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So, last issue I gave you my fun rant about flying Allegiant Airlines on the way to our Caribbean cruise, and this week, I guess, I should talk about the good part, the actual cruise. But first let me note that Kristina from 365ink used AI to create an '80s hair metal song out of the first paragraph of last issue's Inkubator column, and I have to say, it's simply epic. If you'd like to hear it, go find me on Facebook and find the post from Thursday, May 30. AI is crazy awesome and also crazy scary.

So, back in late 2019, we decided we were going on a cruise after I finished my chemotherapy. That would have been late spring of 2020. Well... you know what happened in the spring of 2020. And with the first people falling to COVID being on cruise ships, I was sure there was never a chance I'd ever get my wife on one. But here we are. She wanted to get away from everything, and this seemed like a good way to do that, and it worked.

We took the Enchanted Princess cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Princess Cays, St. Thomas, and Puerto Rico. Both Christy and I are all about great food and history. So, we wanted a boat without tons of kids and waterslides and such, and we found it. I wanted to give Christy an outlet to disappear, and our mini-suite with the private balcony looking out over the water gave us just that. She could sit out there and read and enjoy the blue sea as far as the eye could see. The interior rooms look depressing to me. Don't go there.

The first stop was Princess' private island, and it's just a giant beach. We are NOT beach people, but some people on our cruise definitely were. So, we went ashore, walked around for an hour or so in the oppressive heat, got the wife a wide brimmed hat, and went back to the comfort of the ship. Beautiful, but not our thing. But St. Thomas and Puerto Rico were much more our speed. Instead of taking the boat's official tours, we got a lift from one of the local guys and skipped right to the places we wanted to go and not all the other stuff. We don't like shopping for hours. So, we went to the top of the mountain on St. Thomas for the views and then had some excellent, real smoked BBQ before returning to the ship. And Puerto Rico had awesome old military forts, beautiful blue glazed brick paved streets, and lovely colorful narrow streets of homes. This was our favorite stop for sure, and even as hot as it was-and it WAS-we really enjoyed our smashand-grab, few-hour tour of the island.

Back on the ship, we pretty much planned our days around food and relaxing. We had our first lunch at the buffet on the top deck; it was a nice mix of many



THE VIEW FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN ON ST. THOMAS

cultures' foods with lots of variety and enough gluten-free options to even make Christy happy. The first night, we went to one of the fanciest restaurants on the ship, and it did not disappoint. How can lobster and filet mignon disappoint, after all? And while we hit the buffet a couple more times, we spent most meals in the nicer dining rooms. By the end, we had found the one with the vibe we liked the most and had the same table and same server every night. And I got over the reluctance to ask for a second of something I liked. Oh man, there was a puff pastry filled with a lobster bisque stew that was just pure love.

And it was at dinner that we met great people next to us that sparked fun conversations. We did this with a couple of couples. We would chat with them more later in the cruise and even chose to dine together again. Christy and one of our new friends named Chad (we're Facebook friends now), a contractor from Texas, even teamed up to win the Egg Drop Challenge in the tall, glass, multistory central plaza of the ship. Chad's wife and I cheered from the sidelines. Christy came home with a sweet rubber chicken (Chad got the medal stating "winner").

We ate, I hot tubbed, we saw some marginal comedy but some stellar Broadwaystyle musical theater. We spent some time walking the track around the very top of the ship, which was just a stunning view in any direction. Did I mention we ate? Taking some desserts from the buffet back to the room at the end of the day became an important task. (As was hoarding bottled water for the room.) Why didn't they say there was a "water" package?

Yes, we'd do things a bit differently if we went again, but we would go again. It was, after all, our first-ever cruise. Some people we met were on their 20th or 40th. Maybe somewhere less hot next time? How about Alaska? We'd also avoid spending an extra two days in Fort Lauderdale at the end. But we have no regrets. It was super fun and just as relaxing... and no COVID! And then... back to reality.

Speaking of reality, did I mention there's a new rescue dog in our lives? Next time, my friends... ■







Taste of Summer Series

JUNE 6, JUNE 27, AND AUGUST 1 @ 5-9 PM NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM (350 E 3RD ST)

Get ready for the exciting Taste of Summer event at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. It's back for three events featuring food vendors and musicians. Come hang out after-hours in the boatyard and plaza.

Save the dates for the upcoming events: June 6, June 27, and Aug. 1. Food and drinks start at 5 p.m., and two live bands keep the vibe going until 9 p.m. You can enter through the Mississippi River Discovery Center (paddlewheel) or National River Center entrances.

Each event has food vendors battling it out for the "People's Choice" award, voted on by you. Plus, drinks will be available for purchase. June 6 features Myson's Tacos & Burritos, Hibachi Time, Moski's BBQ, Koppes Creations, and Hot Diggity Dogz plus music by Ace Jones at 5–6:30 p.m. and Unicorn Fist at 7–9 p.m.

June 27 features Adobos, Versus, Happi Hibachi, and Elle & Becks Gelato plus music by Tough Cookie at 5–6:30 p.m. and Tapestry at 7–9 p.m.

Aug. 1 features Caroline's Restaurant, Birds Chicken Food Truck, Magoo's Pizza, and Vesperman Farms Ice Cream Truck plus music by Boys of Lloyd at 5–6:30 p.m. and Dirt Road Rockers at 7–9 p.m.

Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to support conservation programs at the River Museum, and beverage sales will also support the efforts. Ample parking will be available in the public lot outside of the River Museum. Everyone's welcome, so bring your lawn chairs or blankets since picnic tables are limited. For more information about the bands and food trucks, visit RiverMuseum.org/events/taste-summer-2.



Food Festival Fridays

FRIDAYS: JUNE 7, JULY 5, AUGUST 2, AND SEPTEMBER 6 @ 11 AM-2 PM WASHINGTON PARK (700 LOCUST ST)

Join area food vendors in Washington Park for a lunchtime food fest on the first Friday this May through September at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out. 365ink Magazine brings the perfect side dish to your chicken sandwich, pizza, or coffee: local, live music!

June 7 hosts Birds., Hibachi Time, Dinger's D'Lite's, Rockin' 5k BBQ, Magoo's Pizza, and Elle & Beck's Coffee & Gelato and music by Ralph Kluseman. July 5 sees Birds., Hibachi Time, Rockin' 5k BBQ, and Elle & Beck's Coffee & Gelato and music by John Moran. Aug. 2 features Birds., Hibachi Time, Dinger's D'Lite's, Magoo's Pizza, Bob & Lou's, and Elle & Beck's Coffee & Gelato and music by Joie Wails. The festival closes out on Sept. 6 with Birds., Hibachi Time, Dinger's D'Lite's, Magoo's Pizza, and Bob & Lou's and music by Sarah Day.

Hosted by Dubuque Main Street and sponsored by MidWestOne Bank, the events are free to attend. For more information, visit **DubuqueMainStreet.com**.

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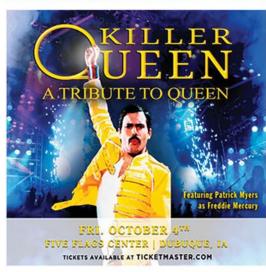














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4TH ANNUAL

Galena Pride Picnic

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 @ NOON-5 PM GRANT PARK (625 PARK AVE, GALENA, IL) The 4th Annual Galena Pride Picnic, organized by the Galena Public Library, brings an afternoon of family-friendly pride events to Grant Park in Galena, IL on Saturday, June 8 at noon-5 p.m.

In addition to family activities, lawn games, vendors, food, drink, and ice cream, enjoy a slate of fun activities and events including face painting with The Painted Dragon at noon–3:30 p.m., Purrfection Animal Rescue adoption pop-up at noon–3 p.m., and live music by Liliana Asta at noon–1:30 p.m. and Calle Sur at 1:30–3 p.m., dog trick show with Angelic Paws Dog Training at 1 p.m., and a drag show with Cirque Du Buque at 3:30 p.m. The drag performance features Anna Mae, Cynthia Mooseknuckle, Scylla Kone, Sage Umbra, Kowphusia M., Ry Ry Minaj, and Emo Knievel.

For more information, visit

GalenaLibrary.org/PridePicnic.



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Pride in the Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 @ NOON-7 PM PLATTEVILLE CITY PARK
(75 N BONSON ST, PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Join the Southwest Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance for their 4th annual Pride in the Park festival, a celebration of love, diversity, and acceptance on Saturday, June 15 at Platteville City Park from noon to 7 p.m. This family-friendly event is open to everyone, so grab a friend or ally and come enjoy the fun.

The festival boasts an array of activities including live music; a silent auction fundraiser for high school scholarships; a diverse selection of food vendors; local

artisans, vendors, and artists; all-age appropriate drag show; bouncy house and inflatables; free bingo; kids corner with crafts, activities, and more; face painting; and support from your community. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to ensure you have a comfortable seat, as seating is limited.

Come hungry as there will be several dining options from Downtown BBQ, Vesperman Farms, Driftless Market, 3Marias, Glenda's Tamales, and more.

Celebrate Pride in Platteville, and help foster an inclusive space where everyone can feel welcomed and accepted.

Admission to the event is free with cash vendors And don't forget to bring your dollar bills! For more information, visit **pride.swrainbowalliance.org**.

This June, take pride in knowing your HIV status.

Pride is about taking care of yourself and each other. Know your status by getting tested—and manage your status with treatment and prevention to stop HIV in lowa!







Find testing locations, treatment resources, & more at stophiviowa.org.

FRI **6/7**



Relay For Life of **Dubuque**

5:30-9 PM @ PORT OF DUBUQUE Relay For Life is a team fundraising event dedicated to helping the American Cancer Society end cancer as we know it, for everyone. Come out to support and celebrate our community's cancer survivors and caregivers. The event will include a free meal for survivors and their caregivers, food trucks, kids activities, survivor and caregiver celebrations, and more. Then, join at 8:30 p.m. for the luminaria ceremony to honor those who are still fighting cancer today and remember those we have lost. Free. 501 Bell St. 678-677-3988.

RelayForLife.org/DubuquelA.

SAT **6/8**

The Stained Glass Windows of **Shalom Chapel**

10-11 AM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER Come for a spiritual experience as you soak in the glorious colors of the stained-glass windows in the **Shalom Spirituality Center** chapel. Learn their stories through scripture and history. Led by Janice Hoffman, OSF. RSVP by June 7. Free. 1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592.

Stargazing in The **Galena Territory**

8:30-10:30 PM @ GALENA

TERRITORY ASSOCIATION

ShalomRetreats.org.

OWNERS' CLUB PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) Enjoy an unforgettable evening under the stars at this stargazing event. Whether you're a seasoned stargazer or a curious beginner, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the constellations.

stars, and fascinating stories behind them from experienced professional and amateur astronomers. Bring your telescope or observe through those provided and explore the wonders of the night sky. Don't forget to pack a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable seating; remember that the event is weather-dependent. Come and be amazed by the beauty and mysteries of the universe. Free. 2000 Territory Dr. Galena, IL. thegalenaterritory.com.

SUN 6/9

Team Puzzle Palooza

1 PM @ SANDY HOOK TAVERN (HAZEL GREEN, WI) Complete a 1000 piece puzzles and consume a 30 pack of beer, 1 large pizza, 1 bag of chips with dip, and 1 block of cheddar cheese with crackers. The first team to finish all wins 50% of the registration with the remainder

going to the Barflies Helping Barflies Scholarship Fund. Four person teams. Registration at noon. 3510 Sandy Hook Rd, Hazel Green, WI. facebook.com/ sandyhooktavern.

MON 6/10



Butterfly Tent

10:30-11:30 AM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY ASSURY BRANCH (ASBURY, IA) Encounter and feed live butterflies at Absolute Science's butterfly tents. Learn about the butterfly lifecycle with interactive activity tables. All ages. 5290 Grand Meadow Dr, Asbury, IA. 563-582-0008. dubcolib.org/events.

TUE **6/11**

Self-Defense for People with **Mobility Issues**

1:30-3 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Martial arts instructor Eryka Cook will lead a free selfdefense class for individuals with mobility issues Cook has taught self-defense for 20 years and has a black belt in Karate. Cook will quide participants through various self-defense moves and provide modifications to suit individual needs and abilities. Attendees will gain confidence and feel empowered. All ability levels are welcome. Ages 18+. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225 x2224. carnegiestout.org.



Sensory Days

5-7 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium anyone who may benefit from a sensory-friendly environment to a series of Sensory Days this summer. Across campus at both the Mississippi River Discovery Center and the National River Center the Museum will have dimmed lighting, limited extra and ambient sounds, and no distracting exhibit motions during this public event. All the River Museum's animals and exhibits will be available for viewing by attendees. \$11.95 Nonmembers, free for members. 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545. rivermuseum.org/events.

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As longtime Dupaco members, both Stephanie Grutz and Alex Goerdt were good savers. They felt confident that Dupaco would help them succeed when they decided to expand their IV therapy business.

"Knowing that they were taking our best interest into mind is what made us choose them," said Stephanie. "The Health Spa is finally a reality. And thanks to Dupaco we are here, and our dreams are coming true."





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14TH ANNUAL

Juneteenth Freedom Celebration

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 @ 5-9 PM
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER (1157 CENTRAL AVE)
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 @ NOON-4 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 16 @ 11 AM-1 PM
JACKSON PARK (1500 MAIN ST)

Celebrate 159 years of freedom and commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States on Friday, June 14 at 5–9 p.m. at the Multicultural Family Center and at Jackson Park on Saturday, June 15 at noon–4 p.m. and Sunday, June 16 at 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Freedom Celebration kicks off on Friday, June 14 at the Multicultural Family Center with an art exhibition, African-American artists, spoken word, poetry, and music.

Then, head to Jackson Park on Saturday, June 15 for a picnic with free food, talent show with cash prizes, raffles, bounce house, games for all ages, vendors, door prizes, food trucks, black-owned businesses, resource booths, music, and kids' activities.

Close things out on Sunday, June 16 with Prayer and Praise with food trucks.

All events are free. For more information, visit **MFCdbq.org**. ■



Family Day & Juneteenth

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
FAMILY DAY @ 10 AM-NOON
DR. ASHLEY BROWN TALK @ 1:30 PM
WASHINGTON PARK AND DUBUQUE
MUSEUM OF ART (701 LOCUST ST)

Enjoy baseball-themed games for the family followed by a talk with Dr. Ashley Brown at the Family Day & Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 15 at the Dubuque Museum of Art.

Celebrate summer and the final days of the exhibition *Picturing America's Pastime, A Snapshot of the Photo Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum* from 10 a.m. to noon at Washington Park, an important locale in Dubuque's baseball history and the site of some of the first ball games in the city. Practice your motion, work on your placement, munch on some popcorn, choose your temporary baseball tattoo, or simply enjoy a game of catch in the park.

Author and historian Dr. Ashley Brown, Assistant Professor and Allan H. Selig Chair in the History of Sport and Society at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will speak about how athletes broke racial and gender stereotypes at a time when American sports were still deeply segregated at 1:30 p.m. at the museum. Her talk is titled "The Significance of the Negro Leagues and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League." RSVP to Dr. Brown's talk.

To RSVP and for more information, call the Dubuque Museum of Art at **563-557-1851** or visit **dbqart.org**. ■



Juneteenth: African-American History Tour

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 @ 1:30 PM

START AT WASHINGTON PARK (700 LOCUST ST)

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission Chair RRS Stewart in conjunction with Dubuque NAACP will give a repeat of the African-American History Tour on Sunday, June 16 at 1:30 p.m. in downtown Dubuque.

The tour will start at Washington Park, walk past the Dubuque Museum of Art, the former location of the Centenary Church and African-American school, to the "I am a Man" Mural and talk about the former African-American neighborhood on 8th Street and Robinson Street before going to 1243 Main St, the Goodrich-Wilson-Ryan house, home of Judge David S. Wilson, who ruled to integrate the Dubuque Schools in 1877.

For more information, visit

dubuquecountyiowa.gov/576.

We honor Juneteenth by acknowledging our history as we continue to strive for racial and health equity.

The well-being of our communities depends on the equitable treatment of all people in our society. Juneteenth is an opportunity for us all to talk, learn and take action to address the disparities caused by racism that continue to harm public health.

We've made progress, but racism remains a public health crisis.

Together, let us honor and learn from the resilience, strength and determination of those who fought for freedom as we strive for a brighter tomorrow, where all people in all communities experience equity.

Learn more at stophiviowaplan.org





WED **6/12**



Yoga Jams Live 5 PM @ ALLIANT ENERGY AMPHITHEATER

B-1 Yoga is bringing back 10 of their yoga jams live musicians from throughout the year to play for two all-levels yoga practices, back-to-back 45 minute flows at 5 and 6 p.m. Hot Diggity Dogz is serving both regular and vegan authentic Chicago style hot dogs while Stone Cliff Winery offers pizzas, appetizers, wine, and drinks. Be sure to tip the musicians! Free. 600 Star Brewery Dr. 563-495-0464. b-1yoga.com.

THU 6/13



Annual International Woodcarvers Congress Show

10 AM-4 PM @ JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (MAQUOKETA, IA)

6/13–6/15. Hundreds of carvings will be submitted into competition to be judged. This one-of-a-kind event showcases the vast variety of wood carving forms and subjects and is a wonderful display of what can be done with wood. \$5 Adults, \$4 seniors, free ages 12 and younger. 1212 E Quarry St, Maquoketa, IA. 608-712-2989. woodcarverscongress.org.

Teen Chefs Cooking Series: Gnocchi

4 PM @ PEOSTA
COMMUNITY CENTRE
KITCHEN (PEOSTA, IA)
Embark on a culinary journey.
In this two-hour workshop,
young chefs will learn to
create delicate, pillowy

dumplings from scratch using the vibrant flavors of butternut squash. Ages 13–17. \$50. 7896 Burds Rd #9646, Peosta, IA. **TheTangyLoaf.com**.



Movie Screening: Killers of the Flower Moon

6-10 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AIGLER AUDITORIUM Directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert De Niro, and Lily Gladstone, Killers of the Flower Moon (2023) is an Oscar-nominated historical crime drama about a series of murders of Osage people after oil was discovered on their tribal land in Oklahoma in the 1920s. The movie is based on actual events described in the 2017 nonfiction book by David Grann. This 3 hour 26 minute movie is rated R for "violence, some grisly images, and language." Closed captioning or subtitles will be turned on. Seating is first come, first served. Free. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.

Let's Glow Crazy 6:30-8:30 PM @ DUBUQUE

COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Get ready to groove and glow at this black light tween dance party. Dance the night away with a live DJ, and strike a pose and snap some memories with your crew in a photobooth. Come dressed head-to-toe in bright colors and watch vourselves glow under the black lights. Don't forget to prep with all your black light-reactive body paint before you arrive! Tickets include a glowing goodie bag. Concessions available for purchase. Ages 10-14. \$10 Tween, free for parents. 14569 Old Highway Rd. 563-588-1406. dbgfair.com.

FRI **6/14**

Downtown Summer Nights

5:30-9 PM @ DOWNTOWN DYERSVILLE, IA
Not to miss out on the fun,
Dyersville hosts its own summer festival series.
Besides live music, the event includes food, games for kids, and best of all, it's free! Dyersville.org.



French Cheese & Wine Tasting

6-8 PM @ CONVIVIUM **URBAN FARMSTEAD** Join quest instructors Sandrine Wallace and Jean-Michel Choquet for this thorough introduction to 10 of the most delicious and renowned cheeses amongst the 350 finest varieties France produces every year. This will include a choice of goat, ewe, and cow's milk cheeses all directly imported from France. This is a cheese forward event, with wine and bread complimenting the cheeses. A map of France will be projected in order to locate each tasted cheese (and wine) on its own place of production, \$45, 2811 Jackson St. 563-557-2900. convivium-dbq.com.

Uncorked

6-8:30 PM @ DOWNTOWN PLATTEVILLE. WI

Participants will be given a booklet and wine glass and sent to explore historic downtown Platteville to sample the various spirits located at featured locations along the way. Sample wines, beer, and food, as well as shop and socialize at local downtown stores and offices. Proceeds from the event will go to funding scholarships for local students. Includes tastings and souvenir glass. Ages 21+. \$30. 608-732-9073. uncorkedplatteville.com.





EVENTS 365



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Jackson County Pro Rodeo

JUNE 20-22 @ 5 PM
BELLEVUE HORSEMEN'S CLUB (25125-297TH AVE. BELLEVUE. IA)

When it comes to summertime in the Bellevue area, it doesn't get much better than taking in the local rodeo. In fact, the Jackson County Pro Rodeo is ranked as one of the top five small rodeos in the United States by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and

people from across the Midwest come to enjoy the unique three-day event, which is filled with cowboys, cowgirls, queens, food, music and wholesome fun.

The PRCA/WPRA sanctioned rodeo runs for three evenings, June 20–22, at the Bellevue Horsemen's Club arena and grounds west of Bellevue, IA.

The Kickoff Party on June 19 will give you a taste of the main event with a kids' All Around Jr. Cowboy, Little Miss Rodeo, and Rodeo Clown competition. Sign up at 6:30 p.m., judging at 7 p.m. Free mutton bustin' for any child 60 pounds and under. Plus, live music. Gates open at 6 pm

On June 20–22, gates open at 5 p.m. with the kids' corral at 5:30–7 p.m., (petting zoo; roping; bounce houses; face in hole pictures; stick horse races; and autographs with cowboys, cowgirls, clowns, and Miss Rodeo lowa), rodeo at 7:30 p.m., pig scramble before intermission, and fireworks and live music after the rodeo (River Moonshine on June 20, The Ditch Lilies on June 21, and Big John Hammer & The Rusty Nails on June 22). Hear from veteran announcer Roger Mooney, and be entertained by award-winning rodeo clown Austin Singley. Additional events include mutton bustin' on June 20 and 21 and a wild horse race on June 21 and 22, both after intermission.

Enjoy events including steer wrestling, team roping, bronc and bull riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, and team and tie-down roping. Food stands, mechanical bulls, live music and beer are also part of the event.

No carry ins or coolers. Rain or shine. Free parking. Tickets for adults ages 13 and older are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate, children ages 5–10 are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate, and children 4 and younger are free. Purchase advanced tickets at **JacksonCountyProRodeo.com** or at various locations around Eastern lowa (check out the website for the full list).



3RD ANNUAL

JDIFF Bushwood Classic

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 @ 12:30 PM BUNKER HILL GOLF COURSE (2200 BUNKER HILL RD)

The third annual Caddyshack-themed JDIFF Bushwood Classic is set for Friday, June 21. The 18-hole scramble tees off at 12:30 p.m. at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

The event features a raffle, silent auction, and dinner plus fun surprises throughout the course. Best of all, it supports the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival. Dress in your *Caddyshack* best, as prizes will be given for best attire. Includes golf fees, cart, and dinner. Grab 'n go lunch options available for purchase.

The cost is \$150 for individuals and \$500 for a team of four. Register your team by June 15. To register and for more information, visit **JulienFilmFest.com**.



PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SAT **6/15**



Galena ChalkFest

8 AM-3 PM @ GALENA **CENTER FOR THE** ARTS (GALENA, IL) This family friendly event brings all together for a day of artistic fun. Welcome guest artist Dan Leick. Registration open for competition at center's website, prizes awarded in five categories. Kids drawing zone Food and drink available for purchase. Free to spectate, \$20 to compete. 971 Gear St. Galena. IL. 815-402-3111. galenacenterforthearts.com.

The Dubuque Miners Tryouts

9 AM @ HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL (ASBURY, IA) The Dubuque Miners football team was established to provide the community with high-quality sports entertainment and to provide athletes the opportunity to participate and compete at a professional level. The semi-professional team will take the field for its inaugural season in the summer of 2025. 3715 Pennsylvania Ave. dbqminers.com.

Woodland Fairy Garden Walk and Belden School Open House

10 AM-1 PM @ BELDEN SCHOOL (GALENA, IL) Walk among the fairies! Volunteers create, build and install fairy gardens around the 1859 limestone oneroom schoolhouse. Guests may tour the tiny homes while wearing fairy wings (optional) and munching fresh baked goods. There is also a special tent where children can make their own fairy wands. Volunteer docents. are on site and share stories of the school during the open

house. Suggested donation \$5, free ages 10 and younger. 52 Heatherdowns Ln, Galena, IL. thegalenaterritory.com.

Day at the Farm: Picnic & Play

11 AM-1 PM @ BERNING ACRES (EAST DUBUQUE, IL) Begin with a beautiful picnic in the lawn overlooking the fields and horses playing. Feel free to pack your own picnic or enjoy a complimentary picnic basket including a family-style charcuterie board that features a variety of locally sourced cheeses. Then, head out and about to tour the farm and interact with the animals: milk a cow, give a calf her bottle, help with farm chores, or get cuddly with one of the farm friends. Plus, Gunner will be saddled up for pony rides (up to 100 lbs.)! Finally, wrap it up back in the shop with ice cream. \$65.8850 N Menominee Rd. Fast Dubuque, IL. 563-543-8936. berningacres.com/visit.



2nd Annual Dubuque Dog Expo

1-4 PM @ FLORA PARK Get ready for a tail-wagging good time filled with furry fun, featuring pet-friendly vendors and expert tips for a happy and healthy pup. Whether you're a dog owner or wish you were, this event is a must-attend. Bring your canine companion and make unforgettable memories together. Enjoy food trucks, agility demonstrations, area dog related vendors, caricature artists, and more. 2605 Pennsylvania Ave. 563-583-8387. facebook.com/dbqpetmed.

2X Monster Trucks Live Tour

DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

See some of the most recognized and popular monster trucks in the sport, including 2-time Monster Jam World Champion Bounty Hunter, Queen of Monster Trucks, Scarlet Bandit, kid favorite Sharkbite, Hot Tamale, and many more. Expect plenty of interactive and action-packed entertainment for the entire family. 14569 Old Highway Rd. 563-588-1406. dbqfair.com.

SUN 6/16

Lawyers in Libraries: Learn the Basics of Wills & Revocable Trusts

2-3 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Attorney Jessica Shannon will give a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session about wills, trusts, and end-of-life succession planning. The presentation will focus on the powers and limitations of a last will and testament, the basics of probate, information on how court costs are calculated, and an overview of how trusts work and when it may be helpful to use one. Presenter Jessica Shannon is an associate attorney with Dentons Davis Brown law firm. Her focus is divorce and family law. As a natural extension of her empathetic approach and work with families, she also assists clients with wills, trusts, and estate manners including quardianship and conservatorships. Lawyers in Libraries is a joint effort by The Iowa State Bar Association, the State Library of Iowa, Iowa Legal Aid, and the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project to help provide free legal information to lowans across the state. Free, 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.



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Party for a Purpose

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 @ 5-8 PM
DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
(14569 OLD HIGHWAY RD)

Party for a Purpose is a gala, live auction, and silent auction to raise funds for Almost Home, a homeless men with children shelter located at St John's Lutheran Church in downtown Dubuque. The fundraiser is held at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds on Friday, June 21 at 5–8 p.m.

Enjoy a kids zone; silent auction with art, golf, restaurant certificates, and more; live music is provided by DR Band; cash bar; and food concessions.

Almost Home's goal is to provide safe, supervised shelter services for families experiencing homelessness.



There is no cover charge for this event. For more information, call **563-495-0885** or visit **AlmostHomeDBQ.org**. ■



Great Galena Balloon Race

JUNE 21 AND 22 @ 5-10 PM JUNE 22 AND 23 @ 5 AM EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA NORTH COURSE (400 EAGLE RIDGE DR, GALENA, IL)

Prepare for an exhilarating weekend as the Great Galena Balloon Race returns for its annual celebration from June 21–23 at the Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa North Course in Galena, IL. This three-day event promises an array of entertainment including more than 20 hot air balloons, three races, two night glows, tethered rides, a car show, live music, and activities for the whole family.

First up are the night events on Friday and Saturday, running from 5 to 10 p.m. Enjoy live music by The Wundos on both nights starting at 5:30 p.m. along with the hot air balloon race at 6 p.m., hot air balloon night glow at 8:30 p.m., and inflatables for the kids at 5–9 p.m. On Saturday, the classic car show starts at 6 p.m., and the Great Galena Art Show takes over the Big Tent with local artists showing

and selling amazing art. Balloon rides are available through **BuyABalloonRide.com**.

Come watch the balloons fly at 5 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Crack of Dawn Balloon Race, weather permitting. Pilots try to find a mark that's hidden somewhere on the 6,800 acres of the Galena Territory. When it's found, the pilot drops a weight as close to the target as possible to win the grand prize and bragging rights.

As you immerse yourself in the festivities, remember to bring a blanket or chair and your appetite as food and drinks will be available for purchase. No carry ins. Pets with responsible owners are welcome.

Beyond the excitement, there's a meaningful cause driving the event forward. The Great Galena Balloon Race benefits JDRF and Camp Hertko Hollow, a camp for kids with diabetes. Both organizations dedicated to enriching the lives of children with diabetes. Since its inception in 2002, the event has raised more than \$350,000.

Tickets are \$5 at the gate. For more information, visit

GreatGalenaBalloonRace.com.

THU 6/20



Pedals & Petals

6-8 PM @ HERITAGE TRAIL AND POND Celebrate the summer solstice with a beautiful bike ride along Heritage Trail and learn about and collect elderflower. Learn about elder folklore, about the flowers' medicinal properties and energetics, and elder's ecological connections. Make an elderflower cordial for each participant to take home. There will also be a premade (non-alcoholic) cordial and elderflower tea for everyone to try. Taught by Natalie Roling from Taproot Apothecaries. \$26. 11330 Rupp Hollow Rd. facebook.com/dubuque

SAT **6/22**

countyconservation.

Dubuque Car, Truck, and Jeep Show

9 AM-8 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Cars, trucks, Jeeps, and motorcycles are welcome. Hosted by Toys for Trucks. Registration \$15 ADV/\$20 day of, free to attend. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**.

Platteville Fire Department Sesquicentennial Celebration

toysfortrucks.com.

10 AM @ LEGION PARK (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Join the Platteville Fire
Department in celebrating 150 years of volunteer
service to the community.
Enjoy activities and games
for kids and adults, firefighter
water fights, a fire truck
parade, and live music from
Ashley Barron, Jarrod Turner,
Michael Mikrut Band, Adam
Bartels Band, and Sarah
Day. 400 Pitt St, Platteville,
WI. platteville.com.



Shenanigans Veterans Freedom Center Ride & Benefit

11 AM @ EICHMAN'S BAR
The biggest bike ride around
starts at Eichman's Bar with
four stops. Leave at 11 AM and
return at 3:30 PM for outdoor
festivities: live music, raffles,
hog roast (3–5:30 PM), silent
auctions, and kids' entertainment. You don't have to
ride to party! Registration
at 9:30 AM. 11941 US-52.

Safety First—Gun Sense in Our Communities Rally

VeteransFreedomCenter.net.

NOON @ JACKSON PARK Enjoy speakers, live music, free snacks, free drinks, and a chance to learn more about how you can make our communities safe from gun violence. Co-sponsored by Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. 1500 Main St. facebook.com/DBQCNV.

SUN 6/23

HerbFest 2024

9 AM-1 PM @ DUBUQUE ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS HERB GARDEN The herb of the year is yarrow. Enjoy a silent auction, herb garden tours, tasty tidbits, handcrafted items, herbal sample plants, and more. Free. 3800 Arboretum Dr. 563-556-2100. DubuqueArboretum.net.

Cooking 101: Herbs, Spices, & Sauces

3–5 PM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD

If want to learn to how to be less reliant on recipes and more reliant on spices, herbs and sauces to make up your own meals, this is the class for you. Join Convivium Co-Founder Leslie Shalabi for this exciting new class, which is part of their "Cooking 101"

series. It 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**.

TUE **6/25**



9 AM-1:30 PM @ TOWN **CLOCK BUSINESS CENTER** Learn from people with lived experience how to best sunport loved ones who have a mental health condition. The seminar also offers an opportunity to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support. Learn how to understand diagnoses, treatment and recovery; effective communication strategies; the importance of self-care; and crisis preparation strategies. Free. 680 Main St. 844-642-2338 x1399. nicc.edu/solutions.

FRI **6/28**

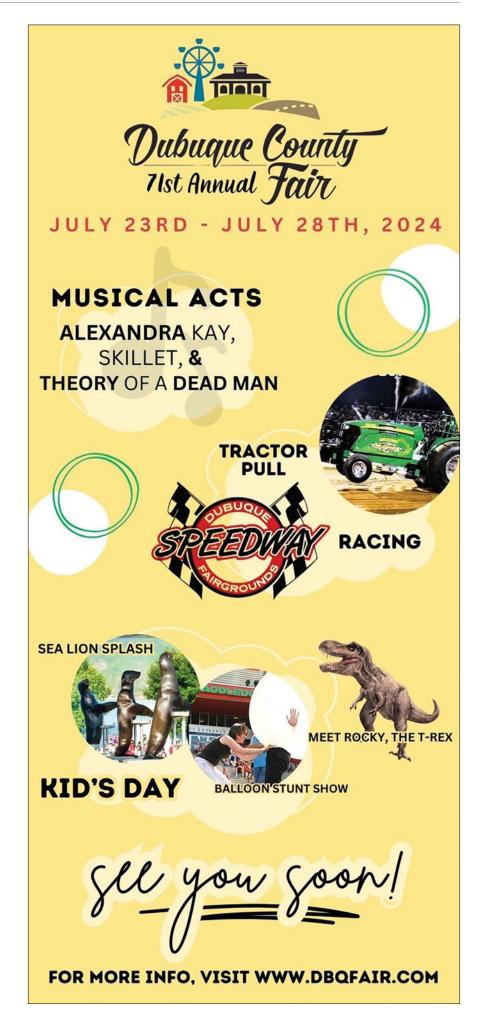
2nd Annual Tunes & Booms

5-11 PM @ HAZEL GREEN RECREATIONAL PARK (HAZEL GREEN, WI)
Bring the family for food, beverages, bounce house, music from the 2nd Generation Band at 6–10 p.m., and fireworks at dusk. Grand prize calendar raffle winner (only 300 tickets available) at 9:30 p.m. No carry ins.

Summer Stroll & Stories

7-9 PM @ LINWOOD CEMETERY

Stroll along the paths with GRIPS, to graves of the movers and shakers of Dubuque buried at Linwood Cemetery. Enjoy tales of the Tri-State area's past. Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Minors must be accompanied by adult. Ages 10+. RSVP required. \$10. 2736 Windsor Ave. 563-213-9043. gripsghosthunt.com.



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SECRET CITY GARDEN

23RD ANNUAL

Tour of Gardens

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 @ 9 AM-4 PM VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE

The Dubuque County Master Gardeners and Dubuque County Gardeners, Inc. showcase six beautiful, local gardens offering a nice blend of natives, perennials, annuals, fruits, vegetables, shrubs and mature trees. Prepare to be inspired and discover new ideas to incorporate into your own garden or landscape. The selfguided 23rd Tour of Gardens is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Your ticket includes admission to each of the six gardens plus three workshop opportunities. This year's featured gardens and workshops include:

"Secret City Garden" by Zachary Lampe and Jason Norton at 1325 Bluff St.

- "Spirit of Mother Earth" by Deborah LaBeau at 1133 Highland Pl.
- "Westminster Mission Garden" by Rich Henderson (Dubuque County Master Gardener) at 2155 University Ave.
 Workshop: Raised Bed Gardening Workshop with Rich Henderson, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- "Victoria's Secret Garden" by Pam and Burt Goffinet at 1100 Victoria Pl.
- "A Magical Mystery Tour" by Peggy and Paul Kaune at 3538 Eclipse Cir. Workshop: Cut & Come Again-Dazzling Dahlias Workshop with Laura Hodge, Wild Bull Flower Farm at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- "Hilltop View Gardens" by Tanya and Todd Vanderlinde and Lydia and Logan VanderBush at 16421 Herod Ln.
 Workshop: Annual Planting Trends Workshop with Sara Carpenter, Steve's Ace Home & Garden at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Discounted \$8 advance tickets are available at the ISU Extension office, 14858 W. Ridge Lane, Suite 2 until June 14 or at the Dubuque Arboretum's Music in the Park concert on June 9. Tickets are \$10 on the day of the tour. The tour is on rain or shine. For more information, call 563-583-649 or visit **DBQTourOfGardens.com**.





Corkless in Galena

A FESTIVAL OF WINE, FOOD, MUSIC, ART, AND FUN.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 @ NOON-6 PM DEPOT PARK (91 BOUTHILLIER ST, GALENA, IL)

Spend an afternoon sipping handmade wines of five Illinois wineries, taste fabulous food from regional food trucks, and listen to live music while visiting with local artists showcasing incredible handmade creations. Corkless in Galena brings it all to Depot Park in Galena, IL on Saturday, June 22, from noon until 6 p.m.

Sample Illinois handcrafted wines from Massbach Ridge Winery, August Hill Winery, Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery, Fergedaboudit Vineyard and Winery, and West of Wise.

Listen to music by Kelly Steward and The Restless Hearts of Rockford, IL

starting at noon playing indie-flavored neo-traditional country. They are followed by headliner the Jordan Danielsen Band at 3 p.m., playing a mix of acoustic ballads and blues with a touch of hip hop.

Enjoy tasty food and beverages from Birds Serious Chicken, Bonfire Pizza Company, Elle and Becks Coffee Company and Gelato Trailer, and Just Cheddar-Deep Fried Cheese Curds.

Touch your inner artist as you stroll viewing creations of area artists Cindy Legate of Twisted by Design, Christina Cruz, Andrew Raeside, and Henry Matthiessen III of Stoned Art Studio and Gallery. The Scenic Art Loop will also be showcasing their Driftless Region art guides.

A covered tent with seating will be on hand, or bring your chairs, small tents, or coverings. Well-behaved pets on leashes are also invited.

Tickets are \$20 and include a
Corkless Festival glass and five tasting tickets for wine or food. The
presale tickets, available through
June 21, are also \$20 but also include
a \$5 bottle voucher. Tickets for designated drivers and tasters younger
than 21 years of age are \$5. Parking
is free. For tickets and more information, visit CorklessGalena.com.



3RD ANNUAL

Filling Your Cup THURSDAY, JUNE 27

BREAKFAST @ 7:30-9 AM LUNCH @ 11:30 AM-1 PM **HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)** Filling Your Cup, Opening Doors' inspirational coffee-themed event, features professional speaker and author Holly Hoffman. This event sold out months

in advance in its first two years. The

third annual event on Thursday, June 27 will expand to two session options at Hotel Julien Dubuque: breakfast at 7:30-9 a.m. or lunch at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Holly was featured on Season 21 of CBS' hit reality show Survivor Nicaragua. Through that experience, and others throughout her life, Holly is inspired to share her message on survival. She is a professional speaker and the author of Your Winner Within and Write Yourself a Note.

Opening Doors is a nonprofit organization that helps women and children who are experiencing homelessness. Since 2000, Opening Doors has served more than 4,800 women and children through a continuum of services.

Guests can choose from breakfast (\$40) or lunch (\$45). Register at OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/Cup, or call **563-582-7480**.

SAT **6/29**

Studebaker Drivers Club 60th Annual **International Meet**

9 AM-3 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS All brands are welcome for a cruise-in and swap meet. There will be a viewing of The Muppet Movie and a speaker from the Studebaker National Museum talking about the restoration of the 1951 Studebaker Bulletnose movie car used in the 1979 release of *The Muppet Movie*. \$5.14569 Old Highway Rd.

studebakersiowa.com.

Family Day and **Summer Artist Party Craft Invitational 2024**

10 AM-8 PM @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART

Meet the artists and try your hand at crafting the future with a special family day and artist party. During Family Art Making, personalize your own kicks and pumps, try your hand at painting with clay, and add your own voice to the collective expression of our community quilt. Inspired by the artists of the Craft Invitational. The Artist Panel invites a diverse group of artists to discuss their unique approaches to preserving tradition and

pushing boundaries, moderated by juror and glass artist Joe Ivacic of Chicago. At the Summer Artists Party, toast 21 artists from our region who are crafting the future including this year's Collection Prize winner. Art Making and Panel: Free with museum admission; Party: \$20 Adults, \$15 members, \$10 under 21, free 1874 Society members. 701 Locust St. DBQart.org.

MSDA Stamp Show

10 AM-5 PM @ TURNER HALL (GALENA, IL) 6/29-6/30. The knowledgeable, experienced, and professional stamp dealers will have stamps from over 400 countries, postcards, historical letters, and collecting supplies ready to help you build your collection. Free appraisals and advice. Free. 115 S Bench St, Galena, IL. 414-234-9867. msdastamp.com.

5K Beer Run NOON @ 7 HILLS

BREWING CO

This untimed, fun-run welcomes participants of all levels. The course, starting and ending at the brewery, will take you through scenic routes, showcasing the beauty of the surroundings. After crossing the finish line, reward yourself with a

locally-made craft beverage from 7 Hills Brewing Co and enjoy festivities like live music and games. Plus, every participant receives a craft brew at the finish line, a collector's pint glass or seasonal swag item, and a chance to win prizes. Dogs and strollers are welcome on the course. A portion of all proceeds supports local nonprofits. This event is part of the 2024 Iowa Brewery Running Series Season. Registration is limited. \$35-\$50. \$1085 Washington St.

breweryrunningseries.com.

East Dubuque Fireworks

6 PM @ DOWNTOWN EAST DUBUQUE, IL Fireworks return to the traditional weekend! Live outdoor music by Menace on the closed Sinsinawa Ave. followed by a fireworks display at dusk.



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Ongoing & Recurring Events

SUNDAY

Galena Territory Farmers Market

8 AM-NOON @ GALENA TERRITORY OWNERS' CLUB PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) THROUGH 10/13 Fresh produce, baked goods, meat, crafts, and more. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. 815-777-2000. TheGalenaTerritory.com.

Dubuque Cars and Coffee

9 AM-NOON @ VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA 3RD SUN THROUGH 10/20 Casual meet up for cars of all makes, models, and years. Coffee, donuts, and drinks will be for sale. Proceeds go to Veteran's Freedom Center. 1795 Admiral Sheehy Dr. facebook.com/

Music in the Gardens

dubuquecarsandcoffee.

6:30–8:30 PM

@ DUBUQUE ARBORETUM
& BOTANICAL GARDENS
THROUGH 7/28
@ 6:30–8:30 PM
8/4–8/25 @ 6–8 PM
The 32nd season boasts 13
weeks of family-friendly
music in a variety of styles.
Bring a chair or blanket. Presented by the Dubuque Arboretum and the Dubuque Arts
Council. Free. 3800 Arboretum Dr. 563–556-2100.
DubuqueArboretum.net.

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM 1STTUE

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

Cuba City Community Market

4-7 PM @ VETERAN'S
MEMORIAL PARK
(CUBA CITY, WI)
3RD WED THROUGH 9/18
Featuring a variety of
market-related goods. 100
S Washington St, Cuba
City, WI. 608-744-2152.
facebook.com/
CubaCityMarket.

Dubuque Harley Davidson Bike Nights

6-9 PM @ MCGRATH
DUBUQUE
HARLEY-DAVIDSON
LAST WED THROUGH 8/28
Bikes night aren't just for
bikes anymore! Classic cars,
Jeeps, off-road vehicles, or
anything with wheels is welcome. \$1,000s in prizes each
night. Live music, drinks, and
food available. 145 N Crescent
Ridge. Dubuque
Harley-Davidson.com.

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

Dyersville Farmers Market

3–5 PM @ COMMERCIAL CLUB PARK
(DYERSVILLE, IA)
THROUGH 10/3
A variety of local and regional offerings. 225
11th St SE, Dyersville, IA.
dyersville.org/events.

Gary's Graffiti Nights

5-9:30 PM @ KENNEDY MALL THROUGH 9/12 Celebrating their 42nd year, cars 1979 and older gather for a 1950s–1960s car show based on American Graffiti with music and door prizes. 555 JFK Rd. **563-588-1406**. **facebook.com/ GarysGraffitiNights**.

Millwork Night Market

5-8 РМ @ 7^{тн}-9^{тн} AND JACKSON ST 2ND THU THROUGH 10/10 This independent farmers' market features local food, foods, original artists, live entertainment, and craft beer. Their goal is to connect shoppers with the amazing farmers, producers, artists, and artisans that we have in the Tri-State area, while also providing a unique nightlife experience. Smoke-free and pet-free. BYO water bottle, reusable grocery bags, and lawn chairs.

MillworkNightMarket.com.

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

5-9 PM @ SINSINAWA
AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL
THROUGH 9/26
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.

Live @ the Plaza

5-8 PM @ GREEN STREET PLAZA (GALENA, IL)
EVERY OTHER THU
THROUGH 8/22:
6/13, 6/27, 7/11
This family-friendly, free-to-attend event will features beverages, bites, live music, and fun give-aways. Free. 110 Green St, Galena, IL. 815-776-9200. visitgalena.org.

FRIDAY

Food Festival Fridays

11 AM-2 PM

@ WASHINGTON PARK

1st FRI THROUGH 9/6

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 Farmers' Market

7 AM-NOON @ AROUND
12TH AND IOWA ST
THROUGH 9/28 @ 7 AM
10/5-10/26 @ 8 AM
lowa's oldest farmers' market
offers a variety of produce,
meats, cheeses, baked goods,
handmade goods, on-site
prepared foods, and more.
Browse booths from area
farmers and vendors while
enjoying live music from a
variety of musicians. Rain
or shine. 563-588-4400.
DubuqueFamersMarket.org.

Galena Farmers Market

7 AM-NOON @ GALENA CITY HALL PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) THROUGH 10/26 Find seasonal produce, flowers, maple syrup, baked goods, re-purposed crafts, meat, roasted coffee beans, and more. Rain or shine. 101 Green St, Galena, IL. 563-542-0996. facebook.com/ galenafarmersmarket.

Potosi Tennyson Driftless Gate Market

8 AM-NOON @ ST.

ANDREW & THOMAS SCHOOL (POTOSI, WI) **EVERY OTHER SAT** THROUGH 9/21: 6/15, 6/29, 7/13 The Potosi-Tennyson Market has become a hub for locals and visitors alike, offering a unique shopping experience and an opportunity to meet the people behind the products. The vendors include small farms, artists, hobbyists, crafters, service providers, and more who are all committed to community involvement and help promote local growth. 100 HWY 61, Potosi WI.

 ${\bf PotosiTennyson Market.com}.\\$

Dyersville Downtown Market

8 AM-NOON @ 3RD AVE SW AND 3RD ST, DYERSVILLE, IA LAST SAT THROUGH 9/28 Head to the grassy square between Xavier School and the north fork of the Maquoketa River to find a variety of local vendors, food trucks, live music, and activities.

DyersvilleDowntown Market.com.

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

8 AM-NOON @

PLATTEVILLE CITY PARK
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)
THROUGH 10/26
Find everything from delicious vegetables to a variety of flowers, great gift items to canned preserves, and just about everything in between.
All of the products you'll find are locally grown, harvested, or handmade by local vendors. 75 N Bonson St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374.

PlattevilleFarmers
MarketWl.com.

Ski Bellevue Water Ski Shows 4 PM @ SOUTH OF LOCK 12

(BELLEVUE, IA)

EVERY OTHER SAT THROUGH 8/17: 6/8, 6/22, 7/6 Watch Bellevue's own water ski show team for free along Riverview St. Enjoy great family entertainment with bare-footing, jumping, human pyramids, glittery costumes, great music, and powerful towboats. They are one of only four water ski show teams in lowa and the only one to perform on the Mississippi River. Check them out north of Lock 12 for practice or south of Lock 12 for one of their shows. Ski Bellevue is always looking for new members of all ages and skill levels. You can join as a water skier, boat or safety crew member, support staff, and much more. Free.

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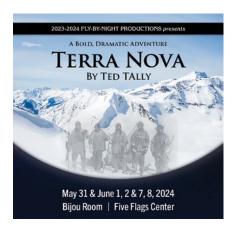
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The MFC is the place for teens to hang out and interact in a safe, fun environment that promotes unity, diversity, equity, inclusion, and empowers youth to reach their potential. Teen Nights consists of dinner, field trips, guest speakers, video games, and many other games and activities. Grades 6–12. Free. 1157 Central Ave. 563-582-3681. MFCdbq.org.

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Terra Nova

JUNE 7 AND 8 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS BIJOU ROOM

Fly-By-Night Productions sets the stage for *Terra Nova* at the Five Flags Center Bijou Room on June 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.

In the winter of 1911-1912, five Englishmen and five Norwegians raced each other to the bottom of the earth. Only the five Norwegians returned. This is the story of the Englishmen. Terra Nova is based on Capt. Robert Falcon Scott's 1911-1912 expedition to be first to discover the South Pole. Blending devised scenes and historical fact drawn from Scott's journals and letters, the play's action merges scenes of the explorer and his men at various stages of their ordeal, with flashbacks of Scott's young wife and fateful glimpses of his Norwegian rival, Roald Amundsen, whose party beat Scott to the South Pole. A journey of heroism and honor, in spite of its failure, this play will keep you in suspense to the end.

Tickets are \$20. For more information call Fly-By-Night Productions at **563-599-9486** or visit **FlyByNightDubuque.com**. ■



Are You Dead Yet? Movie Premiere

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 @ 6 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Are You Dead Yet? the movie is excited to announce the first ever showing in a

Hollywood premier style! Take it all in on Friday, June 14 at the Five Flags Theater.

When a group of thrill seekers venture into supposedly haunted woods, they must fight to survive against a maniac with a mallet and a taste for blood.

The red carpet event kicks off at 6 p.m. where for the first half hour, the cast and crew will walk the red carpet, take photos and interact with fans. At 6:30 p.m., the carpet walk will be open to the public for personal photography. Ticket sales at the main entrance with movie merch available to purchase and concessions. Preshow starts at 7 p.m. while you find your seats. A quick word from the director follows with the movie at 7:30 p.m.

This movie is intended for mature audiences. It contains bloody violence and terror, strong language, nudity and sexual content. Parental discretion is strongly advised. Ages 17+.

Tickets are \$10-\$20. ■



Beatles vs Stones—A Musical Showdown

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 @ 8 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The two greatest rock 'n' roll bands of all time face off during Beatles vs. Stones—A Musical Showdown at the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, June 22 at 8 p.m.

Taking the side of the Fab Four is Abbey Road, one of the country's top Beatles tribute bands. With brilliant musicianship and authentic costumes and gear, Abbey Road plays beloved songs spanning the Beatles' career. They engage in a musical "showdown" of the hits against premier Stones tribute band Satisfaction—The International Rolling Stones Show, who offer a faithful rendition of the music and style of Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and the bad boys of the British Invasion.

The nationally touring show recently concluded a three month residency at the Harrah's Reno show-room and a two month residency at the Harrah's Laughlin showroom.

Tickets are \$35-\$65. ■



The Cleverlys

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 @ 8 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Cleverlys is a one-of-a-kind, unique comedy and music experience. From the groups humble beginnings in the Ozark Mountains, to currently headlining festivals and PACs all over the country, even performing regularly on the coveted Grand Ole Opry stage. Catch the show on Saturday, June 29 at 8 p.m. at the Five Flags Theater. Jimmy Welty Band opens.

Dr Digger is the master churner of all things buttery and smooth. "His comedy

is a hybrid of Homer and Jethro and the office," said *Rolling Stone Magazine*.

The New York Times says, "If Dolly Parton, Earl Scruggs, and Spinal Tap spawned a litter of puppies, it would be The Cleverlys."

The Cleverlys is comprised of Dr. Digger, his nephews Ricky Lloyd, DVD, Haggis, and his youngest brother, Wasper. "The group has evolved over the years and the comedy and musicality is the best it's ever been. Our show is now on the top shelf," says Digger Cleverly. Get ready for a master class of comedic timing, showmanship, and world class musicianship.

Tickets are \$23-\$43. ■

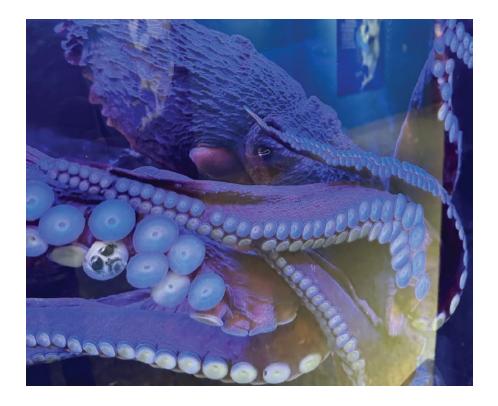




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- Find garden locations and more information at the dbqtourofgardens.com



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Octopus Encounters at the River Museum

At the start of this month, the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium added octopus encounters as one of its add-on experiences for guests. The encounter will be offered once daily at 2 p.m. for a group of up to six people.

The River Museum becomes the second facility in the Midwest to offer the experience. It joins the Behind the Scenes Tours and Stingray Feedings on the River Museum's hands-on add-on menu.

"Creating lasting memories and learning through hands-on opportunities are central to the guest experience we strive to provide at the River Museum," said Emily Adlfinger, the River Museum's Marketing & Communications Manager. "We are appreciative of the work our Guest Services, Living Collections, and Marketing teams for bringing this experience to life, and we look forward to our guests enjoying this encounter on their next visit."

During the encounter, guests can feed and interact with the Giant Pacific Octopus in an intimate experience with a member of the River Museum's husbandry team. Participants will learn about the species and enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the Eckstein Family Rivers to the Sea exhibit including the seahorse and moon jelly nurseries.

Guests can book the encounter for \$125 for up to six people. The experience is 30 minutes in length and does not require general admission. However, general admission is required to explore the museum before or after the encounter. Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance, and the tour can be purchased online or at the box office. Advanced registration is now open, and guests are encouraged to book early as spaces are already filling up.

The tour is family-friendly, but children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. The encounter is not wheelchair accessible and requires walking up three steps.

More information about the encounter can be found at RiverMuseum.org/experiences or calling 563-557-9545 x213.

The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium inspires stewardship by creating educational experiences where history and rivers come alive. A Smithsonian Affiliate and an accredited member of both the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the River Museum's collections contain more than 41,000 historical items and over 2,000 animals of more than 250 species representative of the Mississippi River, its watershed, the rivers of America, and beyond. Learn more at **RiverMuseum.org**.

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While working on this issue of 365ink, this is the predicament Bryce found his Jeep in during the flooding on Monday afternoon, June 3. Luckily, it didn't get any worse, and the Jeep was just fine. Whew!



They might be a fun bunch, but the Riverboat Twilight crew is serious about safety as they train heading into another summer season on the Mississippi.



Despite a little rain, a big crowd made it to downtown Dubuque to celebrate inclusivity, support, and love at the 2024 Dubuque Pride Festival hosted by the Multicultural Family Center in partnership with DBQ Pride.



Rock and roll legend Lita Ford performs along with Firehouse and Warrant at the first big ticketed concert of the season at the Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage sponsored by MidWestOne Bank on a Saturday night.



The community of East Dubuque comes together to celebrate fallen heroes during the city's Memorial Day Parade down Sinsinawa Avenue. Photo by Casey Klein.



Brenda D. celebrates winning a 2023 Dodge Charger SXT with Casino CEO Alex Dixon on Saturday night of re-opening weekend for the beautifully renovated Q Casino + Resort on Schmitt Island in Dubuque. It was one of two cars given away over the weekend!



The LoveMonkeys light up the Back Waters Stage after skies cleared during the 2024 edition of the Kickoff to Summer Festival at Q Casino + Resort.



Veterans Memorial Plaza at Schmitt Island is the perfect end destination for the Memorial Day



An hour of torrential rain led to some lessthan-stellar outcomes for Dubuque residents like these unfortunate people on St. John Drive.



Voters clean up Maus Park in Dubuque to

Volunteers from the League of Women get it ready for summer enjoyment. Submit your photo by using



up a five-night run of the play Terra 565 INK





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First Fridays

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

NOON-8 PM @ STONED ART STUDIO & GALLERY (1800 CENTRAL AVE)
NOON-8 PM @ WIDDERSHINS ARTISAN GALLERY (2204 CENTRAL AVE)

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

5-8 PM @ ANDONIA GIANNAKOUROS STUDIO (219 W 9TH ST)

5-8 PM @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART (701 LOCUST ST)

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

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

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

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

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

Showcasing the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III. Stop by see art, meet artists, touch the artist in you. Refreshments will be on hand. **stonedartstudio.com**.

Widdershins Artisan 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. **WiddershinsGallery.com**.

Outside the Lines Art Gallery will be featuring prints and original paintings by

the late JoAnne Hauser Warren of Cuba City, WI. JoAnne was a local watercolor painter and shared her many talents and joyful personality with everyone she met. This year marks 10 years since her passing. OTLAG is honored to host this show. **563-583-9343**. otlag@aol.com.

The newest addition to the First Fridays lineup comes from Andonia Giannakouros, a Dubuque-based figurative painter and printmaker. The converted studio space in the Fisher Building features work by Giannakouros. **giannaka.com**.

Join Community Solutions of Eastern lowa at Dubuque Museum of Art for a unique First Fridays Photovoice exhibition opening. The exhibit will showcase varying perspectives of what home means for 21 local amateur photographers. CSEI's mission of addressing homelessness and housing instability is the reason they chose the prompt of @Home. Home could be your favorite place to be or a place you wish you didn't need to be, it could be a community, a pet, or a person. Photovoice is a storytelling technique used to put the camera in the hands of ordinary people to explore and share their perspectives on a certain topic or subject. Photographer introductions at 6 p.m. On display now through July 21. **dbqart.org**.

Head to Carnegie-Stout Public Library for an Art @ your library opening reception for *Photography Through New Eyes* by Tom Kedzie, Christy Kirk, Vickie Klinkhammer, Andrew Sager, and Luke Stumpf in the library's second floor rotunda. Gail Chavenelle presents the "Citizens" Sculpture ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. outside the library on Locust Street. Voted favorite "Black History is America History" design. Music provided by the faculty of Northeast Iowa School of Music with light refreshments. **CarnegieStout.org**.

At Voices Studios, Flyover Country by Susan Becker reflects not only her technical skill but also a deep connection to the rural environment that has shaped her life for over three decades. Tides of Mentorship: Between Water and Land offers a compelling dialogue between two artists—teacher John Hitchcock and student Adriana Barrios—each exploring distinct facets of human connection to the environment. Artist talks at 6 p.m. On display June 7–July 28. voicesstudios.org.

Planted. hosts *Driftless Reflections* by Matthew Adams. Using a classic 1980s film camera, *Driftless Reflections* captures the essence of everyday life in the Driftless region, evoking a sense of nostalgia and wonder. Matthew Adams is a film



photographer hailing from Dubuque. Matthew credits his love for photography to his father, who carries a camera everywhere. While Matthew started when digital was becoming prevalent, he has discovered a love for film photography over the last few years. He has been dedicated to developing his craft, first by buying film cameras and eventually learning to develop the film himself at home. On display now through July 2. planteddbq.com.

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective (DAAC) announces the opening of two exhibitions. Echoes of the Mississippi marks the centennial celebration of the Mississippi River refuge and the 50th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. Delve into the majestic beauty of the Mississippi River refuge and its rich biodiversity. Also partake in a celebration of queer identity and expression with the inaugural Pride Month art exhibit (in partnership with DBQPride), Art of Pride: Midwest Queer Perspectives. This vibrant showcase features the works of LGBTQ+ artists and allies from the region, offering a kaleidoscope of perspectives on the queer experience. On display June 7-21. **DubuqueArts.com**. ■





GALENA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

12th Night

JUNE 7-9 AND JUNE 14-15 @ 7:30 PM IRISH COTTAGE FAIRY RING (9853 HIGHWAY 20, GALENA, IL)

Think your life is messy? Wait 'til you see the madness that goes on in 12th Night, Shakespeare's hottest, most hilarious romantic comedy. Presented by the

Galena Shakespeare Festival, experience 12th Night at the Irish Cottage Fairy Ring in Galena, IL on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, June 7–15 at 7:30 p.m.

Grab a date and join in the enchanting natural amphitheater for cocktails, comedy, true love, drunken fools, saucy barmaids, mouthy jesters, princesses in leather pants, and a healthy dose of eye candy for everyone... all set to the soundtrack of your favorite rom coms from the '90s and 2000s.

Run time is approximately 90 minutes. Bar will be open from 7 p.m. until 5 minutes before start time and during intermission. Before the show or after, enjoy cool drinks and delicious food at Frank O' Dowd's Irish Pub.

Tickets are \$25 for GA and \$15 for students and industry workers. For tickets and more information, call the Galena Shakespeare Festival at **954-593-8796** or visit **GalenaShakes.com**. ■



Art Convergence: Exploring Local Treasures

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 @ 5-7 PM THE STU (1533 CENTRAL AVE)

Dive into a vibrant tapestry of creativity and celebrate the diverse artistic expressions found right in our own

community. This unique event brings together local art collectors, enthusiasts, and collectors of performing and music arts for an immersive journey into the heart of our cultural landscape.

Kicking off the art convergence series on Saturday, June 8 is A. Alanda Gregory, art provocateur and creative entrepreneur celebrating her birthday and sharing her love for the arts. Join her at The Stu from 5 to 7 p.m.

Art Convergence is a monthly event welcoming everyone with a love for creativity and a curiosity for exploration. Whether you're a seasoned collector, a casual art admirer, or simply looking for an inspiring evening filled with culture and community, this event is for you.

The event is free. For more information, call **563-564-7564** or visit **facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup**. ■



School of Rock

JUNE 14, 15, 20, 21 AND 22 @ 7:30 PM JUNE 16 AND 23 @ 2 PM GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Co-produced with Rising Star Theatre Company, *School of Rock* heads to the Grand Opera House stage on June 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and June 16 and 23 at 2 p.m.

Based on the hit movie, School of Rock follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out? School of Rock, with its sensational live kids' rock band, is a loving testimony to the transforming power of music.

This production is recommended for ages eight and above.

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

11TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Urinetown

JUNE 21-22 AND 27-29 @ 7:30 PM JUNE 23 AND 30 @ 2 PM BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The Bell Tower Theater 11th Annual High School Musical *Urinetown* is a Tony Award-winning musical that pokes fun at capitalism, bureaucracy, and musical theater itself. See it at the Bell Tower Theater on June 21–22 and 27–29

cal theater itself. See it at the Bell Tower Theater on June 21–22 and 27–29 at 7:30 p.m. and June 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. All performers are high school students from throughout the area.

After a severe water shortage leads to a ban on private toilets, an evil corporation monopolizes all the public amenities. Tired of being charged admission



for humanity's basic needs, a hero rises up to overthrow the tyrannical movement. Filled with witty humor, fast-paced action, and a star-crossed love story.

Tickets are \$15. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■







From Branson to Las Vegas, Rock 'n' Roll showman Johnny Rogers is in the business of bringing yester-

This show covers the 50's, 60's and 70's. A proven

crowd favorite that will have you begging for more!

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

year's music and history of Rock 'n' Roll to life.



Food Trucks

By Bryce Parks

At this point, food trucks are not a new thing anymore, even hidden away here in Dubuque. But they do tend to come and go, with new faces popping up and veteran trucks parking their rides, and quite a few riding the wave year after year. Some locals have made them a regular part of their balanced diet (or unbalanced, as the case may be) while some of you, for some reason, have not yet partaken. Over the last couple of years, the triedand-true food truck warriors have found fairly regular patterns, developing repeat customers while offering great variety to parts of town that otherwise might mean packing a lunch to work everyday. So, we thought we'd do you all the great service and put together a rundown of the current players in the Dubuque and immediate Tri-State food truck scene. Now, before you send letters (do people still send letters?) saying we forgot this or that, know that we're focusing on those vittle vendors who are indeed on wheels (truck or trailer), local, and regularly serving the general public. If places only cater or set up tents to serve from or roll into town once every few months,

they might be delish and all, but they're not "our" food trucks. This is a highlight of our homegrown talent, capisce?

For the rundown of the local talent, check the list of 20-plus local players in the game. What we're going to look at here in this piece is why they do it. What is the draw of the food truck versus the brick-and-mortar restaurant, and how did chasing the latest "fad" in food work out for some of Dubuque's best-known mobile eateries?

The draw of the open road with no rent or anchors to a single spot is clearly an attractive drawing point for those considering starting up a mobile "restaurant." And I'll bet not having to clean the bathrooms ranks pretty high on that list, as well. But the truth is, the list of cons can often be as long as the list of pros for getting into the business. So, let's take a look at both.

While the list is long, there are four basic reasons most truck owners will give you if you ask them why they do it. The first is, of course, that it allows you to be your own boss. Food truck vendors are owners, chefs, and staff all in one. You decide where to park, what to cook, and what your hours will be. While it involves relying on yourself, you also don't have to take orders from anyone (except food orders), which can feel pretty liberating.

Secondly, you can design your own menu. This is where you chase your food passions, get creative, share family recipes, innovate, or fill a niche in our market. You can also change the menu whenever you want if it's not working or you want to tailor to particular events or audiences.

Third, investing in a restaurant can come with a lot of risk. You sign a lease, you invest in renovations, you hire staff, all with the potential risk of it failing. A food truck is a low-cost investment, and you are less tied to any one decision. I'm not saying a food truck is cheap, but it can be a lot cheaper than a building and, well, you can also always sell it, often much easier than a restaurant.

And finally, location, location, location. Not being tied to any one location or strategy is huge. This type of pursuit allows you to change it up, seeking whatever is the most profitable and enjoyable combination of location and menu. You won't burn out patrons in the neighborhood of your restaurant, and you can develop a devoted following in multiple locations who look forward to your flavors when they don't get the chance to have them every day or every week.

So, now let's look at the downsides, the sides people who aren't in the thick of it don't often see. The top four downsides on most lists clearly don't live in the northern Midwest, so we're replacing a popular No. 4 with our own obvious addition we'll save for last.

Working in tight spaces can be a drag. You might work in a space as small as 8-by-12 feet and share that room with your storage, cooking surfaces, and even other employees. The limited space can also make it difficult to stay stocked on ingredients. And it usually means having a licensed prep space outside of the truck.

You also have to abide by zoning laws, local ordinances, and have all the proper permits. This often involves getting permits to park in a specific recurring spot months in advance or working out deals with other businesses to make things like electricity or bathrooms accessible to your customers. You may even have to remember to plug the meter.

While trucks can cost up to \$100,000 to start new, many proprietors start with used trucks to afford the game, which means it also needs maintenance, like any vehicle. While you won't have to pay traditional rent for a brick-and-mortar property, truck owners need to be prepared to pay for routine maintenance and the occasional repair. And you know, gas. I've never seen a fuel-efficient food truck.

They say it can be tricky to maintain customer loyalty when your truck moves around. I think this is less of an issue in Dubuque than major metros. In fact, I would argue that a well-planned rotating schedule here would be highly beneficial in establishing a fan base. Score one for not being too big of a city to be known.

Weather in Dubuque can be a son-ofgun, both in the dead of winter and the scorching heat and humidity of summer. Surviving pounding sub-zero winds when serving food out of an open window to people standing in that wind can very often mean closing down for a few months a year. Likewise, cooking in the metal box, no matter how many fans you have running, can border on torture on a long August afternoon. The weather might easily be the No. 1 reason to avoid a food truck.

But with all of these obstacles, almost two dozen regularly operating trucks are working to make a living or augment other income here in the Tri-States. We asked a couple of proprietors what keeps them going or what makes them want to quit. The answers were not surprising. Weather seems to be the biggest downer. No one likes putting so much work into setting up for a day only to have your patrons driven away by rain or bitter cold.

Nick Bries from The Hangry Hobo has been at it for about a year now and says there's nothing worse than having to set-up a 600-pound generator in the pouring rain and then working a full day in wet clothes. But it hasn't deterred him. After a year of the reality of 12-hour days, he's nothing but grateful and pumped for the future. You know this is a personal business when they get choked-up talking to you. He doesn't mind me saying that, as he was expressing his eternal gratitude to the Dubuque and surrounding community for the huge and consistent support that The Hangry Hobo has received since opening. It made him pause and get a little emotional. This is his livelihood. He's killing it, and it's not lost on him that it's your support that put him there. One year in, he is so happy with the choice he made to leave his old life behind and join the food truck scene.

Likewise, Adam Ploessel, who helms the Birds. Fried Chicken truck is seeing incredible success day after day, but that doesn't mean it's not work. Adam says the extensive prep and clean up have become a routine, and you just do it every day. It's part of the deal. A truck doing two gigs a day might have open public hours actually selling their products for, say, 3 to 6 hours a day, but the work day for these diehards is more like 12-plus hours a day. That's why these two trucks at least both have two crews, one to prep and serve lunch and one to run dinner and clean up. So, it's not just a guy or two in the truck all day. Some smaller trucks may run that way. For these big successful trucks, it's way more. Birds. has a crew of seven to 15 people depending on the season, and Adam admits it's very good to have Brazen or even Otto's Place in Galena, IL to look to for help if they're in a bind.

Both of these trucks are open all winter, even if they do take a few days off here or there, most likely in the dead of January. Birds. has a delicious but simpler setup focusing on the amazing chicken. Nick Bries' The Hangry Hobo can have 13 sandwiches on his menu, though a number of them are variations on a

theme, so it's not really 13 unique sammies. Maybe half that. How many ways can you make a chicken sandwich delicious? These two trucks sure know a few ways.

Nick also has a traditional gyro spit turning in the truck all the time, a great bonus in the winter, but not a lot of fun with that mega heat source running in the truck in August. But people love his gyros, and I'm one of them. His top sellers are the ribeye melt, the gyro, and the smash burger, which is funny because I love the deep fried tacos, so if that's not even in the top three, I guess that means things are going pretty well for him.

In either case, the greatest satisfaction in running the trucks is the feedback they get. A lot of that shows in the sales, but the customer comments can make a long hard day a very satisfying day, and luckily that happens a lot.

For many of the trucks, the idea grew out of expanding their existing brick-andmortar business into another outlet, while others have started as a truck and moved to having both, and others have abandoned the truck for the building. Dubuque's first real food truck, Beauty and the Beef (2013-2016) eventually gave up the wheels, transitioning to a to-go window in the Roshek Building as American Bombshell before settling in and operating very well as Knockout Melts at the intersection of JFK and Pennsylvania. Versus food truck started as a truck and now also operates a sit-down restaurant on the north end, while Howling BBQ started as a truck, moved to a sit-down restaurant on University Ave., and sadly, no longer exists in either format as far as we know. So, it can go a number of ways.

As you'll read in the truck rundown, Jaime Salazar at Adobo's (Dubuque's second food truck, we think?) is running the truck and now also two successful brick-and-mortar venues. But you'll often still find him at the helm of the truck. And the burritos he whips out of that truck have made a name for him and a great living for his family and staff. El Burro Bandido is a 27-foot-long food truck built by Chameleon Concessions in Minneapolis, MN for Jaime and his wife Flor. It is a full kitchen on wheels complete with stove, flat top grill, steam tables, refrigerator, three prep sinks, a handwashing sink, and a food preparation table. This ain't your grandpa's camper, for sure.

This is serious business for some seriously talented chefs and business entrepreneurs. And some serious good eats for us! So, next time you see one of these culinary road warriors out plying their craft, keep in mind just how hard they are working to bring their flavors to a place that's nice and convenient for you. And if you see one you haven't tried yet, give them a shot. And hey, tell them 365ink sent ya!







COVER STORY 365

23 Dubuque and Tri-State Food Trucks

BY BRYCE PARKS AND DANNY FAIRCHILD

There are a few other trucks you might see on occasion, either rolling through town every few months or only serving booked private events. And they're pretty much all good. We're not knocking them. We love them too, but we have to draw the line somewhere. This summer, OS On the Go is focusing on booked catering gigs only, but we hope you see them at a festival here or there (such as Asbury Music in the Park) as we love the Asian shrimp and burnt end tacos that Michelle was serving up last summer. Off the Hook Fish and Chips Food Truck often generates huge lines when it visits Dubuque at the Theisen's parking lot on rare occasions. They were



just in town the last week of May and will make a round in the Midwest before making it back to town. We have seen the Hurts Donut Ambulance from Cedar Falls, IA in Dubuque on occasion, most recently last month at Deery Brothers Nissan. You may want to give them a follow on Facebook. And who knows who just might roll into town next?



Birds. Fried Chicken

BIRDSCHICKEN.COM

Facebook: @birds.friedchicken Birds was almost a north end restaurant before proprietor Kevin Scharpf from the celebrated Brazen Open Kitchen decided to go the food truck route instead, and what a great decision that turned out to be. Along with his No. 1 Birds man Adam Ploessel who has run the daily operations on the truck since it began, they have established Birds. Fried Chicken as one of the most popular and sought-out food trucks in Dubuque. It's also convenient that it just happens to be completely delicious. Birds. focuses on one thing and does it perfectly: boneless fried chicken. The mainstay is the O.G. Sandwich, a "basic" fried sandwich with pickles and honey on it that is far from basic. They also serve a Carolina BBQ and Spicy Bird version of the sammy. The pickles and sauces are so good they sell them jarred and bottled to take home. You can also get the glorious chicken as perfect chicken tenders or pretend they're healthy on a salad. And

the generous portion of petal-style fries that come with them is a stellar compliment. Sandwiches run \$12 to \$15 and are worth every penny. Birds. keeps a very active schedule year round and often serves two locations in a day, one for lunch and one for dinner.



Bob & Lou's

BOBANDLOUS.COM

Facebook: @bobandlous

Don't get them wrong, they serve up some of the tastiest coffee around, but what truly fills their cup is bringing our community together and empowering women to chase their business dreams according to proprietor Sarah Knabel. The name is a nod to her grandparents, and they have not only a storefront on University Ave. in Dubuque but the very busy coffee camper (and an espresso cart). So, even before you take a tasty sip, you know the positive vibe and goals you are supporting with every purchase. The menu isn't complex, just satisfying! Get this... they serve coffee!

Great coffee! But there's more. You can get that as drip or pour, as an americano, latte, mocha, and a cold brew. But they also serve matcha and chai as well specialty drinks with flavors from salted caramel, Snickers, and maple brown sugar to sugar cookie and raspberry white, and so many more. No worries, they have oat and almond milk for special dietary concerns. They also feature a variety of lemonades with fun flavors like lavender mint, mango strawberry, and spicy jalapeño and a couple of varieties of refreshers (caffeinated fruit drinks). Oh. and teas. too! We don't see anything on the menu over \$7 with most offerings more like \$5. Very reasonable. They're up and at it early when they're out in the community as you would expect, usually serving morning pick-me-ups from 7 to 9-ish at areas schools, banks, doctors' offices, businesses, and plenty of private events. You can get them to come to your place too or get a special visit from their smaller espresso cart. All the details are online, and you can follow their camper schedule via their social media outlets.



Buenie Bottoms Grill

Facebook: @BuenieBottomsoutdoorgrill You know if it's coming out of Buenie, it's gonna be old school and classic small-town America, and this food truck hits all the buttons. What ticks the average American's taste bud checkboxes like these classics: cheeseburgers, Philly cheese steak sandwiches (with all the grilled veggie toppings), BBQ pulled pork sandwich, super nachos with taco beef and all the usual nacho supreme toppings, french fries, and, of course, fried white cheddar cheese curds. While some people go looking for the new or the odd items they've never had before, some people just want the favorites they've always loved, and this is where those come from. Follow them on Facebook to see where the Buenie Bottoms food truck will be parking next to cure your cravings. They also now have a home base store and restaurant with daily specials at 882 Main St. in Holy Cross, IA.



The Crepe Iron

Facebook: @Crepelron

The Dubuque mobile Sweet & Savory Street Crêperie is ready to serve you at the Dubuque Farmers' Market! If you're looking for a savory meal you can enjoy while you stroll, try the Basic Breakfast with ham, egg, and cheese or go for lunch with the BBQ Brisket featuring smoked brisket, cheese, mixed greens, red onion, and bbq sauce. The sweet crepe menu rotates but generally features the Classic, strawberry-banana-Nutella, blueberry lemon crumble with lemon cream cheese filling, blueberry and graham cracker crumble; and the Kid's Fave with just Nutella. The Crepe Iron also offers a gluten- and dairyfree batter option to make their tasty treats accessible to more patrons. These days, it seems that The Crepe Iron is only serving during the summer season at the Dubuque Farmers' Market. You can probably also book them for special private events. But if you want to catch them in the wild, you'll have to get up before noon on a Saturday between May and October!



Delaney's Ice Cream

Facebook: "Delaney's Ice Cream Shoppe"
From Farley IA, the old-school Delaney's
Ice Cream trailers serve Chocolate
Shoppe Ice Cream brand flavors out
of Madison, WI to the ice cream-loving
masses at special events across the
Dubuqueland area all summer long.
They actually have two trailers and a
van to get the jobs done. They usually feature approximately 10 to 16
favorite flavors that are sure to hit
you right in the taste buds. Find them
on Facebook to see what familyfriendly festival they'll be at next!



Dinger's D'Lite's

Facebook: "Dinger's D'Lite's" I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Dinger is an artist. If you think freshness of taste and texture can't come out of a food trailer, well... you can be forgiven for your lack of imagination there. I can see where you'd think that. But really that just tells me Dinger hasn't knocked you out of the park yet. Even things which are NOT fresh by design like pulled pork are elevated with the freshness of the accompaniments. And her take on a noodle salad using zucchini noodles is genius. And if you want a burger, Dinger serves up some of the best around. Food trucks get cute with food and forget the common burger. Not Dinger. The grand slam hit to straight-away center, however, is the Creuben. It's Dinger's answer to the classic Reuben sandwich, but you have to look twice to recognize it as such. Because one of Dinger's departures from the classic Reuben is serving it on French bread instead of marble rye. I understand that we also eat with our eyes, and such a departure is decidedly unreubenesque. I don't care. I've said it before and I'll say it again: The Creuben is a worthy variation of the Reuben. I'm still standing on this hill daring you to try to kill me on it. Dinger isn't always out and about, but her socials keep up to date on the whens and wheres. In addition to various fests, she often performs her arts for the lunch crowd around some of the larger employers in the area.



Downtown BBQ, LLC

Facebook: @DowntownBBQPlatteville Sorry, writer's bias, but this is Bryce writing this one, and I'm not afraid to say, as great as some of the BBQ in the Tri-States is, that Downtown BBQ is my favorite BBQ place in the area either on wheels or not. What can I say, it's simply amazing. The brisket is just stellar, smoky but moist and tender. It's so hard to consistently make awesome brisket, and they nailed it. And not by chopping it up. It's sliced juicy. It might be voodoo. The price you pay as Dubuquers is that they rarely leave Platteville, and I don't think I've had their food in DBQ since I hired them for an event. But it's sooo worth the drive. Their usual day offering includes (assume the word smoked appears before every meat we list): brisket, pulled pork, chicken, brats, Texas sausage, baby back ribs, and jerk chicken. And many offerings contain a mix and match of these ingredients. You can "load" a brat with pulled pork or brisket or load mac and cheese with the same. Same goes for a plate of beer cheese nachos. Can I suggest taking a big order and sending the low

man (or woman) on the totem pole to make the drive to P-ville late morning to bring back some love for the office by noon? You'll find them in Platteville City Park quite often, but check their Facebook for the schedule at the top of the week and thank me later.



COVER STORY 365



El Burro Bandido

ADOBOSMEXICANGRILL.COM

Facebook: @Adobosmexicangrill When Jamie Salazar revisioned his downtown Adobo's Mexican Restaurant from a sit down place to a build-yourmeal-at-the-counter service and at almost the same time launched one of Dubuque's first consistently active food trucks, business boomed and stayed there. He has since expanded the brickand-mortar to a copy of the Dubuque location in Galena, IL. But this is about the truck or as they call it, El Burro Bandido! The food is always made fresh from scratch and served three simple ways: as a burrito, taco salad, or nachos for \$9 to \$10. Choose steak, chicken, ground beef, or vegetarian, and add favorite toppings like black or pinto beans, Spanish rice, pico, cheese, sour cream, jalapeños, hot or mild sauce, and more. And for a bit extra, add fresh guac or extra meat or queso. They are also quite famous for their Saturday morning breakfast burritos at the Dubuque Farmers' Market where the line is always long and they basically sell out every time. During Market season, you can only get the breakfast items on the truck at Market, but they move things indoors on the season. It's always fast and delicious, and they sure get around. You'll find Adobo's out pretty much six days a week, usually with one stop per day and with a number of private events sprinkled in there. They do a good job of updating their stops for the week at the start of each week. Maybe your private event could be next!



Elle & Beck's

Facebook: @elleandbecksgelatocart Elle & Becks is one of four active coffeebased trucks in the Tri-State area,

and that shows you just how big the demand is that they can all find room to thrive. But it helps that they make a good cup of coffee too, doesn't it? And hey, if they bring along gelato, bonus! Yep, Elle & Beck's coffee and gelato trailer serves up homemade gelato, specialty roasted coffee, and lemonade. The coffee comes hot or iced as lattes. americanos, and cappuccinos, as well as mocha and chai varieties, and all of those on ice too. You'll be able to get all of the expected add-on flavors and specialty milks like oat, almond, and coconut to serve a variety of diets and allergies. Twenty flavor shots from hazelnut to cheesecake, lavender or pumpkin pie, plus fruit flavors from raspberry to mango will darn near turn that coffee into a meal! They also have Lotus Plant Energy drinks available, and like we said... gelato! From a 2-oz. cup to a gallon, they have your hookup! Check their Facebook page for all of their upcoming public gigs. You can also book them for private or corporate gigs. They are often at great local events like Millwork Night Market too.



Galena Roasters Specialty Coffee

GALENAROASTERSCOFFEESHOP.COM

Facebook: @galenaroasters A favorite Main Street Galena coffee shop is now on wheels too, and as of this spring, they can come to lowa. Hey, that's us! Thanks to proprietor and master roaster (the man behind the beard logo) Earl Thompson. He is always roasting up new flavor profiles and plans for Galena Roasters. Galena Roasters believes (and knows) there is a story behind every cup of coffee; from the bean it began as to the conversation shared between friends enjoying the final product. Clearly, this is about more than just selling a cup of coffee to this crew. This is a passion. And it makes a difference when a knowledgeable, passionate coffee superfreak is roasting his own beans—fresh. You WILL taste the difference. The menu at the truck includes the following coffee drinks: americano, brewed, caramel macchiato, cold brew, espresso,

latte, and mocha. Non-coffee drinks feature Booster Juice, chai, iced tea, and lemonade. Almond and oak milk are available. With a busy Dubuque schedule, it's clear that locals agree: This is the magic elixir. From Steve's Ace to Clarke University to Duluth Trading Company and parts in between, you'll best find their next stops posted to the coffee trailer page of their website.



The Hangry Hobo

THE-HANGRY-HOBO.SQUARE.SITE Facebook: "The Hangry Hobo, LLC" Owner Nick Bries hit the food truck scene with his all-new, custom-made, giant green trailer just last year, and they have been hard at it ever since, serving up a diverse menu with extremely generous portions all over the Tri-States with simply massive success. They have all the tools, and they have not hesitated to put them to work twice a day, 5 to 6 days a week. It didn't take long to get things narrowed down to a sure-fire menu that keeps locals coming back again and again. With an impressive 13 sandwiches (okay, not THAT narrowed down) to serve up, Bries says that the top sellers are consistently the amazing ribeye melt, the gyros (which are cooked the right way, on a turning spit on the truck), and the smash burgers. But I have a soft spot for the deep fried taco on a big crisp pita shell. You might try one the number of chicken-centered sandwiches, turkey melt, or patty melt. The waffle fries are also fantastic, and you might get them gyro style. And we recently saw a post about how many thousands of Hobo Poppers the crew has made since opening. They work hard making great food in large portions for a good price. No wonder they're still loving life after a year in. Nick is fired-up! Go see why!



Happi Hibachi

PETESTHAIKITCHEN.COM

Facebook: @ HappiHibachiDbg Want teppanyaki or hibachi-style deliciousness without the formality of a Japanese restaurant reservation? Of course you do. Those perfectly seared morsels of meat and seafood? Hell, even the veggies? And perfectly prepared fried rice? And don't forget the yum-yum sauce. With Happi Hibachi, you can get all that and more without the awkwardness of sharing a table with strangers. Enjoy that wonderful mix of flavors at your desk or in front of your TV at home. They've been doing it for years now and are still going strong! Oh, how fondly I remember the day Happi Hibachi came into our lives. It changed our lives and the food truck landscape of the Tri-States for the better. The years have worn off some of the novelty of seeing Happi Hibachi around town, but judging by the smile I always have on my face when I see them, the "Happi" is still going strong. So strong that whenever I see them, I still have to make a decision to ditch my lunch or dinner plans and pull in. I love it because it's the perfect way to get steak for lunch. Even though it's cut up into morsels, the beef is always cooked to my liking. When I see them in the wild, it's usually in the Dubuque PetSmart parking lot. They are owned by the same good folks at Pete's Thai Kitchen, however, so you can get Happi Hibachi during PTK's hours, and even delivered as late as midnight Wednesday through Saturday. Catering is also available.



Hibachi Time

Facebook: "Hibachi Time" You know, if you asked me what kind of cuisine translates worst to a food truck format, I PROBABLY would have said Japanese steakhouse. Food trucks are opaque. If the chef is doing all kinds of sweet flips and tricks with his tools of the trade, I can't see it in a food truck. And if they're going to toss a bit of food for me to catch in my mouth, they'd have to get it through the service window first. Not only would I have thought that I would miss the fun of a Japanese steakhouse, I had my doubts that a food truck could deliver the quality of food one expects at a Japanese steakhouse. So imagine my surprise when Hibachi Time came along and not only matched the food you get in a restaurant, but arguably does it even better! And as for the missing fun? So what? Food trucks have their own kind of fun that comes with them. What I love about Hibachi Time is how customizable your order is. All the proteins you expect are represented individually or in combinations, but they also easily accommodate double meat if you've got the hankering. And they really go above and beyond with their appetizer and side order options. Where to find them? They're easy as heck to find. They reliably post a reliable schedule of where they're going to be and when. And you'll almost certainly find them at any festival around town.



Hot Diggity Dogz

Facebook: "Hot Diggity Dogz" I'm not sure I could live around here if there wasn't a place like Hot Diggity Dogz where I could get an amazing Chicago dog. No, I'm not from Chicago. I just like the delicious things in life. A Chicago dog is one of those things that is so much greater than the sum of its parts. In fact, the individual components I could take or leave. An all-beef (Vienna) frank, poppy seed bun, sport peppers, neon green pickle relish PLUS a dill pickle spear, yellow mustard, diced onion, tomatoes, and celery salt. I mean come on. What are you supposed to do with all that? Well, if you're Hot Diggity Dogz, you show Dubuque how it's done. There are people who will say that there's no way you can get a good Chicago dog outside of Chicago. I'm not going to mince words: If you're one of those

people, I hate you. You're a fool, and I have no time for you. Stay homesick for all I care. But if you absolutely insist on being a fool, Hot Diggity Dogz has other Chicago-style favorites you can also be a fool about, including Polish sausage and Italian beef. For the smart people, Hot Diggity Dogz is Chicago-style food done right. They're family owned and operated and pride themselves on great food and great service. Respect it. You can find them at 1902 Central Ave. in Dubuque, or serving out-and-about at festivals or in parking lots like Mercy One.



Magoo's Pizza

MAGOOPIZZA.COM Facebook: @MagoosPizza

Magoo's Pizza fills a pizza niche that was missing from Dubuque... that Dubuque didn't even know needed filling: the need for a really good almost crackerlike thin-crust pizza. And I get it. Here in Dubuque, our portion sizes are probably even bigger than the typical American portion sizes. And American portion sizes are embarrassingly large. So it's no surprise that we typically get served thick crust. No shame in that. I love it, you love it. we love it. But let's not sit here with our freezers stocked with frozen pizzas and pretend we don't like a thin crust now and again. NOT to compare Magoo's to a frozen pizza. No, no. Magoo's ingredients are garden fresh and handcrafted. And as for portion size? Well... that whole pizza you just ordered? That's YOUR pizza. You're not sharing that unless you want to. But you're probably not going to want to. And if you can't finish your whole pie, then you have pizza leftovers which are also awesome. The benefit of a thin crust is that it bakes fast. So you're getting a delicious pizza made to order with outstanding ingredients. Where to find it? You can brick-and-mortar it at their 1875 University Ave. location in Dubuque, or you can often find their truck at various festivals or already set up and ready to serve outside your favorite bar. Not feeling pizza? Their freshness of their ingredients applies to their salads, too. Don't sleep on those, either. On a more personal note, Magoo's is a pizza me and my son can agree on.





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Moski's BBQ

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Moski's gets it: If you are a competition barbecuer and you DON'T also operate a food truck, trailer, or other street food conveyance, you're screwing up. I mean... you're more than halfway there, aren't you? You already have the food truck, trailer, or other street food conveyance. You load it up to travel to competitions all the time. You have the passion to serve food to people who are passionate about food. And, presumably, you've got the barbecue skills to go with it. Moski's is a family enterprise with patriarch, Brice, bringing 15 years of pitmaster experience and matriarch, Shawna, bringing 21 years of nursing experience well suited to putting up with your crap. But don't give her any. Whether by volunteer or voluntold, even the kids pitch in to make this rig run. Here, you'll enjoy all your BBQ favorites done succulently, AND all the BBQ-joint classic sides and desserts right down to banana friggin' pudding. Not since coleslaw has BBQ had a better ally than banana pudding. You HAVE to keep an eye out for their burnt ends. They aren't always available because of course they're not. But when they are, get in on them. How? Well they have premises at 329 1st Ave. W. in Cascade, IA, or you can check their socials to find out where their trailer is serving. They get all around Eastern Iowa, though. So don't expect to always find the trailer near. But if they're serving burnt ends, trust me... it's worth the gas.



Myson's Tacos and Burritos

Facebook: "Myson's Tacos and Burritos" Myson's Tacos and Burritos is seemingly founded on the immutable fact that drunk people love tacos. That's not fair. Just about everyone loves tacos, of course. But drunk people REALLY love tacos. So if you set up your taco truck near where people drink... then you get to make people happy with delicious food, and drunk people don't have to try to convince their rideshare to go through the Taco Bell drive-thru. In fact, if vou're having a shindig where people will be drinking, you could do a lot worse than having Myson's come to cater it. In fact, you would have a hard time doing better. Not that they're all about the drunks, mind you. You can also regularly find them at the Dubuque Farmers' Market or the parking lots of non-alcoholic businesses. They keep their socials up-to-date with where they're going to be, so go find them. If you have some notion of what makes an "authentic" taco or burrito and won't eat it if it doesn't conform to that, then, first of all, I hate you and have no time for your foolishness. Second of all, Myson's doesn't claim to be authentic. They serve the tacos and burritos people know and love but 'cept with better ingredients. Hell, you can even get an incredible walking taco here. When I'M drunk for tacos, a walking taco is the best way for me to taco. It's a taco truck, friends. It doesn't HAVE to be anything but delicious. And that's Myson's.



Pulido's Tacos

PULIDOSTACOS.COM

Facebook: "Pulido's Tacos" You simply CANNOT go wrong with Pulido's Tacos. Are you all about the traditional Mexican street taco? Pulido's gotchu. Are you not above a good hardshell complete with sour cream? Pulido's gotchu. Want to get comparatively exotic with fillings like chorizo? Pulido's gotchu. Want to keep it familiar with some nicely seasoned chicken? Pulido's gotchu. It's all so, so good. But I must lobby your appetite for an audience with one of the greatest sandwiches you're probably not eating, especially if you're as white as I am... the torta. The whole "Is a taco a sandwich?" debate is rendered totally moot in the presence of the torta. There is no questioning the sandwichhood of the torta. Tacos are served on bread, but it's flatbread, and that doesn't always align with people's definition of a sandwich. But the baguette-like rolls that tortas are served on? Anything but flat. And the torta is anything but NOT a sandwich. If you think that tacos are NOT sandwiches but like the idea of a taco sandwich... tortas are for you. If you think tacos ARE sandwiches and are curious about other Mexican sandwiches... tortas are for you. Tortas are for EVERYONE. Pulido's Tacos reliably updates their socials with where they'll be and when, mostly in Dubuque and Galena. An additional shout-out needs to be shouted out for their chips and gueso. Be careful with the gueso if you're transporting it home. It's served HOT so it isn't all congealed by the time you get it home.



RefreshDubuque

Facebook: "RefreshDubuque"

Just as we go to press, a little bird told me that Refresh cafe in downtown is rolling out their new food trailer version soon. We don't have many details, but the word is they will be serving fresh-squeezed juices, boba teas, and light breakfast and lunch options. We look forward to trying it and can't wait for another great option on the road!



Rockin' 5K BBQ

Facebook: @Rocking5KBBQ Rockin' 5K just recently updated their menu, so make sure you check their socials to see what delights await you. And rest assured... delights await you. Yes, their brisket is there. And their pulled pork. Of course the pulled pork is there. Where do you think you live, anyway? What I love about Rockin' 5K BBQ is that they give me all my favorite barbecue trends in truck format so I can easily bring it home. The wonderful but comparatively new combination of barbecued meat over mac and cheese? It's on the menu. In fact, most recent barbecue trends revolve around putting pulled pork or some other form of meat candy over or under something that is already tasty in order to make both things better. In addition to mac and cheese, Rockin' 5K brings barbecue to nachos, baked potatoes, french fries, and even a barbecue walking taco (called walking barbecue). Hell, even just your choice of barbecued meat over coleslaw, barbecues most trusted ally. Rockin' 5K even has your burger lust covered, and yes... there's even a burger topped with smoked brisket. Hell yeah. The little quirk I love about this place I don't get anywhere else? A jumbo pickle as a side. I love me a good pickle. Where to find such delights? Just follow their socials to find out where they're set up. They hail from Winthrop, IA and get around to different fests and parking lots around Eastern Iowa. You'll likely find them in Dubuque at Food Festival Fridays in Washington Park.



That 1 Place (bean)

Facebook: @That1placebean Do one thing simply, do it well, and that's all you need. As the most straightforward espresso-based coffee trailer in the area, That 1 Place is keeping to a busy in-demand schedule with a simple assortment of coffee varieties made from their own Highway blend coffee they swear is perfect for every coffee lover out there whether you like it hot or iced. Coffee, classic lattes, mocha, americano, caramel macchiato, chai latte, and flavor shots available for all of them. Plus Earl Grey or Berry Burst tea, chillers (blended drink) that comes as Cookie Monster or Vanilla Dream, and refreshers which are caffeine-infused drinks that are not coffee based. Dairy alternatives are available. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Check their Facebook page for upcoming stops to get your morning fix!



Versus

Facebook: @VersusDBQ

Versus' slogan, "Our flavors versus your taste buds" may sound adversarial. Maybe even a threat. It isn't. It's confidence. Confidence that even if you think you don't like some of the cuisine Asia has to offer, well... you're about to change your mouth's mind. I love their bánh mì, which is a sandwich consisting of a baquette filled with all the best flavors of Vietnam. Colonization is not a good thing and is the source of A LOT of problems in the world to this very day. But French influence on Vietnamese cuisine is not one of those things. And a bánh mì sandwich is the perfect example of that. So no, Versus is not going to meet your taste buds in the parking lot by the bike racks after school or

something. But you can often find them in other parking lots like the Dubuque Farmers' Market, Darkbird Taphouse, or either Medical Associates campus. Or, if you're in a mood for some sit-down hospitality, check out Versus 2.0. It's their brick-and-mortar location at 2364 Washington St. in Dubuque. There, vou'll find even more flavors worth a faceoff. The Versus food truck does an excellent job of listing every week on social media where they're going to be, so you can track them down super easy. Or maybe they'll track YOU down. Cuz it's their flavors versus vour taste buds. They don't want to kick your taste buds' ass. They just want to have a little talk.



Vesperman Farms Ice Cream

VESPERMANFARMS.COM

Facebook: @VespermanFarms As Kyle Vesperman grew Vesperman Farms pumpkin patch and corn maze into so much more in Lancaster, WI, one of the big new ventures was into ice cream. Kyle even went to a special school to learn to make great ice cream. And with the new skill, he not only introduced the product to his throngs of visitors to the farm, he also got the ice cream into local stores and launched not one but two ice cream trucks to cover the many tasty treat needs of ice cream lovers all across the Tri-States and further into Wisconsin. But Dubuque is certainly on that list, and you will find Vesperman Farms ice cream at numerous Dubuque special events as well as special stops from area business parking lots to retirement homes. Their locally created flavors include classic vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry as well as favorites like butter pecan, cookies & cream, cookie dough, and fudge brownie as well as mint chip, maple nut, and coconut. We've even tried amazing seasonal flavors like apple cider donut ice cream. Yeah, that's as great as it sounds. Follow them on social media to see the next time they make their way across the river!







THU 6/6

Taste of Dubuque: Ace Jones @ 5 PM Unicorn Fist @ 7 PM National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

Cruisin' Thursdays: The Resistors 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Dave Mehrl 5:30 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

The Crocus Foundation Gala: Joie Wails 5:30 PM @ Millwork Ballroom

Sophie Coyote 6 PM @ Houlihan's

Jeff Theisen 6 PM @ Tony Roma's





Joseph John Valenti 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 6 PM @ Trackside Bar & Grill (Peosta, IA)

Platteville Music in the Park: Point Five 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Andrew Huber 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley 7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI **6/7**

Food Festival Fridays: Ralph Kluseman 11 AM @ Washington Park

Mick & Gerry Staebell 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

First Fridays: NISOM Faculty 5:30 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Big Night Out 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

John Moran 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Three Quarter Buzz 6 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Sophie Coyote 6 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Massey Road 6:30 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)



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Galena Pride Drag Bingo w/ Cynthia Mooseknuckle 6:30 PM @ Grape Escape

(Galena, IL)

Cal Coohey
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Joseph John Valenti 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Midwest Megan 7 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

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

Kevin Moore 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7:30 PM @ Offside Bar & Grill

Kampfire Kings 8 PM @ First Reserve

LouderNow 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Boogie Monster 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Riff Worm & The Heist, Dark Agenda 9 PM @ The Lift

SAT **6/8**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Simple Company, Daniel Eric 7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

Dubuque Farmers' Market: The DZ Combo 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Steve Kalmes Noon @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Galena, IL)

Galena Pride Picnic: Liliana Asta @ Noon-1:30 PM Calle Sur @ 1:30-3 PM Cirque Du Buque Drag Show @ 3:30 PM Grant Park (Galena, IL) Manchester River Days: River Runner Regatta Noon @ Franklin Street Brewing Co (Manchester, IA)

Charlie Cook 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Wayne Cook 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Andrew Houy 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Theresa Rosetta 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Scales Mound Music in the Park Megan Davis @ 2 PM The Resistors @ 4 PM Rock Steady @ 6 PM Ten Gallon Hat @ 8 PM Scales Mound Park (Scales Mound, IL)

One Headlight 3 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

Jimmy Welty Band 4 PM @ Son Chasers Social Club (Cassville, WI)

Benjamin Robinson 4:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Aaron Williams & The Hoodoo 5 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Steve Kalmes 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Steve Davis 5:30 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

Jacquie Miller 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Johnnie Walker 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

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

Semi Retired 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Robbie Bahr & Laura McDonald 7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL) Karaoke 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)

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

Run Forrest Run 8 PM @ Q Showroom

BPM 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Tony Walker 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Them Coulee Boys, Long Mama, Cedar County Cobras 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

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

Ask Carol 9 PM @ The Lift

Pride After Party Drag Show: Sage Umbra, Araña Grande, Miss Fuse, DJ Danny Ross 10 PM @ Ayalas (Galena, IL)

SUN 6/9

Noon @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Mark Zalaznik 1 PM @ Dockside

The Other Two 1 PM @ The Yardarm

Team Puzzle Palooza 1 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Jake Stack 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Cal Coohey 2 PM @ Massey Station

Cameron McCallister 2 PM @ Offside Bar & Grill

Doug Green 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Jimmy Welty Band 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jacquie Miller Duo 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA) lan Gould 2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

DR Band 2 PM @ Bellevue Golf Course (Bellevue, IA)

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Aaron Simmons 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Joie Wails 2 PM @ Highway 20 Brewing Co (Elizabeth, IL)

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

A Music, Art and Story Fest Big Blue Sky @ 3 PM Sun Green @ 5 PM Smokestack

Tony Walker 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Joseph John Valenti 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Music in the Gardens: Elton Jeff & the Honky Cats 6:30 PM @ DBQ Arboretum

Deadcube, The Hunting Grounds Death Cult, If I Could Just Get Some Sleep, Last 7 PM @ Monk's

TUE **6/11**

Megan Shager 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Hangin' Around Band 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Summer Nights at the Plaza: The Swing Crew 6 PM @ Ryland Park (Lancaster, WI)

Lucinda Williams, Erika Wennerstrom (SOLD OUT) 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

WED **6/12**

Gypsy 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Yoga Jams Live: Joie Wails 5 PM @ Alliant Energy Amphitheater NIGHTLIFE 365

Ralph Kluseman 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Darin Shireman Duo 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

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

Casey Klein 7 PM @ First Reserve

Whippets, Pure Service, Sensor Ghost 9 PM @ The Lift

THU 6/13

Joie Wails 5 PM @ Lina's Lounge

Brushfire Bandits 5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: Kind of a Big Deal 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Live @ the Plaza: Liliana Asta 5 PM @ Green Street Plaza (Galena, IL)

Ralph Kluseman 6 PM @ Houlihan's

Massey Road 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Platteville Music in the Park: Gary Beal Band 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Music on The Green: Joseph Huber 6 PM @ Downtown Green Space (Maquoketa, IA)

Tri-State Wind Symphony Accordion Divas @ 6:15 PM Director Nolan Hauta @ 7 PM Alliant Energy Amphitheater

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

Lenny Wayne 7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI **6/14**

Kadesh Flow & Dinosaur O'Dell 10 AM @ DBQ Arboretum

Music on Main St: Elizabeth Moen, Vaulting, Wxxley 5 PM @ Town Clock Plaza Terry McCauley 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Broken Rubber Band 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Joseph John Valenti 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Big Cat Eddie 6 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Brushfire Bandits 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Ace Jones 6:30 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

Stolen Grace 7 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Trivia Tournament 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)

Jake Stack 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Rockin' on the River: Catfish Murphy, Gypsy 7 PM @ Cascade Riverview Amphitheater (Cascade, IA)

The DZ Combo 7:30 PM @ Voices Studios

Charlie Cook 8 PM @ Dockside

Lily Stella Maris 8 PM @ First Reserve

Jake Dodds 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Enemies of Confusion Album Release 8 PM @ Smokestack

Detour Band 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

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

Cougars, Interesting Bricks, Burning Sister, Big Sloth 9 PM @ The Lift

SAT **6/15**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Scott Kaczinski, Brion Bowman 7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Shannon Woulfe 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Alexis Healey 10 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead

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

Take the Pearl 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Galena, IL)

Big Night Out 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

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

Michael Mikrut 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Eric Richards Duo 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

The Carl Acuff Jr. Show 2 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maguoketa, IA)

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

Mississippi Band 4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Meatplow 5 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Rebel Wells 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

The Cool Change 6 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

16th Annual Galena Foundation Concert: Hunter Fuerste & His American Vintage Orchestra 6 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

Adam Bartels 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)



NIGHTLIFE 365

SAT **6/15**

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

The Johnny Kilowatt Band 7 PM @ Smokestack

Searchlight Soul 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Joseph John Valenti 7 PM @ Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

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

Karaoke 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)

Roy Schroedl 7 PM @ Hoof It (Galena, IL)

Tony Walker 7:30 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

The Pork Tornadoes 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Daniel Eric 8 PM @ Wicked Dame Drama Kings 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

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

Lenny Wayne 8 PM @ Red N Deb's (Platteville, WI)

Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts, Erik Koskinen (trio), Marques Morel 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

SUN 6/16

Jeff Theisen Noon @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ. IL)

Joie Wails 1 PM @ The Yardarm

Rock Heavy 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

JJ Schmitz 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA) Jason Kincel 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Cal Coohey 2 PM @ Highway 20 Brewing Co (Elizabeth, IL)

Walking Molly 2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery (Guttenberg, IA)

RJ Fisher 3 PM @ Southend Tap

DR Duo 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Blues in the Vineyard: David Zollo & Brian Cooper 3 PM @ Tabor Home Winery (Baldwin, IA)

Sarah Day Duo 4 PM @ Eagle Point Fishing BARge (Hazel Green, WI)

Stolen Grace 4 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Steve McIntyre 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

OFFSHORE LIVE MUSIC

FRI: 7=10 PM • SAT-SUN: 2=6 PM

Kevin Moore

Theresa Rosetta

Jason Kincel

Joie Wails Flizabeth Mary

Jef Spradley

Ozzy & Bon Joe B Jake Stack Michael Mikrut Music in the Gardens: Hunter Fuerste & the American Vintage Orchestra 6:30 PM @ DBQ Arboretum

TUE 6/18

Sarah Day 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Houlihan's

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED **6/19**

Charlie Cook 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Massey Road 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Daniel Eric 6 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL)

Jimmy Welty Band 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Shekinah King 6:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena. IL)

Pool Project 7 PM @ First Reserve

THU **6/20**

Three Quarter Buzz 5 PM @ Jimmy's Bar (East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: Johnnie Walker 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Joie Wails 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Platteville Music in the Park: Simple Company 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Sushi Roll 7 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Songwriters Showcase: SOLSTICE w/ Martin Koop 7 PM @ Galena Center for the Arts (Galena, IL)

Lojo Russo 7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL) Tiny the Dream 9 PM @ The Lift

Jackson County Pro Rodeo: River Moonshine Bellevue Horsemen's Club (Bellevue, IA)

FRI **6/21**

Make Music Platteville: Dennis John Glanville @ 10 AM The DZ Combo, Lillie Ann @ Noon Dennis John Glanville @ 1 PM Frassati's Coffee Shop (Platteville, WI)

Make Music Platteville: Lillie Ann @ 11 AM Lou Oswald @ 2 PM Holiday Inn and Express (Platteville, WI)

Make Music Platteville: Roy Schroedl @ 11 AM Matt & Miranda @ 2:45 PM Park Place Senior Living (Platteville, WI)

Make Music Platteville: Plucky Strummers Noon @ Driftless Market (Platteville, WI)

Make Music Platteville: Roy Schroedl 1 PM @ Sienna Crest (Platteville, WI)

Make Music Platteville: Piano in the Park @ 3 PM Flute Choir Mass Appeal @ 5:30 PM Class Brass @ 6:30 PM City Park Gazebo (Platteville, WI)

Make Music Platteville: Plucky Strummers @ 4:30 PM Prairie Light Strings Band @ 6 PM First Congregational Church (Platteville, WI)

Party for a Purpose: DR Band 5 PM @ DBQ Co Fairgrounds

Steve Kalmes 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Shannon Woulfe 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Great Galena Balloon Race: The Wundos 5:30 PM @ Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa North Course (Galena, IL

Laura & The Longhairs 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Daniel Eric 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery Cam McCallister 6 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Joie Wails 6 PM @ Woodbind Bend (Stockton, IL)

Ron Lubbers 6:30 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL)

King Explosion: Three Decades of the King 7 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Marty Raymond 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Jason Eady & Midnight River Choir 7 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

JJ Schmitz 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Ozzy & Bon JoeB 8 PM @ First Reserve

Wedding Banned 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Rock Steady 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Todd Albright 8 PM @ Eliza's Lounge (Mineral Point, WI)

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

Sing Along w/ Corey Eno Ruffin (of Super Happy Funtime) 9 PM @ The Lift

Jackson County Pro Rodeo: The Ditch Lilies Bellevue Horsemen's Club (Bellevue, IA)



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Upcoming Entertainment



King Explosion: Three Decades of the King

JUNE 21 @ 7 PM & JUNE 22 @ 4 & 7 PM

Elvis Presley is the singularly most recognized performer in the world, and even more than 40 years after his death, his name only revives images of a singer, performer, actor, and the ultimate showman that could hold an audience in the palm of his hand. Ronny Craig Entertainment and Brown Productions are pleased to present a tribute to Elvis in a spectacular musical show called King Explosion.

King Explosion captures the greatest moments of Elvis' career highlighted by the King of Rock and Roll's introduction to the world in the 1950s; the infamous 1968 television appearance that marked Elvis' return to live performances; and of course, the concert years that are now so symbolized by the powerful vocals, high-energy stage performances, and the legendary jumpsuits. Each 90-minute show stars Riley Jenkins, star of the *Million Dollar Quartet Musical* in Branson, MO; Michael Chambliss, 2014 Images of the King World Champion; and Jimmy Holmes, 2023 Images of The King World Championship. All backed by the Change of Habit Band and hosted by world famous MC Ronny Craig.



7 Summers: A Morgan Wallen Tribute

JULY 5 @ 8 PM

7 Summers doesn't do cowboy hats, grow out mullets, or mimic Morgan Wallen's iconic look. Instead, they let the music do the talking. Their mission is simple: to bring you the very best of Morgan Wallen's music, paying homage to the undeniable charisma and raw emotion that make his songs resonate with so many.



Wrëking Crüe: The Mötley Crüe Experience

JULY 27 @ 8 PM

The nationally touring tribute band has a stage shows like no other, spanning more than six different era recreations down to the finest detail. Don't miss the exciting, energetic party atmosphere of an '80s Crüe concert!



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



Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

SUNDAY

Disco Brunch w/ DJ SaladSpinner 9 AM @ Convivium Urban Farmstead 2nd Sun

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische 1PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

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

Sunday Afternoon Jam 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Open Mic & Sketch Group w/ Addison Aronson 4 PM @ Smokestack F^t Sun

Music in the Gardens
6:30 PM @ DBQ Arboretum &
Botanical Gardens
Through 8/25

Singer Songwriter Sessions w/ James Riley 7 PM @ Smokestack 3rd Sun

MONDAY

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

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

Karaoke w/ Izzy 9 PM @ Southend Tap Through 6/24

TUESDAY

Trivia w/ Think & Drink 7 PM @ Dog House Lounge 2nd & 4th Tues

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Comedy Nights Open Mic 7 PM @ Southend Tap

Leo-oke: Live Piano Karaoke 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

Karaoke w/ Izzy 9 PM @ Southend Tap Through 6/25

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett 6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

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

Dubuque Harley Davidson Bike Nights 6 PM @ McGrath Dubuque Harley-Davidson Last Wed through 8/28

Blues Jam w/ The Mighty Mudcats 6 PM @ Smokestack 2nd-4th Wed Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

DJ AA 7 PM @ Southend Tap Through 6/26

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

THURSDAY

Millwork Night Market 5 PM @ 7th–9th & Jackson St 2nd Thu through 10/10

East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL *Through 9/26*

Live @ the Plaza 5 PM @ Green Street Plaza (Galena, IL) Every other Thu through 8/22: 6/13, 6/27, 7/11

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

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

Rock Star Bingo 7 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

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 Open Mic w/ Chad Olson Jr. 8 PM @ Smokestack

Karaoke 9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

Food Festival Fridays 11 AM @ Washington Park 1st Fri through 9/6

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

Trivia Night
6 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing
(Maquoketa, IA)
F*Fri

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7:30 PM @ Offside Bar & Grill 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

Dubuque Farmers' Market 7 AM @ 11th–13th and Iowa St *Through 10/26*

Gladdy Ressler, Jamie Jones, Special Guests 1PM @ 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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The Dead South, The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band 7/14 @ The Rhythm Section Amphitheater

JJ Grey & Mofro 7/27 @ The Rhythm Section Amphitheater

DAVENPORT, IA

Lee Brice 6/14 @ Rhythm City Casino

Gabriel Iglesias 7/7 @ Rhythm City Casino

UB40 7/13 @ Rhythm City Casino

Gin Blossoms 7/19 @ Rhythm City Casino

Croce Plays Croce 7/21 @ Adler Theatre

Rick Springfield 7/27 @ Rhythm City Casino

EAST MOLINE, IL

Sebastian Bach 6/9 @ The Rust Belt

TreeOnine Festival 6/28-6/29 @ The Rust Belt

Drowning Pool 7/21 @ The Rust Belt

Trace Adkins 8/10 @ The Rust Belt

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Nate Bargatze 6/13 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Ashley McBryde 6/13 @ Paramount Theatre

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band 6/22 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

The Beach Boys 7/12 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

The Flaming Lips 6/25 @ McGrath Amphitheatre Larry the Cable Guy 7/26 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band 7/26 @ Paramount Theatre

Primus, Coheed and Cambria 7/27 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

Clint Black 8/1 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

NEEDTOBREATHE 8/2 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

Bush 8/6 @ McGrath Amphitheatre

IOWA CITY, IA

Joe Pera 6/14 @ The Englert Theatre

Sam Bush 6/28 @ The Englert Theatre

Walter Trout 7/10 @ The Englert Theatre

Keb' Mo' 7/20 @ The Englert Theatre

CORALVILLE, IA

Sawyer Brown 6/27 @ Xtreme Arena

RIVERSIDE, IA

Air Supply 6/14 @ Riverside Casino

Little River Band 7/26 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

Michael Franti & Spearhead, Stephen Marley, Bombargo 6/6 @ The Sylvee

Train 6/7 @ Breese Stevens Field

Abstract Comedy Series 6/8 @ Barrymore Theatre

Robert Plant & Alison Krauss 6/8 @ Breese Stevens Field

Night Ranger, McKinley James 6/8 @ The Orpheum

The Mars Volta, Teri Gender Bender 6/8 @ The Sylvee

PVRIS, Pale Waves 6/11 @ The Sylvee

Lucinda Williams & Her Band 6/12 @ Barrymore Theatre

Orville Peck, Durand Jones, Debbii Dawson 6/14 @ The Sylvee

A.C.E. 6/19 @ The Orpheum

Pixies, Modest Mouse, Cat Power 6/22 @ Breese Stevens Field

Keb' Mo', Phillip-Michael Scales 6/22 @ The Orpheum

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band 6/25 @ Barrymore Theatre

Mike Campbell & The Dirty Knobs, Shannon McNally 7/1 @ Barrymore Theatre

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band 7/2 @ Overture Center

Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers 7/12 @ The Orpheum

Justin Willman
7/12 @ Overture Center

The New Pornographers 7/13 @ The Majestic

Duncan Trussell 7/18–7/20 @ Comedy on State

Chris Botti 7/18 @ The Orpheum

Still Woozy, Michelle 7/26 @ The Sylvee

Maren Morris 7/27 @ The Sylvee

Three Dog Night, Trapper Schoepp 8/1 @ The Orpheum

Coheed and Cambria, Too Many Zooz 8/2 @ Breese Stevens Field

The Volunteers 8/6 @ The Majestic

Cage the Elephant, Young the Giant, Bakar 8/8 @ Breese Stevens Field

Chevelle, Tigercub 8/10 @ The Sylvee





NIGHTLIFE 365

Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage presented by MidwestOne Bank returns with a slate of star-studded entertainment for all ages. Located at 1855 Greyhound Park Rd. on Schmitt Island in Dubuque, all of the shows are rain or shine. Tickets can be purchased at BackWatersStage.com.



Billy Currington WITH SPECIAL GUESTS CHAYCE BECKHAM AND MACKENZIE CARPENTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 @ 7 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

The talented Georgia native Billy Currington has spent more than a decade in the spotlight proving he's truly a man for all seasons with 20 Top 40 hits

and 11 No. 1 songs. He possesses one of the smoothest and most distinct voices in any genre of music on hits like "Do I Make You Wanna," "It Don't Hurt Like It Used To," "Good Directions," "Hey Girl," and "People Are Crazy."

Athens, GA, singer-songwriter Mackenzie Carpenter's soulful country tone in her first cut, "Villain," landed her at No. 1 on the iTunes Country chart. Her star is taking off!

And Chayce Beckham is one of the most buzzed about newcomers in country music today, having won over millions of hearts while competing on Season 19 of *American Idol*. From the first audition, superstar Katy Perry highlighted how Chayce's gravely vocals sound like "the heart of America."

Tickets are \$49.50 for GA and \$69.50 for Turpin Tailgate Zone. ■



LII JON WITH SPECIAL GUEST MIKE JONES SATURDAY, JUNE 29 @ 8 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

"Yeah!" "What?" "OK!" Hailing from Atlanta, Lil Jon reshaped the hip-hop landscape and co-founded Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz in 1997. Known for hits "Get Low," Usher's "Yeah!," and a collab with DJ Snake, "Turn Down for What." Lil Jon won BMI's Songwriter of the Year award and scored eight Billboard Awards, a Grammy, a Radio Music Award, a BET award, two MTV Video Music Awards, and an American Music Award.

Mike Jones rose to prominence in the 2000s with his memorable catchphrase "Mike Jones, who?" and songs that repeated his name and cell phone number until neither could be forgotten. His breakout single "Still Tippin" (featuring Slim Thug and Paul Wall) in 2004 catapulted him to national fame, followed by the success of "Back Then." A collab with T-Pain for "I'm N Luv (Wit a Stripper)" earned him a Top 10 hit on the Billboard Hot 100.

Tickets are \$59.99 for GA and \$69.99 for Turpin Tailgate Zone. ■



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

THU 6/6



Dave Mehrl

5:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11THST)

COVER: FREE

David Mehrl is a solo jazz musician from Cascade, IA. Mehrl plays keyboard, sings, and accompanies himself with bass foot pedals to provide a full sound. Join him for a performance of jazz standards and piano bar ballads. **CarnegieStout.org**.

FRI **6/7**



8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)

COVER: FREE

Loudernow is an emo/pop-punk cover band based out of Chicago. They will bring you back to the glory days of skinny jeans, studded belts, eyeliner, band shirts, Vans, and screaming along to all of your favorite emo and poppunk songs. The scene is back. Covering your favorite songs by Fall Out Boy, My Chemical Romance, Taking Back Sunday, Panic! At The Disco, A Day To Remember, New Found Glory, and many more. **QCasinoAndResort.com**.

SAT 6/8



Them Coulee Boys, Long Mama, Cedar County Cobras

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

TICKETS: \$30

Formed in northern Wisconsin, Them Coulee Boys embody the essence of folk, rock, and Americana. Their moniker pays homage to the picturesque coulees, glacial melt-carved river valleys, that adorn their homeland, while their music captivates audiences with its raw emotional depth and infectious energy. With four full-length albums and an EP behind them, Them Coulee Boys have garnered international acclaim and shared stages with esteemed acts like Trampled By Turtles. Hailed as Bluegrass/Americana Band of the Year by the Wisconsin Area Music Industry, they continue to captivate hearts and souls with their genuine storytelling and soul-stirring melodies. Doors at 7 p.m.

CodfishHollowBarnstormers.com.

TUE 6/11



Summer Nights at the Plaza Concert: The Swing Crew

6 PM @ RYLAND PARK (113 W ELM ST, LANCASTER, WI) COVER: FREE

The Swing Crew, a good-time band from Wisconsin Dells, WI, entertains with swing, country, island beat, rockabilly, rock and roll, and a humorous collection of novelty tunes. A night market

will be held nearby with more than 30 vendors, along with food trucks and stands. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the beautiful tree-filled park. Rain site: Schreiner Memorial Library. SchreinerMemorialLibrary.org.

WED **6/12**



Whippets, Pure Service, Sensor Ghost

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

Hailing from Madison, WI, Whippets emerges as a force to be reckoned with in the realm of post-punk grungegaze. Comprising a power trio of Bobby Hussy on guitar and vocals, Tyler Spatz on bass and backing vocals, and Hart Miller on drums, this ensemble featuring current and ex-members of Wristwatch, The Hussy, Tenement, Poney, Cave Curse, and Wartorn ETC. Their debut LP, slated for release on June 7, is a self-titled, 12-track album. Pure Service and Sensor Ghost join for a Wednesday evening at The Lift. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

FRI 6/14



Cascade Rockin' on the River: Catfish Murphy, Gypsy

7 PM @ CASCADE RIVERVIEW AMPITHEATER (101 PIERCE ST SW, CASCADE, IA) TICKETS: \$10

Catfish Murphy brings the best of outlaw country, Southern rock, Americana, and Texas/Oklahoma red dirt to eastern lowa. Their high-energy shows feature innovative guitar solos, catchy riffs, and an impressive range of vocal talents among the group. Shows include covers from classic country icons (Waylon Jennings, David Allan Coe) to alternative country staples (Jason Isbell, Chris Stapleton) and classic rock legends (Tom Petty, Bob Seger). Drawing inspiration from these artists,

Catfish Murphy has introduced several new original songs into their lineup. Bring your cooler and lawn chairs for a night of great music. Food available for purchase. facebook.com/ RockinOnTheRiverCascade.



The DZ Combo

7:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)

COVER: FREE

The Dubuque-based quartet plays jazz standards and original jazz music written by pianist and composer Danny Zanger. The gallery spaces will be open to view the current artwork, and the bar will be offering beverages for purchase. facebook.com/TheDZCombo.

SUN 6/16



Music in the Gardens: Hunter Fuerste & the American Vintage Orchestra

6:30-8:30 PM @ DUBUQUE ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS PACKARD PAVILION AMPHITHEATER COST: FREE

Presenting an authentic musical recreation of the Big Band era, the show features hits from Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Bennie Goodman, Harry James, Count Basie, and more. In addition to a 14-piece big band, the program features soloists, and a harmonized vocal group. **DubuqueArboretum.net**.



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Music, Art and Story Fest

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER REFUGE WITH BIG BLUE SKY

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 @ 1:30-7 PM SMOKESTACK (62 E 7^{TH} ST)

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge and the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. The event includes a story-telling slam followed by musical performances by Big Blue Sky at 3 p.m. and Sun Green at 5 p.m.

To start the event, personal stories of encounters with the river and its inhabitants will be highlighted in the story slam coordinated by Dale Easley. People with short stories to tell in a Moth Radio Hour-like format can contact Easley at easley.dale@gmail.com.

Big Blue Sky is led by Jon "Hawk" Stravers, leader of the Driftless Area Bird Conservancy. Included will be a reading of a state resolution adopted by the House of Representatives marking June 7 as Upper Mississippi River Refuge Day in Iowa, the day of its establishment by Congress in 1924.

At Smokestack, the *Echoes of the Mississippi* art exhibit will open with an artist reception as part of the fest. The exhibit will reflect on the "majestic beauty of the Mississippi River refuge and its rich biodiversity," said Ivonne Fals of Dubuque Area Arts Collective. "The art will play a vital role in

commemorating the refuge centennial and the anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, inspiring others to appreciate and protect these invaluable treasures for generations to come," she added.

All monies raised will support the Dubuque Area Land, Water and Wildlife Habitat Fund, set up at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque by Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy. According to Chad Cox, the Legacy's registered agent, the fund will be used to support land and water projects of public entities and nonprofit organizations that enhance wildlife habitat in the Dubuque area.

"In 2021, nearly 60 percent of Dubuque County voters said they were willing to pay an average of \$36 a year to take care of our natural resources and create new opportunities for the public to appreciate all that we have," Chuck Isenhart recalled. The measure narrowly failed. "This anniversary, this event, and the creation of this private fund to invest in projects give us a chance to make that small commitment again," he continued. "I hope this can become an annual celebration and a regular occasion for us to put money down on nature."

The event is organized by Chuck Isenhart, co-sponsored by Dubuque Audubon Society and co-hosted by Smokestack, which is contributing the venue and sound system. Dubuque Area Arts Collective is curating the art exhibit.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$25. For more information, visit facebook.com/chuck.isenhart. ■

Music on Main St: Elizabeth Moen, Vaulting, and Wxxley

FRIDAYS: JUNE 14, JULY 12, AND AUGUST 16 @ 5–9 PM TOWN CLOCK PLAZA (680 MAIN ST) Music on Main Street brings three concerts to Dubuque's Town Clock Plaza on Main Street this summer. Enjoy free live music and food and cold bever-

ages with Dubuque Main Street.

The series begins on Friday, June 14 with Elizabeth Moen, Vaulting (formerly Roof Dogs), and Wxxley. Elizabeth Moen channels life's turmoil into a constant process of growth-as a songwriter, an arranger, and powerful lyricist. She blends fierce, massive vocals and raw bluesy guitar with introspective lyrics and electronic textures. A selftaught guitarist, Moen wrote her first songs while a student at the University of Iowa.



Future concerts include Joelton Mayfield, Future Crib, and Ben Dunegan on July 12 and Al Holiday and the Eastside Rhythm Band, Jason Walsmith, and Kendra Swanson on Aug. 16.

The concert series is free to attend. For more information, call Dubuque Main Street at **563-588-4400** or visit **DubuqueMainStreet.com**. ■

Enemies of Confusion Album Release

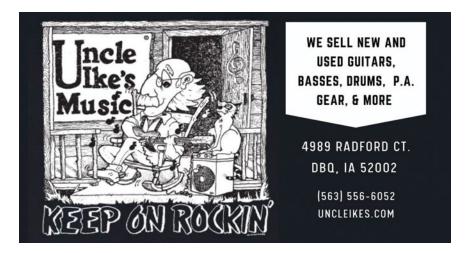
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 @ 8 PM SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

Where the blues and Midwestern garage rock collide, you'll find the Enemies of Confusion. Born from the ashes of acclaimed blues vocalist James Kinds' backing band the All-Night Riders, Enemies of Confusion delivers well-crafted original rock 'n' roll with lots of guitars.

Their latest album, Public Address, (available on vinyl and CD) will be officially released on Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. with a performance at Smokestack. The album will also be available



at Moondog Music in Dubuque and online at **enemiesofconfusion.com**.







The Carl Acuff Jr. **Show**

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 @ 2 PM **OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER** (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA) Join The Carl Acuff Jr. Show at Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maguoketa, IA for an afternoon of entertainment on Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

Since 1992 the Carl Acuff Jr. Variety Showband has become an American institution. The 2024 tour proves to be no exception to the rule with a dynamite show, great costuming, music and comedy. The 2024 show contains all the things that have made Carl and the band so popular over these last 30-plus years. Enjoy new and old country, gospel, comedy, nostalgic rock n roll, Motown, doo-wop, disco, audience participation, impersonations, and of course, a salute to all of our men and women in uniform from past, present, and future. The group covers everyone from Hank Williams to Bruno Mars. Since 1992 the group has performed for hundreds of thousands of folks in three country and 47 of the continental US.

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.

by a national touring act at 3:30 p.m., entertaining until approximately 6 p.m.

Asking attendees only for freewill donations, the society's goal is to raise enough money to cover costs and retain a small fund to continue Mud Lake Bluegrass Sundays the next year. Camping spaces are available at Mud Lake Park, along with food concessions and special Mud Lake Bluegrass souvenirs (shirts, instrument, and raffles). No alcohol is served, but visitors may bring their own coolers, and it is recommended that people bring lawn chairs. People are also encouraged to bring their own instruments and participate in the free music clinics prior to main stage acts.

The series features a super lineup this year. Don't miss Art Stevenson and High Water with Mississippi Acoustic Trio performing on July 7, Bigtooth with Denny and the Folk-ups on July 21, and the Amazing Greg Garing with the Mutual Admiration Society on Aug. 4. Information on the musicians is available at facebook.com/mudlakebluegrass. Look them up and give them a listen. And 365ink will have full details on the festival and all of the performers in the June 20 issue, but for now, you know to mark your calendars! ■



Mud Lake **Bluegrass Sundays** SUNDAYS: JULY 7, JULY 21, AND

AUGUST 4 @ NOON-6 PM MUD LAKE PARK (22312 GOLF LAKE RD)

The Mud Lake Music Society in partnership with the Friends of Dubuque County Conservation announce the return of the Mud Lake Bluegrass Sundays series. Promoted by The Dubuque County Conservation Board, this popular event draws music performers from all around the country and began as an effort to bring bluegrass music to an outdoor setting by the Mississippi River at Mud Lake Park. Check out this year's events on July 7, July 21, and Aug. 4.

With a focus on audience involvement, each event kicks off with the Pickers Pick-nic starting at noon and going until 2 p.m. It's the perfect setting to meet and play with other aspiring pickers. Guest instructors help with tuning, answer questions, and then organize the jam sessions. Then at 2 p.m., the main stage fires up with a regional opening act followed



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FRI 6/14 Detour Band 8-12

SAT 6/15 Drama Kings 8-12

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Nutrition & Alzheimer's

What Registered Dietitians Want You to Know!

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. During this time there are many things you can do as an individual and in your community to promote brain health and increase awareness of Alzheimer's research including prevention and treatment. Your Hy-Vee registered dietitian and the Alzheimer's Association want you to know what you can do and what you need to know about nutritional strategies around brain health.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking, and behavior. Symptoms eventually grow severe enough to interfere with daily tasks. Dementia is a general term for loss of memory, language, problemsolving and other thinking abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia. Nationwide, nearly 7 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease. In lowa, there are 62,000 people living with the disease.

On top of that, there are 11 million people in the United States caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's.

With so much at stake and so many lives affected, it makes sense to do everything we can to boost brain health. Studies have shown that early identification of those with poor diet quality and interventions such as the MIND (Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay) eating pattern can decrease the risk of developing Alzheimer's. The MIND style of eating employs elements of the Mediterranean and DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diets and is rich in nutrients such as omega-3 fatty acids, B vitamins, and other antioxidants. The eating pattern is high in plant-based nutrients and includes the recommendation to have at least one portion of fish each week. Fish can be an important source of brain-health-promoting omega-3 fatty acids.

Omega-3 fatty acids perform many other essential functions in the body including supporting a healthy heart. They also work to lower cholesterol, specifically triglyceride levels. You can register for the Hy-Vee Healthy You Omega-3 Index Screening Tour thanks to our generous sponsors at Nordic Naturals and GOED. Contact your local Hy-Vee registered dietitian for more information or schedule your appointment today by registering at **hy-veehealthyyou.com**.

You also can get involved with the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's in your community by starting a team, fundraising, and getting your company involved. Every dollar raised benefits those affected by Alzheimer's disease in your community by providing local care and support programs and advancing toward treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure. Learn more at act.alz.org/walk.



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The Power of Participation

By Matt Booth

Think of a time when a message truly resonated with you. Chances are, it was a memorable experience that involved active participation. Participation is a crucial element in the communication process, engaging the learner, and enhancing message retention.

To elevate your communication skills, incorporate participation into your speeches and presentations. When audiences are actively involved, they feel respected, valued, and more likely to take ownership of the information. This connection between speaker and audience creates a memorable experience, turning passive listeners into active learners.

Implementing participation in your presentations requires effort, and audiences might not always be eager to cooperate. However, this effort is well worth it. Use a variety of activities and techniques to encourage participation. Simple ideas include playing music, using flip charts and Post-It notes, facilitating small group discussions, asking open-ended questions, and incorporating role-playing and storytelling. Think about adding theatrical elements, props, and costumes to make your presentations as engaging as a Broadway show.

Participation is equally important in interpersonal communication. Engaging in active listening, asking questions, and encouraging feedback fosters a deeper connection and mutual understanding between individuals. Whether in a one-on-one conversation or a small group discussion, participation ensures that all parties feel heard and valued, leading to more meaningful and effective communication.

Limiting the use of PowerPoint can also boost participation. While PowerPoint is a helpful tool, it's often overused. Simply reading text from a slide disengages your audience. Instead, use slides sparingly and focus on interactive elements that involve your listeners.

A successful speech or presentation stems from careful planning, preparation, and practice. Effective communicators blend content with audience participation to create engaging and informative programs. Most audiences crave an engaging experience that helps them retain the message. Remember, participation is key—don't underestimate its value.

By making participation a cornerstone of your communication strategy, you'll create more impactful and memorable presentations. So, get your audience involved, and watch your messages stick!

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The Light Eaters

By John McAndrew

It takes Zoë Schlanger just 250 pages to blow your mind in *The Light Eaters*. The recently-established facts about plants are marvels. But the implications are the show-stoppers here. Her book is endorsed on its cover by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Ed Yong, and Elizabeth Kolbert: These are all people comfortable with shifting paradigms.

Schlanger now writes for *The Atlantic* magazine about climate change. She spent years courting recalcitrant botanists into talking about their research. They have been gun shy ever since *The Secret Life of Plants* made plant research a minefield. It conflated credible, peer-reviewed science with, well, silliness. That book caused a drought of research funding; nobody wanted to be caught spending money on nonsense.

She acknowledges that some of what we are about to read will sound outlandish. And she is, herself, not someone who appears slavishly devoted to orthodoxy. When researchers talk about intelligence, language, memory, or sight, it's important to be clear that they're not ascribing human characteristics to other animals or to plants. Some researchers are careful to avoid any language that smacks of anthropomorphism, lest laypeople jump to silly conclusions. This is the country that inexplicably harbors flat Earthers, remember.

To learn something new, it's often useful or necessary to start with what we already know, and extrapolate from there. Better yet, to start with acknowledging what we don't know. "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so," someone once said. We know human sight, language, and intelligence best. It makes sense that we would see the capacities of other beings in light of our capacities.

As you open this book, you would do well to be comfortable with a kind of beginner's mind. This book does to common definitions what an earth-quake does to your belief that the Earth is stable. Be prepared to ask, for example, not just what it means to be intelligent, but how would we recognize intelligence in non-human beings. You will need your imagination. The boundaries between science and imagination are active, fertile places.

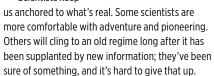
Schlanger writes straightforward prose for the layperson. But it takes something akin to poetry, or to translating another language, to convey the ideas here. Don't be put off, or think this is a book for academics, when I say that this could catalyze a whole semester's discussions in a philosophy of science classroom. Much depends on whether you prefer narrow, rigid definitions or if you are willing to risk broadening those concepts to apply them to a different species or genus. Risk, because making any concept too broad renders it meaningless.

If you are skeptical, good. So are most researchers. Some of them are skeptical of Schlanger, and

it speaks well of her that she says so.

"The resistance by scientists to scientific discovery is a known fact; it serves as a bulwark against quackery. But it also often misses or delays actual discoveries."





"In science, controversial results are subjected to the most intense scrutiny. And other academics are skittish to align themselves with results until they are accepted into the mainstream."

We want to be open-minded but also careful. What if our form of sight is not the default? What if our mode of hearing is not the only one? What if our form of intelligence is only one of myriad forms that living things have found useful?

The implications of the discoveries Schlanger reveals are tantalizing. But the discoveries themselves are gobsmacking.

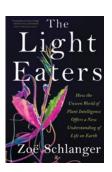
Of course, plants respond to light; you can call that sight or something else once you know how and why they do so. Plants communicate with their neighbors, alerting them to threats. Plants take defensive action against predators, changing their body chemistry to make themselves unpalatable or poisonous—or turning their predators cannibalistic! Plants compete and cooperate. They make choices between options. They have experiences and alter their behaviors accordingly. When reproducing, they change the form of their offspring to protect them from threats. They mimic each other's appearances. Seeds wait. Monkey flowers lie to bumblebees. Orchids take advantage of the sexual preferences of wasps. They process and respond to information and events; they respond to light.

Honestly, you can forgive people for extrapolating from these facts and ascribing bizarre behaviors or capacities to plants. If you have lost your sense of wonder about this planet and its plants, you'll either rediscover it here in a stronger form—or you'll scoff, like Muggles at wizards.

Schlanger's first sentence is "I am walking along a dim path." And so are we all, trying to make sense of (*gestures broadly*) everything. The world remains full of mystery. Scientists may make the best mystics: grounded, deeply informed—and amazed by and devoted to it all. Prepare to be amazed and intrigued—and to put Schlanger on your radar.

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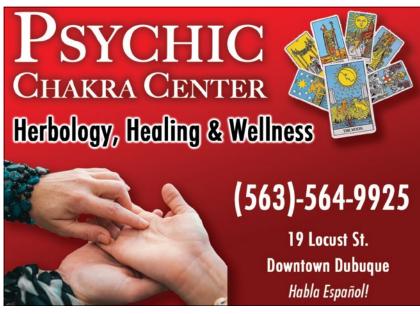
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Phoenix MOVIE NEWS

Coming Soon

BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 When their late police captain

gets linked to drug cartels, infamous rogue Miami cops Mike Lowrey and Marcus

Burnett embark on a dangerous mission to clear his name and defend themselves from a manhunt.

THE WATCHERS (PG-13)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

A young artist gets stranded in an extensive, immaculate forest in western Ireland, where, after finding shelter,

she becomes trapped alongside three strangers, stalked by mysterious creatures each night.

INSIDE OUT 2 (PG)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

By all accounts, Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust have been running a successful operation in teenager Riley's mind, but something entirely expected arrives: New emotions. They aren't

sure how to feel when Anxiety shows up... and she isn't alone.

THE BIKERIDERS (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

After a chance encounter, headstrong Kathy is drawn to Benny, a member of the Midwestern motorcycle club

the Vandals. As the club transforms into a dangerous underworld of violence, Benny must choose between Kathy and his loyalty to the club.

THE EXORCISM (R)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

A troubled actor begins to exhibit strange behavior while shooting a horror film. His daughter begins to worry if he's slipped back into old addictions... or is there something more sinister at play?



Movie Buzz

In an attempt to re-live its past success, Pixar is reportedly considering rebooting some of



its more cherished properties, such as Finding Nemo and The Incredibles. Per a report, Pixar's future creative direction is heavily dependent upon the performance of this month's Inside Out 2, which had the biggest animated trailer launch in Disney's history.

Even though the two Sherlock Holmes movies starring Robert Downey, Jr., came out more than a



decade ago, a third movie is "very much alive," according to producer Susan Downey. In an interview, she says that the principals (Downey Jr., Jude Law, and director Guy Ritchie) have been meeting to discuss how to approach a third entry in the series.

With the release only a few months away, Alien: Romulus director Fede Alvarez has spoken a bit



about the film's tone and what audiences can expect. Set between the original Alien and James Cameron's Aliens, Romulus is aiming to capture both the body horror of the first movie and the sci-fi action tone of its sequel. In the movie, a group of young colonists are tasked with scavenging a derelict space station... and then, of course, being an Alien movie, all hell breaks loose.

The Apprentice, which premiered at Cannes and features Sebastian Stan as a young Donald



Trump in the 1980s, is reportedly having trouble finding a distributor despite excellent reviews, as all the major studios and streaming outlets have passed on it. Studios are reportedly fearing backlash from Trump and his supporters should they release the movie. Trump has vowed to sue any studio that releases it.



SHE'S READY!

Come as You Are

By Pam Kress-Dunn

There I was the other day, knees on the ground, extra-dorky hat on my head, dirty gloves on my hands, hair sticking to my face, and any makeup applied earlier in the day completely dripped off my face with the sweat. My right cheek had a patch of mud smeared when a fly tried to land on my face, and the shirt I had on—something reserved for the messiest of chores—drooped halfway to my knees, smudged with soil.

Imagine this: My phone rings, I manage to answer, and a friend from down the street cries out, "Come as you are!"

This is how block parties started, back in the early '60s, where my friend Ruth grew up. Everyone knew everyone else, and all the kids ran around in a pack, stopping for dinner wherever they happened to be when six o'clock rolled around. Neighborhoods like that were common back then. I grew up in a similar style, playing more with the kids next door than the ones I met at school. After all, we were too young for cars, and today's carefully curated "play dates" would have seemed silly, as well as unnecessary.

But this isn't about the kids, but their mothers. In Ruth's Ohio neighborhood, one of them had a bright idea that soon became an ongoing bit of fun. One would pick up her phone and call the others, announcing it was time for another Come As You Are party. A day or two later, provided they could get away from husbands and children, they would show up at the caller's house where she would treat them to dinner and a night off.

The only catch? You had to "come as you are," or rather, as you were when the phone rang. Stumbling around in your PJs at noon? That's how you came. Covered with suds in your ugliest duds as you washed the dog? Same thing. Dressed to the nines for a night out with the husband? Dress up again for your friends. Hair in curlers? Lipstick all over your face as your five-year-old made you up? Belted into your hubby's overalls to change the oil in the Thunderbird? All the better!

I can imagine this sort of thing in my own childhood neighborhood, but it's hard to picture my own mother taking part. For the longest time, Mom only wore pants at the lake. Her closet was full of what she called "housedresses." (I learned to sew a hem on her coral cotton dress.) She wore lipstick at all times, believing she didn't look right without it—a habit I inherited. She was self-conscious and anxious and would have dreaded answering the door to the mailman if she wasn't looking like Mrs. Cleaver.

In fact, she opened the door to many people back in the day. We had an egg man. We had a milkman. We had an Avon lady. We had an Omar Bread man, who carried a three-part tray holding not only bread—white or whole wheat—but delectable donuts and sweet rolls. Those were the days. I'm not sure how regular their schedules were, so I'll bet Mom dressed up for them All. The. Time. Not only that, those were the days when—get this—people dropped in for a visit, totally unannounced. Grandparents, aunts, people from up the block. "Anybody home?"

I met a woman not long ago who lives on a magical block in Dubuque. I think it might be a court, one with a lot of houses leading in and out. She told me the street was full of couples around the same age, most of them settling into their houses after their honeymoons and then raising kids among a throng of other families. They all watched over the other kids and had too many group picnics and parties to number. I'll have to ask her if they ever did the come as you are gathering.

There was one time of day when Mom let down her hair. Sometime in the '70s, she sewed herself and Dad caftans, both in bright, somewhat surreal patterns. Just as you don't ask a Scotsman what he wears under his kilt, I never dreamed of asking Mom and Dad just how relaxed they were. They would sit in the living room, drinks in hand, and toast another day. I'm sure it felt heavenly to shed their daytime attire—belted housedress for Mom, heavy work

pants and shirt for Dad—and swan around like the folks on Fifth Avenue surely did.

After seven years as a so-called housewife, I went back to work at the public library in Northglenn, CO. I have no idea, and no pictures either, of what I wore then. Probably pants with nice tops. I had no money to spend on a work wardrobe. When I moved to an academic library job in Dubuque, I don't think I dressed much differently than the students. (My husband wrote a song about my "long dress and high-topped shoes.") Eventually, I invested in suits from Petite Sophisticate. When I moved from the library to the Development office, it seemed imperative that I look more spiffy, even though I wasn't one of the folks who asked alums for money. I composed grant proposals, instead, and could have written them in my robe.

Sometimes I miss my work clothes—the twinset sweaters, the flouncy skirts, the ankle boots and pumps. I've saved a few for my grandtwins. It would be funny, wouldn't it, if I tried one of those outfits on tonight and got a call from Ruth, telling me to come as I was.

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By Dave Green

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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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- 60 Film critic Roger
- 63 Acting prize
- 65 extra cost
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 76 "Jeepers!"
 77 Margarine, quaintly
- 78 salts 82 Vocalist with the 2018 hits
- "Boo'd Up" and "Trip" 84 Lyric poets
- 86 Sweet wine of Portugal
- 89 Riddle, part 5 92 Gobble down
- 95 Tooth doctor's org.
- 104 British verb suffix

- 109 Riddle's answer

- 124 Iran's home
- 126 Around H'wood, e.g.



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- 1 Caesar's "vidi," translated
- 2 "Late Night" host Mevers
- 3 Able to read minds
- 4 Express a view
- 5 Musical staff symbol 6 One who saves the day
- 7 Wild about 8 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 9 Deprived (of)
- 10 Egg-shaped
- 11 Assistant on iPhones
- 12 Pomeranian, e.g.13 Accumulate, as interest
- 14 Modeling compound for kids
- 15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.
- 16 Oahu feast 17 Water whirl
- 18 Briny body
- 24 Sharp remark
- 28 Cry of Homer Simpson
- 29 Actor Byrnes or fielder Roush
- 33 Halved
- 34 Entryways
- 36 Go very fast
- 37 Numbered musical work 38 FedEx rival

- 39 State firmly 40 Variety 41 Like most musical works
- with five sharps
 42 Civil rights figure Parks
- 43 Dentist's tool
- 44 Lauder of cosmetics 45 Oboe inserts
- 47 Occupy, as a table 52 Morel or enoki,
- informally
- 53 Narrate 54 Comply with
- 55 City that's home to Tufts University
- 56 As far as
- 57 Carnival shelter 62 End of a college's URL
- 64 Go very fast
- 65 Earlier
- 68 Language of Bangkok
- 69 Infamous Idi 70 Ye - Shoppe
- 71 Relaxation
- 72 Met offering
- 73 Cartoon skunk Pepé 74 Islamic God
- 75 "Oro y -(Montana's motto)
- 79 Representing 80 Often-twisted cookies

81 French river or department ... some kind of

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- 84 Ran in the wash 85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
- 86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care 87 Impose — on (illegalize)
- 90 Gear tooth 91 Owns
- 93 Book of hymns 98 From the distant past
- 99 High degree 100 Conquer
- 101 That gal 102 A-list groups
- 103 Yummy 108 Apt first name for a
- general? 109 Actress Skye
- 110 Leave off
- 111 pot (congestion clearer)
- 112 Cain's father 113 Flower jar 114 Lake abutting Ohio
- 115 Thus 116 Close tightly

120 Mean mutt

117 Lose vibrancy 118 Spanish pot

Bator, Mongolia

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Upcoming Family Events

SAT **6/8**

Traveling Lantern Theater Company

10 AM @ LEGACY
SQUARE AMPHITHEATER
(DYERSVILLE, IA)
The Traveling Lantern
Theater Company presents "The Quest for the
Kakapo." Crikey! Join the
Caterpillar Hunter on another
exciting adventure as he
travels around the world to
rescue the Kakapo, a rare
endangered parrot from New
Zealand. 563-875-8912.
dyersville.lib.ia.us.

TUE 6/11



6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Visit the library for BESTIE Club (Bonding & Eating Snacks Together Is Excellent) and to spend some time

with your favorite adult-

Mom. Dad. Auntie. cousin.

whoever-and make cool

BESTIE Club: Tiny Art

art, eat snacks, and learn something new. New artsy activities will be featured each month. Supplies are limited. Ages 10+ with an adult. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225 x2228**. **CarnegieStout.org**.

MON 6/17

Summer Camp: KinderKamp

9 AM-NOON @ NATIONAL

MISSISSIPPI RIVER **MUSEUM & AQUARIUM** 6/17-6/21. Summer camps at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium provide children entering K-8th grade with engaging, interactive programs during the summer months. Participants must bring a sack lunch and reusable water bottle for full day camps. Campers are divided by grade level. A limited number of Summer Camp Scholarships are available. \$125 Nonmembers, \$100 members. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. rivermuseum.org/

summer-camps.

TUE 6/25



Plein Air Art for Kids

9 AM-NOON @
DUBUQUE ARBORETUM
& BOTANICAL GARDENS
6/25-6/26. Mercedes Pfab
from Captured on Canvas will
take this class outside and
share fun techniques to paint
what you see on canvas, also
known as plein air painting.
Ages 8+. 3800 Arboretum Dr. 563-556-2100.
DubuqueArboretum.net.

THU 6/27



Shrek the Musical JR. Auditions

10 AM-1 PM @ OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (MAQUOKETA, IA) Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in Shrek The Musical JR., based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, Shrek JR. is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family. There's a part for everyone in this dazzling adventure story. 1215 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA. 563-652-9815. OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com.

FRI **6/28**

Family Friday: Caving

10 AM-NOON @ WHITEWATER CANYON (BERNARD, IA)

Come prepared with a flashlight or headlamp to explore caves right here in Dubuque County. Explore caves large enough to fit 30 people to caves that require crawling and getting a little muddy. RSVP required. 29912 9th Ave, Bernard, IA. 563-556-6745. DubuqueCountylowa.gov/ Conservation.

Spot the Difference

Can you spot 10 differences in this photo of Jim Wagner from the Veterans Freedom Center driving in the Dubuque Memorial Day Parade this year?

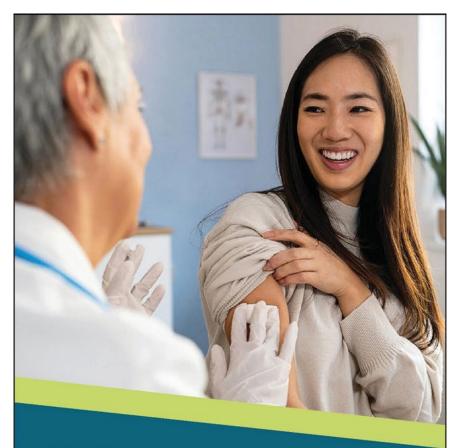




Spot the Difference Answers







HPV can cause 6 types of cancers

Getting the HPV vaccine is one of the best ways to prevent these cancers.

The CDC recommends the HPV vaccine for children as young as 9 and for people up to age 26 if not vaccinated when younger.



Ask your healthcare provider about the HPV vaccine







DEAR ANGELA,

I've been planning my funeral since I was a little girl. Even before I knew how I would die. I mean, I still don't know how I'm going to die, but I can take some educated guesses. I've got a Pinterest board with a bunch of cute flower arrangements. I actually already purchased the most beautiful turquoise blue brass urn and try out different flower combos in it each week-why not use it while I'm still around, right? The playlist for my end of life celebration has my favorite songs of all time, including "MMMBop" by Hanson and "In the Year 2525" by Zanger and Evans—a little something for everyone! Everything is pretty well set, and I've shared all this information with my family so they don't have to worry about all these details while they are grieving my demise. I have distributed a small binder with all the relevant information to my immediate and extended family, and each summer at the family reunion, I provide insert updates. Sounds great. right? Well, here is the rub: I have had periwinkle blue and seafoam green with magenta accents picked out as my funeral colors since literally forever. I got my cousin Julia's engagement photos and save-the-date card in the mail this week and guess what? Her colors are cornflower blue, mint green, and alizarin crimson! Sure, they might have different names, but those are CLEARLY my colors—which she must have stolen after seeing my binder swatches! How do I put a stop to this? -Crabby over Colors

DEAR CRABBY,

This is a tricky one because it involves calling dibs on a trio of colors perfectly suited for both weddings and funerals.

I can see why she would pick them after seeing them because you clearly both have fabulous taste. It would be too difficult to convince your cousin to change her colors, believe me, I've been down THAT road with a pretty sage green and antique white for a baby shower. Lets just say I am no longer welcome at my sister-in-law's house. It will be easier to break up the relationship. Hire a private eye, hopefully you can find some really good dirt on her fiance, or her! Either way good luck and I hope you get a funeral that's to die for!

DEAR ANGELA,

I'm looking to date and really find someone for a lifelong connection-and they must want offspring! But I feel like I'm on borrowed time, my clock is really ticking, ya know! I want to find the perfect guy who really vibes with me so we can make music together! I wish I had longer, but I feel like my limited time here on earth will force me to pick someone out of convenience. Plus, I'm a bit worried that my looks may throw some guys off. My eyes are what some have called "unique." I know behind my back some call them freaky or gross. Others just shudder when they look at me, unable to speak when they peer into my red orbs. -Desperate on Diane Ct.

DEAR DESPERATE,

Well, I hope you've picked out your funeral colors because I know you don't have long to live! All jokes aside, I know you are a cicada, and so I get your worry about life passing you by too quickly. And beauty standards are simply unattainable for everyone; don't compare yourself to those cute line drawn images of petite little cicadas you see on the internet. They aren't real! Guess what? We get thousands of letters just like yours every 13 to 17 years, and they are all the same: my eyes are weird, my tymbals sound different than others, my wings are ugly. The list goes on and on. Just be you and be comfortable in your own exoskeleton. Eventually, the right one for you will come along. And hey, even if they aren't the bug partner of the year—you won't have to live with them long!

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ARIES (APR 19-MAY 13)

Don't tell anyone the cosmos

told you, but apparently Aquarius has been talking some serious smack about you and your family. Like... weird stuff with baked goods. Are you sure they're even your friend?



TAURUS

(MAY 14-JUNE 19)

I hate to be the one to break it to you, but Pisces thinks you're cute but wouldn't date you because of that thing. They wouldn't tell me what that thing



GEMINI

sorry. At least they think you're cute.

(JUNE 20-JULY 20)

was, just that you know what you did. I'm

Aries is being such a brat these days. They're the ones that gave you that really mean nickname. I tried to stick up for you and say, "Nuh uh! They're beautiful! Don't call them that!" But you think they listen? Hell, no. They just got mad at me for making them feel bad. Even though they're the jerk, not me.



CANCER

(JULY 21-AUG 9)
Taurus is texting everyone,

trying to say that you're the one who narced on Brianna and Trinity. They don't even get that not everyone even knew about that so THEY'RE the ones spreading it around. Yeah, they're not smart. I sat next to them in bio and wow... they're REALLY not smart.



LEO

(AUG 10-SEP 15)

You didn't hear it from me OR the cosmos, but Gemini is super mad at you right now. They blame you for their nasty breakup. Like it's your fault for being so cool and cute, right? Whatever. Don't even listen to them.



VIRGO

(SEP 16-OCT 30)

Cancer isn't talking to you right now because they're jealous of all the attention Kwan is giving you. I don't know, it's like... they're SO in love with Kwan or something. Kwan doesn't like them like that, though. But you could probably guess that by all the attention you're getting. Cancer SHOULD be jealous, if you ask me.



LIBRA

(OCT 31-NOV 22)

Leo is mad that everyone thinks that you wore that outfit better than them. I know. It's not like you planned it. Why be mad at someone for trying to look nice? Whatever. Leo's trying to convince everyone you looked like a chump, but if you ask me, Leo's the chump, not you.

SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29)

Virgo is trying to say that you're the one who farted in chemistry class. I know! Even though Mr. Druivenga explained that it was the sulfur from the lab. Yeah, right. I bet Mr. Dru's the one who farted. He always looks like he just farted. I don't care if that's mean. He gave me a C.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30-DEC 17)

Libra is such a hypocrite. They get mad when people use the B-word or the C-word, but apparently it's okay for them to call YOU those things. I don't care what you did to make them so mad, either. They shouldn't get a free pass for using words like that, and I'm NOT afraid to put their ass on blast.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18-JAN 8)

Don't worry. Scorpio is all talk. They'll tell you to meet them out in the parking lot after class, but I'll bet you ANYTHING that all they're thinking about is a good excuse to no-show. They pulled the same crap with Taurus last year. If you just show up, you'll probably get a BYE. And even if Scorpio DOES show up, my money's on you.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9-FEB 15)

Ophiuchus thinks they're better than you, but I saw them double dipping their peanut butter spoon in the jar the other day, so it's not like THEY'RE so clean.



AQUARIUS (FEB 16-MAR 11)

Don't tell anyone I warned you, but Sagittarius is going to ask you out. I know! But like... they've always been so shy, so I think it's kind of awesome that they have the courage to put themselves out there. Good for them, you know? Kind of cute, too. Hey, do you think it would be weird if I shot my shot?



PISCES

(MAR 12-APR 18)

Capricorn thinks they're an expert just because they have older siblings who tell them stuff, but it's all just talk. They haven't even been to second base, yet.

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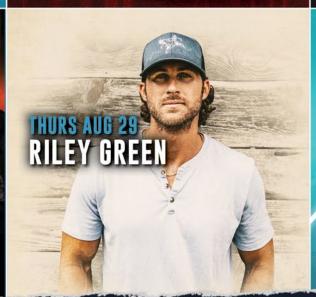








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