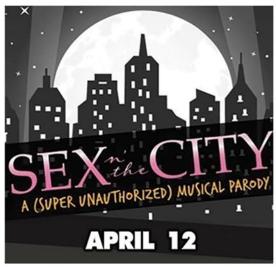


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What an ugly couple of weeks, eh? February was literally lovely and then... well, out like a lion, I guess. Bring on April. But I did get to have a nice date with my wife Christy for her birthday. We had dinner at Woodfire Grille at Diamond Jo Casino (one of my favorites) with Ron and Jennifer Tigges, and then we saw Steve Moris' live show at Five Flags. Unless vou've been living under a rock, hopefully you know that Steve is a native Dubuguer who has had an amazing comedy career including probably hundreds of shows opening for his close friends, The Beach Boys, and a long run on Princess Cruise Lines. And he does it all clean and with so much off-thecuff audience interaction. We even helped a couple jump-start their car outside the theater before the show started. It was a lovely night with my lovely wife. So badly needed after our grueling week.

So, about my dog, Coco, who has been slowly dying of mouth cancer for a while now. As if there wasn't enough wrong with him, for six days, he hadn't pooped. But he was still eating. It's ugly eating, the poor guy, and half of what goes in falls back out, but he got it down eventually. And where it's been going, I have no idea. He's never gone even three days before. He usually goes twice a day, so this is a DEFCON 5 alert. I'm wondering if there's something else wrong I don't know about. Christy and I were getting seriously worried. So when I walked into my bedroom and saw a giant poop right on my nice light beige carpet, I was... ELATED! I velled out "GOOD BOY! THAT'S MY BOY!" And when I got right up close to it, I got an idea of why it's been six days. It looks like he pooped a ball hitch from a pickup truck. He's only 10 pounds, mind you! I'm glad I couldn't see his poor face when he dropped that boulder. But man, I was so relieved. And so was he, quite literally. And since Christy got a Bissell Little Green portable carpet cleaner for Christmas after the incident when Coco managed to spread one poop over 40% of the main floor of our house, it's all manageable. I was so happy when I found it this time that even in his little doggy dementia mind, he probably wondered what the heck was going on. Why was he not in trouble? He's living in the Upside Down.

His nightly routine lately consists of us snuggling him into his Star Wars Chewbacca bed that Christy got him years ago. He likes a blanket, too. Then we humans go to bed, get nice a comfortable, and then, like clockwork, he gets back up and walks across the room, dragging his regal



red Fighting Saints fleece blanket behind him like a cape, heading to his king doggy coronation ceremony at the water bowl by the door. He then proceeds to drink water for about 10 minutes. Not kidding. It sounds like about five gallons, and he weighs only 10 pounds. But with the tumor in his mouth, it probably takes 10 minutes to get enough water down. And the prednisone also makes him drink like a horse. He walks around the room and goes back to the water bowl about five times. Then he heads back to bed for a couple of minutes. Then gets up and starts pawing at his Saints blanket which, of course, fell off on the way back to bed, and he wants it back on. So I lean over the edge of the bed to look for him, but it's dark. So I grab my phone to get some light, and boom, he's right there at the edge of the bed looking up right at my face when the light comes on, and I can literally read the thought bubble over his head. "WTF, DAD? You're slacking on the blanket duty!" So, I pick him up and set him back in his bed because, you know, he won't just go quickly jump back in there himself, and I cover him back up. And if I'm very lucky, he doesn't repeat the whole sequence again in five minutes. But usually, he's snoring within about 90 seconds, the adorable little old pain in the butt.

Coco was born on July 28, 2008. He came into our lives as a senior rescue on June 25, 2017, and forever changed our lives. He passed away on Friday, March 22, and belongs now to the ages. Our hearts are broken into a thousand fuzzy little pieces, but we're so thankful for the gift he gave us with the last years of his life. Who's forever a good boy...?

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is thrilled to host some of your favorite long-standing summer activities and introduce a few new ones for 2024! Programs cover a wide range of ages and interests, each proudly led by Clarke faculty with the help of area professionals and alumni.



SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER LITERACY CAMP AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

JUNE 11-JULY 2 | Students entering grades 1-6 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays Cost: \$150 | Scholarships are available!

Led by Clarke University's Education Department, this camp uses fun and effective strategies to build the reading skills of emerging and reluctant readers, as well as those with a love for books.

WELLNESS CAMP

JUNE 13 | Students ages 8-11 | 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. | Cost: \$25 This day allows your child to explore a future in medicine while also performing fun, age-appropriate activities that cover nutrition, exercise, brain health, and more. Students even get to try out Clarke's Simulation Lab, which mimics a real hospital.

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STRING CAMP

JUNE 24-30 | Students entering grades 7-12

Encourage your growing musician to build their confidence and sharpen their skills with support from professional musicians from across the Midwest. The camp culminates in a performance at the DSO's Summer Melodies concert at the Dubuque Arboretum.

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP

JUNE 24-30 | Students entering grades 10-12

Perfect for advanced string players wanting to take their skills to the next level. Students spend the week exploring new repertoire and the diverse world of small ensemble playing before closing out camp with a public performance.

SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

GAME DEVELOPMENT WITH VIRTUAL REALITY

JUNE 10-14 | Students entering grades 10-12 Noon-4 p.m. | Cost: FREE | Application required Up to six high school students will be chosen Using Meta Quest VR, you can design, build, test, and play your own video game with the help of Clarke Computer Science faculty and your friends.

SPECIAL DISSECTION: HEAD AND NECK

AUGUST 5-9 | Students entering grades 10-12 10 a.m.-Noon | Cost: FREE | Application required Up to four high school students will be chosen Is medicine, forensic investigation, or another science field in your future? Get hands-on human biology and dissection experience in our Cadaver Lab, under the guidance of Clarke Biology faculty.

ATHLETIC CAMPS

CHEER & DANCE CAMP

MARCH 30 | Students in grades PreK-8 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Cost :\$45

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

EVERY WEDNESDAY JUNE-JULY

High School and Club Teams

WOMEN'S SOCCER CAMP

JUNE 8 & 9 | Elite ID/High School/Potential Recruits

MEN'S BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 22-24 | 1-4 p.m. | Students entering grades 3-8

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 22-24 | 9 a.m.-Noon Students entering grades 3-8

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hits from Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, The Beatles, Stones & more!



Dubuque Community Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 @ 10-11:30 AM ALLISON HENDERSON PARK (1500 LORAS BLVD)

The Authentic Connection welcomes kids through sixth grade to participate in the biggest, bestest Easter egg hunt around at Allison Henderson Park on Saturday, March 30 at 10–11:30 a.m.

Get pictures with the Easter Bunny, enjoy tons of Golden Egg Giveaways, face painting, and more. EK Entertainment will be providing fun tunes for the event. And this year, you can take advantage of food trucks that will be on site with food for purchase.

Authentic Connection is also partnering with the The Boundless Trailer, which works to bridge the gap between individuals and basic life necessities. You might even get to peek at their brand new Mobile Resource Center at the egg hunt! Be sure to stop in to learn more about what they do, and if needed, they will help you out with some necessities.

For more information, visit

facebook.com/
theauthenticconnectiondbg.



MACKIN-MAILANDER LECTURE SERIES

David Thoreson "THE NEW AGE OF EXPLORATION"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 @ 7 PM CLARKE UNIVERSITY JANSEN MUSIC HALL (1550 CLARKE DR) Join Clarke University in uncover-

Join Clarke University in uncovering "The New Age of Exploration" with David Thoreson on Wednesday, April 3. After postponing his lecture in 2023, the photographer, author, sailor, and explorer is back as part of the Mackin-Mailander Lecture Series to share some of the greatest insights from his world travels. The event begins at 7 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall.

David documents the outdoor environment locally in the lowa Great Lakes region, and globally, sailing 75,000-miles across the world's oceans and polar regions. Exploring the Arctic Ocean led David to the issue of climate change, altering his life and work forever. Thoreson hopes to inspire others to explore their own connections to nature, especially water quality issues. David is the author of the photo book *Over the Horizon*, a TEDx presenter, National Fellow of the Explorers Club, and lectures at universities and institutions across the globe.

The lecture is and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit **Clarke.edu**. ■

THU **3/28**

Galena LitFest: Abnormal Psychology in Fiction Writers Workshop

5:30 PM @ ONLINE Author and educator Steven J. Kolbe presents a writers workshop featuring techniques for writing abnormal psychology in fiction, particularly mystery and suspense. As a writer with bipolar who writes about characters with mental health struggles, Kolbe will detail some effective strategies that writers can use to accurately portray characters with mental health diagnoses—and why this matters. 815-777-0200. GalenaLibrary.org.

Nature Trivia Bee

6 PM @ JUBECK NEW WORLD BREWING
Questions cover a variety of topics including reptiles and amphibians, birds, mammals, weather, geology, and more.
Participants work together

with their team of up to four players to answer questions. Those with the most correct answers at the end of the night will be crowned Nature Trivia champions. Funds generated go towards supporting the Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board. Ages 18+. \$40/team, free for spectators. 115 W 11th St. facebook.com/dubuque countyconservation.



The Last Living Supper 6:30 PM @ CONNECTIONS

CHURCH (DYERSVILLE, IA) 3/28 at 6:30 p.m. at Journey Church, 3/29 at 7 p.m. at Grand Opera House. The Living Last Supper Ministry is a group of men, women, and children, that present the Gospel through the dramatization of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The

40-plus group comes from many Christian denominations in and around the Dubuque area. This year's theme is Never Alone and is based on Matthew 28:20.

facebook.com/ LivingLastSupperDBQ.

FRI **3/29**

Egg Hunt & Picnic

2-6 PM @ COMISKEY PARK
Meet the Easter Bunny
and enjoy fun outdoor
games, easter egg hunt,
face painting, live music,
bounce houses, and free
food. Free. 255 E 24th St. Find
"Art For Us" on Facebook.

Mines of Spain Easter Egg Hunt Outdoors

MINES OF SPAIN JOHN & ALICE BUTLER TRAIL 3/29–4/1. Get outside with the family during the holiday weekend in search of hidden eggs near EB Lyons. After finding eggs, please leave them in their

original location for the next family on their search for eggs! 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. **563-556-0620**. **minesofspain.org**.

SAT **3/30**



Country Easter 10 AM-NOON @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL) The Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 10:30 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be hiding over 500 eggs for all the children to find! After the hunt, enjoy crafts, wagon rides, a decadent hot chocolate bar, and delicious cookies. \$5. 200 N. Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. 815-777-9550.

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Dyersville Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM-11:30 AM @ COMMERCIAL CLUB PARK (DYERSVILLE, IA) Arrive early to check in at the registration booth and find out where your age group is located. Each age group will have eggs and candy hidden around the park. Each age group will also have three hidden golden tickets. The kids who find the golden tickets will be given an amazing Easter gift basket. The Easter Bunny will be on site for photos before and after the hunt. This event will take place rain or shine. 225 11th St SE, Dyersville, IA. 563-543-9882. CommercialClubPark.com.

TUE 4/2



Kent Stock: How do You Want to be Remembered?

7 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY JANSEN MUSIC HALL

MUSIC HALL When Norway High School was set to close in 1991 and basketball head coach Jim Van Scoyoc left, Kent stepped in. Through an emotional roller coaster of a season, Kent led the Tigers to a 20th and final championship. In 2007, Kent's story was adapted into the film, The Final Season. Kent shares the powerful lessons of teamwork and determination he learned in that final year of coaching, as well as his experiences as a teacher and banker. \$5. 1550 Clarke Dr. clarke.edu.







7 Deadly Wings WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 @ 5:30-8 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 @ 5:30-8 PM 7 HILLS BREWING COMPANY (1085 WASHINGTON ST)

Heat meets heart in this spicy fundraiser for Hills & Dales. Check in starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the contest at 6:30 p.m.

This sizzling event promises an unforgettable experience of endurance, flavor, and fiery competition, with each round serving up wings coated in sauces of escalating heat, masterfully crafted by the Galena Canning Company. For those brave enough to emerge as champions of the 7 Deadly Wings contest, impressive

top prizes await the top two survivors, alongside the ultimate bragging rights.

Cool down with trivia questions between the fiery rounds, offering more than just a respite from the heat but a chance to win delightful prizes.

Proceeds from ticket sales along with 10% of net sales at 7 Hills Brewing on the day of the event will be donated to Hills & Dales, a dedicated organization committed to building meaningful lives for individuals with disabilities.

The entry fee is \$25 or \$30 at the door, and the contest is limited to 25 people. Spectators can watch for free. For more information, visit **7hillsbrew.com**.



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City Life

THURSDAYS: APRIL 11-MARCH 16 @ 6-9 PM VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE

The City of Dubuque is welcoming applications from residents for the next session of City Life, Dubuque's fun, free, and interactive experience of local government.

City Life participants have the opportunity to learn more about City operations and services that make Dubuque a great place to live, work, and play. Through presentations, behind-the-scenes tours, and conversations with neighbors, you'll see taxpayer investments at work and be able to share your thoughts. Applications are due by Friday, March 29.

The City Life program consists of six in-person sessions on Thursday

evenings this spring (April 11, 18, and 25; and March 2, 9, and 16) at 6–9 p.m. Dinner is provided, and accommodations can be made. The program will be offered again in the fall for those interested but unable to attend.

"Whether you've lived here your whole life, or just moved here, there's something you can learn to expand your knowledge and something you can share to expand the potential of Dubuque. I would highly recommend it," said Nathalia Bernal, a recent program participant.

For more information and to apply for City Life, visit cityofdubuque.org/citylife or contact City of Dubuque Community Engagement Coordinator Temwa Phiri at 563-589-4180 or tphiri@cityofdubuque.org.

THU 4/4

Generations Unveiled: Black Elders Sharing Dubuque's Untold Stories

5-7 PM @ THE SPOT Hear about the Black history of Dubuque told by the Black elders who lived it. Panelists at this seminal event have lived in Dubuque for more than 50 years and are ready to share their personal experiences. Panelists include Claudette Carter-Thomas, Roger Fisher, Ernestine and Melvin Moss, and Pastor John Taylor. Hosted by Carla Anderson. Desserts by New Breed Equity, and drinks by The Spot. 356 Main St. 563-500-6668. toolgrl682003@gmail.com.

YoGala 2024

6-9 PM @ HOTEL
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YoGala is a celebration
of yoga and mindfulness
helping to support mindful
education and brain health

in our Tri-State community. Join for a night of live music, a cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and more—all while making tax-deductible donations to help support Mindful Minutes for Schools. \$75. 200 Main St. bit.ly/YoGala2024.



The SpongeBob Musical

7 PM @ GEORGE
WASHINGTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL
4/4-4/6 at 7 p.m.; 4/7
at 2 p.m. The Visual and
Performing Arts organization at Washington Middle
School brings more than
150 middle school students
together to perform on stage
and work behind the scenes
.Handicap seating is available
upon request (please call
ahead). \$12. 51 N Grandview

Ave. **563-543-6024**. **seatyourself.biz/gwms**.

SAT **4/6**

Dubuque Largest Flea Market And Garage Sale

8 AM-3 PM @ TRI-STATE INDEPENDENT BLIND SOCIETY Browse more than 100 tables full of great items at the garage sale/flea market plus baked goods, direct sales, crafts, and more. \$5 Early bird entry (8–10 a.m.-), \$2 regular entry (10 a.m.-3 p.m.). 1068 Cedar Cross Rd. 515-298-3968. dsdelights-101810. square.site.

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.

Becoming an Outdoor Woman

10–11:30 AM @ EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Join other like-minded
women for a day of learning outdoor education
skills and topics. RSVP
required. 8991 Bellevue
Heights Rd. 563–556–0620.
minesofspain.org.



1933 Speakeasy Murder Mystery

5:30-9 PM @ SUNDOWN MOUNTAIN RESORT 4/6, 4/13. It's March 22, 1933, and Tiffany "Gold" Digger's guests want to know: Was her dead husband, Sterling Digger's, career as an archeologist on the level? Was it an "accident"? What will his friends

dig up when they gather at
The Cellars Speakeasy to drink
a toast to his days on earth?
Includes dinner, cash bar, and
a chance to guest whodunnit. \$75. 16991 Asbury Rd.
563-542-6064. dielaughing
murdermystery.com.

SUN 4/7

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American Girl Days 1-3 PM @ CENTRALLY

4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19. Centrally Join Jacqueline Hunter, founder of Oh Happy Play, in a special "Learn and Play" event based on the American Girl book series and doll brand. American Girl books aim to educate, empower, promote understanding, spark important conversations, and create change. Learn about important people, places, and events in American history. Inspired by the American Girl stories, participants will be creating their own storybook for

their doll. Ages 8–12. RSVP required. Free. 2230 Central Ave. **centrallyrooted.com**.



Major General John Eugene Smith, Galena's Forgotten General

2:30-3:30 PM @ GALENA TERRITORY OWNER'S CLUB (GALENA, IL) Historian Robert I. Girardi, presents information on Galena a lead-mining riverboat port in northwestern Illinois during the Civil War era, and how the town boasted nine generals who served in the war. He shares the story of John Eugene Smith, a general he considers arguably more important then Ulysses S. Grant in the early days of the war. Free. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. 815-777-9129. galenahistorymuseum.org.









INSTALLATION VIEW OF PICTURING AMERICA'S PASTIME AT THE DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART

Picturing America's Pastime Conference

APRIL 13 & 14
HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE, DUBUQUE
MUSEUM OF ART & DYERSVILLE, IA

Cedar Rapids-born, former big leagues pitcher Cal Eldred will headline two days of programs celebrating the exhibition *Picturing America's Pastime* at the Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) on April 13 and 14. On April 13, the 1993 Milwaukee Brewers Pitcher of the Year will speak about his career playing for the Brewers, White Sox, Cardinals, and the University of Iowa Hawkeyes.

Also on April 13, Casey-award winning author Phil S. Dixon will lead a conversation about the history of the Negro Leagues. Dixon sits on the National Advisory Board for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, has authored seven books, and interviewed over 500 players and their families. Illinois-native and Major League Baseball Supervisor of Umpires Larry Young will share highlights from his career which included calling Nolan Ryan's 5,000th career strikeout against Rickey Henderson and the 1996 and 2003 World Series. Authorhistorian John Liepa will host a discussion on the origins of baseball in Iowa and author-historian John T. Pregler will discuss his research on Dubuque's role in the history of professional baseball.

All discussions will take place at the historic Hotel Julien Dubuque, site of a series of meetings that led to the creation of the American League. Tickets include lunch and refreshments, all talks, and a tour of DuMA's exhibitions Picturing America's Pastime: A Snapshot of the Photograph Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and Picturing Dubuque Baseball curated by John T. Pregler.

On April 14, the conference shifts to Dyersville for an exclusive program

at the Field of Dreams Movie Site, the If You Build It Exhibit, and Dwier Brown's Baseball Hall of Dreams.

All-inclusive tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$15 for students and members of the Dubuque Museum of Art and the Society for American Baseball Research. Tickets may be purchased at **dbqart.org/picturing-americas-pastime**. Hotel Julien is offering a special rate of \$149 plus tax to all attendees. Hotel rooms may be booked by calling **800-798-7098** and mention-

ing the Dubuque Museum of Art.

Picturing America's Pastime: A Snapshot of the Photograph Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is on display through June 16. Explore the cultural history of America through the lens of the sport's greatest photographers. This landmark exhibition arrives from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY. Fifty-one photographs span the years 1866 to 2012 and reflect some of the most memorable moments in baseball and American history. Highlights include images of Jackie Robinson, Dorothy Kovalchick, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Roberto Clemente, and Orestes "Minnie" Minoso.

Picturing Dubuque Baseball is a companion exhibition that reveals the role Dubuque and Dubqueurs played in shaping Major League Baseball.

This program is a collaboration among the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), Dubuque Museum of Art, Hotel Julien Dubuque, Field of Dreams Movie Site, If You Build It Exhibit, Dwier Brown's Baseball Hall of Dreams, and Travel Dubuque. This project is paid for in part by the Dubuque Destination Marketing Fee partners. Support is also provided by the National Endowment for the Arts as well as the Iowa Arts Council and Iowa Tourism Office. Dubuque Museum of Art activities are made possible through the City of Dubuque's Arts and Culture Operating Support grant program.

THU **4/11**

Stonehill Communities Open House and Tour

3:30 PM @ STONEHILL COMMUNITIES

Learn about the range of health and wellness services Stonehill provides and see their modern, welcoming community. Peggy Stockel, President & CEO, and leaders from their various services will be available to answer any questions you may have. 3485 Windsor Ave. 563-557-7180. stonehilldbq.com.

Platteville Dairy Days Mac & Cheese Fest

5-8 PM @ BROSKE
CENTER AT LEGION PARK
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Prepare your favorite homemade mac and cheese recipe
to enter in the Platteville
Dairy Days' Mac & Cheese
Fest. Prizes will be awarded
in three categories: professional, amateur, and youth.

Proceeds benefit Platteville Dairy Days. \$25 GA; \$75 VIP; \$25 competition registration. 400 Pitt St, Platteville, WI.

PlattevilleDairyDays.com.

FRI **4/12**



Loras College Women's Basketball Annual Kids Night Out

5:30-8:30 PM @
LORAS COLLEGE
Come out to Loras College to hang out with the Women's
Basketball Team. There will be games, a bounce house, food, and more! Ages Pre-K through 6th grade. \$25 One child, \$40 for 2 children, \$50 for 3 children. 1450 Alta Vista St. lorasgirls

basketballcamp.com.

SAT **4/13**

9th Annual Dubuque Psychic & Paranormal Expo

10 AM-5 PM @ GRAND RIVER CENTER

Browse the 40+ vendors of all types of merchandise, readings, treatments (such as reiki, reflexology, etc) and more. Each vendor sets their own prices, and there is something for everyone. Enjoy presentations and speakers at no additional charge. Past speaking topics include ghost hunters, gallery readings, crystals, angels, past lives, and haunted locations. \$5.500 Bell St. travelersmoonpara.com.

Celebrate Africa & The Diaspora

NOON-3 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

Join for a food sampling, fashion show, vendor booths, music, art, education, and more. Free. 1157 Central Ave. 563-582-3681. mfcdbq.org.



Pollinator Garden Starter Kit

1-4 PM @ GALENA ARC

Create memories, make art and learn together as a family! Each family will receive seeds harvested from local plants and will plant their own "pet" garden to take home. Each garden will be created with earth-friendly and recycled materials and will grow into plants that attract butterflies and other pollinators, Paint a rock that you can place in your new pollinator garden once replanted in your yard. Gather around for story time and listen to Gwendolyn's Pet Garden by Anne Renaud at 1. 2, or 3 p.m. Drop in anytime. Activities will take about 1 hour to complete. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5/family. 11084 W US HWY 20. galenaarc.org.

SUN 4/14



Afternoon Tea: Children's Garden Party

1-3 PM @ MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE Bring the kids to this springtime tea! Herbs or flowers will be planted for them to take home. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with a garden theme. Afternoon tea series at the MHHS are open to all ages. They happen the second Sunday of the month throughout the spring. Each month will feature a different theme. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, treats, and a variety of teas or lemonade. Menus will vary by month. Members: \$20 adults, \$10 youth; Non-members: \$25 adults, \$15 youth. 2241 Lincoln Ave. 563-557-9545 x212. rivermuseum.org.



Discussion: The Taming of the Shrew

2-4 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Suitors are lining up for the lovely Bianca, but her father refuses to let her be wooed until her elder sister, Katherina, the titular shrew is wedded. The suitors draft the treasure hunter Petruchio to woo and wed Katherina. after which he successfully "tames" her and shows off the seemingly obedient Katherina at Bianca's wedding. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. https://shakespeare. carnegiestout.org.





Evening of Light: Chanel Miller

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 @ 5 PM **GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)** Join Riverview Center for their annual Evening of Light Gala at the Grand River Center on Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m. Celebrate the resiliency of the sexual and domestic abuse survivors that Riverview Center serves daily. This year's events feature nationally known author and artist Chanel Miller.

Miller was known to the world as Emily Doe when she stunned millions with her victim impact statement, and now her memoir, Know My Name. Brock Turner had been sentenced to just six months in county jail after he was found sexually assaulting her on Stanford's campus. Her victim impact statement went viral, including a

reading on the floor of Congress; it inspired changes in California law and the recall of the judge in the case. Thousands wrote to say that she had given them the courage to share their own experiences of assault for the first time. In her memoir, she reclaims her identity to tell her story of trauma, transcendence, and the power of words.

Chanel Miller is a writer and artist who received her BA in Literature from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her critically acclaimed memoir, Know My Name, is a New York Times best seller, a New York Times Book Review Notable Book, and a National Book Critics Circle Award winner, as well as a best book of 2019 in Time, The Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, NPR, and People, among others. She was named one of the Forbes 30 Under 30. a Time Next 100 honoree. and was a Glamour Woman of the Year honoree under her pseudonym Emily Doe.

Join for this inspiring event, celebrating the healing journeys of survivors. The gala showcases auction items from local businesses, dinner, stories of the impact of Riverview Center's services, and the inspiring keynote speaker.

Space is limited. Tickets are \$100. For tickets and more information, call Riverview Center at **563-557-0310** or visit RiverviewCenter.org/events.



Marys & Mimosas A SUNDAY FUNDAY BRUNCHFEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 @ 10 AM-1 PM STEEPLE SQUARE (101 E 15TH ST) Marys & Mimosas: A Sunday Funday Brunchfest is back by popular demand at Steeple Square on Sunday, April 21, at 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Indulge in a delectable brunch spread from vendor booths, featuring mouthwatering samples and refreshing drinks. Sip on a variety of mimosas while enjoying live music and the company of your friends. A full cash bar, including Bloody Marys, is also available. This Brunchfest promises a perfect mix of food, drinks, retail vendors, a casual fashion show, and good vibes.

A sample list of vendors includes Brazen Open Kitchen + Bar, Knockout Melts, Rock Salad. Kristen's Sweet Creations. Caroline's. City Girl Farming, Andy Mettert from the University of Dubuque, Hy-Vee, Gotta Have It, PJ Chapin's Boutique, Aj's Boutique, Dirt Road Darlings Boutique, Rhomberg's Fur & Leather Gallery, Classy & Chic Boutique, Blush Beauty Co., and more to come. Live music by Kristina Marie Castañeda.

Tickets are limited to less than 200 people and are \$45 in advance and \$50 at door if the event is not sold out. Tickets include three mimosas and food samples from the vendors. All proceeds benefit the mission at Steeple Square. For more information, contact Steeple Square at 563-235-3584 or visit SteepleSquare.com.

WED **4/17**

Museum X: Source of the Mississippi River to Dubuque by Canoe

6-8 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM JOURNEY THEATER

Mark and John Wagner recount their journey from Lake Itasca to Dubuque. This presentation features photographs, engaging stories and valuable insights into their expedition along the Mississippi River. \$10 Nonmembers, free for members. 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545. RiverMuseum.org.

THU 4/18

2024 Dubuque Area **Family STEM Festival**

4-7 PM @ DUBUQUE **COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** Conduct amazing science experiments, observe a variety of fascinating animals, perform surgery with a Laparoscopic Surgical Trainer, test skills on a welding simulator, measure the electricity usage of common electronic devices, and much more. The STEM festival promotes, inspires, and engages youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities. All ages. Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. 319-273-7397. NEIowaSTEM.com.



Cooking Class: Turtle Cheesecake 6-7:30 PM @ STEEPLE SQUARE

Rich and creamy, turtle cheesecake is a showstopping dessert. Filled with caramel, pecans, and chocolate, this cheesecake has it all. Take yours home to enjoy. \$45. 101 E 15th St. 844-642-2338 x1399. nicc.edu/solutions.

FRI **4/19**

The Haunted Galena Conference

4-10 PM @ DESOTO HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL) 4/19 at 4-10 p.m., 4/20 at 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The Haunted Galena Conference features speakers and workshops on hauntings, dark history, ghosts, mediumship, and various aspects of the paranormal. There are also optional special after hours events. Hosted by the Haunted Galena Tour Company. \$70. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. 815-990-7203. hauntedgalena.com.



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



Ongoing & Recurring Events

TUESDAY



Early Explorers 10 AM @ NATIONAL

10 AM @ NATIONAL
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
15T 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

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.

SheUniteslowa.com/events.

Toastmasters Speakeasy Club

6:30-7:45 PM @ DUBUQUE **COUNTY LIBRARY ASBURY BRANCH** (ASBURY, IA) & ONLINE 2N^D, 4TH, AND 5THWED Develop your public speaking and leadership skills. This safe and fun environment will help you become a more skilled and confident speaker. Each meeting will have a few prepared speeches, time to practice your ability to think on your feet with short improvised speeches, and feedback to guide growth. Free. 5290 Grand Meadow Dr. Asbury, IA. facebook.com/ ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub

THURSDAY

Millwork Night Market

5-8 PM @ 7^{τH}-9TH
AND JACKSON ST
2NDTHU: MAY-OCT
This independent farmers'
market features local food, art, and other unique goods. Their goal is to connect shoppers with the amazing farmers, producers, artists, and artisans that we have in the Tri-State area, while also providing a unique nightlife experience.
Smoke-free and pet-free.
BYO water bottle, reusable grocery bags, and lawn chairs.

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

MillworkNightMarket.com.

5-9 PM @ SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL MAY-SEPT

Open to all years of classic, muscle, and unique cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Great food, closed street, open containers, and live music. facebook.com/eastdubuquecarshow.

FRIDAY

Food Festival Fridays

11:30 AM-1:30 PM @ WASHINGTON PARK 1ST FRI: MAY-SEPT Join area food vendors in Washington Park for a lunchtime food fest. 365ink Magazine brings the perfect side dish to your chicken sandwich, pizza, or coffee: local, live music! Catch the following performers in the gazebo: Addison Aronson on May 3, Ralph Kluseman on June 7, John Moran on July 5, Joie Wails on Aug. 2, and Sarah Day on Sept. 6. Hosted by Dubuque Main Street. Free. 700 Locust St. dubuquemainstreet.com.

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS
IN DUBUQUE

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly visual art series, hosted by galleries, museums, and venues, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Free.

SATURDAY

Dubuque Farmers' Market

7 AM-NOON @ 11TH-13TH
AND IOWA ST
MAY-SEPT @ 7 AM
OCT @ 8 AM

lowa's oldest farmers' market offers a variety of produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, handmade goods, on-site prepared foods, and more. Browse booths from area farmers and vendors while enjoying live music from a variety of musicians. Rain or shine. 563-588-4400. DubuqueFamersMarket.org.

Galena Farmers Market

7 AM-NOON @ GALENA CITY HALL PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL)

MAY-OCT
Find seasonal produce, flowers, maple syrup, baked goods, re-purposed crafts, meat, roasted coffee beans, and more. Rain or shine. 101 Green St, Galena, IL. 563-542-0996. facebook.com/galenafarmersmarket.

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

8 AM-NOON @
PLATTEVILLE CITY PARK
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
MAY-OCT

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



Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

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

homemade and baked

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



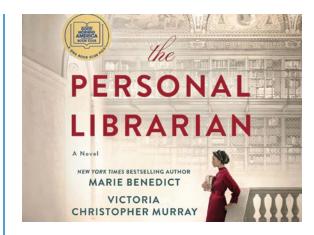
Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

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



Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers 10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-

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



Dubuque County Reads THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

NOW THROUGH APRIL 13

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE COUNTY

Nine Dubuque County libraries have partnered to carry out the second annual Dubuque County Reads program. Events will take place at participating libraries from March 27 through April 13.

Dubuque County Reads is an initiative to encourage community members to read a common book and come together for productive conversation. This year's selected title is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It tells the remarkable true story of J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, a Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to protect her family and leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

In her 20s, Belle da Costa Greene was hired by J. Pierpont Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Morgan Library. Belle became a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helped build a world-class collection. But Belle had a secret: She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She was the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and well-known advocate for equality.

Join one or more of the following events:

- April 1 @ 5 PM: James Kennedy Public Library
- April 8 @ 11 AM: University of Dubuque
- April 8 @ 6 PM: Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- April 9 @ Noon: Divine Word College
- April 9 @ 4 PM: Loras College
- April 10 @ 6 PM: Dubuque County Library Farley Branch
- April 11 @ Noon: Wartburg Theological Seminary
- April 11 @ 12:45 PM: Clarke University
- April 12 @ 5:30 PM: Virtual discussion
- April 13 @ 11 AM: Dubuque County Library Asbury Branch

Additionally, the public is invited to attend a free screening of the play *Hidden in Plain Sight: The Life of Belle da Costa Greene*, by local writer and director Peggy Jackson, at the Multicultural Family Center on Tuesday, April 2. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the screening will start at 6 p.m. An audience Q&A with the playwright and cast members will immediately follow the screening.

Complete details and information are available online at **libguides.dbq.edu/dubuquecountyreads**.

Events at Heritage Center UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

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



Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes— 100 Years of Hank

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 @ 7:30 PM HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

The Dubuque Arts Council celebrates its 55th year with *Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes—100 Years of Hank* featuring Jason Petty on Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Center.

Presented by the Dubuque Arts Council, the performance will bring the authentic and insightful story of Hank Williams—one of the most influential singers and songwriters ever—to life through Jason Petty. An acclaimed performer and musician, Petty's roots run deep into the heart of country music. He previously portrayed Hank Williams in New York City's hit off-Broadway musical *Lost Highway*, where Petty won a prestigious Obie Award with multiple nominations for his performance.

Now, Petty continues to capture Hank 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.

In Hank and My Honky Tonk
Heroes—100 Years of Hank, Petty and
his authentic four-piece band will also
pay tribute to stars that influenced Hank
Williams and those that Hank Williams
influenced such as Jimmie Rodgers, Roy
Acuff, Ernest Tubb, the Carter Family, George Jones, and Webb Pierce.

Tickets are \$30-\$40. ■



Git Hoan Dancers

PEOPLE OF THE SALMON, TSIMSHIAN – REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 @ 7:30 PM HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

Git Hoan Dancers: People of the Salmon, Tsimshian – Representing Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest showcases the culture of the Tsimshian Tribe from Metlakatla, AK. Join them at Heritage Center on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Formed in the efforts to revive, practice, and share the Tsimshian way of life that was once forbidden, the Git Hoan Dancers share the magnificence of the Tsimshian art, resurrect the practice of the culture, and work to educate the world. The performance is filled with stunning, hand-carved masks, authentic skin and wood drums, and colorful, hand-made regalia emblazoned with symbols of the culture.

The performance typically includes a ceremonial procession and storytelling dances that tell the history of the Tsimshian First Nations People. Legends such as "Mouse Woman and the Cannibal Giant," "The Shaman and the Land Otters," "The Spirit of Potlatch," and "Killer Whale, Chief of the Sea" are vividly brought to life through dance. The dramatic impact of the performances is heightened by the use of mechanical devices that animate the heads of characters such as Raven and Killer Whale.

This remarkable group has a reputation of high energy, enthusiastic, and spirit-filled entertainment that thrills and educates audiences on the rich culture of the Tsimshian people. The Git Hoan Dancers have performed at venues including cultural celebrations, museums, art markets and shows, conferences, and grand opening events throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Tickets are \$20–\$29 for adults and \$15 for children. ■



Beauty and The Beast

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 @ 1 PM HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

Beauty and the Beast, performed by The Panto Company USA, heads to Heritage Center on Sunday, April 21 at 1 p.m.

An enchanted rose and a talking clock, candlestick, and teapot... it could only be *Beauty and the Beast*! The Panto Company USA brings this beloved tale to life in a spellbinding family show that stars

Dame Dotty Potty, Loopy Louie, Gaston, Belle, and, of course, the Beast. As Belle is held captive in the castle, audience members will enjoy finding out if she falls in love with the Beast before the last petal falls from the enchanted rose or if the Beast's selfishness will cost him the world he once knew and the hand of the girl that has melted his heart.

The performance will be filled with all the ingredients audiences have come to expect from The Panto Company USA: lots of laughter, stunning costumes, lovely music, and plenty of magic. Join all your favorite characters in this unforgettable and magical adventure.

The Dubuque County Library District offers a "Page to Stage" educational activity on April 1 at 1:30–2:30 p.m. at the Epworth Branch, April 3 at 4:30–5:30 p.m. at the Peosta Branch, and April 11 at 6:15–7:15 p.m. at the Holy Cross Branch. Children are invited to create a 3D diorama of their favorite fairy tale for free with "Fairy Tale Dioramas." Each child who attends will receive one free child's admission with the purchase of an adult admission. RSVP at **dubcolib.org**.

Tickets for the performance are \$29 for adults, \$19 for children, and \$5 for lap seats (ages 3 and younger). ■

Treble Fest

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ 2-5:30 PM HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL

The University of Dubuque and Northeast Iowa School of Music host Treble Fest on Sunday, April 14, at 2–5:30 p.m. at Heritage Center. Doors open at 1 p.m.

Designed to empower and encourage life-long singing, the event is open to all high school, college, and adult treble-voiced singers. The festival will celebrate the joys of singing in a fun and nurturing environment. Participants will have an opportunity to

work with music professionals Kristen Eby, Jill Klinebriel, and Terry Slade. No formal musical training is necessary to participate.

Treble Fest concludes with a free public concert presentation at 4:30 p.m., by Heartland Harmony, Julien Chamber Choir, and University of Dubuque treble singers, and collaborative performances featuring Treble Fest participants singing in massed chorus with the choral groups.

Registration is \$10 per participant and includes the workshop, printed choral music, and an afternoon snack. The concert is free. For more information, contact Kristen Eby at **KEby@dbq.edu**.







RiverBluff Collective Retail + Lounge Brings THC-Infused Drinks to Dubuque

Story and Photos by S. Eliot Steuer

"The whole goal is to reduce the stigma around cannabis use, and there's no better way in our minds than to come into this space," said Ali Gansemer, co-owner of RiverBluff Collective, which recently soft-launched its newest venture, a THCinfused lounge and retail space in the heart of Dubuque's Millwork District. Located in the former Magnolia building at 168 E. 10th St., which most recently operated as a wedding venue and restaurant, coowners Gansemer, her brothers DJ and Joe Loeffelholz, and business partner Josh McGinnis, recognized when the building came up for sale that it was the perfect spot for a unique lounge experience while also providing them with a kitchen for manufacturing, and the former ballroom for their distribution needs. "This space just feels so right," said Gansemer. "We want to create a very mainstream experience, and we love the Millwork District, so this was an obvious choice."

With dispensary locations in East Dubuque and Roselle, IL, a state where cannabis and hemp products are legal, this will be their first location in lowa, and it promises to offer a wholly unique lounge experience in a city with its fair share of traditional bar options.

"We will have our drink offerings which are takes on traditional cocktails, like fun martinis, but infused with THC instead of alcohol," said Gansmer. They're also partnering with 7 Hills Brewery to create a line of beverages based on 7 Hills' best-selling alcohol-based drinks. Called "Bluff Pop," the canned beverages are fizzy sodas in grape,

lime, and fruit punch flavors, reminiscent of your favorite childhood "pop," but with the addition of Delta 9 hempderived THC as their active ingredient.

"We'll have many drink offerings on offer, but we're not trying to compete with the great local coffee shops, so no hot beverages." However, they produce and sell a THC-infused simple syrup that Gansmer says "you can add to hot chocolate or other hot or cold drinks for a sweet addition to both."

With cannabis is still illegal for sale in Iowa, Gansmer recognizes that "there is both curiosity and confusion surrounding THC- and hemp-based products." But says, "We're passionate about their use both medically and recreationally, so part of our mission is to educate the public while offering them an alternative option to alcohol in a comfortable space. Many people can't afford to be hungover the next day like with alcohol, and our THC products don't do that. That's one of the biggest benefits especially for those who I call 'cannabis curious.'" A growing demographic in this era of "Dry Januarys," Gansmer and her partners see many people turning away from alcoholic options for personal and health reasons and turning instead to hemp-based products for relaxation and socialization without the down time the day after. She hopes the new lounge will provide an alternative option otherwise missing in Dubuque.

lowa currently allows for the legal sale of products containing no more than 0.3% THC by dry weight volume. "It's all the same plant," said Gansmer. "But legally, cannabis is defined by law as containing over 0.3% THC and hemp as containing under

0.3% THC, so people should understand that. We're here to help educate the public as much as possible about our product's benefits while also being a responsible business with a priority for safe consumption. It's fun and very personal for us, but we have a responsibility to uphold." According to Gansmer, this legal limitation makes certain products like their caramels, gummies, and other THC-infused edibles easier options for sale in the state due to the nature of their production. "For instance, we can't make a THC-infused potato chip because there isn't a way to get the correct amount of THC into that product due to its structural makeup." But because of their weight and viscosity during manufacturing, both the edibles for purchase in the retail space, such as their caramels, and the drinks being served at the bar, are ideal products as the legal amount of THC can be controlled and maintained more easily. "Everything we make is and always has been batch tested by a third party, and that is something that lowa law requires, so we feel good about our practices and products being safe and trustworthy."

Part of RiverBluff Collective's mission of destigmatization and trust is evident the moment you enter the new lounge space. Instantly noticeable is its casual and inviting atmosphere. There is the integrated retail space with a bud master on hand to assist customers in choosing the best edibles and other assorted THC-infused products to meet their needs, all of which RiverBluff manufactures themselves either on-premises or at their other locations. Then there is the lounge space and bar; clean-lined, comfortable, and relaxed, it reads as upscale yet accessible and dispels

antiquated notions of what an establishment selling hemp and THC products has long conjured up. With black walls, dark woods, and signature pops of green ambient lighting, its vibe is indeed loungy and cool, a place where you'd feel comfortable hanging out and relaxing with friends.

Despite some recent proposed state legislative changes which are still in flux, lowa continues to allow for products containing 0.3% THC to be sold in the state, meaning that all on-tap, mixed drinks, and retail products at River-Bluff will adhere to that standard.

"What partly drew us to the state was that they've been so clear for years on their guidelines for hemp, whereas in other states we don't see that. The past weeks have seen some shifts in the legislation, which seem sure to be signed into law by the governor, but we have pivoted, and it won't affect our plans for this location beyond some slight modifications of what we offer in the retail space due to new possession limitations."

Currently open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., RiverBluff is planning its grand opening on April 5–7 with future extended hours to match more closely that of other area establishments.

"We really want people to know that we are family-owned and take what we produce seriously. We believe in its safety both recreationally and medicinally," said Gansmer. "We can't wait to share that with the Dubuque community in this new space."

For more information and updates on their grand opening, follow RiverBluff Collective on Facebook, Instagram, and their website at **RiverBluffCollective.com**.

ARTS 365

First Fridays

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)

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

6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1^{ST} ST) 7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7^{TH} 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 show-cases the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III and also features the 3D art of Theresa Blitgen of Bellevue, IA as she "live paints" in the studio also. 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 Art Gallery features a different artist each month for First Friday and is excited to feature Des Moines artists Jonathan and Allison Metzger at the gallery's Dubuque location. They will be demonstrating their screen-printing technique throughout the evening and again the following morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 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.

Voices Studios presents "The Life and Art of John C. Badger" as told by friends Gene Tully and Miss Kitty of the Grape Escape in Galena, IL. Doors open a 4:30 p.m. followed by a gallery talk at 5:30 p.m. Hear untold stories, personal moments, and creative insights into what made the man and the artist. Surround yourself in the brilliant energy of John's abstract paintings while remembering our friend 11 years after his passing. After the gallery talk, enjoy a very special, live musical performance by Viktoriia, playing her Ukrainian bandura. The bandura is the instrument that best embodies the voice and soul of Ukraine. Its beautiful sound resembles that of a harpsichord and a harp. The art of John C. Badger will remain on display at Voices Studios through the month of April. More of his paintings have been added for purchase.

Art @ your library® at Carnegie-Stout Public Library's 2nd floor hosts an



PAINTINGS BY CANDICE WIENEN AT PLANTED.

opening reception for three talented local artists: John Bly, Mary Lee Marting, and Robert Valentine. Marting shares her gemstone and cultured pearl made jewelry, Bly shares his beautiful nature-themed paintings, and Valentine shares his meaningful abstract paintings full of color. Meet the artists and shop for a unique gift while supporting local artists. Music provided by the faculty of Northeast lowa School of Music.

Join Planted. for The Parker & Chase Anthology of Phytomophology and Chromatics, a collection of paintings by Candice Wienen inspired by her plant collections, her children, and her love of the scientific world. Candice Wienen is an emerging artist from Galena, IL. While she works as a "Professional Bone Photographer," Radiologic Technologist by trade, Candice's true passion lies in painting. She is primarily a self-taught artist who describes herself as a free-spirited painter. In her art. Candice Wienen captures the essence of nature's beauty through a kaleidoscope of colors and layered details. Each painting is a testament to her passion for botanical wonders and the joy that her children bring into her life.

Step out of the shadows with the Dubuque Area Arts Collective and into the sunshine! Soul Sublime Gala bursts forth as a vibrant celebration of inspiration, beginnings, and growth. This inaugural spring art exhibit welcomes you to unleash your artistic spirit and explore our community's unique visions that embody the essence of spring and the human's soul potential for blossoming. More than 30 local and regional artists will be displaying their interpretations of renewal, transformation, growth, and community. Spring-inspired attire is welcomed.



As Time Goes By FRIDAY, APRIL 5 @ 7:30 PM

HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST) Join Cathy Goodman and Dave Richter on guitar for an Al-inspired cabaret with jazz, grammar, manners, and style. As Time Goes By takes place at Hotel Julien Dubuque on Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Cathy's version: What happens when a funky redhead asks AI (more specifically, ChatGPT) to aid in creating a CABARET show with some very particular parameters—said performer's love of grammar, style, manners, and jazz—all of which she fears are going away?

ChatGPT's version: Get ready for a whirlwind adventure as a vivacious redhead teams up with AI (yes, that's ChatGPT!) to craft a one-of-a-kind CABARET extravaganza. With a passion for grammar, style, manners, and the timeless allure of jazz, she's on a mission to breathe new life into these fading gems. Will she succeed in capturing the essence of bygone elegance? Or will her comedic flair and infectious energy steal the spotlight? Join us for an unforgettable fusion of wit, melody, and pure entertainment.

Cathy's notes on AI's version: Edited to eliminate the five—count them FIVE—exclamation points. Sheesh. How does AI not know exclamation points should be used sparingly for emphasis???!!! As for ChatGPT's accolades... um, NO PRESSURE. Holy buckets, ChatGPT, I'm just a ginger who sings and is kinda funny.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Hotel Julien and online at Hotel Julien Dubuque.com. Includes munchies and a complimentary glass of wine, beer, or soda. Supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Dubuque. For more information, visit HotelJulienDubuque.com.



THE HEARTLAND BALLET PRESENTS

Cinderella

APRIL 6 & 13 @ 7:30 PM APRIL 7 & 14 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8^{TH} ST)

Dubuque City Youth Ballet's pre-professional company, Heartland Ballet, brings the popular fairy tale of Cinderella to the Grand Opera House on April 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m.

Prokofiev's *Cinderella* is notable for its jubilant music, lush scenery, romantic story, and comic stepsisters. The enduring rags-to-princess story offers the promise of "happily ever after" with a dose of humor mixed with the majesty of classic ballet. Experience the beauty of Cinderella, the Fairy Godmother, a handsome prince, a gorgeous ball gown and the perfect dance party. Considered to be one of the Top 10 ballets of all time, Heartland Ballet's exquisite production is sure to enchant audiences of all ages.

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**. ■



MUSICAL MENUS PRESENTS

Hits of Sound and Screen

APRIL 12 AND 13 @ 6 PM
CLARKE UNIVERSITY WAHLERT ATRIUM &
JANSEN MUSIC HALL (1550 CLARKE DR)

One of Clarke University's most popular events, Musical Menus, returns to Jansen Music Hall on April 12 and 13. The cabaret-style program will begin each evening at 6 p.m. and includes a three-course meal in the Wahlert Atrium with the purchase of a ticket.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Communications Chrissy Bartels will emcee the event and guide attendees on their musical journey. Performances include selections from a range of films and musical theater from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Hamilton, The Greatest Showman, and more. Featured

performances highlight current students as well as alumnae Megan Gloss, Jill Roe, Shirley Davis-Orwoll, and Brenna Burgart.

"In addition to showcasing the exceptional talents of our music majors, we are proud to feature performances by non-music major students and special guests who have found a place to shine in Clarke University's vibrant musical community," said Keisy Peyerl Xavier, Assistant Professor of Music. "This inclusive approach underscores our belief that everyone, regardless of their background, has a place in our music department."

Along with the musical selections, attendees will enjoy an exceptional meal prepared by Clarke University Dining Services, including a salad, choice of entree, and a trio of desserts.

Tickets are \$30. Purchase tickets and find additional event information at **clarke.edu/musicalmenus**.

Baskerville

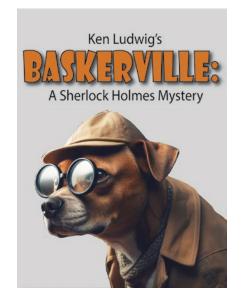
A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY APRIL 12-13, 18-20 & 25-26 @ 7:30 PM APRIL 14, 21 & 27-28 @ 2 PM BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

Holmes and Watson are on the case in *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*, a fast-paced comedy mystery at the Bell Tower Theater on April 12–28.

The world's greatest detective must solve the case of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as they try to escape a dizzying web of deceit, silly accents, and disguises. Can our heroes discover the truth in time?

This production will use water-based fog and multiple gunshot sound effects.

Early Bird performances on April 12 and 13 are \$12, and all other performances are \$24. Thursdays are Girls Night Out; all audience members get a free glass



of wine. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■







COVER STORY



GENERAL MANAGER AARON RAINEY (MIDDLE ROW, FAR RIGHT) AND HIS CREW AT THE FIVE FLAGS CENTER

Five Flags Turns 45!

By Bryce Parks

Five Flags Civic Center turns 45 this year, and a look at their spring event schedule tells us that things are still cookin' in the venerable, if aging, venue. A big turnover in staff in the last year or so has been accompanied by a big influx of investment in the renovation and re-envisioning of the building for the future. So, as we close in on 50 years, the story is very much about looking to the future with the potential of a renewed resource for Dubuque and a largely fresh staff to lead the way into that future.

The last time we visited the Five Flags renovation issue was pre-pandemic. The city was gearing up for a bond referendum and the hope of a completely new facility to serve as the community's large-scale gathering spot for major events. And then COVID hit. Steel prices soared. The entire entertainment industry was turned on its head, and the whole world began adapting to a new normal.

The dream killer for an all-new Five Flags came with projected construction costs revised from, say, 70 million to closer to 100 million or more, making the rational argument for such an investment hard to cling to. So, if you can't have it all, what's the best solution to make sure we continue to have it at all? How do we revitalize this once-catch-all institution into a venue that best serves the needs of the Dubuque community into the next 50 years?

The answer came with the flipside of the COVID story. With so much changing in terms of downtown business needs in a new work-from-home world, it was clear that plans for a huge investment in additional ramp parking to serve those needs was no longer the looming problem it once was. So, the city was able to redirect those parking ramp funds to do something about Five Flags. Twenty-three million dollars worth anyway. It's a far cry from a new arena but is a big opportunity to re-envision what we have now.

Though originally planned to begin last October, the city will hopefully soon begin the process of putting out an RFP for design firms to help envision just how that money can best be applied to fix, upgrade, and plan for a more modernized facility to serve our needs.

This is where, in full disclosure, I point out that I've been on the Five Flags

Civic Center Commission for well over 20 years now and currently serve as its chair. So, I know well the problems and limitations associated with operating the building. We're still trying to serve a modern entertainment audience with a 45-year-old hockey rink echo chamber.

The roof is too low to be able to fly modern concert lighting and staging, making some tours just impossible to fit in the arena. We need more and better bathrooms and modern concessions. We need better seats, especially removing those awful bleachers. And it could really use more built-in amenities that allow the to facility host a concert without having to literally set up every single piece of the venue puzzle from scratch each and every time.

Modern venues don't have these problems. We know now we're not getting a new 5000- to 7000-person venue. So, it's time to accept that if we're going to host events that offer a quality experience for both the audience and the entertainers, we're going to have to look at a future of being more of a great 2,500-seat arena than 4,000-seat arena. That means the venues we're "competing" with are not the Vibrant Arena in Moline, IL (12,000 seats) or the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in Cedar Rapids IA (9,000 seats), but places like The Rust

Belt in Moline, IL (3,500-plus capacity). And right now, it's not a fair fight. These permanently setup concert venues have no set-up costs for a show. The room is set, and the lights and sound are in-house and ready to go. So all of those costs are not the issue that they are now with budgeting for a show at Five Flags.

But there's also the reality that smaller touring shows that go in these smaller venues can also hit both venues back to back with minimal crossover in audience draw. Instead of pulling 10,000 people for a big arena show at Vibrant, each venue. the Rust Belt and Five Flags for example, can independently fill their arena with two smaller touring shows instead of a show going to one or the other. They might even book them as a tandem thing and save each venue a percentage off the entertainer's fee. Just last week, Five Flags General Manager Aaron Rainey discussed this very topic with The Rust Belt General Manager and Scott Thomas, a Dubuquer-based promoter who regularly books shows at both venues. It could be a win-win.

And while we await the finding of that renovation RFP, life goes on at Five Flags, and lately, it does so with a lot of new faces. Aaron Rainey, who previously managed the Mississippi Moon Bar at the Diamond Jo Casino and then served as Operations Director at Five Flags, moved up to the



THE CROWD AT FIVE FLAGS CENTER GOES WILD FOR DYLAN SCOTT

general manager slot when former General Manager H.R. Cook took a vice president position with facility management company VenueWorks. Under Rainey is a largely even newer team. But first a shout out to Box Office Manager Alyson Tasker who's now the most experienced person on the team with 20-plus years at the venue and Operations Supervisor Rick Brimmer who's been setting up and cleaning up events at Five Flags for more than 20 years.

Two literally legendary staffers both retired last year. Technical Operations Manager Dan Holtkamp and Maintenance Manager Bob Richardson each had more than 30 years of experience each at the venue. They've been there almost as long as the arena itself and basically know where all the bodies are buried, so to speak. So replacing them, if that's even possible, has been a big endeavor for Rainey's team. Luckily, they're both still helping out on a very limited part-time basis, coming in and sharing their knowledge with the next generation.

Additionally, newer faces include Marketing Manager Myles Smith, Director of Events and Operations Jesse Cosens, Director of Finance Greg Olson, Events Manager Nick Farfan, Food and Beverage Manager Matt Oberhoffer, Production Manager Zach Giese, Operations Manager Steve Ringold, and Assistant Production Manager Kalib Walling. Overall a young team, as Aaron Rainey puts it. A new generation of leaders heading into a new era for the venue.

"It's our time to make the mark on the building and make a new history like they did when the building was new and bands like AC/DC, Van Halen, Rush, Johnny Cash, Aerosmith, Kiss, Def Leppard, and more rocked these walls." Fun fact: Did you know the Scorpions classic "Blackout" was written after a, shall we say, hard-to-remember evening following a Dubuque show at Five Flags?

But while we wait to see what the next iteration of Five Flags might look like, the shows keep on rolling, and this spring brings a great lineup of entertainment. They include two big shows in one night from comedian Charlie Berens of the "Manitowoc Minute" fame. After quickly selling out an 8 p.m. show, a 5 p.m. show was added, and that show is 70% full already as well. Likewise, a night of comedy in the theater from Bored Teachers is literally 100% sold out.

An adults-only send-up of *The Golden Girls* is selling like hotcakes, and a huge night of hard rock arrives on May 17 when Static-X and Sevendust roll into the arena. And that's just scratching the surface. Eleven unique events fill one venue or the other at Five Flags from now through May. You can check out details on all of them next to this story.

Aaron Rainey tells us that while he can't give details just yet, "Let's just say that we've got a full lineup getting ready to announce for the fall." So look forward to that. Actually, one he said I could tell you was the return of The Price is Right Live, this time on a Saturday night. That was the last event staged at Five Flags before COVID shut down the world. How time flies.

There's a little something for everyone coming up soon at Five Flags. I hope you find one or more events that will get you off the couch and out for a great night of live entertainment. Come on down and see how we're still doing great things in this aging but extraordinary, well-caredfor hub for fun in downtown Dubuque.





DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Classics 5: Transcending Boundaries

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 @ 7:30 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 7 @ 2 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra closes out their Classics series with Classics 5: Transcending Boundaries at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

Terence Tam—husband of Lorraine Min (who was featured in October 2023's season opener) returns to perform Tchaikovsky's violin concerto. Maestro Intriligator conducted Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra when he auditioned for the Music Director position in 1999, almost exactly 25 years ago. Don't miss the sensational finale of this powerful symphony as it concludes the DSO's 65th Anniversary Classics Series.

On Friday, April 5 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, Terence Tam. \$20 payable at the door. Reservations due by noon, Wednesday, April 3 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, April 7 at 1 p.m.

Tickets start at \$20. For more information, call the DSO at **563-557-1677** or visit **DubuqueSymphony.org**. ■



COVER STORY 365



Spring 2024 Dubuque Bridal Expo

A DREAMY AFFAIR FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 @ NOON-3 PM (VIP @ 11 AM) FIVE FLAGS ARENA

The Spring 2024 Dubuque Bridal Expo prepares to enchant brides-to-be and their entourage on Sunday, April 7, at the Five Flags Arena. General entry begins at noon while VIPs enter at 11 a.m.

This captivating event promises to be a haven for all things wedding-related, featuring more than 100 exhibitors offering everything from attire to entertainment.

Hosted in collaboration with esteemed partners such as Zazou's Bridal Boutique and Tuxedos, Absolute Music, Posh Salon & Spa, Willow & Ivy Design, Complete Weddings & Events, and Basket Case Galena, the Dubuque Bridal Expo is set to transform Five Flags Center into a bridal wonderland.

Attendees can expect to explore a vast array of offerings, including attire for both

men and women, jewelry, makeup and hair services, planning and coordination assistance, venues, catering, desserts, floristry, decor, photography, videography, and much more. Be sure to catch Zazous' runway shows at 12:30 and 2 p.m.

More than just a bridal show, the expo promises to be an experience like no other. With more than \$10,000 in giveaways and surprises throughout the event, attendees can expect an immersive and engaging celebration of love and matrimony. From delectable treats to captivating entertainment, this event is tailored to ensure every aspect of wedding planning is covered.

The VIP experience was created for those seeking an extra touch of luxury. With early access at 11 a.m., complimentary refreshments, exclusive gifts, and preferred seating, VIP ticket holders will enjoy a truly pampered journey through the expo. Additionally, VIPs gain entry into exclusive prize drawings and a special runway show presented by Zazou's Bridal Boutique and Tuxedos.

Tickets are free for GA, and VIP starts at \$40. For more information, contact Stacy Raap at **563-580-6769** or visit **DBQBridalExpos.com**. ■



Charlie Berens: Good Old Fashioned Tour

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 @ 5 AND 8 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Charlie Berens is a comedian, *New York Times* best selling author, Emmywinning journalist, musician, and creator of the "Manitowoc Minute." Join him on Saturday, April 13 at the Five Flags Arena for his Good Old Fashioned Tour. Seats are selling fast for the 5 p.m. show, and very limited seats remain for the 8 p.m. show.

In 2017, Charlie began hosting his weekly comedic online news show, the "Manitowoc Minute." Since then, Charlie's been creating Midwest-focused sketch comedy videos on his social media platforms. He's also traveled the country with three sold out stand-up comedy tours.

In 2020, Charlie paired up with Horseshoes & Hand Grenades alum Adam Greuel to release the music-comedy album *Unthawed*. The album, which is a mixture of bluegrass, country, and Charlie's comedy, hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Bluegrass chart and No. 6 on the Bluegrass Comedy chart. The duo followed that up with *Dive Bar Dinner* in 2023, which also charted on the *Billboard* charts.

Charlie's first book, *The Midwest Survival Guide*, was released in November of 2021 and immediately became a *New York Times* best seller. ABC is currently developing a half-hour comedy based on the book. Then, 2023 saw the release of his first stand-up special, *Charlie Berens: Midwest Goodbye*. Just this year, Charlie launched Berens Old Fashioned Brandy. Charlie hosts the *Cripescast* podcast and co-hosts the *Bellied Up* podcast with Myles the You Betcha guy.

Tickets start at \$29.50. ■



Girls Night: The Musical

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Share the fun and laughter at this hilarious, feel-good comedy as five girlfriends

go from heartbreak to happiness during a wild night of karaoke. Get your girlfriends together and come sing along, dance along, and sip on cocktails as you take in this party of a show at the Five Flags Theater on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Girls Night: The Musical has been thrilling audiences and earning raves from critics throughout North America since it began touring after its sensational Off-Broadway debut. This touching and hilarious "tell-it-like-it-is" musical takes audiences on a journey into the lives of a group of female friends. Your might find yourself singing and dancing in the aisles!

Tickets start at \$32. ■

Sex n' the City: A (Super Unauthorized) Musical Parody

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Everyone's favorite New York City singles are bringing their city scene to the Five Flags Theater stage on Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. Get the gals together for Sex n' the City: A (Super Unauthorized) Musical Parody.

Sex n' the City tackles serious topics like "Will I ever find the one?," "Can you ever really be over your ex?" and



"For the third time, it's a neck massager!" Take a trip to the Big Apple, and join Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte, and Samantha on a hilarious trip through New York in the '90s.

Tickets are \$32-\$69. ■



Free Fallin': The Tom Petty Concert Experience

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 8 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER Free Fallin has been performing Tom Petty's music internationally for more than 16 years, and now they're heading to the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m.

This band, with its highly skilled members, delivers a professional and entertaining experience for any Tom Petty fan. Their show, featuring all of Tom's hits, includes instruments, and costumes that re-create the authentic experience of a Tom Petty concert. Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers music has become the soundtrack for the 20th century and beyond. The Heartbreakers have sold over 80 million records and four of his albums have gone 12X platinum.

Tickets are \$19-\$29. ■



Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue THURSDAY, MAY 9 @ 7:30 PM

FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Thank you for being a...fan! Following sold out performances and rave reviews across the country in 2023, The Golden Girls are back and better than ever with a brand new stage show that's more exciting than a trip to the Rusty Anchor. See it live at the Five Flags Theater on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue is a professional stage show unlike any other Golden Girls tribute that you might have experienced. The play is written by Robert Leleux, author of The Memoirs of a Beautiful Boy and The Living End and directed by Eric Swanson, co-founder and executive director of The Detroit Actors' Theatre Company.

Ages 18+. Tickets are \$50-\$75. ■



Moriah the Medium

SATURDAY, MAY 11 @ 7 PM **FIVE FLAGS THEATER**

Join Moriah the Medium for an evening you'll never forget at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Experience live readings with the audience, communicating with your loved ones who have passed. and learn how you can communicate with them too. Moriah the Medium is a former combat Veteran of Desert Storm, published author, and has appeared on A&E and the Biography Channel's Paranormal Cops.

Attendance does not guarantee a personal message or connection. Any readings that are conducted during the show are intended to provide insights, guidance, and comfort, but they should not be considered a substitute for professional advice, medical treatment, or therapeutic interventions. Moriah the Medium is committed to providing a respectful and consoling experience for all participants.

Tickets start at \$39.





MACHINE KILLER TOUR FEATURING

Sevendust, Static-X, and DOPE

FRIDAY, MAY 17 @ 7 PM **FIVE FLAGS ARENA**

Metal legends Sevendust and Static-X bring their Machine Killer Tour to the Five Flags Arena on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The Machine Killer Tour is a reunion that is over two decades in the making and goes all the way back to 1999. Sevendust, Static-X, and DOPE were each exploding onto the scene and partnered up to create one of the most memorable tours of that year. Now the metal holy trinity will continue touring together.

Co-headlined by Static-X and Sevendust, the tour is named after the Gold certified sophomore album Machine by Static-X and their recently acclaimed Rise Of The Machine tour, along with the chart-topping 14th studio album from Sevendust, Truth Killer.

Sevendust never follow a linear path. Instead, they continue to bulldoze a lane of their own with a proven one-two punch of rumbling grooves, unpredictable riffing, and stirringly soulful vocals unlike anything else in hard rock. As a result, their music connects straight to the heart as evidenced by their full-contact live shows and diehard "family" of fans. It's why they've been around since 1994, tallied global sales of seven million, logged three gold-selling albums, delivered three Top 15 debuts on the Billboard 200, and garnered a Grammy Award nomination in the category of "Best Metal Performance." The Atlanta quintet—Lajon Witherspoon, Clint Lowery, John Connolly, Vince Hornsby, and Morgan Rose—defy expectations yet again on their latest album, Truth Killer.

Static-X rose to fame with their 1999 platinum selling debut album Wisconsin Death Trip and went on to release five more albums over the course of the next decade. The band has sold more than 3-million albums in the US alone and has had multiple chart-topping radio singles. On Nov. 1, 2014, founding member Wayne Static unexpectedly passed away. The reformed lineup of original members Tony Campos, Koichi Fukuda, Ken Jay and backed by frontman XerO hit the road in 2019 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their debut album and delivered acclaimed performances by fans and critics alike. The revitalized Static-X continue to make headlines with their sold-out touring and new music while keeping their signature Evil Disco sound alive.

Tickets are \$35-\$65. ■



NPC Mighty Muscle on the Mississippi

SATURDAY, MAY 25 @ 5 PM **FIVE FLAGS THEATER**

The NPC Mighty Muscle on the Mississippi brings its bodybuilding competition to the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, May 25 at 5 p.m.

The event will feature several categories and divisions including bikini, classic physique, figure, fitness, men's bodybuilding, men's physique, national physique committee, wellness, women's bodybuilding, and women's physique. The event is organized by UPA Events and Bill Carpenter.

Tickets start at \$43-\$53. ■



THU **3/28**

Nature Trivia Bee 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

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

FRI **3/29**

Sarah Day 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Eric Richards Duo 6 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

Rock Steady 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill Sun Green 7 PM @ Smokestack

Drink 182 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr 8 PM @ First Reserve

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

Celtic Rovers 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena. IL)

Corey Jenny 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT **3/30**

Charlie Cook 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI) Kristina Marie Castañeda 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Research For The Kids: Heartbeat 5 PM @ Airline Inn

Three Quarter Buzz 5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Elizabeth Mary 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Lexi Healey 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joie Wails 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

MiniMonster 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar Country Night 7 PM @ Off Shore Event Center (Bellevue, IA)

Hardwired: Premier Metallica Tribute Band 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

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

Celtic Rovers 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Crazy New Neighbors 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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

SUN **3/31**

Celtic Rovers 11 AM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

WED **4/3**

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

Driftless Ramblers Duo 7 PM @ First Reserve

THU **4/4**

Marques Morel 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Buffalo Galaxy 9 PM @ The Lift

FRI **4/5**

Roy Schroedl 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Chad Olson Jr 7 PM @ First Reserve

The Mixed Emotions Band 7 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

As Time Goes By w/ Cathy Goodman & Dave Richter 7:30 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

Jason Petty's "100 Years of Hank" 7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Josh Blue 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar Kevin Presbrey 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena. IL)

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

Educational Davis, stop.drop.rewind 9 PM @ The Lift

SAT **4/6**

Jimmy Welty Band 1 PM @ Dubuque Eagles Club

Joie Wails 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

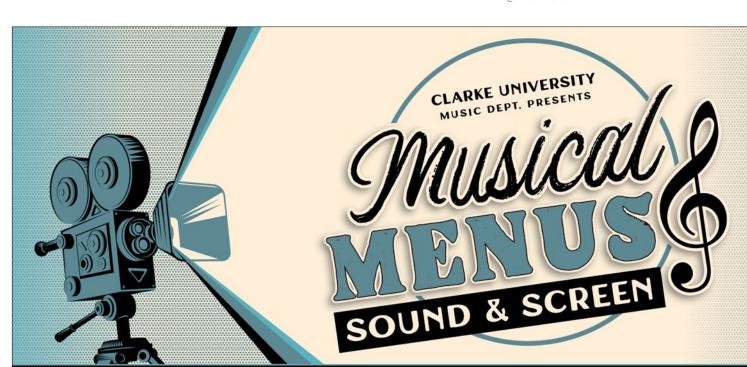
Kampfire Kings 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Cameron McCallister Music 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Brian Beard 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Shannon Woulfe 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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





APRIL 12
6 P.M.

APRIL 13

Join Clarke University for a cabaret-style celebration of classic film and musical theatre hits! Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication Chrissy Bartels is your emcee and will guide you along a musical journey from 007 to Hamilton and more. The event will feature performances from our Collegiate Singers and Melos Ensemble as well as alumnae Megan Gloss, Jill Roe, Shirley Davis-Orwoll, Brenna Burgart, and Elle Kosciuk.

Menu

Greens Salad with Strawberry and Almonds Filet Mignon or Vegetarian Cannelloni Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus Lemon Tart, Raspberry White Chocolate Mousse, and Triple Berry Coulis

View the full menu at clarke.edu/musicalmenus

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Elizabeth Mary 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Daniel Eric 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

Modern Troubadours: River Glen, Sophie Coyote, Joel Sires Trio 7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Transcending Boundaries 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Rhino 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Joe & Vicki Price 8 PM @ The Lift

Riff Worm and the Heist, Strange News 8 PM @ Smokestack

Three Quarter Buzz 8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Kevin Presbrey 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

SUN **4/7**

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Transcending Boundaries 2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

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

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

Sunday Afternoon Jam: Li Li & the Dirty Bastards 3 PM @ Northside Bar

John Moran 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Lenny Wayne 7 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

WED **4/10**

Ace Jones 7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 4/11

Joie Wails 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL) Jeff Theisen 6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

River Glen 6:30 PM @ Voices Studios

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

FRI **4/12**

Musical Menus: Sound & Screen 6 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Drowning Pool, Saliva, Any Given Sin 7 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Lexi Healey
7 PM @ First Reserve

The 2 Carls Band 7 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

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

Sex n' the City: A (Super Unauthorized) Musical Parody 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

The Bismarck, Dick Hubert, Pure Service 9 PM @ Monk's

SAT **4/13**

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

Three Quarter Buzz 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Kampfire Kings 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Elizabeth Mary 2 PM @ Off Shore Event Center (Bellevue, IA)

J. Jeffery Messerole 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash 4 & 7 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Charlie Berens 5 and 8 PM @ Five Flags Arena Steve Davis 5 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

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

Musical Menus: Sound & Screen 6 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Jef Spradley 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

The Mixed Emotions Band 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Catlyn Huckstep 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Rock Steady 7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Jordan Danielsen 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Holiday Innards, Casual Disasters, Wax Cannon 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 4/14

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

Rock Steady 2 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Jacquie Miller Duo 2 PM @ Gehlen Barn Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Jef Spradley 2 PM @ Off Shore Event Center (Bellevue, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jam: Drama Kings 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr 3 PM @ Southend Tap

Steve & Randy 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery



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SUNDAY

Disco Brunch w/ DJ SaladSpinner 9 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead

2nd Sun, No event on 5/12

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische 1PM @ 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 Ft 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) Ist & 3rd Mon

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

TUESDAY

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

Comedy Nights Open Mic 8 PM @ Southend Tap

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/Triviawithbrett 6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Open Mic w/ Pennyroyal 6 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing Through 6/26

Trivia For Dorks 7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

WORDS Open Mic w/ Broz 7 PM @ Esther's Lounge Ist 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

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

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)

**Fri

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

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

Karaoke 9 PM @ Southend Tap

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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Upcoming Entertainment



Drowning Pool, Saliva, Any Given Sin

APRIL 12 @ 7 PM

Drowning Pool, Saliva, Any Given Sin head to the Mississippi Moon Bar for the SNAFU Le Tour 2024. Drowning Pool, a name etched in the annals of modern rock history, roars back into the spotlight with thunderous energy and uncompromising power. Saliva's new music has a contemporary feel but sticks to the blue-collar roots that their fans love. Any Given Sin transfigures conflict into caustic and catchy hard rock punctuated by metallic intensity and alternative intimacy.



Josh Blue

APRIL 5 @ 8 PM

Josh Blue's stand-up routine is in a constant state of evolution and his off-the-cuff improvisational skills guarantee that no two shows are alike.



The Man in Black

APRIL 13 @ 4 & 7 PM

Shawn Barker's Tribute to Johnny Cash is an accurate and energetic recreation of an American music icon. The show brings the legend back to life onstage for the fans of today and the next generation.

Additional Entertainment

DRINK 182

MARCH 29 @ 8 PM

HARDWIRED: PREMIER METALLICA TRIBUTE BAND

MARCH 30 @ 8 PM

RHINO

APRIL 6 @ 8 PM

REMEMBERING JOHN DENVER: A TRIBUTE STARRING TED VIGIL

APRIL 19 @ 8 PM

THE ULTIMATE DOORS: TRIBUTE TO THE DOORS

APRIL 20 @ 8 PM

HARD SALAMI

APRIL 26 @ 8 PM

HERE COME THE MUMMIES

APRIL 27 @ 8 PM

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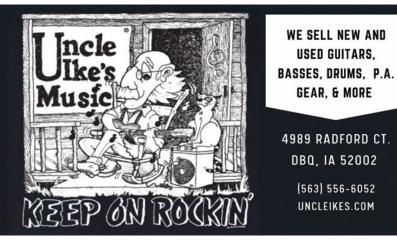
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SHOW ME YOUR HITS

MAY 10 @ 8 PM



Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar is located at 301 Bell St. in the Port of Dubuque. All shows are 21+. For tickets and more information about the upcoming entertainment, call Diamond Jo Casino at 563-690-4800 or visit DiamondJoDubuque.com.







Regional Nightlife & Festivals

DAVENPORT, IA

Terri Clark 3/30 @ Rhythm City Casino

Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone 4/3 @ Adler Theatre

Jake Owen 4/19 @ Rhythm City Casino

George Thorogood & The Destroyer 4/20 @ Rhythm City Casino

Lonestar 4/27 @ Rhythm City Casino

Los Lobos 5/3 @ Rhythm City Casino

Shakey Graves 5/10 @ Rhythm City Casino

MOLINE, IL

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

Wage War & Nothing More 5/4 @ The Rust Belt

P.O.D., Bad Wolves, Norma Jean, Blind Channel 5/7 @ The Rust Belt

Sebastian Bach 5/9 @ The Rust Belt

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Breaking Benjamin 4/5 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Queensrÿche 4/7 @ Club 5 at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse Cody Jinks 4/11 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Whiskey Myers 5/5 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Dustin Lynch 5/9 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

CAKE 5/10 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

IOWA CITY, IA

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

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

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

Marth Redbone 4/11 @ The Englert Theatre

Indigo Girls, Lucy Wainwright Roche 4/17–4/18 @ The Englert Theatre

Suzanne Vega 4/19 @ The Englert Theatre

Lewis Black 4/25 @ The Englert Theatre

Madeleine Peyroux, Joy Clark 4/26 @ The Englert Theatre

Alejandro Escovedo, James Mastro 4/30 @ The Englert Theatre

BoDeans, Modern Roots 5/3 @ The Englert Theatre

Jim Messina w/ Full Band 5/8 @ The Englert Theatre

CORALVILLE, IA

MercyMe 4/18 @ Xtream Arena

RIVERSIDE, IA

John Michael Montgomery 4/5 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

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., Logan Halstead 4/11 @ The Majestic

Umphrey's McGee 4/11 @ The Sylvee

The Glitch Mob 4/12 @ Liquid

San Holo (DJ Set) 4/13 @ Liquid

The Mavericks, McKinley James 4/13 @ The Orpheum

Charles Wesley Godwin, Joe Stamm Band 4/13 @ The Sylvee

Mark Normand 4/20 @ Overture Center

Kathy Griffin 4/21 @ Overture Center

Godsmack, Bastian da Cruz 4/22 @ The Orpheum

Suzanne Vega 4/23 @ Barrymore Theatre

Daniel Sloss 4/25 @ Barrymore Theatre

Michael Rapaport 5/2 @ Comedy on State

Preacher Lawson 5/3 @ Barrymore Theatre

Sam Llanas Band 5/4 @ Barrymore Theatre

Wage War, Nothing More, Veil of Maya, Sleep Theory 5/7 @ The Sylvee

Stephanie Miller, John Fugelsang, Hal Sparks, Frangela 5/11 @ Barrymore Theatre



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 3/29



Sarah Day

6 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY (600 STAR BREWERY DR) COVER: FREE

Wisconsin-based singer-songwriter Sarah Day performs acoustic music with roots in country, classic rock, and folk. Influenced by classic female powerhouses including Stevie Nicks, Patsy Cline, and Janis Joplin, Sarah brings a fresh twist to classic tunes, honest and soulful vocals, and expressive accompaniment on guitar. **StoneCliffWinery.com**.

SAT **3/30**



MiniMonster

7 PM @ GARY DOLPHIN'S IRON BAR (333 E 10^{TH} ST)

COVER: FREE

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

THU **4/4**



Buffalo Galaxy

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

Buffalo Galaxy is where heavy hitting psychedelia meets old timin' bluegrass. Their songwriting, patience, and personalities prove they can go deeper than your typical bluegrass band. Banjo, mandolin, upright bass, and acoustic guitar play off each other reaching both interstellar space and a universal familiarity. Their song catalog ranges from short and sweet Bill Monroe to here and now Lil Nas X as well as catchy originals like "Time Machine" and long renditions of Grateful Dead classics.

facebook.com/TheLiftDubuque.

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The Mixed Emotions Band

6 PM @ THE OTHER SIDE (68 SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL) COVER: FREE

The Mixed Emotions Band is one of Dubuque's longest-running bands featuring local musicians Denny Krueger on guitar, Mike Koch on bass guitar, and Shawn Hantelmann on drums. They are well versed musicians with great vocals independently as well as great harmonies. They play a wide variety of music including past hits from rock and roll to country and country rock. facebook.com/OSINEAST.



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The Neverly Brothers

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 7 PM OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA) Take a guided musical virtual tour of the birth, near death, and resurrection of rock n' roll—from 1955 to 1965—with The Neverly Brothers on Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA.

The first half of their concert pays tribute to the music created by the 1950s American Rock n' Roll pioneers—which by 1960 had become a distant memory but became the inspiration for the next wave of young rock bands from Britain.

The second half then pays tribute to the 1964 British Invasion bands

that re-recorded the forgotten 1950s American rock music—along with lesser known early 1960s rhythm & blues songs. They pulled rock n' roll from the edge of extinction by re-inventing and re-energizing it for a new generation.

The Neverly Brothers' repertoire includes spirited performances of classics like "Great Balls of Fire," "Satisfaction," "Love Potion #9," and many more. It's not "moldy oldies"—it's "old-school cool!" Learn rock history and be thoroughly entertained with their chronological song sequence, stories behind the music and vintage wardrobe changes.

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**. ■

SAT **4/6**



Riff Worm and the Heist, Strange News 8 PM @ Smokestack

8 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7THST) COVER: FREE

Riff Worm likes to play. He's been kicking around the Dubuque scene since the mid-oughts and is constantly reinventing his style and sound. Riff Worm and The Heist draws from the classic and current heroes of outlaw country and Southern rock. smokestackdbq.com

SUN **4/7**



Theresa Rosetta

2 PM @ GEHLEN BARN BEER IN THE BARN BREWERY (101 MAIN ST, ST. DONATUS, IA) COVER: FREE

Theresa Rosetta is a Dubuque-based musician with a smooth jazz-pop style. Her The Flower Project EP came out in 2019, and in addition to her original material, she covers songs by artists like Amy Winehouse, Prince, Macy Gray, 4 Non Blondes, No Doubt, Zakk Wylde, Bill Withers, Sheryl Crow, and, she says, a couple classic jazz standards. Plus lots more! She still looks like a youngster up there on stage, but this musical veteran has been singing and playing guitar since the age of 14, well over a decade ago, and is one of the busiest ladies in live music in the region. GehlenHouseAndBarn.com.

THU **4/11**



River Glen—An Evening of Stories & Songs

6:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)

TICKETS: \$10. FREE AGES 12 AND YOUNGER After a winter full of travel and adventures, River returns home to deliver a most heartfelt performance of his original music alongside stories from his travels, the inspiration behind his songs, as well as general musings about love, community, and what it means to be human in the world today. This all-ages performance will be a seated "listening room" style event featuring the incredible talents of special guests Megan Elizabeth, Kristina Marie Castañeda, Nolan Schroeder, Wxlley, and Chiron. See River perform before he heads back on the road for the summer. Doors at 5:30 p.m. RiverGlenMusic.com.

FRI **4/12**

The Bismarck, Dick Hubert, Pure Service

9 PM @ MONK'S (373 BLUFF ST) COVER: FREE

The Bismarck is a group of friends originally from North Dakota. They have been playing music together, in one combination or another, since 1992. Having all relocated to Seattle, WA, The Bismarck came together in 2002. The music is loud, noisy, ragged rock. A big part of their focus is on doing pretty much everything themselves, from building instruments to printing T-shirts, to driving around the US, UK, and Europe. Dick Hubert and Pure Service open. facebook.com/MonksKaffeePub.

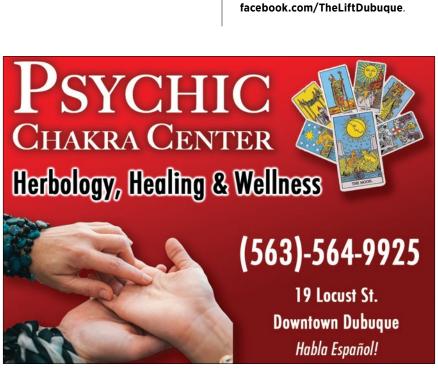
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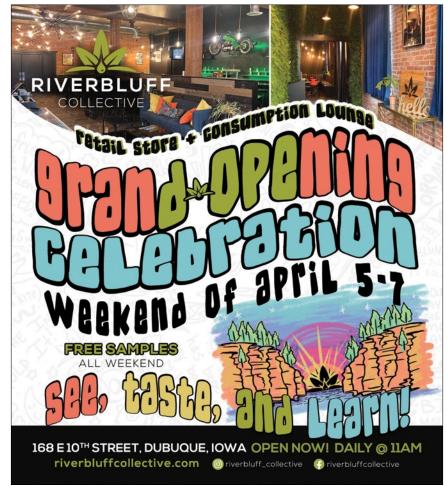
Holiday Innards, Casual Disasters, Wax Cannon

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

Three bands from Iowa City walked into a bar in Dubuque... Holiday Innards brings big guitar power pop with Ioud guitars featuring Kelly Plumber, Brian Thompson, Andy Martin, and Kylie Buddin. Casual Disasters and Wax Cannon round things out with indie rock.







COLUMNISTS



TACO PANCAKES



BACON CHEESEBURGER



ALASKAN WAFFLE

Dyersville Family Restaurant

Story and Photos by Danny Fairchild

I've written quite a bit about supper clubs in past issues, but I'd like to turn your attention to another kind of restaurant that has largely been unsung. I'm talking about eateries known as family restaurants. I'm not talking about restaurants that serve their food family-style where

everyone eats the same thing. I'm talking about restaurants with food options
so varied and so good (or at least good
enough) that everybody in the family will
be happy. Little Chris can get their chicky
fingers. Mom can get a huge taco salad.
Dad can get the pork T. And the whole
family can melt in their shoes with just
three little words: ALL DAY BREAKFAST.

Family restaurants aim to make the whole family satisfied. Dyersville Family Restaurant, however, isn't satisfied with just satisfied. They want their food to make the whole family HAPPY. And I'm here to tell you: I'm smilin'.

I first came across DFR one morning when I was solo antiquing. I got into town before the stores opened, so I stopped in for breakfast because a plate of biscuits and gravy is a delicious way to spend some time. More on the biscuits and gravy later, but suffice it to say they made a great impression on me. The second time I came across DFR was while I was performing a murder mystery in Dyersville. One of the guests mentioned it, and I was reminded of those biskies and gravy and how much I liked it there and how someone should really write a column on Dyersville Family Restaurant for 365ink. And so here we are.

The vibe? Dyersville Family Restaurant serves good food and looks good doing it. It starts with the charming downtown Dyersville setting. You've probably experienced it. Cute, right? Then inside, DFR is kind of this... I don't know... it's kind of a hip-to-be-square feel. It's kinda stylishly cool, but not too cool for you or anybody. The servers who have helped me have been engaging and courteous with a folksy kind of awkwardness I can relate to... but they've also had

really cool tattoos to show a little edge, you know? There's neon on the walls, but it's not obnoxiously lit up by neon.

On to the food, yo.

Let me get back to those biscuits and gravy that made me fall in love with Dyersville Family Restaurant. Who doesn't love biscuits and gravy? Besides vegans. And vegetarians too, come to think of it. And people who keep kosher. And people with heart disease. And people with gluten sensitivities. And people who are lactose intolerant. Point is, everyone who CAN love biscuits and gravy typically DO love biscuits and gravy. Okay, now look at that picture. Can you see biscuits in that picture? No, you cannot. Because they're under all that sausage gravy. I know because I looked and found them there. Dyersville Family Restaurant ain't stingy with the gravy, is what I'm saying. But under all that gravy, the biscuits weren't bound for soggytown. They still had that Maillard reaction crispness on the outside with that flaky fluffiness within. And there's enough sausage involved to get that sage-forward yumminess throughout. Top-shelf biscuits and gravy, yo.

I can't remember what I ordered that came with soup as a side option, but the soup of the day was vegetable beef. Now folks, are you like me? Are you just not able to muster ANY enthusiasm whatsoever for vegetable beef soup? It's like... why can't it just be beef stew? You have the beef. You have the vegetables. Why would you EVER choose to make vegetable beef soup over beef stew? That's a decision that people and businesses make on a regular basis, and it's baffling to me. If I wasn't interested in trying DFR's soup for you all, I wouldn't have even bothered. But look at that soup, yo. That's housemade





BISCUITS & GRAVY

for sure. If you can't tell it's housemade just by looking at it, rest assured that you can tell it's housemade when you taste it. It's hands down the best vegetable beef soup I've ever had. Dyersville Family Restaurant has made me excited for vegetable beef soup. I would have thought that impossible, but here we are. If they can do that with a soup you could take or leave, imagine what they could do with a soup you actually care about.

I wanted to try a burger for you all, and while you CAN get a more specialized burger like the Philly Cheeseburger, I kept it basic with a bacon cheeseburger. I must warn you: I did see the double cheeseburger on the menu and considered getting it. But holy cow, the one patty that came on the bacon cheeseburger was big enough to eat like a double cheeseburger. I'm a big guy, and I don't know how I would handle two of those patties. Feel free to accept that challenge. The patty itself was perfectly done, which is to say it is done but not overdone. I like a little pink in my burger if it's allowed, but I didn't miss the pinkness here. Perfectly prepped and seasoned with the bacon fused to the patty with cheese so it doesn't wander and evade your bite as you eat it. Awesome.

Honorable mention to DFR's taco pancakes. They were mentioned to me by my server as a, "Oh, jeez! I forgot! I SHOULD have recommended the taco pancakes!" once I couldn't eat much more. So, I haven't tried them. But I did yank a picture of them from DFR's socials. Look at 'em. Yes... they SHOULD have recommended them to me. These aren't regular menu items, but they are frequent specials, so keep your eyes open.

That's not to say what WAS recommended to me was a mistake. Not at all. Oppositsies. I'm talking about the Alaskan Waffle. Yeah, it's on the breakfast menu, but look at it. That was a helluva dessert. Let me tell you about the family restaurant my own family frequented when I was but a lad. It was at a truck stop called Ampride in my hometown of Denison, IA. It was



VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP

open 24 hours, so many late nights were spent there with friends in my teenage years, but when I was younger it was the first place I'd ever (to my memory) had a Belgian waffle. And it became what I ordered at Ampride from then on. The waffles I got at Ampride never came with a huge scoop of ice cream on top like the Alaskan Waffle at DFR, pictured. No way would my parents have let me order that as my meal. But somehow DFR has managed to make a waffle that not only starkly and fondly brings back that memory of my first ever Belgian waffle, but it makes that memory even more sweet. Because of the whole ice cream thing, you see. Seriously. For the sweetest of moments I was once again nine years old, sitting across from my late parents while I'm pouring on the syrup and my parents are remarking on the size of the taco salad one more time.

That's one powerful waffle. Thank you, Dyersville Family Restaurant. ■

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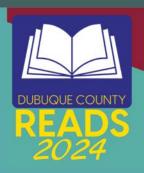


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MONDAY, APRIL 8, 6 P.M.

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- 2 Hy-Vee whole-grain bagels, split
- ½ cup Hy-Vee rich and zesty pizza sauce
- 1 cup shredded oven-roasted chicken leg quarters
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All You Do:

- Place oven rack 4 inches from heat. Preheat broiler to HIGH. Place bagel halves, cut side up, on a baking sheet. Broil for 1 to 2 minutes or until lightly toasted.
- Spread each bagel half with 2 tablespoons pizza sauce.Top each bagel half with chicken, cheese, and bell peppers. Broil for 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Recipe adapted from: hy-vee.com



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Throwback Thrills

Reinventing Childhood Food Favorites

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Food nostalgia is at an all-time high, and Hy-Vee registered dietitians are ready to help you reinvent your childhood favorites into nutrient-dense meals and snacks. Whether you're craving a healthier version of your mom's famous mac and cheese or looking to put a nutritious spin on your grandmother's classic dessert, our team has you covered! We can provide you with recipes, tips, and guidance to make your trip down memory lane both delicious and nutritious. So where do we begin?

Let us start with why you should reinvent the classics. First and foremost, to have a balanced and nutrient dense diet! When it comes to building a balanced meal or snack, it's important to incorporate all five food groups represented in MyPlate: fruits, vegetables, grains, protein, and dairy (or dairy alternatives). Each group provides essential nutrients that contribute to overall health. For a meal, aim to fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables, a quarter with grains (preferably whole grains), and a quarter of your plate with a lean protein source. Including a serving of dairy or a dairy alternative can round out the meal with calcium and vitamin D. For snacks, try to include at least two food groups to keep you satisfied and provide a variety of nutrients. Pairing a piece of fruit with a small handful of nuts, or whole-grain

crackers with cheese, are examples of balanced snack options that incorporate multiple food groups.

Here are three childhood favorites that you can level up in nutrition content!

- Go from Lunchables to bento boxes: Swap out processed meats and crackers for lean proteins like grilled chicken or turkey, whole-grain crackers, and a variety of colorful fruits and veggies. Simple swaps like this add more nutritional value and diversity to your meal, providing essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber that support your overall health.
- Transform pizza bagels: Use whole-grain bagels, low-sodium tomato sauce, part-skim mozzarella cheese, and plenty of veggie toppings like bell peppers, mushrooms, and spinach. By swapping these ingredients or using fresh alternatives, you add a plethora of essential vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin C, potassium, and folate, which are vital for maintaining overall health and well-being.
- Level up your grilled cheese: Start with whole-wheat bread, then balance your favorite artisan cheese with fresh fruit such as apple slices or stay savory by adding extra veggies! Pair with a side of vegetable soup or a salad for a well-rounded meal. This upgraded version not only adds more fiber to help you fill up and stay full longer but also reduces saturated fat to support heart health.

Reinventing your childhood favorite meals doesn't have to be complicated! With a little creativity and some better-for-you swaps, you can enjoy the foods you grew up to love in a more nutritious way. Get inspired by this dietitian-approved pizza bagel recipe below.

If you are ready to get started on your health and wellness journey, schedule a complimentary Discovery Session today by contacting our Discovery Call Center via email **nutritionservices@hy-vee.com** or calling **515-695-3121**. Hy-Vee dietitian services can provide you with more tools to help you navigate your health and nutrition goals!

Caste

By John McAndrew

"Caste is the bones, race the skin."
Isabel Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief of The New York Times. She won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction and the Heartland Prize for Nonfiction for her previous book, The Warmth of Other Suns. That book tells of the Great Migration of African Americans out of the rural South in the early and mid 20th century.

Her new book, *Caste*, allows the reader to step back and think about race with some objectivity—which is quite a feat these days. She is an excellent storyteller, whether she is introducing India's Bhimrao Ambedkar or tearing the scab off of America's connections with Nazi Germany. Her skill makes her book readable, engaging—and powerful.

Prospective readers should know: Wilkerson does not walk on eggshells. She is fearless, and her writing makes for both a page-turner and a book from which you may need to take a break and catch your breath, frequently.

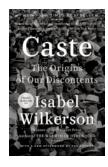
If you like to pretend that racism is a mirage while also advocating behaviors and policies that support it, well, this book is for you, too. But you're not gonna like it. Nobody apologizes for telling the uncomfortable, unflattering truths here. Sorry. Life's hard.

Caste bears some resemblance to Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee. Both tell long, brutal histories of systemic injustice perpetrated by America's dominant caste. But Caste shows slavery, Jim Crow, redlining, and lynching (as examples) in a larger context. Wilkerson compares America's caste system, and its racism, with the caste systems of India and Nazi Germany. People invested in seeing America as the shining city on a hill won't like it. What's striking about Caste, and about The 1619 *Project*, is how devoted the authors are to equality and the country that wrestles with it. Almost as if you have to see and understand a person's flaws to love them.

Wilkerson begins with a story of quiet resistance. There is a famous photo of a crowd in Nazi Germany. It seems unremarkable at first—a bunch of people sieg heil-ing in unison, lemming-like. But if you search, you'll see one man with his arms folded across his chest. He knew the führer had no clothes. People like that, even if they are members of the dominant caste, don't remain popular for long.

Wilkerson is methodical. About a third of the way in, she enumerates what she calls the "Eight Pillars of Caste." The pillars

include the faith that the system reflects God's will, or the natural order. The system uses terror and cruelty, dehumanization, and stigma. The system controls personal relationships and



procreation between castes. It stigmatizes cross-caste children, calling them bastards, mulatto, octoroon, etc. Caste-supporting policies and practices are instituted for other reasons, supposedly. Yet, coincidentally, they prolong the system.

"Any action or institution that mocks, harms, assumes, or attaches inferiority or stereotype on the basis of the social construct of race, can be considered racism. Any action or structure that seeks to limit, hold back, or put someone in a defined ranking, seeks to keep someone in their place by elevating or denigrating that person on the basis of their perceived category, can be seen as casteism."

Wilkerson illuminates what surrounds us: our constant awareness of the race of ourselves and others and how that influences our interactions and the systems in which we operate. Think of it as learning the history of the building in which you've lived for years. It's familiar to you. You know where everything is, you've maintained and updated it. But there are things you don't know about the foundation, the wiring, the previous owners, and so on.

Some of the stories will remind you that you've been an active participant in the caste system, consciously or not. Some will surprise you, like the stories about Nazi researchers gaining ideas and inspiration from Jim Crow America, or the county in Virginia that closed its public schools for five years rather than integrate them. Or the fact that there are no black people in Africa. Or that there were no white people before the late 15th century.

Caste helps us to see things that are hiding in plain sight. Knowing the history and pillars of caste, patterns become visible. Explanations for the nonsensical present themselves. Caste will change the way you see people and societies. It will.

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Actively Listen to Connect

By Matt Booth

In today's fast-paced world, where distractions are abundant and communication often feels superficial, the art of active listening stands out as a crucial skill for forging genuine connections. Active listening is not just about hearing the words spoken by others; it's about fully engaging with the speaker, understanding their message, and responding thoughtfully. If you enhance your ability to connect with others you will improve the quality of your interactions.

Active listening involves giving your undivided attention to the speaker, observing their nonverbal cues, and providing feedback that shows you are engaged and understanding their message. It's about being present in the moment and creating a space where the speaker feels valued and heard. It involves paying attention not only to the words but also to the body language, tone of voice, and overall message of the speaker. By doing so, you can gain a deeper understanding of their perspective and respond in a more meaningful way.

Imagine you're having a conversation with a friend who is going through a difficult time. They start to share their feelings and experiences with you. As an active listener, you do the following:

 Pay Full Attention: You put aside any distractions, like your phone, and give your friend your full attention.

- Show Nonverbal Cues: You nod your head, lean in slightly, and use facial expressions that convey understanding and empathy.
- Reflect Back: After your friend shares a particularly emotional part of their story, you say, "It sounds like you're feeling overwhelmed by this situation." This reflection shows that you are not only listening to their words but also understanding the emotions behind them.
- Ask Open-Ended Questions: You ask questions like, "How did that make you feel?" or "What do you think you'll do next?" These questions encourage your friend to continue sharing and show that you are interested in their thoughts and feelings.
- Avoid Interrupting: Even when you have something to say, you wait until your friend has finished speaking. This shows respect for their thoughts and feelings and allows them to fully express themselves.

By actively listening, you create a safe and supportive space for your friend to share their experiences and feelings. This not only helps your friend feel heard and understood but also strengthens your relationship.

Furthermore, building and maintaining relationships is a key component of connecting with others. You will not regret investing the time and effort to strengthen connections and facilitate achieving common goals.

Active listening is more than just a communication technique; it's a way of being present with others. By actively listening, you not only understand the message being conveyed but also connect on a deeper level. In a world where genuine connections are becoming increasingly rare, mastering the art of active listening can set you apart and enrich your personal and professional relationships.

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find their home and their lives endangered after Christopher Robin revealed their existence. Not wanting to live in the shadows any longer, the group decides to take the fight to the town of Ashdown, home of Christopher Robin, leaving a bloody trail of death and mayhem in their wake. Winnie and his savage friends will show everyone that they are deadlier, stronger, and smarter than anyone could ever imagine.



FRIDAY, MARCH 29

This latest entry in the Monsterverse franchise pits the almighty Kong and the fearsome Godzilla against a

colossal undiscovered threat hidden within our world, challenging their very existence—and our own. The film will delve further into the histories of these titans, their origins, and the mysteries of Skull Island and beyond, while uncovering the mythic battle that helped forge these extraordinary beings and tied them to humankind forever.

IN THE LAND OF **SAINTS & SINNERS (R)**

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Ireland 1970s. Eager to leave his dark past behind. Finbar Murphy (Liam Neeson) leads a quiet life

in the remote coastal town of

Glencolmcille, far from the political violence that grips the rest of the country. But when a menacing crew of terrorists arrive, led by a ruthless woman named Doirean (Kerry Condon), Finbar is drawn into an increasingly vicious game of cat and mouse, forcing him to choose between exposing his secret identity or defending his friends and neighbors.

THE FIREST OMEN (R)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

When a young American woman is sent to Rome to begin a life of service to the church. she encounters a darkness that causes her to question her own faith and uncovers a terrifying conspiracy that

hopes to bring about the birth of evil incarnate.

Movie Buzz

While plans are underway for Top Gun 3 (thanks to piles of cash), a release date has not yet been



shared, mainly due to Producer Jerry Bruckheimer not being able to set a shooting schedule for Tom Cruise. The big obstacle standing in the way is Mission: Impossible 8, the retitled franchise seguel Cruise is currently hard at work filming. This could take several years. And Cruise may still have other projects lined up before getting back to Top Gun. Cruise's recent deal with Warner Bros. outside his long-time Paramount home has caused speculation that the deal will allow Cruise to finally make a sequel to his 2014 sci-fi movie Edge of Tomorrow.

According to The InSneider, the MCU's Spider-Man 4 starring Tom Holland is eyeing a September or



October filming start. The upcoming movie is said to still be looking for a director, with Fast & Furious franchise director Justin Lin among the names in the mix. Zendaya is also rumored to return as MJ. Holland's Spider-Man 4 will be the first movie in a Spider-Man arc to make it to a 4th film.

Scarlett Johansson is reportedly in talks for a lead role in the new Jurassic World 4 movie. Though 2022's



Jurassic World Dominion was billed as the conclusion to the overarching storyline, a new Jurassic World movie is in the works with a script by David Koepp, who adapted Michael Crichton's novel for the original film from 1993. Gareth Edwards officially signed on as director. A release date is being fast-tracked for July 2025.

Greta Gerwig, fresh off momentous Barbie success, is getting back to a project she was already



working on. Gerwig started writing a draft of her upcoming adaptation of C.S. Lewis's Narnia stories before filming Barbie, she told Time in a Feb. 21 profile. Gerwig is making at least two movies in the series. The last time that these stories made it to any screen large or small, the first three books were adapted before the fourth, The Silver Chair, was cancelled and the heavily Bible influenced series was abandoned in 2010.



7 Tips to Prep Your House & Yard for Spring

Now that winter has come and gone, for the most part anyhow, it's time to stop hibernating and start enjoying the outdoors again. Jump into spring and prepare for the warm season by tackling some spring cleanup outside your house.

Step 1: Clean Out Your Gutters.

Check your gutters. Clogged gutters can cause damage to your home when water doesn't flow away from the foundation.

SAFETY TIP: Use a ladder to get onto the roof, and then remove leaves and twigs with gloved hands and/or a large gutter scoop. Place the debris in a trash bag, and then use a hose to flush out the gutters after you're done cleaning. With the hose running, you'll also find any leaks that need to be repaired.

Step 2: Clean Up Your Yard. Begin by picking up leaves and other debris in the yard. Rake up any leaves and use refuse/trash bags for disposal. Alternatively, you can shred or mulch leaves with a mulching mower so that they compost on the lawn and provide added nutrients.

This is a good time to help trees, shrubs, and flowers start their bloom. Prune any dead, diseased, or out-of-control branches from trees and shrubs. Cut off branches that are dead, infested with insects or disease, or that have grown too close to power lines and pose a safety threat. Bypass loppers work well for smaller branches.

SAFETY TIP: Always cut away from yourself so the branch does not fall toward you.

Pull up weeds and crabgrass. Remember to remove the entire root system using a shovel, weeding tool, or pulling firmly by hand. Spot-check your garden once a week to keep weeds from coming back. You may also choose to use a postemergent herbicide that works on weeds that have already begun to grow. Just be

sure not to damage the plants you want to keep and avoid spraying herbicides on newly seeded grass or in the garden.

Step 3: Clean Your Home's Exterior. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on dirt and grime from the exterior of your home. Start with a lower pressure when unsure of the effects it may have on the surface and then clean with slow movements of the wand. Let the washer's cleaning solution work into the area for a few minutes before you rinse with a water-only stream from the washer or water from a garden hose.

Don't forget to clean your windows!

Spray each windowpane with water from a garden hose and then clean it using window glass cleaner or by diluting dishwashing soap in a bucket with water. Give the windows a good rinse to remove debris from cleaning. Then, finish cleaning the window panes by using a squeegee or the rubber blade of the squeegee side of a window washer to remove water and any cleaning solution from the glass. Wipe the blade clean with a cloth after each pass with the squeegee.

Step 4: Dethatch and Aerate Your Lawn. Thatch builds up when grass clippings are not chopped finely enough with a mulching mower or if excessive clippings are not removed after cutting. You should dethatch and aerate your lawn after the grass has begun growing for the season—usually after the first or second mow. You'll know you have to dethatch if clumped, dead grass is more than one-half inch thick. Use an iron rake or a thatch rake to cut through and remove thatch. For large lawns, consider renting a walk-behind dethatching machine.

Aerating allows for greater movement of water, fertilizer, and air in and out of the soil. It also encourages deep root growth. So be sure to aerate before applying fertilizer.

For moderately compacted soil in a small to medium area, systematically prick holes in the soil with a coring aerator, or a spading or digging fork. Holes should be 2 to 3 inches apart and 1 to 2 inches deep. If you're dealing with a large lawn area, or you want to make the task easier, there are several types of push-spike aerators you can purchase or rent. Some models look a little like a manual push mower with spikes or star-shaped wheels instead of blades. Others are designed as attachments that fit behind a power mower.

HELPFUL TIP: Lawn aeration is generally easier to do when the soil is moist, but won't be as effective if the ground is wet.

Step 5: Fertilize and Seed Your Lawn.

Fertilizing your lawn enriches the soil and creates a hardier, greener lawn. It promotes new growth and healthy roots while healing the grass from damage caused by foot traffic, pets, and the elements.

Some fertilizers are packaged for certain uses and types of grass. Before you begin, determine what kind of grass makes up your lawn. A balanced lawn fertilizer contains equal proportions of nitrogen and potassium. This is indicated by the nutrient ratios on the package. Read fertilizer labels for proper application times, amounts, and conditions. Apply only as directed on the package.

HELPFUL TIPS: Purchase a soil testing kit to determine your soil's pH levels and existing nutrient levels to help you choose the correct type of fertilizer.

Use fertilizer designated for spring. They're designed to boost early growth and often contain herbicides and insecticides to protect the grass.

In the spring, it's a good practice to overseed your lawn to make the turf denser and more robust. Apply seeds by hand or with a spreader. Moisten the soil lightly with water from a garden hose before and after applying grass seed.

Step 6: Fertilize and Mulch Your Garden Beds. Remove weeds and add to enrich the soil and create stronger, more beautiful plants and flowers. Read labels for application amounts and recommended conditions. Apply only as directed on the package. As you would with your lawn, use a soil testing kit to determine soil pH levels before choosing a fertilizer.

Mulching your garden beds helps prevent weeds, reduces the amount of water needed, and keeps soil temperatures consistent. Layer mulch 2 to 4 inches deep—it should be thick enough to block light and keep weeds from sprouting.

Step 7: Prepare Your Patio. Check your patio or deck for wear and tear. Make any necessary repairs. Sweep decks and patios with a broom, then use a garden hose or a pressure washer to remove remaining dirt, dust, and other material. Set the hose or pressure washer to spray a fan of water to push dirt and debris away faster. Spray between decking boards and remove any mildew with a formulated deck cleaner.

Bring patio furniture out of storage and check it for wear or damage. Wipe down each piece with damp cloths and dry. Use patio furniture cleaner or dish soap, water, and a scrub brush for tougher dirt and stains. Wipe down cushions and pillows. Bring out your outdoor rugs or mats, planters, lighting, and wind chimes.

Set up your grill, dust it off, and give it a good once-over inspection. Remove grates and scrub them with a wire brush to remove burnt-on particles and debris. You can also use a spray-on grill cleaner. Clean the inside and outside of the grill thoroughly with hot, soapy water. Rinse with a garden hose and let dry.

Now that your outdoor living areas are cleared, cleaned, and prepped, you can enjoy the best of spring and summer weather!

Adapted from "7 Tips to Prep Your House & Yard for Spring" at truevalue.com.



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By Dave Green

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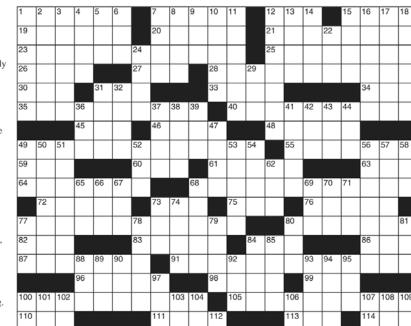
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Encore! Encore! A tip of the hat to the Upper Main Street Jazz Band which performed their last concert in a nearly 40 year career at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on March 22.



The Backpocket Brewing / Driftless Pizza Co. team participated in the HAV LIFE Martini Shake Off and walked away with "Best Fruit Martini" while supporting a great charity at Steeple Square Event Center on March 21.



You always know you are going to find a festive Irish crown on St. Patrick's Day in Dubuque at Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar in Dubuque's Millwork District. Live music, corned beef sliders and good times to leave anyone who missed it green with envy.



Bryce borrowed the Resources Unite box truck and hit Tri-State Walmarts' massive clearance sales and dropped over of \$10,000 (\$35,000 retail) on leftover Christmas toys for Toys For Tots.





The Dubuque Black Men Coalition hosted a wonderful Trades Day at the Multicultural Family Center in Dubuque on March 22 where area students were exposed to opportunities for great careers in trades.





Country music rising star Dylan Scott with Mackenzie Carpenter brought a big young crowd of live music lovers to the Five Flags Arena on a Friday night in downtown Dubuque.

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DEAR ANGELA,

My kid is graduating this year, and everything from choosing a college and filling out the FAFSA to planning the graduation party is making me feel overwhelmed. I want to be happy for my child, but at the same time, this is a change for me too. There's a big range of emotions happening here, any advice?

—Susan on Seven Springs

DEAR SUSAN.

Don't think of this as a time of loss, think of this as a time of gain. Gaining an extra

room in your home, that is! Your child will soon be off making mistakes, like opening a credit card with a \$10,000 limit, insisting slacklining is a personality trait, or majoring in experimental puppetry. But, solving those issues is for another day. We're talking about you here. Start your vision board now so that when they move out, you're ready, paint brush in hand, to make their room into whatever oasis you can envision. My personal suggestion is to soundproof the walls and use it as a scream room where you can let out your sadness without interrupting

anyone else. But you might like to use it as a craft room, too. It's up to you!

DEAR ANGELA,

Is there too much going on?
Because it kinda feels like there is
too much going on right now.

—Nick on 6th

DEAR NICK,

Yes.

DEAR ANGELA,

I'm a Virgo sun, Leo moon, and Pisces ascendant. I've been talking with this guy online, and things were going really great. We have really connected over shared taste in humor and keep sending funny memes back and forth. But a week ago. Lasked for his birth. date and info so I could look up his astro chart. He was really reluctant to share this with me. I thought that this was the new norm. I mean, what is the internet even for if not for finding out every detail about a potential date and to check his signs?! I mean, I wouldn't want to be dating a creep OR a Gemini, right? So, he finally caved in and gave me his details. He even had to text his mom to find out what time he was born. Red flag, right? Turns out he is a TRIPLE TAURUS—yikes! Now I'm questioning everything. Please help me figure out how to navigate this. Do I just end this now or do you think we could work out?

—Amaryllis on Aerostar Drive

DEAR AMARYLLIS,

Oh, how unfortunate. I believe you meant to send this letter to Angelina's Astro Advice column. She provides Astrological advice for The Zodiac Pillar, a monthly magazine based in Sedona, AZ. I tried to reach her to see if she could provide any input, but the editor told me she is currently on an avahuasca retreat in the mountains. I've been told that due to the thin air at high altitudes, discussing your problems with Angelina could negatively impact her journey. So, simply based on personal experience, if the choice is between a bad ayahuasca trip and going on a date with a triple Taurus, I'd probably choose to just stay home.

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BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO

By Danny Fairchild. Friend to the Cosmos

ARIES (APR 19-MAY 13) I'd say that now is the time to work on your communication skills, but who am I kidding? This is the Tri-States. We can't even bother to use our turn signals.

TAURUS (MAY 14-JUNE 19) Now is the time to put down roots. Add to the landscape. Learn how to photosynthesize your own food. Let lovers carve their initials in your trunk.

Have birds nest in your branches. Sounds

better than being a human, doesn't it?

GEMINI

(JUNE 20-JULY 20) You can't hide from the coming full moon. All you can do is hide away the curse that flows through your bloodline. Every half-eaten corpse stains not only the ground but your soul. Make sure your cage is secure.

CANCER (JULY 21-AUG 9) They say that March goes out like a lamb. That explains all the sacrificial blood pouring from the sky.

LEO (AUG 10-SEP 15) Now is the perfect time to change your life for the better. This has nothing to do with astrology. It's just that at this point you have nowhere to go but up.

VIRGO (SEP 16-OCT 30) If it seems like the world is against you, it's because it is. Sure, Justice is blind, but that's just so she doesn't see who's putting their thumb on her scales.

LIBRA (OCT 31-NOV 22) Never giving up can be admirable, but not knowing when to guit can be dangerous. Of course... if you just never try, you never have to worry about the difference.

SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29) The good news is that your love life will be in the spotlight for once! The bad news is that your love life suffers from stage fright.

OPHIUCHUS (NOV 30-DEC 17) With all the demands made upon you, it would be logical for you to take some time to recharge. In the meantime, your creator can update your software and perform necessary maintenance.

SAGITTARIUS (DEC 18-JAN 8) No, you will never stop using pop culture references as your primary mode of communication. Stay gold, Pony Boy.

CAPRICORN (JAN 9-FEB 15) Say what you will about looking through rose-colored glasses, at least they never go out of style.

AQUARIUS

(FEB 16-MAR 11)

Now is the time to examine your moral convictions. After all, if they're going to be the foundation of your despotic regime then you'd better be damn sure of them.

PISCES (MAR 12-APR 18) It's time to let go of the things that no longer serve you. Why

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