in the arts but needs community partnerships to pull it off.

"We've had no venues, no platforms, nothing. So, I got into the art industry



HANGING ART FOR THE UPCOMING EXHIBIT

because we needed representation, and I was losing many talented friends in this city who went elsewhere for better opportunity."

The response to the second *Black As You Are* show has exceeded everyone's expectations, restoring faith that black artists will not only want to stay here, but that Dubuque is becoming a hub for guest artists from other regions as well.

"This year, we had over 40 artists submit work, which is crazy because last year, I had four," said Thompson, citing a blend of local and regional artists from Rockford, IL; Madison, WI; and Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, IA. "We had people driving three hours to drop off their work, just for this show," emphasizing how vital the local scene has become. "We turned away people from New Orleans and other locations because we just couldn't get the art here."

This highlights something that Thompson herself has only recently realized, that many other regions lack a cohesive black arts scene, and that Dubuque can

fill that gap, becoming a desired location for national artists to exhibit.

"Even a place like Madison doesn't have a venue for spoken word, so those artists want to come here to perform because we do." Thompson cites places like the first-floor stage at The Smokestack and her intention to continue to partner with the DAAC for upcoming performances there.

With various exhibits and performances planned, the next step for Thompson is building a local creative infrastructure where Dubuque-area artists are paid properly for their work.

"Being an artist is a profession because it's one thing to be creative, but are you a creative professional? Have you been given the skills to make it in the business sense? As a community, we should be showing our artists how to do that. They deserve to make a living." This is something Thompson plans to do with a project currently in the works. Until then, she and the artists participating in the *Black As You Are* exhibit, along with the DAAC, are looking forward to sharing the creativity of the black community with all of Dubuque.

"Art literally saved my life," said Thompson, pointing to a camera tattooed on her bicep in tribute. "It's such a beautiful and profound thing to be able to do something that you love. Everybody deserves to feel that liberation, and we hope that everyone who comes to the exhibit does."

Black As You Are runs from Feb. 2 through Feb. 24, with an opening reception Friday, Feb. 2, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Dubuque Area Arts Collective Gallery at The Smokestack, 62 E. 7th St. in downtown Dubuque. ■

First Fridays

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

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

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

5:30-7:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)

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

7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

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

Stoned Art Studio & Gallery showcases artist-photographer Henry Matthiessen III's Driftless Region and Mississippi River portfolios. Stop by talk art, talk photography, talk Driftless. Blues and jazz music along with refreshments will be on hand.

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.

Outside the Lines features Dubuque artist Stormy Mochal who will be demonstrating her mixed media drawing throughout the evening and again the following morning at 10 a.m.-noon. Light refreshments will be offered. This is a relaxed, family-friendly opportunity to visit with the artists of our community and learn a little about how they make their art.

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library Art @ your library® show kicks off with an opening reception with sculptor Gail Chavenelle and her *Black History is America History* exhibit. Meet the artist and

learn more about her exhibit. Enjoy music by Luke Tyler, director of Northeast Iowa School of Music, celebrating music written by African American composers. Vote for your favorite design through March. The exhibit will be on display Feb. 2-March 31.

Join Planted. for their upcoming group show, *Devotion*. This exhibition features artwork by a range of artists, all exploring the concept of devotion in their own way. Inspired by Agnes Martin's quote, "Art work is a representation of our devotion to life," the artists showcase their love, loyalty, and enthusiasm towards various subjects, causes, and activities through their art. The work will be on display through February.

Art For US and the Dubuque Area Arts Collective feature *Black As You Are*, a celebration of local and regional Black artists and allies telling their perspectives and narratives through art. Check out Sara Eliot Steuer's article above for more information. The exhibit will be on display Feb. 2-24. ■

Baggage

FEBRUARY 9-10, 15-17, AND 22-23 @ 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 11, 18, AND 24-25 @ 2 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER
(2728 ASBURY RD)

Bell Tower Theater begins their 2024 season with *Baggage* by Sam Bobrick on Feb. 9-25.

Two demanding, single strangers get their luggage mixed up at the airport. After a disastrous first meeting, they decide to force a friendship to help each other heal their past heartbreaks. These two are too difficult for everyone else to date, but are they perfect for each other? This witty romantic comedy is great for Valentine's Day.

Early Bird performances on Feb. 9 and 10 are \$12, and all other performances are \$24. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 563-588-3377 or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■



GALENA LITFEST

A Festival for Readers & Writers

Galena LitFest

FEBRUARY 13–MARCH 28
VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN
GALENA, IL AND ONLINE

Galena LitFest is an annual literary festival in Galena, IL that began in 2015. Each year, they host a variety of authors, writers workshop instructors, and poets. Celebrate their 10th year with six events this February and March.

First up is the Indie Author Panel featuring soon-to-be famous Illinois author award winners on Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. The virtual event hosts artists Alina Rubin, Sarah Roots, Michael Alan Peck, GERALYN MAGRADY, and Sarah Roots.

Learn about **inkie.org**, a suite of free self-publishing tools on Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Attend the informational session in person at the Galena Public Library or virtually via Zoom.

Author and educator P.J. HarteNaus will share her self-publishing journey on Feb. 17 at 10:30 p.m. She will offer insights and a step-by-step process developed by Whistleslick Press at the Galena Public Library and virtually via Zoom.

Sherlock Holmes & the Killer Case Files brings dinner and a show to

Galena Cellars' downtown location on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. The Galena Public Library in collaboration with the Galena Shakespeare Festival and Galena Cellars, is thrilled to announce an interactive murder mystery experience.

Learn about mystery, crime, and suspense writing from masters of the craft on March 12 at 6 p.m. The virtual event brings you five award-winning and best-selling authors—Marcie Rendon, David Ellis, Tracy Clark, Laura Benedict, and Patricia Skalka—who will discuss why they love the genre, their writing processes, character development, and publishing. The conversation will be moderated by historical mystery author and 2019 Galena LitFest favorite, Michelle Cox.

Close out the festival with Abnormal Psychology in Fiction on March 28 at 5:30 p.m. Learn effective strategies for writing characters with mental health diagnoses—and why this matters at the virtual event.

The festival is organized by the Galena Public Library with support from the Friends of GPL. For more information and to register, call the Galena Public Library at **815-777-0200** or visit **GalenaLibrary.org**. ■

JULIEN DUBUQUE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Winter Film Series

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 7 PM

MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER (1157 CENTRAL AVE)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 7 PM

HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)

Enjoy select films from the 2023 Julien Dubuque International Film Festival. Watch a cause-related film followed by a Q&A or panel. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the film starting at 7 p.m. The series is free and open to the public.

The second film in the series is *The Exchange* on Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Multicultural Family Center. In 1966, a social studies teacher in all-white Kaukauna, WI wanted his students to perform the controversial play, *In White America*. So, along with a Black English teacher in Milwaukee, they developed a two-month student exchange with a mostly Black high school. This is the story of an experience during the Civil Rights era brought into the time of Black Lives Matter. Followed by a Q&A with the director and producer, Joanne Williams. The documentary has a GA rating and is 61 minutes long.



The series closes out on Thursday, March 21 at Hotel Julien Dubuque with *A Long Way from Nowhere*. The 60-minute documentary tells the story of athletes running the Desert Rats Kokopelli, a 150 mile race through the Utah desert at the height of summer. The film examines what motivates athletes to participate in a race like this—to push themselves to, and sometimes beyond, the breaking point. It is rated GA.

For more information, visit **JulienFilmFest.com**. ■



Almost, Maine

FEBRUARY 23–24 AND

MARCH 1–2 @ 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 25 AND MARCH 3 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Sweet, poignant, and witty... *Almost, Maine* is a beautifully structured play with nifty surprise endings (most but not all of them happy). See performance at the Grand Opera House on

Feb. 23–24 and March 1–2 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 and March 3 at 2 p.m.

Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. It's almost in Canada. And it's not quite a town because its residents never got around to getting organized. So, it almost doesn't exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

This production is recommended for age 12 and above. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 for children under 18. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



Broad Ideas

ART DROP-OFF: FEBRUARY 23 AND 24

SHOW: MARCH 3–25

GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
(971 GEAR ST, GALENA, IL)

Broad Ideas is a community arts show committed to inclusion by dismantling patriarchy and misogyny through the telling of our stories. While inclusive feminism is always the overarching theme, this year's prompt is "Creating COMMUNITY."

Starting in 2018, every March at the Galena Center for the Arts, it continues to be a space for people to tell their stories through visual art, the written word, music, and performance.

More events are in the works. Free on-site childcare during events is run by a background-checked adult and high school student volunteers.

For full submission details and more information, visit **BroadIdeas.org**.

Artwork Drop-Off

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 @ 4–6 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 10 AM–NOON

Artists and authors of all abilities are welcome and encouraged. *Broad Ideas* purposely includes a wide range of ideas,

artists, abilities, and events. Simply put, this show is for anyone that supports inclusion, equity, and the arts.

Opening Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 @ 5–7 PM

Join the celebration as *Broad Ideas* kicks off their 7th year. Be the first to see the powerful artwork. Enjoy light appetizers and drinks and the musical talents of Robyn Davis and Ted Williams.

Drum Circle

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 @ 6 PM

Hosted by the amazing Theresa Larsen. RSVP requested.

Songwriters Showcase

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 7–9 PM

This concert is always a fun night! Look forward to some new elements and the all-women-focused musical performance. Refreshments available for purchase.

Spoken Word Closing

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 @ 7–9 PM

Take in the powerful words as people share their stories and poems. This is always a moving experience. There will be a brief champagne and chocolate reception after the spoken word speakers. ■

DUBUQUE ARTS COUNCIL

educating & entertaining



55 Years of Transformative Arts, Music & Education

For more than five decades, the Dubuque Arts Council has been a dynamic force, shaping the cultural landscape of the Tri-State community. In this exploration of their journey, we'll delve into the profound impact of performances in schools, making art accessible, and why it's crucial for the growth and development of young minds.

The Beginning: 1969 to Today

In the late '60s, a group of passionate individuals in Dubuque set out to ignite inspiration among the youth through the arts. Fueled by a generous donation from John Deere, their modest goal was to bring outstanding performers to local

schools. Little did they know that this initiative would evolve into the transformative Artist in Residence program.

Fast forward to today, and the Dubuque Arts Council stands proud as a champion of cultural diversity, bringing international sensations to area schools. This visionary initiative goes beyond entertainment; it fosters a symphony of cultural experiences, from enchanting sounds to pulsating beats. The goal is to weave a rich tapestry that transcends borders and generations.

Performances in Schools: Making Art Accessible

One of the cornerstones of the Dubuque Arts Council's mission is the belief that



RECENT LOCAL RESIDENT ZAK MORGAN PERFORMED AT TWO BELLEVUE SCHOOLS

art should be accessible to everyone, starting with the youth. The Artist in Residence program plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal. By bringing world-renowned performers directly into schools, the council ensures that every student has the opportunity to experience the magic of live performances.

These school performances serve as a gateway to the arts, exposing students to a world of creativity they might not encounter otherwise. Whether it's the mesmerizing melodies of Stone Village from China or the energetic beats of Japanese taiko drumming, these performances spark curiosity and open young minds to different cultures and artistic expressions.

Moreover, school performances create a direct connection between students and artists, breaking down barriers and demystifying the world of performing arts. Students get to witness the dedication and passion of these artists up close, inspiring them to explore their own creative potential.

Beyond Schools: "Music in the Gardens" and More

The commitment to accessibility doesn't stop at school doors. The Dubuque Arts Council understands that a lifelong love for the arts begins with exposure at a young age but needs to be nurtured throughout life. Initiatives like "Music in the Gardens" exemplify this commitment by providing free musical entertainment in a community setting.

Imagine a Sunday evening surrounded by the natural beauty of the Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, where families and friends gather to enjoy music together. This extends

the accessibility of the arts beyond formal education, creating enduring memories and fostering a love for cultural experiences that last a lifetime.

Community Impact: More Than Entertainment

The Dubuque Arts Council is not just about putting on shows; it's about enriching the entire community. From a modest start with limited school participation, the council now proudly serves more than 20,000 students in 31 schools, and the numbers are steadily climbing.

Generous grants, including vital support from the Community Foundation of Jackson County, have fueled the council's expansion, ensuring that the transformative magic of art and music reaches even more communities. The ripple effect of these initiatives extends far beyond the immediate audience, leaving an indelible mark on the Tri-State community.

Sustaining Partnerships and Building Capacity

Collaboration has been a key factor in the Dubuque Arts Council's success. Over the years, partnerships with local organizations like the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, The Grand Opera House, and Travel Dubuque have strengthened the council's impact.

President Dan Flynn emphasizes the importance of these partnerships, stating, "We're lucky to live in a community that values partnerships." These collaborations not only enhance the quality of performances but also extend the reach of the arts into various facets of the community.



KIDS FROM WISCONSIN PERFORM AT MUSIC IN THE GARDENS



THE TEXAS TENORS PERFORM AT HERITAGE CENTER

Adapting After the Pandemic: Filling Seats and Building Connections

The challenges posed by the pandemic spurred innovation within the Dubuque Arts Council. With empty seats at shows, the council drew inspiration from the DRA core grant process to attract visitors from other cities. President Dan Flynn elaborates, "Because ticket sales from our special events help fund our Artist in Residence programs for schools, we knew we had to do something."

The strategic use of grants funded contests and ads, creating a ripple effect that reached beyond Dubuque's borders. A contest offering a weekend getaway, including hotel, meals, gas money, and Vienna Boys Choir tickets as the grand prize, saw over 2,500 entries. This not only filled seats but also fostered a broader community connection, extending the reach and impact of the Dubuque Arts Council beyond its immediate locality.

Performances in Schools: A Vital Educational Tool

Let's circle back to the heart of the matter—performances in schools. These events serve as a vital educational tool, offering students a unique and immersive learning experience. Research has consistently shown that exposure to the arts enhances cognitive abilities, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

Live performances provide a sensory-rich environment that engages students on multiple levels. The visual and auditory stimulation creates a memorable and impactful experience, making the lessons learned through the arts more likely to be

retained. For many students, these performances might be their first exposure to live theater or musical performances, opening doors to a world of possibilities.

The Dubuque Arts Council's commitment to making art accessible in schools aligns with broader educational goals. The integration of arts into education has been linked to improved academic performance, increased empathy, and better social and emotional development. By bringing the arts directly into the school environment, the council contributes to a holistic education that nurtures not only academic skills but also the creative and emotional dimensions of learning.

Looking Forward: A Legacy in the Making

As the Dubuque Arts Council celebrates 55 years of cultural excellence, it stands at the crossroads of reflection and anticipation. With a rich history of inspiring performances, educational initiatives, and a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, the council is poised to continue its legacy as a cultural powerhouse.

The journey has been remarkable, but their work is far from over. Looking ahead, the Dubuque Arts Council remains committed to building capacity, fostering partnerships, and ensuring that the arts continue to resonate as a vibrant force in the Tri-State community for generations to come. The transformative power of performances in schools and community initiatives serves as a guiding light, ensuring that the accessibility and appreciation of the arts remain central to the council's mission. Join in, embrace the arts, and become part of the ever-evolving story that is the Dubuque Arts Council. ■

DUBUQUE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 7:30 PM

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER

JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

Join the Dubuque Arts Council on a musical journey through time as it proudly presents the legendary violinist, Gareth Johnson. The performance on Saturday, Feb. 17, is not just about music; it's a celebration of 55 years of inspiring performances that have shaped the cultural landscape of the Tri-State community.

Gareth released his first hip-hop album last year, and so, we asked him what the audience can expect at his upcoming performance. Gareth explained, "Think of the concert on the 17th as a musical journey. I'll commence with classical pieces, gradually transitioning to contemporary music performed by the band. Despite my recent release of a hip-hop album, I would not call this a 'hip-hop' show; instead, you'll witness some of the country's best musicians showcasing genius-level skills on their instruments. The artistry mirrors what you'd experience at a classical concert, but the music's mood is livelier and more engaging."

A talented savant with the violin, Gareth Johnson has turned his over two decades long classical training into a sound that is totally new to the hip-hop, R&B, and pop music genre. Johnson, whose love for the beautiful sounds of the violin came after seeing Itzhak Perlman in concert, has studied classical music since he was 10 years old. He is a world-renowned violinist, master string teacher, and composer whose extraordinary talent crosses all music genres from Rick Ross to Stevie Wonder and Bruno Mars, as well as Johnny Cash to Metallica and Guns N' Roses, right into Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee's "Despacito."

"We are honored to present Gareth Johnson with his Evolution Band," Dave Grable, producer and board member for Dubuque Arts Council said. "This concert is the crown jewel of our 55th year celebration." Don't miss the show at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$30, and with an adult ticket purchase, get up to two free student tickets using code "Violin", while supplies last. Tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at **www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter**.

This extraordinary performance is presented by the Dubuque Arts Council and made possible by the generous support of Tim and Christine Conlon, Conlon Construction Company, Humanities Iowa, The City of Dubuque, and the National Endowment for the Arts. ■





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7 PM @ Northside Bar

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8 PM @ Comedy Bar

The Resistors
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Ozzy & Bon Joe B
8 PM @ First Reserve

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
8 PM @ Bill's Tap (Farley, IA)

Joie Wails
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape

Space Burial, Louisiana Drifter,
Strange News
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 2/3

Jimmy Welty Band
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Massey Road
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Winter Cabaret
3 PM @ UD Heritage Center

One Headlight
4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

MiniMonster Duo
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Hangin Around
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Tessa
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

Allen Strickland Williams
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Fool House
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Pork Tornadoes
8 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Ty Bailey Project, Eleven X,
Experiment Seventy Nine
9 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 2/4

Jef Spradley
1 PM @ Sundown Mountain

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

Tony Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

WED 2/7

Aluminatics
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 2/8

Joseph John Valenti
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

FRI 2/9

United Way Lunchtime Live:
Joie Wails
Noon @ First Reserve

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Marcus DeJesus
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Jarrod Hogan
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Secrets
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Jimmy Welty Band
6 PM @ The Other Side
(East DBQ, IL)

Kris Karr
6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Stone Wolf Trio
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Cab Calloway Orchestra
7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Josh Ocean Thomas & Friends
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Jabberbox
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Joie Wails
8 PM @ First Reserve

Hearthfie Duo
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

The Guthries
8:30 PM @ Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT 2/10
Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers: JazzQ
10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Library

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
Spring Family Concert
1 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Massey Road
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

Terry McCauley
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Jef Spradley
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Bob & Gus
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

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

Tony Walker
7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co
(Galena, IL)

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Star-Crossed Lovers
7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Josh Ocean Thomas & Friends
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Vice Box
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Turn Turn Turn
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

MiniMonster
8 PM @ Wicked Dame

Todd Ellis
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
(Asbury, IA)

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

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

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

Stacked Saturday:
Skavi, Dumpling
10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 2/11
Barefoot & Sunshine
1 PM @ Sundown Mountain

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

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Star-Crossed Lovers
2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Kris Karr
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Jordan Danielsen
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

TUE 2/13
Mardi Gras: Schnicklefritz Band
6 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Fat Tuesday Party: Derty Rice
6 PM @ Smokestack

Night in Brazil
6:30 PM @ Clarke University
Jansen Music Hall

WED 2/14
Joie Wails
6 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Happy Couple Game Show
w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

Cocktail Class: Ben Dunegan
7 PM @ First Reserve

Wild Horses, Marques Morel
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Brion Bowman
7 PM @ Wicked Dame

THU 2/15
Jukebox Bingo
6:30 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

Julien Winds Chamber Concert
7 PM @ Clarke University
Jansen Music Hall

FRI 2/16
Fabulous Fridays Artists Series:
Ragtime Brass Quintet
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Jimmy Welty Band
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joie Wails
6 PM @ The Other Side
(East DBQ, IL)

Boys of Lloyd
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Brushfire Bandits
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

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

The Swampland Jewels
9 PM @ The Lift

Angela Meyer
10 PM @ First Reserve

SAT 2/17
Mississippi Band
1 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Absolutely Country,
Definitely Gospel

2 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts
Center (Maquoketa, IA)

Joseph John Valenti
3 PM @ Sundown Mountain

Rock Steady
6 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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1 Riley Beck
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WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

WORDS Open Mic w/ Broz
7 PM @ Esther's Lounge
1st Wed

Free Den Wednesdays
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel
No event on 2/14

Open Mic
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
7 PM @ Lina's Lounge

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

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

THURSDAY

Blues Jam @ 6 PM
Thirsty Thursday
Open Mic @ 8:30 PM
Smokestack

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

Rock Star Bingo
7 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

Fingerstyle Guitar & Open Mic
w/ Calvin Coohy
7 PM @ First Reserve

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

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

Tomato Throw Show
8 PM @ Comedy Bar

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

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series
Noon @ St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Through 3/22

SUNDAY

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)

Sunday Afternoon Jam
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Bingo
4 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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

Sunday Night Bingo
8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)
Through Feb

MONDAY

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
6:30 PM @ Round Two (Peosta, IA)
4th Mon

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)
1st & 3rd Mon

Taproom Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
6:30 PM @ The Corner Taproom (Cascade, IA)
2nd 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/ Bob's Trivia
7:30 PM @ Backpacket DBQ

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

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

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

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

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

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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Upcoming Entertainment



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FEBRUARY 17 @ 8 PM

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Jabberbox

FEBRUARY 9 @ 8 PM

Known for their high-energy performance, they won the Best Band award in 2013. Jabberbox plays all your favorites from Theory of a Deadman, Nickelback, Buckcherry, Blink 182, and many more.



Bluffett: Jimmy Buffett Tribute

FEBRUARY 23 @ 8 PM

Bluffett takes on the atmosphere of a genuine Buffett concert, right down to the audience participation and energy that goes with it.

Additional Entertainment

THE RESISTORS

FEBRUARY 2 @ 8 PM

FOOL HOUSE

FEBRUARY 3 @ 8 PM

VICE BOX

FEBRUARY 10 @ 8 PM

BRUSHFIRE BANDITS

FEBRUARY 16 @ 8 PM

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FEBRUARY 24 @ 3 & 7 PM

TIM CAVANAGH

MARCH 1 @ 8 PM

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MARCH 2 @ 8 PM

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MARCH 15 @ 8 PM

JOSH BLUE

APRIL 5 @ 8 PM

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APRIL 27 @ 8 PM

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Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 2 PM
OHNEWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
 (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)
 The Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel show brings plenty of great music, fun, and talent to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center stage for a special lunch performance. Bring the entire family along for a trip through the genre on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. Whether you are a longtime fan of country and gospel music or are just starting to enjoy the sound, this music show is sure to be a fan-favorite. Featuring the vocals of Faith's

Journey, guests will be treated to two decades of country and gospel music. Experience performances of songs like "Eastern Gate" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," and send your spirits soaring with heart and soul-warming journey through some of country and gospel music's best. Join Faith's Journey in a truly heart and soul-warming experience in the world of country and gospel music. This is one unforgettable show for country and gospel music fans alike, with heavenly vocals, amazing performances paired with a delicious lunch to enjoy while you watch the show. This show features the piano player for Mickey Gilley, Lee Hendrix. Absolutely Country Definitely Gospel has won Gospel Show of the Year in 2021, and Lee Hendrix won Keyboard Player of the Year in 2022. This group has performed on stages big and small from your local church to one of America's best theme parks, Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO. This group has been played on radio and TV thru out the US and has had several charting songs.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$28 at the door for adults and \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center box office, by calling **563-652-9815**, or at OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com. ■



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 2/2



Luke Tyler
5:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 (360 W 11TH ST)
COVER: FREE
 Dr. Luke Tyler has over 20 years of teaching piano to students of all ages and levels. He is active in Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) and has served as an adjudicator, performer, and presenter within the organization at all levels, including performances on the national stage. He has notable performances in Tucson, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Fort Wayne, Germany, Beijing, and Hong Kong. Luke is also an avid church musician with over 14 years of professional experience. carnegiestout.org.

FRI 2/9



Jarrod Hogan
3 PM @ SUNDOWN MOUNTAIN TIPS UP
 (16991 ASBURY RD)
COVER: FREE
 Cozy up in our ski lodge as a solo artist brings the warmth of acoustic melodies to a crisp evening. Get ready for an intimate evening of music and cool vibes.



Jimmy Welty Band
6 PM @ THE OTHER SIDE
 (68 SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL)
COVER: FREE
 The Jimmy Welty Band is a premier country group out of Eastern Iowa area. You can hear them playing high-energy original and cover tunes, from the greatest of the classic and retro country legends. This four-piece band lays down a driving beat for line dancing, honky-tonk two steppers, and music lovers of all ages. They deliver distinct vocals, lead guitar, and fiddle, which all meld perfectly with the rock-solid drive of the drums and slap of the upright bass. They are not just another country band; they're a show.



Allen Strickland Williams
8 PM @ THE COMEDY BAR (333 E 10TH ST)
TICKETS: \$22-\$25
 Los Angeles comedian Allen Strickland Williams's resume includes a half-hour for *Comedy Central Stand-Up Presents* and was named one of their Comics to Watch, and he performed stand-up comedy twice on *Conan*. Allen has appeared on Adult Swim's *The Last Open Mic at the End of the World*, Netflix's *Cooking on High*, *Viceland's Flophouse*, and *The Top 14 Greatest Valentine's Day Movies of All Time* on the CW. He has also performed at South by Southwest, Moontower Comedy Festival, Funny or Die's Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival, Bridgetown Comedy Festival, RIOT Festival, and more. comedybar.com.

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SAT 2/10



Turn Turn Turn

7 PM @ FOX DEN MOTEL (920 MAIN ST)

TICKETS: \$12

Turn Turn Turn is a trio who bonded over their mutual love of close harmony '60s and '70s country, folk, and pop music and formed an original Americana band. To create their distinctive sound, the band "turns" to the distant past of early American recorded music, "turns" again to that renaissance of the 1960s and 1970s, and finally "turns" again to the present looking forward. Members Adam Levy (guitar, vocals), Savannah Smith (guitar, vocals) and Barb Brynstad (bass, vocals) are all mainstays of the Minnesota music scene and together craft an infectious, pop-infused Americana. Turn Turn Turn's Laurel Canyon meets '70s-Nashville-cosmic soul vibe is layered with three-part harmonies that stitch the band's musical tapestry together.



MiniMonster

8 PM @ WICKED DAME (214 W 1ST ST)

COVER: FREE

Lady Katie and Jeff Weydert from Dubuque's own super-duper disco-funk band Boogie Monster just can't get enough rockin'. So they set off on this musical duoship featuring Katie's ridiculously powerful soulful voice and Jeff's deep raspy growl, blended together with an acoustic guitar to make somewhat lower-key funky monster magic.

WED 2/14



Happy Couple Game Show w/ GQ Entertainment

7 PM @ 7 HILLS BREWING COMPANY (1085 WASHINGTON ST)

COVER: FREE

Head to the Millwork District with your sweetie for a friendly competition à la The Newlywed Game with GQ Entertainment. Prizes will be awarded to the winning couples. 7hillsbrew.com.

FRI 2/16



The Swampland Jewels

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

COVER: FREE

Celebrate Mardi Gras! The Swampland Jewels formed in 2021 in an effort to bring gulf coast classics and originals to the area. Playing a mix or original, Gulf Coast oldies, traditional Cajun/Creole, and TexMex tunes, The Swampland Jewels are sure to get you on your feet. If you aren't a fan of the accordion, you will be after catching this set! In 2023, they headlined the Des Moines Cajun Fest and were awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to complete their debut album, which will be released in spring 2024. The Swampland Jewels consist of five veteran Iowa City area musicians: Nate Basinger, Forrest Huesinkveld, Eddie McKinley, Randall Davis, and Marty Christensen.

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APPLE CRISP SALAD

Refresh

By Danny Fairchild

How to describe Refresh Food, Juice & Boba. Well first, let's get the pronunciation down. Is it "RE-fresh" or "re-FRESH?" I'm choosing to put the emphasis on "fresh" because so do the good people at Refresh. But beyond that, how would you describe a sandwich et. al. shop with a painting of Anthony Bourdain displayed religiously prominent, with Japanese sodas and candies available for sale, situated right next to a brewpub? You know what it's like? Think of a legendary college town sandwich shop. The one that alumni talk about to identify one another. Now imagine that it hasn't been around long enough to officially gain legend status. And it's not that close to a college campus. But you still got the care and passion and menu that MAKES a place like that legendary. Imagine you could be one of the people to say, "Oh hell yeah. I've been eating at that place since Fairchild wrote about it." Yes, in this scenario, I'm pretending that my name means something to you and your acquaintances. I want to be a legend, too.

So yeah. I think I just effectively described Refresh.

Let's get back to the painting of Bourdain. My apologies to the artist if it ISN'T a painting of Anthony Bourdain, but I like to think I know Bourdain when I see him. When you have a painting of the late chef, author, and travel documentarian, you're pretty much setting the tone: You're showing that you're proud of the food you make, and you're going to take the food you make seriously, but not so seriously that you fall victim to snobbery.

There. NOW I've effectively described Refresh. Ready to talk about the food? Me, too.

I'm sure this is a shortcoming on my part, but... for the most part, I've always been disappointed by panini sandwiches.

Yeah, I don't understand it, either. It's toasty. It's melty. It marries flavors beautifully. It isn't a mess to eat. So, I don't know. I guess maybe I expect more from something that's toasty, melty, marries flavors beautifully, and isn't a mess to eat. You know what also often disappoints me? Pesto. With that much damn basil, I expect to taste the basil. Is that too much to ask? Yeah, there's all sorts of other good stuff in pesto but like... basil makes it vibrant. I want to taste that color of green, dammit!

So, when I asked for a recommendation and was hit with a sunflower pesto panini... well... I agreed, but... I had a feeling I was going to be mostly dining on the other things I ordered to try. But when what can only be described as a coital grunt escaped my throat when I first took a bite of the toasty, melty chicken, cherry tomatoes, provolone, and balsamic coming along on a magic carpet ride of pesto... well... nobody was more surprised than me. The basil! Oh, the basil! It's there. It's there in force. And it's not ALL your taste, of course. Nobody wants that. But like I said... panini sandwiches are good at marrying flavors together. When they're in the panini press, they just can't escape each other. THIS is what I want from a panini. Thank you, Refresh.

Now, if you're a panini skeptic like I tend to be, know that any of their sandwiches can be ordered as a hoagie. So, not only can you get a sunflower pesto hoagie, you can bring the entire state of Pennsylvania to its knees by ordering a Philly cheesesteak panini. The world is yours.

I still had room to house most of the falafel bowl I ordered. Boy howdy, if there's one thing that could make me go vegan, it's falafel. Seasoned fried balls of chickpea? Doesn't sound like something that can satisfy someone like me who considers eating meat at least a small part of my personal and cultural identity. It honestly gets the job done, though. It's filling and tasty. I love it. That's why I ordered it, sans recommendation. So, what are we talking here?

We're talking falafel (duh), quinoa, hummus, tomato, cucumber, pickled onion, black olive, and several triangles of naan. You get to assemble everything with just the right proportions of everything. I love taking a meal into my own hands when I have a meal in my hands. So good! And again, it was so fresh tasting. Probably because it's fresh. That's how fresh tends to work. Those cukes certainly helped. So did the acidity of the pickled onions. And if you're looking for someone to eat your olives, I'm that person. Send them to me directly. Or email me, and I'll come pick them up.

Finally, I got myself the Apple Crisp Salad or, as I'm going to call it, "The salad for people who think they don't like salad." I know that sounds like it's a few greens with a huge helping of apple crisp on top, but come on. Be reasonable here. We're talking a nice, crisp spring mix of greens with crisp apples, crisp candied pecans, and crisp... okay the dried cranberries and feta are NOT crisp, but do you really want them to be? This salad still comes by the name "crisp" honestly. Just like Refresh comes by the name "fresh" honestly. And oh! Did you think I forgot to mention the dressing? I did forget, thanks for reminding me. This beauty is dressed with a maple vinaigrette. I've had lots and lots and lots of different vinaigrette. Lots. Why, oh why has it taken almost 45 YEARS for maple vinaigrette to enter my life? Such a perfect dressing for this salad. Inspired, really. Kind of makes me want to explore a bit more with vinaigrettes in my own kitchen.

I'm going to have to go back and explore the milk tea and juices and boba. I just know it's awesome to have a new place to get boba in downtown Dubuque. If you're looking to keep it simple, no problem. Just grab a can of Coke products from the fridge. Want to know what Skittles taste like in Japan? With Refresh, now's your chance without paying shipping.

As usual, when I can, I'd like to mention the restroom situation. It's important to people, I know. There's only one restroom

to keep clean at Refresh, and it absolutely is clean. Just pass to the right hand side of Anthony Bourdain, and potty in comfort. The building is old. You can tell by the Old Downtown Dubuque ceilings. But the potty is REFRESHed. See what I did there?

I really think Refresh has something special to offer Dubuque. It's not just another sandwich shop. But it IS still, among other things, a sandwich shop. And that's pretty special all by itself. ■



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Culinary Cupid

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

The key to most everyone's heart is through their stomach, especially around Valentine's Day. But instead of gifting chocolate boxes and candy conversation hearts, let's do sweets a little different this year. Show your love and keep everyone's heart happy and healthy with a dietitian-inspired gift guide.

Top 5 Valentine's Day Gift Guide

1. Strawberry-Champagne Jam: "You're totally my JAM, Valentine."

This vibrant and lively sweet jam instantly adds a splash of elegance to your morning pancakes, waffles, crepes, or overnight oats. Sparkling with sweet strawberries and bright champagne, this jam is perfect for Valentine's Day.

2. Glass Travel Infuser Mug: "You're a hot tea."

Your hottie especially needs to stay hydrated! This travel infuser mug lets you bring your highbrow tea experience to your morning commute, your evening dog walk, your hair appointment, and wherever else your day takes you. And it's guaranteed to make your valentine smile!

3. Veggie Spiralizer: "I like you oodles and oodles like zoodles."

This isn't just another gadget that will take up space and collect dust in your kitchen! A veggie spiralizer makes eating vegetables more fun and memorable by turning them into noodle-like shapes. More vegetables in your diet means more vitamins, minerals, and fiber, leading to greater health benefits! Try out my favorites in the spiralizer: zucchini, sweet potato, and carrot "noodles."

4. Zöet Dark Chocolate Bars: "You sweeten my day!"

It wouldn't be Valentine's Day without some chocolate, right? The darker the cocoa content, the greater the health benefits like lowering LDL "bad" cholesterol, improving blood vessel circulation and—most importantly—mood-lifting! Pair any 70% dark chocolate bar with strawberries, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, coffee, or even a glass of wine, and enjoy with that special someone.

5. Microplane Zester/Grater: "I just PLANE like you."

This is one of the best tools to use for the ultimate dish presentation or "wow factor." Use for zesting fresh citrus, grating cheese, or dusting grated chocolate over dessert. ■

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Understanding Through Listening

By Matt Booth

For over 20 years, I've been traveling around our country and the world speaking from stages. I've worked in all 50 states and six out of the seven continents. Do you know anyone in Antarctica? If there's one thing I love to do almost as much as speaking, it's listening. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to listen to thousands of leaders and speakers.

Recent studies indicate that a mere 10% of us are effective listeners. Amid the constant buzz of notifications, social media alerts, and our ever-expanding to-do lists, our capacity to focus and listen to others is being severely challenged. Even when not hindered by technology, our own preoccupations and internal dialogues often prevent us from truly hearing others. Many times, we mistakenly believe we are listening, but in reality, we are just waiting for an opportunity to interject, offer advice, or pass judgment. The core issue in modern communication is that most of us listen with the intent to reply, not to understand.

True listening requires a shift in mindset. It's not about mentally preparing your response while the other person is speaking; it's about fully engaging with what they're saying. This means observing not just their words,

but also their body language, eye contact, and tone of voice. Effective listening is an active process, one that, when practiced, significantly enhances understanding.

Here are three straightforward strategies to help you master the art of listening for understanding:

- 1. Avoid Interrupting:** The quickest way to make someone feel unheard is to interrupt or speak over them. Fully listen and wait for them to finish before posing questions or sharing your views.
- 2. Reflect Before Responding:** Instead of immediately voicing your thoughts, demonstrate that you've heard and processed their words by paraphrasing their message.
- 3. Resist Judgement:** Strive to suspend your personal biases and emotions unless they are explicitly sought. Not everyone is looking for advice; sometimes, they simply need to be heard without the expectation of a solution.

Adults often exhibit greater patience and attentiveness when listening to children, recognizing their potential difficulties in articulating thoughts and feelings. We afford them the time and effort needed to understand their emotions and thoughts. This approach should extend to our interactions with adults. Rather than interrupting to steer the conversation, we should listen to assist in clarifying their thoughts.

Embracing a listening-oriented approach will improve your relationships. It fosters trust, diminishes conflict, and boosts your ability to motivate and inspire. Engaging with others' stories, and sharing our own, allows us to step into another's world, fostering a deeper sense of connection. Shift from listening to reply to listening to understand—it's a transformative step in enhancing your communication skills! ■

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ARGYLLE (PG-13)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

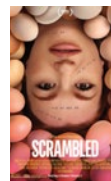
Bryce Dallas Howard (*Jurassic World* franchise) is Elly Conway, the reclusive author of a series of bestselling espionage novels. But when the plots of Elly's fictional books—which center on secret agent, Argylle, and his mission to unravel a global spy syndicate—begin to mirror the covert actions of a real-life spy organization, quiet evenings at home become a thing of the past. Accompanied by Aidan (Sam Rockwell), a cat-allergic spy, Elly (carrying her cat, Alfie, in her backpack) races across the world to stay one step ahead of the killers as the line between fictional and real worlds begins to blur.



SCRAMBLED (R)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Quintessential eternal bridesmaid Nellie Robinson (Leah McKendrick) constantly finds herself between weddings, baby showers, and bad dates. When she begins to feel like the clock is ticking and is faced with bleak romantic prospects, Nellie decides to freeze her eggs—setting her on an empowering journey to a brave new world where she ultimately discovers “the one” she’s looking for might be herself.



TURNING RED (PG)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

After a COVID streaming release, the Pixar film is now getting its first theatrical release. A 13-year-old girl is torn between staying her mother’s dutiful daughter and the changes of adolescence. And as if the challenges were not enough, whenever she gets overly excited, she transforms into a giant red panda.



LISA FRANKENSTEIN (PG-13)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

A coming of RAGE love story from acclaimed writer Diablo Cody (*Jennifer’s Body*) about a misunderstood teenager and her high school crush, who happens to be a handsome corpse. After a set of playfully horrific circumstances bring him back to life, the two embark on a murderous journey to find love, happiness... and a few missing body parts along the way.



Movie Buzz

Development on the expansion of Dan Harmon’s cult favorite comedy, *Community*, has been in the works for nearly a decade, with the creator taking his time to find the right story to stay true on its promise of “six seasons and a movie.” One of the stars, Ken Jeong, confirmed the return of all of the original cast (except Chevy Chase, who everyone hated). It’s just a matter of aligning schedules. The movie should come to Peacock when it’s ready.



David Ayer is set to re-team with action star Jason Statham on *Levon’s Trade*, and the movie has found a



new home at Amazon MGM on the back of *The Beekeeper*’s recent surprise success. Based on the first book in Chuck Dixon’s *Levon Cade* book series, the screenplay has been penned by Statham’s frequent *Expendables* collaborator, Sylvester Stallone. Book author Dixon is one of the world’s most prolific comic book writers including creating of the iconic Batman villain Bane. The *Levon’s Cade* book series currently has 12 books.

Chris Pratt is re-teaming with Amazon again after the success of *The Tomorrow War* and *The Terminal List* for a new science fiction thriller called *Mercy*. Directed by Timur Bekmambetov and scripted by Marco van Belle, the movie is



described as being set in the near future when violent crime has increased. Pratt will play a detective who is forced to prove his innocence after being accused of a capital crime. *Mercy* is expected to get a theatrical release. Then again, that’s what they said about the *Road House* reboot before they changed their minds.

The Benoit Blanc mystery *Knives Out 3* is inching close to reality. In October last year,



Rian Johnson confirmed he had resumed work on the threequel’s script, and filming on the as-yet-untitled *Knives Out 3* is set to begin later this year with Craig once again reprising his role. Following 2019’s *Knives Out*, Netflix got rights for two sequels in a massive \$469 million deal.

Backyard Foraging

By John McAndrew

It's really cold—which makes it a perfect time to go through seed catalogs and dream of spring and sprouts and savory simmering dishes. If you're wanting to do something a little different this year, Ellen Zachos will open your garden gate and lead you into the land beyond, where you can explore and bring home new ingredients with novel flavors that you will never find in stores—or even at the farmers' market.

Zachos is an experienced forager and author of *Backyard Foraging* and *The Wildcrafted Cocktail*. She finds food to forage in fields and forests wherever she has lived—including in the high desert of Santa Fe, NM. She is a careful, entertaining instructor, eager to share the joys of finding and cooking free foods. She also gleefully busts myths as she goes. Before you believe something is dangerous or disgusting, check in with her.

In *How to Forage for Wild Foods Without Dying*, Zachos writes for the absolute beginner who has walked past flowers and trees all our lives without having a clue about their names, growth habits, or even if they are poisonous to touch or eat. She is one of those experts who is an a conversational, understanding, engaging writer. The book has photos or drawings on almost every page, which helps the novice have a sense of confidence when setting out.

Many of these plants are quite common: milkweed, mallow, lamb's quarters, dandelions, Queen Anne's lace, Siberian elm, locust, sumac, oak, and more. (If you're looking for a Valentine's Day gift for the Master Gardener in your life, this is the one. Don't forget to add chocolate, though. Always add chocolate.)

Zachos covers:

Motivation: Why would you forage when you can just, you know, run down to the grocery store or the farmers' market?

Selection: Generally, foods with no poisonous lookalikes, available all over the US, with multiple uses.

Hardware: What tools for harvesting, preparation, and preservation will you need?

Basic plant info: The kinds of things your grade-school textbooks covered, like roots, stems, leaves, fruits, flowers, and seeds, in all their variety.

Sustainability: If you harvest ALL of a favorite plant, neither you nor any other forager—biped, quadruped, or other—will have any next year.

Safety and Ethics: Don't harvest by a roadside or from someone's property without permission.

Let's take an example: milkweed. Zachos gives the scientific and the common names, the best parts to eat, and when to harvest them.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there about milkweed. Some people swear it's bitter; others claim it's poisonous. Neither is true. When properly harvested and prepared, milkweed is

tender, delicious, and versatile. If I had to choose just one wild plant to eat, it would probably be milkweed. That's how good it is."

She talks about harvesting, discussing stems, leaves, flowers, pods, and buds separately. She explains how to cook it and debunks another myth along the way:

"You may read that milkweed requires boiling in three changes of water, but this is not true. I bet the person who started that rumor harvested dogbane instead of milkweed."

Milkweed is one of the exceptions to her poisonous lookalike rule, so she thoroughly describes how to correctly identify it and provides clear, detailed photos of dogbane, its poisonous doppelgänger, and how it compares to the real thing.

Zachos's friendly conversational style is one way she keeps this new skill fascinating to newcomers.

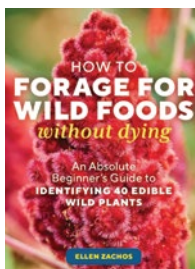
"Lamb's quarters is cultivated as a vegetable in Asia and parts of Africa. In Europe and the Americas, it's considered an annoying weed. Go figure."

"You may read that the white, immature silk inside milkweed pods tastes like cheese. I'm here to manage your expectations. It does not taste like cheese."

"Acorns are one of the most versatile wild foods you can harvest. They can be made into a gluten-free flour that adds richness to sweet and savory baked goods, or they can be eaten as nuts, mixed into burgers, or used as a soup base. They're an excellent source of starch and fat. You will never starve if you have acorns."

You will like her and want to go foraging with her. (She does travel to foraging and book conferences, so you never know!) She writes like a good friend would, and she would approve of your having a small glass of homemade apricot liqueur on the table beside you as you read her book in front of the fire.

Like most things, foraging is more fun with friends. Zachos encourages foragers to find each other. There's a reason community gardens are a popular way to build and bind a community. Anyone interested in bringing people together over food and plants—Master Gardeners, teachers, parents, restaurateurs, survivalists, ecologists, managers of public lands—will find a companionable ally and teacher in Ellen Zachos. And you and your family are unlikely to die in the process—always an appealing characteristic of a new hobby. ■



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5:30-7:30 PM
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SAT 2/24



Coffee and Play

9 AND 10 AM
@ CENTRALLY ROOTED
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THU 2/29



Anastasia

7 PM @ HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
2/29-3/2 at 7 p.m.; 3/3 at 2 p.m. Based on the 1997 animated film of the same name, the musical adapts the legend of the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia, who was rumored to have escaped and survived the revolution against the Romanov dynasty. Anya, an orphan in 1920s St. Petersburg, yearns to discover her lost family. She encounters Vlad and Dmitry, two conmen who convince her that she might be the legendary Anastasia. However, their plot puts Anya in the path of a Bolshevik general named Gleb, who chases her to the streets of Paris where Anya attempts to reunite with the Dowager Duchess. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance. \$12-\$15. 3715 Pennsylvania Ave. **563-552-5200**. hempsteadhs.boottix.net.

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Winter Blues Got You Dreaming of Spring?

We are in the thick of winter, and with those last two big snow storms, I'm dreaming of spring! One of the best ways I find to get through the challenges of the *winter blues* and *bitter cold* is to immerse myself into one of my favorite hobbies—house plants!

Caring for houseplants can be fun, challenging, inspiring, and a great way to involve your children or grandchildren in learning to care for something delicate. Houseplants also bring fresh air into the home which is perfect this time of year when we don't dare open our windows, am I right?!?

Houseplant Hobby Tips

Effort and Ambition. Are you eager to learn and willing to commit time every couple of days to water and care for your new plant(s)? Are you looking for just a touch of green but a tad bit forgetful with your schedule? Look for the plant specific to your needs. Some of the best options for beginning a beautiful friendship are pothos, ZZ plants, and snake plants. Most of these are hearty and only like to be watered weekly. They are forgiving if you miss a week, too.

Lighting. Pick the location you'd like to have a plant at *BEFORE* you go shopping. Determine how much sunlight it will receive daily. Consider moving the plant outside during summer months as well. Too much light or too little light can take a toll on your newfound friend if you aren't careful. Ideally, you should choose an area where you'll have bright, indirect light for at least six hours.

Types, Sizes, and Drainage. Picking out the right pot and soil for your plant will be your first priority. The most important thing when selecting a pot is for you to understand the impact it will have for growing conditions of your plant. There is an abundance of options to choose from when selecting your new pot: clay, plastic, ceramic, concrete, self-water, and the list goes on. You should also use the correct size pot; too small can stunt growth as the roots have nowhere to go, and if using a pot quite larger than the

plant, you will risk overwatering which may cause root rot. Make sure to chat with someone well-versed with houseplants when making these decisions so you are set up for success when bringing your new plant home. Perhaps, stop by Steve's Ace on JFK and speak to our Floral Associates—they certainly know how to help.

Routine. Set a plan. This is a perfect way to get your special helper involved! Every Sunday after dinner, water your plant. Each Wednesday, have your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) come water your plants after school. Whatever you decide, document it. Have fun with it! A piece of advice when starting out is to mark your calendar each time you water. That way, even if you forgot to water on your regular routine, it's documented when you last did it, and you aren't over watering. Maybe you'll discover during a mistake that your plant thrives from being watered every 10 days instead of weekly.

Pet- & Child-Friendly Options. If you have young children or animals in your home, I'd recommend reaching for a non-toxic house plant. That way, in case your little one decides to take a nibble or if your cat won't stop rubbing its face against the plant, you know they are at least safe to ingest. Peperomias are easy to care for, and they enjoy low-light areas. African Violets are delicate but beautiful additions to brighten your home. Prayer plants tolerate inconsistent watering schedules.

Most importantly, make sure to have fun starting this new venture. Plants can be exciting and a great way to develop new friendships. Consider joining a community online for trading clippings, sharing pictures of struggles and triumphs, or learning from others about their favorite rare and unique plants.

Want additional recommendations on how to get started on your new indoor house plant collection? Reach out to our Steve's Ace Floral Shoppe at **563-690-1500** or email us directly at floral@stevesace.com. ■



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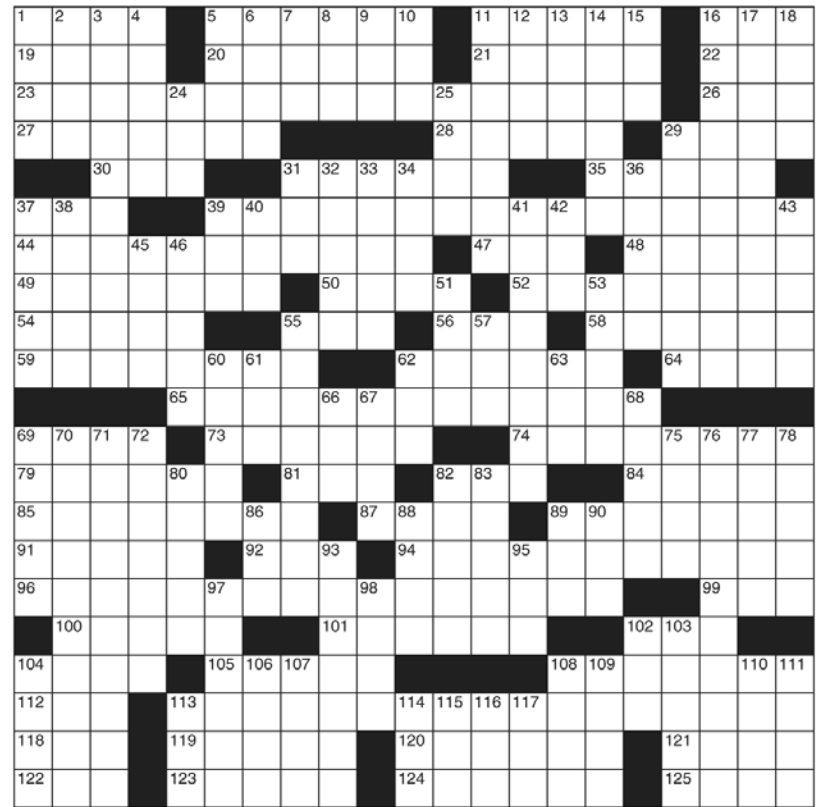
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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

GROUP OF HERBS

- ACROSS
- 1 Tasks
 - 5 Witty remark
 - 11 Pinnacles
 - 16 Inaccurate
 - 19 Sailing
 - 20 Ablaze
 - 21 Pinnacles
 - 22 Money for the senior yrs.
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Guided
 - 27 Redeemers
 - 28 Tally
 - 29 Forest growth
 - 30 Comics cry
 - 31 Omitted, as a syllable
 - 35 Used a scull
 - 37 USN VIP
 - 39 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Riddle, part 3
 - 47 "Mayday!"
 - 48 Take to the road
 - 49 Neighbor of Georgia
 - 50 Aroma detector
 - 52 Stain-fighting toothpaste, e.g.
 - 54 "Year One" director Harold
 - 55 Gun, in slang
 - 56 Asian "way"
 - 58 "Three's Company" co-star Suzanne
 - 59 Aversion
 - 62 User's guide
 - 64 Celtic language
 - 65 Riddle, part 4
 - 69 Je ne — quoi
 - 73 Incendiary felonies
 - 74 Most frequently
 - 79 Golf legend Palmer
 - 81 Picnic pest
 - 82 Lifelong pal, informally
 - 84 Tiny hairlike structures
 - 85 Not crying
 - 87 Currency of Latvia
 - 89 Gives the means
 - 91 "— dabba doo!"
 - 92 Lick like a cat
 - 94 Riddle, part 5
 - 96 End of the riddle
 - 99 Part of ROY G. BIV
 - 100 A stage past embryonic
 - 101 Protested unpeacefully
 - 102 Gp. checking baggage
 - 104 Actresses Jillian and Blyth
 - 105 Joan — (French saint)
 - 108 Elliott of the New England Patriots
 - 112 Permit to
 - 113 Riddle's answer
 - 118 Maui garland
 - 119 Bother a lot
 - 120 Sprinted faster than
 - 121 Prefix with byte or ton
 - 122 Org. on a toothpaste box
 - 123 Pre-Soviet rulers

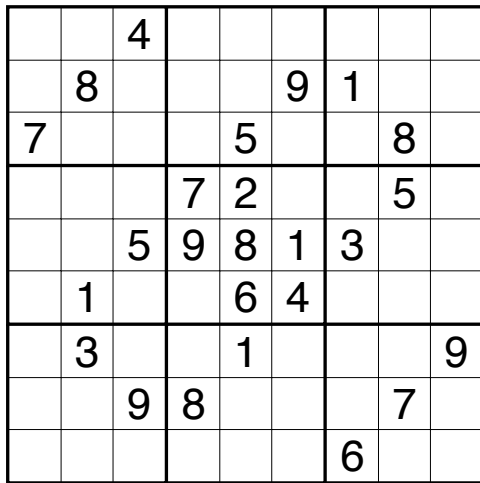


- 124 Sneeze catcher
 - 125 "You, over there ..."
- DOWN
- 1 Skull parts
 - 2 Worker welfare org.
 - 3 Rodent-built channel blockers
 - 4 "Vexations" composer Erik
 - 5 Churlish sort
 - 6 Difficult task
 - 7 Gridiron gp.
 - 8 Prefix with term or week
 - 9 Eye, to poets
 - 10 Casual shirt
 - 11 Tiered temples
 - 12 Pale tan
 - 13 "Preach it!"
 - 14 "Sleeper" co-star Diane
 - 15 Old fast jet, for short
 - 16 Worker purifying petroleum
 - 17 Breath-holding reef explorers, e.g.
 - 18 Lose color
 - 24 Bowl-shaped frying pan
 - 25 Brand of PCs and tablets
 - 29 Warship with three banks of rowers
 - 31 Letters after els
 - 32 Hotelier Helmsley
 - 33 Otherwise
 - 34 Huskies, e.g.
 - 36 Expand on
 - 37 Swiss — (beet variety)
 - 38 — Lama
 - 39 Math game with matchsticks
 - 40 "I'm — loss"
 - 41 Resign from
 - 42 Hearth waste
 - 43 Succinct
 - 45 Just slightly
 - 46 Rips into
 - 51 Coup d'— (rebellion)
 - 53 Dot of land in the ocean
 - 55 Is given the chance to chime in
 - 57 Darth Vader, as a boy
 - 60 Hue
 - 61 Roadwork goo
 - 62 Eds. mark them up
 - 63 '80s sitcom
 - 66 Took the gold
 - 67 Poker stake
 - 68 Deteriorate
 - 69 Man-goat of myth
 - 70 Where aid is urgently required
 - 71 While not physically attending
 - 72 Ice cream alternatives
 - 75 Pen tips
 - 76 "Phantom Lady" co-star
 - 77 Prolonged attack
 - 78 Zapped with a stunning weapon
 - 80 Camel cousin
 - 82 "DMZ" actor Benjamin
 - 83 "— is an Englishman" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" lyric)
 - 86 Kind of 35mm camera
 - 88 High coif
 - 89 Furniture wood option
 - 90 Bridal bio word
 - 93 Avian mimics
 - 95 Rock guitarist Barrett
 - 97 Luau hellos
 - 98 Ward for preemies
 - 102 Decimal base
 - 103 Be too thrifty
 - 104 Spaghetti — bolognese
 - 106 Goat cheese
 - 107 Miles away
 - 108 Jacob's twin, in the Bible
 - 109 Region
 - 110 Nest fillers
 - 111 Exam for an atty.-to-be
 - 113 Vietnamese New Year
 - 114 Deteriorate
 - 115 Anna of fashion
 - 116 Non-earthlings, for short
 - 117 "— longa, vita brevis"

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By Dave Green



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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



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Angela's Awesome Advice

DEAR ANGELA,

My wife and I get along in almost every way. Things have been going strong between us for nearly 22 years, but there is one thing she does that makes me shake my head. She constantly drops food on the floor of our kitchen. It's not on purpose, and frankly sometimes it appears as though the food simply jumps right out of her fingers in an attempt to escape being eaten. It seems especially likely to happen with potato chips. This on its own is one thing, but sometimes instead of picking the chips up, she'll kick them under the lip of the cabinets and leave them there. How can I get past this failing in an otherwise happy marriage? —Frank on 15th Street

DEAR FRANK,

Interesting situation. Look, I'm wondering if there are psychic forces at work here. Only someone who has disrupted the thin veil between this world and the next could be experiencing magical chip jumping like what you have described. Visions of ghosts or specters could be momentarily startling your wife, causing electromagnetic waves that happen so fast they are nearly imperceptible, but result in sad floor food for which the five second rule does not apply. Each time this happens, I recommend asking your wife if she is also seeing any wavy lights or shadows that cannot be explained. You may also want to check and see if she is experiencing other psychic phenomena such as predicting the future or reading minds. Obviously, you will need to be subtle as you are sussing out exactly what her powers are. Unfortunately, she may not be fully aware of what is happening to her. Even if she does know, she may not be able

to fully control her abilities, and it may take some time working with other psychics to master her powers. View her, chip dropping is the first stage on this magical journey you two are about to embark. Accept that with her growing powers, she may lose control once and a while, and frankly, if a dropped chip is all you have to deal with, that's a good thing. Now, go give your wife a bag of Doritos—I bet she likes Nacho Cheese the best (all psychics do).

DEAR ANGELA,

I adore my husband, and things are really great. We get along wonderfully and have such a good time together, but there is one thing I just can't figure out. He will leave the last little bit of food in jars and then open a new one. Mayo, peanut butter, jams and jellies. They haven't yet lived their full life and can still grace a sandwich or a wrap, but nope, to him they become invisible.

What can I do to encourage full use of these tasty treats?
—Tidbits on Tibey Court

DEAR TIDBITS,

Yes, I can tell it's nearing Valentine's Day, all the incoming questions start out so lovingly! Obviously, he is leaving these little leftovers as gifts for you. Usually seen in crows, leaving around treasures as a thank you is a way that some folks show their love. Are you also finding black feathers in your house or your bed? Review his behavior to ensure he is not actually a crow. Every once in a while this does happen, and it's a lot more difficult to deal with than an actual husband leaving things around. Maybe leave a trail of shiny objects around the house and see if he picks them up. You'll notice if he behaves strangely around these items, and if so, he is in fact a crow, but if not, he's just a slob. For a long-term solution either way, I recommend decorating these jars with shiny and glittery stickers. If he picks it up, good, and if not, they are at least nice decor around the house. And I would not approach your husband about being a crow as they can be sensitive about it. Very sensitive.

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Caricature Sketching Class
Join local artist Isiah Hessling from Silly Sketch to learn the art of caricature drawing. Learn how to make facial features and expressions that bring your drawings to life! Registration required. For kids 1st Grade – 5th Grade.
Asbury: Saturday, Feb. 10, 1- 3 PM
Farley: Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 AM - Noon



Makerspace Open House
Visit our Makerspace with maker activities for all ages! 3-D pens, perler beads, Picasso Tiles, button maker, green screen, and more!
Asbury: Thursday, Feb. 1, 6-7 PM
Holy Cross: Monday, Feb. 26, 6-7 PM
Peosta: Tuesday, Feb. 27, 5:30-6:30 PM
Epworth: Wed, Feb. 28, 5:30-6:30 PM
Farley: Thursday, Feb. 29, 4:30-5:30 PM



Craft Club: Valentines
(Ages 16+) Join us for this monthly crafting program. In February we're making Valentines. Registration recommended, drop-ins welcome as supplies last.
Asbury: Monday, Feb. 5, 6 PM
Peosta: Wednesday, Feb. 7 @ 6 PM
Holy Cross: Monday, Feb. 12 @ 6 PM



Parenting in the Age of Screens
Join Dr. Lisa Grinde for a presentation for parents on how screen time usage affects children's brain development. Based on current statistics and research from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Grinde will share how screen time can also affect other areas of development, such as physical, cognitive, social and emotional, as well as suggested guidelines and strategies for limiting screen time for kids 0-18. Activities for young children will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Western Dubuque Lions Club.
Peosta: Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30 PM



Early Out Play
Drop-in between 2:30 - 4:00 for early out fun! Lego, games, crafts & more!
Holy Cross: Wednesdays: Feb. 7, 14 & 21



Storytime
(For ages 2-5) Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour of reading, rhymes, and socialization.
Peosta: Mondays, 9:30 AM
Epworth: Mondays, 10:30 AM
Farley: Tuesdays, 10 AM
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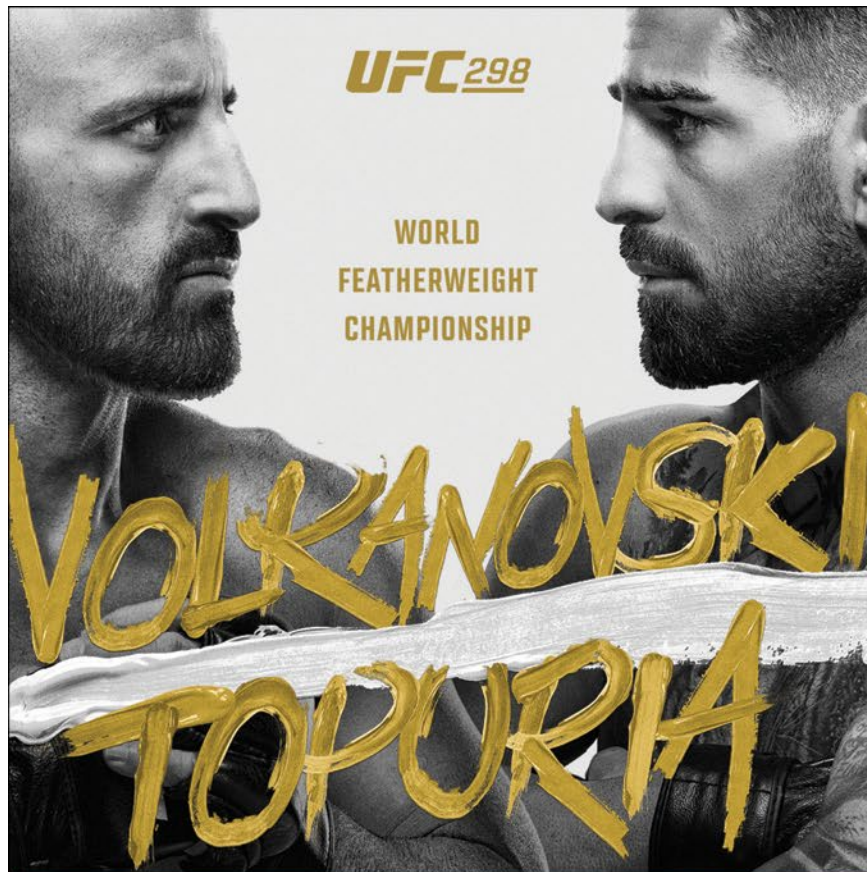


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Peosta: Tuesdays, 9 AM
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- Epworth - 110 Bierman Road S.E., 563-876-3388
- Holy Cross - 895 Main Street, 563-870-2082
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Horoscopes
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ARIES
(APR 19–MAY 13)

It's not that no one understands your point of view. It's that no one understands the point of you. Sounds similar, but it's different.



TAURUS
(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

It may feel like people are moving the goalposts on you, keeping you from achieving. But as a professional athlete, you should already know that the league isn't going to move the goalposts just for you. Geez, fame has really gone to your head, hasn't it?



GEMINI
(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

It's time to expand your horizons. The easiest way to do that is to stop believing that the world is flat. Cuz see... if the Earth is round, WHICH IT IS... then the horizon would be more vast than... Look, just stop with the flat Earth nonsense, you fool. You're in a cult.



CANCER
(JULY 21–AUG 9)

This will be a time of healing as long as you can recognize there's nothing wrong with having a good cry. What's that? Need help crying? Just remember that your existence, along with the existence of everyone you love, is tentative at best and possibly a flat out lie.



LEO
(AUG 10–SEP 15)

Over the next few weeks, you'll do well to remember that it takes a village. And Dubuque is larger than a village, so you'll really have no excuse.



VIRGO
(SEP 16–OCT 30)

Hard work doesn't guarantee success in this world, but it does improve the odds. If that makes it sound too much like life is a gamble as opposed to a highway, then I sincerely apologize to both Tom Cochrane AND Rascal Flatts.



LIBRA
(OCT 31–NOV 22)

Don't worry about what others think of you. No, seriously. Don't worry about it. Look, trust me when I say you don't even want

to know what others think of you, so just stop asking about it!



SCORPIO
(NOV 23–NOV 29)

Remember to lean on your support system when your time of need comes. After all, "OUR failure" sounds so much better than "MY failure."



OPHIUCHUS
(NOV 30–DEC 17)

After studying the movements of the cosmos, I can confidently say with absolutely no reservations that sooner or later over the next few weeks you're going to have to poop.



SAGITTARIUS
(DEC 18–JAN 8)

The next few weeks will be a good time to network. And if you always remember that a net works when it catches prey, your rise to despot will be relatively bloodless.



CAPRICORN
(JAN 9–FEB 15)

The time is right to consider not just how powerful you are, but how powerful you can become when you find yourself with an incredible amount of creative energy. Literally. As in, "On the first day, _____ created the..." type of creative energy.



AQUARIUS
(FEB 16–MAR 11)

For the next few weeks, you'll want to keep an eye on Uranus. Also for the next few weeks, Uranus jokes will still be funny. That's not me talking, that's the cosmos talking cuz astrology.



PISCES
(MAR 12–APR 18)

A lighter point of view will help you understand the gravity of the situation. Of course, that happens to everyone when they space travel for the first time. Godspeed, Commander.

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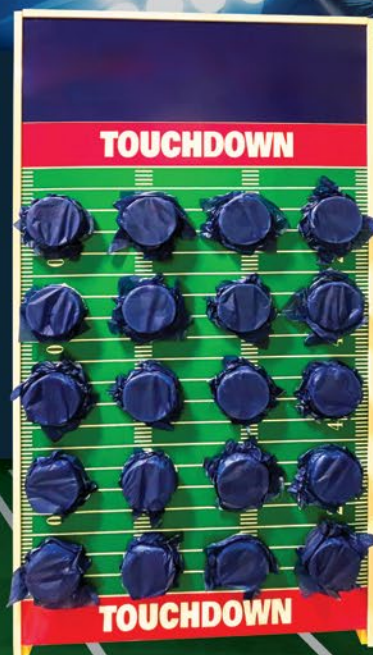
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