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If you read regularly, you've already met my new fuzzy little buddy, Bucky. He's a six-year-old rescue poodle who sadly spent the first nearly six years of his life in a Missouri breeder kennel. But after being surrendered, he came to us through a great little rescue in Tipton, IA. And since then, he's been a little bundle of pure love.

Whatever his past life was like, he was quick to want to snuggle 24/7 right in your lap. He was part cat and part goat considering how he would just climb all over you, disregarding all manners and commands. After all, he got to age six without ever learning commands. He didn't even recognize what a dog bed was. So we let him climb, and beg, and make himself comfortable, and we slowly learned boundaries, commands, and expectations as we settled into a very different life and a new routine.

After having a dog who was so well-behaved as far as listening to commands and boundaries, it was interesting to now have a dog who just didn't know and didn't care that he was not supposed to climb right onto your dinner plate. Coco would sit right next to me on the couch and politely wait for me to give him his tithe from my dinner plate. Bucky just tried to go right up on the plate and eat. The funny thing was, if I let him do it, he would sniff everything and eat nothing. I think he never had any food but kibble. So for a few weeks, all we could get him to eat was freeze-dried liver and such treats. Expensive, but that's ok. Eventually he would learn to love fresh protein like steak, chicken, and scrambled eggs with cheese in them. And now he does a pretty good job of waiting for the couch treats instead of coming at me like a wild animal. So, I guess I managed to break him there a bit.

One battle he quickly won though was sleeping on our bed. Coco never

slept on the bed. He could be on our bed, but Christy wanted him to have his own bed. He came to love his bed and even when allowed, he didn't want to sleep on our bed. Bucky, conversely, we tried to kennel train with his bed in a crate. He made it through night one pretty good. An hour into night two, he began crying and crying, and in tired resignation, Christy put him in our bed. He's been there ever since, right in between us. And he sleeps through the night, thankfully.

When he's excited, he goes up on his hind legs and paws at the air to you with his front legs, and it literally goes right to the center of your heartstrings. It's the most adorable damn thing you've ever seen.

His one big issue is separation anxiety. He does NOT like to be left alone. Sometimes I have to, but usually he spends the day with me whether I work from home or take him to work. But when I take him to work, I can't even run to the restroom down the hall without him before he begins howling and barking and crying all alone in our Schmid Innovation Center office space. After being gone for less than a minute, I come back to find my neighbors in the Gronen office coming out in the hall to see who's being murdered! So he has to go to the bathroom with me. Ugh.

I could leave Coco in the office for a couple hours, and he would just chill and nap. Not Bucky. So, I have to plan what to do with him every minute he's not with me. If I go to the post office or run in the toy warehouse to grab something, he goes a bit nuts in the Jeep, jumping from the front seat to the back, yipping, working himself into a lather the entire time I'm gone, all three minutes of it, as evidenced by the photo here. Even leaving him at home makes him cry, but only for a couple minutes until he gives up and, I believe, he lays down by the door to the garage and waits for me to come back.

If I'm gone and someone else is with him, he's pretty good because he's not alone. But it sure is inconvenient to run errands or go out to lunch. I love him, but I hope we can find a way for him to calm his fear of being alone and be able to just take a nap like most dogs would do because it breaks your heart to know you're leaving him to bark and cry. I have been able to get him to eventually settle down and sleep in his new doggy bed at the office but only if I put the bed up on top of the desk. So half a win, I think. It might be time to see how the Gronen office crew feels about dog sitting an adorable poodle who's not likely to sit still the whole time he's there? But who can say no to that face? ■

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AUGUST 16-18

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Get ready for a weekend of fun, community spirit, and unforgettable memories at the 8th Annual Cascade Hometown Days, taking place Aug. 16-18 in Cascade, IA. Despite ongoing construction, the festivities will be in full swing, ensuring an enjoyable experience for all attendees. Prepare yourself for three days of music, food, games, and fun.

The festivities kick off on Friday, Aug. 16 at Riverview Park/Silo Area with a free community meal, kids open area, and music by The Funk Junkies at 5 p.m. Frank Martin Busch and The Names pick up the music at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 17 starts early at 7:30 a.m. with the Cascade Hometown Days 5K Road Race. The grass volleyball tournament begins at 8 p.m. followed by the parade at 11 a.m. Immediately after,

enjoy the Cascade Dance Team Duck Regatta and Classic Car Show & Shine. At noon, the Cascade All-Star & High School Dance Team performs plus kids' games and inflatables the Tri-County Historical Society Museum opens. Kids Construction Zone Challenge follows at 12:30 p.m., axe throwing at Two Gingers and live music at The Corner Taproom begins at 1 p.m., and Quilts of Valor starts at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy music from Sarah Boyle at 3 p.m., The Ditch Lillies at 5 p.m., and Elizabeth Mary Band at 8 p.m. Stick around for fireworks after the music, around 11 p.m.

Close out the weekend on Sunday, Aug. 18 with a UTV/Jeep Benefit Ride at 11 p.m. Register at 10 a.m. at The Corner Taproom. With a suggested donation of \$25 per vehicle, the proceeds go towards the "I Know Jack" Foundation and local fire victims. Sunday also hosts the Hawkeye Vintage Club Tractor Pull at 10:30 a.m.

Join the Cascade community for a weekend of community celebration, exciting activities, and live entertainment. No carry-ins allowed. For more information, visit CascadeHometownDays.com. ■



Chalk & Cheese Festival

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 10 AM-5 PM

CITY PARK (N BONSON ST &
MARKET ST, PLATTEVILLE, WI)

Chalk & Cheese is an outdoor chalk art, food, and music festival featuring nationally recognized artists; emerging, local creators; and you. Celebrate all things art and cheese at City Park in Platteville, WI on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Artists will create colorful artwork on the sidewalks in and around City Park. Visitors will be able to watch

the art as it unfolds and listen to live music. The event will feature commissioned, professional chalk artists, creating larger works. Spectators and artists will vote for their favorites.

Arrive at the event early in the morning to secure a spot. Limited drawing spaces available. Prize bags for top professional artist and top 3 for adult and youth categories. The Prize Bags include cash and goodies from the area. Open to artists of all ages and abilities.

Food trucks, live music, and activities will be throughout the day.

For more information, visit facebook.com/PlattevillePATH. ■

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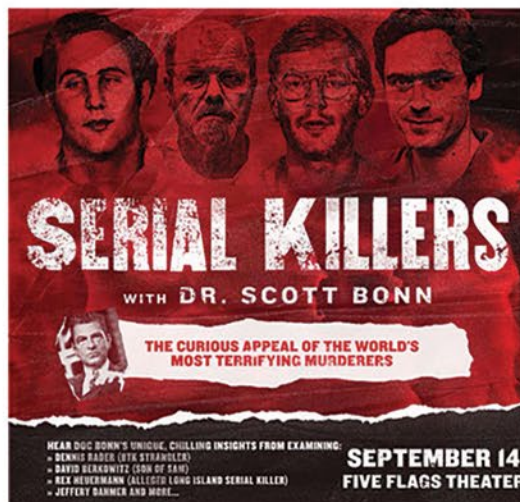
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Premiere Screening of Rally Caps film, Book Signing, Historic Game of Catch

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 @ 3 PM
FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE
(28995 LANSING RD, DYERSVILLE, IA)

On Saturday, Aug. 31, the Field of Dreams Movie Site hosts the premiere screening of *Rally Caps*, autographs with former Major Leaguer Curtis Pride, a book signing with Ethan Bryan, a baseball clinic, and the largest game of catch ever played at the movie site.

Rally Caps, starring Judd Hirsch, Amy Smart, and Carson Minniear, tells the story of a youth baseball player who has his dreams of pitching for a little league travel team derailed by a devastating injury on the field. After a long recovery, he goes off to away camp with his older brother where he befriends a deaf catcher and his sister. Based on their own experiences living with a disability, they help him overcome his anxiety and fear of returning to the mound. The film will be

screened at 8 p.m. following a question-and-answer session with writer and director Lee Cipolla and the film's producers at 7:30 p.m. Also participating will be actors Minniear, James "Coach Ballgame" Lowe, Colten Pride, and Noelle Pride.

The event kicks off with an autograph session featuring Curtis Pride, the first full-season deaf player in Major League Baseball's modern era. With a cameo performance, Pride plays himself in *Rally Caps*. He will be available to take photos and sign autographs at 3 p.m.

That will be followed by a book signing by Ethan Bryan, author of *A Year of Playing Catch: What a Simple Daily Experiment Taught Me about Life*. At 4 p.m., Bryan will introduce his book and talk about his experiences traveling across the country to play catch every day for a year.

A sandlot clinic will be led on the baseball diamond by Coach Ballgame at 5 p.m. The Youth Ambassador for Major League Baseball's Play Ball Program, Coach Ballgame will stress the fun of the game during the 90-minute session.

At 6:30 p.m., all guests will be invited onto the field to take part in the largest game of catch ever played at the Field of Dreams Movie Site.

The events are free. For more information, visit FieldOfDreamsMovieSite.com. ■

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This event is organized in partnership with IowaWorks in response to recent layoffs at John Deere Dubuque Works. Regional rapid response efforts are a part of the collective action to retain these displaced workers in the Greater Dubuque region.

AccessDubuqueJobs.com is made possible through a partnership between Greater Dubuque Development Corporation and TH Media.

Additional details and participating employers will be posted at AccessDubuqueJobs.com/career-fairs as the event draws closer. For questions and more information, call Greater Dubuque Development at 563-557-9049. ■

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Grant County Fair

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**Iowa State Fair**

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FRI 8/16

“Annexed Transitions” and “Art in the Park” Opening Reception

4-7 PM @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Annexed Transitions a solo exhibit of Randolph, WI artist Steven Curtis. Curtis explores the transition of modern life and reliance on technology through oil paintings, light and glass. The upper space gallery will feature *Art in the Park*, a group exhibit of the artists of Black Platteville Community Network. Exhibits run 8/15-9/28. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. routreegallery.org.

Family Movie Night at The Grand: Cool Runnings

6 PM @ GRAND OPERA HOUSE
In the 1993 film *Cool Runnings*, a Jamaican sprinter fails to qualify for the Olympic Games, and he enlists three additional countrymen to start

the first Jamaican bobsled team. They dream of competing in the Winter Olympics, despite never having seen snow. With the help of a disgraced former champion desperate to redeem himself, the Jamaicans set out to become worthy of Olympic selection, and go all out for glory. Free parking in the Iowa Street Ramp. Doors at 5:15 p.m. Free. 135 W 8th St. **563-588-1305**. TheGrandOperaHouse.com.

Psych

7-8:30 PM @ GALENA CFA (GALENA, IL)
8/16-8/17. Edward Baxter was a successful psychiatrist, beloved by his many patients... until he was falsely accused of murder! This hilarious, fast-paced comedy involving a Russian psychic, a neurotic patient, an inexperienced detective, a security guard, a suspicious wife, and a pizza deliveryman will keep you guessing. Adults: \$25; Students: \$10. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. **815-402-3111**. galenacenterforhearts.com.

SAT 8/17

Food Preservation Class

10:30 AM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
An interest in living off the land and food preservation through canning continues to grow. Once you're done with this class, you will have some of the fundamental skills to extend the life of some of your fruits and veggies all year long, and you will learn how to make salsa. Friends of Dubuque County Conservation member Julie Kirshbaum will be leading the class. Julie has a culinary degree and decades of training crafting foods. With assistance from Iowa State University, Julie will be providing you with lots of resources and information about food preservation. Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745**. dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation.

**Southwest Health Sport Equipment Swap**

NOON-2 PM @ SOUTHWEST HEALTH BACK PARKING LOT (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
For school-aged children who are looking to exchange outgrown or unused sports equipment for items needed for the upcoming school year. This initiative aims to ensure that every student in the area has the opportunity to participate fully in athletic programs. Drop off your equipment starting at 11 a.m. Southwest Health encourages parents and their children to participate in this community event, emphasizing the importance of accessibility and inclusivity in sports. Free. 1400 Eastside Rd, Platteville, WI. **608-342-4771**. southwesthealth.org.

Ski Bellevue Water Ski Shows

4 PM @ SOUTH OF LOCK 12 (BELLEVUE, IA)
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 Iowa and the only one to perform on the Mississippi River. Free. facebook.com/SkiBellevue.

Field of Dreams Ghost Player Games

6 PM @ FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE (DYERSVILLE, IA)
The Ghost Player performance, the self-proclaimed “Greatest Show on Dirt,” features family-friendly entertainment centered around hi-jinks on the baseball diamond. Free. 28995 Lansing Rd, Dyersville, IA. FieldOfDreamsMovieSite.com.

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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.

77TH ANNUAL Platteville Dairy Days

SEPTEMBER 6-8
LEGION PARK (1155 N 2ND ST, PLATTEVILLE, WI)

Platteville Dairy Days 2024 will be LegenDairy Cheeseheads! Get ready for three days of fun on Sept. 6-8. Daily events include carnival rides, fair food and beverages.

The weekend starts Friday with a Tri-County Mini Rods and fantasy Truck Pull and Dairy-Oke contest.

Saturday brings the junior and open exhibits, parade down Main Street, dairy cattle show, Moo Mania Comedy Show, Hypnotist Brian Imbus, Elvis tribute artist Tony Rocker & The Comeback Special, and Sarah Day.



Close things out on Sunday with United Methodist Church service featuring Alive Band, Goats in place, The Wundos, Dairy & Meat Goat Show, Raffle Drawing, and Dairy Days Pedal Tractor Pull
Platteville Dairy Days supports and promotes the agriculture community of the City of Platteville and surrounding area. They provide agriculture education to the public and promote public awareness of the community.

For more information, visit PlattevilleDairyDays.com.

Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey Preseason

VS CEDAR RAPIDS ROUGHRIDERS: SEPTEMBER 7 @ 7:05 PM
VS CHICAGO STEEL: SEPTEMBER 13 @ 7:05 PM
IMON ARENA (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

The Dubuque Fighting Saints return for another season at ImOn Arena on Schmitt Island. Two preseason games at the arena preface the Sept. 27 opening night. With the puck drop at 7:05 p.m. both nights, the Saints will take on the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders on Sept. 7 and Chicago Steel on Sept. 13.

Key home dates on the schedule include Opening Night on Sept. 27 against Tri-City, the first matchup of the season with Waterloo on Oct. 5 and playoff rematches. Dubuque hosts Youngstown for two games on Jan. 3 and 4 before Fargo visits on Jan. 31. The Saints host the Muskegon Lumberjacks on March 7 and 8 in a rematch of the 2024 Eastern Conference Final.



Single game tickets start at \$13 with season tickets and flex plans also available. For tickets and more information, visit DubuqueFightingSaints.com.

SUN 8/18

**Monk's Maker's Market**

NOON-4 PM @ MONK'S

This is the second of three Monk's Maker's Markets in the 2024 season. Since the last one went so well, Monk's has doubled the amount of vendors in this one! Find some gifts for yourself and others. 373 Bluff St. [facebook.com/MonksKaffeePub](https://www.facebook.com/MonksKaffeePub).

WED 8/21

**Distinctively Dubuque**

5:30-8:30 PM @

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE

Wed: 8/21-9/18. Distinctively Dubuque is a five-night course hosted by high-energy presenters with in-depth knowledge of the Greater Dubuque region and is designed for individuals who are new to the area within the last five years. Each night explores a different topic at a different venue and includes dinner, highlighting quintessential Dubuque dining experiences. Free. **563-557-9049**. [greaterdubuque.org](https://www.greaterdubuque.org).

**She Unites: Life Organization w/ Jessi Bushman**

6:30-7:30 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB

"Life Organization-Our stuff, attitude and everything in between" by Jessi Bushman of Organizer Jessi is a casual, upbeat, and interactive discussion focused on life, the roller coaster ride we're on, and how our stuff impacts our

mental state, relationships, and attitude. Make a new friend, have authentic conversations, and leave with inspiration to power you through. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Free. 210 Jones St. [SheUnitesIowa.com/events](https://www.SheUnitesIowa.com/events).

FRI 8/23

Summer Stroll & Stories

7-9 PM @ LINWOOD

CEMETERY

Stroll along the paths with GRIPS, to graves of the movers and shakers of Dubuque buried at the beautiful and serene Linwood Cemetery. Enjoy tales of the Tri-State area's past. Relish in the warmth and sunshine of the season. Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Minors must be accompanied by adult. Ages 10+. RSVP required. \$10. 2736 Windsor Ave. **563-213-9043**. [gripsghosthunt.com](https://www.gripsghosthunt.com).

"A Visit from Will Dilg" Performance

7-9 PM @ GALENA CENTER

FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL)

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota Opera baritone, American Cruise Lines actor, and "riverlorian" (river historian) Steven Marking brings to life the true and inspiring story of Will Dilg in a multimedia show. Dilg roused a nation to a fête of conservation never before imagined: the creation of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge. In two short years, Dilg rallied the nation to stop what he called the "drainage crime of the century" as wetlands throughout the upper Mississippi were being drained to satisfy the insatiable demands of settlers for factories, farms, and towns. Marking's performance includes stunning images of the river, riparian landscapes, and species of the refuge, which borders all of Jo Daviess County and in all, from Wabasha, MN to Rock Island, IL, spans 261 river miles and 244,000 acres of river

land habitat. Complimentary popcorn; beer, wine, and soft drinks for sale. Co-hosted by JDCF and the Galena Center for the Arts. \$25. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. **815-402-3111**. [galenacenterforthearts.com](https://www.galenacenterforthearts.com).

SAT 8/24

Branching Out Dubuque Kick-Off and Planting Event9 AM @ 16TH STREET

DETENTION BASIN PAVILION

The City of Dubuque, in partnership with Dubuque Trees Forever, was awarded a US Forest Service grant for \$1.5 million dollars and will be planting thousands of trees throughout the community over the next five years. Kick-off this exciting project and plant trees around the detention basin to provide resting places for migratory birds visiting our community. Training and tools provided. [audubondubuque.org](https://www.audubondubuque.org).

16th Annual Potosi Brewfest

1-4:30 PM @ HOLIDAY

GARDENS (POTOSI, WI)

Admission includes an opportunity to sample more than 60 vendors featuring craft brewers, home brewers, wineries, meats, and Wisconsin cheeses. Plus live music, a tour of the National Brewery Museum, and a commemorative tasting glass. 101 Brewery Hollow Rd, Potosi, WI. [PotosiBrewery.com](https://www.PotosiBrewery.com).

17th Annual Peosta Days: Mardi Gras

2:30 PM @ VARIOUS

LOCATIONS IN PEOSTA, IA

Want to be in the Peosta Days parade? Show up at 2:30 p.m. and get your float in line on Kapp Drive. Parade begins at 3:30 p.m. and follows the normal route down Cox Springs. Amusements and cow pie bingo start at 4:30 p.m. followed by a surprise contest at 6:30 p.m., eating contest at 7:30 p.m., golf ball toss at 8:30 p.m., and fireworks at dusk. Glow run on Aug. 22. [facebook.com/PeostaDays](https://www.facebook.com/PeostaDays).

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SUN 8/25



28th Annual Mopars on the Mississippi

8 AM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
All Mopar car show and swap meet. Registration 8-11:30 a.m., trophy presentations at 3 p.m., large swap area with over 50 vendors, music by GT Express, and food and beverages available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local volunteer fire department. \$15 Car show entry, \$15 swap space, \$30 indoor swap, \$15 car corral, \$3 spectators, free ages 15 and under. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **815-930-1776.** facebook.com/MightyMississippiMopars.

TUE 8/27

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League w/ Sam Day

5:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS
Join for a fun evening of mingling, music, and more with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League. Learn about what the league has planned for the next year while enjoying live music by Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Cellist, Sam Day. Includes music and appetizers; a cash bar will be available. Doors at 5 p.m. RSVP. \$20. 1585 Central Ave. amyweber54@gmail.com.



Readings Under the Influence

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

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

SAT 8/31

Teddy Bear Hunt

10 AM-1:30 PM @ SOUTHWESTERNWISCONSIN CHAPTER OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE
A family "hunting license" includes a hot dog lunch for the entire family and a teddy bear, plus each child also wins a special prize. Enjoy a K9 demonstration with K9 Thor and officer Zach Lovell from the Cuba City Police Department, OHEC Touch of The Wild Trailers, mentored/supervised archery and air rifle target shooting, and additional kids games. Member: \$10/family; Non-member: \$15/family. 6550 County Rd I, Cuba City, WI. facebook.com/southwestikes.



Six-Oh-Ate Food Truck Festival

5-8 PM @ WATER ST, SHULLSBURG, WI
The ultimate food lover's dream come true. Whether you're a seasoned foodie, a music enthusiast, a family looking for a day of fun, or simply someone who loves good food and great company, this festival is for you. ExperienceShullsburg.com.

TUE 9/3

Hunter Education Field Day

5 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Students learn basic survival and first aid skills, water safety, wildlife identification, the basics of wildlife management, hunting laws and firearm/archery safety. Hunter education also stresses the importance of individual responsibility and outdoor ethics. This class will include a laws talk, gun handling, and other conservation and hunting-related education. RSVP required. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745.** license.goooutdoorsiowa.com.

THU 9/5

Movie Screening: Robot Dreams

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AIGLER AUDITORIUM
Based on the graphic novel by Sara Varon, and directed by Pablo Berger, *Robot Dreams* (2023) is an Oscar-nominated animated comedy/drama about an unusual friendship between a dog and a robot. This 1 hour 43 minute movie is not rated, and it has no dialogue. All ages. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225.** carnegiestout.org.

FRI 9/6

36th Annual Dubuque Dragon Boat Festival

8 AM-5 PM @ MILLER RIVERVIEW PARK
9/6-9/8. Drawing teams from multiple states and even up to Ontario, Canada, 40 foot long boats, shaped like dragons and holding 21 people, race on the mighty Mississippi. Racing will occur all day on Saturday and Sunday with an additional breast cancer ceremony on Sunday. This year's theme is Miniature Golf Course. Hosted by the Dubuque Dragon Boat Association. 1851 Admiral Sheehy Dr. DubuqueDragonBoat.org.



Honey Tasting & Mixology Class

2:30-4:30 PM @ CHAMPAGNE ON MAIN (GALENA, IL)

Learn from Dry Creek Beekeeping about how bees make honey and get to sample unique honeys with a variety of colors, flavors, aromas, and textures. Then learn from the mixology experts at Champagne on Main how to craft three custom cocktails/mocktails using the honeys from the tasting. Samples will be provided of each drink. Ages 21+. \$50. 116 S Main St, Galena, IL **815-297-3366**. drycreekbeekeeping.com.

The Avery Foundation 7th Annual Founders Gala

5-9 PM @ GRAND RIVER CENTER

This signature event promises an unforgettable

evening filled with meaningful moments, heartfelt connections, and opportunities to support our mission of assisting those affected by cancer. Enjoy a keynote speech by Jeffrey Johnston, a silent and live auction, and a delightful dinner. Drinks during cocktail hour and sit-down dinner are included. All proceeds from ticket sales directly benefit The Avery Foundation and its mission to support individuals and families affected by cancer. \$100. 500 Bell St. **563-513-9801**. averyfndtn.org.



Platteville Historic Re-enactment

MOUND VIEW PARK (PLATTEVILLE, WI)

9/6-9/8. Held since 1998, the 3-day Platteville Historic Re-enactment showcases the history of America's Upper

Mississippi Valley from the mid-1700s to 1840, featuring educators, artisans, and re-enactors all taking part in the celebration. Featuring the Voyageur Camp, military demonstrations, Native American storytelling, blacksmithing, and a silent auction. All ages. Free. 950 E Madison St. Platteville, WI. **mining.jamison.museum**.

SAT 9/7



3rd Annual Romantic Galena Reads

10 AM-3 PM @ DESOTO HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL)

In attendance will be around 30 romance authors from all over the country, including best-selling and award-winning authors of every romance genre—contemporary, historical, suspense,

Western, paranormal, and more—everything from sweet to steamy. Attending authors include Aleatha Romig, Ashley Jade, Tia Louise, Jade Lee, Greta Rose West, Tracy Solheim, Melissa Haag, Skye Malone, Diane Wiggs, Sara, Whitney, and many more. Author Nancy Naigle, who has had many of her books made into Hallmark movies, will be there. Cover models Robert Kelly and Katie Marie will also be in attendance. Free. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. **715-651-4765**. wilddeadwoodreads.com/galena.

Wild Harvest Dinner

5:30 PM @ WHITEWATER CANYON WILDLIFE AREA (BERNARD, IA)

Staff from DCC will guide you around Whitewater Canyon Wildlife Area, one of only three true canyons in the State of Iowa, as they point out the geological formations that date back 450 million years ago. Wander through

caves, forests, and prairies on a 1.5 mile loop, stopping along the way to enjoy a variety of small dishes and drinks that were inspired by and made with plants, fruits, mushrooms, herbs, and nuts that were all sustainably collected from the Dubuque area throughout the winter, spring, and summer months. \$75. 29912 9th Ave, Bernard, IA. **563-556-6745**. dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation.

SUN 9/8



2nd Annual Sunset Community Walk

6-8 PM @ UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE TRACK & FIELD

Join NAMI Dubuque for their second annual suicide awareness community walk.

Get a team together and take a mile lap around the track. In 2023, 508 lives were lost to suicide in the state of Iowa. This year, NAMI Dubuque is looking for 508 walkers to raise awareness for each life lost year. Opening remarks at 6:30 p.m. Sunset walk at 6:45 p.m. The event is a non-competitive walk to raise awareness and share space. \$25. 2000 University Ave. namidubuque.org/events.



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SUNDAY

Galena Territory Farmers Market

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

Music in the Gardens

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

TUESDAY

Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM 1ST TUE
Discover the ABCs through hands-on and active activities including a craft and a game. Ages 2-5 with parent/

caregiver. RSVP suggested. \$10 Non-members; \$8 members; adult free. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545 x222**. RiverMuseum.org.

WEDNESDAY

Cuba City Community Market

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



Mid-Week Market

5-8 PM @ 11TH AND IOWA ST THROUGH 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 3RD WED
An inclusive women's group working to connect women across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.

THURSDAY

Dyersville Farmers Market

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

Gary's Graffiti Nights

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

Millwork Night Market

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



East Dubuque Cruisin' Thursdays

5-9 PM @ SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL THROUGH 9/26
Open to all years of classic, muscle, and unique cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Great food, closed street, open containers, and live music. facebook.com/eastdubuquecarshow.



Live @ the Plaza

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

FRIDAY

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

Galena Farmers Market

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

Potosi Tennyson Driftless Gate Market

8 AM-NOON @ ST. ANDREW & THOMAS SCHOOL (POTOSI, WI) EVERY OTHER SAT THROUGH 9/21: 8/24, 9/7, 9/21
The Potosi-Tennyson Market has become a hub for locals and visitors alike, offering a unique shopping experience and an opportunity to meet the people behind the products. The vendors include small farms, artists, hobbyists, crafters, service providers, and more who are all committed to community involvement and help promote local growth. 100 HWY 61, Potosi WI. PotosiTennysonMarket.com.

Dyersville Downtown Market

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

Platteville Summer Farmer's Market

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

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Girl Named Tom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Three siblings unlock one harmony to unite the world as Girl Named Tom. Hear the trio at the Five Flags Theater on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Bekah, Joshua, and Caleb Liechty notably made history as “the only group to ever win NBC’s *The Voice*.” Along the way, they’ve impressively generated millions of streams across chart-rattling covers such as “River,” “The Chain,” and “Dust in the Wind.” The proud Midwesterners gained further traction with the independent *Another World* EP. Returning to the road with a bang, they performed 100-plus shows throughout 2022 alone. Inking a deal with Republic Records, they served up their debut holiday EP, *One More Christmas*, and embarked on



a massive arena tour supporting Pentatonix for “A Christmas Spectacular.”

Tickets are \$47-\$57. ■

QuadCon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 @ 10 AM-4 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

A family-friendly celebration all things geeky heads to the Five Flags Arena on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. QuadCon welcomes all who have an interest in comic books, sci-fi, video games, toys, cosplay, and more.

The cosplay contest comes with \$250 in cash prizes, so get your costumes ready! You will also be able to enter video game tournaments thanks to Video Games Etc. Check QuadCon’s social media for details. Between the contests and tournaments, various vendors will have booths set up for all of your geeky needs. Find vintage video games, posters, comics, toys, Funko Pops, fanart, and other pop culture-related items



Vendor details and more information can be found at [QuadCityCon.com](https://www.QuadCityCon.com). ■



Yung Gravy

WITH CARTER VAIL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 @ 8 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Only the best things get better with age—wine, cheddar, 401ks, the list goes on. It turns out Yung Gravy gets better with age, too. Join him at the Five Flags Arena on Friday, Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. He’s bringing a live band and new tunes and old for your listening pleasure. Carter Vail joins and a supporting artist.

Yung Gravy brings originality and positivity to make his one-of-a-kind impact on the genre. Gravy flexes his passion for soul music and oldies in his production, sampling a wide range of musical styles dating from the 1940s to the present-day. Nostalgic and often-jubilant melodies paired with heavy trap drums form the usual canvas for his signature baritone voice—reminiscent of Barry White.

Showcasing effortless flows and endlessly quotable lyrics, Yung Gravy paints something truly unique while clearly having a good time doing so. In the span of six short years, Gravy has transformed from Soundcloud stalwart to platinum powerhouse.

His accolades include three Platinum and four Gold singles as well as 10 sold out tours of North America, Europe, and Australia.

He has collaborated with his self-proclaimed musical heroes, including Lil Wayne, Chief Keef, Juicy J, T-Pain, and the late Young Dolph.

Gravy became the soundtrack, and unofficial second mascot, of the Tampa Bay Lightning and was given an honorary Stanley Cup Ring. He starred in a worldwide commercial campaign with Martha Stewart and weeks later, performed for the VMAs and Jimmy Kimmel Live. Not to mention, he partnered with Samsung and Jimmy John’s for campaigns.

Tallying 6 billion streams and selling 5 million units thus far, he’s notched four entries on the *Billboard* 200, two in the Top 30 of the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums Chart, and two on the Top 20 of the Top Album Sales Chart.

For all of the swagger and style he exhibited upon his arrival, he managed to become even smoother since his introduction in 2016. After streams in the billions, packed venues, and “side missions” with Martha Stewart, he stirs up his tastiest sauce yet on his third full-length opus, *Marvelous*, introduced by the chart-topping gold-certified single “Betty (Get Money).” His newest release, *Serving Country*, features artists such as Zac Brown, Brantley Gilbert, Juicy J, Shania Twain, and Dylan Marlowe.

Carter Vail is fresh off the heels of his sophomore album *100 Cowboys* and the success of his Bossa nova-inspired absurdist comedy song “Dirt Man,” which has garnered over 30 million views across platforms and helped him amass 834,000 followers on Instagram and 801,000 followers on TikTok. Despite gaining notoriety for the short form social media content he makes, his “serious music” works in conjunction with that to paint a full picture of a multifaceted and wholly original creative who’s “time is now” according to Hypebeast.

Though the Los Angeles songwriter’s sophomore album boasts the same tasteful and turbocharged alternative that dominates his catalog, beneath the breezy arrangements are his most bracingly personal lyrics yet. Written following a devastating breakup, Vail channels messy, heartbroken feelings into nine galvanizing and cathartic songs. It’s as anthemic as it is compelling, all delivered with palpable, tongue-in-cheek charm.

Tickets are \$46-\$76. ■

Is There Life After 50?

AUGUST 15-17 AND 22-23 @ 7:30 PM
AUGUST 18 AND 24-25 @ 2 PM
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The Bell Tower Theater hosts the summer comedy *Is There Life After 50?* by Cynthia Haynes-DiSavino on Aug. 15-17 and 22-23 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 18 and 24-25 at 2 p.m.

See what happens when three wives trick their unsuspecting husbands into spending their yearly vacation at a health resort. Will pizza, beer and *The Godfather* win out over salad, sparkling water and Jazzercise? This battle of the sexes divides the cabin in half as they answer the question, is there really life after 50?

Tickets are \$24. Thursdays are Girls' Night Out; all audience members (21



and over) get a free glass of wine. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 563-588-3377 or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■



Aug. 17 at 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The festival features 50 fine artists from across the region who have been juried into the event. They will offer a variety of artwork showcasing painting, ceramics, photography, fiber, jewelry, and more. The fine art festival gives visitors a chance to purchase, view, and enjoy original art and meet the artists who create it.

In addition to viewing and purchasing original fine art from the region's best artists, you can enjoy delicious local food, wine and craft beer, youth activities, and family-friendly live music and entertainment.

For more information, visit ArtintheParkElkader.com. ■

Art in the Park

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 10 AM-6 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 @ 10 AM-3 PM
FOUNDERS' PARK

(302 S MAIN ST, ELKADER IA)

Art in the Park returns to Founders' Park in Elkader, IA for two days of local and regional art on Saturday,

First Fridays

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

NOON-8 PM @ WIDDERSHINS ARTISAN GALLERY (2204 CENTRAL AVE)

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

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

6-7 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)

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

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

Stoned Art Studio and Gallery showcases the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III and will also be featuring the artwork of Dubuque artist and our friend Bibi Burke. StonedArtStudio.com.

Widdershins Artisan Gallery features artworks by local, regional, and national artists including Mark Dierker, John Potter, Debra Sullivan, Sara Mess, Dan Aldeman, Peggy Jo Brekke, K.A. Kriesel, Katherine Funke, Heather Houzenga, Jay Pauley, Autumn Rose, Bill Potter, Deb Lutz, Robin Griswold-Ott, Moon Yokum, Vicki Copeland, Shirley Dale, and Ben Curtis. Enjoy the comfy vintage furniture while listening to classic rock tunes. Refreshments will also be available. Located next to Dubuque Bike Coop. WiddershinsGallery.com.

Outside the Lines features Sun Prairie, WI artist John McGee who will be demonstrating his oil painting technique throughout the evening and again the following morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments will be offered. This is a relaxed, family-friendly opportunity to visit with the artists of our community and learn a little about how they make their art. ShopOTLAG.com.

The Stu features the artwork of Nico, a student and mentee of Mario "Zore" Gonzalez. To kick off the

project, they are accepting donations, big and small, to help support the artists. facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library welcomes long-time area musicians Denny Garcia and Dave Hummel to the Music @ your library stage for a set of their original music. Garcia and Hummel have both been a part of the local music scene for over 40 years performing separately and together, most notably with The Mississippi Band, of which Hummel is a founding member. The duo will be performing songs they wrote throughout their career which pull from various genres including rock, country, folk, and blues. CarnegieStout.org.

Planted.'s gallery hosts *Passionately Amalgamated*, a collection of new works by Stephanie Funke. Stephanie is an Eastern Iowa artist who originally worked primarily in photography but more recently devotes much time to drawing and teaching repetitive, structured patterns associated with the Zentangle© art method. She also uses many of her photos in original graphic designs. For *Passionately Amalgamated*, Funke has created more than 20 original pieces that combine her love of bold and repetitive patterns, photography, inspirational verses, and graphic design. Through this variety of mediums, she explores the overwhelming power, beauty, intense extremes, and profound lessons of nature. This show is a labor of love and speaks to her passion for these mediums and the world around her.

The show will be on display Sept. 6-30. PlantedDBQ.com. ■

GRID: 100 Mini Paintings

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 @ 6-9 PM

ANDONIA GIANNAKOUIROS STUDIO

(219 W 9TH ST)

Join Andonia Giannakouros for the culmination of her mini painting series on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 6-9 p.m. at her studio.

GRID: 100 Mini Paintings by Andonia Giannakouros is a live and developing exhibition of 100 mini paintings that started on June 1, 2023. It is presented in a grid format evoking the interface of a social media grid and other grid

format albums with chronological hierarchy such as Google and Apple photos. The project explores technical questions for the artist such as exploration of composition (small format paintings in high multiples provide an opportunity for intensive study and experimentation) and her personal biographical experience.

Andonia Giannakouros is a Dubuque-based figurative painter and printmaker. The converted studio space in the Fisher Building features this one-night pop-up show.

For more information, visit Giannaka.com. ■

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Renown singer-songwriter Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit put on another stellar show on a perfect night at Q Casino's Back Waters Stage. Photo by Kate Parks.



Christine Rapp got a chance to get an autograph from former Chicago Cub and World Series Winner Ben Zobrist at a recent Field of Dreams Ghost Player Game.



A "killer" stage set matched the killer tunes from Q Casino's Back Waters Stage as Ice Nine Kills and In This Moment co-headline a macabre night of metal on their Kiss of Death Tour before a huge crowd by the river. Photo by Tony Regan.



The City of Dubuque received the Community of Character Award from the Robert D and Billie Ray Center as part of the Iowa Character Awards in Altoona, Iowa recently.



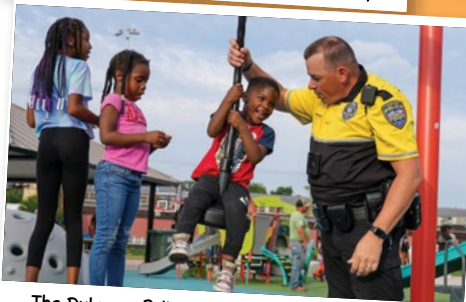
Creativity takes center stage on a perfect weekend to celebrate the arts as DubuqueFest Fine Arts Fair took over Washington Park for two big days of original art, live music and great food. Photo by Linda Soat.



Hundreds of chicken lovers packed the main drag in East Dubuque for Wingfest 19 on a Saturday afternoon. 365ink got to help judge the entries and we have to say, I think we were the winners. What a great family event.



Just a couple of bluegrass legends chillin' at the second installment of the Mud Lake Bluegrass Festival. Headliner Greg Garing sits with Dubuque's own troubadour Denny Garcia between sets.



The Dubuque Police Department once again hosted the nationwide National Night Out family celebration in Comiskey Park in Dubuque. It's a great chance to connect with youth in a positive way.



Fun, goodies and great resources were on display during the Dubuque Multicultural Family Center's Summer Send-Off Celebration at Comiskey Park in Dubuque's North End.



St. Mark Youth Enrichment volunteers packed school supplies for 3600 area kids to ensure that no kid in would have to go without the supplies they need on the first day. Wow!



Team Cottingham & Butler hosted a Block Party fundraiser at Dimensional Brewing to support their Over the Edge for United Way rappelling team's efforts to raise \$30,000!

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A Fine Mess

Dubuque Rockers Menace Play Their Final Show

By Bryce Parks

Is there a name more suited to being a rock star than Buck Mess? It's not his given first name, but since he hasn't gone by that name since before the advent of color TV, we're not going to go and spill the beans here for his mom's choices 70 years ago. Yeah, you heard that right, the frontman for one of Dubuque's best and best-known rock bands, Menace, is now a septuagenarian. But he doesn't look it, he doesn't act it, and he sure doesn't sound like an "old man." His wife's great advice on the milestone? "It's just a number... do your thing!"

Buck has been doing his thing on stage in front of audiences for 57 years now, since his first band, Country Tree, playing drums and singing at age 13. And with the next Menace show, playing the center slot at Summer's Last Blast at Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage on Saturday, Aug. 24, he and the boys from the band will be hanging up the hard rock spurs, at least as Menace, capping a nearly 20-year run under that banner. After hundreds of shows headlining Dubuque's biggest festivals and traveling through Iowa and the Midwest to take their high-energy rock show featuring hard rock from the '70s through the '90s to stages everywhere, they are ready for what's next in their lives.

Not at all to lessen the diverse talents of all the guys in the current Menace lineup, but this seems like a great time to take a little victory lap with Buck Mess who has been the voice—and an amazing voice—behind some of Dubuque's most memorable live music acts for literally five decades. If you have been a fan of taking in live music since the '70s in town, you will surely note some of the bands that he has fronted.

As a teenager, Buck was in a band called Old Man River, but it was with the band Toys that he relinquished the drumming duties and moved to the front of the stage where he has reigned ever since. Following Toys, Buck fronted Tightrope, sharing vocal duties with Junnie, a well-known Dubuque bar owner recruited to town from down south. Opening for the all-female '80s rockers Vixen at Lakeside Ballroom in Guttenberg, IA at the height of their fame was a highlight from that era.

Next up came a long stint with a band many of you will remember: Crisis. For almost a decade, they were one of the top rock acts in the area. When that eventually

ended, Buck did a short stint with a band called Amazon Blonde from the Quad Cities, but the distance just made it too hard. And then, what started out as some friends just practicing together to have a good time with no expectations eventually manifested itself as Menace in 2007.

Without a lot of time to prepare once word got out on the new group, they started things off with a few floating drummers from other area bands, like Donnie March, before finding a steady beat in Ken Kizer just a year or so into their run of the band. Kizer has been the tempo of the band ever since. Known for his giant drum kits as well as his tremendous skill, you might know him best for the words printed on his double bass drums: "Size Matters."

Tearing up memorable classic rock riffs and blistering '80s metal solos on the guitar, Scott Brookens is the next most tenured member of the band. Buck can't say enough great things about Scott's talents and what he brings to Menace. Bassist Mark Whitacker is another seasoned Dubuque musician. If you remember a similar story a year ago in *365ink* when we talked about the retirement of Dubuque's other hard rock '80s journeymen Johnny Trash, "Whit" was not only the founding bassist of that band, but he also named them. Now he's been with Menace for the last half dozen years.

When these guys play their last notes together, between Menace and Johnny Trash both calling it a night nearly a year apart, it is going to leave a massive hole in the local rock music scene from the Gen X era. And as a once mullet-sporting child of the '80s, I for one will very much miss being dipped in the magic waters of both of their shows. They represented two sides of the same coin, with Johnny Trash hitting the raspier edge with tunes from AC/DC, Judas Priest, and Accept, while Menace was able to embrace some more mainstream hard rock anthems thanks to the golden pipes of Buck Mess. I'm telling you, this dude can sing his ass off.

For a few recent years, they also had keyboardist/multi-instrumentalist Steve Greenwood in the mix, and being able to bring some of those classic rock favorites into the mix that had a lot of keys like Whitesnake was a fresh new avenue of material for the band. When Buck saw Steve learn the complex and incredible keyboard parts for Deep Purple's "Highway Star," he was blown away.



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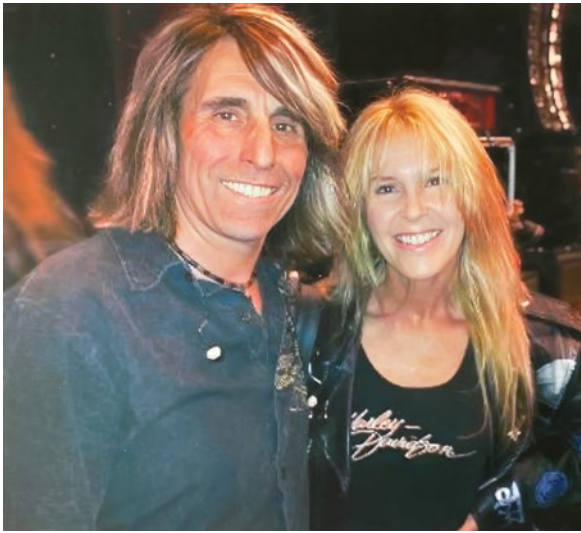
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BUCK MESS WITH LITA FORD



BUCK AND THE GUYS OF MENACE

Tony Brown, a multi-talented musician, also played lead rhythm guitar and sang backup harmonies for Menace for a number of years back when he had the long, beautiful, rock-and-roll hair to match the '80s songs they played on stage. Catch him now with Boogie Monster, Searchlight Soul, and others.

I also have a personal connection with the newest member of the band, Jon (J.J. Schmitz). Fifteen years ago when we were in a band called The Rocket Surgeons, J.J. used to dream about being in Menace. It wasn't a slight on us at all. They played the exact kind of music with the hard edge and killer guitar solos that put a smile in his heart. So a couple of years back when I saw that he was now filling the second guitar position in the Menace lineup, I was so thrilled for him.

"When he used to play with other bands, he'd come to our shows," remembers Buck. "He knew every God dang song. I told him, 'Someday we're going to play in a band together.' And here we are. At our last Halloween show [Menace is famous for going all out for Halloween gigs with incredibly decorated stages, costumes, and tons of fun macabre props], J.J. said, 'This was one of my dreams [playing a Halloween show with Menace], and I finally got to do it.' It almost brought a tear to my eye. Man, a very talented kid." And by kid, he means in his 30s. J.J. is also a popular solo artist in the area.

"The last couple of years, we did fairs, festivals, casinos, private shows, all that stuff," notes Buck. "The phone just kept ringing and ringing. At the same time, the last couple of years, our lives changed a little bit. J.J.'s got a young little man of his own. Mine are in college, working, and getting married. And I'm just like, we're supposed to be slowing down, boys. What's going on here? We'd have to turn down some shows and try to pass them on to some others."

The love of the music is still there, but four hours of rocking out 110% is hard to keep up with.

"Ever since Menace was formed, we were all so lucky, me and Ken and Scott mostly," adds Buck. "All the opening slots we got with something like 17 national acts. Just meeting these people was amazing. All of them were very, very kind to us, even though we were a local cover band. You'd open up, play a 75-minute set on the fair main stage, and then go over to the fair beer tent and play three more hours, you know."

Some of the bands they played with were very much in the pocket of their own musical tastes including L.A. Guns, Quiet Riot, Autograph, Slaughter, Brett Michaels, Lita Ford, Bullet Boys, Faster Pussycat, and many more.

Like Johnny Trash, Buck gives thanks and credit to Scott Thomas Riedl, a well-known Dubuque live music promoter. Scott got them most of those opportunities to play with these storied musicians as well as to play at big venues across Iowa that also pay great and have wonderful perks. Those shows led to many of his best memories of the two-decade Menace run.

"I've been doing this for a long time," says Buck. "It means a lot just to see the people's faces out there and they remember you. They remember me from my time back in Crysis." The fans have taken this ride with him, and even he would not have thought he could still do what he does at 70.

"You know, I thought maybe I wouldn't be able to by now. I thought I'd give up quite a few years ago. But I also work on it. I mean, I go upstairs and do my vocal exercise stuff to stay sharp."

And while unloading, setting up, tearing down, reloading truckloads of gear around, and sweating through three long sets where you're pouring all your

physical energy as well as the talent into a show may be losing its luster, the voice is still there and strong. Buck is not done performing; he's just ready to try something new. But, he's bringing some friends along for the next ride, too.

"Scott Brookens and I have been together a long time in Menace, and now we're together on an acoustic-type show. It's something I always wanted to do, get away from all the complexity. I'm trying to bring J.J. in on that too. He and Scott play so well together, and he's a strong vocalist too. So we just hit it off right away with harmonies and stuff. Scott and I have been rehearsing and have about 30 songs so far. But we want to do it right. I've seen people playing acoustic shows with no energy, and it looks like they don't even want to be there. We'll never play a show like that."

The genres they cover will be similar to Menace, just a new slate of songs in a different presentation. He doesn't think there is anything like it happening in the area now.

"I mean, we can do whatever the hell we want and make it work, you know. It's going to sound good. I'm getting excited about it."

But first, they have one more big show at Summer's Last Blast. To be honest, a lot of fans want to see them go out headlining a longer show where they are the focus all night. I'd like to see that too, and I'll apply to pressure them to reconsider and give us one more night at a friendly venue like the Sandy Hook Tavern where we can really soak up the last Menace show. But for now, this free show on Saturday, Aug. 24 at Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage for Summer's Last Blast is slated to be the end.

The band's social media announced their decision with this post. "Menace has made the decision to ride off into the

sunset. We appreciate everyone's support over the years, and that includes all former members that kept the torch lit during our previous line ups. The industry has changed quite a bit over the last few years and so have our lives. We'll all miss taking that stage and performing but really won't miss all the other things that go on behind the scenes as it takes a lot of work no one sees to keep a band together and heading in the same direction. A huge thank you to everyone we've met over the years for coming out to the shows."

"I'm so appreciative of all my players," Buck reiterated in our conversation. "We had a good run. I know Ken doesn't really want to end it yet, but you know, he's getting up there too and his body's falling apart like the rest of us whether we want to admit it or not. And the fans. It's the people that keep you going even this long. Every time you play a show, you've got people coming onto your Facebook page and saying, 'You guys were awesome!' And that's the whole thing. All these festivals and fairs and the people right up there singing every word with you. We've got people coming from Chicago and Cedar Rapids this last show. They follow us around!"

"And lastly, I would really like to thank our wives and families without whom we wouldn't be doing what we're doing. Their support means everything!"

And who knows, maybe, like Johnny Trash, they'll be forced to suit up once again for induction into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Aside from writing their own material, they sure have checked all the boxes. You know I'll be submitting them for the honor just as I did for Trash last year. And I'm not telling them his real name either! Let's stuff the ballot box again. It's the least we can do for all they've given to the Dubuque music scene. ■

Summer's Last Blast 25

August 23 and 24 @ 6 PM–Midnight
Back Waters Stage
(1855 Greyhound Park Rd)

Verlo Mattress's Summer's Last Blast returns for a milestone 25th big year, once again to the Back Waters Stage on Friday, Aug. 23 and Saturday, Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to midnight on both nights. The two-day event is not only all-ages, it's also free to attend.

Organizer Scott Thomas Riedl, a well-known local and regional concert and event promoter, created the event 25 years ago as a way to support some critical charitable fundraising goals in the area and has kept up with that goal ever since.

"It got started as a fundraiser to support the expansion of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium so many years back, and we raised about \$20,000 for them in the first year alone," remembers Scott. "We had Wang Chung and The LoveMonkeys down in the museum parking lot before they had the museum there. After five years in that location supporting that effort, it was built and we added

other charities: Hospice, the Children's Zoo, FFA, and, of course, the Fairgrounds."

They have not kept track over the years, but the total of their charitable donations is well into the many tens of thousands of dollars at this point, giving a portion of the proceeds every year to these organizations.

Over the years, the venerable festival has seen a number of venue homes from A.Y. McDonald Park to the Town Clock and back to the parking lot at the museum before finding a long-term home at Q Casino + Resort's Back Waters Stage.

"The conditions at Q Casino are perfect for it," notes Scott. "Obviously, the infrastructure is the key to it. Setting up other venues each year started from scratch. Q Casino is an amazing partner and sponsor to make it immensely easier, faster, cheaper, and most importantly, a better overall experience."

The festival series has featured many well-known acts including Hootie & the Blowfish, Jackal, The Bellamy Brothers, Coolio, Tone Loc, Kip Winger, Jani Lane from Warrant, Survivor, and more. In recent years, they have found a formula that seems to work great all the time. Both nights feature some of the best local and regional live music talent as openers. Night one usually has a special touring show like Killer Queen or a great tribute band for AC/DC for example or a specific musical genre. And on Saturday night, the Spazmatics, a massively popular regional touring band that focuses on '80s pop-synth and dresses and nerds,

always goes over great. People look forward to them coming every year, and who is Scott to let them down?

This year's party lineup includes a roster of great talent. Friday sees Boogie Monster bringing the Dubuque funk to the stage. Then Saved by the Band, a nationally touring tribute to '90s rock hits, comes to town, and the Dirt Road Rockers bat clean-up. Saturday boasts another new name to the Blast roster in Tough Cookie. Then Menace, one of Dubuque's longest tenured and loved hard rock bands plays what is likely to be their last show. See the feature on the band and singer Buck Mess in this issue of *365ink*. Menace is followed by those perennial favorites, the Spazmatics, and their salute to '80s pop-synth hits and geekdom.

One more great thing about Summer's Last Blast and its early summer sister event, Kickoff to Summer, is that this is a great way for people who want to experience the Back Waters Stage, but maybe can't afford a regular concert ticket for one of their big headliner shows, to come down for nothing—for free! They can have a beer or a soda and get some food if they like or just come down and enjoy the free entertainment. And yep, you can bring a lawn chair, but take it out of the carrying bag.

Scott is quick to point out that this is all only possible because of great support from Q Casino + Resort as well as the other longtime supporting sponsor Verlo Mattress Factory. And you know Rod Leibfried from Verlo is going to have the



omnipresent Verlo Mattress Man at the event being a goof and taking selfies.

When not running these festivals, Scott is busy booking entertainment for a number of casinos across the country through his "day job," Buzz Entertainment, and he's also responsible for close to 70 shows a year at The Rust Belt live music venue in the Quad Cities. You'll probably see his shows at the Five Flags Center on occasion, too. He's a busy guy, bringing diverse live music to the region all year round.

But right now, the focus is on these two big nights by the Mississippi River. Cold beer, soda, and great food will be available for purchase. Again, Summer's Last Blast is a free, all-ages event supporting the Children's Zoo, Dubuque County Fairgrounds, and Sertoma Club. For more information, find them on Facebook. Now gather the family or the crew; it's time to have a BLAST once more! ■

19th Annual Dubuque Irish Hooley

Featuring The High Kings

Saturday, August 24 @ Noon–10 PM
Alliant Energy Amphitheater
(600 Star Brewery Dr)

World-class Irish music, Irish dance, cultural events, food and gift vendors, and beverages from Ireland and America set the stage for the 19th Annual Dubuque Irish Hooley on Saturday, Aug. 24, from noon to 10 p.m. at the Alliant Energy Amphitheater.

With gates opening at 11 a.m., you can grab your seat or spot on the grassy hill before the festivities begin. At noon, things kick off with a traditional opening ceremony with Ancient Order of Hibernian's Dubuque County Divisions and Ladies of Ancient Order Hibernians followed by Salute to Armed Forces and area Veterans.

Headliners, The High Kings, make a triumphant return to the Hooley stage for 2024. Finbarr Clancy, Darren Holden, Paul O' Brien, and Brian Dunphy celebrate 15 years together in 2023 by releasing 15 brand new tracks to their fans, as well as the release of their, eighth studio album, *The Road Not Taken*. Renowned for their captivating harmonies and timeless melodies, the album is a collection of original songs that breathe new life into traditional folk music, blending the old with the new.

Michael Darcy & the Atlantic Tramps feature the Canadian-based, Irish folk singer-songwriter Michael Darcy. He draws from the well of rich Irish music that he grew up with while also being inspired by gritty American songwriters like John Prine and Guy Clark as greengrass meets bluegrass.

Ian Gould from Delafield, WI is really an immigrant from Belfast, Northern Ireland who began his musical career as a kid playing in bands throughout Ireland, the UK, and Europe. Ian is now a solo artist performing internationally for more than 20 years.

Rory Maken is a Dublin-rooted seasoned performer with over 34 years on the road. Rory captivates his audiences with charisma, passion for the songs, poetry, history, humor, and skilled musicianship.

The roster is filled-out by Dubuque favorites The Lads, a great Irish-style pub band, and Ballyheigue, a six-piece Irish band specializing in traditional instrumental and vocal Irish songs.

Additional entertainment comes from Dubuque Fire Pipes and Drums, McNulty School of Irish Dance, Ian Gould, Ballyheigue, and The Lads of Dubuque.

Hang out all day with cold beers including those of the Irish persuasion as well as tasty food from Stone Cliff Winery and more great regional food trucks.

The Irish Hooley Music Festival offers an annual cultural event by collaborating with



like-minded nonprofit organizations, plus a host of volunteers and sponsor companies. In the past 18 years, more than \$500,000 has been contributed in the Tri-State area.

Admission is \$15 at the gate and free to ages 10 and under. Save \$3 by securing your ticket in advance at Family Beer & Liquor, Shamrock Imports, Premier Bank locations, and Happy's Place. For more information, visit IrishHooley.org. ■

Budweiser LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

THU 8/15

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

Jeff Theisen
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Platteville Music in the Park:
Sarah Day
6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Music on The Green:
River Valley Rangers
6 PM @ Downtown Green
Space (Maquoketa, IA)

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

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

Songwriters Showcase:
Sophia Landis, Burn It Up
7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

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

FRI 8/16

Mark Zalaznik
5 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Dimensional Woodstock
Anniversary: Shannon Woulfe
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Music on Main St: Al Holiday and
the Eastside Rhythm Band, Jason
Walsmith, Kendra Swanson
5 PM @ Town Clock Plaza

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

Cascade Hometown Days:
The Funk Junkies @ 5 PM
Frank Martin Busch and
The Names @ 8 PM
Cascade Riverview Park
(Cascade, IA)

Brushfire Bandits
6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Joseph John Valenti
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Max Kowalske
6:30 PM @ Lacoma Golf
(East DBQ, IL)

BarGo
6:30 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Ozzy & Bon JoeB
7 PM @ First Reserve

Tiger Kings
7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar
& Grill (East DBQ, IL)

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

Whatever Nevermind
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Michael Mikrut Band
8 PM @ The Yardarm

Danny Mcdade
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

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

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

River Valley Rangers
9 PM @ The Lift

SelfGod, Dredge, Liquidified
Decomposition
9 PM @ Smokestack

The Dig 3
9 PM @ Eliza's Lounge
(Mineral Point, WI)

The Spirit of Woodstock
Council Hill Station
(Council Hill, IL)

SAT 8/17

Dubuque Farmers' Market:
Lexi Healey, Joseph John
Valenti, Kendra Masters
7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

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

Kristina Marie Castañeda
10 AM @ Convivium
Urban Farmstead

Jef Spradley
Noon @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Shannon Woulfe
1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

Massey Road
1 PM @ Coconut Cove
(Hazel Green, WI)

Sam Day
1 PM @ Potosi Brewery
(Potosi, WI)

Meghan Davis
1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard
(Galena, IL)

Danny Parker Project
2 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

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

20th Anniversary Party:
Lily Stella Maris
2:30 PM @ New Diggings General
Store (New Diggings, WI)

Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Cascade Hometown Days:
Sarah Boyle @ 3 PM
The Ditch Lillies @ 5 PM
Elizabeth Mary Band @ 8 PM
Cascade Riverview Park
(Cascade, IA)

Dimensional Woodstock
Anniversary: Jonas Wodstock
4 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

EBJ the Band
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

DR Band
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Cal Coohy
6 PM @ Midway Pub (Potosi, WI)

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

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

Three Quarter Buzz
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jeff Theisen
7 PM @ Midtown Marina
(East DBQ, IL)

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

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

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

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ The Burg
(Shullsburg, WI)

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Sandy Bottoms-Up
Campground (Cassville, WI)

Gordy & Debbie
7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts
Center (Maquoketa, IA)

Nathan Tricky Allen
8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Kings of Radio
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Danger Zone
8 PM @ The Yardarm

Danny Mcdade
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

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

The Fighting Side
9 PM @ The Lift

Smoke and Shadow
Burlesque Cabaret
9 PM @ Smokestack

The Spirit of Woodstock
Council Hill Station
(Council Hill, IL)

SUN 8/18
Fever River String Band
11:30 AM @ Olive Branch Lodge
#6 (New Diggings, WI)

Dimensional Woodstock
Anniversary: John Gay
Noon @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Mud Lake Bluegrass Sundays:
Pickers Pick-nic @ Noon
Mississippi Acoustic Trio @ 2 PM
Art Stevenson and
High Water @ 3:30 PM
Mud Lake Park

Lexi Healey
Noon @ Millennium Bar & Marina

Wayne Cook
1 PM @ Dockside

Midwest Megan
1 PM @ The Yardarm

Rachel Neal
1 PM @ Potosi Brewery
(Potosi, WI)

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

Secrets
2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Peosta Ville
2:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

20th Anniversary Party:
3 On The Tree
2:30 PM @ New Diggings General
Store (New Diggings, WI)

Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

DR Band
3 PM @ Locals Bar (Epworth, IA)

28th Winery Anniversary
Festival: Avey Grouws Band
3 PM @ Tabor Home Winery
(Baldwin, IA)

Elizabeth Mary
4 PM @ Park Farm Winery
(Bankston, IA)

Cal Coohy
4 PM @ Pint's River Bar
(Millville, IA)

Larry & The Moonmen
5 PM @ Eagle Point Fishing
BARge (Hazel Green, WI)

Music in the Gardens:
Anthem's Grand Illusion
6 PM @ DBQ Arboretum

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

Girl Named Tom
7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

The Spirit of Woodstock
Council Hill Station
(Council Hill, IL)

TUE 8/20
Loose Gravel Duo
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Tunes in Town:
Jimmy Welty Band
6 PM @ Lincoln Park (DeWitt, IA)

WED 8/21
Mid-Week Market:
Marques Morel
5 PM @ 11th & Iowa St

Hangin' Around Band
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

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

Galena Territory Fundraiser:
DR Duo
6 PM @ Eagle Ridge Marina
(Galena, IL)

Jef Spradley
7 PM @ First Reserve

Yonder Mountain String Band,
River Valley Rangers
8 PM @ Codfish Hollow
Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

THU 8/22
Cruisin' Thursdays:
The Sunshine Band
5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave,
East DBQ, IL

Live @ the Plaza: Shekinah King
5 PM @ Green Street Plaza
(Galena, IL)


Adam Beck
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

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



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Saturday September 14, 7 PM

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FAIR WARNING

8/16 Michael Mikrut Band	8/16 BKB Musix
8/17 Danger Zone	8/17 Scott Kirkhart
8/18 Midwest Megan	8/18 Jordan Danielsen
8/23 Boogie Monster	8/23 JJ Schmitz
8/24 Westwood Band	8/24 River Moonshine Band
8/25 Back Booth Duo	8/25 Adam Bartels Band
8/30 Fair Warning, 7-11	8/28 Jef Spradley, 6-9 PM
8/31 Ditch Lillies, 7-11	8/30 Johnnie Walker
9/1 Li Li & the Dirty Bastards, 7-11	8/31 Sarah Day
9/6 Superfly Samurai, 7-11	9/1 Jason Kincel



THU 8/22
DR Duo
6 PM @ Traskside Bar & Grill (Peosta, IA)

Platteville Music in the Park:
Adam Bartels Band
6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Ballyheigue
7 PM @ The Lift

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

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy
7:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI 8/23
Stone Wolf Trio
6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jordan Danielsen
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Stockton Music in the Park:
Fever River String Band
6 PM @ Stockton Park South Shelter House (Stockton, IL)

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

Barefoot & Sunshine
7 PM @ First Reserve

Ben Dunegan
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ Frenress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Bar Bingo
7 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Semi Retired
7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)

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

Trivial Dudes
7 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Scott Cornwell, Glimmer Blinken, Cut Hairs, Marzipan Mailbox
8 PM @ Smokestack

Boogie Monster
8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

SAT 8/24
Dubuque Farmers' Market:
Daniel Eric, Brion Bowman
7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

Dubuque Farmers' Market:
Tom Riley
9:30 AM @ Jubeck New World Brewing

19th Annual Irish Hooley:
The High Kings, Rory Makem, Michael Darcy and the Atlantic Tramps, Ballyheigue, The Lads of Dubuque, Dubuque Fire Pipes and Drums
11 AM @ Alliant Energy Amphitheater

Corn Boil:
Heartbeat @ 1 PM
Big Night Out @ 4 PM
Burkey's Bar

George Christiansen
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Jim Green
1 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

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

Joie Wails
2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

River Moonshine Band
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Danny Whitson
2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Tony Walker
2 PM @ Highway 20 Brewing Company (Elizabeth, IL)

Potosi Brewfest: Rock Steady
4 PM @ Potosi Brewery (Potosi, WI)

The Mixed Emotions Band
4 PM @ Son Chasers Social Club (Cassville, WI)

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

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

DR Band
5 PM @ Jugs (Elizabeth, IL)

Cal Coohy
6 PM @ Frenress Lake Bar & Grill (East DBQ, IL)

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

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

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

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards
6 PM @ Sandy Bottoms-Up Campground (Cassville, WI)

Terry McCauley
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

RJ Fisher
7 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Casey Jo Collins
7 PM @ Beer in the Barn Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Bill's Tap (Farley, IA)

Cuba City Street Dance:
Meatplow, Kind of a Big Deal
7 PM @ Hindu's Corner Bar (Cuba City, WI)

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

The Grand Band
7 PM @ Franklin Street Brewing Company (Manchester, IA)

Westwood Band
8 PM @ The Yardarm

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

The Last Revel, Bad Bad Hats
8 PM @ Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

Cirque du Buque
10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 8/25
Cal Coohy
Noon @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Back Booth Duo
1 PM @ The Yardarm

Steve Kalmes
1 PM @ Potosi Brewery (Potosi, WI)

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Upcoming Entertainment



Cowboy: The Kid Rock Tribute Band

SEPTEMBER 20 @ 8 PM

This tribute to Kid Rock has been rocking huge stages across America for years from the House of Blues to massive bike event stages in Daytona, Texas, Laconia, Sturgis, to venues in Texas and beyond. Cowboy will blow you away with the energy, sound, and look of a real Kid Rock show. Every hit from "Bawitdaba," "Cowboy," "Only God Knows Why," "Lowlife," "Feel Like Makin Love," "Jackson Mississippi," "American Bad Ass," "All Summer Long," and more are covered.



Willie and The Buzzhounds

SEPTEMBER 6 @ 8 PM

Fronted by guitarist Willie Hamel and joined by Mark Page and Chris Bandy on guitar, Todd Lock on bass, and Roger Brimmer on drums. Expect high energy classic rock you can have a good time to!



The Resistors

SEPTEMBER 7 @ 8 PM

The Resistors are 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.

Additional Entertainment

NIXON

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 8 PM

SATISFACTION

SEPTEMBER 14 @ 8 PM

HARDWIRED

SEPTEMBER 21 @ 8 PM

KIND OF A BIG DEAL

SEPTEMBER 27 @ 8 PM

ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS

SEPTEMBER 28 @ 4 & 8 PM

JABBERBOX

OCTOBER 4 @ 8 PM

MADDIE & TAE

OCTOBER 5 @ 8 PM

ARCH ALLIES

OCTOBER 19 @ 8 PM

FRANK MARTIN BUSCH AND THE NAMES

OCTOBER 25 @ 8 PM

THE STRUTS

OCTOBER 26 @ 8 PM

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SUN 8/25

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

Darin & Amber
2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Mark Zalaznik
2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

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

The Mixed Emotions Band
3 PM @ Rivers Massey Marina

Elizabeth Mary
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Music in the Gardens:
Jonny Lyons & the Pride
6 PM @ DBQ Arboretum

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

TUE 8/27

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
League w/ Sam Day
5:30 PM @ Voices Studios

Roselit Bone, Feast of Mutton
6 PM @ The Lift

Laura McDonald & Robbie Bahr
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

WED 8/28

Dubuque Harley Davidson Bike
Nights: On the Rocks
6 PM @ McGrath Dubuque
Harley-Davidson

Stone Wolfe
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

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

Jef Spradley
6 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

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

Broken Rubber Band
7 PM @ First Reserve

Karaoke
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Disturbed, Plush
7:30 PM @ Back Waters Stage

Alborn: Disturbed Afterparty
10 PM @ Q Showroom

THU 8/29

Rock Steady
5 PM @ Jimmy's Pub
(East DBQ, IL)

Cruisin' Thursdays: Big Night Out
5 PM @ Sinsinawa Ave,
East DBQ, IL

Johnnie Walker
6 PM @ Tony Roma's

Alyssa Hankey
6 PM @ Beer in the Barn
Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Platteville Music in the Park:
Full Circle
6 PM @ City Park (Platteville, WI)

Music on The Green: Half Gassed
6 PM @ Downtown Green
Space (Maquoketa, IA)

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

Lojo Russo
7:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Riley Green
8 PM @ Back Waters Stage

Lavetti Vegas
8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Jake Dodds: Riley Green
Afterparty
10 PM @ Q Showroom

FRI 8/30

Gypsy
5 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

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

Joie Wails
6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Daniel Eric
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

RJ Fisher
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Brion Bowman
6:30 PM @ Lacoma Golf
(East DBQ, IL)

Pool Project
7 PM @ First Reserve

Fair Warning
7 PM @ The Yardarm

Johnnie Walker
7 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
7 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Yung Gravy
8 PM @ Five Flags Arena

10 Years, Conquer Divide
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Chapped Lips, Skinny and the
Shakes, Shoobie, Tu' Mera
9 PM @ The Lift

The GlassHouse Presents:
A Time to Remember
10 PM @ Smokestack

SAT 8/31

Dubuque Farmers' Market:
Sam Day, Benjamin Waters
7 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

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

Shannon Woulfe
1 PM @ Barrel Head Winery

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

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

Joie Wails
2 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Sarah Day
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

Cassville Car Cruise: Rock Steady
4 PM @ Riverside Park
(Cassville, WI)

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards
5 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern
(Hazel Green, WI)

Noah James Hittner
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

DR Band
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Fine2Day Fest:
Admiral Radio @ 6 PM
Cordovas @ 7 PM
SUSTO Stringband @ 8 PM
Jeremie Albino @ 9:10 PM
Katie Pruitt @ 10:20 PM
Codfish Hollow Barnstormers
(Maquoketa, IA)

Tony Walker
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Ditch Lilies
7 PM @ The Yardarm

Boogie Monster
7 PM @ Frentress Lake Bar
& Grill (East DBQ, IL)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ Locals Bar (Eppworth, IA)

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

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

Hillbilly Rockstarz
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Big Mojo
8 PM @ The Tavern
(Prairie Du Chien, WI)

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

SUN 9/1

Fine2Day Fest:
Cannon Rogers @ 11 AM
Clint Roberts @ 11:45 AM
Running Man @ 3 PM
Johnny Delaware @ 4 PM
Moonsville @ 5 PM
Rose Hotel @ 6:05 PM
She Returns from War @ 7:10 PM
David Ramirez @ 8:20 PM
SUSTO @ 9:40 PM
Codfish Hollow Barnstormers
(Maquoketa, IA)

Black Velvet
Noon @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

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

The Mixed Emotions Band
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Jacquie Miller
2 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jason Kincel
2 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

Sam Day
4 PM @ Park Farm Winery
(Bankston, IA)

Cal Coohy
5 PM @ Pint's River Bar
(Millville, IA)

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

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards
7 PM @ The Yardarm

MON 9/2

Mark Zalaznik
1 PM @ Dockside

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

Chris Ross
11 AM @ Breitbach Country Dining & Skip Breitbach Feeds (Balltown, IA)
9/1-10/27

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

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

Open Mic & Sketch Group w/ Addison Aronson
4 PM @ Smokestack
7th Sun

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

MONDAY

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

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)
7th & 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
Through 9/25

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Blues Jam
w/ The Mighty Mudcats
6 PM @ Smokestack
2nd-5th Wed

Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

Karaoke
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill
2nd & 4th 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

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

Bingo
6 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar
Starting 8/29

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

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

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

Trivia Night
6 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing (Maquoketa, IA)
7th Fri

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

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

OTHERSIDE LUNCH SPECIALS AUGUST

15 Stuffed Peppers or Cabbage Rolls

16 Panzerotti

17 Corned Beef

19 Mike and Linda Monday

20 Goulash

21 chicken

22 Beef Tips and Noodles

23 Sandy's Butter Fried Pork Chops

26 Italian Grinders

27 Smothered Chicken with Creamed Spinach

28 O.S. Chicken

29 Bacon Cream Cheese Spaghetti

30 Meatloaf



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SAT 8/17 • 9 PM • FREE
THE FIGHTING SIDE

THU 8/22 • 7 PM • FREE
BALLYHEIGUE

TUE 8/27 • 6 PM • FREE
ROSELIT BONE,
FEAST OF MUTTON

FRI 8/30 • 9 PM • FREE
CHAPPED LIPS,
SKINNY AND THE SHAKES,
SHOOBIE, TU' MERA

THU 9/5 • 9 PM • FREE
BOB LOG 3

FRI 9/13 • 9 PM • FREE
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 THU • \$3 DOMESTIC BOTTLES
 FRI & SAT (5-7 PM) • \$2 OFF TAP BEERS
 SUN • \$2 OFF JAMESON + GUINNESS

PUZZLE ANSWERS

PUZZLES ON PAGE 36
GENERAL BOB IS AT DENNY'S LUX CLUB

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Events at Back Waters Stage

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



Disturbed

WITH SPECIAL GUEST PLUSH
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 @ 7:30 PM
BACK WATERS STAGE

Disturbed, a multi-platinum, two-time Grammt Award-nominated metal band will be joined on stage by Plush, an all-female rock band, for a full night of live, hard rocking music.

Emerging out of Chicago at the turn of the century with an insidious, infectious and inimitable vision without comparison, Disturbed has quietly dominated hard

rock on their own terms. They've claimed a place at the forefront of 21st century rock with record-breaking success, sales of over 17 million-plus units, nearly 8 billion streams and sold out shows around the globe. The quartet have notched five consecutive No. 1 debuts on the Billboard Top 200, occupying rarified air alongside Metallica—the only other hard rock group to accomplish this feat. Since their influential 5x-platinum debut *The Sickness* in 2000, they have built a bulletproof catalog highlighted by a procession of smashes, including the platinum “Stupify,” “Inside The Fire” and “Land of Confusion,” 2x-platinum “Stricken,” 6x-platinum “Down With The Sickness” and 7x-platinum “The Sound of Silence,” to name a few.

Plush is a rock band with a mission to bring rock back to the forefront of the music industry. Their music features the Billboard Top 40 charting singles “Hate,” “Better Off Alone” and “Left Behind.”

Tickets are \$79.99 for GA and \$99.99 for Turpin Tailgate Zone. ■



Riley Green

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JOHN MORGAN
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 @ 8 PM
BACK WATERS STAGE

Riley Green has been compelling country music fans to raise a drink, shed a tear,

and, above all, celebrate where they are from, since first releasing his self-titled EP in 2018. His songs like the No. 1 Platinum hit “There Was This Girl” the 2X-Platinum-certified heart-tugger “I Wish Grandpas Never Died” which he performed live at the 55th ACM Awards; and his chart-topping collab with Thomas Rhett, “Half of Me” have made Riley synonymous with what country music does best: making listeners feel something with his no-gimmick, relatable writing and classic feel. Fresh off tours with Morgan Wallen and Luke Combs, Green has made a much-deserved turn to headliner status.

Tickets are \$74.99 for GA and \$94.99 for Turpin Tailgate Zone. ■

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Hozier
8/16 @ Breese Stevens Field

Thursday, Pelican
8/17 @ The Majestic

Bored Teachers
8/18 @ Barrymore Theatre

Steve Earle
8/23 @ Barrymore Theatre

Waxahatchee, Tre Burt
8/24 @ The Sylvee

Chevelle, Return to Dust, Tigercub
8/29 @ The Sylvee

Mudvayne, All That Remains
8/30 @ The Sylvee

Del McCoury Band
9/5 @ Barrymore Theatre

Mo Amer
9/6-9/7 @ Comedy on State

Sarah Jarosz, Viv & Riley
9/6 @ The Majestic

Andy Grammer
9/7 @ The Orpheum

Tyler Hubbard, Alana Springsteen
9/7 @ The Sylvee

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9/8 @ The Orpheum

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9/10 @ Barrymore Theatre

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Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls, Bridge City Sinners, Bedouin Soundclash
9/12 @ The Sylvee

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9/13 @ The Sylvee

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9/15 @ The Orpheum

Teddy Swims
9/17 @ The Sylvee

HooDoo Gurus
9/19 @ Barrymore Theatre

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9/19 @ The Majestic

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Dimensional Woodstock Anniversary Weekend

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 @ 4-8 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 @ NOON-8 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 @ 11 AM-4 PM

DIMENSIONAL BREWING COMPANY
(67 MAIN ST)

The Dimensional Woodstock Anniversary Weekend is back and better than ever

with three days full of music, tie dye, BBQ, Classic Volkswagens, beer, and more! Head to Dimensional Brewing Company on Aug. 16-18 to get in on the fun.

Friday, Aug. 16 features live music by Shannon Woulfe at 5-8 p.m., Darkbird Smokeaholics serving delicious BBQ at 4-8 p.m., and tie dye your own Dimensional Tee w/ Bossman at 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 17 boasts live music by Jonas Wodstock at 4-7 p.m., Darkbird Smokeaholics serving delicious BBQ at noon-8 p.m., and Planted. pop-up shop.

Sunday, Aug. 18 closes with the Classic Volkswagen Round Up at 11 a.m.-3 p.m., live music by John Gay at noon-3 p.m., Darkbird Smokeaholics serving delicious BBQ at noon-4 p.m., and tie dye your own Dimensional Tee w/ Bossman at 2-3 p.m. River Bluff Collective will be on hand with an informational table along with sodas, seltzers, and edibles.

Stop down for a groovy time and some good vibes. For more information, contact Dimensional Brewing Company by calling **563-265-2693** or visit DimensionalBrewing.com. ■



Music on Main St

AL HOLIDAY AND THE EASTSIDE RHYTHM BAND, JASON WALSMITH, AND KENDRA SWANSON

FRIDAY, 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. Closing out the series is Al Holiday and the Eastside Rhythm Band, Jason Walsmith, and Kendra Swanson on Friday, Aug. 16.

The St. Louis area-based ensemble known as Al Holliday & The East Side Rhythm Band has begun their journey with a prolific decade, working all along the way to articulate a message, interpretation and reflection of American humanity and music; into an earth-shaking vision that stands tall—with roots that run

deep—from early R&B and soul, through Americana and songwriting tradition, always inspired and always with a feeling, telling a heartfelt perspective in music, often examining the experiences, trials and tribulations, we can only describe altogether as: uniquely American.

The band has earned its reputation amongst their storied region's premier original performing and recording acts, weaving together the very fabrics on American music into a potent, useable, relevant form that is as authentic as it is funky, all from the vantage point of a true, overlooked home of the blues, soul, and original "Rock & Roll" on the Mississippi River, bringing along their specifically Midwest swing, intensity, and "low-down" piano sound.

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



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 8/16



Whatever Nevermind

8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM
(1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)
COVER: FREE

Whatever Nevermind (formerly the Grunge Puppets) is the ultimate Nirvana tribute band based in Chicago, paying homage to one of the greatest bands of all time by capturing not only the sound but also the energy, power, and spirit of Nirvana during live shows. Join for an unforgettable live performance of both the *MTV Unplugged in New York* album in its entirety and a recreation of the amped, electric live (and loud) shows. qcasinoandresort.com.



The Spirit of Woodstock

11 AM @ COUNCIL HILL STATION
(6521 N HILL RD, SCALES MOUND, IL)
TICKETS: \$20

8/16-8/18. Celebrating the 55th anniversary of peace, love, and music. Enjoy great live music and food in a tranquil country setting. Performers include Not Dead Yet, The Resistors, Boogie Monster, Pet Volcano, Gladdy Ressler and the Family Band, Big Night Out, Holy Crowe, Whatever Never Mind, Take the Pearl, Shawn Healy and Tim Knautz, Denny Garcia and Tim Knautz, Not Jim Post, and The 2 Carls. 6521 N Hill Rd, Scales Mound, IL. facebook.com/CouncilHillStation.

SAT 8/17



Nathan Tricky Allen

8 PM @ THE JESTER'S LOUNGE (333 E 10TH ST)
Nathan Tricky Allen combines sleight-of-hand magic, stand-up comedy, dangerous tricks, stupid stunts, immature pranks, and hilarious (and unpredictable) audience interaction into one of the very few magic shows in all of America that is both geared for adults AND funny! Known for being naughty and tons of fun without being gross or offensive, Nathan's performances have been described as "One of the funniest magic shows EVER!" (*Happenings Magazine*), "Star entertainment!" (*Inside Magic*), and "A laugh-filled night with a wild and edgy magician!" (*Seattle Performs*). facebook.com/thejesterslounge.

SUN 8/18



20th Anniversary Party: 3 On The Tree

2:30 PM @ NEW DIGGINGS GENERAL STORE
(2944 CO RD I, NEW DIGGINGS, WI)

3 On The Tree is a revved up rockabilly band that draws its inspiration from the roots of Americana. Infusing styles from The Stray Cats, Elvis, The Ramones, and Waylon Jennings, they have come up with their own unique flavor of what rock 'n' roll is to them. While based out of the Midwest, 3 On The Tree has played coast-to-coast including four European tours. Their craft is concentrated on the music that has stood the test of time for over a half a century. newdiggs.com.

SAT 8/24

**Westwood Band**

8 PM @ THE YARDARM (1201 SHIRAS AVE EXT)
COVER: FREE

Westwood Band is an indie pop group from Cedar Rapids, IA. They play a mix of covers and originals including three singles: "Miss Today," "Alcohol," and "Chasing Ghosts." Covers include Childish Gambino, Post Malone, Noah Kahn, Dua Lipa, 2Pac, Bobby Brown, Paramore, Usher, Luke Combs, Morgan Wallen, Bruno Mars, Gavin DeGraw, Charlie Puth, and more. dubuquemarina.com.

TUE 8/27

**Roselit Bone, Feast of Mutton**

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

You may remember Roselit Bone, the Portland now New Orleans southwestern goth punkers who CRUSHED on a Monday night at The Lift in October 2023. They are back. Plus, Feast of Mutton, a longtime project of Eric Baylati and Shawn Healy. Banjo and guitar get into the darker parts of folk music. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

THU 8/29

**Alyssa Hankey**

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

A traveling troubadour born and raised in the hills of rural western

Pennsylvania. Alyssa's music is unmistakable with influences that span across many genres. Her lyrics bring you into the heart of the steel mills and the bucolic landscape of rural America. gehlenhouseandbarn.com.

MON 9/2

**Bluesberry Jam Music Festival:
The Brews Brothers and Tiger Kings**

2 PM @ SANDY HOOK TAVERN
(3868 BADGER RD, HAZEL GREEN, WI)
COVER: \$10

A bunch of mildly disheveled misanthropic-looking musicians with a twinkle of mischief in their eyes converge to back up two fedora-wearing, hard-charging, black suit and shades-wearing bluesmen known throughout the land as the Brews Brothers. This tribute show is rollicking fun and full of great guitar work, a powerful horn section, and one harmonica-wielding briefcase. It's going to be a party. We know this because it always is! The annual Sandy Hook party welcomes The Brews Brothers and the Tiger Kings for a fundraiser for the Garrett Wade Stephens Memorial Fund and other local charities. facebook.com/SandyHookTavern.

FRI 9/6

**Driftmore Music & Arts Festival**

DRIFTMORE GROUNDS (PLATTEVILLE, WI) 9/6-9/7. Two days, three stages, and on-site camping make up this music and arts festival in Platteville, WI. The lineup features Green Lion Crew, Medicine Place, Mesck, Woven Thorns, and a slew of other artists. Drift more and discover the freedom of open fields, real people, and the sounds of tomorrow. driftmoremusicfest.com.

**Gordy & Debbie**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 7 PM
OHWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

Gordy & Debbie take you on a nostalgic musical journey in their Country Legends show as they bring the songs and the faces of who made them famous to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center stage in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

This meticulously designed show is enhanced with video footage in each song they perform and perfectly synced with the music to create the illusion of

the original artist that performed the song, only with Gordy & Debbie providing their amazing vocals live! Some of the videos even provide a storyboard of each artist's life, complete with pictures of the past and present, as well as tidbits of interesting information about the artist or the song.

This show is pure country music and storytelling at its finest and it's even laced with a little humor and some great audience participation.

Some of the country legends you will hear Gordy & Debbie perform are Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, Lynn Anderson, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Johnny Cash, Tanya Tucker, Glenn Campbell, Anne Murray, Willie Nelson, Alan Jackson, and Reba McEntire plus many more. The show's grand finale culminates with a medley of three great country songs all meshed together with an all-star cast of country music's biggest stars from the past and present.

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. ■

**Mud Lake
Bluegrass
Sundays**

SUNDAY, 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 closes this year's Mud Lake Bluegrass Sundays at Mud Lake on Aug. 18.

The event kicks off with the Pickers Pick-nic at noon. 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.

Art Stevenson has been playing bluegrass in the Midwest for 25 years and brings that tradition 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! The afternoon begins with the Mississippi Acoustic Trio, Dubuque's longest running musical group, playing bluegrass, folk, Americana, and country.

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, food concessions and Mud Lake Bluegrass souvenirs are available for purchase. Bring your cooler and a lawn chair. For more information, visit facebook.com/mudlakebluegrass. ■



MARGARITA ON THE ROCKS



ENCHILADAS MEXICANAS

Las Margarritas

By Danny Fairchild

First, let me get this out of the way: If you're avoiding going to Las Margarritas because you figure it's going to be just like Salsa's (the previous Mexican restaurant at this same location), you're wrong to do so. And I get it. It's in the same location as Salsa's. The owner of Las Margarritas worked at Salsa's for years and years. But rest assured: Las Margarritas is not Salsa's. Las Margarritas isn't even Las Margarritas (one "r"), which hasn't been in Dubuque in over a decade. Las Margarritas is Las Margarritas. And Las Margarritas is distinctly delicious. Okay, then. Moving on.

Sometimes, all it takes to make the world better is to ask the questions nagging at the back of everyone's mind that no one else thinks to ask. Or they lack the courage to ask. Or they just assume that this is as good as it gets and just accept it. Despotism has fallen... world-changing discoveries have been revealed... hairstyles better suited to your coiffure and face have been discovered... just by starting a sentence with the word, "Why..."

And so, Las Margarritas, the new Mexican restaurant in Downtown Dubuque, has the huevos to ask the hard question:

Why don't more Mexican restaurants season their chicken better?

Don't act like you don't know what I'm talking about. You've taken countless bites of enchiladas et. al. where the sauces are nice and flavorful and complement the chicken well enough... but the chicken itself is kind of dry and flavorless. Even the better Mexican restaurants are guilty of this. Well... maybe "guilty" isn't the right word. I can't fault restaurants for just letting chicken be chicken. It's chicken, after all. In America, we eat more chicken than any other meat, and why not? In my opinion (that I just formed so don't challenge me on it if you actually know stuff) the old chestnut "everything tastes like chicken" is true because chicken can carry just about every flavor. One of my favorite cooking books is *The Flavor Bible* by Andrew Dornenberg and Karen A. Page. Just about any ingredient you can imagine is listed alphabetically with a long entry listing what other ingredients go well with it. Most ingredients get a half to a one full page dedicated to their flavor partners. Even the entry for rice only comes in at about two pages. Yes, rice. And that's counting all the different kinds

of rice, because they're separated out in the book. Chicken, on the other hand, has four full pages dedicated to it. Three, if you take out the full-page picture, but don't do that because chicken deserves a full-page spread. And it's not even separated out into different categories such as white and dark meat. It just says "chicken." Chicken is every flavor's friend, so you can be forgiven for just letting chicken be chicken.

"Sure, that's fair" says Las Margarritas, "But why not let chicken be even better?"

Fair question, right? If chicken's defining feature is that it takes other flavors so dutifully, aren't you letting chicken be chicken by maybe marinating it first or something? Right?

Damn right. And so, when you try Las Margarritas (spelled with the extra "r" so you know it's good), I want you to pay special attention to just how flavorful the chicken itself is. And no, it doesn't detract from the other flavors and salsas. The Mexican flavors you crave are still very present. But I've eaten at dozens of Mexican restaurants, as have you. Never before had any of them heard me say, "Dang, the chicken in that dish tastes amazing." But those were the first words out of my mouth after the first bite at Las Margarritas.

I've been going on and on about the chicken, and I will again when I get into the individual dishes we tried

because it's relevant. But first, let's talk about the reason you REALLY go out for Mexican cuisine: The margaritas.

Las Margarritas doesn't try to get too cute with the recipe of their margaritas. They know what you've come to expect from a margarita, and they deliver it. When you're out drinking margs with friends, you want to be surprised by who Diane has been doing lately. You don't want to be surprised by your margarita. If you want a specialty margarita, you'll order one, right? I didn't get fancy. I just got the smaller size on the rocks. It's everything you want in a margarita with no surprises, EXCEPT... Las Margarritas has some of the cutest stinking margarita glasses EVAR! Look at that cute picture! A stemless margarita glass, yo! How cute is that? And it was a delight to drink from. I, personally, don't buy stemless for my own drinkware. The stem is there so your hand doesn't warm your drink while you hold it. But margaritas are iced as hell. Your hand isn't going to have much impact, stem or no, so why not be cute? And, let's face it, after a couple of margs, you're probably like me: Not picking up your margarita, but leaving the margarita on the table and bringing my mouth to it, instead of the other way around. Like a kid drinking their chocolate milk. A drunk kid.

The food!



LUNCH COMBO: CHICKEN BURRITO, CHICKEN ENCHILADA VERDE, AND BEAN TOSTADA



TRIO FAJITAS

Whenever I encounter a new Mexican restaurant, my eyes start scanning for the word “mole.” No, not the small subterranean mammal. I’m talking “mole” as in “moh-LAY.” I love mole. All variants, or at least the ones I’ve tried. There’s a lot of them. But the ones I like best are the ones that rebut to all your caregivers who have ever said, “No, you can’t have chocolate for dinner!” Because yes, you can. It’s called mole and it’s rich and dark and spiced up nice with some chiles, and yes... there’s chocolate in it. I wouldn’t call it “chocolatey” because there’s not much in the way of sweeteners to make it like a melted candy bar. It’s definitely a savory dish.

Las Margarritas fulfilled my need for mole with their Enchiladas Mexicanas. It’s three chicken enchiladas (remember what I said about their chicken. It applies here.) topped with mole sauce and served with the traditional spread of rice, lettuce, sour cream, and tomatoes. Mole, as you can imagine, can be a pretty heavy dish. Not so with this take on Enchiladas Mexicanas. It’s almost light. Light enough that I got to wet my beak on other dishes at the table without making myself wish death would just come already. And, again, I totally had chocolate for lunch. Screw you, mom and dad.

The Enchiladas Verdes...

Oh! Wait! Before I forget: if you’ve ever wondered what the actual factual

differences between enchiladas and, say, a burrito, here’s what: Flour tortilla=burrito, corn tortilla=enchilada; usually handheld=burrito, always fork-held=enchilada; sauces on the inside=burrito, sauces smothered on the outside=enchilada. You get it.

The Enchiladas Verdes! Yes, we got an enchilada verde in the lunch combo along with a burrito and bean tostada. We did what we felt was right, and it was because this was damn tasty. I like a good salsa verde. Hell, I even like a bad salsa verde. There’s a brightness and freshness that’s different from the brightness and freshness of the salsa roja you’re used to. The difference between verde and roja is obvious. The color. Green vs. red. Surely you remember that much from Spanish class. Salsa roja is made with tomatoes (red), salsa verde is made with tomatillos (green). You probably knew that already, too. With Las Margarritas’ enchiladas verdes, you’re getting corn tortillas stuffed with shredded chicken (yay, chicken!) then topped with salsa verde and served with refried beans, guacamole, lettuce, rice, sour cream, and tomatoes. If Christmas were an enchilada, it would be THIS enchilada.

The Trio Fajitas. Here we’re talking steak, chicken (wut-wuuuuut!), and shrimp grilled with onions and bell peppers and served with all the usual accompaniments. I’m on record as saying that, usually... not always,

but usually, fajitas don’t taste as good as they sound and smell. They taste good, of course. They just don’t taste as good as they sound and smell. Like a concert where the opening band is better than the headliner you came to see. But I gotta say, friends, the fajitas, particularly the trio fajita, at Las Margarritas delivers on the flavor promised by the sizzle and aroma. Yes, that well-seasoned chicken is a major factor in this, but I must give props to the steak as well. With fajitas, you worry that the beef will be cooked to a crisp in order to get that sizzle going all the way to your table. Not at Las Margarritas. It LOOKS like the steak has been cooked to a crisp, but that’s just a deliciously thorough sear on the outside. Inside, each morsel is perfectly cooked. I’m super impressed by their fajitas, you guys.

As for the bathrooms, if you ate at Salsa’s at ANY time in their long history, you know what to expect. Say what you want about Salsa’s, but you have to admit that they took good care of their location. Las Margarritas is keeping this cleanliness alive, and that’s reflected even in the bathroom. Poop and/or pee at ease.

Again, if you’re expecting The Return of Salsa’s, you’re not going to get that with Las Margarritas. If you’re pining for Salsa’s, you’re not going to get that closure. But you’re going to get something that I think you’ll like even better. Eat up. ■



Las Margarritas

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Strawberry Walnut Date Smoothie

MAKES 2 SERVINGS

All You Need:

- 1 ½ cups hulled, quartered Basket & Bushel strawberries
- ½ cup California walnuts
- ½ cup Hy-Vee plain Greek yogurt
- ½ cup Fairlife milk
- 3 pitted dates, coarsely chopped
- Chopped California walnuts, for garnish

All You Do:

1. Place all ingredients in a small blender or food processor and process until smooth.
2. Garnish with additional walnuts, if desired.

Recipe Adapted from: walnuts.org/recipes

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The Sugar Story

Sweet Insights

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Have you ever craved something sweet but unsure about natural sugars versus sugar substitutes? With so much information online, it can be hard to decide what is “good” or “bad” for you and your health. Today, our Hy-Vee dietitians will explain the differences between some of the sugar substitutes, the science behind them, and ways to use these sugars (and substitutes) in recipes!

Natural Sugars

Natural sugars, like sucrose, glucose, and fructose, give us energy throughout the day and are found in foods like grains, fruit, and sweet snacks. However, consuming excess amounts these sugars over time may raise our blood sugar and lead to pre-diabetes or diabetes. We recommend pairing these types of food with protein or fat to help balance your blood sugar. Fairlife milk is one of our favorites because it contains 50% more protein and 50% less sugar (compared to regular milk). It’s important to point out that we want our sugar intake at a manageable level, so we aren’t addicted to it. But we don’t necessarily need to cut it out completely!

For a snack, our Dietitian Pick of the Month is Perfect Bars. They are a delicious blend of creamy and crunchy with a cookie-dough-like texture. These bars are high in protein and fiber, helping you feel fuller for longer. Pair them with your favorite fresh fruit for a delicious and nutritious snack.

Stevia

Stevia is a plant that makes things taste sweet without adding sugar or calories. In fact, it’s 200 to 300 times sweeter than sugar. This sweetener is one of the more

well-known sugar substitutes. Science shows that stevia may be beneficial to our bodies as it may reduce blood pressure and may positively impact the gut microbiome. Our favorite way to use stevia is by adding it to tea or baked goods for sweetness without the calories.

Monk Fruit

Monk fruit is like a magic fruit that tastes sweet but does not impact our blood sugars. Just a little bit of this “sugar” can make foods sweet as it’s over 100 times sweeter than sugar. Studies show that monk fruit has anti-hyperglycemic, anti-hyperlipidemic, and anti-diabetic properties. In layman’s terms, monk fruit can help our blood sugar and help reduce the fat stores in our bodies. One way to use monk fruit is in a homemade salad dressing for a touch of sweetness.

Allulose

Allulose is another non-nutritive sweetener that’s about 70% as sweet as sugar. It looks and tastes like sugar, but it comes from dates, raisins, and prunes. Studies using allulose are similar to those using monk fruit and stevia; when using allulose instead of glucose, we tend to notice lower blood sugar levels tested after we eat. We enjoy using allulose sprinkled on fruit, like strawberries, for some extra sweetness. Give allulose (or one of the other sugar substitutes) a try in the recipe below if you prefer your smoothies on the sweeter side!

Want more guidance on sugar substitutes or managing blood sugars?

Consider our Balancing Your Blood Sugar Program. During this action-based group program, learn how to lower inflammation, reduce sugar intake and control cravings. Intended for those living with prediabetes, diabetes or gestational diabetes, these virtual sessions are designed to facilitate positive lifestyle changes. Program includes (4) 60-minute virtual group sessions with your Hy-Vee dietitian, and A1C screenings are completed at the beginning and end of the program at select Hy-Vee stores to track progress. Register online at hy-vee.com/healthnew.

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Sleeping Giants

By John McAndrew

You, too, may need to go for a long walk after finishing Rene Denfeld's new novel/mystery, *Sleeping Giants*. First, because you haven't been able to leave your chair for hours. And second, because Denfeld will have given you a lot to think about.

The story opens with Dennis, a troubled boy, running pell mell for the ocean at the Oregon coastal town of Eagle Cove. "He was a soft puppet, made of rags and tears." A man is in hot pursuit, screaming his name. Is the man friend or foe? Dennis is lost in the undertow. A local fisherman chisels a memorial for him and erects it in the town cemetery, in view of the ocean. The boy's body is never found.

Twenty years later, his younger sister, Amanda comes to town to learn about her long lost sibling, to find out what happened to him and why. There she meets a retired cop, Larry, whose wife had recently died. He is happy to be of use to someone. (Retired cops never seem to stay retired in fiction; have you ever noticed that?)

Amanda's and Dennis's mother was an alcoholic. Amanda was adopted into a loving family; Dennis was not. He went from foster home to foster home until, finally, he was sent to a boys' home, called Brightwood, in Eagle Cove. There he would either be reformed (if administrator Martha King could manage it) or live with other boys in Brightwood until he turned 18.

"Hopelessness shrunk them, just as it turned them gray with despair. You could smell it on them. They did not smell like children."

There is also a polar bear, named Molly, in a zoo where Amanda works as its caretaker. Molly's story is not incidental to Dennis and Amanda's story. The echoes between them are just one way Denfeld's confident mastery is evident. In her private life, Denfeld is a licensed death row investigator—and a foster mother. She knows about marginalized people, about predators who prey on them, and about everyday people who do their work and live their everyday lives in ways that end up being lighthouses in someone's storm. She knows that most people need good parents or neighbors, not superheroes.

Curiously, the books that came to mind while reading *Sleeping Giants*, which is so rooted in the stark realities of life, were children's fantasy books. I was reminded of the scene in Philip Pullman's *The Golden Compass* where a child's familiar, their soul, basically, was amputated from them. You

may suspect Martha King of being like Dolores Umbridge of the *Harry Potter* series: very conventional, respected, and authoritative. You may want to ask her, as the witch asked Dorothy in

The Wizard of Oz, "Are you a Good witch or a Bad witch?" Vivid cruelty and evil are not, sadly, only found in fantasy and children's scary stories. Mordor is here. Dachau was just down the block from someone's neighborhood, right in the middle of town.

Sleeping Giants is a mystery, so of course there is violence and the threat of violence. You will detect echoes of stories from the Catholic Church, other churches, the Boy Scouts, and the Indian Schools. Abuse that is covered up—or even sanctioned as a form of therapy—to preserve the institution whose leaders are the abusers.

"Is she going to be mean?"

"Not in the way you think. She has ways to be mean where everyone around her stands up and claps. That's the worst kind of meanness, son. The kind where everyone says it's for your own good."

One can be caught up in the reflections of real world problems portrayed here. Indeed, that is likely Denfeld's point. Readers learn about foster homes, adoption, and "reform schools" while reading. (For example, there are 20,000 children "missing" from the US foster care system. Thousands go missing every year.)

But this is a mystery, a story, and a well-told one, with affecting scenes, great pacing, and vivid characters. While reading about suffering and challenges, you will encounter moments of genuine friendship. You will catch a quick glimpse of an affectionate family welcoming a stranger. You will see Amanda's effort to improve Molly's life. And these mundane things may make you a little misty. Their often overlooked value becomes neon in that context.

This is a perfect book club book. It shines a clear light on our world. Not only the seamy side, but on the good people we take for granted. It's a propulsively quick read, so you can procrastinate until a couple of days before the club meets. But make sure your schedule is clear. Once you get into it a bit, you're not going anywhere. ■

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

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THE CROW (R)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Bill Skarsgård takes on the iconic role of *The Crow* in this modern reimagining of the original graphic novel by James O'Barr. Soulmates Eric (Skarsgård) and Shelly (FKA twigs) are brutally murdered when the demons of her dark past catch up with them. Given the chance to save his true love by sacrificing himself, Eric sets out to seek merciless revenge on their killers, traversing the worlds of the living and the dead to put the wrong things right.



Movie Buzz

D23 2024 took place over the weekend of Aug. 9–11. The annual event celebrates



everything there is to love about Disney, and it also always means getting treated to a ton of new info about all the upcoming shows and movies coming to theaters and Disney+. This year's big reveals and exciting updates included the trailer for the live-action *Snow White* remake starring Rachel Zegler and Gal Godot, a new trailer for *Moana 2*, plus big updates from the Marvel Cinematic Universe and the worlds of Pixar and *Star Wars*. *Star Wars: Skeleton Crew* looks particularly interesting and comes to Disney+ Dec. 3. *Toy Story 5* is on the way as is *Mufasa*, a *Lion King* prequel. Also on the slate are *Frozen 3* and 4, *Avatar 3*, live-action *Lilo & Stitch*, *Hoppers* (from Pixar) with John Hamm and a body-swapping beaver, as well as their animated sci-fi adventure *Elio*, *Zootopia 2*, *Daredevil: Born Again*, *Tron: Ares* (with Jared Leto), *Freakier Friday*, *Fantastic Four: First Steps*, *Captain America: Brave New World*, *Iron Heart*, and *Monster Jam* with Dwayne Johnson and monster trucks.

Now that filming for *Star Wars'* next movie, *The Mandalorian & Grogu*, is underway, director and *The Mandalorian* creator Jon Favreau has promised something rewarding for longtime enthusiasts of both the live-action TV show and the franchise as a whole. The movie is replacing a season 4 of the show. Director Jon Favreau says that their goal with this movie is to "have something that rewards people who have been with [*The Mandalorian*] since the beginning, and with *Star Wars* since the beginning."



Deadpool & Wolverine is now a billion-dollar movie. The first R-rated movie in the Marvel franchise and the first whose movie franchise was produced by 20th Century Fox before they were acquired by Disney and rebranded as 20th Century Studios. The *Deadpool & Wolverine* box office kicked off with a record-breaking opening weekend, earning the best debut for an R-rated movie ever, before quickly climbing past *The Passion of the Christ's* total to become the highest-grossing R-rated domestic release of all time. This more than quintuples the movie's \$200 million budget and makes it only the second movie of the year to pass the major milestone.





Gratitude vs. Negativity

By Matt Booth

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, we often find ourselves caught in a whirlwind of emotions. Among these emotions, two powerful forces stand out: gratitude and negativity. These two states of mind are polar opposites, and it's essential to recognize that they cannot coexist. You must choose one, and that choice can shape your life profoundly.

Negativity is a sneaky force. It often starts small, perhaps with a minor inconvenience or a harsh word, and can quickly snowball into a pervasive mindset. When we let negativity take hold, it drains the very life from us. Our energy wanes, our outlook dims, and our interactions with others become strained. Negativity breeds more negativity, creating a vicious cycle that's hard to break.

The impact of negativity isn't just emotional. It's physical too. Studies have shown that chronic negativity can lead to increased stress levels, weakened immune systems, and even a shorter lifespan. It's a heavy burden to carry, affecting not only ourselves but also those around us. Negativity is contagious; it spreads through our words and actions, influencing our families, friends, and colleagues.

On the flip side, gratitude is a transformative force. When we choose gratitude, we invite a sense of wonder and fulfillment into our lives. Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have, fostering a sense of contentment and joy. It's a powerful antidote to the drain of negativity.

Practicing gratitude doesn't mean ignoring life's challenges or pretending everything is perfect. Instead, it's about acknowledging those challenges while also recognizing the good that exists alongside them. It's about finding silver linings and appreciating the small moments of joy and kindness that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Gratitude has profound effects on our well-being. Emotionally, it can lift our spirits, reduce feelings of envy and resentment, and increase our overall happiness. Physically, it can lower stress levels, improve sleep, and boost our immune systems. When we express gratitude, whether through words or actions, we strengthen our relationships and create a positive ripple effect in our communities.

The choice between gratitude and negativity isn't always easy. Life is full of challenges and setbacks that can make negativity seem like the easier option. But it's important to remember that we have the power to choose our response. Here are some strategies to help cultivate gratitude:

- **Keep a Gratitude Journal:** Each day, write down three things you're grateful for. They can be as simple as a warm cup of tea or as significant as a supportive friend. Reflecting on these positive aspects of your life can shift your mindset over time.
- **Practice Mindfulness:** Take a few moments each day to be present and appreciate the here and now. Whether it's through meditation, deep breathing, or simply sitting quietly, mindfulness can help ground you in gratitude.
- **Express Your Appreciation:** Don't keep your gratitude to yourself. Share it with others. A heartfelt thank you or a kind note can make a significant difference in someone's day and strengthen your connection with them.
- **Reframe Negative Thoughts:** When you catch yourself slipping into negativity, try to reframe those thoughts. Instead of focusing on what's wrong, look for what you can learn from the situation or find something positive to focus on.
- **Surround Yourself with Positivity:** Seek out people, activities, and environments that uplift you. Surrounding yourself with positive influences can help reinforce your commitment to gratitude.

In the end, the choice between gratitude and negativity is a personal one, but it's a choice that has far-reaching implications. Negativity may seem tempting in moments of frustration, but it drains the life out of us, leaving us weary and unfulfilled. Gratitude, on the other hand, fills our lives with wonder and joy, creating a positive cycle that enhances our well-being and the well-being of those around us. By choosing gratitude, we invite a brighter, more fulfilling existence into our lives and the lives of those we touch. ■

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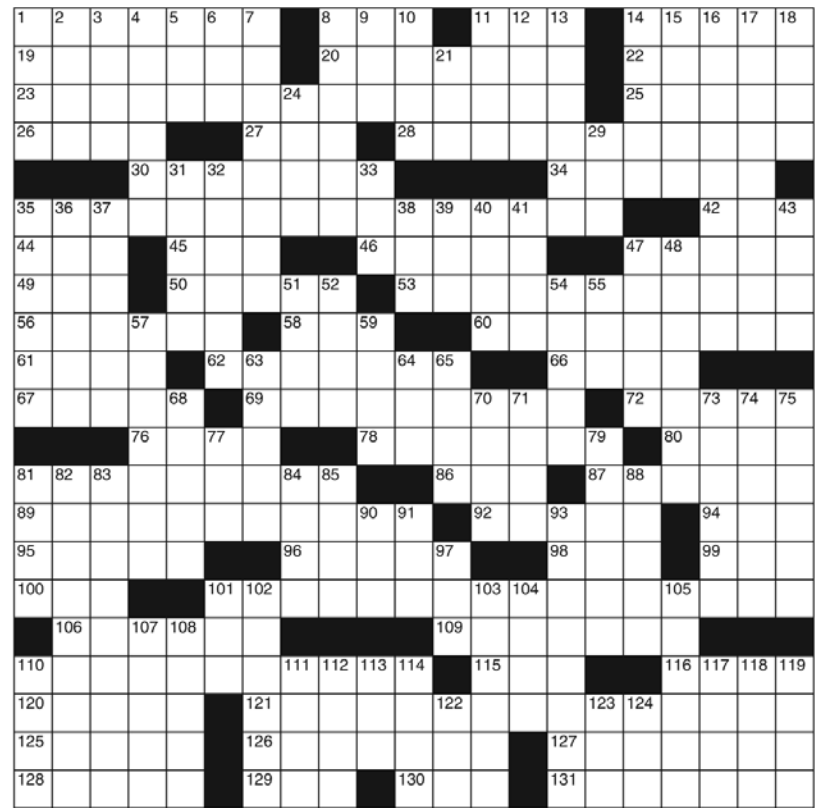
By Frank A. Longo

POOL PLAY

- ACROSS
- 1 Clipboard's larger relative
 - 8 Nintendo game system
 - 11 Styled after
 - 14 Funny Foxx
 - 19 Law of motion topic
 - 20 Behind bars
 - 22 Fabric design
 - 23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
 - 25 Iowa senator Joni
 - 26 Mid-voyage
 - 27 Inquire
 - 28 Unable to find your pool stick?
 - 30 Actor Caine
 - 34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
 - 35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?

- 42 Animal throat
- 44 Chicken —
- 45 River of Bern
- 46 "Cops" sound
- 47 Office scribe
- 49 Road furrow
- 50 Basie's music
- 53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?
- 56 Ultimatum end
- 58 Assist
- 60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
- 61 Stridex target
- 62 Some schlumpy physiques

- 66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
- 67 Label anew
- 69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
- 72 Really heavy herbivore
- 76 Lackluster
- 78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
- 80 Scandinavian thunder god
- 81 Having a trio of components
- 86 Alex and — (jewelry brand)
- 87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
- 89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
- 92 Habituate (to)
- 94 Org. for cavity fillers
- 95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
- 96 Itty-bitty
- 98 Scot's refusal
- 99 Ocasek of the Cars
- 100 Put a tear in
- 101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
- 106 "Othello" victim
- 109 Pool variety with 22 balls
- 110 Observe a hole in a pool table?



- 115 La mer filler
 - 116 Love god
 - 120 Jetson boy
 - 121 Last shot of a pool game?
 - 125 Be at a slant
 - 126 Mass in the throat
 - 127 Admiral Nelson
 - 128 Liv of "Super"
 - 129 Riddle-me —
 - 130 Facial locale
 - 131 Frightful flies
- DOWN
- 1 Peru's largest city
 - 2 Santa — (some winds)
 - 3 Certain small pooch
 - 4 Reveries
 - 5 Zeta follower
 - 6 [not my typo]
 - 7 Desert region in Africa
 - 8 Devalitize
 - 9 Vacation stop
 - 10 Long-range nuke carrier
 - 11 Gets mature
 - 12 Grasslands
 - 13 Last name of singer Adele
 - 14 Many PC pics
 - 15 Alcove-hiding tapestry
 - 16 Mixture baked in pies
 - 17 Aetna offering
 - 18 Kin of -ess
 - 21 Grande of pop, for short
 - 24 "Ozark" actor Morales
 - 29 "Uh-uh"
 - 31 "No bid"
 - 32 Attacked as a cat might
 - 33 The, to Jules
 - 35 Hoopla
 - 36 Info provider
 - 37 Breadth
 - 38 Not a one
 - 39 "Despicable Me" antihero
 - 40 Thigh locales
 - 41 Actress Swenson
 - 43 Pad thai pans
 - 47 Cut, as ties
 - 48 Reality shows, to some people
 - 51 Not a one
 - 52 Singer Barry
 - 54 Similar
 - 55 Baseballer Hodges
 - 57 Guides, biblical-style
 - 59 "A little dab'll —"
 - 63 Mahmoud of Palestine
 - 64 "seaQuest —" (sci-fi series)
 - 65 Old Big Apple stadium
 - 68 — -Roman
 - 70 Decade divisions, in Rome
 - 71 Lay waste to
 - 73 "— Huckabees" (2004 film)
 - 74 Swedish, say
 - 75 Jerry of stage and screen
 - 77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
 - 79 Ex-president Obama
 - 81 Old autocrat
 - 82 In a spiral-shaped way
 - 83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
 - 84 Ostrich kin
 - 85 Arena level
 - 88 John of plows
 - 90 Ottawa loc.
 - 91 Abbr. on a bad check
 - 93 Not looked for
 - 97 Cen. divisions
 - 101 Tiny drink
 - 102 Over the line
 - 103 Central New York lake
 - 104 Complain
 - 105 Turkey's tallest peak
 - 107 Breadth
 - 108 More bashful
 - 110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
 - 111 Suffix with fungi
 - 112 Large joint
 - 113 Berlin article
 - 114 General — chicken
 - 117 Witty sayings
 - 118 Steinbeck migrant
 - 119 Old Olds cars
 - 122 Large joint
 - 123 Call for help
 - 124 Uno tripled

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BY SARA CARPENTER

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Dog Days of Summer

The dog days of summer are barking, and Labor Day is just around the bend, signaling the end of yet another epic summer season! With fall just around the corner, that means it's time for fresh hair and new styles for back to school and time to clean up the mess in the house from all of the popsicles, ice cream, sandy toes, and muddy paws. In the Carpenter household, we stay active all summer long—our doggies Traveler and Aspen included!

National Dog Day is Aug. 26, and spending time with your pets is just as important as spending time with family and friends. So set aside the day to pamper your pup and have some fun!

A Day at the Park

Load up the car with the kids and the dog and take a stroll at A.Y. McDonald Park or meet up with some pals at the Pet Park on North Grandview. Even if it's raining, there are plenty of ways to get clean after!

Pet Grooming Spa Day

Bring your furry friend out to Steve's Ace in Peosta and use the area's leading self-serve dog wash station. You can wash, rinse, and blow dry your pup plus we have towels, too! We have everything you need and more—take a peek at all the new treats for your loved one.

Donate

Take some time to go through your bin of goodies for your pup and donate the unused toys to your favorite local shelter. If you have an extra blanket lying around the house, make sure to bring that too. The Dubuque Regional Humane Society and Whispurring Hope Rescue are two local shelters that would love your donations. Make it a family affair while

donating and take some time to sign up to volunteer at your favorite rescue shelter.

Spoil with Attention

Let your dogs go shopping with you. Many stores allow animals inside where you can roam and find a new toy or treat (Steve's Ace does!) Head home for a snuggle session, watch *Homeward Bound*, and end the night by making your dog's new favorite dish that they received after their spa day at Steve's Ace in Peosta.

Time to Clean Up

After a few days of fun, you certainly may find yourself needing to clean up after the kids and dogs... again... No worries! Head to Steve's Ace and rent a Rug Doctor to not only clean the dirt and hair but the pet dander, too! The Rug Doctor is a professional-grade product, and you get professional results without paying a professional. Win-win! The deep clean is truly unmatched and is simple to use.

End of Summer Maintenance

Don't forget to install that new screen you had repaired at Steve's Ace after the dog accidentally ran through it earlier in the summer. Change the batteries to your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, change the furnace filters, and lay your Scott's Step 4 over the next few weeks. It greens up the lawn now and helps strengthen and protect it for a better lawn next spring. Thank goodness Steve's Ace is a one-stop shop to help for all your dog-gone needs on your ruff days!

In honor of National Dog Month, take a look into all the local places you can spoil your canine companion. Sometimes we become so consumed in our own daily activities that our pets receive less attention than they deserve. Our pets are part of our family, so make sure to get out there on Aug. 26, and celebrate with your furry friend. The mess is worth it when the clean up can be so simple!

Happy National Dog Day!

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DEAR ANGELA,

I'm thinking of starting a business so that I can be my own boss, set my own schedule. The only thing stopping me is that I don't really have any "million dollar ideas." Do you have any extra ones lying around that I could use?
—Girl Boss on Gilmore St.

DEAR GIRL BOSS,

Sure! I've got a bunch of ideas I could share! I mean, I could be a millionaire entrepreneur boss babe by now if I had wanted to, but the idea of being my own boss sounds dreadful. From what I've seen, it's super stressful, you never actually get vacation, and every day is just a bunch of decisions. I try to get through each day making as few decisions as possible, and I think it makes me sound like a really smart therapist when I respond to every question my friends and family

ask with, "Hmmm, interesting, and what do *you* think we should do about that?" Rather than just saying where I want to go eat dinner with the group. Look, from what I have seen, the idea isn't really what you need to figure out. The HR processes, now *that's* where your focus should be. Its important to figure this all out now and put little bits of bureaucratic slowdowns into every process you create for your company. Once you have all of that laid out, then the ideas of what your business will actually be should just come naturally!

DEAR ANGELA,

I'm nervous about starting school in a few weeks. Any suggestions to help get me through?
—Back to School Scaries

DEAR BACK TO SCHOOL,

Ugh, thanks a lot! After YEARS of blocking it out, I thought I had finally gotten over the nervousness of preparing for that first day of school, but NOPE, you just had to go and write in and make me reminisce about my school days. Ok, here is what you do. Go to the store with your mom and get the COOLEST Lisa Frank trapper keeper, bonus points if your parents are rich enough to get you matching folders and Five Star notebooks to

go inside. Grab at least one pack of gel pens—including the ones that write on black paper, which you will never have. Don't forget #2 pencils for test taking, and be sure to properly adorn them with the pencil grips and Troll doll toppers. You'll put those in a Ren and Stimpy pencil pouch, and you're good to go! Everyone will see how cool you are, and teachers will give you automatic As!

DEAR ANGELA,

I've been so inspired by the Olympics in Paris this year! It was so exciting to watch all those extremely fit people do random sporting challenges I've never even seen before. I heard about all the athletes this year that started competing later in life, and I've decided next time—I'm going to go. I just turned 45 and have never played a sport in my life, but I think now's my time. Especially because the 2028 Olympics are going to be in LA, so I don't have to travel internationally to play. Can you give me some advice for getting in? I'm not picky about which sport, my brain says trampolining would be best, but my heart says water polo (mainly because I'd love to have Flava Flav as a teammate). As an Olympic medalist, do you have any advice?
—Sudden Athlete on Suzanne Drive

DEAR SUDDEN,

Oh no! I'm sure this letter was actually meant for All-Around Arabesque Advice, written by Italian artistic gymnast and 2024 silver medal winner Angela Andreoli, Italian artistic gymnast! Unfortunately I was unable to reach her people as she was undoubtedly tired from two weeks of partying in the Olympic Village and needed a break. So, I'll attempt to answer. I'm qualified because I went out for golf the second semester of my Junior year of high school, mainly to get out of a boring study hall. I played one hole in a practice, and the rest of the season the coach just told me to stay out of the way on the putting green. I never competed, and honestly that's exactly the way I liked it. I'd suggest dressage (horse dancing). Find a dressy horse already ready for you to ride, then it won't be too much work on your part AND you get to ride around on a pretty pony to a song with a fun beat! Good luck!

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