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 All bacon served semi-crispy.

One mothball goes a long way.

Let me back up.

First of all, let me say thanks to Fareway Foods for a whopping \$9,300 donation to Toys for Tots in Dubuque in December. That's money that all of you who shop there donated by rounding up when you check out. See, that money really does go places, and in this instance, local places. Add that to a big check from the Grant County Holiday Project, which we supply with toys, and a lovely check from our good friend Bob Felderman, and we had a \$15,000 donation in February which, well, that doesn't happen. I mean, it's freakin' February. This is when I SPEND the money, not raise it. So yay for me.

My trusty sidekick Paul Gilligan was also out spending that money on wildly discounted clearance Christmas toys as well last week, thanks to Theisen's, Sam's Club, and Triple J Liquidation. The savings were so big it felt like we were robbing the places.

So, twice I posted pics of Paul to social media with joking text that said something like, "We need your help identifying this man. He made off with \$10,000 worth of toys from Theisen's for under \$2,500!" It was, of course, a nod to the posts you see when stores are trying to find shoplifters using social media posts. Apparently some people didn't get the joke. I think I upset a couple of people who thought it was really about a theft.

Granted, Paul always wears a black shirt and a black hat and his tinted glasses indoors, so clearly a shady character. Though, I would argue it's just because he's a rock and roller. But it also tells me that people don't often read the whole post because it clearly said he paid \$2,500 for the toys. Oh well. I'm not gonna stop cracking jokes because some people don't get them. What fun is that?

And then I went literally across the street from the toy warehouse to Triple J Liquidation for a nice load of new toys that came as part of a semi-load of random items (that is, after all, their business). They gave me a chance to snag all the toys before they went on the shelf.

While I was there, they mentioned that another charity who shares my space and works with them noted that they found a couple of mice in a box in the warehouse. There is some charity-related rice-rice, *not* mice—in the space, but not in my stuff. But Triple J gave me a box of mothballs

to take back to give to the other guys at the same time I picked up my toys. I guess that's how you keep them away...?

A couple of days later while unloading one of our nefarious toy thefts from Theisens at our warehouse, Paul and I decided to put a few of the mothballs around our stuff to keep mice away from the area. Each box of mothballs had three breathable pouches in it, with about 50 moth balls in each pouch. So we set a half a dozen or so pouches around in different places on the floor.

Driving home, I could not help but notice that the car smelled strongly of moth balls. The stench was on my hands. Yuck. Then I got home and washed my hands... and still stunk of moth balls. It was apparently also on my coat... and my shirt... and my jeans. My poor wife had to wash things twice to get the smell out. And have you looked up mothballs?! They're basically little balls of death, even for people. You don't want to breathe that stuff in for very long. That was Friday.

Yadda, yadda, yadda, skip to Monday afternoon. I went to the warehouse to get some donation items to give to some other local charity fundraisers, and I stepped in the warehouse door, and woooo-weeee, I'm blasted in the face with mothball stench! The place reeked of mothballs, as if we manufactured the damn things in there. Oh, Mylanta. What have I done?

So, I run around and collect 90% of the mothballs, put any back in the one open box I have not discarded, and put the rest in the trash compactor. My eyes are starting to water. How can a few handfuls of mothballs do this? Well, apparently, one mothball goes a long way.

I went back on Tuesday and it was much better, but lingering. So, note to self: Mothballs = bad.

And to top it all off, I go home and decide to Google, "Do mothballs keep mice away?" And what did Google tell me? "Mothballs repelling mice and rats is a common misconception. Mothballs contain a small amount of naphthalene and can be a deterrent in large quantities, however, they aren't powerful enough to get rid of mice and rodents."

We know what happens with large quantities and stench. Hell, we know what happens with small quantities and stench. Oof! I think it's mousetrap time. Oh, and my shirt from Monday stinks like mothballs again. Sorry honey! ■

MISSISSIPPI MOON BAR

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT



TIM CAVANAGH

COMEDIAN

MARCH 1

NO COVER CHARGE



DAVE MATTHEWS TRIBUTE BAND

MARCH 2

NO COVER CHARGE



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MARCH 8



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MARCH 9



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THU 2/29

Community Black Excellence Inspired People Series: Black Community Leadership

6-8 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

This event's guests include Caprice Jones, Claudette Carter-Thomas, Wesley Rainer, Will Hudson, and Sharana Baker. Social at 6 p.m., main event at 6:30 p.m., Q&A at 7:30 p.m. People from all unique identity backgrounds are encouraged to attend. Ages 18+. RSVP required or at the door. Free. 1157 Central Ave. **563-582-3681. mfcdbq.org.**

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. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance. \$12-\$15. 3715 Pennsylvania Ave. **563-552-5200. hempsteadhs.booktix.net.**

Loras Players Present Romeo & Juliet

7:30 PM @ LORAS COLLEGE

ST. JOSEPH AUDITORIUM 2/29-3/2. The Loras Players, the theatre production arm of Loras College's School of Humanities & Education, present *Romeo & Juliet*, the classic tragedy by William Shakespeare. In Verona, rival houses of Capulet and Montague have a longstanding feud. The Bard's famous tragedy of star-crossed lovers is filled with all the passion of young love. Wit and beauty dance with resentment and romance. \$10. 698 Loras Blvd. **lorasplayers.yolasite.com.**

SAT 3/2

Cracker Barrel Legislative Forum

9:45 AM @ DIAMOND

JO CASINO

Members of the Dubuque delegation to the State Legislature will provide updates from Des Moines and answer questions. Free. 301 Bell St. **facebook.com/DBQWIN.**



Kurt Ullrich

11 AM-NOON @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newspaper columnist and photographer Kurt Ullrich will talk about his new publication, *Notes from Rural America*, followed by a Q&A session moderated by *Telegraph Herald* Executive Editor Amy Gilligan. The *Telegraph Herald* has been publishing articles written by

Ullrich for 25 years. Ullrich's writing, often accompanied by his photographs, has also been published in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Des Moines Register*, *Baltimore Sun*, and many others. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.**



3 Bears, 3 Pigs, 3 Billy Goats Gruff

11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL

GREEN OPERA HOUSE

(HAZEL GREEN, WI)

3/2, 3/9 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.; 3/3, 3/10 at 2 p.m. In this marionette mashup of three favorite fairy tales, Goldilocks skips along blithely past shabbily built cottages, over a troll bridge and right into a seemingly abandoned log cabin. Presented by Fever River Puppeteers. 2130 Main Street, Hazel

Green, WI. **608-732-6404. hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.**

MON 3/4

Read Across America Day Celebration

4-5 PM @ BOYS & GIRLS

CLUB OF GREATER DUBUQUE

3/4 at Boys & Girls Club of

Greater Dubuque; 3/6 at

Peosta Elementary School

(Peosta, IA). NEA's Read

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(GALENA, IL)

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Galena Whiskey Weekend

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ 1 AND 5 PM
TURNER HALL

(115 S. BENCH ST, GALENA, IL)

Things warm up this March at Galena Whiskey Weekend. Held on Saturday,

March 9 at the beautiful Turner Hall in Galena, IL, the whiskey tasting offers a multitude of samples for you enjoy. Although the 1 p.m. tasting is sold out, space is still available for the 5–7:30 p.m. tasting. Offerings will be the same for each session.

Sip your way through winter with an extensive collection of bourbons and whiskeys at the Tri-State area's largest whiskey tasting. Cheers to more than 225 premium whiskey offerings hand selected by the talented Family Beer & Liquor crew. Each attendee will receive a Glencairn whiskey glass to keep. Birds. and Pulido's Tacos food trucks will be on site to round out the event.

If you want to join in on the fun, don't delay! Tickets for the 5 p.m. tasting are available for \$110. Attendees must be 21 years or older. For tickets and more information, call **815-747-6335** or visit GalenaWhiskeyWeekend.com. ■



BestFest

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 5-7:30 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

Sample the best Dubuque has to offer at BestFest on Thursday, March 21, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grand River Center.

Throughout the evening, Dubuque's voted top businesses will showcase samples of their products. The night will also include music, prizes, and a large raffle. Help Hospice of Dubuque put the "fun" in fundraiser and join for tasty food and your favorite products.

Hospice of Dubuque is thankful to be associated with BestFest and to receive the proceeds from this fun event. The additional funding helps your hometown hospice continue to respond to the needs of Tri-State patients and their families.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at Hospice of Dubuque (1670 JFK Rd.) or visit hospiceofdubuque.org/bestfest-2023. ■



Martini Shake Off

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 5:30-9 PM
STEEPLE SQUARE (101 E 15TH ST)

Mark your calendar for the popular Martini Shake Off on Thursday, March 21 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Steeple Square.

The hottest martinis are prepared by the staff of your favorite Tri-States restaurants and bars to sample plus enjoy abundant hors d'oeuvres and silent auction opportunities. Martini venues will be judged in eight categories.

Event proceeds benefit HAVlife, a charitable foundation established in 2007 in memory of Hunter A. Vondran, who died a month before his 14th birthday. HAVlife works to eliminate "Lost Potential" in youth by enabling children to participate in music, arts, and athletic programs when they might not otherwise be able to do so. It has raised and granted more than \$200,000 for youth programs and extra-curricular activities in our local community.

Tickets are \$50. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit tristates.havlife.org. ■

TUE 3/5

**Birth Talk**6-8 PM @ THE HEALTH SPA
(PEOSTA, IA)

Birth Talk is specifically tailored to educating mamas-to-be on all things birth prep, labor, delivery, and postpartum. Ask questions of the expert panel and hear what they have to say about the topics that matter to you. Includes gift bags and tea and conversation with the Birth Collective leadership team. Hosted by the Birth Collective of Dubuque, a group dedicated to empowering women to make informed decisions throughout pregnancy, birth, and postpartum. Space is limited. RSVP. Free. 7407 Thunder Valley Dr. birthcollectivedubq.com.

WED 3/6

Celebrating All Abilities GALA

in support of Camp Albrecht Acres

Camp Albrecht Acres: Celebrating All Abilities Gala

6-9 PM @ HOTEL

JULIEN DUBUQUE

Enjoy a memorable evening with live music from Tapestry, hors d'oeuvres and carving stations, cocktails, a short program, awards, live and silent auctions, and other fun activities. All proceeds will help Camp Albrecht Acres provide a safe, accessible and enjoyable summer camp experience to individuals with special needs. \$125. 200 Main St. **563-552-1771**. CAAGala2024.givesmart.com.

**Social Dancing: Swing**

6:30-7:30 PM @ ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Wed: 3/6-4/3. Single Time Swing is a lot of fun, great exercise, and easy to learn. Whether you think you can dance or not, Dennis and Sandy will help you reach your dancing goals, and you'll have a great time doing it! No dance experience is required. \$39. 2001 Radford Rd. **844-642-2338 x1399**. nicc.edu/solutions.

FRI 3/8

International Women's Day Tower Bells Ring

12:35-1 PM @ ST. LUKE'S

UMC AND ONLINE

The local and worldwide observance on March 8 celebrates women's

achievements and raises awareness to accelerate equality for women and girls. Featuring chimer R.R.S. Stewart. Co-sponsored by St. Luke's United Women in Faith and area Church Women United. Experience in person or listen to the livestream. 1199 Main St. stlukesdbq.org/iwd.

SAT 3/9



2nd Annual Pam Arensdorf Memorial Birthday Bash

2 PM @ EICHMAN'S

BAR & GRILL

Calling all dart enthusiasts to join us in celebrating Pam "Ma" Arensdorf's legacy. The 501/Cricket dart tournament kicks off at 2 p.m. (sign up at 1 p.m.) Women draw first.

Maybe you will get your name etched onto the coveted yearly Dr. McGillicuddy's plaque! Plus 50/50 drawings and Lego silent auction. Every signup contributes to Ma's favorite charity, Toys for Tots in Dubuque. Throw down to honor the memory of the one and only Ma, a truly special lady. 11941 Route 3. **563-564-2330**.

SUN 3/10

**Cabin Fever**

10 AM-3 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Shop more than 50 local vendors, crafters, makers, bakers, wineries and more. Enjoy one of the many activities going on throughout the day, too. \$3. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. facebook.com/JodiandKT.



Afternoon Tea: Irish Tea

1-3 PM @ MATHIAS

HAM HISTORIC SITE

Explore the world of Irish teas and enjoy foods from a traditional afternoon tea in Ireland. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, treats, and a variety of teas or lemonade. Members: \$20 adults, \$10 youth; Non-members: \$25 adults, \$15 youth. 2241 Lincoln Ave. **563-557-9545 x212**. rivermuseum.org.



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Master Foodie Program

THURSDAYS: MARCH 21–MAY 2 @ 6–8 PM
VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN
DUBUQUE COUNTY

ISU Extension and Outreach–Dubuque County's Master Foodie Program is set to kick off its immersive 6-week farm-to-table journey aimed at enriching participants' understanding of the local food system. The program combines online lessons, engaging tours, and hands-on educational activities, with researched based local information providing a comprehensive experience for those passionate about local foods.

The Master Foodie program encompasses six weekly training sessions, taking place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday

nights, running March 21 through May 2. Each session offers a unique focus, ranging from food preparation to packaging, distribution, production, and sustainability. Attendees can anticipate hands-on lessons and tours with industry professionals and adding to their own personal knowledge of the local foods. Beyond the classroom, Master Foodies are encouraged to contribute to their community by completing 10 volunteer hours by the end of 2024, gaining practical experience in the local food system.

Registration is open until March 7, or until the cohort fills. The program is \$80, and all registrants will be required to complete a background check prior to the start of the cohort. Register and learn more at bit.ly/dbqfoodie or contact Brit-tany Demezier at demezier@iastate.edu or **563-583-6496**. ■



Spring Garden Seminar

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:30 AM–NOON
NICC TOWN CLOCK BUSINESS CENTER
(680 MAIN ST)

The annual Spring Garden Seminar is open to the public and is sponsored by

the Dubuque County Master Gardeners. Join the educational event at the NICC Town Clock Business Center on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 a.m.–noon. Registration and refreshments begin at 7:15 a.m.

This event features nine session topics attendees can choose from including Understanding Your Compost, Love the Monarch, Vegetable Gardening 101, Common Tree and Shrub Health Issues, Planting Life Giving Landscapes, Hydrangeas, Herbs for Health and Healing, Fruit Trees, and School Gardens.

Early registration is available until March 15 for \$20. Late and walk in registration is \$25, cash or check only. Light morning refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call the Iowa State University Dubuque County Extension Office at **563-583-6496** or visit bit.ly/dbqspring. ■

MON 3/11

Spring Break Day Camps

9 AM–4 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
3/11–3/15. Each day offers different themed sessions with fun and engaging educational programs. Bring a sack lunch and reusable water bottle. Space is limited. RSVP required. Non-Members: \$60 single day, \$240 full week; Members: \$50 single day, \$200 full week. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. rivermuseum.org.

WED 3/13



Distinctively Dubuque

5:30–8:30 PM @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE
Wed: 3/13–4/10. Distinctively Dubuque is a five-night course hosted by high-energy presenters with in-depth knowledge of the Greater Dubuque region and is designed for individuals who are new to the area within the last five years. Each night explores a different topic at a different venue and includes dinner. Free. **563-557-9049**. greaterdubuque.org.

SAT 3/16

Dyersville St. Patrick's Day Celebration

10:30 AM @ DYERSVILLE, IA
Ancient Order of Hibernians—Dubuque County #1 presents Dyersville's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Mass. A church celebration at 10:30 AM at St. Francis Xavier Basilica is followed by the huge parade which starts at 1 p.m. downtown. dyersville.org.

TUE 3/19

Museum X: Changing Landscapes: Iowa Tallgrass Prairie—Then, Now, & Where It's Going

6–8 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
The informative program with the River Museum's Conservation Program Manager, Codi Sharkey, unravels the captivating history of Iowa's most treasured ecosystem, the tallgrass prairie. Discover how this landscape laid the foundation for our fertile rich lands, the following destruction, what is left and what we can do to replenish this diminishing ecosystem. Following the presentation, Codi will lead a tour of the River Museum's greenhouse, providing a closer look at their conservation efforts. The two-hour program will take place in the MRC Journey Theater and will commence at the greenhouse. \$10 Non-members, free for members. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. RiverMuseum.org.

WED 3/20



She Unites: Where Civic Engagement, Community Building, and Creativity Intersect

6:30–7:30 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB
Jenni Petersen-Brant is the Director of Communications for Greater Dubuque Development as well as a working ceramic artist with an active exhibition and art fair schedule. Prior to joining the team at Greater Dubuque Development, Jenni served as the Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager for the City of Dubuque from 2019 to 2023. Over the past 15 years, she has dedicated much of her time on and off the clock to

empowering communities and facilitating connections through nonprofit, community-driven arts and cultural programs. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.

FRI 4/5



Hank & My Honky Tonk Heroes—100 Years of Hank

7:30 PM @ UD HERITAGE CENTER
There is only one Hank Williams and only one actor who can bring him to life: Jason Petty. Petty previously was the only actor to portray Hank Williams in New York City's hit off Broadway musical *Lost Highway*, where he won an Obie and multiple nominations for his performance. Now, he continues to capture Williams's silky warble and yodeling sob to a T, recreating hit songs such as "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Hey, Good Lookin'," "Kaw-Liga," "Cold Cold Heart," "Lovesick Blues," and many more. Petty and his authentic four-piece band will also pay tribute to stars that influenced Hank and those that Hank influenced such as Jimmie Rodgers, Roy Acuff, Ernest Tubbs, the Carter Family, George Jones, Webb Pierce, and more. Presented by the Dubuque Arts Council. 2255 Bennett St. **563-585-7469**. www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter.



BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!
VIEW OUR FULL EVENT LIST
DUBUQUE365.COM/EVENTS

Ongoing & Recurring Events

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 Area Humanists Social Hour
6 PM @ BACKPOCKET DUBUQUE
1ST WED

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
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SATURDAY



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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.



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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.

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Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ 10 AM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

In a bid to bring the community together in a fun and competitive spirit, Five Flags Center proudly announces its inaugural Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament, scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. With the event marking a new tradition for the local Dubuque community and beyond, participants are invited to register immediately for a chance to compete, connect, and contribute to the lively atmosphere that cornhole tournaments are renowned for.

Sponsored by Sharon's Furniture, 7G Distributing, Verena Street Coffee, Atlantic Coca-Cola, Miller Cornhole Boards, Hotel Julien Dubuque, and Townsquare Media, the Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament promises an exhilarating day filled with camaraderie and competition. This event also comes along with a raffle with exciting prizes generously donated by local businesses.

The tournament structure is designed to cater to players of all skill levels, emphasizing inclusivity and fair play. The action kicks off with six games of progressive round-robin play, ensuring that teams face off against opponents with similar records in each round. This

format opens the door for multiple divisions in bracket play where teams will face off against opponents of similar skill, providing every participant, regardless of their skill level, a fair chance at claiming victory and cash prizes.

One of the highlights of the tournament is the emphasis on inclusivity, with a clear message that, "NO MATTER YOUR SKILL LEVEL, YOU HAVE A FAIR CHANCE AT WINNING MONEY!" This commitment to fairness adds an exciting dimension to the event, encouraging both seasoned players and those new to the game to join in the fun.

To register for the Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament, interested individuals can visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](https://www.FiveFlagsCenter.com). Early registration is highly recommended to secure a spot in what promises to be a thrilling event.

This tournament isn't just about the competition; it's about building a tradition that resonates with the Dubuque. Five Flags Center invites everyone to be a part of this inaugural event. Register now, gather your bags, and get ready to toss your way into the inaugural Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament at Five Flags Center. Let's make it huge and set the stage for an annual tradition that brings people together, celebrates skill at every level, and fosters a sense of community pride.

Food and beverages will be served during the tournament and spectators are welcome as well. ■



DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Classics 4: Evening Serenade

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 @ 2 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra brings Classics 4: Evening Serenade to the Five Flags Theater

on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.

As Maestro Intriligator's 25th season approaches, he is already starting to look back to favorite performers and masterpieces from his past 25 years. This concert welcomes back one of Dubuque's favorites: pianist Jon Nakamatsu. Jon will perform Mozart's beloved "Elvira Madigan" Piano Concerto. Brahms' masterful Fourth Symphony is another favorite of the Maestro, the orchestra, and the audience. The concert begins with a beautiful and heartfelt serenade by Ukrainian composer Silvestrov.

On Friday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., enjoy a lunch buffet at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club followed by commentary by William Intriligator and guest artist, Jon Nakamatsu. \$20 payable at the door. Reservations due by noon, Wednesday, March 6 and can be made by calling **563-557-1677**.

Saturday evening concert attendance includes entry to the post-concert Encore Reception at Five Flags. Enjoy refreshments and visit with DSO musicians.

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

Tickets start at \$20. For more information, call the DSO at **563-557-1677** or visit [DubuqueSymphony.org](https://www.DubuqueSymphony.org). ■



PHOTO: AMY KERWIN

Leo Kottke

MONDAY, MARCH 11 @ 7 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Join acoustic guitarist Leo Kottke for an intimate show at the Five Flags Theater on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

Kottke was born in Athens, GA, but left town after a year and a half. Raised in 12 different states, he absorbed a variety of musical influences as a child, flirting with both violin and trombone, before abandoning Stravinsky for the guitar at age 11.

After being discharged from the Navy in 1964, he settled in the Twin Cities area and became a fixture at Minneapolis' Scholar Coffeehouse, which had been home to Bob Dylan and John Koerner.

Kottke's 1971 major-label debut, *Mud-lark*, positioned him somewhat uneasily

in the singer-songwriter vein, despite his own wishes to remain an instrumental performer. Still, despite arguments with label heads as well as with his manager Denny Bruce, Kottke flourished during his tenure on Capitol, as records like 1972's "Greenhouse" and 1973's live "My Feet Are Smiling" and "Ice Water" found him branching out with guest musicians and honing his guitar technique.

With 1975's *Chewing Pine*, Kottke reached the U.S. Top 30 for the second time; he also gained an international following thanks to his continuing tours in Europe and Australia.

His collaboration with Phish bassist Mike Gordon, "Clone," caught audiences' attention in 2002. Kottke and Gordon followed with a recording in the Bahamas called "Sixty Six Steps," produced by Leo's old friend and Prince producer David Z.

Kottke has been awarded two Grammy nominations; a doctorate in Music Performance by the Peck School of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and a Certificate of Significant Achievement in Not Playing the Trombone from the University of Texas at Brownsville with Texas Southmost College.

Tickets are \$35-\$69. ■



WORLD BALLET SERIES PRESENTS

Swan Lake

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Swan Lake, the ballet of all ballets, will be performed one night only as a part of the World Ballet Series

on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. on the Five Flags Theater stage

See the iconic Dance of the Little Swans, count the 32 fouettés performed by Odile, and immerse yourself in magical Tchaikovsky's music. The production will feature richly detailed, hand-painted sets as well as over 150 radiant costumes that bring fresh representation to this timeless classic.

World Ballet Series is a unique project that attracts many international artists and is composed of renowned professional dancers representing over ten countries who are united by a passion for entertaining audiences and enriching classical ballet traditions through brilliant, critically-acclaimed new productions of timeless ballet classics.

Tickets are \$49-\$135. ■



Dylan Scott

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 @ 8 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Dylan Scott is a triple threat—a powerful vocalist with a deep, unmistakable drawl; an old-soul songwriter with a young spirit; and a family man with a

tender heart. He is heading to the Five Flags Arena on Friday, March 15 at 8 p.m.

The ACM-nominated, multi-Platinum singer has notched three No. 1 singles at radio (“My Girl,” “Nobody,” and “New Truck”), as well as Top 5 hit “Hooked.” Following his first career nomination for Best New Country Artist at the all-genre iHeartRadio Music Awards and a coveted spot among Country Radio Seminar’s New Faces of Country Music, his Platinum-certified ode to his wife, “Nobody,” earned him a 2021 CMT Music Award for Breakthrough Video of the Year.

With career streams exceeding 2 billion, the Louisiana native has provided tour support for Garth Brooks, Luke Bryan, and Chris Young, among others.

Tickets are \$41.75-\$51.75. ■



Steve Moris

WITH SPECIAL GUEST THE BOWMAN,
PICKNEY & EVANS BAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

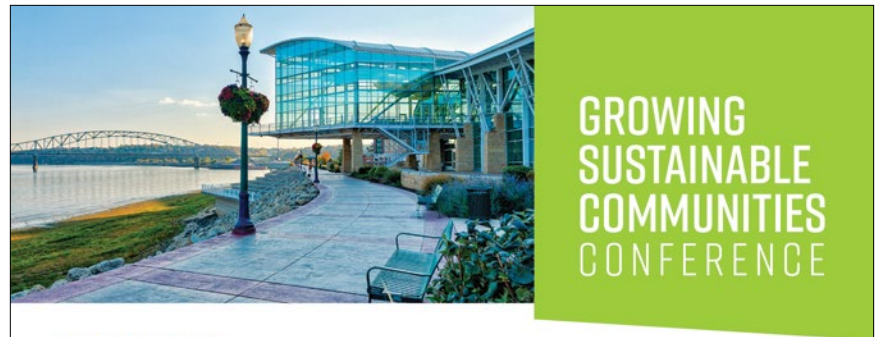
Steve Moris brings a night of comedy fun to the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Special Guest The Bowman, Pickney & Evans Band join.

Steve has been performing for 50 years—since his trio “Norris, Moris, & Me”

began playing the original coffeehouse circuit in Minneapolis and St Paul in 1973. Starting his concert California career with Jan & Dean in the early ‘80s, Steve has been the Beach Boy’s opener for the past four decades and has enjoyed sharing their stages in some of the largest venues in the world. Locally, many enjoyed Steve in the ‘80s and ‘90s entertaining the ski crowds at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena, IL.

He has headlined onstage cruise ships since 2003 and is the only People’s Choice Nominee for Entertainer of the Year in the history of Princess Cruises. The “Best of Branson Missouri” voted Steve Best Comedian, Best Comedy Show, and Best New Show in Branson 2021. Reader’s Digest 2007 Complete Humor Edition honored Moris among “The Top 50 Funniest People Ever.” His DryBar Comedy Special has had over 1 million views on YouTube and Facebook to date.

Tickets are \$19-\$30. ■



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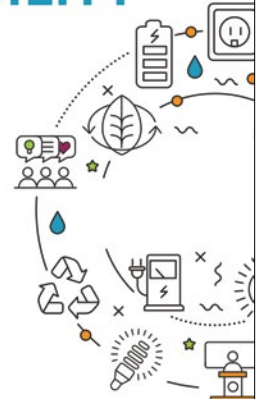
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Broad Ideas

MARCH 1-25

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."

Artists and authors of all abilities are encouraged to drop off work on Feb. 23 and 24. *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.

Broad Ideas kicks off their 7th year with an opening reception on March 1 at 5-7 p.m. The Songwriters Showcase on March 21 at 7-9 p.m. is an all-women-focused musical performance. At the spoken word closing on March 27 at 7-9 p.m., take in the powerful words as people share their stories and poems.

Additional partnered events include intentional affirmation cards, Gender in the Art World, vision boards with Riverview Center, and a drum circle.

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. ■



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BAD MEDICINE (BON JOVI TRIBUTE BAND)

Saturday, March 23 @ 7PM

Bad Medicine was formed and led by lifelong Bon Jovi fan, Joe Frasca, back in 2001. Through the years, the talented collection of musicians, with over 100+ combined years of on-stage experience, has proven time and time again that Bad Medicine is truly the "next best thing". In recent years, Bad Medicine has added several "non-Jovi" hits from the same genre.

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That's right, in addition to playing all the Bon Jovi hits you love, Bad Medicine tears through a set of other all-time best rock hits from the same generation that Bon Jovi dominated like Poison, G&R, VanHalen and more! And they've played with the best too, from Eddie Money to Lita Ford and Bret Michaels. It's safe to say some Bad Medicine is what you need...

First Fridays

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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)

5:30-8 PM @ THE STU (1533 CENTRAL AVE)

5:30-10:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)

6-7 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 the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III and also features the 3D art of Theresa Blitgen of Bellevue, IA. Stop by, see art, meet artists, and touch the artist in you. Refreshments will be on hand.

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

Outside the Lines features fiber artist Geri Eitter who will be demonstrating her Temari ball (Japanese needle art) technique throughout the evening and again the following morning from 10 a.m. to 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.

Join the fellas of the "The Stu" (Asylum Recording Studios and The Glasshouse Studio) as they host their first Fridays event featuring the artwork of John (Big John) Frey and the photographic work by Ron Tigges of Digital Dubuque.

Voices Studios presents *Beyond the Boundaries*, paintings of John C.

Badger-Abstract Expressionist (1945-2012). His work, now held in numerous private collections and the John C. Badger Art Trust, speaks to the timeless allure of abstract expressionism and the enduring legacy of an artist who embraced a philosophy of boundless creativity. Kameron Cole, interprets the moment with his cello. On display March 1-April 27.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library welcomes The DZ Combo for the March Music @ your library® concert. The DZ Combo is a jazz quartet based out of Dubuque fronted by Danny Zanger on keys. The group will perform all original compositions written by Zanger. Doors open at 5:30 and the concert will begin at 6 p.m. Adults ages 21 and older are welcome to bring their own wine or beer.

Join Planted. for *Women's Work*, a group show in honor of Women's History Month. Throughout history, quilted, embroidered, ceramic, and woven objects have been regarded as "women's work." This show aims to highlight artists working in these methods and their contributions to our arts community.

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective invites you to the *Dead of Winter* art exhibit at Smokestack. This unique exhibition showcases the talents of local and regional tattoo artists as they push the boundaries of artistic expression through mixed media on canvas. Tattoo artists break free from stereotypes and showcase their skills in a different context. ■

Almost, Maine

MARCH 1-2 @ 7:30 PM

MARCH 3 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

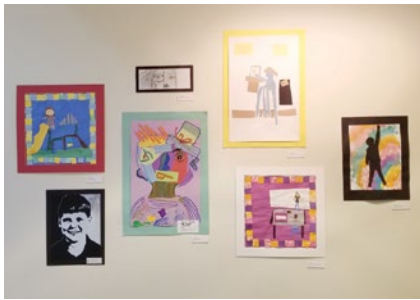
Almost, Maine continues at the Grand Opera House on March 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and March 3 at 2 p.m.

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.

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. ■



Annual Dubuque K-8 Exhibition Reception

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 @ 4-6 PM
DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART
(701 LOCUST ST)

Brightening the gray winter days with youthful creativity, the citywide

K-8 exhibition is on display now through March 31. A reception will be held on Thursday, March 7 at 4-6 p.m. The exhibition features two and three-dimensional artwork by elementary and middle school students, chosen by their teachers, and is installed by art students from Dubuque Senior High School.

"The annual K-8 exhibition curated by students from Senior High is a symbol of hope each year," remarks DuMA's Director of Creative Learning, Margi Buhr. "It reminds me of the importance of lifting up every voice because the power, creativity, and sensitivity of the work of these young artists and curators so impresses me each year."

The reception is free to attend. For more information, contact the Dubuque Museum of Art at **563-557-1851** or visit DBQart.org. ■

Galena LitFest

MARCH 9, 12, AND 28
GALENA CELLARS DOWNTOWN
(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.

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 bestselling 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. Moderated by 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, 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 series closes out on Thursday, March 21 at Hotel Julien Dubuque with *A Long Way from Nowhere*. The documentary tells the story of athletes running the Desert Rats Kokopelli, a 150-mile race through the Utah desert at the height of summer. See what motivates athletes to participate in a race like this—to



push themselves to, and sometimes beyond, the breaking point. Rated GA.

For more information, visit JulienFilmFest.com. ■

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15th Annual 365ink Impact Awards

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Tuesday, March 5 | Doors, Music & Hors d'Oeuvres @ 6 PM | Program @ 7 PM | Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar (301 Bell St)

By Bryce Parks

I say it every year: The best part about the 365ink Impact Awards each year is learning about amazing people doing amazing things that I was unaware of. And, not to brag, but I kind of have my ear to the ground, so for people to be making awesome impacts without me knowing about it means two great things: One, there is a lot more good going on out there than any of us can ever know about, and two, people really do great things without asking for attention, credit, press, or compensation.

So, as I say that, I also note that this year's list of winners is also well-appointed with movers and shakers who are very much in the spotlight, and there's not a darned thing wrong with that. They all deserve a spotlight. And indeed, some programs and efforts' success and very existence rely heavily on promotion, visibility, and community reach. So, while learning about Mary Purdy or Nicole Gantz was new to me, winners like Briana Thompson and Centrally Rooted are very much about connecting with a greater community circle. And in all cases, very deserving.

But before I move ahead, I need to thank the dozen kind souls who helped us narrow an incredible 23 finalists to the 10 recognized here. While an honor to be able to weigh in, I'll bet every one of them would tell you it's a gut-twisting chore to pick 10 highlights from a lot of 23 that were all completely deserving of recognition. And that's after we

narrowed a list of more than 50 nominees down to that first cut of 23. Luckily, some things like culling previous winners helped get us there. Ain't it true that the people doing great things last year are indubitably the people who are going to keep doing great things next year and in the future?

To the people who took the time to nominate wonderful people and organizations for a 365ink Impact Award, thank you. To all of those nominated who did not win, thank you. People are seeing what you're doing and want to tell the world. And to the 10 on this list, congratulations. We're in awe of your dedication to community, to other people, and to the selflessness of your own actions.

Thanks to many years of wonderful partnership support from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Premier Bank, we're once again able to gather soon to shine that spotlight. And, as always to the Diamond Jo Casino who have, for 15 years, given us a beautiful venue to distribute these honors with class.

The 15th annual 365ink Impact Awards 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. The event is free to attend with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Live music will start the evening from 6 to 7 p.m. with the MiniMonster Duo of Katie Koerperich and Jeff Weydert while guests enter,

chat, and enjoy the complimentary appetizers. Sorry, you must be 21 or older to attend. The awards ceremony begins at 7 p.m. and will likely last less than 90 minutes. So, you'll get home at a decent time on a school night.

As has always been the case, one of the coolest parts of the 365ink Impact Awards is that they are not a certificate or a plaque from the trophy store, but instead, each piece is a true piece of unique art hand-made just for the event by a local artisan. Over the years, we have had some truly wonderful, creative, and memorable pieces, and this year is no exception.

Potter Rich Robertson of Cricket Hill Potters creates one-of-a-kind pieces that go far beyond just function to pure art. In this case, we asked him to make just that: art without the necessity of function. Rick delivered, as you can see in the cover image from this issue. Ten unique examples of the best of Dubuque will each be getting a piece of art that no one else in Dubuque will ever have. Thank you, Rich!

So, without further ado, let's learn about 10 more amazing impact-makers in our community for 2024. These are, in great part, the words of their nominators. Some are combinations of the multiple nominations received. This way, no one can blame us for forgetting something important. ■



Briana Thompson

Briana is a force in the community who has a unique ability to bring minority communities to the forefront. She is active on committees throughout the city; hosts events through her business Art 4 Us, a creative consultancy and talent acquisition agency; and can get people in attendance and excited for high-quality art from people of color. Events like “Black as You Are,” a multifaceted art exhibit honoring Black History Month, celebrate and empower the black community in Dubuque and build a platform for art of all kinds. She has been expanding spoken word poetry to a more mainstream audience and bringing with her artists from all over the country. The Art 4 Us fashion show highlighted the art and design of urban street style and couture. She is helping tell the story of what Dubuque’s current culture truly is. Her efforts to highlight the diverse range of artistic talent that abounds in the Dubuque community have uplifted and made our art scene more vibrant, exciting, and inclusive. She is currently fundraising to support a paid visual art internship for a student interested in developing skills in marketing and the arts. The variety of collaborations she has achieved is a testament to the work she is doing to bring people in our community together.



Centrally Rooted/Callie Fitzgerald

Callie Fitzgerald makes outstanding contributions to our community through her nonprofit, Centrally Rooted, and her dedication to music therapy and youth development. Callie has been an unwavering force in our community, creating and growing Centrally Rooted to provide impactful programming for mindful musicians. Through this nonprofit, she has developed innovative programs that focus on fostering a positive self-image and a strong sense of self in young people. Callie’s commitment to seeing people first and nurturing their talents through music and performance has made a profound difference in the lives of many individuals.

As a certified music therapist, Callie’s work extends beyond youth and adults. She also serves community members with disabilities and health-related issues, providing them with a unique form of therapy that traditional methods often cannot achieve. Her dedication to using music as a tool for healing and personal growth has touched the lives of countless individuals, bringing love and light into our community.

Callie’s leadership and passion have made her a rock for her team and a staple in music education and brain health development. She has selflessly dedicated her time, energy, and expertise to create a positive impact, not only within Centrally Rooted but also in our broader community. Her kindness, service, and generosity have touched the hearts of many, and her nonprofit has become a beacon of hope and support for individuals in need. Callie’s commitment to improving the lives of others is truly commendable, and she embodies the spirit of the 365ink Impact Award.



Gail Chavenelle

For many years, Gail has been sharing her art with the city of Dubuque. Her artistic flair can be seen all over our city and in many other locations around the world. She is an advocate for the arts and artists as she promotes other creative thinkers through different events at the Smokestack, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Galena Gallery, Outside the Lines Art Gallery, Key City Creative Center, and the list goes on. Gail’s creative abilities capture her humor, using a wide array of materials to build incredibly unique sculptures. Through her business, she has collaborated with different local community businesses to bring her ideas to life in multiple scales and mediums. Gail continues to want to grow and learn as an artist, as she attends different community opportunities to learn a new craft and promote their creativity. Her artwork has even been used at award ceremonies as the “trophy” for recipients, and she showcased at an outdoor gallery for Art on the River. We are so blessed to have her beautiful work to enjoy and inspire others to tap into their talents or try new things. She is a gift! And yes, she HAS been one of the artists who designed a past Impact Award. What goes around...



Gary Wittman

Gary Wittman is a former Dubuque Senior High School boys track and cross-country coach. Thirty-seven years ago, Gary started teaching a local exercise class for older adults at Loras College called LAFF (Life After Fifty-Five). With COVID forcing the closure of their original facility, Gary’s unwavering commitment led the group to the Eagles Club and then outdoors at Flora Park. Finally, in 2021, with the invaluable support of Professor Jim Romagna and the University of Dubuque administration, SWELL found its permanent home at the UD Chlapaty Recreation & Wellness Center.

Today, SWELL boasts more than 200 members who actively participate in three morning sessions each week. The program combines a half-hour indoor walking session with an hour of diverse exercises, including bending, stretching, hand weights, Tai Chi, and floor routines. Gary’s philosophy emphasizes individual modifications and self-paced progress, encouraging participants of all ages and abilities to “grow younger.”

SWELL’s impact extends beyond physical fitness. Gary fosters social connection through organized events, concerts, picnics, and cultural outings. His motto, “Be Well Be Swell,” embodies his dedication to motivating individuals to embrace lifelong physical and mental well-being. Gary does all this on a volunteer basis. His students greatly appreciate the time, experience, and knowledge he shares with them to make their “golden years” just a little more golden.

The 365ink Impact Award recognition is a testament to Gary, his SWELL members, the University of Dubuque’s unwavering commitment, and SWELL’s significant contribution to the community. This program exemplifies how dedication, adaptability, and a passion for wellness can inspire and empower individuals to lead more vibrant and fulfilling lives.



The Spot Nutrition/ Alex and Angela Lee

The Spot Nutrition is a place where all community members feel welcomed, and while their drinks are great, this award is about the things those drinks allow them to do for those around them. Owners Alex and Angela Lee will always greet you with a warm welcome and exemplary hospitality. They also support numerous community organizations and causes by making a specific drink or promoting them on their drink cups. In the small amount of time they have been in Dubuque, they have made a huge impact. They do so many tea drops at the schools and different events throughout Dubuque at no charge. They have done days where nurses, plow drivers, teachers, and many others feel appreciated by receiving a free drink in recognition of all they do. They do this because they care about the community and want to make an impact. They are truly inspirational. They also volunteer in the community. Alex gave a speech at Senior High School to kids to show that hard work and preservation pay off. Everything they do at The Spot helps you work towards health goals whether it be for your physical health or mental health. They are a great example of using your business to give back. A visit to their Facebook Page will give you a great look at their boundless enthusiasm and support for those around them.



Debi Butler/Brain Health Now

In 2017, Debi founded Brain Health Now to raise awareness for brain health issues in Iowa. Her passion and dedication to end the stigma that surrounds mental illness and to change the narrative has had a great impact on our community. Not only have Debi and those who work with her changed the way we think and speak about brain health in Dubuque, but they have also made an impact at the state level with a recent resolution to recognize the term “brain health” in legislation. Locally, Debi has worked to get Brain Health Retreat Rooms in the Dubuque high schools with expansions into central Iowa and Wisconsin. These rooms are a welcoming and calming place where students in emotional distress can go to ensure their well-being is addressed before issues escalate. Each room is staffed by a liaison who is an individual with a master’s degree in the mental health field. These liaisons work with students to provide tools and resources to develop coping and self-regulating strategies.

Debi’s passion for this area stems from her brother’s diagnosis of a brain health disease and the isolation he experienced because of the stigma of his diagnosis. Debi is an example of how to take a difficult topic or experience and turn it into a chance to change hearts, minds, and systems so that everyone feels like they belong.



Mike Bryson

Mike Bryson has made a tremendous impact throughout our community for many years. To begin, Mike manages the local Lowe’s Home Improvement store. There is no person in our community that advocates for their employees like Mike. He ensures team members have what they need to be successful and happy in life, and if they need additional resources and support, he makes sure they get what they need. Additionally, Mike has spearheaded countless projects that have improved our community, working with organizations such as Catholic Charities, Resources Unite, Fountain of Youth, Toys for Tots, and the Dubuque Arboretum to name a few. Mike is the type of person who will see someone sleeping in their car or asking for help and stop to see what he can do to help. Not only will he let people in need know of the resources that exist in our community, but he will personally make sure they get connected to them. From sponsoring children for Christmas, buying food for the homeless, leading efforts to raise awareness of diversity, equity, and inclusion; to creating a workplace culture that fosters trust and support and so much more, Mike Bryson positively impacts our community each and every day.

Another nominator notes, “I wish I could put into words how this man has impacted my life and the lives of many others. He cares so deeply about others and is the true definition of a servant leader. He adopted my family during the Christmas season and got his colleagues to be a part of the effort. With Mike, no need goes unmet. Even if it’s just an ear for someone to pour their heart out—Mike offers that. He helps people with such good intentions.”



Tech WORKS

Tech WORKS is a program initiated by the Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council’s team to guide students in exploring career opportunities within the skilled trades. Commencing in 2014, they collaborated with industrial technology teachers at Hempstead and Senior High Schools, introducing classroom presenters and engaging with individual students to establish career pathways. Over the past decade, the program has undergone significant growth and development. Currently each school year, they function as career coaches for approximately 200 students at Hempstead and Senior who express an interest in pursuing careers in the skilled trades, engineering, or information technology. Tech WORKS has forged partnerships with the Dubuque Community School District and NICC, facilitating large-scale career fairs, company tours, apprenticeship tours, job shadows, and career presentations. Some of the past students are giving back by having current students job shadow them and giving classroom presentations. It is really neat to see everything come full circle. Their primary objectives include increasing the retention of high school students within the Tri-State area and addressing the challenge of “brain drain.” Additionally, Tech WORKS strives to help students clarify their post-high school plans and identify local companies where they can apply the skills acquired during their high school education.



Nicole Gantz

In 2018, Nicole was named INSIDE Public Accounting's Association of Accounting Marketing "Marketer of the Year" and Camp Albrecht Acres of Dubuque's "Person of the Year." She is, in particular, a constant advocate for her son Joshua, who is autistic and has Down syndrome. Nicole consistently has volunteered her time to multiple charity and nonprofit organizations throughout her work career and has only accelerated her commitments to these causes since then.

Nicole utilizes 25 years of experience in marketing to help Dubuque area nonprofits with marketing, communication, development, and organizational goals. Nicole is an executive board member and marketing chair for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra (DSO), an executive board member and marketing committee chair for Steeple Square, board secretary for the Maria Theisen Childcare Center, president of the Camp Albrecht Acres Foundation, vice chair for the Dubuque MercyOne Health Foundation, and board member of the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA). She also gives community tours for the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation to individuals and families considering a move to the tri-state area.

In May of 2023, Nicole won the DSO's Pursuit of the Podium, competing against two other contestants to raise funds for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, together raising a record \$43,676.81.

In October of 2023, Nicole was instrumental in organizing a 10-year anniversary celebration for Steeple Square. The nonprofit organization serves as a social event space that has hosted private parties as well as community events that revolve around music, arts, and culture. It is generally a community center for community education and programming.

Nicole is passionate about anything that she applies herself to and has even encouraged friends to join certain charity boards she is on when she feels it is a good fit and can benefit both her friend and the nonprofit organization. Her consistent and ongoing contributions across various organizations have touched multiple parts of the community. She has a nonprofit mindset and a strong sense of volunteerism that encompasses youth advocacy, historic preservation, and social spaces, as well as music, arts, and culture.



Mary Purdy

Over the past 40 years, Mary Purdy has done so much for the hungry and homeless on behalf of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Doing all she can to address food insecurity in the Dubuque community is her passion. As a former early childhood, special education nurse, she is acutely aware of the impact hunger and food insecurity have on the health, physical development, and academic progress of children; the impact on the health and function of adults; and the detrimental effect on productivity it has on society.

For nearly 27 years, a weekly free meal has been offered at St. Luke's. Mary and a co-partner facilitate teams to plan, prepare, and serve the Food for the Soul meals. Mary has led one of the teams to prepare and serve a Saturday night meal for 80 to 150 people. She coordinates the church food pantry, securing food from St. Stephen's Food Bank and, with help, setting up tables of food from which recipients can choose. For many, it is the only food they have for the week.

By developing collaborative relationships with other community agencies, she has been able to encourage new immigrants to our community to use the food pantry and has fostered relationships with these families. She seeks to find familiar food, which complies with their religious guidelines.

For several years, she planned and facilitated planting a church garden on her property where she, parishioners, and friends grew thousands of pounds of vegetables and melons to use for the free meals and the food pantry.

Since 2011, Mary has coordinated a wading pool garden program in Dubuque with the help of two co-partners and dozens of other volunteers. Several of the gardeners are immigrants. Gardeners are provided seedlings from the Dubuque Rescue Mission greenhouse, and at an annual "garden fair," participants have more than a thousand plants from which to choose. New gardeners are provided with wading pools, hand tools, and soil materials to increase food independence, health and wellness education, and to promote sustainability.

Mary and other volunteers write the grants to obtain the funding to support these programs which have also helped purchase freezers, commercial refrigerators, and a convection oven.

She is a bright star and humbly never seeks the spotlight.



Meet the Artist

"ART DROPS" BY RICHARD ROBERTSON

Richard Robertson has been working with clay since childhood, building his first wheel when he was 12 years old. During these 60-plus years of working with clay, vessels have been the baseline. As he started cutting patterns into vessels, Robertson based those patterns on a partnership between the shape of the vessel and the linear cuttings. In dealing with a vessel, you have to work around the opening resulting in a repeating "freeze"-type pattern. By eliminating the opening, many doors to new patterns are discovered.

Art Drop was conceived as a release from the vessel. The *Art Drop* form also includes the record of distortion caused by literally dropping the form and recording that force (i.e. impact) in the altered shape. The root cause in this new direction was boredom. Boredom is one of our nation's most underrated commodities. It is often through boredom that many creative solutions to various problems are discovered, both in the arts or any area.



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AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE: LIZ AND I DINE WITH NO REGRETS AT ST. JOSEPH IN SINSINAWA, WI

The State of the Fish Fry

Muses from a self-described fish fry fanatic

By Kristina Nестeby

Five years ago, I got it in my head that I needed to compile a list of area fish fries. I wasn't the first to do it, and I certainly won't be the last, but you can bet your tarter sauce (or malt vinegar) that I have contacted numerous restaurants, parishes, and businesses so I can start planning out the season—Fish Fry Season, that is.

Our first list included 38 fish fries (it was all we could fit at the time). Nowadays, we've got more than 100 on our full list, and I'm sure there are even more that I haven't found yet.

Regrettably, I've had to forgo including places that aren't serving a fish fry—specifically, a fried fish special. This could be a 2-piece cod dinner with coleslaw and a roll or an all-you-can-eat buffet with fried fish, but if it ain't fish and it ain't fried, it ain't on the list. Having said that, I want to note here that The Ritz in Dyersville, IA offers an all-you-can-eat shrimp option every Friday while Country Heights Supper Club offers their AYCE shrimp on Tuesdays. I'm kind of a shrimp fiend, so I think it's important that you're aware of these year-round AYCE shrimp options.

Now, back to the fish. COVID really did a number on our local restaurants. Finding fish was difficult, and opting out of the buffets and all-you-can-eat dinners looked like it

was becoming the norm. Luckily for you and me, that wasn't the case, and although some locations have had to pare down their offerings these last few years, some have actually expanded.

Even before the pandemic, Caroline's Restaurant inside Hotel Julien Dubuque offered more than just fried cod during Lent. But in the last couple of years, I've noticed even more offerings such as coconut shrimp, soft shell blue crab, and sautéed walleye.

"[Our chefs' and culinarians'] talents, skills, and creativity have opened up the offerings to be more than the 'traditional' deep fried cod," noted Dwight Hopfauf, Hotel Julien Dubuque general manager. "We continue to offer the deep fried cod, as it is the most requested menu item during this short season, though to provide a variety is why the offerings go beyond the fried cod."

Dwight has also noticed a trend in dining since the pandemic: To-go diners and food deliveries are still popular.

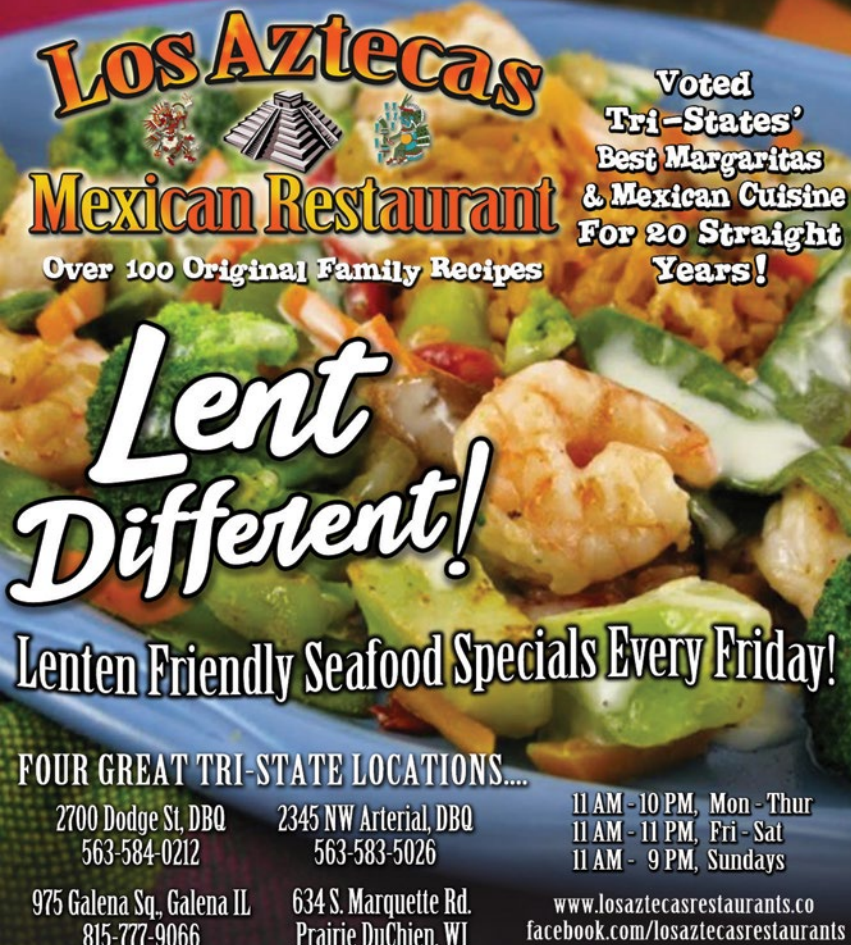
"There is not as much in-restaurant dining as there was pre-COVID. People's lives are constantly super busy, so there is great convenience in having dinner brought to your home or to simply pick it up. Family time is so important still, so sitting down to break bread with your loved ones and not having to cook allows for those precious family experiences to occur."

If you're itching to have some fish but are playing it safe, know that nearly every fish fry offers to-go orders, and some of the restaurants (including Caroline's Restaurant) also deliver! You can still get your fish fry fix in the comfort of your own home. Plus, no one will give you the side eye if you have to unbutton your jeans in the middle of the meal.

As for me? I'm heading to Country Heights Supper Club this Friday with my family. They are still rockin' the salad bar with numerous pasta salads, though you may also see some hand sanitation stations and signs posted too. I missed the dine-in experience, the relish trays and the salad bars, the grasshoppers and the old fashioned, the piping-hot fish and shrimp straight outta the fryer.

After this weekend, there are only four more Fridays left. Should I head north to Louisburg Junction where the ice cream drink and old fashioned flights are plentiful or do I see what Thierry and co. at Birdie's Bistro are cooking up on Iowa Street? Help a girl out! Send me your suggestions at kristina@dubuque365.com.

Our fish fry list follows on the next pages, and it's also available online at dubuque.com/fish. If we missed your fish fry, please send us an email at info@dubuque365.com with your information. ■



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When this tree next to the Cascade, IA Amphitheater was dying, instead of just cutting it down, they turned it into a tribute to the music played in the park. Well... played?



The City of Dubuque Fire Department celebrated the addition of the new Engine 505 to Station 5. A push-in ceremony took place on February 17. Shouldn't there be a dalmatian in the picture somewhere?



Country music star Lee Greenwood brought his iconic hit "God Bless the USA" and more chart toppers to the Five Flags Theater on a Thursday night in Dubuque.



Greater Dubuque Development and AccessDubuqueJobs.com handed out 350 employer directories and did 80 headshot photo sessions for job seekers with 60+ employers and workforce partners as part of the Spring Career Fair at Hotel Julien Dubuque.



A standing room only crowd came out for the artist talk and reception for the solo show "Drift: Recent Works by E. E. Kono." She is a native Dubuquer who recently chose to call our community home once again. Lucky us!



Activities for youngsters abound on Kids Night at the Battle for the Bluff Rodeo on Feb 15-16 at Five Flags Arena. The two-day event had great crowds and tons of classic rodeo action including bull riding, bucking bronco riding, roping, and more.



Fareway Meat & Grocery surprised Bryce Parks from Marine Corps Toys for Tots (yeah, and 365ink too) with a whopping \$9,311 check courtesy of their generous patrons who rounded up for the charity in December!



The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra introduced their 2024 Pursuit of the Podium fundraising candidates, Tom Rauhen, David Klavitter, and Mary Beth Ferring, at their recent Star Crossed Lovers performance. If you know any of them, help them win!



The Galena Center for the Arts staged Will O' the Wisp by Ted Williams and Robyn Davis. It's about a Welsh immigrant seeking his fortune in the lead mines of mid-1800s Galena.



The 2024 Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Gala, themed JDIFF in Wonderland, saw a ton of great costumes like the ones donned by the lovely Natalie and Joie here.



The student choir from Marshall Elementary School in Dubuque sang the National Anthem before the Dubuque Fighting Saints home game earlier this month.

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1st & Main
101 Main St, DBQ, IA
563-587-8152
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–9 PM

3 Mile House
370 US 35, Hazel Green, WI
608-748-4455
Every Fri @ 4:30–9 PM

7 Hills Brewing Co
1085 Washington St, DBQ, IA
563-587-8306
Fri through 3/29 @ 4–10 PM

7 Hills North
92 E Main St, Platteville, WI
608-348-6008
Fri through 3/29 @ 4:30–9 PM

7 Hills West
703 13th Ave SE, Dyersville, IA
563-875-8200
Fri through 3/29 @ 4:30–9 PM

Asbury Eagles Club
5900 Saratoga Rd #10,
Asbury, IA
563-588-4458
3/29 @ 5–8 PM

Baraboo's on Main
345 Main St, DBQ, IA
563-231-3226
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–9 PM

The Barn
5090 Sherrill Rd, Sherrill, IA
563-552-2353
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–1 PM;
Every Fri @ 5 PM

Bellevue Fire & Rescue
300 State St, Bellevue, IA
563-872-4949
3/8 @ 4–8 PM

The Big House
3001 160th St, Petersburg, IA
563-875-2612
Every Fri @ 11 AM–9 PM

Birdie's Bistro
1220 Iowa St, DBQ, IA
563-213-5583
Fri through 3/29 @ 7 AM–2 PM

Bluff Lake Catfish Farm
9301 95th Ave, Maquoketa, IA
563-652-3272
Every Fri @ 4:30–9 PM

Breitbach's Country Dining
563 Balltown Rd, Sherrill, IA
563-552-2220
Every Fri @ 4–8:30 PM

The Bridge Restaurant & Lounge
31 Locust St, DBQ, IA
563-557-7280
Every Fri @ 4–8 PM

Brothers on 2nd
90 N 2nd St, Platteville, WI
608-348-3339
Every Fri @ 11 AM–8 PM

Burkey's Bar and Grill
10638 Key West Dr, DBQ, IA
563-231-3253
Fri through 3/29 @ 4–8:30 PM

Cajun Jack's Bar & Grill
1336 US HWY 20 W,
Elizabeth, IL
815-858-3535
3/1 @ 11 AM–9 PM

Caroline's Restaurant
200 Main St, DBQ, IA
563-588-5595
Fri through 3/29
@ 11 AM–1:30 PM & 5–9 PM

Cascade Sportsmen's Club
301 Jackson St NE, Cascade, IA
563-451-8126
3/1 @ 5:30–8:30 PM

Catfish Charlie's
1630 E 16th St, DBQ, IA
563-582-8600
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–9 PM

Chad's Pizza
108 1st Ave W, Dyersville, IA
563-875-2483
Every Fri @ 4:30–8:30 PM

Chop's Kall Inn Supper Club
4089 Sandy Hook Rd,
Hazel Green, WI
608-748-4393
Every Fri @ 4–9 PM

City Limits Family Restaurant
906 S Main St, Maquoketa, IA
563-652-9709
Every Fri @ 4–8 PM

Cobra Lanes
107 2nd St. NE, Farley, IA
563-744-3008
Fri through 3/29 @ 4:30–9 PM

Coe's Bar
280 Jess St, Bernard, IA
563-879-3216
Fri through 3/29 @ 5 PM

Cole Acres Golf & Grill
7617 County Rd J, Cuba City, WI
608-744-2476
Every Fri @ 4:30–9 PM

Country Heights Supper Club
1152 Badger Rd,
Hazel Green, WI
608-748-4687
Every Fri @ 4:30 PM–9 PM

Crossroads
9315 State Rd 80, Platteville, WI
608-348-7899
Every Fri @ 4:30 PM

DeSoto House Hotel
230 S Main St, Galena, IL
815-777-0090
Every Fri @ 11 AM–8 PM

Dog House Lounge
1646 Asbury Rd, DBQ, IA
563-556-7611
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–1 AM

Doolittle's Pub & Eatery (Cuba City)
112 S Main St, Cuba City, WI
608-744-2404
Every Fri @ 11 AM–10 PM

Doolittle's Pub & Eatery (Lancaster)
135 S Jefferson St,
Lancaster, WI
608-723-7676
Every Fri @ 5–10 PM

Dubuque Eagles Club
1175 Century Dr, DBQ, IA
563-582-6498
Every Fri @ 11:30 AM–2 PM;
Fri through 3/29 @ 5 PM

Dubuque Elks Lodge
9018 Military Rd, DBQ, IA
563-583-5708
Fri through 3/29 @ 5–8 PM
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Dyersville Family Restaurant
226 1st Ave E, Dyersville, IA
563-875-0033
Fri through 3/29
@ 6:30 AM–8 PM

Eichman's Bar & Family Restaurant
11941 Hwy 52 N, Sageville, IA
563-552-2494
Every Fri @ 4–9 PM

Emmy Lou's
11347 Oldenburg Ln, Galena, IL
815-777-4732
Fri through 3/29
@ 11 AM–7:30 PM

Foodie Garage Eatery
1046 Central Ave, DBQ, IA
563-845-0131
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–8 PM

Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub
9853 US HWY 20, Galena, IL
815-776-0707
Fri: 2/16–3/29 @ 5–10 PM

Fuse Restaurant & Bar
224 2nd Ave NE, Dyersville, IA
563-513-0051
Fri through 3/29 @ 4–9 PM

Gangster's Bar & Grill
2020 N Main St,
Hazel Green, WI
608-854-2724
Every Fri @ 5–8:30 PM

Gooch's Greenhouse
3544 County Rd HHH,
Kieler, WI
608-723-3040
Fri through 3/29 @ 4–9 PM

Guler's Corner
1895 Hwy 80, Cuba City, WI
608-744-8498
Every Fri @ 11 AM–9 PM

The Hangry Hobo
Various Locations
Fri through 3/29

HG-IC School
3685 County Rd HHH,
Kieler, WI
608-568-7220
3/1, 3/29 @ 4:30–8 PM

Hideaway Acres Supper Club
4825 Bennett Rd, Benton WI
608-759-4410
Every Fri @ 5–9 PM

The Hilltop at Menominee
16680 HWY 20, East DBQ, IL
815-281-2978
Fri through 3/29 @ 5–9 PM

Houlihan's
1801 Greyhound Park Rd,
DBQ, IA
563-585-5233
Fri through 3/29 @ 4–10 PM

Hy-Vee (Asbury)
2395 NW Arterial, DBQ, IA
563-583-2199
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–8 PM

Hy-Vee (Dodge)
3500 Dodge St, DBQ, IA
563-583-5204
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–8 PM

Hy-Vee (Locust)
400 S Locust St, DBQ, IA
563-583-6148
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–9 PM

Kalmes Club 528
275 Jackson St NE, Cascade, IA
563-852-3531
Every Fri @ 4–8:30 PM

Kalmes Restaurant
100 Main St, St Donatus, IA
563-773-2480
Fri through 3/29 @ 5 PM

Kelly's Cafe
2370 Rhomberg Ave, DBQ, IA
563-552-7441
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–8 PM

Key West Sportsman's Club
2323 Rockdale Rd, DBQ, IA
563-556-9734
3/8 @ 4:30–8:30 PM

Knights of Columbus Council 510
2921 Central Ave, DBQ, IA
563-588-2011
3/1, 3/8 @ 5–7:30 PM

Lacoma Golf
8080 Timmerman Dr,
East DBQ, IL
815-747-3874
Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM–7 PM

Lawrence Pub and Eatery
46 E Main St, Benton, WI
608-759-4000
Every Fri @ 11 AM–9 PM

Louisburg Junction Supper Club
2061 Louisburg Rd,
Cuba City, WI
608-744-3663
Every Fri @ 4:30–9 PM

Market House Restaurant H.P.
204 Perry St, Galena, IL
815-777-0690
Every Fri @ 8 AM–5 PM

The Meadows Golf Club
15766 Clover Ln, DBQ, IA
563-583-7385 x2
Fri through 3/22 @ 5 PM

Midtown Marina
285 5th St, East DBQ, IL
815-747-3310
Fri through 3/29 @ 5–8 PM

Midway Pub
5979 HWY 61, Potosi, WI
608-763-2400
Every Fri @ 11 AM–10 PM

Moracco Supper Club
1413 Rockdale Rd, DBQ, IA
563-582-2947
Every Fri @ 4 PM

Mulgrew's Tavern

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East DBQ, IL
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Nick's Cafe

119 S Main St, Cuba City, WI
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563-872-5000
Every Fri @ 11 AM-9 PM

The Old School Saloon

311 Provost Ave,
Scales Mound, IL
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Every Fri @ 5-9 PM

The Original Potosi Saloon

192 S Main St, Potosi, WI
608-763-2230
Fri through 3/29 @ 4:30 PM

The Other Side

68 Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL
815-747-9049
Fri through 3/29
@ 11 AM-3 PM; 4:30-8 PM
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3011 Autumn Dr, Asbury, IA
563-588-0602
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Fri through 3/29
@ 11 AM-10 PM

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Every Fri @ 11:30 AM-8 PM

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195 Peterson Dr, Peosta, IA
563-556-6004
Every Fri @ 11 AM-8 PM

Rhody's

14167 Old HWY Rd, DBQ, IA
563-585-1500
Every Fri @ 5-9 PM

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602 S Riverview St, Bellevue, IA
563-872-3749
Fri through 3/29 @ 4-7 PM

Rocks Pour House

10390 Bridge St, Gratiot, WI
608-922-8400
Every Fri @ 4:30-9 PM

Round 2

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Peosta IA
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Every Fri @ 11 AM-10 PM

Shot Tower Inn

390 Locust St, DBQ, IA
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Fri through 3/29
@ 11 AM-10 PM

St. Francis Xavier Parish

203 2nd St SW, Dyersville, IA
3/15 @ 4:30-7:30 PM

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3/1 @ 4:30-8 PM

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307 Mary St, Earlville, IA
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3/8 @ 4:30-8:30 PM
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8 Secrets
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APRIL
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TRI-STATE LIVE MUSIC

THU 2/29

Trivia Palooza
7 PM @ Grand River Center

Steve McIntyre
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

FRI 3/1

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series:
Potosa Strings
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Broken Rubber Band
4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Broad Ideas Opening Reception:
Robyn Davis and Ted Williams
5 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

First Fridays: Kameron Cole
5:30 PM @ Voices Studios

Music @ your library*:
The DZ Combo
6 PM @ Carnegie-Stout
Public Library

John Moran
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Riley Beck
6 PM @ The Other Side
(East DBQ, IL)

Gypsy
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Marques Morel
6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Clarke Music Day Concert
7 PM @ Clarke University
Jansen Music Hall

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

Tim Cavanagh
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

MiniMonster
8 PM @ First Reserve

The Way Down Wanderers,
Emma Butterworth
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

First Fridays: Ethan Keller
8 PM @ Smokestack

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

Dicot, Charlieboy
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 3/2

Adam Bartells
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Shannon Woulfe
3 PM @ Millennium Bar &
Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Mississippi Band
4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Scott Waterhouse
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Tony Walker
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Massey Road
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

DZ Jazz Combo
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Trivia Tournament
7 PM @ Galena Blackhawk
Aerie (Galena, IL)

Scott Kirkhart
7 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

Brian Imbus: Mind Heist
7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

The Dave Matthews Tribute Band
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Freedy Johnston,
Jason Walsmith
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Funkatude
8 PM @ Smokestack

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

Joie Wails
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

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

Thrall, These Beasts, Big Sloth
9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 3/3

Massey Road
1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Todd Ellis Music
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Stout Days: Brittany Sword
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Gypsy
2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery
(Guttenberg, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jam: Secrets
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Beau Timmerman
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Rock Steady
3 PM @ Hilltop at Menominee
(Menominee, IL)

Marty Raymond
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

TUE 3/5

365ink Impact Awards:
MiniMonster
6 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Pullstring, Skinny and the Shakes
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

WED 3/6

Celebrating All Abilities Gala:
Tapestry
6 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

Barefoot & Sunshine
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 3/7

A Night at the Movies
7 PM @ Loras College
ACC Ballrooms

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

FRI 3/8

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series:
Chuck Bregman
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Kris Karr
4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Shannon Woulfe
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Tiger Kings
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Casey Klein
7 PM @ First Reserve

Comedy: Hanna Ljungholm,
Ethan Conley-Keck,
Donny Townsend
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

The Amadans
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Tony Walker
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

SAT 3/9

Lollipops & Music for Our
Preschoolers: Tapestry
10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Library

Sarah Day & Jimmy Berg
2 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Joie Wails
3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Ace Jones
3 PM @ Millennium Bar &
Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Danny McDade
3:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Remembering Red:
Tribute to Red Skelton
4 & 7 PM @ Diamond Jo
Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

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

Johnny G
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Jordan Danielsen
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Country Dance Night
6 PM @ Off Shore Event Center
(Bellevue, IA)

Lori Gravel & The Timber City
Ramblers
6 PM @ West Delaware High
School Hanson Auditorium
(Manchester, IA)

Jacque Miller Duo
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Ben Dunegan
7 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque
Riverboat Lounge

Barefoot & Sunshine
CD Release Party
7 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Secrets
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Ten Gallon Hat
7 PM @ Off Shore Restaurant
(Bellevue, IA)

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Evening Serenade
7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

An Evening of Jazz w/ DZ Combo
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

The Shamas
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

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

SUN 3/10

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

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Evening Serenade
2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Tony Walker
2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery
(Guttenberg, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jam:
The 2 Carls Band
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Elizabeth Mary
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

The Mixed Emotions Band
4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

MON 3/11

Leo Kottke
7 PM @ Five Flags Theater

WED 3/13

Gabe Schillman
7 PM @ First Reserve

Dance Dance, Party Party
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

THU 3/14

Dave Helmer, Erin Hedley,
Alexis Healey
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Meghan Davis
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

FRI 3/15

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series:
University of Dubuque Choir
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Black Velvet Band
6 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Daniel Eric
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Li Li & the Dirty Bastards
6 PM @ The Other Side
(East DBQ, IL)

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

John Gay
7 PM @ Days Inn
Spirits Bar & Grill

Calvin Coohy (Solo)
7 PM @ First Reserve

Scott Cornwell, Denny Garcia &
Chuck Lewis
7 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque
Riverboat Lounge

Ballyheigue
7 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Speedquizzing Trivia
w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ Franklin Street Brewing
Company (Manchester, IA)

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

Bobcat Goldthwait
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Dylan Scott
8 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Monsoon, Marzipan Mailbox
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Haploid, Summer Like the
Season, Bob Bucko Jr.
8 PM @ Smokestack

Rock Steady
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
(Asbury, IA)

Barstool Prophets
9 PM @ The Lift

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

SAT 3/16

Cameron McCallister
10 AM @ Convivium
Urban Farmstead

Kegs N Eggs St. Patty's Day: Trav
11 AM @ Midtown Marina
(East DBQ, IL)

Travis Busch
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Beau Timmerman @ 1 PM
Joie Wails @ 4:30 PM
The Palace Saloon (Dyersville, IA)

Austin Scott @ 2 PM
Kara Gordon @ 5 PM
Galena Cellars Downtown
(Galena, IL)

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

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

Meghan Davis
3:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

St. Patrick's Bar Crawl:
The Bog Bodies
5 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

St. Patrick's Bar Crawl:
Marques Morel
6 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Michael Breitbach
6 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Mississippi Band
8 PM @ Smokestack

St. Patrick's Bar Crawl:
Jef Spradley
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

2 Grand
7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Rocktail
7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

PopROCKS
8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino
Mississippi Moon Bar

Willie and The Buzzhounds
8 PM @ Northside Bar

Hang Time Production
8:30 PM @ The Big House
(Petersburg, IA)

St. Patrick's Bar Crawl:
Frank Martin Busch & the Names
9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 3/17

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

Sarah Day
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

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

Irish Session Music
3 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Sunday Afternoon Jam: Big Mojo
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Jacque Miller
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Ballyheigue
4 PM @ The Lift

Sea Shanty Sunday
w/ Andreas Tranzo
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Andrea Von Kampen, Lydia Luce
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

TUE 3/19

Mezcal and Tapas Tasting:
Danny Zanger
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Speedquizzing Trivia
w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ The Market at the Tap
(Monticello, IA)

WED 3/20

Steve McIntyre
6:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Marques Morel
7 PM @ First Reserve

Collegiate Jazz Night
7 PM @ Smokestack

THU 3/21

Jukebox Bingo
6:30 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

King Ropes, Ty Bailey
7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Steve McIntyre
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Broad Ideas Songwriters
Showcase
7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

FRI 3/22

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series:
Upper Main Street
Jazz/Swing Band
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

MiniMonster
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Millennium Bar &
Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Laura McDonald & Robbie Barr
6 PM @ The Other Side
(East DBQ, IL)

Jimmy Welty Band
6 PM @ Twisted Vines
(Potosi, WI)

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

Dodge St Duo
7 PM @ First Reserve

Comedy: Eunji Kim, Maggie
Winters, Deanna Ortiz
8 PM @ Fox Den Motel



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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

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

Game Show Night w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ The Market at the Tap (Monticello, IA)
Every Other Tue: 4/2, 4/16, 4/30

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
7:30 PM @ Backpocket DBQ

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

HitMix Music Bingo w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ Esther's Lounge
2nd-5th Wed

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 Coohey
7 PM @ First Reserve

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

Karaoke w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ The Market at the Tap (Monticello, IA)

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

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

Speedquizzing Trivia w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ Esther's Lounge

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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Tim Cavanagh

MARCH 1 @ 8 PM

Tim Cavanagh brings a delightful mix of music, jokes, prizes, and audience interaction to his performance. His radio airplay began with his many comedy song hits on the legendary *Dr. Demento* radio show.



Bobcat Goldthwait

MARCH 15 @ 8 PM

Since Bobcat Goldthwait's first appearance on the David Letterman Show at the age of 20, he has gone on to maintain a thriving career as a writer, director, actor, voice actor, and stand-up comedian.

Additional Entertainment

THE DAVE MATTHEWS TRIBUTE BAND

MARCH 2 @ 8 PM

POPROCKS

MARCH 16 @ 8 PM

THE MAGIC OF ELTON JOHN & THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL, STARRING CAPTAIN FANTASTIC & 52ND STREET

MARCH 23 @ 8 PM

HARDWIRED: PREMIER METALLICA TRIBUTE BAND

MARCH 30 @ 8 PM

JOSH BLUE

APRIL 5 @ 8 PM

RHINO

APRIL 6 @ 8 PM

THE MAN IN BLACK: A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH

APRIL 13 @ 4 & 7 PM

REMEMBERING JOHN DENVER: A TRIBUTE STARRING TED VIGIL

APRIL 19 @ 8 PM

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MOLINE, IL

Foreigner
3/3 @ Vibrant Arena

Avenged Sevenfold
3/18 @ Vibrant Arena

Blake Shelton
3/27 @ Vibrant Arena

Jordan Davis
4/11 @ Vibrant Arena

Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top
4/13 @ Vibrant Arena

EAST MOLINE, IL

Foghat
3/30 @ The Rust Belt

Blue October
4/14 @ The Rust Belt

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Blue October
3/6 @ Paramount Theatre

Red Hot Chili Pipers
3/19 @ Paramount Theatre

Charles Wesley Godwin
3/22 @ Club 5 at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Zach Williams
3/28 @ Paramount Theatre

Breaking Benjamin
4/5 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Queensrÿche
4/7 @ Club 5 at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Cody Jinks
4/11 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

IOWA CITY, IA
The Blind Boys of Alabama
Feb 29 @ The Englert Theatre

Beth Orton
3/8 @ The James Theater

Tab Benoit, JD Simo
3/9 @ The Englert Theatre

Gaelic Storm, The High Kings
3/13 @ The Englert Theatre

Dusty Slay
3/23 @ The Englert Theatre

Five for Fighting
w/ String Quartet
3/28 @ The Englert Theatre

Mission Creek Festival
4/4-4/6 @ Iowa City

The Wood Brothers, Jobi Riccio
4/10 @ The Englert Theatre

Marth Redbone
4/11 @ The Englert Theatre

Oumou Sangaré
4/12 @ The Englert Theatre

RIVERSIDE, IA

Joe Gatto
3/21 @ Riverside Casino

John Michael Montgomery
4/5 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

Gaelic Storm
3/1 @ Barrymore Theatre

Intocable
3/1 @ Overture Center

Slander, Redline
3/1 @ The Sylvee

Rickie Lee Jones
3/6 @ Barrymore Theatre

Waterparks, Loveless,
poptropicaslut!
3/6 @ The Sylvee

Matt Matthews
3/8 @ Overture Center

Ronny Chieng
3/9 @ The Orpheum

Ministry & Gary Numan,
Front Line Assembly
3/10 @ The Sylvee

Ilana Glazer
3/14 @ The Orpheum

Ralph Barbosa
3/21-3/23 @ Comedy on State

Sleater-Kinney,
Black Belt Eagle Scout
3/22 @ The Sylvee

ISMO
3/24 @ Barrymore Theatre

John Mellencamp
3/26 @ Overture Center

LANY, Junior Varsity,
Conor Burns
3/27 @ The Sylvee

Steve Hackett
3/28 @ The Orpheum

Kaitlyn Bristowe
4/2 @ The Majestic

Marc Maron
4/3 @ Barrymore Theatre

Herbie Hancock
4/3 @ The Orpheum

Breaking Benjamin,
Daughtry, Catch Your Breath
4/3 @ The Sylvee

The Wood Brothers, Jobi Riccio
4/7 @ The Orpheum

The Driver Era
4/10 @ The Sylvee

Wheeler Walker Jr.
4/11 @ The Majestic

Umphey's McGee
4/11 @ The Sylvee

The Glitch Mob
4/12 @ Liquid

The Mavericks, McKinley James
4/13 @ The Orpheum

Charles Wesley Godwin
4/13 @ The Sylvee

What's New at Fox Den Motel

By Kristina Nesteby

Times are a-changin' at 920 Main St. in downtown Dubuque. Fox Den Motel opened in July 2022, and they're set to relaunch the two-story music and dining venue this March. We sat down with Bar Manager Jeremy Quentin to find out more.

Fox Den Motel has 19 nights of music and entertainment lined up featuring national artists, comedians, and a mezcal and tapas tasting in addition to their weekly Tuesday programming of Tarot Tuesday and Tuesday Night Record Club. All of the programming starts at 8 p.m. or earlier, perfect for those who want to get home before 11 p.m. and those who want an early live music fix before they continue with their night.

Plus, having an open kitchen means the venue is open for all ages. That's right! You can bring your kids down for a bite to eat *and* introduce them to their new favorite artists. Growing up in Flint, MI with an all-ages punk venue, providing a space for people of all ages to enjoy music was important to Jeremy.

The basement is a dedicated listening room. With a capacity of only 130 people, the intimate venue puts the focus on the artist. If you're looking to have a conversation with your neighbor or a person on the other side of the room, take it upstairs.

The music lineup isn't the only thing worth noting this month. You may have noticed that the kitchen has been dormant since late January, and I know we're not the only ones who were missing those big plates of Euro-inspired meals. Well, the grill is firing back up this weekend with a new chef for the soft opening! Familiar favorites like The Burger, Animal Frites, and Brigade Salad get an upgrade along with a pork ribeye sandwich that was added to the menu in October last year. Two new additions include a patty melt with a burnt onion sauce and beer-battered fried dill pickles served with a signature blue cheese horseradish sauce. We hear there will be a few more additions down the line including an Italian beef sandwich, steak frites, and tempeh burger (non-meat eaters, rejoice!)

Oskaloosa, IA's NoCoast Brewery is taking over the taps for the entire month of March. Meet their head brewer and talk about the eight beers on tap on Friday, March 1.

Fox Den is also working on a professionally mixed compilation album featuring 12 bands from all around the country. Proceeds go to the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Check out the March schedule below and celebrate the end of winter at Fox Den Motel. For tickets and more information, [FoxDenMotel.com](https://www.foxdenmotel.com). ■

Fox Den Motel March Program Guide



Way Down Wanderers w/ Emma Butterworth

MARCH 1 @ 8 PM

The Associated Press puts the Way Down Wanderers "Somewhere on the spectrum between Old Crow Medicine Show and Mumford and Sons" with their "spirited bluegrass-based artistry...It is joyful, daring and occasionally sublime." Lauded by *Rolling Stone* in 2019 as "#1 of 10 New Artists You Need to Know.



Freedy Johnston w/ Jason Walsmith

MARCH 2 @ 8 PM

Freedy Johnston seemingly appeared out of nowhere in the early '90s and quickly established himself as one of the most acclaimed new singer-songwriters of the day. While the character studies of Johnston's lyrics get the most attention, he has a gift for melodies that wed pop melodicism with

folk-influenced simplicity, as typified by 1992's *Can You Fly* and 1994's *This Perfect World*, the latter featuring his best-known song, "Bad Reputation."

Tarot Tuesday & Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Nick Riedman and DJ Chris Wilson

MARCH 5 @ 4 & 7 PM

Pullsting w/ Skinny and the Shakes

MARCH 5 @ 7 PM



Hanna Ljungholm w/ Ethan Conley-Keck and Donny Townsend

MARCH 8 @ 8 PM

Hanna Ljungholm is a stand-up comedian and writer based in Chicago. Hanna's sketch videos have received millions of views on both Instagram and Tik Tok. Her absurdity and quick wit are sure to win over any audience!

An Evening of Jazz w/ DZ Combo

MARCH 9 @ 8 PM

Tarot Tuesday & Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Nick Riedman and DJ Chris Wilson

MARCH 12 @ 4 & 7 PM

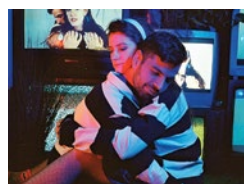
Dance Dance, Party Party

MARCH 13 @ 7 PM

A free, female identifying dance party.

Dave Helmer w/ Erin Hedley and Alexis Healey

MARCH 14 @ 7 PM



Monsoon w/ Marzipan Mailbox

MARCH 15 @ 8 PM

Monsoon is a two-piece indie rock band from Athens, GA who weave together unorthodox styles to create music that dips between the conscious and subconscious. "Don't worry, it's not the kind of indie where the reverb pedal stays on as I stare blankly at the fret board of my unscathed turquoise Jaguar," assures band member Sienna Chandler.

Marques Morel

MARCH 16 @ 6 PM

St. Patrick's Bar Crawl



Andrea Von Kampen w/ Lydia Luce

MARCH 17 @ 7 PM

Deemed "a fine singer with guitar work reminiscent of the cult hero Nick Drake" by the *New York Times*, singer-songwriter, Andrea von Kampen is known for her captivating melodies and introspective storytelling. After releasing a handful of EPs, von Kampen released her independent debut album *Old Country* in 2019 and her sophomore album *That Spell* with Fantasy Records in 2021.

Tarot Tuesday & Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Nick Riedman and DJ Chris Wilson

MARCH 19 @ 4 & 7 PM

Mezcal and Tapas Tasting feat. Danny Zanger

MARCH 19 @ 7 PM



King Ropes w/ Ty Bailey

MARCH 21 @ 7 PM

Super Natural is at once King Ropes' most ambitious and intimate work, expanding the parameters of the band's desert rock and ragged Americana sound. It is buoyed by a directness that brings out Hollier's most stirring songwriting to date. Hollier has a gift for writing about tragedy and pain with wry humor and conversational bluntness.



Eunji Kim w/ Maggie Winters and Deanna Ortiz

MARCH 22 @ 8 PM

Eunji Kim is a comedian and writer based in Chicago. She was a Senior Writer for *Cards Against Humanity* and can be seen performing stand-up at The Lincoln Lodge, Laugh Factory, and all sorts of bars. She was a 2017 Bob Curry Fellow at Second City and a featured performer in the 2017 NBCUniversal Break Out Festival. She also co-hosts the *2 Kims 1 Pod* podcast with fellow comedian and Korean Peter Kim.

An Evening of Jazz w/ DZ Combo

MARCH 23 @ 8 PM



Dirt Buyer w/ Brennan Wedl

MARCH 25 @ 7 PM

Joe Sutkowski (Dirt Buyer)'s new album is a documentation of making it to the other side. Sutkowski grew up in New Jersey, and although he lives in Brooklyn now, he remains "an emo kid at heart," garnering inspiration from bands like My Chemical Romance and Muse, the latter of whose theatrical, dramatic performances inspired the band's own vocal-forward, soaring takes.

Tarot Tuesday & Tuesday Night Record Club w/ DJ Nick Riedman and DJ Chris Wilson

MARCH 26 @ 4 & 7 PM

Bermuda Search Party

MARCH 29 @ 8 PM

An Evening of Jazz w/ DZ Combo

MARCH 30 @ 8 PM



Brian Imbus: Mind Heist

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 @ 7:30 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)**

Brian Imbus returns to the Bell Tower Theater on Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. with a brand new show where illusion blurs reality.

Witness astonishing feats of mind reading, telepathy, and psychological illusions that challenge conventional

notions of possibility. Prepare to delve into the depths of the human mind as Brian astounds with uncanny abilities to influence thoughts, predict decisions, and create an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of the psyche. Get ready for an evening that defies explanation and leaves you questioning the boundaries of extraordinary.

Tickets are \$29. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■



Bad Medicine

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7 PM
OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)**

Bad Medicine brings a full dose of Bon Jovi with a supplement of non-Jovi to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Hailing from Chicago, Bad Medicine has spent the last seven years establishing themselves as one of the most sought after tribute shows in the nation. The band boasts five top-tier musicians whose shared musical histories include Thin Lizzy, Dio, Great White,

and Brett Michaels. Incredible musicianship and vocal talents blended together with Steve Sage's uncanny resemblance to Bon Jovi allow Bad Medicine to be hailed as the number one Bon Jovi Tribute show in the US.

Join Ohnward for one hour of Bon Jovi and another hour of Non Jovi including hits from Poison, Guns & Roses, Van Halen, and many more.

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

THU 2/29

Trivia Palooza

**7-9 PM @ GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)
TICKETS: \$20/PERSON**

May the luck of the Irish be with you at Trivia Palooza, Opening Doors' trivia night. 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. OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/trivia.

SAT 3/2



Thrall, These Beasts, Big Sloth

**9 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL)
COVER: \$20**

Thrall's (Ex God Bullies and Hand Over Head) heavy rock n rollers with the proselytizing front man Mike Hard make their way back to The Lift one more time before recording their fourth full-length LP at Chicago's Electrical Audio. This time, These Beasts from Chicago join them and Big Sloth. facebook.com/TheLiftDubuque.

SUN 3/3



Brittany Sword

**2 PM @ RIVER RIDGE BREWING
(303 S RIVERVIEW ST, BELLEVUE, IA)**

Brittany Sword writes songs on the deeper subjects of life. Pairing her rhythmic guitar style playing,

powerful vocals, and positive personality, Brittany creates an upbeat and enchanting concert experience you won't want to miss. Her style evokes a classic blues rock feel with delicate yet powerful and acrobatic vocals to create something new yet familiar.

facebook.com/RiverRidgeBrewing.

FRI 3/8



Kris Karr

**4 PM @ SUNDOWN MOUNTAIN TIPS UP
(16991 ASBURY RD)**

COVER: FREE

Kris Karr performs music centered around the '70s as well as originals. Previously a drummer, Karr brings a strong rhythm to his shows. Audience participation and singalongs are encouraged. SundownMTN.com.

SAT 3/9



Joie Wails

**3 PM @ SUNDOWN MOUNTAIN TIPS UP
(16991 ASBURY RD)**

COVER: FREE

Passionate, powerful, and rockin' are three words that describe Joie Wails. Strong harmonies covering Alice In Chains to Nirvana to Vance Joy plus an adorable selection of country favorites from bands like Lady Antebellum and Jason Aldean and sprinkle in some Olivia Newton John and it's simply magic! SundownMTN.com.



**Barefoot & Sunshine
CD Release Party**

7 PM @ JUBECK NEW WORLD BREWING
(115 W 11TH ST)

COVER: FREE

Barefoot & Sunshine is an Americana-roots group sharing their music full time across the country. Both originally from different sides of Iowa, and then existing in parallel in the same music scene for many years, they recently formed the group down in New Orleans after connecting mid-pandemic. Dean Mattoon and Esmé Alexis blend style and voice, writing about such things as death, goodbyes, how they wish things were, and a few good times along the way, of course. But no matter the sentiment, you'd be hard-pressed to find them playing a song that didn't have great meaning to them. Life is to be lived and felt, and that's what music is all about, really— pulling out feelings from the depths, from joy to sorrow and everything in between. With a school bus and a prayer, they've jumped in with bare feet and are chasing the sunshine that is doing what they love. JubeckBrewing.com.

SAT 3/16



St. Patrick's Pub Crawl

11 AM-8 PM @ VARIOUS BARS IN
DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE

COST: FREE

Dubuque Main Street hosts St. Patrick's Pub Crawl in downtown Dubuque. Visit area bars for music, food, and more. Participating venues include 7 Hills Brewing Company, Riverboat Lounge, Barrel House, The Lift, Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar, Jubeck New World Brewing, Fox Den Motel, Backpacket Pin & Pixel, Stone Cliff Winery, The Dungeon, First Reserve, and Dimensional Brewing Co. DubuqueMainStreet.com.



BJ McAndrew

3 PM @ DARKBIRD TAPHOUSE
(7305 THUNDER VALLEY DR, PEOSTA, IA)
COVER: FREE

BJ McAndrew is a local acoustic cover musician. A regular on the local bar band circuit throughout college, he now performs solo, covering everything from The Band to '90s staples. He also includes plenty of his new favorite artists—groups like the Turnpike Troubadours and Tyler Childers—in the mix. DarkbirdTaphouse.com.

The Bog Bodies

5 PM @ GARY DOLPHIN'S IRON BAR
(333 E 10TH ST)

COVER: FREE

Andreas Transø leads Alerdale Wimer on fiddle, Terry Maloney on percussion, and Sarah Weh on fiddles, concertina, and more. The revival of Driftless Irish music supergroup. Ceol and craic! GaryDolphins.com.



Frank Martin Busch & the Names

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

You've know him for many years as the frontman for uber-well-know, semi-local music favorites like Mighty Short Bus and Midwest troubadours, Wheelhouse with eight records and 3,000 shows in 16 years between them. Now, Frank Busch takes flight as a true solo artist backed by the Names. Strat in hand, he marries the storytelling of a country songwriter with the musicality of a bluesman and a sense of humor that rivals your grade school best friend's dad. The music is Americana, which is a polite way of saying it is country music without bedazzled jeans. Drawing its roots from Red Dirt Country rather than Nashville, it features solid rhythms, jangly guitars, honky tonk piano, harmonicas, and even some steel guitars. facebook.com/TheLiftDubuque.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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DICOT, CHARLIEBOY

SAT 3/2 • 9 PM • \$20
THRALL, THESE BEASTS, BIG SLOTH

FRI 3/15 • 9 PM • FREE
BARSTOOL PROPHETS

SAT 3/16 • 9 PM • FREE
FRANK MARTIN BUSCH & THE NAMES

SUN 3/17 • FREE
ST PADDY'S DAY
FOOD • 2 PM
BALLYHEIGUE • 4 PM

FRI 3/22 • 9 PM • FREE
MARTY BUSH, NATALIE PRAUSER

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\$3 HAPPY MEALS (PBR/OLD CROW)
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Bad Ash BBQ

By Danny Fairchild

I'd like to submit to you, the *365ink* audience, that the absolute height of human civilization was actually mastered pretty damn early in the timeline: Barbecue, y'all. My apologies to my vegan friends, but B to the B to the Q did a lot in getting us here.

Culinarily speaking, well... it speaks for itself. Breaking down connective tissue and applying smoke by cooking something low and slow, it turns out, is friggin' delicious. It's almost like we're genetically disposed to find this method of food preservation one of most delicious things we've ever put into our mouths.

Culturally speaking, well... barbecue, and its various translations, are a valuable part of pretty much every culture who ever evered. Barbecue. Tandoori. Churasco. Brai. Gogi-gul. I could go on with a simple search. Hell, even in the realm of American barbecue, there's KC-style, Texas-style, Carolina-style, Memphis-style, then a bunch of other American styles shouting, "Hey, Fairchild! Why didn't you mention me!"

Emotionally speaking, I can't think of another cooking method, except maybe baking, where love is a more crucial ingredient than barbecue. You don't cook something for hours and even days without loving it and imparting some of that love.

Socially speaking, well... ever hear of a neighborhood barbecue?

Artistically speaking, well... there's artists like Jimmy Frank at Bad Ash BBQ to show you what's what. Let me define "artist" in this case, please. While a crafter is someone who takes the generally accepted rules of a medium and effectively APPLIES them, an artist is someone who takes the generally accepted rules of a medium and effectively BREAKS them. Both are admirable, to be clear. But being an artist is way sexier. I'm not sure I would call Jimmy Frank sexy. I'm securely open to Jimmy Frank being sexy, mind you. Jimmy Frank is obviously sexy in that he can cook, which is ALWAYS sexy, in my opinion. And I will tell you that Jimmy Frank's Bad Ash BBQ is WAY sexy. Why the hell did I have to bring sex into this, anyway!?

Speaking of segues, let's talk about that wood, huh? At Bad Ash BBQ, it's all hickory, all the time. Lots of pitfolk have a signature blend of different hardwoods they use for different cuts. Hickory, mesquite, apple, cherry, pecan, etc. Jimmy Frank's Bad Ash BBQ says, "Cool, cool. But here's what I can make hickory do all

by itself." You know what it's like? It's like single-malt whiskey vs. blended whiskey. A blended whiskey, if I may go one simile further, is like a really good playlist with multiple artists. Bangers only. A single-malt whiskey is like an artist's greatest hits album. So, Jimmy Frank's Bad Ash BBQ is like... it's like... Bowie's *Changesonebowie*. Or, if you prefer, the Stones' *Hot Rocks*. Or, if you prefer, Madonna's *The Immaculate Collection*. I said what I said.

The experience. This is a food stand. I took my son down there and bonded with him in the light rain while waiting in line to order. These are just the realities of a food truck/stand situation, and we accept them and even find charm in them. Food stand. You're grabbing and going. Barbecue travels extremely well, so no problems there except traveling in a car filled with the irresistible smell of barbecue.

On to the food.

The thing about hickory is that you can get some BIG smoke flavor from it, and somehow Jimmy Frank manages to amplify that even more without it turning into a bitter, over-smoked slab of yuck. I am not kidding. Jimmy Frank manages to get some of the boldest, smoky flavor I've yet to experience. You know that kind of smokiness where it's almost too rich? That's Bad Ash BBQ. It's the kind of smokiness that doesn't need a sauce. Honestly. It doesn't. That said, I, like many of you, LIKE barbecue sauce. No shame in our game. Like any other self-respecting pitfolk, Jimmy Frank makes his own. We're looking at berry-based sauces. Blackberry? It's good. It works with the meat without the meat just being a sauce delivery device. A lot of berry-based sauces are a bit too cloying for my tastes. That's not the case here. While we're talking about sauce, we may as well talk about rub. It's peppery without too much heat. Or rather, there's heat, but there's not much burn. I'm going to go ahead and guess that it's Tellicherry pepper in there, which I absolutely love. My dad was the pitfolk, but Tellicherry pepper reminds me of mom.

My son and I wanted to sample a bit of everything, of course, but our passion is for pork ribs. So, we ordered a platter which included the sides I was most eager to try AND a rack of ribs.

First, let's talk brisket because it's so hip to talk brisket these days, and rightly so. This Iowa boy loves his pork, but if you're going to throw some beef into the mix, it better be brisket. This is some fall-apart succulent stuff, y'all. That Bad Ash rub translates well between pork and beef. Probably chicken too, but everything works on chicken. It's chicken.

That pulled pork. Ooooooh, that pulled pork. I can't remember where I saw it, but I remember seeing this clip of some



PHOTO: ERICA THEISEN

BRISKET



PHOTO: BAD ASH BBQ

RIBS



PHOTO: BAD ASH BBQ

JIMMY ROLLS

barbecue festival where the pork butt required little more pulling than taking a meat fork and pressing down on it. It just crumbled into meat candy. Maybe that was movie magic, but it's magic I believe in. I did not witness the pulling of the pork, but I'll tell you what I DID witness: I witnessed myself taking the leftover pulled pork and spreading it... yes, SPREADING it, on a cracker for breakfast the next day. My only regret is that I had no bagel. How the hell does Jimmy Frank get so much smokey flavor while getting all that connective tissue broken down so good? The answer to both questions is probably the same.

The platter also came with what are known as Jimmy rolls. What's a Jimmy roll, you ask? Picture a pork taquito at your favorite restaurant. Now, instead of frying them, smoke them. Oh, do I have your attention? The Jimmy rolls seem to go fast, so don't sleep on them. Hell, if there weren't all that amazing meat to devour, I'd go just for the Jimmy rolls.

I must preach the word about Jimmy Frank's smoked baked beans. Unless I'm fooling myself, there's some coffee in those beans. Pitfolk are dedicated to getting the biggest flavor possible. As a result, I've seen situations where coffee is incorporated into baked beans, and the coffee flavor is just way too strong. It even overpowers the smoky flavor, which... I mean, what are you even doing?! Jimmy Frank demonstrates that he also understands subtlety which is next-level barbecue. These are some of the best beans around.

Ahh, those pork ribs. These, it should be noted, are not completely fall-off-the-bone ribs. If that's a requirement for you, you've been warned. But also? Figure it out. Ribs are ribs. Pulled pork is pulled pork. That said, they are pretty tender, too. Not fall-off-the-bone, but

not stuck-in-your-teeth, either. That texture is right there all Goldilocksical.

So... yeah! Get your silly butt down to Bellevue and experience Jimmy Frank's Bad Ash BBQ. If you don't, you've only got yourself to blame. ■



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1. Line a 9x13-inch baking pan with wax paper; set aside.
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3. Pour oatmeal mixture into prepared pan. Refrigerate 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from refrigerator and cut into 20 bars. Store in the refrigerator for up to 1 month.

Recipe source: hy-vee.com



Hy-Vee Dietitians' Top 5 Spring Break Travel Hacks!

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Reservations are made, and it's time to start packing your bags for Spring Break—but aside from the sunscreen and sandals, have you thought about how to pack the essentials when it comes to your nutrition? We all know that vacations can lead to unpredictable eating patterns, and that can lead to crabby kiddos, dehydrated adults, and overall fatigue. I want to share with you my top five spring break travel hacks that will set you up for nutrition success whether you're flying or driving to your final destination!

First and most important, pack a reusable water bottle! Whether you are road tripping or flying, having a reusable water bottle on hand is an excellent way to save money and help you stay hydrated. If you're headed through security at the airport, don't forget to dump any remaining liquid pre-screening, and then refill at a water station as you head to your gate.

I encourage you to pack balanced snacks. You'll skip the feelings of hunger and avoid impulsive and expensive snack purchases while traveling. Snacks can be key to maintaining your energy levels and keeping the kids entertained and satisfied when traditional mealtimes are missed or delayed. Balanced snacks can help you stay on track with your healthy eating habits! Focus on packing snacks that contain protein and fiber to help keep you full longer. This could include protein bars, fruit or veggies and nuts or seeds, dried edamame or chickpeas, snack crackers and cheese, and more! My advice: Come up with a plan to keep items temperature controlled whenever possible, and pack them in reusable containers or storage bags to reduce waste!

I cannot stress the importance of avoiding dehydration while traveling. So, while this tip pairs closely to my number one tip—even if you don't pack a reusable water bottle, I recommend packing your electrolytes.

Dehydration is incredibly common when traveling and can lead to irritability, lack of ability to concentrate, fatigue, muscle cramps, digestive distress, and more! To avoid these symptoms, come prepared with electrolyte supplements that you can use on long flights, road trips, upon arrival, or before departure to ensure you are getting a dose of vitamins, minerals, and electrolytes to support your health and well-being while traveling. I highly recommend packing powdered electrolyte supplements such as Liquid I.V., BioSteel, Pedialyte, or Nuun tablets to mix with your water. They will not take up excessive amounts of extra space but will provide exponential benefits!

I love exploring new local restaurants and trying new foods when I am traveling, but I know that they may not prepare foods in the ways I would traditionally eat them at home. I also don't always eat at the same time I normally would at home, especially if I am traveling within a different time zone. These shifts can lead to gastrointestinal distress or simply throw off your meal routine. If you dine out while traveling, I encourage you to enjoy dining out with these simple strategies: First, focus on still incorporating the food groups—fruits, vegetables, protein, grains, and dairy. Fruits, vegetables, and grains will help provide fiber, while protein and dairy can help further enhance satiety. Second, try splitting entrees when dining out to maintain portion control. Or if you're staying in a hotel or residence with a kitchen, cook some of your meals to save money and use ingredients you would normally incorporate into meals at home.

Last but certainly not least, have a plan for your return from vacation and schedule your Aisles Online order in advance. You might find yourself coming home to an empty fridge or bare pantry. Use Hy-Vee Aisles Online to schedule an order delivery or pickup that is ready for you when you return from vacation! This will save you from final pit stops on the way home and allow you to unpack and settle in before the return to work. Get started on hy-vee.com/aisles-online!

Ready to give one of my tips a try? Check out these deliciously easy homemade snack bars, perfect for travel! They combine protein and fiber to help keep you full longer and are completely customizable to your family's taste preferences. If storing for the long haul, I recommend cutting into single-serving bars and freezing to help keep other snacks cold and to prevent a sticky or smooshed mess of a protein bar in your carry-on or cooler. Once defrosted, they are ready to enjoy! ■

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The Persuaders

By John McAndrew

We live in a world where people disagree about really important stuff. You may have noticed. How are we to deal with this?

Do we write off those with whom we disagree? Do we keep our distance, cast them into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth? Do we restrict our circle only to those with whom we agree on almost everything? These are not disagreements about taste in music or preferences in exercise. We disagree about whether there is a god, when life begins, the limits of freedom.

How did democracy—which assumes disagreement, or why would we need elections?—even come to *be*, in a species that is SO devoted to the safety and security of sticking with people who are as like us as possible?

As Monica Guzmán wrote in *I Never Thought of It That Way* (reviewed here last year), we have been segregating ourselves by ideology for decades. It's more and more common for people to live in ideological enclaves. Because they are increasingly unfamiliar, those with different views are seen as opponents, and then as enemies (some are; some are not).

But it's not just ideology. We segregate ourselves by race, nationality, religion, and language, in our neighborhoods, schools, churches, and clubs. And online, where social media has given us the verbs “unfollow” and “unfriend.”

Anand Giridharadas writes about taking on this culture of mutual dismissal in his book, *The Persuaders*. He contends that there is “an idea at the heart of democratic theory: that you change things by changing minds—by persuading.” Differences, in other words, are not always permanent and are sometimes worth examining together to see how real or important they are.

Giridharadas profiles those working on various kinds of persuasion. Some have worked on events, like the Women's March in 2017. Some are parents who have adopted children of a different race or ethnicity. Some are politicians, or their campaign managers or mentors. And some go door to door, talking with strangers about complex, controversial issues. What connects them is the conviction that persuasion is possible and is more constructive than writing people off. They are curious, seeking understanding and connection with those who are different, or appear to be.

For example, Linda Sarsour is a Muslim woman who helped organize the Women's March. Through her experience, Giridharadas explores questions about alliances. If “politics is for power,” expanding your alliances increases your clout—unless your new allies water down your agenda. It seems like a lose-lose: You can either compromise and get watered down or stay pure and aloof and get nothing done. It's not always possible to find common ground, but sometimes people overcome differences AND reach their goals.

The observation behind persuasion is that we change our minds. That differences fade on closer examination or, if they remain, they may become

less important than the things we share.

A personal aside. My father was an Eisenhower Republican. His next door neighbor was a local Democratic Party leader. They would meet at the fence and go at it, voices raised, epithets flying. They believed in persuasion mostly as a form of recreation and exercise. Their wives got a kick out of it. Neither ever convinced the other. Their differences remained but failed to divide them.

Giridharadas's book stays focused on politics—a fair choice in our current contentious environment. Examples here will be useful to anyone navigating differences. It's not a one-size-fits-all self-help book. It's not Dale Carnegie. Giridharadas is a partisan, a liberal.

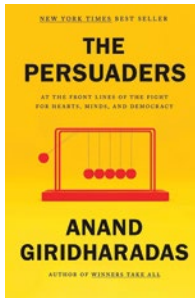
But he's a partisan who believes in persuasion, not in the culture of mutual dismissal. If you're looking for insults and derision of non-liberals, look elsewhere. He favors calling it as he sees it, like Bernie Sanders or AOC, who are profiled here. Like them, he's not looking for a position that is inoffensive to everyone. But he favors wooing people. He's betting that some people are persuadable. He's not looking to impose his views or to dismiss and deride those who don't yet see it his way. But he is interested in making them into allies.

There is a story about Mahatma Gandhi and British General Smuts. Gandhi came to talk with the general about the British occupation. He said to General Smuts, “I will fight against your government. And I will win.” General Smuts was incredulous, and asked, “And how will you do that?” Gandhi replied, “With your help.”

Persuasion is the long road. It gets complicated, like every relationship of any depth. *The Persuaders* offers many different tools to navigate differences. In addition to Monica Guzmán's book, it reminds me of Howard Fineman's book, *The Thirteen American Arguments*. Fineman explores the debates that have always held us in tension with each other. In contention with each other. All three books take for granted our differences. All three authors try to reassure us that these differences, while substantial, can be navigated. There is one condition: that we stay in relationship with each other. Great things can be accomplished when we do. Just ask General Smuts. ■

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KUNG FU PANDA 4 (PG)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Po must train a new warrior when he's chosen to become the spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace. However, when a powerful shape-shifting sorceress sets her eyes on his Staff of Wisdom, he suddenly realizes he's going to need some help. Teaming up with a quick-witted corsac fox, Po soon discovers that heroes can be found in the most unexpected places.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 15

The captain of an adventure racing team befriends a wounded stray dog named Arthur, who accompanies the team on a grueling 435-mile endurance race through the Dominican Republic.



Movie Buzz

Skyfall director Sam Mendes is reportedly planning four separate films about The Beatles, each one



unfolding from the perspective of each of the band's members. The plan is for the four films to intersect and "tell the astonishing story of the greatest band in history" with everything leading up to their 1970 breakup. Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and the families of John Lennon and George Harrison have all granted full life story and music rights for the movies.

The *John Wick* spinoff *Ballerina*, starring Ana de Armas, has been delayed by a full year, moving from June



2024 to June 2025. Apparently, the delay is due to a studio demand for new action sequences to be filmed. Chad Stahelski, who directed the mainline *John Wick* movies, will return to direct the re-shoots.

Not that it should come as any great surprise, but the catastrophic box office and critical failure of *Madame Web* has led Sony to re-tool its plans for the Marvel characters it owns yet again. Planned sequels to *Madame Web* have been scrapped, as have spin-off movies featuring other characters. Sony now wants to have a new *Spider-Man* movie in theaters by the end of 2025.



Michael Keaton has raved about the use of practical effects in the *Beetlejuice* sequel, appropriately



titled *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*. Says Keaton, "What made it fun was watching somebody in the corner actually holding something up for you, to watch everybody in the shrunken head room and say, 'Those are people under there, operating these things, trying to get it right.' When you get to do that again after years of standing in front of a giant screen, pretending somebody's across the way from you, this is just enormous fun." The movie will hit theaters this September.

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A Firefly Kind of Life

By Matt Booth

It is only a few months into the year, but I have summer on my mind. Have you ever stopped to admire the simple beauty of a firefly? On a warm evening, these tiny insects light up the darkness with their magical glow, captivating our hearts and sparking our imaginations. But beyond their enchanting appearance, fireflies hold a deeper lesson that can inspire us to embrace the extraordinary within the ordinary.

Consider for a moment the firefly's ability to illuminate the night. This remarkable feature, according to our 12-year-old son, known as bioluminescence, is a natural wonder that showcases the intricacies of nature. If such a small creature can carry a light within itself, imagine the potential that lies within each of us. Just like the firefly, we all have a unique light to share with the world, a light that can brighten the lives of those around us.

The firefly's butt lighting up serves a purpose beyond beauty; it is a tool for communication and survival. In a similar vein, our talents and gifts are not random or meaningless. They are part of a larger design, intended to make a positive impact and contribute to the world in our own special way. By recognizing and nurturing our inner light, we can find our purpose and direction in life.

Consider a person you know who regularly volunteers at your church or in

a service club. By dedicating their time and energy to help those in need, they are shining their inner light. We have a couple of neighbors who extend their kindness in smaller, everyday interactions, such as offering a listening ear, or simply smiling and offering a kind word. These acts, though seemingly small, can have a profound impact on the lives of others, spreading warmth and positivity.

By consistently choosing to act with kindness and compassion, you not only brighten the lives of those around you but also set an example for others to follow. That inner light becomes a source of inspiration and a reminder that we all have the power to make a positive difference in the world through our actions and attitudes.

Living a "firefly kind of life" means embracing the wonder of our existence and trusting in the journey ahead. It's about shining brightly, not for attention or acclaim, but as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Just as the firefly lights up the night, you too can be a source of warmth and guidance in a world that often feels dark and uncertain.

So, the next time you witness the gentle glow of a firefly, let it serve as a reminder of your own potential. Embrace your unique qualities and let them shine forth. In the grand tapestry of life, you have a special role to play, and your light is meant to be seen and celebrated. ■

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Learn about a science topic and do an experiment you can eat to go along with it. March's topic is Flowers.
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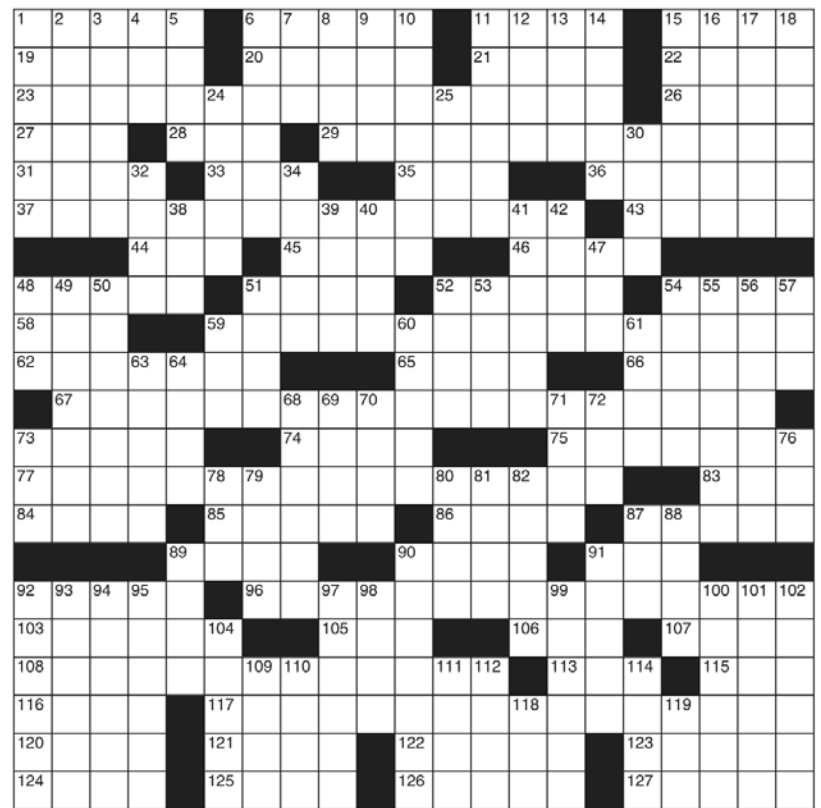
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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

SIX-E-SOMETHINGS ACROSS

- 1 Audibly
- 6 Mission —, California
- 11 Spill the beans
- 15 Golf coups
- 19 Perceive
- 20 — Good Feelings
- 21 Many a "Hee Haw" character
- 22 Boxing event
- 23 Involuntary leg reactions
- 26 Stimulate
- 27 — yung (Chinese dish)
- 28 Rocket downer, for short
- 29 Relative of a tank top
- 31 "O Fortuna" composer Carl
- 33 Some arm muscles, informally
- 35 No. on a road sign
- 36 "And that's that"
- 37 Note that recommends a job applicant, e.g.
- 43 Wood-dressing tools
- 44 Pigsty stuff
- 45 In the thick of
- 46 Dark, gloomy rock genre
- 48 Fast, sporty auto
- 51 "My treat"
- 52 Greek "S"
- 54 Face cover
- 58 WWW address
- 59 Longer-than-normal prison term
- 62 Cat breed
- 65 Region
- 66 Long-unshaven
- 67 What "have solved" is in, in terms of grammar
- 73 Ad awards
- 74 Utilize a Juul device, e.g.
- 75 Aided in evil
- 77 In bed
- 83 Yoko of the avant-garde
- 84 Utters
- 85 Stimulate
- 86 "Dame" Everage
- 87 Cleric's home
- 89 Oregano, e.g.
- 90 Telly watcher
- 91 "Help us!"
- 92 Cat food brand
- 96 Innermost parts
- 103 Cuba's largest city
- 105 "Norma —"
- 106 Get it wrong
- 107 Cel figure
- 108 Fir or spruce
- 113 — Lingus
- 115 Cato's 1,101
- 116 Monopoly expense
- 117 2020 drama thriller film
- 120 El —, Texas
- 121 "Why should — you?"



- 122 Concur
- 123 Carried, as a load
- 124 Loads
- 125 Stitches up
- 126 Lunchtimes, often
- 127 Pack-toting equines
- 32 Disaster relief gp.
- 34 Insufficient
- 38 Futuristic sci-fi play of 1921
- 39 Single-named supermodel
- 40 Mortgage claim
- 41 Case for ova
- 42 Italy's capital
- 47 Beige
- 48 Gloomy —
- 49 Level just below major league
- 50 Lucidness
- 51 Plow beasts
- 52 Feudal peon
- 53 Concept, in Calais
- 54 Signified
- 55 Jennifer of "The Switch"
- 56 Lint catchers
- 57 Lock partner
- 59 Memphis-to-Atlanta dir. promotion
- 60 Has the gumption
- 61 Fare- — -well
- 63 Feline cries
- 64 Cato's "to be"
- 68 Cathode-ray picture producer
- 69 Oom- — (tuba sounds)
- 70 Sword type
- 71 "Ciao!"
- 72 Samantha Bee's station
- 73 "NCIS" network
- 76 Stag's mate
- 78 Prior to, in odes
- 79 Opposite of south, in France
- 80 That girl's
- 81 Fix text
- 82 — nous (in confidence)
- 87 "The Simpsons" bartender
- 88 Admin. aide
- 89 With 118-Down, do a surfing stunt
- 90 Brewski container
- 91 Fastener fitting into a nut
- 92 Helper in the Himalayas
- 93 Lace into
- 94 "OK, but still ..."
- 95 Red Cross founder Clara
- 97 Film director Lubitsch and physicist Mach
- 98 Liver spread
- 99 Wipes clean
- 100 Actress Suzanne
- 101 Epoch of the first whales
- 102 "Blade" star Wesley
- 104 "— a jealous mistress"
- 109 Jennifer of "Zero Dark Thirty"
- 110 "So nasty!"
- 111 Hence
- 112 Architect Saarinen
- 114 Singer McEntire
- 118 See 89-Down
- 119 Boxing wallops

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Seed Starting and More Cures for Spring Fever

Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather-Prophet Extraordinary predicted an early spring this year. Whatever you call this “tried and true” weatherman, it certainly does feel like spring is just around the corner. Although it is too early to be thinking about planting outdoors already, here are a few things you can do to cure your spring fever.

Start Planting (Indoors, Anyways)

Vegetables: While some seeds like carrots, beans, and salad greens, can be directly planted into the garden, many require a head start indoors. Depending on the germination time requirement, we are quickly approaching the right time to start veggies indoors such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and broccoli.

Annuals: Plants that need to be replanted annually can also get a head start by planting them indoors now so that they are far enough along when it

is time to be replanted in your outdoor garden. I would suggest trying marigolds, cosmos, celosia, snapdragons, and sunflowers, just to name a few.

Perennials: Some beautiful plants that come back every year can also be started indoors. Yarrow, Shasta daisy, coneflowers and black-eyed Susans are all easily started from seed and can save you some significant dollars in the long run.

Simply purchase a seed starting blend of potting soil, which is lightweight, and put it in some sort of tray, ideally one with individual portions and a clear lid to act as a greenhouse. If you're a DIYer, you can make one using some old egg cartons, egg shells with a small drainage hole, or by folding old newspaper into a square pot. We also sell a wide variety of starter trays in store.

Read the package instructions carefully and plant to the correct depth according to the package instructions. Water them well and place them in a bright, warm and indirect well-lit space and watch them grow. Grow lights can also be used if you don't have access to a well-lit space. We carry a few of those too.

Clean Out Winter Pots and Refresh

Pansies are great cold-weather-tolerant annuals that add a pop of color to your porch pots and should be available for purchase very soon. Team them up with some festive pussy willow branches, and you have a charming spring look.

Bring the Outdoors In

The Flower Shoppe at Steve's Ace has a wide selection of houseplants and tropicals that anyone can care for. House plants are a sure-fire way to bring a piece of spring inside.

Fire Up the Grill!

Who said you have to wait 'till spring to fire up the grill? Bundle up, give that grill a little more warm-up time, and throw on some kabobs. Check out our complete outdoor grilling area that features popular brands like Weber, Big Green Egg, Traeger, and Blackstone. Be sure and check out our stores for the area's most impressive selection of spices, sauces, and rubs, too! ■

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Awesome Advice

DEAR ANGELA,

I just started a new job. At my previous job, I kinda had a reputation for bringing in awesome snacks. My boss always said how much he appreciated it when I brought in treats. I even implemented Cheese Friday. The premise of Cheese Friday is simple: On Fridays, I would bring cheese into the office. Those with lactose intolerance were never happy, but

everyone else loved it! I recently started at a new company, and I was horrified to learn they already have a self-proclaimed cheese guy! I mean, two cheese guys in an office seems like a lot, and there is no way I'm gonna be the fruits and veggies guy, I'm not into that rabbit food. Without bringing cheese to the office, I don't even know how to interact with my coworkers. What should I do?
—Cheeseless on Chaney

DEAR CHEESELESS,

Oh, it's on. As the new guy, and lowest on the pecking order, you must exert your dominance and take over the cheese throne. If you aren't careful, you'll be assigned the SALAD at the next potluck, and there is no way you'll recover from that. Demand a cheese-off. Bring your A game and your entire paycheck to Hy-Vee and ask for a personal consultation with the head cheesemonger. Tell them you want the most exclusive cheese they sell. Select some jams, nuts, and dried fruit. Don't forget the artisan crackers! Walk in next Friday with your head held high and announce to the office that you are now the Charcuterie Man. No mere "cheese guy" could ever compare, especially because you'll have some satisfying snacks for the lactose-challenged as well!

DEAR ANGELA,

I live in a really tight-knit community. It can be good because it's a really artistic and vibrant place to live with lots of cultural events. On the other hand, it can be not so good as there are some "bad actors" who have a tendency to disturb the peace and get kind of catty. Right now, everyone is looking forward to our favorite party of the year. I'm on the party planning committee, and we want it to have a fancy ball theme. Think pretty dresses and kitten heels, suits with white ties and tails, lots of music and dancing, the works! But, I'm worried about those "bad actors" I mentioned. The worst of them is Mac. He and his lackeys create such a ruckus wherever they go! They are startlingly loud and often make lewd remarks or overt passes at the ladies. In spite of this, we keep inviting them to the ball every year, almost like we can't help ourselves. Those of us on the committee really want the whole thing to go off without a hitch because it's the one time of the year that someone gets to go to the Heavyside Layer, and we want that to be the focus, not some rude guy starting fights and scratching and biting people on the dance floor.
—Frumbumbly on Fifth

DEAR FRUMBUMBLY,

I can understand your plight. Well, actually I can't really because in spite of reading your letter multiple times, I do not understand your plight exactly, but I understand the sentiment. I also understand that this letter wasn't meant for me. I'm guessing your letter was intended to be mailed to Anjellicle Cat's Pawsome Advice. Her column is featured weekly in the *Jellicle Journal*. Look, I am decidedly not a Jellicle, but if you want my opinion, I'd say that it's really difficult to change someone's nature. Look, word in the alley is that Jellicles can, and Jellicles do. Once again, without completely understanding any of this, my recommendation is to just deal with this Mac guy and enjoy the night because eventually it will be nothing but a memory.

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ARIES

(APR 19–MAY 13)

I'm not a munitions expert, nor am I a photographer, but if an incessant beeping suddenly becomes more incessant, something is about to go off, so get ready for the flash.



TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

Over the next fortnight, you'd do well to find productive ways to take care of yourself. If you want to go above and beyond, try seizing the means to be productive and take care of your fellow workers as well as yourself.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

There's a difference between putting yourself out there by attending networking events. You might find the kind of people you click with, but you'll definitely find the kind of people to avoid. And that's worthwhile, too.



CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

Look, the cosmos knows you well enough to know that if it tells you NOT to do something, you'll do it any-damn-way just to see what's the big whoop. So, no horoscope for you. You can just do whatever you want like you always do.



LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

Now's a time to gain knowledge in new interests or deepen your knowledge of old interests. Summoning and binding spirits and demons to your will comes in handy more than you'd think.



VIRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

Now could be a time of rebirth. Not so much like a phoenix but more like a newborn the doctors tried to cram back up the birth canal in disgust.



LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

Now is the time to take things to the next level and beyond. Apparently there's a warp zone somewhere near you if you just keep walking along the top of the screen.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

Your spirit of adventure is soaring, leading you to all kinds of new experiences. But just remember: It's all fun and games until the state has to raise your children.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

You've been carrying a lot of anger for a very long time, and it's starting to fester both in your soul and in people's opinion of you. You need to realize that some people enjoy pineapple on their pizza, and you're just going to have to be okay with that.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

It'll be exceedingly difficult to focus over the next few weeks as Mercury sextiles Jupiter and... aww, hell, you've already stopped reading, haven't you?



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

You'll want to make sure you choose your words carefully over the next few weeks. Like "verily." Or "trippingly." Oh! "Cranium" is a pretty great word, too. Choose that one! Oh! Choose "truculent," that's an awesome word. Truculent, truculent. I'm here to return the truculent. See? Fun. Choose "truculent."



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

Just because the grass is greener on the other side doesn't mean you have to go over there. Especially with your history of killing plants. You want that green, green grass to turn brown? Then just head on over.



PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

When in doubt, trust your own decisions. You might not get what you want, but you'll get what you deserve. Your downfall will be celebrated.

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