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In July, don't miss Scoops + Tunes, with ice cream from Udderly Delicious and wine from Galena Cellars. Also in July, join us for Bike to the Plaza featuring Pecatonica Brewing Company and the popular local band, the Danny Parker Project. Find more information and the full schedule at Live @ the Plaza.





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They say never look a gift horse in the mouth. But what do they say about giving it the stink eye?

In the last week, I was overly blessed to receive three full semi-trailers full of new Hasbro toys for the Dubuque Toys for Tots program. This will be incredible for filling out our distribution cracks this year as well as allow us to share that support with other Toys for Tots communities in the Midwest who are not lucky enough to have the warehouse access we currently have.

So what's so bad about that? Well, nothing about the toys. But I seem to have a special relationship with truck drivers that always creates twice as much work as necessary. First off, do these loads always need to show up in town at 6:30 a.m. unannounced? I don't think my brain even works before 8 a.m. So when I get a phone call before 7 a.m., half of the conversation is me trying to figure out where I am and what's going on.

Then, I always find out the call is not coming from the truck driver. This time the calls came from places like Gronen who manages my warehouse property or Hirschbach who occupies the other side of the same warehouse. No idea how they found them but not me. And not that it's bad, but two of the three trucks had drivers where English clearly was not their second language.

What is so frustrating is that when they hand me their bill of lading to sign-off on. There is my name and cellphone number right on the sheet... and they never call it. I point it out, and they are like, "Oh, I did not know?" Even the third driver who was an average white dude from Illinois (and who DID find the warehouse on his own while I was already there unloading another driver) admitted that he also never really looks at the sheet when he makes deliveries even when delivery instructions and contacts with notes like "Call 30 minutes in advance" are clearly written right there on the page. Isn't this like the first thing a driver should look at? Help me out here driver friends.

The first truck's driver would also not answer his cellphone when I called it or when the logistics company called it to explain how to get to the warehouse, so it took 40 minutes for him to stumble onto my location. He then opened one door on the back of the trailer, and pallets were half tipped over so that if we opened both doors, the toys would fall out. It was like a "Schrödinger's Trailer" situation. They both had fallen and had not fallen at the same time. The Middle-Eastern driver wanted to squeeze through and hand the entire pallet, one case at a time, out the crack in the door to me. I was like, "Open the door and let them fall." He panicked like they would break and it would be blamed on him. So, I had to slowly explain in English he could



barely grasp that they were all free and for charity, and if we smashed a couple in the process, it was no big deal. He eventually acquiesced, but what a nightmare. We still had to re-stack a few pallets by hand on a darn hot morning in a metal semi-trailer Ugh. I'm too old and fat for this stuff!

Then a few days later, the second driver with another language barrier actually stopped at Eagle Window looking for me. Eagle Window called Gronen who called me. Again, my number was right on the delivery sheet I had to sign. This guy would not even get out of his cab and come inside the warehouse. I had to sign the sheet and walk it back out to him. God forbid he might have to help solve a load issue! So weird.

So three quick unloads became a completely unnecessary communication and logistics juggling act. But in the end, I did get about 74 pallets of amazing toys! Four to eight pallets each of the same items. I'm not sure that Super Soaker water guns are going to go over real great in December, but I have about 14 pallets of two varieties of them! I'm actually working with area youth agencies and events like the Dubuque Police Department's National Night Out Celebration in town to put those to good, fun use in the middle of summer instead of Christmas. But I also got some incredible \$50 Transformers, board games, Nerf guns, D&D foam swords, My Little Pony toys, Play-Doh sets, and Fortnight and Roblox branded toys.

But man, I wish I didn't always have to jump through extra hoops to get it done. A big thanks to Paul Gilligan and Jeff Lenhart for helping me with the unloads at the crack of dawn and also to Hodge Company for quickly seeing that I had a forklift handy to manage those 75 pallets with a little more efficiency than a hand pallet jack can offer.

Now all we have to do is find good homes for this "bonus" half-million dollars worth of toys we didn't know were coming. This is the kind of blessing that comes our way simply because we have access year-round to warehouse space. I say this because we're actually losing our warehouse for the first time in 17 years on Jan. 1. I have some money to spend on a space, but I can't afford thousands of dollars a month that our current space would cost to keep. I can, however, offer big tax deductions for getting storage space partially donated in addition to paying some rent. So... who's got a space with a semi dock out there for Toys for Tots to call home in 2025? Is my Santa Claus out there? Call me: **563-590-3840**! ■

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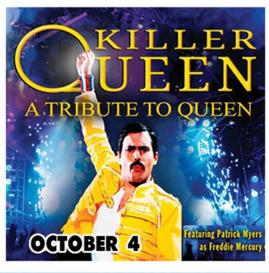
















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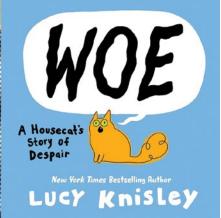
FRIDAYS: JULY 5, AUGUST 2, AND SEPTEMBER 6 @ 11 AM-2 PM WASHINGTON PARK (700 LOCUST ST)

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!

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**.





Meet Author and Comics Creator Lucy Knisley

FRIDAY, JULY 5 @ 3-4 PM CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)

Carnegie-Stout Public Library is excited to announce that critically acclaimed and award-winning comics creator Lucy Knisley will visit the library on Friday, July 5, from 3 to 4 p.m. Join Knisley to celebrate her new book of cat cartoons, *Woe: A Housecat's Story of Despair.*

The event will include a musical comic performance by the author, a question and answer session, and book signing. River Lights Bookstore will have

copies of Knisley's books available for purchase at the event. Attendees will also have the chance to win a custom pet portrait drawn by Knisley.

Lucy Knisley is the critically acclaimed, award-winning, New York Times best selling comics creator of Relish and Kid Gloves. Knisley lives in Chicago with her husband and son. She specializes in personal, confessional graphic novels and travelogues.

Serving the Dubuque community since 1902, Carnegie-Stout Public Library aims to improve and empower lives through accessible resources, community engagement, and entertainment opportunities in a welcoming environment.

This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. For more information, visit **carnegiestout.org**.

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Delaware County Fair

DELAWARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (200 E ACERS ST, MANCHESTER, IA)

Located in Manchester, IA, the Delaware County Fair continues to provide the best summer entertainment on July 8-14. From local 4H, FFA and other youth organization exhibits to outstanding grandstand events, this year's fair is sure to have something for every age! With so much

to do, you and your family will find there's not nearly enough time to experience everything the county fair has to offer.

The main events include a parade and free inflatables on July 8; MotoCross on July 9; Tough Truck Race on July 10; Prairie State Mini Rod Pulls, Gettin' Hooked Tractor Pull, and Fantasy Truck & ECI Tractor Pull on July 13; Draft Horse Show on July 13 and 14; and demo derby on July 14.

This is all in addition to a hypnotist, teen dance, rubber chicken show, farmer for a day chores, The Steamers Thrill Show, carnival rides, music bingo, chainsaw carving show. Great Lakes Timber Show, The Ice Cream Show, kid's rock painting, Victory Ford's Tiny Town, pallet maze, barrel racing, team penning, AG chats, story time, educational trailers, and more.

If that's not enough, there are concerts with Rebecca St. James with special guest Leanna Crawford on July 10, Chris Young on July 11, and Brantley Gilbert on July 12.

For tickets and more information, visit **DelawareCoFair.com**.



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Colts Music on the March

THURSDAY, JULY 11 @ 7 PM **DUBUQUE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** DALZELL FIELD (1800 CLARKE DR)

The Colts Drum & Bugle Corps welcomes hundreds of incredibly talented performers and thousands of eager fans to Music On The March on Thursday, July 11. The show begins at 7 p.m. with the box office opening at 3 p.m. and gates at 5:30 p.m.

The Colts' show has been a highlight on Dubuque's summer calendar since 1963. Dubuque's Summer Tradition features some of the world's top drum and bugle corps including the hosts, Colts and Colt Cadets, as well as the Phantom Regiment from Rockford, IL; The Cavaliers from Rosemont, IL; the Blue Stars from La Crosse, WI; River City Rhythm from Anoka, MN, and Sound Of Sun Prairie

from Sun Prairie, WI (DCI SoundSport exhibition). The competition closes with an encore performance by the Colts followed by their Age Out recognition.

"Our 2024 show idea started as an homage to the place our community calls home, The Field," said Program Coordinator Don Click. "The idea grew to include fields of all kinds as we began to see that so many of life's events—whether epic or playful or intimate-take place on a field." The Colts take you on a poignant journey with their 2024 production, On Fields, by connecting contemporary pieces with some of their cherished favorites. The program is distinctively Colts and characteristically portrayed in four unique experiences that encompass the divergence of life.

Due to the strict travel schedule of the corps, no rain date or refund is available. Tickets start at \$22. For Music On The March tickets and more information, visit Colts.org.



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FRI **7/6**



Stargazing in The Galena Territory

8:30-10:30 PM @ GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION OWNERS' CLUB PARKING

LOT (GALENA, IL) Eniov 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.

MON 7/8



ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification

8 AM-5 PM @ NICC TOWN CLOCK BUSINESS CENTER Are you a food service manager? If so, sharpen your knowledge of food safety principles and make your restaurant top of the line with this class. \$159. 680 Main St. 844-642-2338 x1399.



Uncle Ike's Music Presents: Kids Intro to Piano Summer Camp

10 AM-NOON @ UNCLE **IKE'S MUSIC & SOUND** 7/8–7/12. This camp offers a fantastic blend of indoor and outdoor music activities designed for children ages 5-10 years old. Participants will enjoy outdoor music games, sing fun songs, play real instruments, and engage in storytelling and creative crafts. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to explore music and learn the basics of piano with an experienced teacher. Space is limited. Ages 5-10. RSVP required. \$75. 4989 Radford Rd. 563-556-6052. uncleikes com

TUE **7/9**

Sustainable Living 6-8 PM @ JAMES

KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY (DYERSVILLE, IA)
Learn how to live more sustainably in your everyday life with different tips, tools, and techniques that are easy to implement into your life. See sustainable products and practices that Dubuque County Conservation staff use. Be ready to make a goal and take steps to live more sustainably for the rest of the year. RSVP by July 8. 320 1st Ave E, Dyers-

THU **7/11**

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ville, IA. 563-875-8912.

Movie Screening: Frida

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AIGLER AUDITORIUM Directed by Carla Gutierrez, Frida (2024) is an award-winning documentary film about the work and life of the iconic Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, as told in her own words from diaries, letters, essays, and interviews, and through animation inspired by her artwork. This 1 hour 27 minute movie is rated R for "some language and nude artwork." Closed captioning or subtitles will be turned on. Seating is first come, first served. Free. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.



Tri-State Wind Symphony: Concert Director David Resnick

6:15 PM @ ALLIANT ENERGY AMPHITHEATER Dubuque's summer community band, the Tri-State Wind Symphony, celebrates its 30th season with five "Music

30th season with five "Music by the River" concerts. The TSWS band performs American style music in an informal, casual outdoor setting. The Accordion Divas, which are the TSWS warm up group, kick things off at 6:15 p.m. followed by the main event at 7 p.m. Bring a chair, lay on the hill or sit on the rock wall as the 100 plus volunteer adult and student musicians share their time and talents. Rain site: Westminster Presbyterian Church (2155 University Ave.) Free. 600



Star Brewery Dr. tsws.org.

5th Annual KLIMB Classic

JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (MAQUOKETA, IA)

7/11–7/14. The KLIMB Classic is a large dog sports event where dogs from across the US will be competing. Cheer on the top dogs from a variety of sports. Well mannered, leashed, and vaccinated water are welcome. 1212 E Quarry St, Maquoketa,

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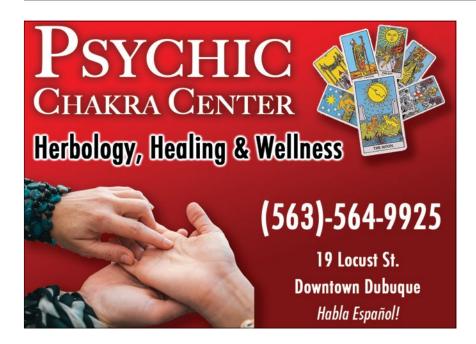
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Shalom 2nd Annual Wellness Fair

SATURDAY, JULY 13 @ 10 AM-2 PM SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER (1001 DAVIS ST)

Head to Shalom Spirituality Center for their 2nd Annual Wellness Fair on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit with local community vendors specializing in all facets of wellness, including physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and environmental factors. Learn about the practices, tools,

and resources they offer to promote, improve, and maintain your overall wellbeing, and cap it off with something tasty from a local food truck.

Breakout sessions include "Know What You're Eating" with Tom Weitz of Natural Grocers, "Quantum Biofeedback" with Loraine McIntyre of Harmony Factor, "Tai Chi Demonstration" with Trowbridge Family Tai Chi, "Sitting Still" with Jeff Wright of Stillness Groups, "Chair Yoga for Wellness" with Deb May of YogaCare, and "Chakradance Q+A" with Lindsay Bodenhofer of Journey IN to BEing.

The wellness fair is free. For more information, call Shalom at **563-582-3592** or visit **ShalomRetreats.org**.



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Asbury Music in the Park

SATURDAY, JULY 13 @ NOON-11 PM ASBURY PARK (5505 ASBURY RD, ASBURY, IA)

The Asbury Area Civic and Recreation Foundation hosts their annual Music in the Park Festival on Saturday, July 13, from noon to 10 p.m. This is a free family event with a variety of music, entertainment, food, children's games, and family activities.

Events during the day includes Miller's Petting Zoo, kid's games and prize tent, RMB Magic, Rumble Tumble inflatables, and free ice cream. Daytime entertainment includes Brion Bowman, Daniel Eric, Ten Gallon Hat, and Tapestry.

This year, Boogie Monster headlines the festival and performs on the main stage from 7 to 10 p.m. Boogie Monster came to life in Dubuque, consisting of vocalist "Lady Katie" who also plays alto sax, bassist Jeff Weydert, drummer/guitarist Marlon McNatt, guitarist Tony Brown, and tenor sax player Nick Thompson. All have years of experience, having played in a wide variety of bands from rock music to ska, blues, salsa and merengue. Their diverse background and mutual love for soulful funky grooves is what creates their very own sound. Expect everything from far-out funk to well-known disco and soul hits.

Numerous food vendors provide great selections all day along including Birds., The Hangry Hobo, Hibachi Time, OS On The Go, and That 1 Place (bean) with ice cold beer from Asbury Area Civic & Rec Foundation. No food or beverage carry-ins allowed.

Shuttle service will be available with stops throughout the City of Asbury as well as several outlying areas. The party may be in Asbury, but the entire Dubuqueland area is invited to come out to Asbury Park, located on Asbury Road near Casey's, to enjoy all the music, games, food and fun!

For more information, call Asbury
City Hall at **563-556-7106** or visit **facebook.com/AsburyMusicinthePark**.

FRI **7/12**



3-Hour Beekeeping **Bootcamp**

NOON-3 PM @ DRY **CREEK BEEKEEPING** (ELIZABETH, IL) Learn from experienced beekeeper and get easy-tofollow instructions and the hands-on experience you need to get started off on the right foot with this exciting hobby or business. Ages 13+. \$125. 489 S Clark Ln, Elizabeth, IL. 815-297-3366. drycreekbeekeeping.com.



23rd Annual ARC Corporate & **Community Games**

5 PM @ PORT OF DUBUQUE Area Residential Care's Annual Corporate & Community Games is one of ARC's largest fundraisers, raising money to support their mission of empowering people with intellectual disabilities to achieve their highest quality of life. Teams of 8-12 players from businesses around the Tri-State area come together to compete by playing several team building, brainteasing, and physical games. Join for our silly games for a serious mission. Rain or shine. 563-556-7560 x743. arearesidentialcare.org/ corporate-games.

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.

SAT **7/13**

Mowing to Monarchs Pocket Prairie Tours

8 AM @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE COUNTY, IA Mowing to Monarchs (M2M) is a program established by the Dubuque County Conservation Board and the Dubuque County Master Gardners to provide resources and tools to private landowners to convert turf grass into a pollinator-friendly habitat. Since the program was established in 2020, nearly 400 landowners have converted over 26,000 square feet of turfgrass to what is defined as native pocket habitat throughout Dubuque County. You are invited on a tour to see some of these turf-to-native pocket conversions and how they are maturing. There will be four to five sites included on this tour. The sites will highlight native plants, unique landscaping, and good gardening practices. Of the sites featured, you'll find examples of mature native pockets, recently planted pockets, curbside pockets, and partial shade pockets. You may even get to see some site prep through solarization, in preparation of more native pockets. Exact tour locations will be emailed to you at a later date. facebook.com/dubuque



Heyday Vintage Market

countyconservation.

10 AM-4 PM @ SMOKESTACK Dubuque's only vintage clothing market features 20 vintage clothing vendors, old motorcycles, live chain stitching, cold drinks, and live music all day by Lou Shields and Katie & The Honky Tonks. Free. 62 E 7th St. roadbunny. vintage@gmail.com.

Farm Fun Day

10 AM-NOON @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL)

This family-friendly event offers a unique opportunity to experience life on a farm, with a petting zoo, cow milking demonstrations, and hands-on activities like making ice cream and butter, and Circles of the Earth bracelets. Free. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. 815-777-9550. shenandoah ridingcenter.com.

Crowd Lovers Car Meet

11 AM-1 PM @ SWISS VALLEY PARK (PEOSTA IA) All cars, trucks, and motorcycles, makes and model are welcome at the 3rd Annual Billy's Memorial fundraiser in collaboration with "Low Standards." 50/50, raffle prizes, food, activities, T-shirts, and live music by Heartbeat. Show vehicles start arriving by 10:30 a.m. Proceeds go to the Dubuque Human Society. \$10/Show vehicle, free for spectators. 13069 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA



Night at the Farm: Cows, Wine & Charcuterie

7-9 PM @ BERNING ACRES

(EAST DUBUQUE, IL) Begin in the farm shop with beverages and farm intro. Then, head out and about to tour the farm and interact with the animals. So many new opportunities or experiences to be had! Lots of opportunities for photo ops along the way, and playtime with the goats and other animals if you'd like. Finally, wrap it up back in the shop for a view of the sunset over the farm with your own complimentary charcuterie boat featuring a variety of locally sourced cheeses while sipping on a beverage. \$65. 8850 N Menominee Rd, East Dubuque, IL. 563-543-8936. berningacres.com/visit.

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Friends of the Galena Library Pre-Owned Book Sale

JULY 17 @ 4-7 PM (FRIENDS ONLY)
JULY 18-19 @ 9 AM-6 PM
JULY 20 @ 9 AM-1 PM
GALENA MIDDLE SCHOOL
(1230 FRANKLIN ST, GALENA, IL)
Join the Friends of the Galena Public Library for their Pre-Owned Book

Sale on July 17 at 4-7 p.m. (Friends only), July 18-19 at 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and July 20 at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Galena Middle School in Galena, IL.

Thousands of books will be available including adult, teen, children's, best sellers, classics, biographies, gardening, art, history, large print, mystery, travel, poetry, Western, science fiction, crafts, sports, pets, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, and audiobooks.

The bake sale starts on Wednesday night and continues until all the baked goods are sold. Bring your own bag and receive a free book. Join Friends of the Galena Public Library and shop on Wednesday night.

Proceeds from the sale are used towards subscriptions to Book Page, Flipster Digital Magazine, **Ancestry.com** and Axis 360; adult and children's special programs, large print books, Playaway audio books, LitFest and the Galena Little Free Libraries.

For more information, visit **GalenaLibrary.org**.



Platteville's Hometown Festival Week

JULY 20-28 VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN PLATTEVILLE, WI

Platteville's Hometown Festival Week is a flurry of activity celebrating the Wisconsin community. Let's go over everything that's happening on July 20–28.

The festival kicks off on Saturday, July 20 with the Platteville Farmer's Market at City Park at 8 a.m.-noon, Southwest Music Festival at 2nd Street at noon-midnight, and Cruise In On Main at Downtown Main Street at 3–8 p.m. The music festival features the Adam Bartels Band at 1 p.m., The Boy Band Night at 5 p.m., and headliner Cherry Pie at 9 p.m. The cruise boasts cars, food, music, and 50/50 raffle and is free.

Next up is the Southwest Healthy's Berry Fest at Legion park on Tuesday, July 23 at 4:30–7:30 p.m. Learn about healthy living practices plus enjoy food, games, prizes, and fun for all ages.

Wednesday, July 24 celebrates Katie's Garden 20th Anniversary at Katie's Garden from 4 to 8 p.m. Live music by Shekinah King, kid activities, food, duck race, garden tour at 6 p.m., and program at 6:30 p.m.

Head over to City Park on Thursday, July 25 for Party in the Park "Salute to Volunteers" at 5–6 p.m. plus free hotdogs while supplies last. Music in the Park follows at 6–8 p.m. with music by Ken Kilian's Classic Big Band.

Friday, July 26 brings a Fish Boil to Trinity Episcopal Church at 5–7 p.m.

Saturday, July 27 brings back the Platteville Farmer's Market to City Park at 8 a.m.-noon in addition to the Hometown Festival Art & Craft Fair at 8 a.m.-2 p.m., also at City Park. Enjoy music in the gazebo with Roy Schroedl at 9 a.m., Echorus at 10 a.m., Tristan Hirsch at 11 a.m, Lexi Healy at noon, and Tristan Hirsch and Kelsey Klar at 1 p.m.

The festival closes out on Sunday, July 28 with the Southwest Christian Music Festival at 1–4:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair for this collaboration of church musicians.

Participate in the Hometown Fest Week Treasure Hunt all week long thanks to the Platteville Public Library. Use the Beanstack app to locate secret code words hidden across town.

This fun-filled festival is sure to keep you entertained all week long! For full details, call the Platteville Regional Chamber at 608-348-8888 or visit platteville.com. ■

WED **7/17**

Lunch & Learn: Everything Tomatoes

NOON-1 PM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Order lunch and join Convivium Farm Manager, A.J. for this informative session on all things tomatoes from general information to specific pruning techniques. Bring your questions and leave with the confidence to successfully grow tomatoes in your garden this year. Free. 2811 Jackson St. 563-557-2900.



Family Fun Night

convivium-dbq.com.

5-9 PM @ DICKEYVILLE
COMMUNITY PARK
(DICKEYVILLE, WI)
Fun for all including a chalk
drawing competition,
inflatables for toddlers, slip
n' slide, live music by the
Boys of Lloyd, Vesperman's
ice cream truck, concessions
by Millie's Diner, beer tent,
and cash raffle (drawing
at 7 p.m.) Free. Facebook:
Dickeyville Park Foundation.



She Unites: Self Defense

6-8 PM @ UNIVERSITY OF **DUBUQUE CHALMERS FIELD** Taught by some of Dubuque's finest self-defense instructors, this Recess activity combines empowering movement with practical application. Your ticket includes a one-hour hands-on class and dinner provided by Rock Salad to follow. Pre-registration is required for this event to guarantee dinner. Any and all adult women are welcome to attend this event. No experience is required as this class is designed for beginners. Check in at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a water bottle

and wear athletic clothing. 2000 University Ave. sheunitesiowa.com.

Great Jones County Fair

GREAT JONES COUNTY
FAIR (MONTICELLO, IA)
7/17–7/21. Famous for live
music! This year is no different with Lainey Wilson,
Creed, Cody Johnson, and
Hailey Whitters. 800 N
Maple St, Monticello, IA.
Great Jones County Fair.com.

THU **7/18**

Intro to Wanderwood Gardens

6-7 PM @ DUBUQUE
ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL
GARDENS HEINEMANN
VISITOR CENTER
The Wanderwood Gardens:
a forest of make-believe
and discovery. Have a
conversation with Jared
McGovern, director of the
Gardens. 3800 Arboretum Dr. 563-556-2100.
DubuqueArboretum.net.

SAT **7/20**



UPA Iron Battle on the Mississippi 9 AM @ GRAND

RIVER CENTER

7/20-7/21. The 2025 XPC Arnold Classic Qualifier hosts men and women competing in full power, bench only, ironman, and deadlift only contests. Spectators: \$15 One day, \$25 two days, free ages 10 and younger. 500 Bell St. upapower.com.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Spelling Bee & Oldfashioned Games

10 AM-2 PM @ BELDEN SCHOOL (GALENA, IL) Step back in time and have some old-fashioned fun! Bring the kids and learn about the one-room schoolhouse and play some

games like they used to in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Volunteer docents are onsite and share stories of the 1859 limestone one-room schoolhouse off Heatherdowns Lane in The Galena Territory. Laura Ingalls Wilder, portrayed by Tessa Flak. Director of the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society, will assist in the Second Annual Spelling Bee and old-fashioned tug-of-war at Belden School. The Spelling Bee is for 8 to 12-year-olds and everyone attending may participate (even adults) in the tug-ofwar. Spelling Bee words will he chosen from an old 1800s textbook and students will compete with children from the following age groups: 8 to 10-year-olds and 11 to 12-year-olds. Refreshments will be served. Tessa Flak, has a vast knowledge of the "little woman on the prairie." Throughout high school and college, she worked at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum in Burr Oak, IA, as a tour guide, and volunteered on the board of directors. Later she became the executive director at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society in De Smet, SD. Free, donations appreciated. 52 Heatherdowns Ln, Galena, IL. 815-777-2000. thegalenaterritory.com.



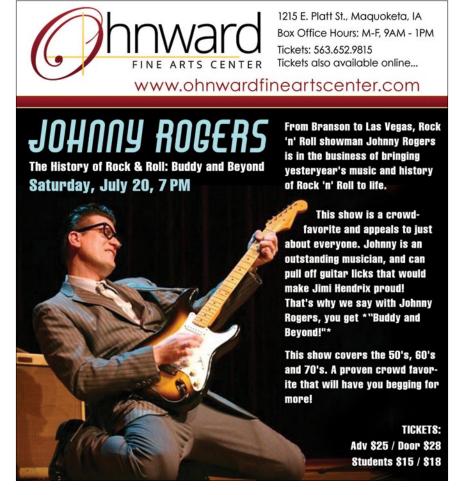
Galena Brew Fest 1-4 PM @ CHESTNUT

MOUNTAIN RESORT

(GALENA, IL)
Savor local and regionally crafted brews, wine, and spirits atop the beautiful mountain, overlooking the Mississippi River. 8700 W Chestnut Mountain Rd, Galena, IL. GalenaARC.org/galena-brew-fest.









71ST ANNUAL

Dubuque County Fair

JULY 23-28
DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
(14569 OLD HIGHWAY RD)

The 71st annual Dubuque County Fair is a celebration for all of Dubuque County, with carnival rides, concerts, stock car races, a tractor pull, a demolition derby, animals, displays, and loads of food and fun for everyone on July 23–28.

Grandstand concerts include Alexandra Ray with special guest Haley Mae Campbell on July 25 and Skillet and Theory of a Deadman on July 26. All concerts are free with fair admission, but you can upgrade your seats Skillet and Theory of a Deadman.

More information is to come in the follow issue of 365ink! Stay tuned for full details.

Fair admission is just \$10 for anyone ages 12 and over, and kids 11 and under are free. For more midway bracelet deals and more information, call the fairgrounds at **563-588-1406** or visit **DBQfair.com**.



Taste of Summer Series

THURSDAY, 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.

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.

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.

SUN **7/21**

Cooking Class: Tortellini and Agnolotti

11 AM-1:30 PM @ GOLDMOOR INN (GALENA, IL)

Learn how to make pasta dough and how to shape tortellini and agnolotti. Participants will be able to take pasta dough home to make pasta with family and friends and also take home pasta made in class to enjoy with friends and family. Ticket includes one glass of wine/champagne, one charcuterie board (per 3 people), main course of morel agnolotti, and a mini strawberry trifle dessert. \$90. 9001 W Sand Hill Rd, Galena, IL. 815-777-3925. goldmoor.com.



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

5-7 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINFRY

It's time to bust out those shoulder pads and flip up those collars, as this year's high school reunion— extended to ALL graduates—is '80s themed. But one of your fellow graduates (or perhaps a teacher, coach, or staff member?) is out for some righteous revenge. Includes an '80s trivia contest and four "corpse" meal. \$85. RSVP by July 13. 600 Star Brewery Dr. 563-583-6100. stonecliffwinery.com.

THU 7/25



Great Museum Race 6-9 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM The River Museum campus

MUSEUM & AQUARIUM The River Museum campus will be transformed into a thrilling adventure racecourse with lots of laughs, excitement, activities, and games. Teams of 4-6 registrants will race against the clock to win games, challenges, brainteasers, and other activities. Every team will register at the Pit Stop to track their time and take a required fuel stop. Before getting their next clue, participants in any one of the 15 activity stations will need to throttle their way through the obstacle. Throughout the race, there will be detours and roadblocks to give teams a little variation. Space is limited. Ages 21+. \$80 Memhers \$100 non-members 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545.

SAT **7/27**

rivermuseum.org.



An Evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln

5:30–9 PM @ DESOTO
HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL)
Mr. Abraham Lincoln requests
your attendance as he once
again addresses the people
of Galena from his place on
the historic balcony of the
DeSoto House Hotel. Mr. and
Mrs. Lincoln invite you to join
them for dinner and theater
in the ballroom following the
address. \$55. 230 S Main St,
Galena, IL. 815-777-0090.
desotohouse.com.

SUN 7/28

Cooking 101: Fresh Vegetables

3-5 PM @ CONVIVIUM
URBAN FARMSTEAD
Learn how to process and
cook with fresh vegetables,
and what is in season and
when so that you can get the
best quality and price. Take
home recipes and preservation techniques to get the
most out of your veggies.
Learn tips and tricks for
stretching the life of your
vegetables and reducing

food waste. 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. This series will be a combination of classroom learning, demonstration, and some limited hands-on experience. \$25-\$37.50. 2811 Jackson St. 563-557-2900. convivium-dbg.com.

SUN 7/29

TSA PreCheck Enrollment Event

9 AM-NOON AND 1-5 PM

@ DUBUQUE REGIONAL

AIRPORT CAPT, ROBERT

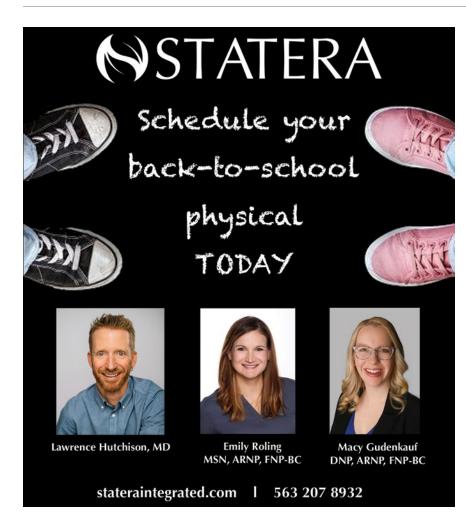
L. MARTIN TERMINAL 7/29-8/2. Applicants do not need an airline ticket to access the enrollment center. TSA recommends that interested individuals pre-enroll and make an appointment online at Identogo.com/precheck. Walk-in appointments will be accepted as space and personnel are available. Travelers who are enrolled in TSA PreCheck can participate in an expedited screening process at more than 200 airports across the United States. The application fee covers a five-year membership. The fee must be paid at the enrollment center by credit card, money order, company check, or certified/ cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Enrollees will need to bring documentation proving identity and citizenship or legal residency status. \$78. 10965 Aviation Dr. identogo.com/precheck.



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VIEW OUR FULL EVENT LIST
DUBUQUE365.COM/EVENTS









Ongoing & Recurring Events

SUNDAY

Galena Territory Farmers Market

8 AM-NOON @ GALENA TERRITORY OWNERS' CLUB PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) THROUGH 10/13 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/ dubuquecarsandcoffee.

6:30-8:30 PM

Music in the Gardens

@ 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 @ MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM 15T THE

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
100 S Washington St, Cuba City, WI. 608-744-2152. facebook.com/
CubaCityMarket.

Mid-Week Market

5-8 PM @ 11THAND IOWA ST 7/10-9/25
Spend your Wednesdays where Dubuque Farmers'
Market first started with fresh local produce, a beer garden and pizza from Jubeck New World Brewing, and live music. facebook.com/midweekmarketmusic.

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
3RP 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 10/3 225 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 PM @ 7TH-9TH
AND JACKSON ST
2NDTHU THROUGH 10/10
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:
7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22
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
563-588-4400.
DubuqueFamersMarket.org.

Galena Farmers Market

7 AM-NOON @ GALENA CITY HALL PARKING LOT (GALENA, IL) THROUGH 10/26 101 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:
7/13, 7/27, 8/10
100 HWY 61, Potosi WI.
PotosiTennysonMarket.com.

Dyersville Downtown Market

8 AM-NOON @ 3RD AVE SW AND 3RD ST, DYERSVILLE, IA LAST SAT THROUGH 9/28 DyersvilleDowntown Market.com.

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

8 AM-NOON @ PLATTEVILLE CITY PARK (PLATTEVILLE, WI) THROUGH 10/26 75 N Bonson St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374. PlattevilleFarmers MarketWI.com.

Field of Dreams Ghost Player Games

1 PM @ FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE (DYERSVILLE, IA) **EVERY OTHER SAT THROUGH** 8/17: 7/6, 7/20, 8/3 The Ghost Player performance, the self-proclaimed "Greatest Show on Dirt" features family- friendly entertainment centered around hi-jinks on the baseball diamond. Concessions and autographs available. Just bring your chair and sunscreen. Free. 28995 Lansing Rd, Dyersville, IA. FieldOfDreams

Ski Bellevue Water Ski Shows

MovieSite com

4 PM @ SOUTH OF LOCK 12 (BELLEVUE, IA) **EVERY OTHER SAT** THROUGH 8/17: 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17 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.

ONGOING

Find Waldo Local

VARIOUS LOCATIONS
IN DUBUQUE
THROUGH 7/27
The iconic children's bo

The iconic children's book character in the red-andwhite-striped shirt and blackrimmed specs is visiting 22 local businesses throughout our community. Celebrating its 12th anniversary in 2024, Find Waldo Local is a great summer vacation activity and a wonderful way to support local businesses in the Upper and Lower Main Street neighborhoods, Millwork District, Cable Car Square, and the River Harbor. The "Find Waldo Local in Dubuque!" passport at River Lights Bookstore contains the names of all the participating sites; with each Waldo you spot, you can get your passport stamped or signed by the participating shop. Collecting store stamps or signatures at 20 or more businesses will entitle diligent seekers entry into a grand-prize drawing for Waldo books and prizes from the participating shops. Waldo hunters can come to River Lights Bookstore at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 28 to see if they've won.

Summer Teen Nights

1098 Main St. 563-556-4391.

5:30-8:30 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

MON-THU THROUGH 7/31
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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FEATURE EVENTS 365

Independence Day Celebrations in the Tri-States

WED 7/3



A Soaring Salute: Honoring Our Veterans

7 AM @ EAGLE RIDGE

RESORT & SPA NORTH GOLF COURSE (GALENA, IL) The Firecracker Run/Walk 5K & 10K starts at 8 a.m. with check in at 7 a.m. Preregister online. Following the 7:45 a.m. Presentation of Colors, the Galena American Legion's Pancakes & Parachutes runs 7:30-10:30 a.m. in a military "mess tent." At 8 a.m.-2 p.m., the 2nd Infantry Division WWII Reenactors living historians will be on site with encampment, displays, vehicles, carrier pigeons, and educational talks. Take in a mock battle at 11 a.m. In a U.S. Army helicopter, the U.S. Army Golden Knights circle the North Course before a 10:30 a.m. jump. Register for the 2nd Annual Honor Flight Golf Outing with a shotgun starts at 1 p.m. in a 9-hole scramble. All proceeds go directly to Honor Flight of Dubuque and the Tri- States. 400 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena, IL. eagleridge.com.



Dyersville Independence Day Celebration

4 PM @ COMMERCIAL CLUB PARK (DYERSVILLE, IA) Enjoy food stands, games, and entertainment. Although the fireworks begin around dusk, there will be plenty to do before that with carnival rides starting at 4 p.m. \$15 unlimited ride wristbands are good for all rides all evening or \$2 ride tickets.

Live music by the Detour Band at 5:30–9:30 p.m. Food and cold beverages are available all evening. 225 11th St SE, Dyersville, IA. **commercialclubpark.com**.



Shullsburg 4th of July Celebration: Chris Lane in Concert

5 PM @ BADGER PARK (SHULLSBURG WI) The night starts out celebrating 50 years of Sunshine. Up-and-coming talent Scotty Hasting keeps the party moving leading up to multi-platinum selling, chart-topping headliner Chris Lane. Known for hits such as "Big, Big Plans," "Take Back Home Girl," "Dancin' In The Moonlight," "Small Town On It." and "Tequila On A Boat" along with his newest single, "Find Another Bar." Gates at 4 p.m. \$40 ADV/\$50 gate. 279 W Estey St, Shullsburg, WI. shull sburg 4 tho fjuly.com.



38th Radio Dubuque/ Dubuque Jaycees Fireworks & Airshow 5:45 PM @ A.Y.

MCDONALD PARK

The Dubuque Independence Day celebration takes place in A.Y. McDonald Park. The Salute to our Heroes Air Show runs around 5:45–8:30 p.m. The fireworks spectacular starts at dark (approximately 9:45 p.m.) over the river. This year's air show highlights are tentatively scheduled to include air show announcer Bill Walsh, military swearing in ceremony, U.S. Army National Guard Chinook Helicopter, Full Throttle

Formation Team (America's largest precision air show team from Peachtree. GA). U.S. Army Golden Knights (6 p.m. day jump and 9 p.m. night jump with pyrotechnics), Trojan Phlyers Air Show and Racing Team (two T-28 Trojan Fighters). and A-10 Warthog/P-51 Mustang Heritage Flight (the last heritage flight for the Warthog before it's retired by the U.S. military). This year's fireworks spectacular and air demonstration is dedicated to the men and women of our Armed Forces-Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves, and to our "local" heroes-our firefighters, EMS personnel, and police force. Special recognition will also be given to members of our local units who were called to active duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of these units will be a part of the color guard. During the Presentation of the Colors, names of Tri-State personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan will be read in memorial. Stop by the Radio Dubuque broadcast tent and receive your free American flag and wave it proudly as the pilots fly above. 1200 Hawthorne St Ext. radiodubuque.com/ fireworks.

THU **7/4**



Platteville Heritage Day

9 AM-4 PM @ THE MINING & ROLLO JAMISON MUSEUMS (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
The celebration of Platte-ville's rich history and bright future draws more than 700 visitors annually. Enjoy

a day of games, historical demonstrations, special exhibits, live music, and food, including custom ice cream flavors produced by Pioneer Sweets of UW-Platteville. Come early for the Edward Jones Firecracker 5K—registration begins at 7:30 a.m.. kids run at 8 a.m., 5K to follow. Free family activities, regular admission for guided mine tour and train ride, \$20 ADV/\$25 day of race for 5K. 405 E Main St. Platteville, WI. mining.jamison.museum.



Platteville 4th of July 10 AM-10 PM @ CITY PARK

AND LEGION PARK (PLATTEVILLE, WI) Platteville's 4th of July celebration begins at 10 a.m. with the Salute to Independence Day to honor our veterans. Keynote speaker is Dan Fairchild, presented by the Platteville Veterans Honor Roll Association. The festivities continue at Legion Park starting at 2 p.m. with live music by Stolen Grace, bean bag tournament, kids activities, and food and beer stands. The day concludes with a spectacular firework display. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Free. platteville.com.



Shullsburg 4th of July Celebration: Parade, Pie Auction, and Fireworks

10:30 AM-10 PM @ WATER

STREET AND BADGER PARK (SHULLSBURG, WI)
Don't miss the parade
starting near the school and
heading down N. Judgement Street then onto Water
Street through downtown
Shullsburg. It's complete
with historical portrayers
in costume, festive floats,
and marching bands. Enjoy
carnival rides in the park with
Tri-State Amusements. Food

stands offer everything from cheese curds to brats and brews. And everyone loves a good home cooked pie! Steal great flavor at the pie auction at 7 p.m. in Badger Park. All proceeds go towards the fireworks display. The fireworks go off at about 9:45 p.m. It's known as "one of the best fireworks displays in Wisconsin." Badger Park's unique features offer the most intimate show vou'll experience, 279 W Estey St, Shullsburg, WI. shullsburg4thofjuly.com



Cassville Golden Sky on the 4th of July

10:30 AM @ AMELIA ST AND CASVILLE ATHLETIC FIELD (CASSVILLE, WI)

The big U.S. Army Golden Knights-centered day of celebration starts with a traditional Independence Day parade at 10:30 a.m. down Amelia St. A noon kickball tournament follows with food, drinks, music, bounce houses, and games until 5 p.m. The Golden Knights jump onto the field at 12:45 p.m. And nothing tops that like dessert; the pie auction begins at 2:30 p.m. But first, live music from Big Cat Eddie starts at 1:30 p.m. and goes until 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Radio Dubuque. 715 E Amelia St, Cassville, WI. explorecassville.com.



Audrey Hammer 4th of July Ice Cream Social

11 AM-4 PM @ MATHIAS
HAM HISTORIC SITE
Enjoy live music by The
Americana Band. Victorian
games will be held in the
yard for children including
sack races, horseshoes, jacks,
and more. Crafts will also
take place as well throughout the day. Following the
summer's theme of "Playing

Through History," games, toys, and other hobbies will be represented for people to experience. Crafts will be handkerchief doll, puppets, and magic lantern slides. Free tours of the historic Ham House, the Humke One-Room School House, the replica lead mine, and the Arriandeaux Log Cabin will run all day with live demonstrations including soap making, hand weaving, blacksmith demos, caricature art from Silly Sketch, and thunderous cannon fire adding to the experience of Independence Day. Dick McGrane with Super Hits 106.1 will also be on site for a live radio broadcast. Named for long-time Ham Site tour guide in 2022, Hammer's legacy lives on at an event she volunteered at annually. A former teacher, Hammer had a passion for education and service to community. Picnic foods, cakes, and ice cream will be available for purchase, and freewill donations will be accepted with all proceeds supporting the Mathias Ham Historic Site. Free. 2241 Lincoln Ave. rivermuseum.org/hamsite.



4th of July at the Gehlen Barn

NOON @ BEER IN THE BARN BREWERY (ST. DONATUS, IA) Beer in the Barn Brewery at the Gehlen House Inn and Barn is opening early, at noon, to get the weekend started with food, fun and music. Check out the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic at 1 p.m. The musicians, all from Saline High School in Michigan, present an energetic and polished show that features a diverse range of music from American folk, fiddle, bluegrass, jazz, western swing, and Celtic traditions. Tim O'Grady, Janesville, WI, will be playing a mix of his own music and covers from 6 to 9 p.m. Great vocals and guitar, you won't want to miss. Fireworks start at 9 p.m.,

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right after the music, and can be watched from the deck, pavilion, and back yard. Music will take place in the new pavilion behind the barn. The Boar's Nest Food Truck will be on site serving up entrees and sides, 101 Main St. St. Donatus, IA. 563-213-8014. facebook.com/GehlenBarn.



Fourth at the Fort

NOON-2 PM @ APPLE RIVER FORT STATE HISTORIC SITE (FI IZARETH II)

Listen to a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence, enlist in the Fort's militia (you might win a signing bonus!), cool off with a water race, and more. The Apple River Fort State Historic Site, a Black Hawk War landmark, features a reconstruction of the long-vanished fort modeled upon findings of a 1995 archaeological dig. 311 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, IL. appleriverfort.org.



Galena Independence **Day Community** Celebration

5:30 PM @ DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL

Join the festivities at the Green Street Plaza with live entertainment, food, and beverages as you await the grand fireworks display at dusk. In addition to the celebrations at the Green Street Plaza and Grant Park the Kiwanis Club of Galena supports the revival of the Annual Fourth of July Parade. The parade kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on Green Street in front of the Post Office and proceeds down Main Street, adding to the patriotic festivities. Expect live music around town as well. Then at dusk, the fireworks will be launched from Grant Park and visible from all over downtown. kiwanisclubofgalena.com.

FRI **7/5**



Freedom Reins PRCA Rodeo

7 PM @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL) 7/5-7/6. Since 1975, the Shenandoah Riding Center has provided a pro rodeo in conjunction with Independence Day celebrations. The Freedom Reins PRCA Rodeo hosts two nights of amazing entertainment through fiercely competitive and exhilarating competitions. Witness edge-of-your-seat action as cowboys and cowgirls compete in various events! Make sure you stick around for sensational fireworks. Then put your dancing boots on for your local favorite, Ten Gallon Hat, to do some boot-scootin' and honky tonkin'. Gates at 4:30 p.m. Rodeo at 7 p.m. with fireworks and the barn dance immediately following. \$20 ADV/\$25 gate adults, \$15 ADV/\$20 gate children. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL.



shenandoahridingcenter.com.

62nd Annual Bellevue **Heritage Days**

BELLEVUE, IA

7/5-7/6. A Heritage Days button or silicone bracelet (\$10 each) is required for entry to all festivities. Activities at Cole Park on Friday, July 5, include Midwest Inflatables. H&H Fun Rides, and Ron Moraga Caricatures at 4-8 p.m.; food trucks, refreshment garden, and live music with 50 Pound Rooster (5:30 p.m.) and Not Quite Brothers (9 p.m.) at 5:30 p.m.-midnight; and an all ages kids dance at 8-10:30 p.m. Join One of a Kind Band at the American Legion at 7-11 p.m. Saturday, July 6 kicks off with the parade on Riverview Street at 10 a.m. Activities at

Cole Park start immediately after the parade and include Flag raise, car/tractor show, food Vendors, refreshment garden, youth dance performances, pedal tractor, kids games, BINGO, pedal tractor, Ron Moraga Caricatures, and adult bags tournament until 8 p.m.; Midwest Inflatables, H&H Fun Rides, and swimming at the municipal pool at 1-5 p.m.; live music with Jeff Theisen (Noon), River Moonshine (2:30 p.m.), and **Hippies and Cowboys Band** (5 p.m.); and Chamber's \$15,000/\$3,000/\$1,000 cash raffle drawing at 7 p.m. South Riverview Street sees 11 food trucks at 4-9 p.m. and Ski Bellevue ski show at 6 p.m. Then, fireworks will be set off in the municipal parking lot downtown at dusk. Rain date July 7. facebook.com/

SAT **7/6**

BellevueHeritageDays.



Guttenberg Stars & Stripes Celebration 3-10 PM @ INGLESIDE PARK

(GUTTENBERG, IA)

Entertainment for kids includes barrel train rides. games, an inflatable bounce house, slide, and obstacle course, face painting, a watermelon eating contest, water balloon launch, and water games with the Guttenberg Fire Department. Inflatables will be open 3-9 p.m. Entertainment begins at 3 p.m. featuring live music Food vendors will be serving cotton candy, funnel cakes, sandwiches, maid rites, popcorn and kettle corn, hot dogs, walking tacos, nachos, snow cones, sweet and sour chicken, egg rolls, and more. The beverage garden will be serving pop, water, and alcoholic beverages from 4 to 10 p.m. The parade starts at 7 p.m. At dusk, a dazzling fireworks display will be set off over the

river. guttenbergiowa.net.





First Fridays

FRIDAY, JULY 5

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

6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1ST ST) 7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

ative community. All stops are free.

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly art series, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Visit all of the locations and celebrate our cre-

Stoned Art Studio and Gallery is showcasing the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III and also showcasing an extensive collection of art by Dubuque artist Randy Winders. Stop in, touch the artist in you. **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 features David Hinds of Springfield, IL who will be demonstrating his painting techniques. Light refreshments will be offered. Hinds will return the next morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is a relaxed, family-friendly opportunity to visit with the artists of our community and learn a little about how they make their art. **shopotlag.com**.

Join the fellas of the "The Stu" (Asylum Recording Studios and The Glasshouse Studio) as they feature the artwork of Stephonie Schmitz.

facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup.

Join Planted. Gallery for Lost in the Forest, a collection of collaborative works by Laura Klavitter, Courtney Diedrich, and Amber Carlin. Klavitter is the owner of Planted. and has been building preserved moss walls for spaces throughout the Dubuque area. She loves the creative process of replicating a forest floor and how it brings a little slice of nature to our indoor world. Courtney Diedrich is a ceramic artist who grew up in rural Illinois. She received her MFA from Colorado State University.

Growing up on a farm and being so closely connected to nature had a huge impact on her career as an artist. Amber Carlin is a jewelry artist creating wearable art inspired by nature and her travels. Amber creates her work primarily out of silver through a multitude of metalworking techniques. Through these methods, she explores themes of nature, chance. and experimentation. Each piece in this show is intended to mimic and replicate a lush, moss-covered forest floor. Get lost in the forest and discover tiny ceramic, hand-made mushrooms, fungi, and other forest creatures among locally sourced driftwood and found natural items. On display July 5-30. planteddbq.com.

Dubuque Area Arts Collective hosts "Luck of the Draw Art Show" at Smokestack. The exhibit features 70 artists who have each drawn inspiration from randomly assigned playing cards to produce unique 11" x 14" artworks. Initiated by local artist Jon Little several years ago, this community art exercise has grown into a vibrant display of creativity. Artists of all skill levels, ranging from beginners to seasoned professionals, embraced the challenge presented by the 54-card deck, which includes 52 standard playing cards and 2 jokers. On display July 5-26. **dubuquearts.com.**



The Addams Family

JULY 12-13 AND 18-20 @ 7:30 PM JULY 14 AND 21 @ 2 PM GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

The Addams Family, a fast and funny musical, brings a bright production of song, dance, and doom to the Grand Opera House stage on July 12–13 and 18–20 at 7:30 p.m. and July 14 and 21 at 2 p.m.

This comical feast embraces the wackiness in every family and features an original story that is every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before-keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

This production is recommended for audiences ages 10 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**. ■

BOOLSALE Pre-owned Friends of GALENA PUBLIC LIBRARY SALE

Friends Only Night*

WEDNESDAY: July 17

4-7 p.m.

*Join Friends of Galena Public Library and shop on Wednesday night.



THURSDAY & FRIDAY: July 18-19

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY: July 20 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Galena Middle School 1230 Franklin St, Galena, IL

Bring your own bag, receive a free book.

All profits benefit



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BAKE SALE

Bake sale starts on Wednesday night and continues until all the baked goods are sold.

Seussical

THURSDAY, JULY 18 @ 7 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 19 @ 10:30 AM AND 7 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 20 @ 2 PM AND 7 PM
SUNDAY, JULY 21 @ 2 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 23 @ 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 @ 7 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 25 @ 7 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 26 @ 7 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 27 @ 2 PM AND 7 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The 17th Annual Kids-for-Kids Summer Musical, *Seussical*, takes over the Bell Tower Theater stage on July 18–27. This show will be performed by two casts of kids ages 7 to 16 from throughout the area.

This delightful musical takes audiences into the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss and brings many of his beloved



characters to life. Follow Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Lazy Mayzie, and a whole bunch of Whos as they discover the power of friendship, loyalty, and community. Imaginations soar in this playful tale filled with color, laughter and plenty of rhymes.

Tickets are \$12. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**. ■

Picture Yourself in the Tri-States

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Jennifer Pickett snapped this fun selfie with Cole Castañeda during the Great Galena Balloon Race at the Galena Territories over the hot June 23 weekend. The event supports JDRF.



Rapper Lil Jon wows the crowd during a Saturday night edition of Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage Concert Series. Photo by Kristina Nesteby.



Boy Scouts of America Troop 14 and 114 from East Dubuque, IL hosts a breakfast of great food, flapjacks and fellowship to raise money. Put those troop leaders to work! Photo by Casey Klein.



This little fella is all smiles during Kwik Stop's Summer Celebration at Kwik Stop 16th Street location on Saturday, June 29 where he could find inflatable rides, treats, giveaways and more! Photo by Charles Cross.



The Cleverlys bluegrass & comedy cover band brought the house down at the Five Flags Theater on June 29th with their creative bluegrassified versions of decidedly non-bluegrass hits!



Q Casino C.E.O. Alex Dixon receives the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Chair's Award for his service to the business and economic development organization's Annual Meeting at the Grand River Center. Photo by Ron Tigges @ DigitalDubuque.com.



Country music star Bill Currington manages to squeeze a fantastic concert in between a few scattered raindrops at the Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage on Schmitt Island in Dubuque. Photo by Christina Rapp.



The Bell Tower Theater thanks everyone who joined the rebellion at the youth production of Urinetown the Musical staged at the venue in June! Bravo to the cast, crew and the sponsors that make the free Summer musical program possible.



Pursuit of the Podium fundraising winner Tom Rauen conducts the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra as part of his win during the Dubuque Arts Council's Music in the Gardens at the Dubuque Arboretum. Photo by Mantea Schmid.



The Jester's Lounge Comedy Bar opened at the end of June in Dubuque's Millwork District. Catch a live show this weekend!

Submit your photo by using

Bobbie Earles smiles with KWWL's Ron



Steele and Voice of the Hawkeyes Gary Dolphin during a kickoff fundraiser for Gary's new scholarship at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to support future journalists!



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Jubeck New World Brewing Celebrates 10 Years and 1,000 Batches of Beer

Saturday, July 13 @ 3-10 PM 10th-11th & Iowa Street

By Bryce Parks

Jubeck New World Brewing celebrates its 10-year anniversary on Saturday, July 13, with a community block party from 3 to 10 p.m. on lowa Street between 10th and 11th Street.

The event is free to attend and includes food vendors, mobile skate and bike ramps with Olliewood Action Sports, a children's chalk art zone, and live entertainment from several local musicians including a reunion performance by The Fast Clydes. We're particularly excited for that trio coming back together. Featuring brewery founders Jay Jubeck and Dan Caraway as well as drummer Curt Lichter who many

know from his involvement in supporting Codfish Hollow Barnstormers in Bellevue, IA. Their upbeat rockabilly sound is very much missed in the area, and you are well served to see them live one more time.

The brewery plans to release its 1,000th batch of specialty beer during the block party as well as two collaboration brews from Dimensional and Potosi Brewing Companies.

"We're super excited to be celebrating 10 years of craft beer in Dubuque," shared Jay Jubeck. "We started with a focus around community, and the amazing people who have shared their time and talents over the years to make Jubeck New World Brewing a success has been humbling and inspiring! Thank you to our community members for 10 years of craft beer and camaraderie!"

Brewery founders Jay Jubeck and Dan Caraway began experimenting with home-brewing beer in 2012. The pair also shared a vision for a vibrant social space centered around community and unique craft beers. Using the crowdfunding platform Kickstarter to raise the capital needed for an initial space buildout, Jubeck and Caraway surpassed their fundraising goal, garnering over \$37,000 in donations from 175 individual backers.

In 2014, Jubeck New World Brewing opened its doors at 115 W. 11th St. as Dubuque's first ever craft nano brewery.

"Members got us open. People coming in just buying beer is what's going to keep us open," said Jubeck of Dubuque's first "nano" brewery in a 365ink cover story 10 years ago when they first opened. Their CSB (Community Supported Brewery) concept obviously worked. In fact, the members program is as active today as ever, even as patronage incudes each and every one who wants to pop in for a cold one, local and visitors alike.

Since then, the business has expanded both in its offerings, now serving food and non-beer beverages, and its physical space. In 2022, Jubeck renovated the attached store front facing lowa St. (formerly the Aragon Tap), combining the two spaces into one large taproom and brewing space.

It's not only an expansion of the room to sit and have a brew. In our humble 365ink opinion, it was a huge step in rooting themselves as a downtown landmark as well as solidifying their footprint in the

community at the corner of 11th and lowa Street, known for its farmers' market ties. The way the front of the bar opens up garage door-style connecting the activity indoors to the activity outdoors is wonderful both for beautiful summer evenings as well as for the live music you see playing out to the street from just inside the building on those Dubuque Farmers' Market Saturday mornings. Stop in for a Beermosa!

"I've been a member for 10 years," says Jubeck member and superfan Dale Easley. "My daughter babysat Jay's son, Vincent, when he was three weeks old—that's how I got in on the Kickstarter campaign. Nearly every Thursday night since they opened, I've been down there with friends. Jubecks could be a friends meeting, except we talk a lot. No TVs, and the only music is on vinyl. Put away the phones and focus on the people you're with. Jubecks is more than a bar—it's a community. In the old days, people went to church. I go to Jubecks."

Members who are part of the brewery's CSB program receive benefits that include saving money on beer, first call on special beer releases, exclusive member discounts, and invitations to special events. You can now find Jubeck Beer at other great area venues and special events, but there's nothing like going to the source for the real experience. And if you've yet to be blessed with such an experience, well, there's no time like the present to rectify the issue. For more information, visit **JubeckBrewing.com**.



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COVER STORY 365





Field of Dreams 35th Anniversary & Ghost Players Performances

Saturdays: July 6, July 20, and August 3 @ 1 PM Saturday, August 17 @ 6 PM Field of Dreams Movie Site (28995 Lansing Rd, Dyersville, IA)

By Bryce Parks

The Field of Dreams Movie Site hosts four Ghost Players performances in 2024—July 6, July 20, Aug. 3, and Aug. 17. While the games are an annual occurrence, this year, they're amped up as part of the 35th Anniversary Celebration of the now famous baseball field in the corn. All shows begin at 1 p.m. except for the Aug. 17 show which starts at 6 p.m. The Ghost Players performances, the self-proclaimed "Greatest Show on Dirt," feature family-friendly entertainment centered around hijinks on the baseball diamond. The free shows run for an hour. All shows are free to attend. Lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged. No carry-in food or beverages are allowed. Concessions are available on site. What's different this year is who's coming to the games. There are some very special guests on hand to honor the milestone.

Three University of Iowa women's basketball players will throw out the first pitch of the Ghost Players event on July 20 at 1 p.m. Sydney Affolter, Taylor McCabe, and Hannah Stuelke will be available for free autographs before the performance

at 10–11:30 a.m. Visitors may present one item per player for signatures. Affolter, McCabe, and Stuelke were key contributors to the Hawkeyes' back-to-back runs to the national championship game. Cedar Rapids native Stuelke earned Second Team All-Big Ten honors last season and was the 2022–23 Sixth Player of the Year in the conference. Affolter was named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team this past season as a junior. McCabe saw a significant increase in her role as a sophomore and has developed into an impactful 3-point threat.

Similarly, Ben Zobrist, the Chicago Cub who was named the most valuable player of the 2016 World Series, will throw out the first pitch of the Ghost Players event on Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. The retired Major League Baseball player will be available for autographs and photos before the performance at 10–11:30 a.m. Zobrist spent 14 years in Major League Baseball as a multi-positional player. A three-time All-Star, he was a member of consecutive World Series-winning teams with the Kansas City Royals in 2015 and the Chicago Cubs in 2016. He spent the final three years of his career with the Cubs before retiring after the 2019 season.

The Field of Dreams Movie Site was originally the primary filming location of the 1989 film *Field of Dreams* and has since played host to millions of visitors. The site features house tours, hosts baseball tournaments, and overnight stays in the house. Food and beverages are offered in The Dugout pub, The Stretch concession stand, and a new ice cream stand featuring Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream from Madison, WI.

So, that's all in the press release, but there's more happening at the field this summer and more to come in the future. In fact, how often does something like a movie location get bigger, better, and more magical 35 years later than it was when it was new? Instead of fading away into the sunset of movie lore, the Field of Dreams Movie Site keeps growing and evolving, leaving the film itself behind and morphing into a family destination that, like the original movie itself, is about so much more than baseball. We thought the best place to get to the heart of what's so magical about the venue is with two guvs who spend a lot of time and energy making sure "they will come": Keith Rahe, Travel Dubuque President and CEO, and John Sutter, Vice President overlooking Field of Dreams Operations.

Keith Rahe is quick to point out that all of this fun is indeed free. "Ghost games are always free. We're not charging for autographs from the celebrity guests either [unlike with past Team of Dreams events]. Just get in line!"

The weekend of Labor Day, the field is also hosting a screening of the movie *Rally Caps*, a baseball movie that filmed a scene at the Field of Dreams Movie Site. It was the first movie that has filmed their movie at another movie site. John Sutter explains, "There's a scene in the movie where the boy has a dream about pitching at the Field of Dreams, and we're hoping to get some of

the actors from that film to visit." Considering the cast, that could mean Judd Hirsch or Amy Smart, so we'll see! The movie also features two of Curtis Pride's children.

"He was the first deaf baseball player in the major leagues, and his children have cochlear implants, and they're in the movie, so they've got a connection with the deaf community, so we're hoping to feature that aspect with local connections as well." More on that as the date approaches.

Additionally, an Instagram personality named Coach Baseball who does clinics with kids will be on hand for a free baseball clinic with children on the field during that day as well.

Finding magic at the field is not something reserved for these special events. What started out as a curiosity has developed into a major destination for people around the United States and all over the world.

"I was out there yesterday afternoon," Keith told us, "and there were probably 70 to 80 people from all over out there playing ball, taking pictures, on an average Wednesday in June. So, it just continues to be a huge part of our American culture."

And American culture is not just for Americans. "I jump in and give house tours once in a while," adds Juhn Sutter. "Last summer, I gave a tour to 30 people, and there was a couple from Japan and a couple from London on the same tour. So, really, opposite ends of the globe were in Dyersville, IA for the same purpose."

Speaking of international... on July 6, during the first Ghost Players game of the year, they are hosting a U.S. Naturalization Ceremony on the Field of Dreams. "What's more American than seeing 30 immigrants become American citizens, on 4th of July weekend, on a ball diamond, at the Field of Dreams?" asks John.



From the huge Upper Deck celebrity baseball card events in the early 1990s to the biggest thing that happened in just the last couple of years with the actual live MLB games being played on site—of which the first magical game was the most watched regular season game in Fox Sports history—the mystique continues to grow.

One way that baseball is truly rooted in the destination land-mark is through youth baseball.

"We're running youth tournaments out there now, of course. This season, we've got over 450 teams there. This 4th of July weekend alone, we'll have 71 teams there from all over the country. And those tournaments are actually played all over the area including in Dubuque. We had teams from Canada last week. Those kids and those parents want to play on that Field of Dreams, right?"

These are players aged 9 through 14-year-olds. Think about that. Their parents are in their 30s, so they weren't even old enough to have seen the movie when it came out. So, this is third-generation fandom. Many likely have not even seen the movie. The magic of the field has transcended that seed of inspiration.

The Travel Dubuque guys also expressed hope that following the construction of more youth fields at the site, the MLB games will come back. "They've got the groundwork done for it, and the hope is that within the next two or three years that you'll see nine new fields completed," shares Rahe. "We're working very hard to create a full-time facility around the diamond that was utilized by Major League Baseball. Our goal is to get something in place so that hopefully professional baseball will be back there at some point."

The duo note that while the site would be capable of hosting an actual home team, "It's just a matter of does it make sense within what we're trying to achieve," Keith questions, "and does it make sense for that element, too? Because there's a lot of things that go into that level of commitment, especially in this day and age. We'll never host an affiliated baseball team, I can tell you that right now. Because we're just not a big enough population demographic to draw from within this region." But one-off games and special performances, absolutely.

John Sutter also touched on some of the critical infrastructure improvements that have recently been completed to accommodate an increasingly popular tourist destination.

"We've expanded this winter with a lot of capital improvements. We've opened our kitchen in our Dugout bar so we can serve food there as well as at our Stretch concession stand. We built an ice cream shed, so we serve hard-scoop ice cream there now. We also expanded on our event center so it's a true, rentable event center with indoor bathrooms, a permanent bar, a bride's room with a private bath, and a grand entrance. So, we've got a lot more food options and a lot more reasons to stay on the ground."

Yes, people are getting married on the field, right on home plate or anywhere they like. Wedding parties emerging from the corn. The whole nine yards... or should we say, the whole 350 feet. Sometimes they will book the house too and spend their wedding night there.

Through all of the growth and careful attention to maintaining the purity of the original field and house, the ambiance is of utmost importance to those in charge of implementing the venue's vision.

"The number one concern anytime we talk about any kind of improvement is hiding it within this farm and making surethat we're not building anything that's gonna disrupt that," assures Keith Rahe. "The corn is our star. I mean, it really is. That's why Major League Baseball came there.

That's why people come there. They want to see the ball diamond in a cornfield. And you can't take away that rural aspect."

We've heard so many stories of random celebrity sightings at the field. They are, after all, also just visitors in awe of the lore just like we are. Viking and now Falcons quarterback, Kirk Cousins, stopped last summer with some of his buddies, rented the field under an assumed name, and played some ball. A professional baseball player who was on a rehab assignment with the Cedar Rapids Kernels came up and took some batting practice with his dad on the field. During a recent REO Speedwagon visit to perform in Dubuque, the band called Keith and asked to go to the field. "After the concert, it was midnight. We met them, and they came out and played out the diamond for about two hours, and got done, and got back in the bus, and took off down the road. Sometimes they announce themselves, and sometimes they don't. You know, so we don't always know exactly who is coming out." MLB Hall of Famer Dave Winfield made a New Year's social media post noting that the highlight of his year was his visit to Dyersville. It's all part of the magic.

If you've lived here your whole life and still have never been to the field, Keith has just one question for you: "Where the heck have you been?"

It's so easy and convenient... and FREE! No \$20 like James Earl Jones suggested. "It's a great place to bring visitors, friends, and family. Come on out to the field on a beautiful summer night, especially in July and August when the corn is tall and you get those beautiful sunsets. I mean, it's just an amazing part of our heritage. A ballfield in the middle of a cornfield on a farm in lowa... it really celebrates just how unique and special a place we have to live. Come out and enjoy it!"

"Especially now that we've got actual bathrooms on site," John jokingly interjects. Hey, you have to keep one eye on the little things that mean a lot!

"At our first show on July 6, there'll be 3,000 people out there," says Keith. "Ghost Player Marv Maiars will ask, 'How many of you folks is your first time here?' Ninety percent of that crowd raises their hand, and he does ask where the heck have you been." That kind of fresh interest in the field each year shows just what kind of staying power this dream field has.

"In the end, it's not necessarily about baseball," John Sutter reminds us. "It's just the connection between "father and son," the family bond that the field's story represents. So, I think people come there with that thought in their mind and to see that and see other people enjoying it is really remarkable. You never see anyone here in a bad mood."

Is this Heaven? Well, come find out. ■

Special Events at the Field of Dreams Movie Site

USCIS Naturalization Ceremony SATURDAY, JULY 6 @ NOON

The Field of Dreams Movie Site will host the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa as they welcome 35 new citizens from 15 countries during a naturalization ceremony. U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark A. Roberts will preside and provide guest speaker address, and the deputy clerk of court will administer the Oath of Allegiance, followed by a special welcome from President Biden (recorded message).

Field of Dreams Ghost Player Games: First Pitch by University of Iowa Women's Basketball Players SATURDAY, JULY 20 @ 1 PM

Three University of Iowa Women's Basketball players will throw out the first pitch. Sydney Affolter, Taylor McCabe, and Hannah Stuelke will be available for free autographs before the performance at 10–11:30 a.m. Visitors may present one item per player for signatures.

Miracle League at Field of Dreams TUESDAY, JULY 23

9:30 AM-2 PM @ MIRACLE LEAGUE OF DUBUQUE (2790 MIRACLE LEAGUE DR) 5:30-9:30 PM @ FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE (28995 LANSING RD, DYERSVILLE, IA) Miracle League baseball teams from Dubuque IA, Sioux City IA, and the south hills of Pittsburgh PA will participate in competition and games. The travel team in the south hills of Pittsburgh was started by 3x All-Star and Cincinnati Reds Hall of Famer Sean "The Mayor" Casey about 3 years ago. Miracle League teams play on turf or rubberized fields that accommodate wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children and adults with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and will let them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. It's a full day of baseball, and all are welcome to come watch, cheer, and support some of the best athletes the Miracle League has to offer. Opening ceremonies and games at the Miracle League of Dubuque followed by games at the Field of Dreams Movie Site.

Field of Dreams Ghost Player Games: First Pitch by Ben Zobrist SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 @ 1 PM

Ben Zobrist, the most valuable player of the 2016 World Series, will throw out the first pitch. The retired Major League Baseball player will be available for autographs and photos before the performance at 10–11:30 a.m.

COVER STORY 365



The Ballad of the Mud Lake Bluegrass Festival

By Bryce Parks

UPDATE: Just two days before this issue went to print, Mud Lake Park went underwater. Mother Nature has no care what the plans of mere mortals might be. So, while the first installment of this concert series was originally slated for July 7, organizers were able to move quickly to reschedule that first date to the end of the run on Aug. 18... and all is well, so long as the park is dry again by July 21!

In the many years (with a break in there for a bit), there have been scores of volunteers pitching in to make the Mud Lake Bluegrass Festival a reality, and everyone is responsible for its longevity and success. But ask any of those people to give you two names that are forever synonymous with the storied musical celebration, and they will tell you Jimmy Zmudka and Denny Garcia. After all, these guys are the beating heart of the whole show. So we sat down over a plate of catfish at, where else, Catfish Charlie's (who will also be serving food at the festival) and talked about the history, philosophy, and goals of keeping the event alive and thriving.

"We love the music," starts Denny. Not surprising since that could be the mantra for his whole life. "The music is what started us out when I moved next to Jimmy Z. I knew he had a history with Bill Monroe and Nashville and the whole bit, and he had it together, and he was good at this organization stuff. And me, I'm a musician, and I love to play bluegrass, fiddling and that old stuff. But that music drew him and me

together and said, let's do something out here in Mud Lake Park that's never been done and put it on the map. He took off and ran with all his ideas, and between our brains, we came up with some good stuff."

I'll say they did. And in those years, the park itself has seen a transformation. Let's be honest. Mud Lake Park was once a bit of a rundown mess a few decades back. But thanks to the efforts of Dubuque County Conservation, it's now a beautiful spot for people to gather for just this kind of event. And kudos to the festival for also supporting the restoration of the park that it calls home. The symbiotic relationship of this festival, Dubuque County Conservation, and the nonprofit Friends of Dubuque County Conservation, who are the major sponsors of the familyfriendly gathering, is evident in every edition of the thrice summerly gathering.

"Oh, the venue matters," ensures Jimmy Zmudka. "The venue was perfect. And my reasons to continue doing it are a little selfish as it's my home. But I really, really like people's reactions. So, if we're having a great show and a lovely day, everybody is so happy. And that's what I get out of it. Because it's not a big monetary winner. It's more about the satisfaction I get out of showing everybody a good time and just making them have fun for a day."

For his part, Jimmy brought his years working in the music industry in Nashville "home" to Dubuque, to our great benefit. Working from a mailroom job at a talent agency, Buddy Lee Attractions, to a junior

agent, he was soon managing some of the biggest acts. None bigger that the legendary "Father of Bluegrass," Bill Monroe. Bill was aging on his way down, and Jimmy was fresh and on his way up, and they became fast and longtime friends. And Jimmy picked up a passion for the musical style.

"I was his road manager on big gigs, like if we went overseas, he was my ticket to Switzerland and France, and we did the Kennedy Center honors, went to the White House for Christmas where I got my picture taken with the president. We'd go out on Wednesday nights to this brokendown old country club called the Bell Cove Club in Nashville after I picked him up in his 140-year-old cabin. They'd feed him for free, and he'd get up and play a set, and we did it like regular clockwork for four or five years. I've never been more grateful to know someone, and he wasn't always the easiest guy to get along with, but for some reason, he and I hit it off, and he trusted me. The biggest satisfaction I got is that he called me his friend."

After years of industry politics (and next generation family entering in the Buddy Lee family business), Zmudka came back from his favorite grandma's funeral in 1993.

"We drove motorcycles down every river road around Dubuque, and I found the house I live in now in Mud Lake. It hadn't been lived in for 18 years. I found an old priest who owned it, and we made a deal, and I went and sold my house in Nashville and haven't looked back since. But I like to keep the bluegrass thing up in honor of Bill."

If Dubuque has a Bill Monroe, it's Denny Garcia. He is our community's river troubadour. Denny will show up and play with anyone, anything, anytime, anywhere. And he can play with anyone no matter the genre. He'll make it his genre.

"Denny is omnipresent," says Jimmy Zmudka. "He is a little bit everywhere and a little bit of everybody knows him. He moved in next door to me 20-some years ago, and I never wanted to throw him out. And I don't think I could pry him out with a long pole at this point. The amount of respect he gets and how true he is to himself and his roots and the music he plays is always what impresses me. He doesn't need to be flashy. He just needs to be himself, and people seem to just love that about him. So, Denny will always have a place amongst the icons of the Dubuque music scene in general, not just the folk and Mississippi Band for so many years. And he's been all over the country. He's real true to his original roots, and he's pretty unabashedly himself."

"I moved out there in 2001 in October after the 9/11 thing to get out of the city," explains Garcia. "It's the nicest place I could find out here in a dead end," he jokes.

"We do live in one of the nicest places on earth. I can look out my window any time of day and just see the birds and the wildlife and the river and whatever's going on in it. So, Jimmy and I just established a good rapport, and the park is just sitting there waiting for something to happen. We knew how to do something."

And they did just that. They did it for 10 years, and the same group of volunteers were at it for so long, it began to grow tiring. So, they took off for a full decade before bringing it back and building momentum. Now in its third revival year, crowds are bigger than ever. And because they don't try to make it into a giant thing with a million moving parts, it's a manageable endeavor even if the crowd grows to well over a thousand people.

Part of that growing momentum is booking great, diverse music, even within a niche genre.

"With the park flooding situation," notes Jimmy, "the first show is now on Sunday, July 21 with some young and up-and-comers out of Madison, WI who I went to see myself. And they play a lot with old Mark Ambry, who used to be a Bill Monroe's bass player."

"The second show with the Risches and Greg Garing is going to be killer. I met Greg with Bill Monroe 30 years ago." For our money's worth at 365ink (and we realize these are free shows), he's the most stunning multi-instrumentalist you may ever see. "And we've had the Rische kids here since they was babies. And now they are as good as you will find on the bluegrass circuit."

"The original first band is now rescheduled for Aug. 18 featuring Art Stevenson. I wanted to give some of the true bluegrass traditionalists something. And Art is as well known in South West Wisconsin as any bluegrass guy is. He's got his own radio show up there on country radio. So the show will be reasonably traditional, a very Bill Monroe-esque type of show."

"So, I'm really looking forward to the lineup. And I think everybody will be impressed."

And Denny loves the Picker's Picnics that preceded the actual concerts from noon to 2 p.m. "We had this idea from the start where anybody could come out if you're a novice, non-professional, or whatever, bring your instrument and let's just have some fun and get everybody in tune and learn how to play."

It has started building back up again. At one time during the festival's first 10-year run, they had to break all the players into two or three pavilions to accommodate all the participants. "It brings it down to the level of people that just want to play and learn how to play. And then the rest turn to the professionals and go, 'Alright, this is great!"

And as we just noted above, it's all technically free. But if you love what you see, throw some money in the bucket to help pay the bills or buy some raffle tickets and win one of those nice guitars and other great items.

"I've been asked a million times," says Jimmy, "Why don't you have a beer stand? That's just not what I want, you know. That just brings trouble. It brings people that aren't interested in the music. So bring your own beers or sodas, whatever. Bring a picnic. But keep it simple and traditional."

"In Mud Lake, it was just a natural thing that was supposed to happen," says Jimmy. "I'll tell you, it was just a beautiful thing to get something together out there that people would come to and we enjoy, nine months old to 90 years old."

Denny agrees, "We've been able to make something happen that has obviously endured."

P.S. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs, shades and a cooler!
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Prairie Dog Blues Festival

JULY 25-27

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hill country blues, New Orleans horns, and Texas boogie, zydeco, gospel, blues rock—Prarie Dog Blues Fest has it all!

The 2024 Blues Fest lineup is hot! Thursday, July 25, brings the PDBF Kick-Off Party with free admission featuring the Kris Lager Band at the beer tent stage (and again on Friday). Then, on Friday, July 26, the lineup features Mud Morganfield (Muddy Water's son), Albert Castiglia, and Wayne Baker Brooks. Saturday, July 27, brings the Stefan Geisinger Band, Alastair Greene, Big Ray & Chicago's Most Wanted, Parker Barrow, and Eric Johanson with Terry Quiett in the beer tent.

Bring a comfortable chair, and if you decide you don't want to move, the famous Prairie Dog Beer Girls will come right to you in the crowd to get you your refills! Of course, if you don't move at all, you'll miss the great bands on the beer tent stage.

Traveling from Dubuque, you'll love to know that there is on-site camping, and shuttles run to all hotels in town. Food and drinks along with campfires are allowed in the campgrounds, and its an easy walk in and out of the music grounds. It doesn't get any more convenient than that! Inside the music grounds, there are plenty of food and drinks from barbecue and Asian to American and Italian. There is a huge beer tent that has its own stage, and there are options ranging from non-alcohol drinks to wine to large brewery beers to a nice selection of craft draft beers. Other vendors on site offer jewelry, clothing, and other handmade items such as blown glass made by a glass blower on site. Downtown is an easy two-block walk off the island where you can find many pubs and restaurants also featuring live music this weekend.

Advanced tickets are \$45 for one day or \$80 for two-days. Gate pricing is \$50 and \$90. Children 12 and under are free. Two day camping for up to four people is just \$100 or \$110 at the gate with additional options for sites with 20, 30, and 50 amp power. For more information and tickets, visit **PrairieDogBlues.com**.



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Backbone Bluegrass Festival

FRIDAY, JULY 26 @ 4-10:45 PM SATURDAY, JULY 27 @ 1-10:45 PM SUNDAY, JULY 28 @ 9:30 AM-2:40 PM 1356 110TH ST, STRAWBERRY POINT, IA

The Backbone Bluegrass Festival is celebrating its 43rd annual year on July 26–28 as one of the longest running bluegrass, folk, gospel, and acoustic music festivals in the Midwest. It is more than a concert; it is truly a festival that lasts for six days (we'll explain why in just a bit). The festival grounds are located southeast of Strawberry Point, IA, 2 miles off HWY 3 on W-69/Dundee Road. Stage shows begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. on Saturday morning and 6 p.m. that night, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The performers booked for the 2024 Backbone Bluegrass Festival include Grammy award nominees Donna Ulisse, Rick Stanley, Jerry Salley, and Special Consensus. The Rick Faris Band was IBMA New Entertainer of the Year and is a millennial generation favorite. The remaining lineup is made up of top regional and local bands.

See stage shows with professional musicians and open stage performances where amateurs get an opportunity to perform. There is a three-day music camp and songwriters' workshop plus featured workshops for guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and bass as well as harmony singing and instrument repair. There are scavenger hunts for the children, meet and greet artists autograph sessions, and campfire jams throughout the day and the night.

Organizers take pride in the fact that their festival is an affordable, diverse, family-friendly, and handicapped-accessible event held in the picturesque setting of northeast lowa on a 20-acre timber site that has been developed to include camping sites, a permanent stage, shower houses, and kitchen.

You might say it's a six-day festival as music really starts Tuesday, July 23, evening with a free concert held at Inger Park. The concert is sponsored by the Wilder Museum and features the Anderegg Family Band. After the concert, there are informal jam sessions at the Franklin Hotel with their annual "Wings and Strings." Wednesday evening there is another free concert featuring Donna Ulisse, Rick Stanley, and Jerry Salley, three Grammy award winning singer-songwriters at JAKE & Company. Thursday evening, the same three singer-songwriters will hold a concert at embers. After the free concerts, there are pick-up jam sessions at various locations in Strawberry Point and at the bluegrass grounds. Then the weekend festival gets rolling on Friday, July 26.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$55 with children under 12 years of age being free. Tickets are available at the gate. For more information visit **BackboneBluegrass.com**. ■

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Mud Lake Bluegrass Sundays

SUNDAYS: JULY 21, AUGUST 4, AND AUGUST 18 @ 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 21, Aug. 4, and Aug. 18.

The Mud Lake Music Society has presented more than 30 groups and countless individual performers for audiences up to 2,000 per show! Jimmy Zmudka, series organizer, said, "We are pleased to offer this type of recreation for the Dubuque community and to promote the parks, bluegrass music, and a great lowa lifestyle. We started Mud Lake Bluegrass Sundays with three things in mind: family, music, and the Mississippi River. People really love it."

Zmudka is a Dubuque native who worked in Nashville as the agent for Bill Monroe, the "Father of Bluegrass," and has promoted the popular series since its inception. "It's the perfect picnic atmosphere, and with all we've been through lately, we need more picnics!"

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

"The Friends of Dubuque County Conservation are very supportive of our efforts to put these shows together. Their goal is to educate and promote to people all the activities and opportunities available at our county parks," says Zmudka. 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.

Information on the musicians is available at **facebook.com/mudlakebluegrass**.

Look them up and give them a listen. The series features a super line up this year. Don't miss a show!



Bigtooth w/ Denny and the Folk-ups
After years of sharing festival bills and
bumping elbows at open jams, Starr
Moss, Trent Cuthbert, Michael Falk,
Claire Kannapell, and Paul Kienitz have
joined forces to make their own brand
of bluegrass-inspired music. Bigtooth,
the culmination of this shared history,
keeps one hand on the book of bluegrass
standards and the other on the songwriting pen. Count on a distinctive repertoire
that intertwines traditional material and
original compositions, delivered with
precision, finesse, and style when they
kick off the festival on Sunday, July 21.

Special guests Denny and the Folk-ups open featuring a grouping of our area's best and favorite musicians: multi-instrumentalist Denny Garcia, AJ Steil on guitar, Tim Knauss on bass, and Tim Connelly on drums.

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Greg Garing w/ The Mutual Admiration Society

Greg Garing, former fiddler for Jimmy Martin and a revered singer and performer in the second-wave bluegrass cannon, will head up this group on Sunday, Aug. 4. Greg will be joined by former area family band members Frank and Lillie Mae Rische, driving up to entertain us from their new home of Nashville, TN. They have played the Mud Lake festival multiple times as Jypsy, Silk and Saddle, the Carters, and most recently The Rische Family Band. That group totally wowed the crowd at last year's festival.

Rounding out this group will be Nashville cats Craig Smith and bass player Mark Edelstein holding down the groove. We can attest that this band is the real deal, and the lanky Garing can tear up any instrument he wields.

Opening the show will be The Mutual Admiration Society, a grouping of multiple pickers and singers doing some of their own stuff and a mixture of traditional musical favorites.



Art Stevenson and High Water w/ Mississippi Acoustic Trio

We might not have mountains here, but mountain music has been taking off in Wisconsin. Art Stevenson has been playing bluegrass in the Midwest for 25 years, and for most fans, Stevenson is bluegrass in Wisconsin. Art and his band continue in that noble tradition started by Bill Monroe on Sunday, Aug. 18. Art is known for his powerful lead singing on traditional bluegrass, early country, and western ballads, and for his driving rhythm guitar playing. His harmonica renditions of fiddle tunes are a crowd favorite!

Bruce King joined High Water in 2001 on the mandolin. Bruce is a scholar of Bill Monroe's compositions. They have toured and played with such greats as Jack White and Lucinda Williams, and Jim Dale Reichert keeps the drive alive on the ol' five. He also sings baritone and bass vocals, plays the Dobro, and is featured on all of High Water's recordings. Bruce Royal King came on board as the new bass player in early 2021 and is also the son of a mandolin player.

The afternoon begins with a special performance by the Mississippi Acoustic Trio, Dubuque's longest running musical group. Entertaining for your pleasure for over 50 years. Come see the "boys," Dave, Cricket and Denny, play some bluegrass, folk, Americana, and country in their inimitable classic style.





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WED **7/3**

Back Booth Alley 1PM @ The Yardarm

Fireworks Party & Members Cookout: Ozzy & Bon JoeB 5 PM @ Eagle Point Fishing BARge (Hazel Green, WI)

Shullsburg 4th of July Celebration: Chris Lane, Scotty Hasting, Sunshine 5 PM @ Badger Park (Shullsburg WI)

BJ McAndrew 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Dyersville Independence Day Celebration: Detour Band 5:30 PM @ Commercial Club Park (Dyersville, IA)

The Wundos 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

RJ Fisher 6:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

John Moran 7 PM @ First Reserve

Tim Daniels Band 8 PM @ The Yardarm

THU **7/4**

Audrey Hammer 4th of July Ice Cream Social: Americana Band 11 AM @ Mathias Ham Historic Site

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr 1PM @ The Yardarm

4th of July Celebration: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic @ 1 PM Tim O'Grady @ 6 PM Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA) Cassville Golden Sky on the 4th of July: Big Cat Eddie 1:30 PM @ Casville Athletic Field (Cassville, WI)

Gypsy 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

The Alumatics 4 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Big Mojo 5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub (East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: Riley and Kevin Beck w/ Kerry Erickson 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Tony Walker 5 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

Platteville 4th of July: Stolen Grace 5:30 PM @ Legion Park (Platteville, WI)

4th of July Party: Joie Wails 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jaelyn Kay Band 7 PM @ The Yardarm

FRI **7/5**

Food Festival Fridays: John Moran 11 AM @ Washington Park

Steve McIntyre 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Galena, IL)

Jason Kincel 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA) Mark Zalaznik 5 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Yellow Brick Road 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

DR Duo 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Bellevue Heritage Days: 50 Pound Rooster @ 5:30 PM Not Quite Brothers @ 9 PM Cole Park (Bellevue, IA)

Danny Parker Project 6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Joseph John Valenti 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Theresa Rosetta 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Big Cat Eddie 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Big Mojo 7 PM @ Leisure Lake Pavilion (Bernard, IA)

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

Bellevue Heritage Days: One of a Kind Band 7 PM @ Post 273 American Legion Auxiliary (Bellevue, IA)

Sarah Day 8 PM @ First Reserve

Boy Band Review 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Unicorn Fist 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Kieler Fireworks: Kind of a Big Deal 8 PM @ Gooch's Greenhouse (Kieler, WI)

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

Josh Lewis 8 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)





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FRI **7/5**

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

Shenandoah Freedom Reins PRCA Rodeo: Ten Gallon Hat Shenandoah Riding Center (Galena, IL)

SAT **7/6**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Brion Bowman, Sophie Coyote, Clara M 7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

Dubuque Farmers' Market: River Glen 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Bellevue Heritage Days: Jeff Theisen @ Noon River Moonshine @ 2:30 PM Hippies and Cowboys Band @ 5 PM Cole Park (Bellevue, IA)

Shannon Woulfe 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Todd Ellis 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Steve Canton 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Galena, IL)

Big Night Out 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

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

Joie Wails 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Bellevue Heritage Days: Jonas Woodstock 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

The Mixed Emotions Band 4 PM @ Coconut Cove Resort (Hazel Green, WI)

Miles Nielsen 5 PM @ Eagle Point Fishing BARge (Hazel Green, WI)

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

Jacquie Miller 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Tony Walker 6 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

RJ Fisher 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge Three Quarter Buzz 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts 7 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Lola Blu 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

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

Jaelyn Kay Band 7 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Rockin' on the River: Tyler Richton & The High Bank Boys, Angela Meyer 7 PM @ Cascade Riverview Amphitheater (Cascade, IA)

Jared Duve 8 PM @ First Reserve

7 Summers: A Morgan Wallen Tribute 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Furious George 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Danger Zone 8 PM @ The Yardarm

Jef Spradley 8 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 8 PM @ R Place (East DBQ, IL)

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

Lily Stella Maris 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Maggie Valley Band 9 PM @ The Lift

Shenandoah Freedom Reins PRCA Rodeo: Ten Gallon Hat Shenandoah Riding Center (Galena. IL)

SUN **7/7**

DR Band Noon @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Galena, IL)

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler 1 PM @ Dockside

Eric Richards Duo 1 PM @ The Yardarm Sam Ness 1 PM @ Potosi Brewery (Potosi, WI)

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

The Rick Tittle Band 2 PM @ Dubuque Eagles Club

Stone Wolf Trio 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Rollo 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Jordan Danielsen 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Timber City Band 2 PM @ Tabor Home Winery (Baldwin, IA)

John Moran 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Johnnie Walker 3 PM @ The Big House (Petersburg, IA)

Mark Zalaznik 4 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

Joie Wails 5 PM @ Eagle Point Fishing BARge (Hazel Green, WI)

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

Music in the Gardens: Secrets 6:30 PM @ Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Shekinah King 7 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

TUE **7/9**

The Mixed Emotions Band 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED **7/10**

Rianna Marie 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Mid-Week Market: Marques Morel 5 PM @ 11th & Iowa St

Ralph Kluseman 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Seth Brown Duo 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Steve McIntyre 6:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL) Ace Jones 7 PM @ First Reserve

THU **7/11**

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

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

Live @ the Plaza: Joseph John Valenti 5 PM @ Green Street Plaza (Galena, IL)

Belmont Night Market: Joie Wails 5 PM @ Belmont St, Belmont, WI

Ralph Kluseman 6 PM @ Houlihan's

Steve Kalmes 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Jordyn Danielson 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Charlie Cook 6 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Platteville Music in the Park: City Band 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI) Tri-State Wind Symphony Accordion Divas @ 6:15 PM David Resnick @ 7 PM Alliant Energy Amphitheater

Shullsburg Music in the Park: The Resistors 6:30 PM @ Badger Park (Shullsburg, WI)

Colts Music on the March 7 PM @ Dubuque Senior High School Dalzell Field

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

Pat Jones Acoustic Assassin 7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Delaware County Fair: Chris Young 8:30 PM @ Delaware County Fairgrounds (Manchester, IA)

FRI **7/12**

Jim Gill 10 AM @ Dubuque Arboretum

& Botanical Gardens

Music on Main St: Joelton Mayfield, Future Crib, Ben Dunegan

5 PM @ Town Clock Plaza

Johnnie Walker 5 PM @ Park Farm Winery (Bankston, IA)

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

DR Band 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Laura & The Longhairs 6 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Steve Davis 6 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena. IL)

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

Stockton Music in the Park: Trinidora 6 PM @ Stockton Park South Shelter House (Stockton, IL)

I Prevail, Hollywood Undead, Fit for a King 6:30 PM @ Back Waters Stage

Lexi Healey 6:30 PM @ Lacoma Golf (East DBQ, IL) Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle, Erin Hedley 7 PM @ Smokestack

Blues on the River: The Blues Party 7 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joseph John Valenti 7 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Rock Steady 7 PM @ The Hilltop at Menominee (Menominee, IL)

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

Nicole Devine 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

BKB Musix 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Cal Coohey 8 PM @ First Reserve

Nathan Clemons, Jon Diaz 8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Wicked Liz & Bellyswirls 8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Sunset Pool Party: JUMP 8 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

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

Delaware County Fair: Brantley Gilbert 8:30 PM @ Delaware County Fairgrounds (Manchester, IA)

SAT **7/13**

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Students of Centrally Rooted, Joseph John Valenti, Kinley Munz & Nick Faley 7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

Dubuque Farmers' Market: Kristina Marie Castañeda 9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

Heyday Vintage Market: Lou Shields, Katie & the Honky Tonks 10 AM @ Smokestack

Car Meet: Heartbeat 11 AM @ Swiss Valley Park (Peosta, IA) Asbury Music in the Park Festival: Brion Bowman @ Noon Daniel Eric @ 1 PM Ten Gallon Hat @ 2:30 PM Tapestry @ 4:30 PM Boogie Monster @ 7 PM Asbury Park (Asbury, IA)

Zach Graham 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Big Cat Eddie 1 PM @ Potosi Brewery (Potosi, WI)

Bruce Kort 1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard (Galena. IL)

Yardarm Summer Party: RatchetJaw @ 2 PM JabberBox @ 8 PM The Yardarm

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

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

Jubeck's 10 Year Anniversary Block Party: The Fast Clydes 3 PM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

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SAT **7/13**

(Peosta, IA)

The Other Two 5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse

Big Night Out 5 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

Sam Day 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Fireball Bash on the Ash: The RidgeRunners @ 5:30 PM Boogie and the Yo-Yoz @ 9 PM Downtown Green Space (Maquoketa, IA)

Arboretum's Got Talent: Dubuque Music Men 6 PM @ Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Jef Spradley 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Jimmy Welty Band 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ Bill's Tap (Farley, IA)

Rianna Marie 7 PM @ Galena Brewing Co (Galena, IL)

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

Casey Klein 7:30 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Johnny Trash 8 PM @ Q Showroom

Daniel Eric 8 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

Fun Day and Street Dance: Kind of a Big Deal 8 PM @ Dickeyville Fire Department (Dickeyville, WI)

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

The Love In, Carallee 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN **7/14**

Jacquie Miller 1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Gypsy 1PM @ Dockside

Joie Wails 1 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Three Quarter Buzz 2 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

The Mixed Emotions Band 2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Kathy Runde 2 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Tessa 2 PM @ Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Adam Bartels Band 2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Benny Bassett 2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Elizabeth Mary 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Music in the Gardens: Sail On 6:30 PM @ Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Kelly Hunt, Beth Watts Nelson 7 PM @ The Lift

Corey Jenny 7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

MON **7/15**

The Big Star Quintet, Tripmaster Monkey Band 8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

TUE **7/16**

Daniel Eric 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Ace Jones 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED **7/17**

Semi Retired 3 PM @ The Yardarm

Mid-Week Market: Scott Cornwell 5 PM @ 11th & Iowa St

Tony Walker 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

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

Sarah Day 6 PM @ Back Bar (Platteville, WI)

Ericka & Scott Guthrie 6:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Jay Vonn 7 PM @ First Reserve

THU **7/18**

Cruisin' Thursdays: Rock Steady 5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL

Shekinah King 6 PM @ Houlihan's

Wayne Cook 6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Jef Spradley 6 PM @ The Yardarm

Platteville Music in the Park: Walking Molly 6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Beartooth, Currents, Boundaries, Nevertel 6:30 PM @ Back Waters Stage

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

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

Songwriters Showcase: Megan Bee 7 PM @ Galena Center for the Arts (Galena, IL)

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

Great Jones County Fair: Lainey Wilson, Jackson Dean 8 PM @ Great Jones County Fair (Monticello, IA)



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Upcoming Entertainment



7 Summers: A Morgan Wallen Tribute

JULY 6 @ 8 PM

7 Summers is a group of passionate musicians who share a deep appreciation for the incredible talent and authentic sound of Morgan Wallen. 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. Expect an electrifying experience as they pour their hearts and souls into each performance, creating an atmosphere that allows you to lose yourself in the music. Morgan Wallen has taken the country music world by storm with his soulful voice, relatable lyrics, and down-to-earth personality. His songs have a way of cutting straight to the heart, and his authenticity shines through every note he sings. Whether you're a die-hard Morgan Wallen fan or simply enjoy a great night of country music, 7 Summers will leave you singing along and wanting more.



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!



The Frontmen

AUGUST 10 @ 8 PM

The Frontmen features the dynamic voices of '90s country legends: Richie McDonald (formerly of Lonestar), Larry Stewart (of Restless Heart) and Tim Rushlow (formerly of Little Texas). With their combined amazing vocal and instrumental talents, The Frontmen deliver a high energy show packed with fan-favorites from their three award-winning and critically-acclaimed bands, and also songs from some of the artists who have influenced them.

Additional Entertainment

MADDIE & TAE

OCTOBER 5 @ 8 PM

THE STRUTS

OCTOBER 26 @ 8 PM



Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar is located at 301 Bell St. in the Port of Dubuque. All shows are 21+. For tickets and more information about the upcoming entertainment, call Diamond Jo Casino at 563-690-4800 or visit 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 1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, IL)

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Market 5 PM @ 11th & Iowa St 6/10-9/25

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett 6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

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 1st Wed

Open Mic 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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

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

Jester's Court Open Mic w/ D'Licious 8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 8:30 PM @ Denny's Lux Club No event 8/7

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: 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22

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) ‡* Fri

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7:30 PM @ Offside Bar & Grill 2nd Fri. Aug event on 8/2

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 1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, IL)

Karaoke w/ Denise 7 PM @ Northside Bar

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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LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

SAT **7/6**



Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts
7 PM @ SANDY HOOK TAVERN
(3868 BADGER RD, HAZEL GREEN, WI)
COVER: \$10

Rockford, IL-based Miles Nielsen has spent nearly a decade enthralling audiences with music that draws force from the prime years of Western-influenced rock music and classic '60s soul. Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts claim influences as diverse as Otis Redding's classic soul and Jellyfish's cult power pop recordings. We're sending all our love to Dan as he kicks cancer's ass.

facebook.com/sandyhooktavern.



Cascade Rockin' on the River: Tyler Richton and The High Bank Boys, Angela Meyer

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

Tyler Richton and The High Bank Boys are a country band based in Central lowa. Formed in 2015, the HBB got their start in small-town bars and parties. Now opening for the likes of Tracy Byrd, John Michael Montgomery, Craig Morgan, and more, Tyler Richton and The High Bank Boys bring a neo-traditional sound with high energy and real music. Angela Meyer opens. Bring your cooler and lawn chairs for a night of great music. Food available for purchase.

facebook.com/ RockinOnTheRiverCascade.



Maggie Valley Band

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

Based in a small town of North Carolina, The Maggie Valley Band brings sister-sister harmonies to a mix of indie and folk rock. TMVB's career has taken them as far as Canada to Southern Florida and partnering with great and diverse acts such as Sarah Shook & the Disarmers, Jason Isbell, Infamous Stringdusters, Robert Randolph & the Family Band, Black Lillies, Indigo Girls, Brent Cobb, Donna The Buffalo, Lonesome River Band, and many more. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

TUE 7/9



Lancaster's Summer Nights at the Plaza Concert: Bob's Your Uncle

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

Bob's Your Uncle is that rare, magical combination of accomplished solo artists who are also great harmony singers and love making music together. These three award-winning singer-songwriters from Madison, WI love joining forces to share music of many styles including both covers and originals. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the beautiful tree-filled Ryland Park on Lancaster's Schreiner Memorial Library grounds. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Lancaster High School Hillery Auditorium at 806 E. Elm St. SchreinerMemorialLibrary.org.



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THU **7/11**



Shullsburg Music in the Park: The Resistors

6:30 @ BADGER PARK (279 W ESTEY ST, SHULLSBURG, WI)

COVER: FREE

Kicking off the 2024 concert series is The Resistors, a rock and roll band that covers music from across the '70s and into the present. This well-seasoned, versatile, Tri-State band brings a wide variety of fun and talent to the stage for all your dancing, listening, and entertainment needs. You won't be able to... resist them! Food and beverage will be provided by the Shullsburg Conservation Organization with serving starting at 6 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets. Free nightly prize drawings. All ages. **ShullsburgMusicInThePark.com**.

FRI **7/12**



Stockton Music in the Park: Trinadora 6 PM @ TOWNSHIP PARK SOUTH SHELTER (600 N PEARL ST, STOCKTON, IL) COST: FREE

Trinadora is a remarkable duo that features the unique talents of Janel Nelson and Ron Holm, multi-instrumentalists along with soaring vocals. Their music possibilities include over 500 songs that sample all styles of music. The Music, Arts and Recreational Society of Stockton (M.A.R.S.S.) presents their 2024 summer concert series. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to enjoy the show. A food truck will be on site beginning at 5 p.m. Donations for future concerts are welcome. marss-stockton.org.



Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle with Erin Headley

7 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7^{TH} ST) COST: \$10

The Cincinnati-based ensemble Buffalo Wabs and the Price Hill Hustle can be best described as "American"-from the mountains to Music Row, blues-gospel to traditional country, the Hustle combines parts of the American-born genre catalogue to create an energetic experience every single night. This four-piece moves from fast-paced, foot-stomping anthems to harmony-laden ballads and traditional dirges of spirit and labor. "The group started around the love of music that moves you," says drummer, vocalist, and band spokesman, Casey Campbell. "The music accompanies the story; and sometimes the music is the story by which we can all connect to one another." Their newest original material featured on Stranger in the Alps is a "cross-section of stylistic influences and voices," says Campbell. Dubuque native Erin Hedley opens with her Americanalaced folk rock. smokestackdbq.com.

SUN 7/14



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

New Orleans-based songwriter Kelly Hunt spins songs that are as surprising and new as they are deeply rooted in time-honored traditions of folk, blues, and old-time music. The daughter of an opera singer and a saxophonist, Hunt was raised in Memphis, TN amidst a motley mélange of musical influences ranging from Rachmaninov to Joni Mitchell to Mississippi John Hurt. Beth Watts Nelson performs original songs on her vintage Martin guitar and clawhammer banjo that sound as if they had been unearthed with the patina of decades in the songbook of Americana. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.



Music on Main St

JOELTON MAYFIELD, FUTURE CRIB, AND BEN DUNEGAN

FRIDAYS: 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 beverages with Dubuque Main Street.

The series continues on Friday, July 12 with Joelton Mayfield, Future Crib, and Ben Dunegan. Raised in small town central Texas and based in Nashville, TN, Joelton Mayfield crafts hard-hitting alt-country that's at home in dive bars and DIY venues alike. Mayfield's distinct take on the genre blends Wilco-esque musicality with the dynamics and melodic edge of fourthwave emo to create a sound all his own.

Closing out the series is 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**.



Fireball Bash on the Ash

SATURDAY, JULY 13 @ 5 PM DOWNTOWN GREEN SPACE (199 S MAIN ST MAQUOKETA, IA)

The Maquoketa Firefighter's Association hosts a night of entertainment in the Green Space in downtown Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, July 13. The night features good music, good company, and good times.

Headliner Boogie and the Yo-Yoz takes the stage at 9 p.m. Their current roster is made up of an all-star eight-member team with a dynamic range of musical capabilities. Original members, Dave Lange (bass guitar) and Eric Peters (lead guitar) are backed up by Kevin Baker (drums), Paige Baker (female lead vocals), Lorenzo Fredenberg (male lead vocals), Mike Barden (keys), Jake Opperman (sax and more), and John Leja (rhythm guitar, trumpet, and more). The RidgeRunners join as support starting at 5:30 p.m.

The downtown Green Space is the location of a massive fire in 2008. Starting in 2015, the Maquoketa Firefighter's Association decided to throw a Bash on the Ash for the community, and from there, the rest is history.

Admission is \$5. For more information, call **563-652-4454** or visit **BashOnTheAsh.com**. ■



Johnny Rogers

SATURDAY, JULY 20 @ 7 PM OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

The Johnny Rogers Show "The History of Rock n' Roll" is the story of Buddy and Beyond. Performing in London, the Netherlands, Germany, and all over the United States, he's

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bringing his show to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center stage in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

Johnny will transport you back in time when you could go to your favorite malt shops with your favorite girl and dance to your favorite bands. The show will start with Johnny's uncanny portrayal of the late Buddy Holly and go on with a tribute to the legendary Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry, and many more. The show will climax with Johnny's portrayal the late Elvis Presley.

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**.





7/3 Tim Daniels Band 8-12

7/4 Jaelyn Kay Band 7-11

7/7 Eric Richards Duo 1-5

7/12 Wicked Liz & The Bellyswirls 8-12

7/5 Unicorn Fist 8-12

7/6 Danger Zone 8-12

WED 7/10 Rianna Marie 3-6

THU 7/11 Jordyn Danielson 3-6

7/4 Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr 1-5

SAT 7/13 Ratchet Jaw 2-6

SAT 7/13 Jabberbox 8-12

SUN 7/14 Joie Wails 1-5

TUE 7/16 Daniel Eric 3-6

WED 7/17 Semi Retired 3-6

FRI 7/19 Dealbreakers 8-12

SAT 7/20 Elizabeth Mary 8-12

SUN 7/21 Back Booth Duo 1-5

7/18 Jeff Spradley 3-6







TAP HOUSE CHICKEN BBQ GRILLED SALMON

Island Social Kitchen +

At Q Casino + Resort

By Bryce Parks

Bar

In a recent cover story of 365ink, we told you all about the newly remodeled Q Casino + Resort on Schmitt Island in Dubuque. As part of that multi-phase project, one of the portions that opened along with the casino was the first component of the new Island Social at the resort complex. By the end of 2024, the entire family-friendly Island Social entertainment destination part of Q Casino + Resort will be open featuring games, activities, dining, and group-gathering amenities that welcome all ages. For those familiar with Q Casino, this new, family-oriented

part of the facility will fill the entire left or upper portion of the former gaming space. While much of that is currently under construction, one critical component that opened along with the lower casino remodel is the Island Social Kitchen + Bar. And yes, everyone is welcome, kids and all.

Usually when we write about a new restaurant, we focus on all of the new food options, and yes, Island Social does have new food options, but it also carries over a lot of favorites from the former Q Sports Bar that existed nearby. What changed most about this dining experience from a couple of months ago is the space itself. This is not the same venue remodeled. This eatery is located on the opposite side of the upper portion of the venue. So, it's all new, 100%. While a temporary wall still separates it from the ongoing remodel zone, it's fully up and running.

The new sports bar feel of Island Social Kitchen + Bar indeed includes scores of flatscreen TVs, carrying every game imaginable. And you can "bet" that Q Sportsbook is right there next to the eatery. While somewhat separated to keep the restaurant all ages, Q Sportsbook is super convenient to access from your barstool or table for placing bets while enjoying your eats, if that's part of the game plan during your visit.

The main area is centered around a huge, beautiful new bar with table seating

surrounding it. A comfy row of booths is soon to arrive to complete the vibe of the bar area. Right next to that is overflow seating for the bar when a big game is on or it's a busy night at the casino. It's also a great place to pull a couple of tables together for a larger group as we did. This space has even more TVs than the main bar area. So yeah, if your game is on anywhere, you'll find it here.

They call the elevated cuisine "American Inspired." Now when we talk about elevating the menu, this starts with the bar offerings itself. Island Social Kitchen + Bar features a new drink menu with specialty martinis, Bubbl'r cocktails, and seltzers in addition to, of course, a big list of draft and craft beers including many local and regional brews as well as a selection of white, red, rosé, and sparkling wine options. And for the non-drinkers and kids, check out the jazzed-up Island Sodas. For example, the OG Island Soda starts with Pepsi or Diet Pepsi and adds a dash of coconut syrup, lime juice, and heavy cream. You gotta try one to understand. Others include the Dr. Q, Orange Crushed, Black Cherry Limeade, and Not Exactly a Root Beer Float. They also offer craft mocktails, flavored lemonades, and Bubbl'r to round out the unique options.

The food menu is pretty extensive. Appetizers feature plenty of old favorites, if presented in new combinations, like loaded tater tots with BBQ pork, taco meat, or grilled chicken "loaded' toppings. Plus loaded nachos, wings, Philly fries, cheese curds, and the former "BBT" chicken strips are served nugget-sized now and are still just as great. New to the apps are the fancy deviled eggs and baked Mediterranean Dip. You might consider the giant Bavarian pretzels (traditional, pepperoni, or chicken bacon ranch) to be in this category as well.

The signature salads are all-new options on the menu with a black garlic chopped chicken Caesar salad; oliveroasted salmon and vegetable salad; an amped-up house salad; and an ISK+B salad featuring grilled shrimp, avocado, bacon, marinated tomato, smoked ranch dressing, shaved radish, and umami chickpeas.

Even at the previous iteration of the sports bar, the new signature mac and cheese options were a recent addition. They are rich and delish. I could not finish mine, and I'm no dainty fella. The OG Four Cheese is joined by chicken alfredo, BBQ pulled pork, buffalo chicken, and Mexican garlic shrimp options.

Sandwich options aplenty feature many traditional favorites like a build-your-own burger, Philly cheesesteak, chicken bacon ranch, chicken quesadilla wrap, and four cheese grilled cheese. But some newer flair comes in the form of a grilled chipotle chicken on fry bread with pico, cajun catfish



MEXICAN GARLIC SHRIMP MAC



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PHILLY CHEESE STEAK SANDWICH



SUPREME PIZZA, WISCONSIN CHEESE CURDS, CAESAR SALAD, AND CHICKEN BITES





A VARIETY OF COCKTAILS

APPLE CRISP PERSONAL PAN PIZZA

OLD FASHIONED TRIFLE

BLT, pressed grilled chicken pesto, and pressed Q-bano (we think you can guess what that is!) Three fancy footlong dogs round out the sammys with a classic Chicago-style, chill dog, and an insane Back Waters dog that features a fried baconwrapped dog covered in fried cheese curds, BBQ aioli, onion straws, and house pickles. That one might come with a nap.

And not to worry, the pizzas came across the building with the rest of the sports bar. Build your own or try a loaded five meat; supreme; BBQ chicken; Philly cheesesteak; or caprese-style pizza with roasted garlic, fresh mozzarella, basil, marinated tomatoes, and balsamic reduction.

Finally, the dinner menu takes the lunch menu and, for now, adds five elevated entrees to choose from to enhance your experience. These main course features include a grilled pork ribeye with warm mustard potato salad, grilled asparagus, feta cheese, and Greek butter; BBQ grilled salmon with crispy shallots, umami-roasted cauliflower, and jasmine rice; butcher's steak with garlic herb butter, roasted garlic mashed, and grilled asparagus; tap house chicken (fried or grilled) with garlic mashed, cheddar, onion straws, and English pub gravy; and grilled shrimp with Latin hash, chimichurri, and salsa roja. These options also helped my gluten-free wife find good options for dinner.

Side options include fries or tots, cottage cheese, side house, or side Caesar, and in the evenings, grilled asparagus or roasted garlic mashed. They also always have chili available as well as a featured soup of the day.

The dessert menu is hidden at the back of the drink menu, so don't go thinking there isn't one. Check out the loaded chocolate chip cookie with Nutella buttercream and caramel pearls; the mason jar banana cream pie; an apple crisp personal pan pizza; and an old-fashioned trifle with chocolate cake, Bulleit Bourbon chocolate mousse, Luxardo cherries, whipped cream, and cocoa nibs. You know, if you have room. You might just want to start with dessert now that I think about it.

Well, there you have it. A little bit of something for everyone which is handy now that everyone can dine. Island Social is open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until midnight on Friday and Saturday. Tell 'em 365ink sent ya and drop a bet on Caitlin Clark while you're there!





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I Prevail

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS HOLLYWOOD UNDEAD AND FIT FOR A KING

FRIDAY, JULY 12 @ 6:30 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

Post-hardcore punks I Prevail grabbed fans' attention with their incendiary cover of Taylor Swift's "Blank Space" in 2014. The

band sets itself apart from the pack with a unique mix of raw punk energy, catchy hooks, and electronic textures, and in concert, it all gets turned up to 11 with mosh pit-inspiring standouts like "Crossroads," "Love, Lust, and Liars," and "The Enemy."

Following the chart-topping 2013 release of *Notes from the Underground*, the masked members of raucous rap rock band Hollywood Undead bring an adrenaline-filled live shows. And like the best metalcore bands, opener Fit for a King offer an uncompromising, high-energy live show full of chugging riffs, clean and unclean vocals, and thudding drums.

Tickets are \$59.99 for GA, \$79.99 for Turpin Tailgate Zone, \$134.99 for Undead Army VIP Merch Package, and \$234.99 for HU4L VIP Meet and Greet.



Beartooth

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS CURRENTS, BOUNDARIES, AND NEVERTEL

THURSDAY, JULY 18 @ 6:30 PM BACK WATERS STAGE

The fearlessly determined and creative Ohio-based powerhouse Beartooth perfected a sound sought by a generation of bands, equal parts solitary musical confession and celebratory exorcism. It's an outright refusal to suffer in silence, weaponizing radio-ready bombast to

deliver raw emotion mixed with noiserock chaos. They combine hard rock and hardcore in a way that's smart, lean, melodic, and irresistible, without apology.

After more than 900 million streams from songs like "The Past is Dead," "Fed Up," and "In Between," in addition to the band's fourth album, *Below*, topping charts and finding its way into Best Rock/Metal Albums of the Year in 2021, *Rolling Stone* introduced Beartooth as one of 10 New Artists You Need To Know.

Their latest single "Riptide" is a furiously courageous song of self-empowerment serving as a victory lap to memorialize a struggle with mental health and self-acceptance, which has defined so much of Beartooth since its inception. Beartooth offers no cure, but the recovery comes in the process; the journey is the destination. So enjoy the ride.

Tickets are \$44.99 for GA and \$54.99 for Turpin Tailgate Zone. ■



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Fueling Fun

Summer Nutrition Ideas for Active Kids

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

As the days grow warmer, children eagerly embrace the freedom that summer vacation brings. But for parents and caregivers, ensuring that kids maintain a balanced diet and stay active can be challenging, especially with the allure of laid-back days and sugary treats. However, with a little planning and creativity, kids can stay nourished and energized all summer long.

One of the most effective ways to achieve this is by offering a variety of nutritious snacks tailored to the different summer occasions. Whether it is a day at the pool, a playdate with friends, road trip or a family picnic, having a selection of wholesome snacks on hand ensures that kids are fueling their bodies with the nutrients they need to thrive throughout the summer months.

With all that in mind, here are my top four snacks to pack for any summer occasion!

- Frozen Fruit Kabobs: Thread colorful chunks of watermelon, pineapple, grapes, and strawberries onto skewers for a refreshing and hydrating treat. Freeze them overnight for a cool, refreshing snack.
- 2. **Homemade Trail Mix:** Mix together a variety of nuts, seeds, dried fruits, and a sprinkle of dark chocolate chips for a satisfying blend of protein, healthy fats, and fiber. Portion them into individual bags for easy grab-and-go snacks.
- Veggie Wraps: Roll up crisp lettuce, sliced bell peppers, cucumbers, carrots, and hummus in whole grain wraps for a crunchy and nutritious handheld meal. Customize them with your child's favorite veggies for added excitement.
- 4. **Greek Yogurt Parfaits:** Layer creamy Greek yogurt with fresh berries, granola, and a drizzle of honey for a delicious and protein-packed snack or dessert. Let your child get creative with the layers to make their own personalized parfait.

Not only are these snacks delicious and nutritious, but they are also simple enough for kids to help prepare, which builds their confidence and love for being in the kitchen. Additionally, involving children in the preparation process increases their likelihood of trying new foods and developing healthy eating habits for life!

The dietary choices a child makes can significantly influence many aspects of their development, including physical, cognitive, immune, and long-term health outcomes. Hence, it is crucial to ensure that children have access to a well-rounded diet full of nutrient-dense foods. By incorporating these wholesome snacks into your child's summer routine, you can ensure that they stay healthy, hydrated and energized for all their summer adventures!



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Battling Um Disease

The Silent Epidemic of Communication

Bv Matt Booth

Uttering meaningless filler words to fill moments of silence is one of the most detrimental habits one can develop. Known as "Um Disease," this condition occurs when a person uses excessive filler words during conversations. These words, such as "um," "ah," "like," "basically," and "you know," have infiltrated everyday language and stripped it of clarity and impact.

Um Disease is an epidemic that, if left untreated, can lead to a severe communication breakdown. This chronic issue hinders millions from conveying clear and concise messages.

The onset of Um Disease starts with a single "um" and spirals into a series of "ums" and "ahs." This habit prevents you from articulating your points effectively and swiftly. Many who suffer from Um Disease are unaware of their condition because the early stages are painless. However,

even in its mildest form, Um Disease signifies poor communication skills and demands immediate attention.

In moderate cases, Um Disease causes listeners to lose focus and their minds to wander. It conveys an impression of uncertainty and hesitation. As the condition progresses, listeners may become increasingly irritated, leading to a breakdown in communication. If unchecked, Um Disease results in confusing messages and diminished credibility.

Um Disease is pervasive and can be contracted anywhere. Unlike many diseases that are restricted to certain environments, Um Disease is found in every corner of life. Filler words dilute your message and weaken your speech. Persistent use of filler words is a clear warning sign of Um Disease. Early detection and intervention are crucial to overcoming this condition. Severe cases may require professional assistance.

Healthy speech is free from filler words. To cure Um Disease, the first step is to recognize that you are affected. Removing filler words from your speech will enhance the clarity and strength of your message, ensuring your communication remains impactful and precise.

Remember, clear and effective communication is within your reach. Be vigilant against Um Disease and take steps to eradicate it from your conversations for better, stronger interactions.

"MAKE IMPORTANT ISSUES VISIBLE; CREATING VIVID SIGNALS FOR GRADUAL CHANGES IS A POWERFUL ADVANTAGE." —MATT BOOTH

The Eyes and The Impossible

By John McAndrew

Oh humans. Bless them, they try.

There is a very long tradition of telling stories through the eyes of animals. Dave Eggers's 2024 Newbery Award winning novel, *The Eyes and the Impossible*, is a fine example. Eggers is the author of *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*, which was a Pulitzer finalist.

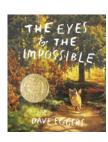
The Newbery Award, if you're not familiar with it, is like the Pulitzer for books written for a young adult audience. This and the next review will highlight the two most recent Newbery winners. Think of the books that have had the most profound effect on your life. At least one of them was probably a book you read as a young person. A good book is a good book, regardless of genre, whether it won a prize or not.

Among the most popular books in history are fables told from an animal's perspective. Once you start listing them, you may be surprised at how many are best sellers or classics. Some of them may be among the books that shaped your understanding of the world: Narnia, Wind in the Willows, Pooh, Aesop (of course), Animal Farm, Charlotte's Web, Watership Down, Jonathan Livingston Seagull, and The Redwall series.

Eggers's book follows the adventures of Johannes, a free dog who oversees a park. His job is to be The Eyes—but not in a creepy Big Brother way—for the three bison caged in the middle of the park. He runs at close to the speed of light (by his reckoning), and has been The Eyes for as long as he's been alive, so 10 or 20,000 years. (Johannes has many strengths; math is not among them.) He has no desire to be a pet-leashed, domesticated, and pampered. Freedom is his highest value (a theme that is repeated in the next book). He looks out for his friends and vice versa. The humans live elsewhere, in the city outside the park. Also, he confides, ducks are stupid. In case no one had told you yet.

Johannes's friends are Bertrand, the wise and reckless seagull; Sofie, the one-eyed squirrel; Angus, the raccoon with those indispensable opposable thumbs; Yolanda, the awkward and heroic pelican; and Helene, the outcast goat. As friends do, they have conflicts and get over them. They look out for each other, deal with crises, losses, flaws, and revelations together. The importance of close relationships with flawed people is another theme shared with the next story (*Freewater*, in case you want to read ahead).

Now, with all these animals, you may be looking for their human analogues. Eggers wants to make something clear before the story begins.



"This is a work of fiction. No places are real places. No animals are real animals. And, most crucially, no animals symbolize people. It is a tendency of the human species to see themselves in everything, to assume all living things, animals in particular, are simply corollaries to humans, but in this book, that is not the case. Here, the dogs are dogs, the birds are birds, goats are goats, and Bison Bison."

And yet. Freedom, friendship, service, jealousy, differences, awe, hope, and joie de vivre inform these lives as they do our own. This is not a morality tale. But if there's something you, the reader, are thinking about or worrying over, you may find food for thought. Maybe some ideas will come to you as you watch these friends have adventures together. But that's all you. You might remember, years or decades from now, that a good idea came to you while you were reading a fable about animal friends who live in a park. Funny how that can happen. And remember: "Sometimes in this life so much depends on one friend simply saying, Yes, we must do this."

Like science fiction and fantasy, YA novels allow writers and readers to sidle up to timeless issues (which all of the issues of the day ultimately are) without signaling which side the author may take. They allow us to think outside the box, to engage with the world with a different sense than we normally do.

The ones that do this best we remember as being simple, wise, and sublime. Like a long-sought Philosopher's Stone. YA novels may lead you, unsuspecting, out of your comfort zone. Outside there is where adventures are had, Bilbo, and problems are solved.

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Phoenix MOVIE NEWS

Coming Soon

A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE (PG-13)

NOW PLAYING

Lupita Nyong'o stars in this prequel as a terminally ill woman during the beginning stages of an invasion in New York City by extraterrestrial creatures with an acute sense of hearing.



NOW PLAYING

Gru, Lucy, and their girls welcome a new member to the Gru family, Gru Jr., who is intent on tormenting his dad. Gru faces a new nemesis in Maxime

Le Mal and his femme fatale girlfriend Valentina, and the family is forced to go on the run.

BEVERLY HILLS COP: AXEL F (R)

NOW PLAYING

Detective Axel Foley is back on the beat in Beverly Hills. After his daughter's life is threatened, she and Foley

team up with a new partner and old pals to turn up the heat and uncover a conspiracy.

FLY ME TO THE MOON (PG-13)

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum star. Marketing maven Kelly Jones wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, Jones is directed to stage a fake moon landing as backup, and the

LUMINA (R)

FRIDAY, JULY 12 Lumina follows four friends desperately searching for their abductee friend in a DUMB. Whether they

countdown truly begins.

find their friend or not in the deserts of the US to the sands of the Sahara will change their lives forever.

Movie Buzz

Paramount Pictures' untitled Naked Gun reboot starring Liam Neeson fills out the rest of its main cast



with new faces in familiar roles. Pamela Anderson will take over the roll once played by Priscilla Presley. Paul Walter Hauser takes over for the legendary George Kennedy. Hopefully nobody picks up where O.J. Simpson left off. Too soon? Look for a July 2025 release window.

Celebrated director Todd Phillips (Joker. Wolf of Wall Street) has been developing a biopic on none other



than professional wrestling legend Hulk Hogan. Recently, Chris Hemsworth expressed interest in taking on the starring role in the film but noted it is not set in stone. "To work with Todd would be an honor, and it if's greenlit, I'd get to work on it. If there's a great script [by Scott Silver who wrote Joker] and a story to tell, I'd love to jump in to it!"

Eddie Murphy has plans to remake It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World, one of his



"favorite movies of all

time." with Martin Lawrence. The original film is a 1963 screwball comedy about a group of motorists in California who go on a quest for a hidden fortune after they witness a deadly car crash, wherein the driver's last words hint at the location of some mysterious loot. He's waiting for a script from writer Jez Butterworth, Murphy says, "It's gonna be a cast of all the who's who of comedians. Anybody that was funny over the last 30 years is going to be in this movie!"

Two original characters return for Avatar 3. After his first movie in 2009, director James



Cameron returned to the world of Pandora with Avatar: The Way of Water in 2022, continuing the story of Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) and his new family. The filmmaker is now hard at work on the upcoming Avatar 3, which is set to introduce new characters into the mix while bringing back a number of familiar faces. Now, actor Joel David Moore, who played Norm Spellman in both previous films, confirms his return to New Zealand in a recent social media post.



EXCUSE ME, WHAT'S YOUR MPG?

New Wheels

By Pam Kress-Dunn

Pray for us. Bob and I are looking for a new car. Our second one is celebrating its 24th birthday, if by "celebrating" you mean "failing to go when the light turns green unless you downshift to second gear." It's the transmission, of course, which is not worth fixing on a geriatric car, but I would like to say a few things in its defense.

I bought my gold Toyota RAV4 for cash. Back then a brand-new small SUV could be had for \$20,000, a laughable price these days, but back then my salary was laughable, too. As it happened, the amount left to me in my mother's life insurance was exactly the price of my dream car. I will forever be grateful to her for that.

It's been a fantastic car, even if it is a gas-guzzler. Our maiden voyage took us all the way to Cape Cod, where my husband attended a psychology seminar in the mornings and we frolicked on the beach and stuffed ourselves with lobster rolls the rest of the day. Back then, we listened to CDs and audiotapes on the car's state-of-the-art stereo system and found our way around with paper maps. Yes, I know this identifies us as Very Old, but at the time, this was impressive.

Even after we married, I considered the RAV4 my car, while Bob mostly drove the Subaru. As a certifiable Short Woman Driver, I loved sitting up high in the saddle and drove it with glee. At some point, we removed the back seats and never got around to putting them back in. It became our truck, with enough room to hold the dining chairs we just took in for reupholstering, and Bob is using it to haul around his one-man band guitar, mandolin, keyboard, extension cords, mic stands, folding chairs, and a tambourine or two. It's great for muddy jobs, too, like the dug-up invasive perennials from a friend who is creating a pollinator-friendly garden of native plants. That car can hold a lot of daylilies.

My very first car was one I purchased right out of graduate school, even though my salary then was even more of an LOL joke. The bright yellow Chevy Chevette was so perky a neighbor called to say it looked like a daffodil. The fact that this little buttercup would not start the day after I bought it was troubling, and I should have sent it back. What did I know about cars? I drove it to Chicago, I drove it in the Rockies, and for the most part, it was fine. After that, I drove a Chevy Citation and a Ford Taurus until the transmission on each one died an unfortunate death, one right in the middle of an intersection.

The RAV4 was my dream car until it was not. We could simply discard it, and it would be very eco-friendly to exist with just one car, but we want two. We need two. What if I sliced off a finger and needed to hurry to the ER while Bob was playing at the Farmers' Market? Stranger things have happened.

This venture should be easy. Our list of must-haves is very short: 1) We want a hybrid, and 2) We want very little road noise. It appears these two criteria do not coexist, at least not at a price point that won't break the retirement plan. My best friend drives a hybrid Toyota Sienna, a

major investment she made because she has fibromyalgia and it has the softest ride. We do not need or want a minivan, nor do we want to spend \$39,380 for a basic RAV4 hybrid or \$54,540 for one with all the bells and whistles.

I once worked with a woman who had no cupholders in her car because she bought an entry-level. We would like cupholders and an upgrade from standard tires. Is that picky?

Let me tell you a secret: Our current 2001 RAV4 was rated at 17 miles per gallon. Shameful, you bet. But I was in love with RAVs and also mourning my mother when I bought it, so I forgave myself. Still, we all know a new car drops \$5,000 in value once you drive it off the lot.

It seems essential that we not only get a car with decent gas mileage, but a hybrid that—oh, you know, whatever it is hybrids do, some magic trick that does the opposite of guzzling gas. We believe in saving the earth and cutting emissions and planting pollinators and composting our banana peels and making our own cold brew and donating gently used clothing. So do most of our friends. (Did you know that many people stuff shirts and pants they're tired of into their trash cans so they can help clog the landfill? Stop it!)

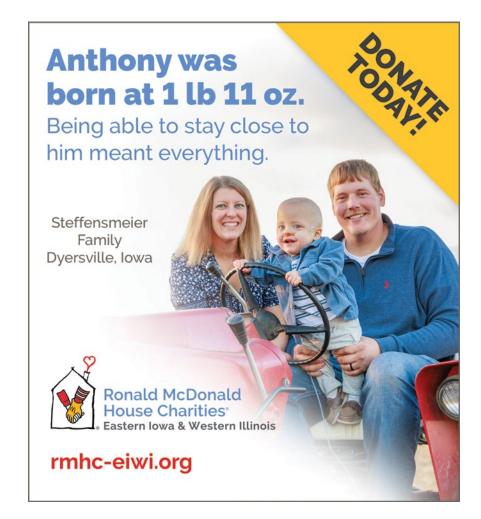
Whether we can buy a hybrid is still a question. In our search for quiet rides, we don't find hybrids. In our search for hybrids, we find road noise and insane prices. I admire people who can do this, but maybe we'll have to settle for a compromise. A quiet car that gets the best mileage of any non-hybrid vehicle, whatever that might be.

But will we hang our heads when people notice our new car is one that burns gasoline? Or do we break the bank just to keep up with the Joneses sailing around in plug-in Teslas? (Doesn't electricity create its own carbon emissions?)

Maybe we buy what we can and invest in a nice bumper sticker. It could read, "Don't Hate Me Because I'm Not a Hybrid" or "We Recycle Everything." I'm thinking of that old favorite slapped on the back of old cars everywhere: "Don't Laugh, It's Paid For!"

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By Dave Green

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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



PREMIER Crossword

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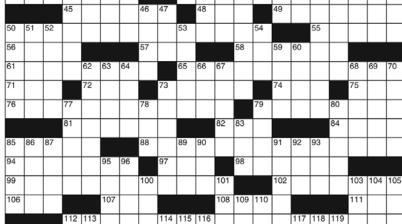
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DEAR ANGELA,

I was walking down the street last Sunday heading to get breakfast at my favorite cafe. It was delightfully sunny, and I had my sunglasses on. A man holding what looked like a box of pastries was headed towards me on the sidewalk. I thought that was nice as he was obviously bringing home or taking someone some delicious baked goods to have with a nice cup of coffee. As I got closer, I noticed that his face said something entirely different than "I'm happy to be bringing donuts home to my family." No, his expression said "Ugh, I just pooped my pants, and I'm disgusting. I hate bakeries, too." This incongruence was so strange that it made me smile an overly large and laughing smile. I continued to look as we got closer, then suddenly, he looked up and made direct eye contact with me! He looked straight past my UV filter sunglasses and directly into my soul. Then he returned my smile with an even more gleeful one. I was shook. It somehow felt like he knew exactly that I was making fun of him and that I thought he looked ridiculous. Then we passed each other, and I went on with my day. But I can't get over how eerie the whole situation was. Is it possible that he was able to read my mind? -Walking, not smiling on Iowa St.

DEAR WALKING,

I know that guy and your assumptions are true. I advise you to take better care when you are out in public and watch what you're thinking from now on.

DEAR ANGELA,

You may remember me from last year's annual advice columnist convention, I Told You So '23. I sat next to you during the panel discussion "Avoiding Responsibility: How to Toe the Line Between Laughter and Litigation." You had such great advice for me back then, I thought

I'd reach out to you with a reader's question that I just do not know how to answer. Can you help me? Sarah Is Sad wrote to me with the following message: "My sister and I don't get along, my mom says we have to if we want to stay in the will. What should I do?"—Not Dear Abby,

DEAR NOT.

I'm so happy to help answer this question because it's clear, dear readers, that I am your advice columnist's favorite advice columnist. (Note to Bryce: please ask the lawyers to file the paperwork to trademark this, would you?) Oh my dear "Not," of course I remember you! You were the one who got sued for advising that lady to cash out her retirement fund and join that fun group of folks she had just met who all wore yellow because they sounded "super chill and nice." Here is a response for poor Sarah: First, determine how MUCH is in this will. You may need to do some investigative sleuthing, but you need to find out. If we're talking anything under \$5 million, you need to determine how much you are willing to spend in the years of therapy you will need to pay for by staying in contact with your sister. IF your inheritance is enough to pay for both therapy AND an all expenses paid trip around the world? Then your next step is to take an acting class because you're going to be learning to fake it til you make it, baby! P.S. I hope you are able to make it to this year's upcoming conference in Vegas. I can't wait to see Ask Amy let loose!

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BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO... HOTOSCOPES

By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos

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ARIES

(APR 19-MAY 13)

Make some time to take a rest from your creative pursuits. FYI, deities like you usually pick the 7th day for that kind of thing.



TAURUS

(MAY 14-JUNE 19)

It will be important to stay aware of current events. Which shouldn't be too hard. We got a big friggin' river right over there.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20-JULY 20)

Your proverbial stock is about to rise! The cosmos would tell you it's a good time to invest in yourself, but that would be the epitome of insider trading. And prison ain't ready for you.



CANCER

(JULY 21-AUG 9)

It's time to stop flashing your cash. You don't have anything that Lincoln, Hamilton, and Franklin haven't seen before. Especially Ben Franklin. Dude freaked.



LEO

(AUG 10-SEP 15)

Unless you somehow receive a doctorate in the study of professional tag, there's no way you will ever be this story's protagonist.



VIRGO

(SEP 16-OCT 30)

You may feel like you've hit a bit of a dead end. But always remember this: A dead end may be a dark place, but that's what makes it such a great place to park and make out.



LIBRA

(OCT 31-NOV 22)
With Pluto oppos-

ing Mercury, you'll feel like you've somehow been cheated. Apparently Pluto still hasn't gotten over being demoted to a dwarf planet.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23-NOV 29)

It's a great time to make friends. So start collecting parts and

material now. Other people want those organs for themselves.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30-DEC 17)

You have value in so many ways. Your humor. Your determination. Your insight. But it's your soul that the Dark Ones want.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18-JAN 8)

Over the next few weeks, don't be afraid of bigger ideas. Like a bigger vacation, amirite?!... I'm sorry. That was callous. I know it's not fear that stands in the way of that vacation you've always dreamed of. It's money. You're fortunate in a lot of ways, of course... but money, amirite?!



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9-FEB 15) You'd like to be more

Romantic, but you're too Baroque. Yikes. I don't know what to tell you. The cosmos took a music history course in college and has been waiting for just the right moment to use that joke. Anyway, there's no end to advice on how to be romantic without spending a lot. Search it.



AQUARIUS (FEB 16-MAR 11)

It's time to get your house

in order. Alphanumeric is good. Tallest to shortest is traditional, but don't be afraid to reverse that. Anything's possible. Order things by nutritional value if you want to.



PISCES

(MAR 12-APR 18)
It may be a new moon, but

it's nothing we all haven't seen before. Especially Ben Franklin. Dude freaked.

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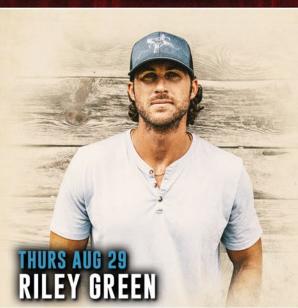














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