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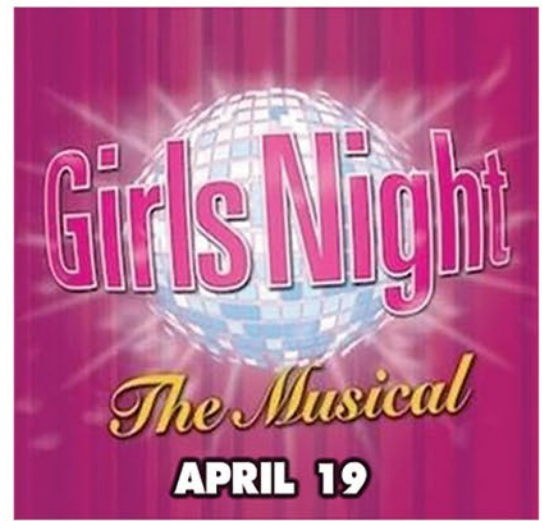
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THE MAN IN BLACK STARRING SHAWN BARKER

JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE

APRIL 13



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THE ULTIMATE DOORS TRIBUTE

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So proud to be a Hawkeye fan today. Aside from forgetting about the football team for a few minutes, I'm just so happy to see our women's basketball team play the very best to the end and hold their heads high. I didn't even get emotional until that darned Molly Davis walked onto the court for the final 22 seconds. They're literally facing Goliath. Undeclared all year, not even close. How do South Carolina fans even get excited anymore?

I'll be petty for a minute. Consider how unspecial it is when UCONN or South Carolina wins their umpteenth national championship when they literally have the absolute pick of the recruiting classes every year? What a shock that not just your starters, but your bench, is stacked with the very best players possible coming out of high school.

Meanwhile, Iowa, like so many other teams, must develop talent into greatness. Caitlin Clark was the exception. Even she wanted to go to UCONN, but they didn't want her because they have Paige Bueckers in the bag, and they play the same position. So, she stayed home and became the greatest story in the history of basketball. And she will be remembered forever for what she did. And South Carolina will put their trophy on the shelf with the others, and they'll be back to collect another one next year with another slate of ringers, probably against UCONN and their ringers.

And if these teams don't go to the National Championship, their fans will get all bent out of shape. They're so used to it, anything but No. 1 is failure. If you ain't first, you're last. And if Iowa goes to the Sweet Sixteen next year with a new slate of fresh players that coach Bluder and staff build, we will be thrilled and cheer them all the way.

UCONN Coach Geno Auriemma at least acknowledges the extreme disparity in fairness between his situation (11 national championships) and other teams, especially in the NIL and transfer portal era.

His words: "There aren't a whole lot of high-level, high-level players coming to Connecticut going, 'I'm leaving for a better opportunity.'" People will say you've gotta change with the times. How does changing with the times help you have better relationships with your players when it's all transactional now? So, what kind of relationship can you have with somebody that is telling you, "I might be here one, maybe two, maybe three, maybe four, or I might be at four schools in four years."

And I will give S.C. coach Dawn Staley a nod for her wonderful comments about Clark elevating the game and carrying that weight on her shoulders, while still accepting the trophy for her

team of all-star-recruits beating Clark and her team of amazingly developed local and second-tier recruiting talent.

And let's also give a mega shoutout to Iowa marching through the undisputed hardest path to the national championship. Everyone saw it from the day the bracket came out. To get there, you have to get through LSU, UCONN, and South Carolina. Who else had even close to as tough of a road as that?!

I said it after the LSU win that the accomplishment was so satisfying for my soul that it was literally more satisfying than winning the championship. I always had hope but never expected Iowa to beat South Carolina. No one could. And no one did. But, man, that LSU game just felt like being dipped in magic waters as Moonlight Graham said in *Field of Dreams*. Call it revenge, or poetic justice, or whatever. It was so gratifying. And beating UCONN was stunning because they have been to the Final Four something like 15 out of the last 16 years. It's not even special anymore.

Well, it was special for us. Thank you to everyone involved in making these last couple of seasons possible. What a pure joy to witness. Iowa women's basketball is the most loved team in America, even right now, an hour after losing the biggest game in the land. How cool is that? I hope it means that amazing young players for whom the Iowa team culture means more than just joining the championship machine will keep us in the picture in the future. It will be fun to watch.

And speaking of fun to watch, a tip of my hat to the whole staff at the newly remodeled and expanded Dog House Lounge in Dubuque where I watched the big game today. They were busting their butts, especially the young lady who was working that grill like she had six hands. I was tired just watching her hustle. Color me impressed!

Finally, the amazing love we got from friends, readers, and complete strangers after the passing of my fuzzy little rescue sidekick Coco was just incredible. I'm glad that so many people came to know him and love him. How could you not? I miss him something fierce. Thanks to Colonial Terrace for the amazing compassion with which you helped us, and people like us, emotionally survive the pain of the end of our pets' lives. To my readers: don't overlook the magic of senior dogs when you decide to bring a rescue pet into your lives. There's a lot of love still there to absorb, and it also means way less things getting chewed up by totally wired puppies. Someday, when it hurts less, we'll do it again, and I'll take you along for the ride. ■

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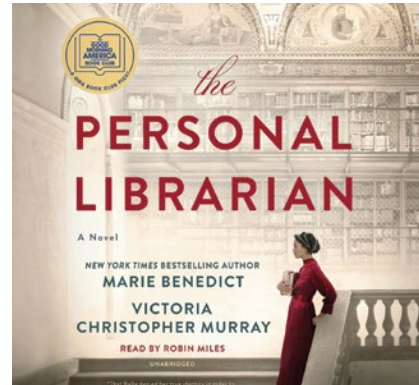
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Dubuque County Reads

THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN
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VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN
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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 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

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

Dubuque Fighting Saints

VS WATERLOO BLACK HAWKS: FRIDAY, APRIL 12 @ 7:05 PM
VS CEDAR RAPIDS ROUGHRIDERS: SATURDAY, APRIL 13 @ 7:05 PM
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Last Saturday, the Dubuque Fighting Saints earned its 40th win of the season, something only two other Saints teams in the franchise's Tier I history have done. Although there are two more bouts in the regular seasons, the Saints have already cinched their spot on the top of the Eastern Conference with 88 points. The Tier 1 junior hockey team has won the Clark Cup five times and is the four-time defending Cowbell Cup Champions. Cheer them on at the ImOn Arena.

The Saints are back in action on April 12 at home against the Waterloo Black Hawks. It's the final 563 Nation Friday thanks to Dubuque Fire Equipment and District 20 Supply Co. All 563 Nation Season Ticket Holders to receive a campfire mug courtesy of District 20 Supply Co. Plus, it's a Dupaco Cowbell Cup Match-up.

The final game of the regular season on April 13 brings the Cedar Rapids Roughriders to Our House. It's Fan Appreciation Night, and the first 1,000 fans will receive a special gift courtesy of



Dupaco Community Credit Union. It's also the final Dupaco Cowbell Cup Match-up.

The playoff dates have not been set and are dependent on the outcome of the next few games. The first round games are on April 15-17, Conference Semifinals on April 19-26, Conference Finals on April 27-May 9, and the Clark Cup Final on May 10-22.

Grab your tickets and check out the Saint's schedule at DubuqueFightingSaints.com.

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. lorasgirlsbasketballcamp.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.

Mindful Musician Class

11 AM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY CATHERINE BYRNE HALL

Centrally Rooted is offering this event is at no cost to parents/caregivers and young children thanks to a partnership with Clarke University and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children.

Come early to register for door prizes and visit with local child and family-related organizations. Free. 1550 Clarke Dr. **563-588-6516**. clarke.edu/interdisciplinary-conference.

Celebrate Africa & The Diaspora

NOON-3 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

Featuring local community members, entertainment from Chicago, chicken from Frannie's BBQ, and West African food prepared by Obaapa's Kitchen. Performances at the event include a fashion show, poetry, Capoeira martial arts, African music, drumming, and dancing. Attendees can also visit cultural and resource booths as well as an African educational display. Diaspora is the dispersion or spread of a people from their original homeland to other countries. Hosted by the Multicultural Family

Center. All inclusive. All ages. Free. 1157 Central Ave. **563-582-3681**. mfcdbq.org.



Pollinator Garden Starter Kit

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

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.



1933 Speakeasy Murder Mystery

5:30-9 PM @ SUNDOWN MOUNTAIN RESORT

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**. dielaughingmurdermystery.com.



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April 17 | 6:00-8:30 A.M.

Visit rivermuseum.org/events to RSVP or call Danelle Schroeder at 563-557-9545 x220.



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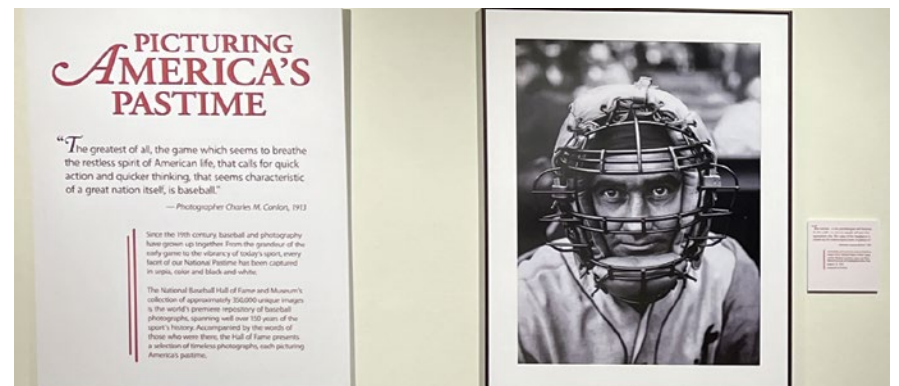
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INSTALLATION VIEW OF *PICTURING AMERICA'S PASTIME* AT THE DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART

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. Author-historian 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 mentioning 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. ■

SUN 4/14



Afternoon Tea: Children's Garden Party

1-3 PM @ MATHIAS
HAM HISTORIC SITE
Bring the kids to this spring-time tea! Herbs or flowers will be planted for them to take home. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with a garden theme. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, treats, and a variety of teas or lemonade. Menus will vary by month. All ages. 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>.

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 Non-members, free for members. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. RiverMuseum.org.

Galena's Poet Laureate Appointment Ceremony

6 PM @ GALENA CENTER
FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL)
After a brief reception featuring champagne and music by pianist Desiree Irwin, the three finalists, Daniel Dahlquist, Lynn Werner, and Theodore Williams, will each perform their poetry. Galena will be the smallest city in the nation to appoint a Poet Laureate. The position will entail working in the community alongside the Galena Public Library, the Galena School District, the Galena Center for the Arts, and the City of Galena to celebrate the heritage, uniqueness, diversity, and achievements of the City of Galena through the appreciation and art of poetry. Free. 971 Gear St. Galena, IL. **815-777-0200**. galenalibrary.org.

THU 4/18

Creative Drama Games

4 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT
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This fun, high-energy workshop includes a series of drama-based games designed to inspire creativity, confidence, and collaboration. No theatre experience needed, just bring yourself and be ready to play! Ages 9-14. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. CarnegieStout.org.

2024 Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival

4-7 PM @ DUBUQUE
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Pickleball Injury Prevention Event

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(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Southwest Health's fellowship-trained Orthopedic Surgeon, Alexander Strassman, DO and Physical Therapist Breland Scharschmidt, PT, DPT, ATC lead attendees through common pickleball injuries, activity modifications, preventative exercises, and warning signs of when to seek further treatment. RSVP required. Free. 1400 Eastside Rd, Platteville, WI. **608-348-2331**. southwesthealth.org/Pickleball.



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.

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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.

Tickets are \$100 and are available in advance and at the door. For tickets and more information, call Riverview Center at **563-557-0310** or visit RiverviewCenter.org/events. ■



Git Hoan Dancers

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 @ 7:30 PM

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

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 and can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■

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.

SAT 4/20

Heritage Pond Fish Stocking & Fun Day

10 AM-NOON
@ HERITAGE POND
Iowa DNR fisheries staff will be stocking Heritage Pond with trout. Fishing poles, bait, and tackle will be available for free use on a first-come, first-served basis. Other activities, games, and resources will be available for this family-friendly event. Anglers need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. Children age 15 or younger can fish for trout with a properly licensed adult. RSVP requested. Free. 11330 Rupp Hollow Rd. **563-556-6745**. DubuqueCountyIowa.gov/Conservation.

3rd Annual Platteville Pub Crawl

11 AM-2 AM @ DOWNTOWN PLATTEVILLE, WI
Purchase either a T-shirt or lanyard as your ticket and gain access to all the food and beverage discounts available at participating locations. Help fundraise for Platteville Main Street Program. \$25. plattevillemainstreet.com.



Circus on Ice

4:30 AND 7 PM
@ GRAND RIVER CENTER
Glide into the magical world of Circus on Ice. Come and enjoy an elegant ballet on synthetic ice combined with magnificent traditional circus acts. It is a magical performance for all ages. \$25 Adults, \$15 children. 500 Bell St. CircusOnIce.com.

SUN 4/21

American Girl Days

1-3 PM @ CENTRALLY ROOTED
4/21, 5/5, 5/19. 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. Participants will be creating their own storybook for their doll. Ages 8-12. RSVP required. Free. 2230 Central Ave. centrallyrooted.com.



Spring Festival

2-4 PM @ GRANT PARK (GALENA, IL)
Celebrate spring with dragons, drumming, seeds, and saplings! The first annual spring festival is a fun and artistic event for all ages. This is akin to the Harvest Parade in Viroqua, WI and Jack-in-the-Green in Hastings, Sussex—costumes of flora and fauna are encouraged. All ages. Free. 625 Park Ave, Galena, IL. kkriesel.com/spring-festival.



Cooking 101: Knife Skills

3-5 PM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Knowing how to safely and efficiently use a knife is one of the most valuable skills in the kitchen. This is a hands-on class and participants will learn and practice how to dice, mince, chop, slice, julienne, and chiffonade various vegetables and herbs. You will also learn about the different types of knives and which ones you should have in your kitchen. "Cooking 101" is for the person who has very limited cooking knowledge and wants to become more confident in the kitchen. \$25-\$37.50. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900**. convivium-dbq.com.



Brew Ha Ha Players Present: Fast Times at Stone Cliff High

5-7 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY
It's been years since you last roamed the halls of Stone Cliff High, which officially closed 10 years ago. However, the school spirit is still alive amongst graduates, and—according to the reunion planning committee, it's time to bust out those shoulder pads and flip up those collars, as this year's reunion—extended to ALL graduates—is 80s-themed. It's all in good fun... until the night takes a dark twist. This totally tubular night of murder, mayhem, and mixed tapes includes an '80s trivia contest to boot! \$85. RSVP by April 13. 600 Star Brewery Dr. **563-583-6100**. stonecliffwinery.com.

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THE CITY OF DUBUQUE Masterpiece on the Mississippi



Party for the Planet

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 10 AM-2 PM
NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM (350 E 3RD ST)

Spring is officially in the air, and that means it is time to celebrate Earth Day at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. Stop down on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

for the annual Party for the Planet, presented by Southwest Tech's Sustainable Energy Management Program.

Guests will have the opportunity to interact with local and regional partners in the Boatyard to learn about conservation programs, including a special presentation and exhibit in the Mississippi River Discovery Center by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on the 100th Anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Guests can also bring home yellow birch saplings, courtesy of Wagner Nursery. 97.7 WGLR will be onsite for a live radio broadcast.

General admission grants access to the day's activities, and visitors who bring canned food items will receive \$5 off admission (one discount per transaction, unlimited number of canned items.) All donations will benefit the Dubuque Food Pantry.

For more information, call the River Museum at **563-557-9545** or visit RiverMuseum.org. ■



4TH ANNUAL

Clarke Fest

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 4-7 PM
STEEPLE SQUARE (101 E 15TH ST)

On April 20, Clarke Fest is back on Clarke Drive for its 4th annual

celebration! This street festival takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. on the Clarke University Atrium lawn.

Guests can enjoy family-friendly games, crafts, and entertainment, including free performances from local musicians. Some of Clarke's fantastic student work will also be on display, from musical performances and artwork for sale, to the premiere of Clarke Cast & Crew's *Eggscruating Dinner: A Hare-Raising Murder Mystery*. In addition, some of Dubuque's best-loved food trucks will be parked on Clarke Drive.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit clarke.edu/clarkefest. ■



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. 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. ■

MON 4/22

Neil Hilborn Performance Poet Reading & Workshop

6-7 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
Neil Hilborn is a bestselling author and, with more than 150 million views to his credit, he is the most-watched poet ever. He has performed in 41 states and eight countries. 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391**. RiverLights.com.

TUE 4/23

Tears of Love— Suicide Awareness Presentation

3:30-4:30 PM @ STONEHILL SAN DAMIANO CHAPEL
The Stonehill Mental Wellness Committee hosts a presentation by Patti and Terry Cullen, of Platteville, WI on suicide awareness and prevention. They will share the story of their 27-year-old son Ben's death by suicide and their life since. They will discuss suicide awareness and prevention tools. Free. 3485 Windsor Ave. **563-557-7180**. bens-hope.org.



PechaKucha Night Dubuque Volume 21

6:45 PM @ SMOKESTACK
Presenters share creative ideas and stories. A beer break halfway through the program allows attendees and presenters to mingle and chat. Presenters share their stories using 20 slides and a limit of 20 seconds per slide. Dubuque organizers strive to curate presenters who can share an eclectic variety of stories. PechaKucha (meaning chit-chat) Night is an international project that started in Japan in 2003. It started as a way for young designers to meet, network, and show their work in public. It has turned into a massive celebration, with events

happening in hundreds of cities around the world. 62 E 7th St. pechakucha.org/cities/dubuque.



Growing Sustainable Communities Conference

GRAND RIVER CENTER 4/23-4/24. The Growing Sustainable Communities Conference offers innovation, education, inspiration, and collaboration on growing sustainable communities. Sessions feature presenters with a wide range of expertise, including representatives from federal, state, and local governments, along with business and academic leaders from across the country. In addition to learning sessions, the conference includes two keynote luncheons, mobile workshops, a breakfast plenary session, and more. 500 Bell St. gscdubuque.com.

WED 4/24

Dubuque Community- Wide Garage Sales

DUBUQUE, IA 4/24-4/27. Find the best deals in the Tri-States during the last weekend in April in Dubuque.

THU 4/25

Jo Daviess County Senior Expo

9 AM-NOON @ CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH (GALENA, IL)
Join this free event that offers older adults an opportunity to interact and educate themselves on services and supports available in the Jo Daviess County area. There will be more than 40 vendors including but not limited to insurance, placement for elderly family members, home care services, Lion's Club bus with free vision and

hearing testing, voting and registration for voting questions being answered, and so much more. Hosted by Senior Resource Center and 24Hour-Care. Free. **815-777-2424**. facebook.com/24HourCareLLC.

FRI 4/26



JDCF Annual Frog Walk

6-7 PM @ MEEKER STREET FOOTBRIDGE (GALENA, IL)
One of the first signs of spring is the sound of frogs waking up and calling. Bring the kids to learn about what frogs they are hearing. After a short walk down the Galena River Trail to JDCF's Buehler Preserve, families will have the chance to catch and release frogs themselves. JDCF staff will help you identify what you find and have some tadpoles on hand to view the frog life cycle in progress. Rain date May 3. Free. 110 Meeker St, Galena, IL. **815-858-9100**. jdcf.org.

Dubuque Days of Caring

DUBUQUE, IA
Dubuque Days of Caring, an esteemed initiative dedicated to bolstering the community through volunteerism, invites individuals to contribute their time and skills to support local nonprofits. This annual event is pivotal in mobilizing community members to engage in one-time service projects that significantly enhance participating organizations' operational capabilities and futures. In an impressive display of community spirit, the last event in 2023 saw more than 1,200 volunteers generously dedicating 4,300 hours to successfully complete 60 projects. DBQDaysOfCaring.org.

NURSE'S WEEK 5K RUN/WALK
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 - 9:00 AM
CHECK-IN AT 8:30 AM | DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 17

- EVENT STARTS AND ENDS AT SOUTHWEST HEALTH, 1400 EASTSIDE ROAD, PLATTEVILLE
- \$30 REGISTRATION FOR RUN/WALK, T-SHIRT INCLUDED

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To register to run/walk, or to purchase a t-shirt in support of the event, visit:
www.southwesthealth.org/nurses-week-5k/

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Join Southwest Health's Orthopedic Surgeon, **Alexander Strassman** and Physical Therapist **Breland Scharschmidt** to learn about common injuries, modifications, prevention, & treatment!

PICKLEBALL

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April 18, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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Vintage Torque Fest

FRIDAY, MAY 3 @ NOON-MIDNIGHT
SATURDAY, MAY 4 @ 9 AM-11 PM
DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
(14569 OLD HIGHWAY RD)

Vintage Torque Fest, held this year on Friday, May 3 at noon-midnight and Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m.-11 p.m. at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds, is a family-friendly event that lasts all weekend long, and it truly has something for everyone. The show is a traditional hot-rod, kustom, and vintage cycle show with a massive live music lineup, pinup show, vendors, swap meet, art auction, and much more. And all of this is to raise funds for Helping Hannah's Heart, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to raise money for children with congenital heart defects.

All cars in the main spectator area are pre-65 traditional and neo-traditional with no billet and no digital. However, ALL cars are welcome, as there is also

segregated parking for stock classics, and other show-quality vehicles at the show.

Additionally, the show offers many racing events on-site. Though not yet announced, they have traditionally including events like the Summit Racing dirt drags (bikes and cars), Mini Bike Meyhem, and chain-racing demos and vintage stock car racing.

Proceeds from Saturday's art auction benefit Helping Hannah's Heart. Artists from all over the country paint, pinstripe, and airbrush panels and various wares to be sold for a good cause. Helping Hannah's Heart Foundation has been able to give over \$100,000 to families in need because of Vintage Torque Fest.

Vintage Torque Fest has become a festival of music and entertainment hosting blues, rock & roll, country, rockabilly, Americana, and even metal acts. When you add it all up, this is technically the biggest live music festival in Dubuque by a long shot.

Be sure to get there early because another favorite staple of the show is the pinup contest, hosted by Peek-a-Boo Pinups. A multitude of classy and beautiful dames grace the stage in striking, vintage fashion stylings to compete for the crown of "Miss Vintage Torque Fest."

Weekend passes are \$35 at the gate. Single-day entry is \$20 each day. Children 13 to 18 are \$10, and children 12 and under are free, as are active military with valid ID. All gate proceeds from this event go to **HelpingHannahsHeart.org**. For more information and the full festival schedule, visit facebook.com/VintageTorqueFest. ■

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Thursday, June 27

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7:30 to 9 - \$40 (Breakfast)

11:30 to 1 - \$45 (Lunch)

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Dubuque Farmers' Market

SATURDAYS: MAY-SEPTEMBER

@ 7 AM-NOON

SATURDAYS: OCTOBER @ 8 AM-NOON
11TH-13TH AND IOWA ST

Now in its 179th year, Iowa's oldest farmers' market, the Dubuque Farmers' Market, opens on Saturday, May 4, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Early produce such as asparagus, lettuce, water cress, rhubarb, and peas will be available. There will also be a large selection of bedding plants, hanging baskets, house plants, freshly baked goods, and a great selection of local arts and crafts—all items that make perfect gifts for Mother's Day, graduations, and weddings.

The Dubuque Farmers' Market is open rain or shine every Saturday 7 a.m.-noon, May through September and 8 a.m.-noon in October. Stretching from the area around City Hall at Iowa and 13th St. going down to 11th St., the market has grown in recent years to attract vendors offering a larger variety of produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, handmade goods, and on-site prepared foods. Live music accompanies your stroll around the market. Check out our music listings to see who's performing this week.

For more information, call Dubuque Main Street at **563-588-4400** or visit DubuqueFarmersMarket.org. ■

SAT 4/27

**All You Can Eat,
Pay What You Can
Pancake Breakfast****9 AM-NOON @ CONVIVIUM
URBAN FARMSTEAD**

Convivium worked with several families this spring who generously donated their maple trees and diligently dropped off sap each week. Taste the fruits of their labor with pancakes, roasted potatoes, housemade breakfast sausage, and coffee. Free. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900**. convivium-dbq.com.

**Callahan Promotions
Spring Arts & Crafts
Show****9 AM-4 PM @ GRAND
RIVER CENTER**

This is the area's largest show with more than 125 talented

exhibitors presenting and selling unique handmade products such as oak furniture, jewelry, floral arrangements, lawn and garden art, pottery, ceramics, quilts, and many more original products. \$5, free ages 10 and younger. 500 Bell St. **563-357-1986**.

**Grant's Home Front
Reenactment &
Encampment****9 AM-4 PM @ DEPOT PARK
(GALENA, IL)**

4/27-4/28. Experience life in the 1860s. Enjoy the Sanitary Fair (a Civil War Ladies Bazaar supporting our troops) with beautiful handmade items for sale. Meet General Grant and his staff, see a medical demonstration, and have your child "drill" with the troops. Battles each day: Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. All ages. \$5 Ages 12 and older. 91 Bouthillier St, Galena, IL. **630-768-2705**. tristatehistoricalpresentations.blogspot.com.

**Author George Khal
Book Reading and
Signing****2 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Iowa author George Khal will read from his memoir, *The First Night of the Crescent Moon: My Journey from Palestine to Iowa*. Khal was born in Haifa, Palestine. At the age of one, his family fled their home to escape the 1948 war and resettled in Cairo, near his mother's family. With continued unrest in the Middle East, Khal's parents sent him and his four siblings to Iowa City, where they settled. *The First Night of the Crescent Moon* shares Khal's coming-of-age story with vivid descriptions of fathers and sons, familial dreams and expectations, and the refugee and immigrant experience as part of the Middle Eastern

diaspora. Khal earned a degree in computer science from the University of Iowa and founded the company Sound Clarity to dispense assistive hearing technology worldwide. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225 x2244**. carnegioustout.org.

**Dubuque Chorale
Presents Joy!****7 PM @ WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

4/27 at 7 p.m., 4/28 at 2 p.m. The Dubuque Chorale, their chamber choir Cadenza, and both of the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs are delighted to present a concert celebrating 10 years of the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs program. A reception to honor DCCC's anniversary will follow the Sunday performance. Free. 2155 University Ave. **DubuqueChorale.org**.

SUN 4/28

**SheShed Fest****10 AM-3 PM @ DUBUQUE
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Shop over 100 Tri-State area makers, artisans, crafters, upcyclers, bakers, and antiques. \$5. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. facebook.com/JodiandKT.

TUE 4/30

**Readings Under
the Influence****7 PM @ SMOKESTACK**

RUI is a themed, interactive live and local arts showcase. As far as giving you an understanding of how it all goes and what to expect, well, it's different every time. Sometimes it's edgy, sometimes sweet, sometimes controversial,

sometimes downright vicious, but always artful. RUI also loves audience participation, and they love giving away their infamous "Burden Prizes," so prepare for nerdy, wordy trivia outbursts between readings as well as a shots-infused, volunteerish interactive audience participation game. Feeling chill and inspired? Sit a while in the Writer's/Artist's Corner, wherein you may dump those inspired musings onto paper. Doors at 6:30 p.m. Free. 62 E 7th St. facebook.com/RUIDBQ.



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TUESDAY



Early Explorers

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

WEDNESDAY



She Unites

6:30–7:30 PM
@ THE INNOVATION LAB
3RD WED
An inclusive women's group working to connect women across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. Free. 210 Jones St.
SheUnitesIowa.com/events

THURSDAY

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

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! Hosted by Dubuque Main Street. Free. 700 Locust St.
dubuquemainstreet.com

Friday Lights Poetry Night

6–7 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
2ND FRI
Bring your work to share and read a favorite poem. Listen, laugh, and learn in a quiet space of time. Participate in the poetry book swap—bring one, swap one. Facilitated by Valorie Woerdehoff and Q Hommen-Quario. 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391.**
RiverLights.com

First Fridays

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

SATURDAY



Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

9 AM–NOON @ KENNEDY MALL WEST CONCOURSE THROUGH APRIL
Regional vendors offer homemade and baked goods, meat, cheese, eggs, seasonal produce, and more. Bring your own reusable shopping bags and drop off clean egg cartons, glass jars, and plastic clam shells. The all-volunteer driven market

focuses on supporting our regional food system, eating from our food shed year-round, and providing annual funding to farmers through a grant program. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.



Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

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



Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

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



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

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

Get the gals together for *Sex n' the City: A (Super Unauthorized) Musical Parody* at the Five Flags Theater stage on Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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. ■



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, Emmy-winning 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. ■



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.

The 2018 Broken Hearted Tour took Free Fallin' to 90 shows in 15 states including an invitation to play at Tom Petty's Birthday Bash in his hometown of Gainesville, FL where they played for more than 26,000 fans from all over the world.

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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**. ■



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Cinderella

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 @ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH 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 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m.

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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**. ■



As Time Goes By

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 @ 7:30 PM

HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)

Join Cathy Goodman and Dave Richter on guitar for an AI-inspired cabaret with jazz, grammar, manners, and style. *As Time Goes By* takes place at Hotel Julien Dubuque on Friday, April 19 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.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Hotel Julien and online at **HotelJulienDubuque.com**. Includes munchies and a complimentary glass of wine, beer, or soda. For more information, visit **HotelJulienDubuque.com**. ■



Beauty and The Beast

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 @ 1 PM

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

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.

Tickets for the performance are \$29 for adults, \$19 for children, and \$5 for lap seats (ages 3 and younger) and can be purchased at the Heritage Center Farber Box Office; by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■

First Fridays

FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

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

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

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

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH 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.

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

Outside the Lines features Berwyn, IL artist Patrice Murtha who will be demonstrating her slip-casting technique. Light refreshments will be offered. Patrice will return the next morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 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 exhibits paintings by local artists John Bissell and Roy Haught titled *Echoes of Iowa: A Dual Perspective*. The artists will be present for the opening reception. Bissell and Haught are revered figures in the local art scene, each having cultivated their signature style of painting through the span of 60 years. *Echoes of Iowa: A Dual Perspective*

will seek to contrast two unique visions of a local place, Eastern Iowa. Bissell's paintings take the viewer on a nostalgic journey through time with his depictions of Dubuque in the 19th and 20th century. His expertly crafted watercolors serve as a window into a bygone era. Haught, known for his evocative pastoral paintings, draws inspiration from the rich textures and landscapes of Eastern Iowa. His compositions transport the viewer to the essence of the natural environment. On display May 3-31.

Join the fellas of the "The Stu" (Asylum Recording Studios and The Glasshouse Studio) as they showcase the artwork of John (Big John) Frey.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library welcomes singer-songwriter Joel Sires and guitarist Jacob Lampman to the Music @ your library® stage. Sires is an alt-country/folk singer-songwriter from Cedar Falls, IA. Since the beginning of his music career, he has led and collaborated with a number of other talented musicians, including the band TWINS. His solo career features hushed tones and acoustic guitars that bring the volume down and push the song and lyrics to the forefront. Adults age 21 and older may bring their own wine or beer. ■

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JIFF JULIEN DUBUQUE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Story By Nicole Ramsell | Photos By Ron Tigges—DigitalDubuque.com

When deciding what my first viewing of a movie showing at the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival would be last year, I hardly knew where to begin. As an avid movie-goer who is appreciative of multiple genres of film, my interest was pulled in as many directions as the film festival had to offer. Would I choose something from my go-to genre, horror, which had spawned my initial interest in independent film? Would I see a thought-provoking documentary on a topic I had little to no previous knowledge about and leave better-informed with a new perspective to consider? Should I indulge in the rare opportunity to watch a block of short films with carefully crafted premises compacted into bite-size portions? Should I be one to see a film making its way through the film festival circuits before it hits streaming services, or better yet, should I catch one of the movies making its world premiere at JDIFF and be a part of the very first audiences to see this new work?

The film I landed on for my first JDIFF experience was *Hundreds of Beavers*, directed by Mike Cheslik. Besides the intriguing title, the fact that it was a modern black-and-white movie inspired by early silent film drew me in despite its slapstick roots, a comedy style that I don't typically favor. I needed to see something different, something new. And I couldn't stop wondering about the beavers. I had to know why anything other

than a nature documentary would include hundreds of beavers in its storyline. Perhaps the title wasn't being literal?

Spoiler alert: It could not have been more literal. There were hundreds of beavers and even a couple of pesky rabbits, too. And they were all portrayed via people in animal suits with big heads. I could not have been more satisfied with my selection, nor my decision to step outside of my usual preferences, leading me to enjoying just under two hours of watching a down-on-his-luck applejack salesman prevail through the trials and tribulations of a cold winter in the woods on his journey to become a great fur trapper and win the affections of his love interest and the approval of her father. Trials and tribulations, of course, meaning holes that magically appear in the ground, booby traps set by forest critters, and going on trial in beaver court.

Though it's too late now to catch *Hundreds of Beavers* at the film festival here in Dubuque, the 2024 event is bringing local audiences a fresh menu of entertainment to satisfy their cravings and cleanse their palettes of the stale aftertaste of modern Hollywood studio productions with the brainchildren of another round of independent visionaries. When asked what genres will be included in this year's lineup, Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Executive Director Susan Gorrell was excited to share that there will be a little bit of everything to choose from.

Those looking for a laugh can choose from movies such as *Breakup Season*, starring AMC's *The Walking Dead*'s Chandler Riggs, or *Don't Get Eaten*, a fun zombie apocalypse flick about a family who jokingly prepared for the apocalypse right before it actually happened. Horror fans might check out films such as *Purgatory Jack*, *Bored Games*, or *Transylvanie* for a good scare; and true crime fans are sure to have their interest caught by *Kiss of the Con Queen* and *Stalking the Bogeyman*. *Jailhouse to Milhouse* and *Rodeo Girls* are only two of the great documentaries showing at the festival that will leave you thinking; and dramas such as *A Swan's Song*, sponsored by State Representative Chuck Isenhart, will do the same with its conversation-provoking message about the significance of mental health.

These films, as well as all of the other great options will be playing at various locations throughout Dubuque as has been the case in previous years. This year's showings will be at the Five Flags Center Theater, Majestic Room, and Orpheum Room; as well as The Grand Opera House, the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium Journey Theater, Hotel Julien Dubuque Grande Ballroom, and two theater rooms at Phoenix Theatres.

Many of these short and feature-length films will be shown for the first time in Iowa at this event, which means that unless you make a habit of traveling around to other states for film festivals, this is most likely the first opportunity you will have had to see it. Because this is an international film festival, there are also nearly a dozen films that will be showing stateside for the first time. And more exciting yet, JDIFF also has the pleasure of hosting the world premiere for several new films this year including *Camera, Remote, A Time Apart, Shit On Your Lip, Block, Alpha 27, Exit 2—The Game*, and *Controllo*. Those making their US debuts this season include *Reflections in a Room, Uncancelled, Lena and Vladimir, Rodeo Girls, 24 Seven, Wife Carrying, Au Revoir Belmondo, Humorous, Life in Canada, Land Der Berge*, and *Kukini*.

A comprehensive list of all films showing throughout the course of the event is available online at [JulienFilmFest.com/film-guide](https://www.julienfilmfest.com/film-guide), where they are all organized into traditional movie genre categories as well as those regarding length—feature film or short; the above mentioned premiere categories—Iowa Premiere, US Premiere, or World Premiere; festival categories including Future Filmmakers, Student, and Made in Iowa; and others such as LGBTQ+ and subtitled. Additionally, for those interested in experiencing a showing of a block of short films, the guide breaks down which films are in each of the 17 available short

blocks to help audiences effectively select the grouping they would be most interested in. The guide also displays each title with a cover image that users can click on for more information including a brief synopsis, rating, cast and crew, year, and location of creation plus what type of premiere it will be making at the event. Additionally, a link to watch the movie trailer and a link to purchase tickets are provided, making navigating and attending JDIFF showings easier than ever.

As is the case each year, the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival awards select films and their creators with accolades for their realized efforts. This cyclical process begins with submissions following the conclusion of the previous year's festival, wherein filmmakers submit their finished work to be reviewed by Gorrell and her team of dedicated volunteers who carefully choose which films will be the best fit for the festival via a tried-and-true reviewing and scoring process. Gorrell sends notes back to each submitter, and for those accepted into the festival, she also coordinates attendances, accommodations, and more. Once accepted into the festival, filmmakers have the opportunity to win awards based on various criteria such as the originality of their story, skilled direction, appropriate castings, and technical quality; these awards come with cash prizes and industry relevant perks, as well as the ability to boast festival wins that can help land them the streaming and distribution deals movie makers dream of.

This year's awards include Best Feature, Best Documentary, Best Short I (for films under 20 minutes in length), Best Short II (for films between 20 and 49 minutes in length), Best Actor/Actress or Cast Ensemble, Student Spotlight Film, Future Filmmaker, Best Use of Music, and Best Animated Feature Film. The Student Spotlight Film award is for a film made by a student over the age of 18, and the Future Filmmaker award is for a film made by a student under the age of 18. This year, the Best Use of Music award is sponsored by The Joey B McNamer Foundation, while the Best Animated Feature Film award is sponsored by Heartbeat Records.

Award recipients from 2023 include films such as *Pinball: The Man that Saved the Game* (Best Feature), *Labeled: The Missing, the Murdered, and the Forgotten* (Best Documentary), *Out of the Water* (Best Student Film), and *Well, We Tried* (Best Future Filmmaker). Other wins included *Hedgehog, Mayfly, Sibel's Silence, Perfectly Good Moment*, and *Gene's 6th Symphony*, as well as a few honorable mention selections. Who will make the cut for 2024?

This year, JDIFF has also created an exciting, new award to give away



JDIFF Special Events

View the full screening schedule at JulienFilmFest.com/schedule. Tickets are required for most events.

MON 4/22

Galena Pre-Event

4/22 @ 3-9 PM
4/23 @ 1-8 PM
DESOTO HOUSE (GALENA, IL)
Enjoy early screenings of feature films, documentaries, and short films that will be at this year's festival!

WED 4/24

Advanced Screenwriting Techniques
1 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Engagement Strategies 101: Building Meaningful Connections in a Noisy World
4 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Mix & Mingle
5-7:30 PM @ FIVE FLAGS CENTER

Celebrate Canada After Party
9:30 PM @ GARY DOLPHIN'S IRON BAR

THU 4/25

Film Distribution Through the Eyes of a Filmmaker
2 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Redefining Success in a Social Media Age
4:30 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

This is Your Brain on 16MM w/ Greg Hamilton
7 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

International Night After Party w/ DJ Papi
9:30 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVERBOAT LOUNGE

Trailermania
10 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

FRI 4/26

How Can Sound Design Help Tell Your Story?
1 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Demystifying Film Sales and Acquisitions: Insider Tips for Selling Your Film
2:30 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVER ROOM

Advanced Screenwriting Techniques
3 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Engagement Strategies
5 PM @ FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

World Premier Spotlight: "Camera"
7 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE BALLROOM

After Party
9:30 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE BALLROOM

SAT 4/27

Legal Issues in Film Distribution
NOON @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVER ROOM

Music: A Documentary Filmmaker's Best Friend
1:30 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVER ROOM

Crowdfunding to Build Independence
2:45 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVER ROOM

Awards Show
RED CARPET @ 7:30 PM
SHOW @ 8:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Awards Show After Party
FIVE FLAGS CENTER

SUN 4/28

JDIFF Jury and Selection Process
1 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVER ROOM

Demystifying Film Sales and Acquisitions
3:30 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN RIVER ROOM

Closing Film: Kiss of the Con Queen
6:30 PM @ FIVE FLAGS THEATER



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Curious about how these award selections are made? Join Gorrell and her team of jurors for a panel during which they discuss their selection process and answer audience questions about the festival on Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m. at the Hotel Julien Dubuque River Room. In addition to this informative panel about the event, JDIFF will be putting on a selection of additional workshops and panels over the course of five days to benefit anyone breaking into the industry or who simply has a special interest in the topics.

To kick things off on Wednesday, April 24, award-winning writer, producer, and director Peter Meech will be offering a workshop, *Advanced Writing Techniques*, followed by *Engagement Strategies: Building Meaningful Connections in a Noisy World* hosted by Nicole Almanza, both located in the Bijou Room at Five Flags Center. On Thursday, workshops will include *Film Distribution Through the Eyes of a Filmmaker* with producer Spero Stamboulis, as well another workshop by Almanza, *Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Redefining Success in a Social Media Age*. On Friday, CEO of Leomark Studios, Erik Lundmark, will demonstrate how sound design and music are used to better tell a story, and later Tenten Wei will dive into the intricacies of selling and distributing films. Saturday offers guidance on legal issues within the topics of film distribution, the use of music in documentaries, and crowdfunding projects. Full details and descriptions about these seminars are already available on JulienFlimFest.com, as are the details about the industry professionals hosting these educational talks. Tickets are not required to attend, and all are provided at no charge.

JDIFF offers Dubuquers some budget-friendly ways to enjoy the festival too. Besides the free panels and workshops,



Runde Auto Group sponsors a free day on Thursday, April 25 for interested parties to see any of the film showings at no cost, though it is recommended to reserve seats in advance to ensure one’s ability to take advantage of this generous offer. GreenState Credit Union also generously sponsors a student free day on Friday, April 26 for students to come see one or more films at no charge. Young students don’t need to bring a school ID for this perk, but older students should bring one as proof of their student status. Students are also able to receive 50% off on all other days of the event with their ID. Discounted tickets can only be purchased at the Hotel Julien Dubuque Box Office, so anyone wishing to enjoy that discount should not purchase their tickets online. What’s more, anyone with a library card for Carnegie-Stout Public Library is eligible to get a free ticket in advance at the library.

For anyone looking for something for the whole family to do together, JDIFF has kid-friendly options including *Don’t Get Eaten*, directed by George and Joe Simon; *Tokyo Cowboy*, directed by Marc Marriott; *Isabel’s Garden*, directed by Kit Rich; and *Camera*, directed by Jay Silverman, though parents can use the film guide to choose whatever they feel is appropriate for their children. Short blocks, it should be noted, may not be the best route for families with younger children though, as blocks consist of mixed genres. Any of the workshops or panels being put on throughout the course of the weekend are family-friendly in addition to being educational, and the Friday evening after party with live music in the Hotel Julien Dubuque Grande Ballroom, and the awards show and after party on Saturday are appropriate for the whole family too.

JDIFF also puts on events geared towards adult festival-goers over the course of the five day event. On opening day, Wednesday, April 24, Five Flags Center will host a Mix & Mingle event from 5 until 7:30 p.m., prior to the Celebrate Canada After Party held at Gary Dolphin’s Iron Bar at 9:30 p.m. On Thursday, Hotel Julien will start the day off with a Coffee Talk at 10 a.m. in the River Room, while the evening’s International After Party will be held at the Riverboat Lounge at 9:30 p.m. featuring DJ Papi. Friday morning will begin with another Coffee Talk at the same time and location; the evening will wrap up with the World Premiere After Party at Hotel Julien Dubuque Grande Ballroom at 9:30 p.m. Another Coffee Talk will be held Saturday morning with the Awards Show After Party that evening at Five Flags Center, also sponsored by The Joey B. McNamer Foundation. The event will wrap up Sunday night with a Last Chance Meet Up event held at Esther’s Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

With so many great film showings that are not readily available to be viewed just anywhere, topped off with generous servings of educational workshops, informative talks, meet and greet events with filmmakers and actors from around the world, and fun after parties sprinkled around some of the best locations in Dubuque, it’s hard to resist the temptation to clear one’s schedule to attend everything the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival has to offer us at the Wednesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 28 event. Don’t miss your opportunity for a helping of fun entertainment that further enables the presence of art and culture in Dubuque while simultaneously supporting the hard work of independent artists catering to audiences like you. ■

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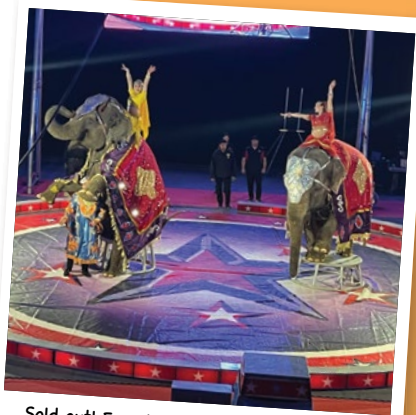
The moment the weather broke, volunteers were out in force, both inside and out at the Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens to prep for the summer season.



Once again, kids of all ages made their way to Steve's Ace Home & Garden to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in their nursery Easter egg hunt.



Rehearsals are in full swing for the Heartland Ballet's upcoming performances of *Cinderella* at the Grand Opera House. Yes, that's what's behind that round window at the top of the front of the theater.



Sold out! Even in this modern era, the old-fashioned Shrine Circus is still a hug hit with families at the Five Flags Arena in downtown Dubuque, elephants and all.



The First Annual Egg Hunt & Picnic filled Comiskey Park in downtown Dubuque with hundreds of kids on a Friday afternoon for fun, prizes, and, of course, candy. It was all free thanks to a great host of mainly black-owned business sponsors.



The crew at the Galena Canning Company were just a handful of the thousands of Tri-Staters who went outside at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8, to view the near total solar eclipse phenonema in the sky, hopefully all equally well prepared.



Convivium Urban Farmstead hosts a five-week "Cheap & Good" adult and family cooking class teaching basic skills and providing healthy recipes, using familiar ingredients, that can easily be prepared on a tight budget.



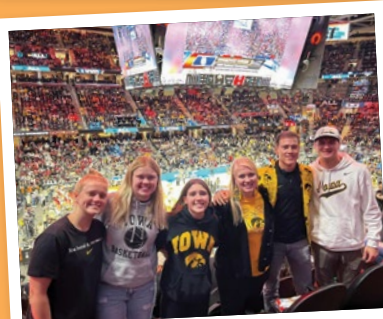
Mary Beth Ferring, Tom Rau, and David Klavitter competed in the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's Pursuit of the Podium contest raising an impressive \$35,750 for the arts group with Tom Rau taking the win and the opportunity to guest conduct an upcoming performance.



Even up against the Iowa Women's Championship game, the Dubuque Bridal Expo still brought the crowd to the Five Flags Arena to explore wedding inspiration for their upcoming big day!



It wasn't just bunnies and eggs as princesses were also on hand for the Community Easter Egg Hunt at Allison Henderson Park hosted by The Authentic Connection. Photo by Tom Kennedy.



The Chandlee Family from Dubuque was one of so many Iowa families that traveled to Cleveland to be part of the NCAA National Championship Magic created by Iowa Women's Basketball!

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- 12. BBQ
- 15. Scalloped potatoes & ham
- 16. Adult Grilled cheese
- 17. OtherSide Chicken
- 18. Panzerotti
- 19. BBQ
- 22. Meatloaf
- 23. Open faced beef
- 24. OtherSide Chicken
- 25. Spaghetti
- 26. BBQ
- 29. Tacos
- 30. Beef tips and noodles

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TRI-STATE LIVE MUSIC

THU 4/11
 Boys of Lloyd
 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)

Joie Wails
 7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI 4/12
 Musical Menus (SOLD OUT)
 6 PM @ Clarke Jansen Music Hall

Elizabeth Mary
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

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

Lexi Healey
 7 PM @ First Reserve

UD Spring Band Concert
 7 PM @ UD Heritage Center

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

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

Joseph John Valenti
 8 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Opening Night: Boogie Monster
 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Taking Back Friday: Trash Gordon
 10 PM @ Smokestack

SAT 4/13
 L&MOP: 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 (Bellevue, IA)

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

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

Sounds of Home
 4 PM @ UD Heritage Center

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 (SOLD OUT)
 6 PM @ Clarke Jansen Music Hall

Jeff Spradley
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

The Mixed Emotions Band
 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Catlyn Huckstep
 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Rock Steady
 7 PM @ Southend Tap

Larry Michael & Debra Kay
 7 PM @ Twisted Vines (Potosi, WI)

Back Booth Alley
 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Tony Walker
 8 PM @ Locals Bar (Eppworth, IA)

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
 1 PM @ 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)

Jeff Spradley
 2 PM @ Off Shore (Bellevue, IA)

Drama Kings
 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr
 3 PM @ Southend Tap

Steve & Randy
 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Work Wife, James Riley
 8 PM @ The Lift

WED 4/17
 SRT Donation Tip Night:
 Joie Wails
 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Studio & New Music Recital
 7 PM @ Clarke Jansen Music Hall

Danny Parker Project
 7 PM @ First Reserve

The Mixologist DJ AA
 7 PM @ Southend Tap

THU 4/18
 Joie Wails
 5 PM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead

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

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

Songwriters Showcase:
 Don Greenwood, Scott Stieber, Thomas Burns
 7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

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

FRI 4/19
 Jordan Danielsen
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Back Booth Alley Acoustic
6 PM @ The Other Side
(East DBQ, IL)

Mark Zalaznik
6 PM @ Darkbird Tapouse
(Peosta, IA)

Big Night Out
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Sophie Coyote
7 PM @ First Reserve

The Tyme Machines
7 PM @ Smokestack

Jimmy Welty Band
7 PM @ Round 2 (Peosta, IA)

The Mixed Emotions Band
7 PM @ Twisted Vines
(Potosi, WI)

Girls Night: The Musical
7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

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

Remembering John Denver:
A Tribute Starring Ted Vigil
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Dealbreakers
8 PM @ The Yardarm

Senn Alan Band
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

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

Jay Heim Karaoke
9 PM @ Dockside

Googleplexia, Carondelet Man,
Or Does It Explode
9 PM @ The Lift

Smelly Cat Karaoke
10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern
(Hazel Green, WI)

SAT 4/20
Brion Bowman
10 AM @ Convivium
Urban Farmstead

Platteville Pub Crawl
11 AM @ Platteville, WI

Steve Kalmes
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Nixon
2 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Scott Kirkhart
2 PM @ Off Shore (Bellevue, IA)

Lexi Healey
3 PM @ Millennium Bar &
Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Clarke Fest
4 PM @ Clarke Atrium Lawn

Mississippi Band
4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

Jacquie Miller
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Triple Threat
6 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Adam Bartels Band
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Shannon Woulfe
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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

Lou's 65th Birthday: The Resistors
7 PM @ New Diggings General
Store (New Diggings, WI)

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

The Ultimate Doors:
Tribute to The Doors
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Free Fallin': The Tom Petty
Concert Experience
8 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Tiger Kings
8 PM @ Southend Tap

Unicorn Fist
8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Senn Alan Band
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Mojo Busted
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

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

Box 10, Doug Collins and the
Receptionists
9 PM @ The Lift

Cirque Du Buque: 420
10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 4/21
Marys & Mimosas:
Kristina Marie Castañeda
10 AM @ Steeple Square

Casey Klein
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Julien Winds and Clarke Wind
Ensemble
2 PM @ Clarke Jansen Music Hall

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

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

Jack Stack
2 PM @ Off Shore (Bellevue, IA)

Chuck Murphy
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jam:
Willie and The Buzzhounds
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Three Quarter Buzz
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Larry Michael & Debra Kay
3 PM @ Bar-tell Bar & Grill
(Hazel Green, WI)

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

Sarah Day & Jimmy Berg
7:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

TUE 4/23
Clarke String Orchestra
7 PM @ Clarke Jansen Music Hall

Star Wars Trivia Night
w/ Think & Drink
7 PM @ Dog House Lounge

WED 4/24
Jef Spradley
7 PM @ First Reserve



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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
1 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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

Sunday Afternoon Jam
3 PM @ Northside Bar

Bingo
4 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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: 4/30, 5/14, 5/28

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

Comedy Nights Open Mic
8 PM @ Southend Tap

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

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

Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

Open Mic
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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

Jazz Night Open Mic w/ DZ Combo
7 PM @ Smokestack
1st Wed

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

THURSDAY

Blues Jam w/ The Mighty Mudcats @ 6 PM
Thirsty Thursday
Open Mic @ 8:30 PM
Smokestack

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

Rock Star Bingo
7 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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Drowning Pool, Saliva, Any Given Sin

APRIL 12 @ 7 PM

Drowning Pool is a name etched in the annals of modern rock history. Saliva's new music has a contemporary feel but sticks to their blue-collar roots. Any Given Sin transfigures conflict into caustic and catchy hard rock.



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

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

FLASHMOB!

MAY 3 @ 8 PM

NOT QUITE BROTHERS

MAY 4 @ 8 PM

SHOW ME YOUR HITS

MAY 10 @ 8 PM

UNICORN

MAY 17 @ 8 PM

THE SPAZMATICS

MAY 18 @ 8 PM

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JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE

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HOLIDAY INNARDS, CASUAL DISASTERS, WAX CANNON

SUN 4/14 • 8 PM • FREE
WORK WIFE, JAMES RILEY

FRI 4/19 • 9 PM • FREE
GOOGLEPLEXIA, CARONDELET MAN, OR DOES IT EXPLODE

SAT 4/20 • 9 PM • FREE
BOX 10, DOUG COLLINS AND THE RECEPTIONISTS

FRI 4/26 • 9 PM • FREE
HIGH ON STRESS, ENEMIES OF CONFUSION

SAT 4/27 • 9 PM • FREE
TRASH PANDAS, APEX AURA, TU' MERA

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FRI & SAT (5-7 PM) • \$2 OFF TAP BEERS
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THU 4/11



River Glen—An Evening of Stories & Songs

6:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS
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FRI 4/12

The Bismarck, Dick Hubert, Pure Service

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

The Bismarck has been playing music together, in one combination or another, since 1992. 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.

SAT 4/13



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 loud

guitars featuring Kelly Plumber, Brian Thompson, Andy Martin, and Kylie Buddin. Casual Disasters and Wax Cannon round things out with indie rock. facebook.com/TheLiftDubuque.

THU 4/18



Songwriters Showcase: Don Greenwood, Scott Stieber and Thomas Burns

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

COST: FREE
The April 2024 Songwriters Showcase shares the original music of regional singer songwriters Don Greenwood, Scott Stieber and Thomas Burns. Refreshments will be available. Sponsored by Mark and Mary Ellen. GalenaCenterForTheArts.org.

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SAT 4/27



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3 & 8 PM @ CODFISH HOLLOW BARNSTORMERS (5013 288TH AVE, MAQUOKETA, IA)

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An immersive and intimate journey inside the making and breaking of one of 2004’s most iconic and unlikely hit albums by EMO legends, Hawthorne Heights. The band will perform a stripped-down version of *The Silence in Black and White* while sharing the stories of writing, recording, and touring during *TSIBAW* album cycle. Hawthorne Heights breaks down navigating the music scene and culture that caused an entire generation of musical sadness. Bike Routes joins as a special guest. Tickets are sold out for the 8 p.m. show, but tickets are still available for the early show. CodfishHollowBarnstormers.com.



The Neverly Brothers

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 7 PM
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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. ■

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Dinger's D'Lite's

Story and Photos by Danny Fairchild

I've recently taken up a new hobby that I call "clamshell hunting." Clamshell hunting, which I've named for the clamshell containers favored by food trucks and trailers and the like, is when you go out of your way to find a food truck or trailer you haven't tried yet and then go try it. I like to think I have my finger at least somewhere in the general vicinity of the pulse of the Tri-States' dining scene. But far too often, it has happened that I stumble upon a mobile eatery I didn't know a damn thing about, only to find out that it's been around for at least a couple of years. We just somehow never crossed paths.

It's embarrassing.

Clamshell hunting is my attempt to avoid such embarrassment.

All this to say, that apparently, Dinger's D'Lite's has been serving awesome food focusing on all things fresh and local for years. And I had no clue. None. I've had my head up my butt this entire time.



ZOODLE BOWL

My friends... there are some delicious things going on in this food trailer that need to be examined and appreciated. I've always felt that the difference between a craftsperson and an artist is that a craftsperson takes the accepted rules of a medium and uses them to great effect while an artist takes those same rules and breaks them to great effect.

When it comes to sandwiches... Dinger is an artist, yo.

But before I get into the sandwiches, take a look at the bottom right corner of that chalkboard menu (pictured). I want



CREUBEN

to talk about the zoodle bowl. Zoodles, for those of you who have your head even further up your butt than I have mine, are a "noodle" made by spiralizing zucchini. It's a noodle option for people who, for any or no reason, typically say no to noodles. It's a noodle-ized vegetable. Win-win. But here's where I've had my head up my butt yet again: Why did it never occur to me to use zoodles in noodle salad? Vegetables already belong in salads, why didn't a noodle-ized vegetable for a "noodle" salad ever occur to me? It occurred to Dinger. It's occurred to a lot of people, judging by Google, but Dinger brings it to life here. This isn't a vegan option, mind you. Not if the Asiago and Parmesan cheeses have anything to say about it. But if you're looking for just a taste of freshness, this zoodle bowl is what you're after. Fresh onions, tomatoes, and zesty Italian dressing join forces with the zoodles and those cheeses to create a craveable dish that's definitely a lighter alternative to the sandwiches Dinger's gonna wow you with.

Now, be warned: Just because a sandwich comes from a food trailer doesn't mean that they're under any obligation to make it something you can easily carry and eat in your hand. For some of these monsters, you're going to want to use utensils. I'm looking at you, Creuben.

Yes, Creuben. I spelled that perfectly well, thank you. It's Dinger's answer to the classic Reuben sandwich. If you're a sandwich purist, Dinger still has you covered with a classic Reuben with your corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, and Thousand Island dressing. Did you know Thousand Islands is a real place? That's why I'm capitalizing it. Anyway.



SPECIALTY BURGER

It's nothing new to have your own take on a Reuben. You've probably heard of the Rachel sandwich. It's a Reuben, but 'cept with creamy coleslaw instead of kraut, and pas-trami instead of corned beef. There's tons of variations on the Reuben.

But if you're going to go ahead and mess with the Reuben, one of the most beloved of sandwiches, you'd better know what you're doing. You'd better not divorce it too much from its Reuben roots. It still has to be recognizably Reubenesque. So the more you mess with the Reuben while still communicating "Reuben!"... well... that's where Dinger's artistry comes in.

You got your corned beef, sure. And you've got your kraut and your Thousand Island dressing, naturally. Oh! But here comes a bit of the Tri-States messing up your kosherness with a nice pile of smoked pork. Yes, smoked pork!

Now this next part, you're going to have to keep an open mind. Close your eyes and picture a Reuben sandwich. What kind of bread is it on? Rye bread, right? Probably marble rye? Kind of hard to imagine anything even moderately Reuben-like on anything BUT rye, yeah? I thought so, too. But remember what I said: An artist is one who knows the rules

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and breaks them effectively. And I stand by my assertion that Dinger is an artist.

Friends... The Creuben, Dinger's D'Lite's answer to sandwich royalty, the Reuben, is NOT served on rye bread, marbled or otherwise. It is served on French bread. Oh, is that where I lost you? Then you don't deserve Dinger's D'Lite's, and you should die a pedantic death to cap off your pedantic life. I hate you.

Yeah. That sandwich over there with the nice, airy bread crowning just a mess of deliciousness? I'm standing here telling you that it's a worthy variation of the Reuben. I will die on this hill.

And the pulled pork is so succulent and nummy. Mmm.

When it comes to barbecue like pulled pork, I'm firmly in Team Barbecue Sauce. I understand and agree that there are plenty of folks who make barbecue that certainly don't NEED barbecue sauce. I don't care. I LIKE barbecue sauce. If I had a religion, my head would be anointed with barbecue sauce. It's the way my father taught me. So when the cab of my car was filled with that unmistakable tangy aroma common to most barbecue sauces, I was salivating hard, my friends. And the only thing that could satiate that blood lust was sinking my teeth into that Specialty Burger.

If you want a sandwich your hand can handle, get one of Dinger's burgers, NOT the Creuben. But also make sure you get a Creuben sometime. I'm not budging from this.

I have nothing but praise for Dinger's Specialty Burger. Sure, at first glance, you've likely had a similar burger before: beef patty, bacon, onion straws, whiskey barbecue sauce. But there's a reason why this combo is so common. It's friggin' delicious. But I assure you, friends, you haven't had this burger until you've had Dinger's version. It's her specialty, after all. Because remember what's ALSO her specialty? I said it at the top. Her specialty is all things fresh and local. "Fresh" is

not a word one would use to describe bacon. It's been thoroughly cured, after all. Onion straws aren't fresh. They're hardly even onions anymore. They've transcended onionness. As for whiskey barbecue sauce, well... would you rather have a fresh whiskey or a lovingly aged whiskey? So how the hell does this burger, which isn't adorned with anything in the neighborhood of fresh, STILL communicate Dinger's fresh vision? Witchcraft?

No, you know what it is? It's that awesome flame-grilled flavor. There's this big friggin' propane tanks attached to her food trailer, do you honestly think she's not using them? So so good! Seriously some of the best burgers in the area, and we've got some sweet-heart burgers around these parts.

So, get your head out of your butt and go clamshell hunting for Dinger's D'Lite's. And spread around this clamshell-hunting concept. I think we could make it a thing. ■

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Not Your Average Produce

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Be honest: What fruits and vegetables do you have at home right now? Maybe you opt for the classics like apples, bananas, carrots, and potatoes, and they are staples on your shopping list. Or perhaps you bought produce recently but you forgot about it in your fridge, and now it's too late to use in your recipe. Putting produce in your cart is just the first step in your mission to get your five servings of fruits and vegetables in a day. So let's take that produce from cart to plate and get inspired with a few produce varieties you may not have tried before!

Let's start with kohlrabi—a cruciferous vegetable that's more common in Europe and Asia but is growing in popularity worldwide. Per cup, kohlrabi is approximately 40 calories and contains both fiber and a small amount of protein. It is also a source of antioxidants such as vitamin C and contains vitamin B6, magnesium, and potassium. Look for firm, smaller to medium-size kohlrabi bulbs with hearty stems and leaves, as larger bulbs tend to be tougher and less tasty! You can eat both the bulb and leaves, but after washing, it is recommended to remove the outermost layer of the bulb as this is very tough and doesn't taste as delicious as the interior. If you are not using the bulb right away, seal tightly in a bag or airtight container in the fridge for up to one week. If you're ready to enjoy—snack on kohlrabi raw with hummus, add to salads, put into soups, or try roasting and sautéing.

Next up, collard greens! You may already be familiar with this leafy green, but did you know they are part of the cruciferous vegetable family just like kale? Collard greens contain a variety of nutrients including protein and fiber to help with satiety and blood glucose control but also vitamins and minerals such as vitamin K—important for blood clotting and bone health.

When selecting at the store, avoid those with wilted, slimy, or brown leaves. When preparing, it is recommended to remove the center rib and stem after washing and before enjoying! You can easily add collard greens to your menu by adding them to salads, sandwiches, soups, and stews, into your casseroles and omelets, or simply sautéing as a side dish.

Have you ever heard of jicama? While this root vegetable may not be the prettiest piece of produce in the department with its brown, papery peel hiding the crisp white interior, its extra crunchy texture and slightly sweet flavor is sure to impress! Jicama is also nutrient-dense, packed with fiber and is only around 50 calories per cup. Plus it contains antioxidants like vitamin C to protect our cells from damage and supports blood pressure regulation with the mineral potassium. At the store, select jicama that is firm and dry or opt to try Hy-Vee Short Cuts jicama sticks. You can enjoy jicama raw as a snack with your favorite dip or add to stir fry, slaws, or bake as an alternative to traditional fries.

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THE LONG GAME (PG)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

The true story of the San Felipe Mustangs, a group of Mexican-American youths located in Del Rio, TX. In the 1950s, the group set out to play golf at a white country club in town. Despite prejudice, the Mustangs overcame these obstacles to become the 1957 Texas state champions.



THE MINISTRY OF UNGENTLEMANLY WARFARE (R)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

The story of the first-ever special forces organization formed during World War II, which goes on a daring mission against the Nazis using entirely unconventional and utterly "ungentlemanly" fighting techniques. Ultimately, their audacious approach changed the course of the war.



ABIGAIL (R)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

After a group of criminals kidnap the ballerina daughter of a powerful underworld figure, they retreat to an isolated mansion, unaware that they're locked inside with no normal little girl.



SASQUATCH SUNSET (R)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

In the misty forests of North America, a family of Sasquatches find themselves on a collision course with the ever-changing world around them.



Movie Buzz

In the wake of *Dune: Part Two* being the highest-grossing movie of 2024 thus far, Legendary Entertainment has confirmed that it is working with writer-director Denis Villeneuve to develop a third chapter in the science-fiction series. We'll have to wait a bit, though, as Villeneuve is tackling a smaller-scale project first.



Even though *The Matrix: Resurrections* was a very expensive bomb, WB is still chasing it; Drew Goddard, who wrote *The Martian*, is set to write and direct a fifth movie in the franchise. This will be the first without Lana or Lily Wachowski involved in writing or direction, though Lana Wachowski is still attached as an executive producer.



Courtney Cox is in talks to reprise her role as Gale Weathers in *Scream VII*. Neve Campbell has already signed on to play Sidney Prescott once again after sitting out *Scream VI* due to a pay dispute. The production has already been troubled, losing two directors and stars Jenna Ortega and Melissa Barrera.



Marvel's reboot of *Blade* starring Mahershala Ali, which has been in development hell since being announced in 2019, including going through five different writers, is now looking to finally get to shooting in the fall. The movie is expected to release in late 2025 or early 2026.



Adam Sandler has confirmed that he is working on a follow-up to his 1990s comedy *Happy Gilmore*. The script is still being written, but we fully expect villain Shooter McGavin to return.



James

By John McAndrew

Have you ever picked up a book and, within the first 20 pages, decided that you want to read the whole thing in one sitting? I didn't get it done in one sitting, but it kept me up until 1:45 a.m., only 13 hours after picking it up from the Carnegie-Stout Public Library (librarians are freedom fighters.)

They need to make a play or movie from this book, as they did with *Erasure*, which was made into the movie *American Fiction*. It won an Oscar for best adapted screenplay. *James* is Percival Everett's story of an enslaved man who is close with a boy you may know, named Huck Finn. They live life on the Mississippi, down in Hannibal, MO, so they're almost honorary Dubuquers.

James—known as Jim to the folks around him—loves to read and write. But he can't let anyone know that.

"I really wanted to read. Though Huck was asleep, I could not chance his waking and discovering me with my face in an open book. Then I thought, *How could he know that I was actually reading?* I could simply claim to be staring dumbly at the letters and words, wondering what in the world they meant. How could he know? At that moment the power of reading made itself clear and real to me. If I could see the words, then no one could control them or what I got from them. They couldn't even know if I was merely seeing them or reading them, sounding them out or comprehending them. It was a completely private affair and completely free and, therefore, completely subversive."

He hears that his owner is planning to sell him, and him alone, separating him from his family. He runs and hides in a cave on an island in the river while he considers his options.

At about the same time, Huck hears that his abusive father, Pap Finn, has returned to town. After faking his own murder so they wouldn't chase him, he runs away and finds James on the island. This complicates things for James. He knows that the apparent murder of Huck would likely be pinned on the slave who just disappeared. Down river they go, and adventures ensue. They encounter comen, fellow slaves, and a band of traveling minstrels in search of a new tenor.

James is an example of what we might call Rashomonic literature: stories that tell other sides of famous stories. Other examples include *Wicked*, about the Wicked Witch of the West, by Gregory Maguire; *The Book of Longings*, about Mary Magdalene, by Sue Monk Kidd; and *Song*

of *Achilles*, by Madeline Miller, a retelling of *The Iliad*. You may have noticed how our stories differ, sometimes wildly, even if we are talking about the same event. A boy runs away with a friend who is a slave: that boy and that man will have very different experiences on the same trip.

Everett seems to believe that the right to our own story is one of our most fundamental rights. For a long time, James doesn't tell Huck some basic things about himself, allowing Huck to believe what he's always believed. James's secrets are his, just as his story is. You may or may not like some of the places Everett takes James and Huck. But he never gets pedantic or preachy.

Reading of experiences like our own may comfort us or reinforce our views. Reading of experiences of people in other cultures may frighten us or open our eyes to wider possibilities than we suspected. One author may take the bones of another author's story and set them off walking in a different direction, to get a new perspective. Barbara Kingsolver did so with *Demon Copperhead*, and Percival Everett does it with *James*.

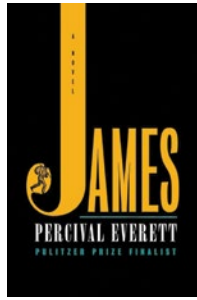
"I can tell you that I am a man who is cognizant of his world, a man who has a family, who loves a family, who has been torn from his family, a man who can read and write.... With my pencil, I wrote myself into being."

It's a delight, to visit these characters again. Everett has an almost religious devotion to the power of reading and writing, of telling your own story, keeping your own secrets. Why are writers jailed or attacked? Why are books banned? Why were slaves forbidden to learn to read and write? Because freedom—to read, to write, to engage with the entire range of ideas, to speak for yourself, to walk a mile in the other person's shoes—threatens power.

Read *James* before the people who ban *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer* ban it too. And if you like *James*? Percival Everett has written, ohh, about 30 other books. ■

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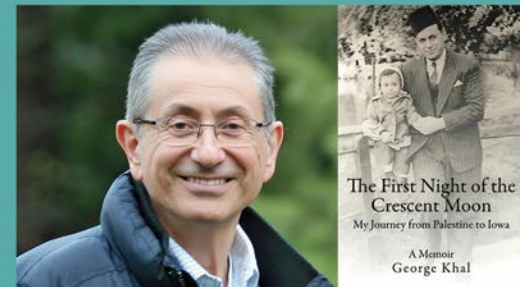
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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 28

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By Frank A. Longo

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- 12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation
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- 21 Like Viking script
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- 25 Runaway
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- 31 Makeovers
- 33 Application to improve blood flow
- 39 Stew legume
- 41 Glazer of "Broad City"
- 42 Gold, in Italy
- 43 Person not getting deserved acclaim
- 48 Chilly tourist lodge
- 53 New Mexico art mecca
- 54 Old New York theater
- 55 Whirled
- 58 To a greater extent
- 59 Phased-out cartoon storekeeper
- 60 Greek cheese
- 61 Easels, e.g.
- 63 Susa's ancient land
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- 66 Bikers' association
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- 74 Curveball that breaks over the plate at the very last second
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- 83 Acorn trees
- 85 Grassy tract
- 86 Wrecked
- 89 Santa — (some winds)
- 90 Agra dress
- 91 Feels ill
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- 94 Thaw after winter
- 96 Roadhouse
- 97 Writer Wilde
- 100 "Fancy that!"
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- 45 Brief audio file
- 46 All the rage
- 47 Midterm, e.g.
- 48 "500" race
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- 67 Mary-Kate of "Beastly"
- 68 Latching, e.g.
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- 98 Taco toppers
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

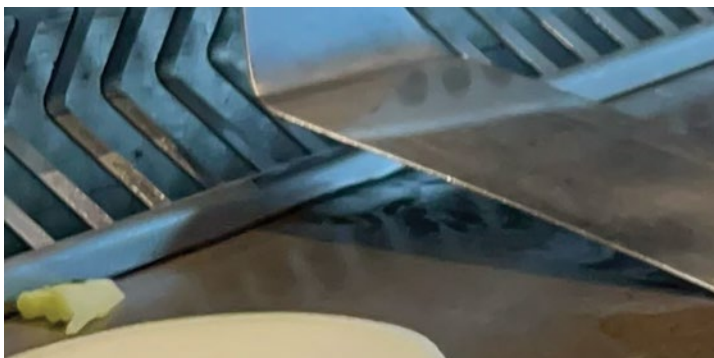
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Discomfort Zoner

By Matt Booth

The phrase “step outside of your comfort zone” has always bothered me. It suggests a timid approach, like dipping your toe into a pool to test the water. But if you truly want to grow and improve, that’s not enough. You need to embrace what I call the Discomfort Zone—it’s about taking a running leap and cannonballing into the pool, not just tiptoeing around the edge.

The Discomfort Zone comprises areas of your life that you actively avoid because they make you feel uneasy or anxious. These zones are easy to spot but tough to confront. Consider the discomfort of exercising versus the comfort of lounging on the sofa or the challenge of applying for a new job versus the ease of staying put in your current role. It’s uncomfortable to forgive, to be accountable, and to tell the truth, but all too comfortable to hold grudges, blame others, and lie.

Staying within your comfort zone might feel safe, but it’s a deceptive kind of safety. It leads to mediocrity, strained relationships, and

disappointment. Comfort dulls your senses and saps your vitality. Everything in the universe is either growing or declining, and if you’re constantly comfortable, you’re merely existing, not truly living.

On the other hand, the Discomfort Zone, while potentially painful, embarrassing, or frightening, is where you’re truly safe. It’s a dynamic space filled with surprises that keep you on your toes, fostering high performance, creativity, and inspiration. Successful people understand that pain is a part of growth and that the rewards far outweigh the temporary discomfort.

In today’s digital age, it’s comfortable to spend hours scrolling through social media or binge-watching TV shows. However, this comfort zone of screen time can lead to procrastination, reduced productivity, and a disconnection from the real world. Embracing the Discomfort Zone might mean setting strict limits on your screen time and replacing it with activities that initially feel less appealing, such as reading a book, engaging in physical exercise, or having face-to-face conversations. While it may be uncomfortable to break away from the digital world, doing so can lead to improved focus, better relationships, and a more balanced life.

Politics is another example. Political discussions, especially with those who hold opposing views, can be extremely uncomfortable. Many people choose to stay in the comfort zone of surrounding themselves with like-minded individuals, avoiding any confrontation or challenge to their beliefs. However, stepping into the Discomfort Zone of politics involves actively seeking out and listening to different perspectives, participating in debates, and being open to changing your views. This can be intimidating and even frustrating, but it’s essential for personal growth, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the world. Embracing this

discomfort can lead to more informed opinions and a greater ability to navigate the complexities of society.

If you retreat to your comfort zone at the first sign of pain, you’ll never progress. Embracing the Discomfort Zone means there’s no turning back to safety. Once you grasp this concept, you become willing to endure what others avoid. You transform into a “Discomfort Zoner,” someone who accepts discomfort until it becomes bearable, eventually reaping the benefits, and leaving the pain behind.

Jumping into the Discomfort Zone is not just an option; it’s essential for personal growth. If you don’t take the plunge, you’ll remain stagnant, forever testing the waters with your toe. Is that the life you want to lead? ■

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DEAR ANGELA,

I want to make the next great independent film. I've got the script, funding secured (thanks to a small loan from my mom), locations scouted, and actors cast. It's going to be the first ever 3D workplace drama. It's going to be a hit, I just know it. One actor, however, is being a pain. I have a very specific vision for this movie, and he keeps improvising lines! I ask him to move back to first position, and he wanders around wasting everyone's time. He even had the audacity to call, "That's a wrap," three hours into a 12-hour shooting day because he was "hungry and wanted to go play video games." I'm struggling. I can't fire this guy because he offered to do the role for free, and

part of the loan agreement from my mom is that I had to include my younger brother in the film or she would take back the money. What should I do?
—The Next Spielberg

DEAR NEXT,

Unfortunately, it's clear that you actually meant to send this message to Ang Lee's Auteur Advice for Amateur Filmmakers. I hate to break it to you, but Ang is super over 3D films, so it's for the best you got me instead! I also don't like 3D, but I'm a little more accessible, so here we go. Making a good movie can be so tough! It's time to play your cards. You MUST have something you can hold over this leading lad's head, he is your brother after all. Did you take the fall for a broken vase one time? Perhaps you know about a time he snuck out on a school night when he was grounded? Whatever it is, it's time to remind him that you also have power in this relationship and you aren't afraid to Go Tell Mom.

DEAR ANGELA,

My husband likes scary movies, but I hate them. It wouldn't be so bad except when we started dating, I pretended like I didn't mind them. It made him so happy to share the next fright fest or

thriller with me while I just bear it and then have nightmares for days after. Now, years later, I can't tell him how I really feel because I'm afraid it will wreck our whole relationship! He'll start to wonder what else I may have lied about, and I don't want him to think our whole marriage is a sham. Please help!
—Frightened on Fengler

DEAR FRIGHTENED,

Research has found that the best way to cover up a lie is with another even more outlandish and dramatic lie. In your case, it will be pretty easy, and you'll be done with these horror flicks for good. You need a good head injury. Well, a pretend head injury at least. Tell your husband you tripped and fell while walking in the park. Complain a bit throughout dinner and dessert, but stress that you feel mostly fine, no need to go to the hospital or anything. Suggest a movie after your meal, a little Netflix and thrill, perhaps? BUT at the first jump scare, you need to let it all out. Scream and cry as you've wanted to for years. Ask to turn off the movie, complaining that it's giving you a headache. The next night? Repeat. Do this for several more days, each time reacting whenever something scary happens. Finally "do some internet

research" and then explain that you've found a whole community of people whose taste in movies have changed after they hit their head. You simply can no longer watch scary movies—ta da!

DEAR ANGELA,

I invited a girl I like over to watch a movie. She's a real movie buff, so I want to impress her with my selection. What should I pick?
—Movie Night on Moonrise Court

DEAR MOVIE,

The 1990 live action *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. Giant mutant turtles fighting and eating pizza, what more could you want? I have no clue how *Dances With Wolves* won best picture at the Academy Awards in 1991 when *TMNT*, a veritable cinematic classic, came out the same year. The Oscars have always been rigged, I guess!

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talk

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test

Get tested! It's the only way to **know for sure** if you have an STI or HIV.
Many STIs **don't cause any symptoms**, so you could have one and **not know**.
If you're not comfortable asking your regular provider for an STI or HIV test, find a clinic that provides confidential testing that is free or low cost.

treat

All STIs, including HIV, are **treatable**. If you test positive for an STI, work with your healthcare provider to get the right treatment.
Ask about partner services to get your partner tested and treated. Avoid having sex until you and your sex partner both complete treatment.
If you test positive for HIV, your healthcare provider or testing location will help connect you to treatment and resources!

STI Awareness Week is April 14–20—but taking care of your sexual health is something you can do all year long! STIs can cause long-term health issues when left untreated. They can also increase your chances of acquiring HIV. Getting tested for all sexually-transmitted infections is the best way to protect your own health & help to stop HIV in Iowa!





TAKE HER WITH YOU!

Meet Me In St. Louie

By Pam Kress-Dunn

Have you been to St. Louis? I have. I hear it has an arch and a bridge over the same river that flows past Dubuque. I'm sure it had a lot of other memorable features way back when I was there, but I remember nothing. I don't even remember the name of the other woman driving the car.

What I remember is Larry, one of my friends at Coe College, a senior when I was a sophomore. Larry had an apartment across from the campus where all the cool kids hung out. One day, I stopped in to say hello and found him wearing an apron and making pancakes. I offered to help, and we fed the masses.

Larry's best friend lived far away—Vermont? Costa Rica?—and they rarely saw each other. One day, his friend announced he would be driving from St. Louis right through Cedar Rapids. The problem was, he couldn't stop, only wave as he drove by. I have no clue about his final destination.

So, Larry hatched a plan. If someone would drive him down to St. Louis, he could meet up with his friend, get into his car, and hang out while they drove to Cedar Rapids. Great idea! But who would be his driver? He asked a few women he knew—Larry was no hunk, but a lot of women adored him—and finally got a “Yes” from me and someone whose name escapes me. Let's call her Linda. She was a snob, but I could handle one trip with her.

Early on the appointed evening, Linda and I hopped into Larry's car, which he had graciously offered to drive all

the way down river. We wore heavy coats—it was early February, still winter in Iowa. Off we went, radio blasting, as Linda and I tried to get some sleep. I'd already had dinner and walked my dog, a black labrador named Zooney, bidding her goodbye in my apartment.

I wish I remembered the pre-nap conversation. We probably talked about music. A quick look at *Billboard's* Top 100 for 1972 reveals Jim Croce's “You Don't Mess Around with Jim,” (#68) Donny Osmond's “Puppy Love,” (#67), and Melanie's “Brand New Key” (#9). This may explain why everyone gathered at Larry's to listen to Laura Nyro and Fairport Convention. We probably talked about politics. Despite his visit to Coe that year, George McGovern would be soundly defeated by Richard Nixon in November. And we probably talked about food. Those of us who, like me and Larry, lived off-campus, often hosted dinners where we tried our best to recreate our mothers' recipes. I remember lots of spaghetti.

Before that night, my travels were few. My family went to the same low-key resort on Lake Ada in Minnesota every summer, joining aunts, uncles, and cousins on Dad's side for two weeks of lazing in the sun and eating fish, but I had yet to see a mountain or ocean. That came later, when my high school sweetheart, with whom I'd broken up, offered me a ride to Colorado and then my first plane ride back. No, wait. My first plane was a pontoon that landed on Lake Ada; my parents let me and

my sister take off with some guy they'd never met. It was fine. It was very cool.

The Rockies were my first mountains, followed a year later by the Adirondacks, which are more like foothills in comparison. My first ocean was the Atlantic. On my family's trips to Minnesota, we always stopped to hunt for agates along Lake Michigan, and since we couldn't see across it, it served as my pretend ocean.

After much driving, yawning, and stopping at gas stations, the three of us finally arrived in St. Louis. I remember nothing about Larry's friend, or who took the first shift driving back. The one thing I do recall, and quite vividly, was seeing flowers in bloom. It seemed like we had driven to Florida, or the Gulf of Mexico. “It's spring!” I shouted. Linda made fun of me, but I was overjoyed. We glumly headed back north, knowing heaps of snow would still be on the ground there.

The sun was just rising as we parked Larry's car on 13th St. (now Coe Road). I grabbed my backpack and headed up A Avenue, where I lived alone with Zooney. I climbed the steps, staggering in my sleep, opened the door, and fell onto the bed. That was my first experience driving all night, and I vowed it would be my last.

It must have been a Saturday, because I had no classes to wake up for. Instead,

it was Zooney's whimpering that woke me. Groggy, I called out to her. “What is it, honey?” Then I got up. There she stood, in front of the living room door, hanging her head in shame. She had to go, and when I didn't wake, left a puddle where she knew she really should not have. Poor dog.

I grabbed her leash and headed down the stairs, assuring her all the way, “It's okay! You're a good dog!” She believed me.

Car trips can be a blast—you and the road, stopping when you want to, taking unplanned detours to see the world's largest ball of twine (Darwin, MN) or Oz, complete with Dorothy's house (Liberal, KS). You can eat junk you'd never allow yourself at home or stop at Ma and Pa cafés off the interstate. You can practice jumping jacks at rest stops, something I used to do to wake myself up and embarrass my kids.

Just one thing. Get someone to let your dog out. Better yet, take her with you. ■

PAM KRESS-DUNN

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(APR 19–MAY 13)

Now is the time to start using contractions in really odd contexts to show people how interesting you're.



TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

It's time to shake things up! Unless you're responsible for the health and safety of an infant. Then don't.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

Hold on to that world-changing idea you've got brewing. It's not that the world isn't due for a change. Far from it. It's just that the world is also due for a mass extinction event, and being upstaged sucks.



CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

In this, the Information Age, media illiteracy can be even more dangerous than functional illiteracy. Which means that if you log on to Truth Social or similar, my two-year-old is better informed than you are. At least SHE knows that being a bully is wrong.



LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

With the sun conjoining Mercury, you can't help but seize the day. Not "seize" as in *Dead Poets Society*, mind you. More like "seize" like a car engine.



VIRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

Put your volunteer spirit to work for the greater good. After all, you do NOT want the old gods choosing their own people to sacrifice. That's not even technically a sacrifice.



LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

In case you were wondering, yes flamingos can fly.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

While it's only natural to want to leave a workplace that's toxic, I don't know where else you'll "accidentally" acquire superpowers.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

You're ready to face the world with an open heart... Which, of course, is a very delicate surgical procedure, so make sure you take good care of yourself and listen to your doctors.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

While it's nice to feel wanted, the posters will be as unflattering as ever.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

The solar eclipse offers a strong possibility for a personal rebirth. This time, you're going to have to clean up your own mess, placenta and all.



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

While no one could ever truly take your place, you're pretty easily replaced in the aggregate.



PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

While it's admirable that you take spring cleaning so seriously, cleaning off all the grease will leave your springs susceptible to corrosion, and you and your friends have been waiting all winter to jump on the trampoline.

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