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COUNTRY

OCTOBER 25



THE STRUTS

THE PRETTY VICIOUS TOUR

OCTOBER 26



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THE OLD SCHOOL

CLASSIC ROCK TRIBUTE

NOVEMBER 1



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NOVEMBER 2



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VAN HALEN TRIBUTE

**THURSDAY
OCT 31 | 8PM**



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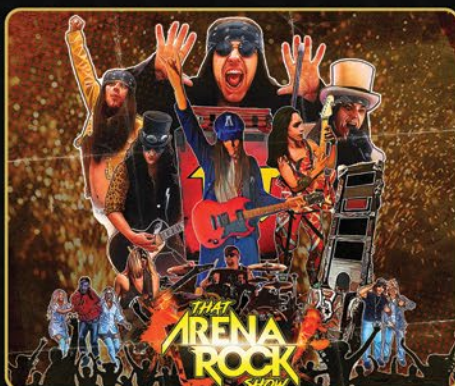
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TRIBUTE TO "CLASSIC" ROCK N' ROLL

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NOV 16 | 8PM**



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THE PORK TORNADOES

POWERFUL PARTY BAND

**SATURDAY
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MAVIN NEY



CHUCK ISENHART

I had a whole column written about the election where I only used quotes from Republicans and Trump insiders to explain why he's a problem, but I decided instead of going negative, even if they're not my words, to go positive and tell you about great things and great people. But you can still read it on my personal Facebook page if you like.

Let me tell you about Mavin Ney. Yesterday, he got back from Florida where he just spent days ferrying health-compromised people from the west side of the hurricane-ravaged state to safe lodging on the east coast in his Paramount Ambulances. Tomorrow, he's hauling 24 pallets of Hasbro toys from my Toys for Tots Dubuque warehouse to Cedar Rapids where he'll drop half, and then on to Mason City where he'll deliver the other half to Toys for Tots up there. And then back to Dubuque with four pallets from Mason City for us. It's a pre-Christmas miracle, and I could not be more appreciative as, I'm sure, are the kids of Cedar Rapids and Mason City!!!

Why am I giving away a semi of toys? Well, I was very fortunate to receive not one, but THREE semis of Hasbro toys from the manufacturer through the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation in August. One or two pallets of any toy is amazing! Five or six pallets of the same toy gets to be a LOT of one thing. So I have a LOT of about a dozen different wonderful toys from Nerf guns, to Transformers, to My Little Pony and Monopoly games. So without taking anything away from my Dubuque Toys for Tots Program, I can augment other great programs in Iowa. We already traded Hasbro toys with Quincy, IL in August to give us both more variety, and as part of that swap dropped pallets off to Burlington, IA Toys for Tots. We've also sent smaller loads to Carroll County, IL and soon to Jones County, IA. Thanks to me having access to a warehouse year-round, we're all benefiting from this massively generous donation. It just means a little

extra work to manage all the logistics, but it's totally worth it for the end payoff. No local funds or toys purchased or donated locally are leaving town. Well, 1 of 6 pallets of vintage TOMY die-cast airplanes I got from Iowa Die-Cast Toys is headed to Cedar Rapids. So all of your dollars are still here and doing great things, just like Marvin's doing great things! And now I have room in the warehouse to breathe and plan for the chaos of the coming months.

And now turning back to politics but staying positive with great people, let me tell you about State Representative Chuck Isenhart. I first met Chuck many years ago when he was running the Dubuque Area Labor Management Council, and we keep crossing paths and working toward common goals of improving our community ever since. He even calls his role in Iowa State Government the Campaign For the Common Good, and he continually backs that up year round with his actions, not just in the State House, but with his real life presence in the community.

You will regularly find Chuck at diverse community events where he makes himself constantly accessible to his constituents. From arts and music, to diversity issues and at-risk populations, and especially a dedication to our natural resources, parks, and green spaces, Chuck Isenhart walks the walk in Dubuque before he goes to Des Moines to talk the talk, or shall we say, "Roll Em' Up" and fight the good fight for the common good.

All I honestly know of his opposition is the attack ads put out on her behalf when she comes out of a silent retreat every two years, but the platform seems to be pretty much toe-the-line Republican agenda if that's your thing. She also dropped out of the League of Women Voters' public forum at the last minute. I believe that if you believe in your platform, it is imperative that you allow the public to ask you about it. This year's attack ad, which illegally uses unapproved

copyright images, is naturally a gross misrepresentation of Mr. Isenhart and ignores his strong advocacy for public schools and educators, including fighting for increased school funding, supporting the AEAs, summer meals for school kids, funding for school lunches, and countless other issues. KCRG TV even saw the egregious misrepresentations in the ad worthy of reporting on. Teachers in Dubuque County support Chuck and appreciate his advocacy for them—period. I don't think diverting public school funds so wealthier people can have the cost of their kids' private school education discounted is a good use of tax dollars. And I sure don't think that if this is your platform, that putting the word "EDUCATION" as one of your campaign's priorities is telling people what you're really about.

Chuck Isenhart was also just endorsed by the Iowa Farmers Union, the premier assembly of family farmers in Iowa for over a century. Yeah,

farmers supporting a Democrat... in IOWA. That should tell you something.

Chuck is also the legislator who recently identified a bill that would have created a big loophole in Iowa open meetings law, allowing elected officials to meet secretly. Not until the media brought the issue to the attention of the public did Iowa Republican legislators believe him. It forced our Republican Governor to have to veto the bill. The same governor, by the way, that barred the State Auditor from taking state agencies to court to force them to turn over documents in order to keep them honest. We need guys like Chuck and Auditor Rob Sand to keep checks on power and guard against efforts to legislate corruption.

Chuck has been an open and accessible advocate for all of Dubuque's residents for some time and is a respected Democratic voice in Des Moines, and to say that he deserves to continue doing his work is itself an egregious understatement. And he's just a nice man. That matters. ■

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19TH ANNUAL

Glimmer of Hope

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 5 PM

HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)

The Dubuque Community Y invites you to their 19th annual Glimmer of Hope event on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. at Hotel Julien Dubuque. All proceeds going to support their Crisis Services Program.

Hear stories of hope, community resources, and updates on the shelter renovations and upgrades. You'll walk away learning how the past, present, and future of the Y's services can assist those that need it most.

Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m. and is followed by the program at 6 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket are provided with each event ticket purchase. Music will be provided by Ralph Kluseman and the Heartland Harmony Choir. Silent auction bidding is now open. Need not be present to bid or to win. Bidding will take place online.

Tickets start at \$60 and are available at the door. For tickets and more information, visit dubuque.org/glimmer-of-hope. ■



Key City Collegiate Classic Hockey Tournament

NOVEMBER 1 AND 2

IMON ARENA (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

The Key City Collegiate Classic tournament features the men's hockey teams from the University of Dubuque, Augsburg University, University

of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Aurora University. The games will be played at ImOn Arena on Nov. 1 and 2, which is home ice for the University of Dubuque hockey team.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with Q Casino + Resort and their new Island Social venue to bring a season-opening, NCAA Division III hockey tournament to the city of Dubuque," said Nelson Edmonds, Vice President for Student Engagement and Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Dubuque.

This is the inaugural offering of what the University of Dubuque hopes will become an annual, season-opening tournament featuring Division III teams from around the country—all played at the city-owned ImOn Arena.

For more information on game schedules and tickets, visit UDspartans.com. ■



Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

SATURDAYS: NOVEMBER 2-APRIL 26

@ 9 AM-NOON

KENNEDY MALL (555 JFK RD)

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market will open its season at a new location inside the former Rue21 storefront, next to Bath & Body Works, on the north concourse of Kennedy Mall. The market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon, Nov. 2,

2024 through April 26, 2025. Market will be closed Dec. 28 for a holiday break.

More than 20 regional food vendors will offer seasonal fresh produce, eggs, humanely raised beef, poultry and pork, cheeses, honey, maple syrup, artisan baked goods, jams and jellies, spice blends, seasonings, whole dried herbs and flavored cooking oils, salsas and hot sauces, body care products, and more.

Winter Market organizers encourage you to bring your own reusable shopping bags or purchase a reusable market tote at the market's information table. They also offer a recycling station that will accept clean cardboard egg cartons and glass canning/mason jars. You can become part of the energy by participating as a vendor, shopping each week, or volunteering.

For more information, visit WinterMarketDBQ.com. ■

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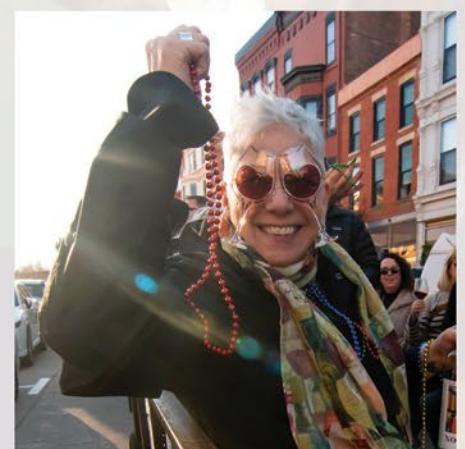


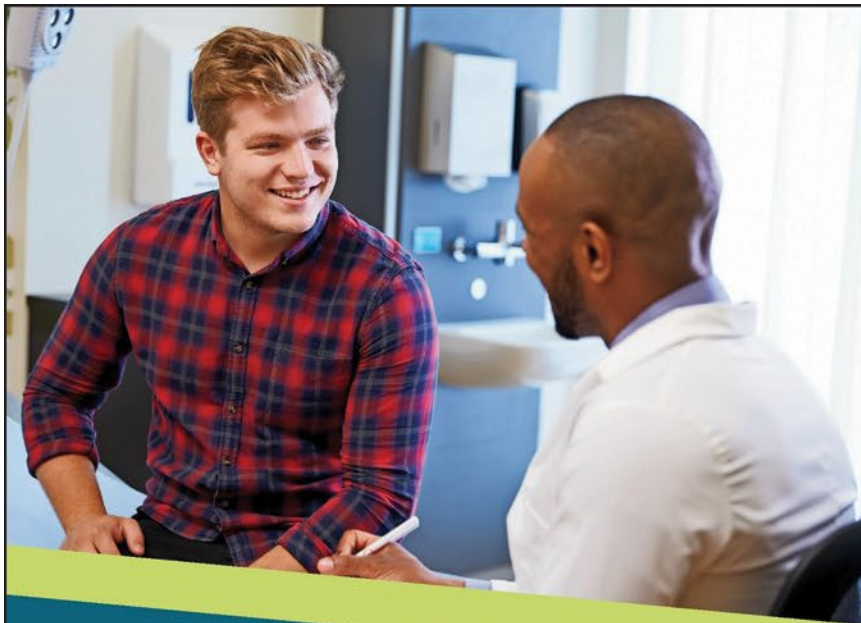
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Annie's Foundation Banned Book Giveaway

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 2-4 PM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
(360 W 11TH ST)

Annie's Foundation, an Iowa-based nonprofit volunteer organization that fights censorship in schools and libraries across the state, will host a Banned Book Giveaway at Carnegie-Stout Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, all ages are welcome.

Everyone is invited to take a free copy of a book from a list of titles that were



recently removed from Dubuque schools. One book per person will be available while supplies last. Sara Hayden Parris, the founder and president of Annie's Foundation, will also share updates about the status of book banning in Iowa and ongoing court challenges to Senate File 496, the 2023 law which restricts access to books in schools.

For more information, call Carnegie-Stout Public Library at **563-589-4225** or visit carnegioustout.org. ■

20TH ANNUAL

Ohnward Community Christmas

NOVEMBER 16-17, 23-24, AND 30
AND DECEMBER 1 @ NOON-4 PM
NOVEMBER 18-22 AND 25-29 @ 10 AM-4 PM
OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER
(1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

Bid on creative trees and beautiful wreaths, theatre entertainment, and more at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center's 20th Annual Festival of Trees now known as Ohnward's Community Christmas. The proceeds will go to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center.

Add to the fundraiser by donating a decorated tree or wreath, themed baskets, table centerpiece, or even something for outside. If you are short on time to decorate a tree or wreath of your own, Ohnward can do it for you. The deadline to submit a form is Nov. 6.

Visitors can register for a Christmas basket and enter for a chance to win a snowman raffle tree. Browse the bake sale on Nov. 23, 24, and 30 and Dec. 1. The Holiday Family Gift Pass is available for \$90. This pass offers you four passes (tickets) to any future Ohnward Fine Arts Center productions—they never expire!

To volunteer, donate an item, or for more information, call Ohnward Fine Arts Center at **563-652-9815** or visit OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com. ■



Book Signing with Author Rev. Dr. Jade C. Angelica

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 1-3 PM
RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
(1098 MAIN ST)

A 10th anniversary edition of Rev. Dr. Jade C. Angelica's memoir and pastoral guide for those who love someone with Alzheimer's is set for release on Tuesday,

Oct. 29, with a new foreword by Dr. Stephen G. Post. Jade will be at River Lights Bookstore on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 1-3 p.m. for a book signing and conversation, with a book reading at 1:30 p.m.

In this updated 10th anniversary edition of *Where Two Worlds Touch: The Spirit and Science of Alzheimer's Caregiving*, Angelica adds more learnings from her years in Alzheimer's ministry and important discoveries from the world of science. She draws on interfaith theological and spiritual resources, historical information, medical research, social context, and practical know-how from professional and family caregivers, as well as her own life's story to provide a life-changing resource for those who need its gifts.

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THU 10/24

Stephonie A Schmitz Artist Showcase
4-7 PM @ EDGE BY GOLDMOOR INN SUNSET TERRACE (GALENA, IL)
Stephonie A Schmitz of SAO Dzynz, Inc is an award-winning photographer. From her global travels to the majestic landscapes of America's heartland, Stephonie's photography resonates with emotional depth, inviting you to experience the beauty and stillness of the natural world. 9001 W Sand Hill Rd, Galena, IL. saodzynz.com.

SAT 10/26

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Fall Vendor Show

9 AM-1 PM @ OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Join for a morning of holiday shopping and tons of baked goods to benefit the ORLC Preschool. Find fall and Christmas decor, clay jewelry, hand-woven baskets, table runners, teacup lamps and themed Christmas trees, and quality handmade items. This will be the perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for those "hard-to-buy" for people. Lots of great stocking stuffers will be available. 100% of proceeds will benefit the ORLC Preschool. Free. 2145 John F Kennedy Rd. **563-542-8053**. facebook.com/ButlerHomestead.

By Women, For Women Craft and Vendor Show

10 AM-2 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE
By Women, For Women is a charity event for Opening Doors. Shop more than 20 female-owned local businesses, and enter drawings to win prizes. All proceeds benefit Opening Doors, a nonprofit that helps

women and children who are experiencing homelessness in Dubuque. \$5. facebook.com/LizSmithplunder.

Paws for Good

10:30 AM-NOON @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. Stop by the library to meet some adoptable animals and enjoy hands-on activities for the whole family. Consider donating an item or two to the Dubuque Regional Humane Society to support animals in need. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegioustout.org.



Meet the Artist: Dotty Prince

1-3 PM @ GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL)
Oil painter Dotty Prince's works focus on abstract realism, using techniques that give her paintings a rich and textured appearance. Raised in Wisconsin, Prince spent 20 years living and painting the western United States. Currently a Galena resident, Prince now captures the beauty of the Driftless area, with its unvarnished bluffs and woods around the Mississippi River. On display through Nov. 17. Free. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL. galenacenterforthearts.org.

SUN 10/27

DIY Milkweed Throw & Grow

11 AM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
Create your throw and grow with milkweed and other prairie seeds. Mix compost, clay, and seeds. You will take them home and throw them into ditches, yards, and other areas to have native species grow next season. Supplies

are limited and first-come, first-served. This is a great kid and family-friendly event. Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745**. dubuquecountyia.gov/conservation.

TUE 10/29

Readings Under the Influence: I Scream, You Scream

7 PM @ SMOKESTACK
RUI is a themed, interactive live and local arts showcase. 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. 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.

FRI 11/1

47th National Farm Toy Show

DYERSVILLE, IA
11/1-11/3. Filling Beckman High School, The National Farm Toy Museum, and the Commercial Club Park, highlights include a Collectors Dinner on Saturday at Royal Lanes, a sanctioned Micro-Mini Pull at Commercial Club Park in South Building on Saturday at 11 AM and Sunday at 9 AM, plus the National Farm Toy Show Auction at 10 AM Saturday at Beckman Auditorium. The granddaddy of farm toy shows draws about 6,000 people each year. ToyFarmer.com.

SAT 11/2

Walk Into Christmas Gift Show & Bake Sale

10 AM-4 PM @ MERCY GIFT SHOP
11/2-11/4. Mercy Service Club, a volunteer group of ladies, is hosting their annual Christmas show. Proceeds and donations benefit children in the care of MercyOne. Tax-free shopping. 250 Mercy Dr. **563-589-9610**.

SUN 11/3



Sunshine Holiday Fair
10 AM-3 PM @ FINLEY HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM AND SUNSHINE GIFT SHOP
11/3 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 11/4

at 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunshine Circle at Finley Hospital is hosting their annual Holiday Fair, showcasing homemade baked goods, floral arrangements, holiday decor, hand-mades, gifts, and jewelry as well as RADA cutlery. The Sunshine Circle has been raising funds for Finley Hospital supporting patients' needs since 1889. 350 N Grandview Ave. **563-589-2429**.

Breezy Ridge Quilts of Valor Ceremony

2 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Breezy Ridge Quilters honor and award local veterans with their quilts. A Quilt of Valor is a quilt that is machine or hand quilted and awarded to service members or veterans who have been touched by war. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegiestout.org.

TUE 11/5



Election Day
Get out there and make your vote count!

WED 11/6

Shalom Friendsgiving Fundraising Event

5-9 PM @ DARKBIRD TAPHOUSE (PEOSTA, IA)
The Donation Tip Night supports Shalom Spirituality Center. Enjoy great food, live music with Elizabeth Mary and 50/50 drawings. 7305 Thunder Valley Dr, Peosta, IA. **563-582-3592**. shalomretreats.org.

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23RD ANNUAL

Attitude of Gratitude

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 @ 4:30-9 PM
GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

The 23rd annual Attitude of Gratitude takes place at the Grand River Center on Saturday, Nov. 23. It is the largest fundraiser of the year for Opening Doors. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:30 p.m.

The event features entertainment, plated dinner, silent and live auction, three raffles, and an inspirational message from a woman who has achieved success through Opening Doors' program.

For a quarter of a century, Opening Doors has been uplifting and empowering women experiencing homelessness and poverty in Dubuque. Their dedicated team, alongside dynamic partners, has opened doors of hospitality, hope, and opportunity to over 5,000 women and their children. Through compassion and community building, they invest in a brighter future by helping thousands of women and their children overcome hardship and embark on paths to independence and success.

Tickets are \$100. For tickets and more information, visit aog25.givesmart.com. ■

1ST ANNUAL

Holiday Chili Crawl

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ 11 AM-3 PM
DOWNTOWN EAST DUBUQUE

Are you still sad that the Tri-State's Largest Chili Cook-Off didn't happen this year in downtown Dubuque? Well, this might soothe your sadness a bit. Introducing the Tri-States' 1st Annual Holiday Chili Crawl,

coming to downtown East Dubuque, IL and the surrounding area on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chili lovers will purchase a stamp card for \$15. When you go to a participating venue to taste the chili, you will get a special stamp. Anybody that hits all venues can turn in their card for prize drawings. There will also be a spot on the card to write in your favorite chili. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the winning chili.

The event will provide a complimentary trolley to shuttle people from downtown to the other area bars and restaurants participating in the event. Additional details coming soon, but now you know so you can get it on the calendar. Check the next issue of *365ink* for more on their great new event!

Would you like to have your venue involved? The EDGE Foundation will provide all of the participating bars with 10 pounds of ground beef to make their chili. Contact John Digman at **563-580-5222** for info on putting your place on the map! ■



THU 11/7

The Ultimate Holiday Shopping Open House

11 AM-8 PM @ JFK PLAZA

The businesses in the JFK Plaza next to House of China are opening their doors for a day of holiday shopping and fun activities. Additional small businesses have also been invited. 150 JFK Rd.

facebook.com/skellyportraits.

SAT 11/9

Dubuque Special Olympics Iowa Polar Plunge

9:45 AM-NOON @ 7 HILLS

BREWING COMPANY

Individuals and organizations raise money for Special Olympics Iowa by jumping into frigid waters. Costumes are encouraged. Check in and registration at 9:45 a.m. followed by the plunge at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to the post party with food and drink, music, and prizes. 1085 Washington St. soiowa.org/polar-plunge.



3rd Annual Off Shore Fall Fest

NOON-4 PM @ OFF SHORE EVENT CENTER (BELLEVUE, IA)

This event features local breweries, wineries, other vendors from around the area, along with live music from Scott Kirkhart. Attendees can vote for the best contender in the smoke off competition. Reach out if you want to compete. Tickets include a Fall Fest beer glass, free beer tasting, and two tickets to sample meat from the smoke off. VIP enters at 11 a.m. Supports Research for the Kids. Ages 21+. GA: \$25; VIP: \$35. 4115 N Riverview St, Bellevue, IA. facebook.com/offshoresort.

MON 11/11

American Legion Post 6 Veterans Day Ceremony

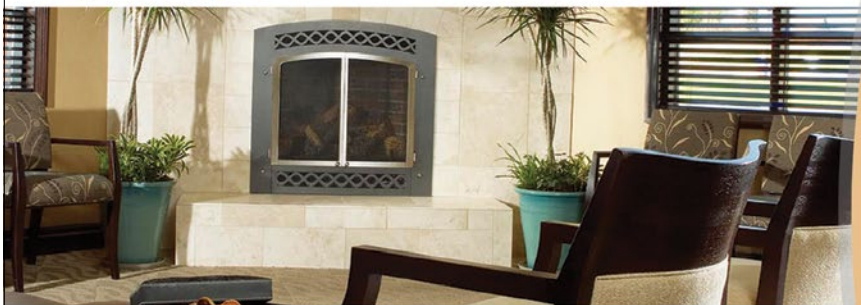
10:30 AM @ IMON ARENA

All Tri-State veterans organizations and military units will be in attendance and have been encouraged to participate. Featured speaker is Brandi Herring served as a Petty Officer Third Class in the U.S. Coast Guard. Heather Cunard will sing the national anthem. The East Dubuque Drum and Bugle Corp and Dubuque Fire Pipe and Drums will participate in the ceremony. The program will last around 30 minutes. 1800 Admiral Sheehy Dr. **563-583-0306**.



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Ongoing & Recurring Events

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/early-explorers.

WEDNESDAY



She Unites

6:30-7:30 PM
@ THE INNOVATION LAB
3RD WED

Come together for an evening of socialization and education. Featuring rotating speakers talking about anything and everything pertaining to women in a chill environment. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.

FRIDAY

First Fridays

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE

1ST FRI

First Friday is a free downtown monthly community arts event with open galleries, artists' studios, and live entertainment, fostering

community and celebrating arts in Dubuque. Free. FirstFridaysDubuque.org.

SATURDAY



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.



Dubuque Farmers' Market

8 AM-NOON @ NEAR 12TH AND IOWA ST
THROUGH 10/26

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.

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, Plat-

teville, WI. **608-218-4374**.

PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

9 AM-NOON @ KENNEDY MALL FORMER RUE21
11/2-4/26

See page 6 for more details. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.



Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
1ST & 3RD SAT: 11/2-4/26

Find homegrown and hand-made products from fresh produce and prepared food to stained glass and bath bombs. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. **608-218-4374**.

PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.



Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
2ND SAT THROUGH 4/12

Northeast Iowa School of Music introduces children and their families to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Come prepared to sing, play instruments, and dance. Children leave with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop. All ages. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-690-0151**. nisom.com.

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Welcome to DBQ Pride

DBQ Pride is excited to announce its establishment as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In response to the growing need for greater connectivity within the Dubuque area LGBTQ+ community, the organization is dedicated to creating queer-friendly spaces that support socialization and foster a greater sense of unity.

With the continued growth of the Dubuque Pride Festival, DBQ Pride will

take the lead in managing this annual event. Additionally, the organization will introduce monthly social gatherings, networking opportunities, and fundraisers aimed at supporting the queer community and its close allies.

DBQ Pride's mission is to connect the LGBTQ+ community from Dubuque and the surrounding areas through monthly social activities, culminating in the Dubuque Pride Festival the first Saturday each June in celebration of Pride Month. The organization seeks to engage adults of all ages through year-round social opportunities that cultivate a sense of place and belonging for queer people within the larger Dubuque community.

DBQ Pride is excited to offer new opportunities for building a diverse yet cohesive network of support for all LGBTQ+ residents in the area. Whether you identify as out and proud or are simply seeking a place of belonging, DBQ Pride sees you and supports you. They are excited for what the future holds with you in it!

For more information, please visit DBQpride.org. ■

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Events at Five Flags Center

The Five Flags Center is located at 405 Main St. in Downtown Dubuque. Fees may apply to ticket purchases. Tickets are available at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Five Flags Center Box Office. For more information, call 563-589-4254 or visit [FiveFlagsCenter.com](https://www.FiveFlagsCenter.com).



Walking with Ghosts: Real Life Hauntings with Amy Bruni

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

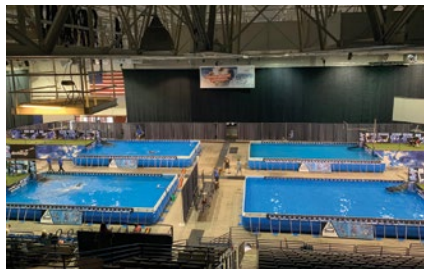
Walking with Ghosts: Real Life Hauntings with Amy Bruni is a deep dive into actual haunted encounters. Experience

authentic evidence of the paranormal, haunted objects from Amy's personal collection, and actual interactive investigations on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Five Flags Theater.

Amy Bruni started her professional ghost hunting career just over a decade ago, but her experience with ghosts started when she was very young. She began as a paranormal investigator in 2007 when she began appearing on *Ghost Hunters*, in which she starred in 116 episodes.

Now, she's the co-star and executive producer of the Travel Channel's *Kindred Spirits*, one of the longest-running and highest-rated paranormal television shows. Amy is also the host of the wildly popular *Haunted Road* podcast. She is the owner of Strange Escapes, a company offering paranormal excursions to some of America's most notoriously haunted destinations.

Tickets are \$28-\$58. ■



25TH ANNIVERSARY

DockDogs World Championship

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 27
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

During this year's 25th Anniversary of the world's premier canine aquatics competition, DockDogs returns to the Five Flags Center for the World Championship on Oct. 22-27, at 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This year is not only special as they celebrate their

silver jubilee, but this year's Championship will also be combined with the Dueling Dogs World Championship, which typically takes place in April.

The DockDogs World Championship hosts approximately 500 human competitors with over 900 canine competitors each year. The Dueling Dog finals take place on Thursday afternoon, and the DockDogs Feature Finals take place on Saturday at 7-9 p.m. and Sunday at 1-3 p.m.

For 25 years, DockDogs has been producing fun-filled events for dogs and their owners (called "handlers") including the disciplines of Big Air, Speed Retrieve Extreme Vertical, and Dueling Dogs.

The event will host vendors, concessions, live emcees throughout and hundreds of dogs splashing into four different pools within the Five Flags Arena.

Spectators can enter for free. For more information, visit [DockDogs.com](https://www.DockDogs.com). ■



Trick or Treat

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 @ 5:30-8 PM
FIVE FLAGS CENTER

This family-friendly event promises a ghoulishly good time with free trick-or-treating for kids of all ages on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Stroll through the festively decorated halls where more than 40 local businesses and community members will be handing out treats and surprises. Enjoy pumpkin painting for \$5 and a scavenger hunt with great prizes. Free. ■

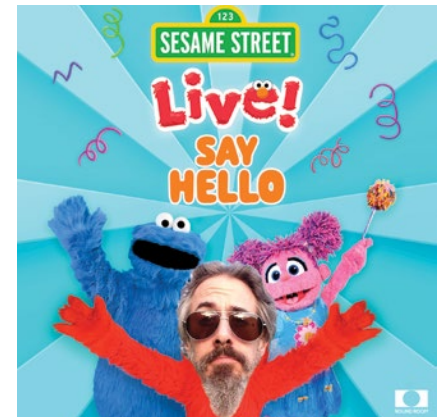
Sesame Street Live! Say Hello

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 6 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Cookie Monster, and their friends from Sesame Street are coming to the Five Flags Arena on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. to say hello!

At Sesame Street Live! Say Hello, sing, dance, and play alongside your favorite furry friends, all while you follow Elmo's puppy, Tango, in a fun game of hide and seek. So put on your dancing shoes and make your way to where the air is sweet for this all-new celebration on Sesame Street!

In an exclusive post show experience add-on, you and your family



will have the opportunity to make a lasting memory of your visit by taking a photo alongside characters from Sesame Street Live, Say Hello!

Tickets are \$30-\$70. ■

Afterlife: Spirits and Shadows Ball

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 9 PM-1 AM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Afterlife: Spirits and Shadows Ball is a thrilling Day of the Dead celebration featuring DJ Jevity and DJ Dirty Darren. Get ready for an unforgettable night of high-energy music, mystery, and vibrant festivities at the Five Flags Arena on Friday, Nov. 1 at 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Dress in your best costume and immerse yourself in the afterlife magic. Don't miss this chance to be part of a captivating evening filled with unforgettable memories.



General Admission tickets are free or upgrade to VIP status for \$50, and reserved tables for eight people are \$100. VIP benefits include a private cash bar, private dance floor, meet and greet, and private bathrooms. ■

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PickleBall Courts Open To Public

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 @ 10 AM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Starting on Nov. 2 at 10 a.m., eight courts will be available for hourly reservations, players of all skill levels can jump in and enjoy a fun, fast-paced game on the brand new pickleball courts. Free paddles and balls will be provided, and concessions will be available to keep you refreshed.

Rent your spot for \$25/hour at fiveflags.pickleplanner.com. ■



The DSO welcomes back Charles Gorczynski, a highly skilled bandoneon player known for his virtuosity and deep connection to tango music. He will be featured in Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla's symphonic take on tangos.

The orchestra will also perform dances by various Mexican and Argentine composers, as well as Ravel's mesmerizing Spanish/Cuban dance, Bolero.

The passion, mystery, and seduction of the "forbidden dance" ignites the stage as professional Tango dancers Ashley Kalchik and Daniel Moreno join Gorczynski and the orchestra in Argentinian composer Pugliese's iconic "La Yumba."

Saturday evening concert attendance includes entry to post-concert Encore Reception. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and visit with DSO musicians.

On Nov. 1, enjoy a lunch buffet at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club followed by insightful commentary by Maestro William Intriligator and bandoneonist Charles Gorczynski. On Friday, be seated by 6:50 p.m. for an open rehearsal at 7 p.m. At 1 p.m. prior to each Sunday Classics Concert, Intriligator gives a pre-concert lecture in the theater.

Tickets start at \$20. For more information, contact the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra at **563-557-1677** or visit DubuqueSymphony.org. ■

DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Classics 2: Latin-American Inspiracion

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 2 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

Turn up the heat with the rhythms, dances and melodies of Latin America! Music Director and Conductor William Intriligator's 25th season with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra (DSO) continues with Classics 2: Latin-American Inspiracion on Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Five Flags Theater.

Wags At The Flags

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 @ 4-8 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Returning on Wed. Nov. 6 at 4-8 p.m. to the Five Flags Center, Wags at the Flags is an indoor dog park running through early March 2025. Open on most Wednesdays, the park features separate areas for small and large dogs, along with the Barka Lounge for owners



to enjoy food, drinks, and adult refreshments. Each week will have themed events and local vendors. Proceeds benefit the Dubuque Regional Humane Society and Whisphurring Hope.

Entry is \$5/dog; humans are free. ■



Gangstagrass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 8 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Five Flags Theater prepares for a night of bluegrass and hip-hop with Gangstagrass on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

Gangstagrass is a genre-defying, multi-racial collective of musicians who

blend bluegrass and hip-hop to create a unique sound that breaks down cultural and musical barriers. Known for their Emmy-nominated theme song for FX's *Justified*, they've gained acclaim for their live performances and their ability to unite diverse audiences. Their 2020 album *No Time For Enemies* topped the Billboard bluegrass chart, a first for a group featuring hip-hop MCs.

With recent high-profile appearances and a new album on the way, Gangstagrass is continuing to challenge preconceptions and bring people together through music.

Tickets are \$28-\$48. ■

The Cleverlys

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 8 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Cleverlys are ready to treat you to a master class in comedy and music to the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. Jimmy Welty Band opens.

The Cleverlys offer a one-of-a-kind comedy and music experience, blending sharp humor with top-notch musicianship. From their humble beginnings in the Ozark Mountains to headlining festivals

and performing at the Grand Ole Opry, this group delivers a show like no other.

Led by Dr. Digger Cleverly, the group has been described by *Rolling Stone* as "a hybrid of Homer and Jethro and *The Office*," and by *The New York Times* as "Dolly Parton, Earl Scruggs, and Spinal Tap spawned a litter of puppies."

Tickets are \$20-\$40. ■



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First Fridays

DUBUQUE'S ART GALLERY TOUR

November 1st Events

NOON-7 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)
 5-7 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY ART + DESIGN OFF-SITE (919 MAIN ST)
 5-6:30 PM @ DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART (701 LOCUST ST)
 6-9 PM @ ANDONIA GIANNAKOUIROS STUDIO (219 W 9TH ST)
 6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)
 6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1ST ST)
 7-10 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

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

Stoned Art Studio features the Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III. Also, shop a pre-holiday sale of 30% off all gallery pieces. Refreshments will be on hand with jazz music playing. StonedArtStudio.com.

Widdershins Artisan Gallery features artworks by local, regional, and national artists including Mark Dierker, John Potter, Debra Sullivan, Tad Banker, Sara Mess, Dan Alde-man, 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, Tim Wear, the late Shirley Dale, Karen Franklin, and Ben Curtis. Join for a warm, comforting bowl of soup while checking out the art. Located next to Dubuque Bike Coop. WiddershinsGallery.com.

Outside the Lines features Des Moines artist Nancy Briggs who will be demonstrating her ceramic carving techniques throughout the evening and again the following morning from 10 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.

Clarke University Art + Design exhibits large-scale woodcut prints at an off-site location, 919 Main St. The prints were created at PrintFest, a steam roller printing event in late April 2024, by Clarke students, alums, and Wahlert Catholic High School students.

The Dubuque Museum of Art is back with the opening of the University of Dubuque Digital Art and

Design (DART) Senior Thesis exhibition, the latest in DuMA's Showcase series featuring their community partners. This installation showcases UD student illustrators, animators, digital painters, and designers—and the body of work they created during their college career. DBQart.org.

Andonia Giannakouros, is a Dubuque-based figurative painter and printmaker. The converted studio space in the Fisher Building features work by Giannakouros. Giannaka.com.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library's Music @ your library welcomes electronic artist Deadcube for a live concert. Deadcube is a solo music project created by Brandon Bauerly of Dubuque. Bauerly is a hardware electronic musician with a rock and metal background. He creates eerie and ambient soundscapes using synthesizers, drum machines, noisemakers, and conventional instruments. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. CarnegieStout.org.

At Planted., delight in a feast for the eyes as you explore a collection of art inspired by cuisine in the group show *For the Love of Food*. From vibrant images capturing the essence of a meal to exquisitely crafted ceramic serving dishes, this exhibit celebrates the profound influence food has on our lives. On display Nov. 1-Dec. 3. PlantedDBQ.com.

Dubuque Area Arts Collective invites you to enter the realm of the *Morbid Muse Gala* art exhibit at Smokestack, where artists embrace the allure of the enigmatic and the beauty found within darkness. This showcase invites artists from all disciplines to explore the depths of the unknown and discover the captivating allure that lies within the shadows. Costumes encouraged during the reception.

DubuqueArts.com. ■



FirstFridaysDubuque.org

Love, Lies & the Lottery

OCTOBER 24-25 @ 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 26-27 @ 2 PM

BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

Celebrate Arts & Humanities month with the Iowa premiere of *Love, Lies & the Lottery* at Bell Tower Theater on Oct. 24-27.

Peter is an unlucky guy. With a treacherous soon-to-be ex-wife, an overbearing mother, and a not-so-bright best friend, he just can't catch a break. When he finds a winning lottery ticket worth \$510 million, his luck seems to turn around, but with just a couple of days left to cash in the ticket, this bizarre band of characters must navigate mistaken



identities, psychics, and the home shopping network to secure the grand prize.

Tickets are \$24. Thursdays are Girls Night Out; all audience members get a free glass of wine. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■



The Rocky Horror Show

OCTOBER 24-26 @ 7:30 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

The original kitschy rock 'n' roll sci-fi gothic musical is more fun than ever!

Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show* heads to the Grand Opera House on Oct. 24-26 at 7:30 p.m.

In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker and a creepy butler. Through elaborate dances and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a muscular man named "Rocky."

Recommended for ages 16 and older. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 for ages under 18. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at TheGrandOperaHouse.com. ■



Dubuque Museum of Art Gala: Reflections

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 @ 6 PM

ROSHEK BUILDING (700 LOCUST ST)

The Dubuque Museum of Art's (DuMA) Gala: Reflections, hosted by Emily Duehr and Ben Hoelscher, is the culmination of DuMA's 150th anniversary. Mayor Brad Cavanagh will serve as emcee of the

celebration inside the historic Roshek Building on Friday, Oct. 25. Reflect on 150 creative years, inaugurate the Dubuque by Design exhibition, and celebrate milestones in the design of the new Museum of Art.

The program includes an open bar with hors d'oeuvres and dessert at 6 p.m., program and live auction at 7:45 p.m., and after party at Voices Studio at 9 p.m. The live auction packages include an 8-day European River Voyage with Viking and a VIP trip to Chicago with behind-the-scenes access to the Joffrey Ballet's *Nutcracker*.

Complimentary childcare for ages 4 and older will be provided during the gala.

The gala directly supports DuMA's mission to create engaging art experiences that excite, inspire, and connect our community.

Tickets start at \$150. For tickets or more information, call the Dubuque Museum of Art at **563-557-1851** or visit dbqart.org/gala. ■



Dubuque by Design Opening Celebration

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
FAMILY CELEBRATION @ 10 AM-1 PM
ARTIST CONVERSATION @ 3-4 PM
OPENING RECEPTION @ 4-7 PM
DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART
(701 LOCUST ST)
 Celebrate 150 creative years with free family fashion and design activities, conversations with artists, and local brews, bites, and music inspired

by the Dubuque Museum of Art exhibitions on Saturday, Nov. 2.

From 10 a.m.-1 p.m., families are invited to collaborate and design fashions inspired by Dubuque icons. Design your own Dubuque factory, Millwork building, or new museum.

Then join artist Hieyler Pimpton at 3-4 p.m. for a free conversation about her exhibition, *I Have Told You 50 Times*. She'll talk about her artistic inspirations and her journey to create the 50 collages on view. You'll appreciate her warmth and humor—and we don't expect she'll have to repeat herself.

At the ticketed opening reception at 4-7 p.m., toast the past and the future with local craft beers, music, mocktails, and food inspired by Dubuque by Design. RSVP required for the opening reception.

The family celebration and artist conversation is free. The opening reception is \$15 for DuMA members, \$20 for guests, \$10 for guests under 21, and free for 1874 society. For more information, contact DuMA at **563-557-1851** or visit **DBQart.org**. ■

Eurydice

NOVEMBER 7-9 @ 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 10 @ 2 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE
HERITAGE CENTER BABKA
THEATRE (2255 BENNETT ST)

Performed by the University of Dubuque's Department of Fine and Performing Arts, *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl, an award-winning American playwright, author, essayist, and professor, reimagines the classic myth of Orpheus through the eyes of its heroine.

In Greek mythology, Orpheus was a talented musician and hero who traveled to the underworld to try to

save his deceased wife, Eurydice. With contemporary characters and ingenious plot twists, *Eurydice* is a fresh look at a timeless love story.

Eurydice will be directed by Joe Klinebriel, MFA, professor of theatre. "As a modern telling of the ancient Greek myth, playwright Sarah Ruhl explores the classic love story of Orpheus and Eurydice, but Ruhl places the focus on the character of Eurydice and her adventures in the underworld while she waits for Orpheus to find her."

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call **563-585-7469** or visit **www.dbq.edu**. ■



Dubuque Chorale Olympic Dreams

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 2 PM
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(2155 UNIVERSITY AVE)

The Dubuque Chorale, Cadenza, and Children's Choirs celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Winter Olympics at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

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Boosting the Buzz

Dubuque's First Fridays Get a Fresh Spotlight

By Jenni Petersen-Brant,
Local Artist & Arts Advocate

For art lovers and culture enthusiasts in Dubuque, the first Friday of every month brings something special. First Fridays have long been a way to immerse yourself in the local art scene, with galleries, studios, and venues showcasing new exhibits and performances. Now, a community-driven initiative aims to broaden the reach and engagement of these events. At the heart of this effort is a newly launched online resource—firstfridaysdubuque.org, a one-stop hub for all things related to Dubuque's First Fridays.

This new platform was developed through the efforts of the Dubuque Forward Arts Passion Team, a group of local artists, advocates, and community organizers. Their goal has been to build on the momentum First Friday events and venues have cultivated since their post-pandemic resurgence. However, the team recognized a key challenge: fragmented information.

A Central Hub for Art Enthusiasts

Before firstfridaydubuque.org, there was no single interactive online resource for finding information about all First Friday events. Each venue—whether a gallery, studio, or pop-up space—handled its own marketing. For those familiar with the scene, keeping up with events meant following individual social media accounts or websites. But for tourists or newcomers, there was no unified source to discover everything.

The Arts Passion Team sought to address this gap. The new site features event listings linked to Facebook events created by venues, an interactive map to help plan your evening, and images from past events to give a preview of what to expect.

Leveraging the AllTogether Dubuque Platform

The First Friday landing page is part of the AllTogether Dubuque platform, a broader arts initiative born from the City of Dubuque's Arts & Culture Master Plan. Supported by CARES Act funding and an Iowa Tourism Grant, AllTogether Dubuque was launched in 2024 and serves as a central directory for local artists, arts businesses, and cultural organizations.

By integrating First Fridays into the AllTogether platform, the team can tap into a larger network of local artists and organizations, increasing visibility and engagement. Visitors can navigate easily between event listings and artist directories, making the platform a powerful tool for both locals and tourists.

Supporting Both Art and Economy

The goal of the new platform goes beyond promotion—it's about attracting visitors and boosting the economic impact of Dubuque's arts scene. First Fridays are organized by a mix of for-profit businesses and nonprofit arts groups, each handling their own marketing and planning. The Arts Passion Team's aim is to unify these efforts under one platform, helping to drive tourism and support local businesses.

Local favorites like Planted., the Dubuque Area Arts Collective at the Smokestack, Stoned Art Studio, Voices Studios, Outside the Lines Art Gallery, Widdershins Artisan Gallery, Carnegie Stout Public Library's Art @ your library, and The Stu regularly participate in First Fridays. These venues showcase artworks in all variety of medium by both established and emerging artists, most often creatives hailing from the Greater Dubuque region. The November lineup will also include the Dubuque Museum of Art and exhibits by University of Dubuque and Clarke University students at pop-up locations on Locust Street and Main Street.

"First Fridays have always been a grassroots effort," says Ivonne Simmonds-Fals, a member of the Dubuque Forward Arts Passion Team. "We wanted to make it easier for everyone—not just insiders in the arts community but also tourists, new residents, and those curious about the arts. We want them to feel comfortable attending these events, supporting local venues, and hopefully buying art from the talented artists we have in Dubuque."

By making First Fridays more accessible, the team hopes to increase foot traffic at venues, which could lead to greater sales for artists and more economic activity downtown.

Next Steps for the Initiative

With limited seed funding from Dubuque Main Street, Clarke University, Stoned

Art Studio, Dubuque Area Arts Collective, Dubuque Museum of Art, and Voices Studios, and significant time investments from members of Gigantic Design and Mike Williams, an intern with the City's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Arts Passion Team is investing in digital advertising to broaden the reach of the new online resource. However, the team isn't stopping there.

They are actively seeking broader funding to support a full marketing blitz that includes digital marketing, print advertisements, and evergreen way-finding materials to promote First Fridays throughout the community and the region. There are also plans to hire photo and video professionals to visually capture the experience of attending First Fridays for future marketing efforts. These efforts aim to create long-lasting awareness and engagement with the arts, benefiting both the cultural scene and the local economy.

Expanding Participation and Engagement

The promotion of First Fridays as a unified event opens the door for more venues to participate. With over a dozen locations already involved, the Arts Passion Team hopes that the new platform will inspire even more locations to join. The website provides a platform for both established venues and new ones to reach a wider audience, contributing to the growing momentum behind these events.

Organizers are also collaborating with local businesses, media outlets, and cultural organizations to ensure that First Fridays remain a key event in Dubuque's cultural calendar. Whether you're an art connoisseur or just looking for a fun night out, these events offer something for everyone. The diversity of offerings—ranging from fine art exhibitions to live performances and pop-up shops—is part of what makes First Fridays so special.

Looking Forward

As the initiative moves forward, there's much to look forward to. The new website and promotional efforts set the stage for even greater success. Whether you're a seasoned art lover or someone new to the scene, First Fridays are an opportunity to explore the cultural richness of downtown Dubuque and the talents of artists that call our region home. With firstfridaysdubuque.org, it's easier than ever to participate.

So, mark your calendars, grab your friends, and head downtown for a night of art, culture, and community. First Fridays are more than just a night out—they're a chance to support local artists, discover new favorites, and be part of a growing cultural movement in Dubuque. ■

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Local Ghost Stories

By Nicole Welsh

For thousands of years throughout human history, storytellers have crafted ghostly tales to send a shiver down the spines of their audiences through the use of subjects feared in daily life such as punishment, predators, the unknown, and especially, death. These four elements make ghost stories particularly chilling, not only raising questions about what happens after death but also about what it wants to do with us. Many of these spectral stories, historically, were also framed within the context of actions and their consequences; because people sometimes need a little more motivation than religion-based consequences in the afterlife to behave well right now, many tales were also passed on with the intention of motivating good behavior via grisly tales of what might happen in the current life if one isn't careful. What's more, as it turns out, a lot of

people enjoy being scared, as is evidenced by the weight of a domestic horror movie industry worth nearly \$1 billion annually.

These now-lucrative ghost stories have evolved over the centuries, adapting to the times and the current standards of human fear. However, with the idea of ghosts predating even the first written language, thereby transcending oral storytelling in pre-history to written storytelling first seen in ancient cultures to the visual storytelling of modern times, it's actually quite remarkable how largely similar the concept of a specter has remained not only over time but across cultures.

On a global scale, this simultaneously transcendent and transcultural quality has allowed, for instance, the traditional ghost stories that inspired the Japanese horror films *Ringu* and *Ju-On: The Grudge* to be interculturally and intergenerationally relevant, spawning the creation of the popular Western reincarnations, *The Ring* and *The Grudge*, and relaying these old legends to younger generations across the Pacific Ocean. On a smaller scale, the same is true of the classic ghost stories from home—those passed on to us from our parents who learned from theirs before them, are now being passed down from us. These haunting tales, such as that of Bloody Mary, are so embedded into our culture that sharing them



THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE



HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE

in the dark at sleepovers, Halloween parties, and around campfires is all but a canon event for many American kids and teens.

But as popular as is the legend of Bloody Mary, despite the disputes about the origin of her story, tales of local hauntings perhaps still pack a greater punch with anyone who really wants to get scared. One might even say they just haunt closer to home.

As the oldest city in the state of Iowa, and with a significant number of historical buildings, it comes as no surprise that there are so many stories of ghosts in Dubuque. Beyond standard residential sightings, there are numerous legends of hauntings sprinkled throughout some of the other buildings throughout the city.

The oldest theater in the state, The Grand Opera House, opened in 1890, and for the next 38 years, it was home to more than 2,600 live performances such as those of touring Broadway shows and some of the biggest names in show business at the time. These include Jack Benny, John Philip Sousa, and the Boston Opera Company. The theater's performances were considered to be high-end productions and boasted feats such as the regular production of new plays, performed every week, and over-the-top show elements such as live horses and chariots on treadmills and onstage sandstorms. In 1928, the theater shifted focus to showing movies instead of live performances, which they didn't resume until the '80s, under new ownership, despite the glory of the "Golden Era" of The Grand. Today the venue, still outfitted for live performances since reopening in 1986, remains historically accurate while providing a home for new generations of performers, designers, producers, and audiences—and apparently old ones too.

As one might expect, a building that made such a tremendous impact as a temporary home to countless musicians, actors, directors, costumers, and other talents who brought their passions and hard work to its

stage, is bound to have a ghostly presence or two. Or in the case of The Grand Opera House, perhaps more like a dozen or two, as suggested by the Transcendent Paranormal Group's 2020 investigation into the building which resulted in claims of numerous EVP readings of spirits with something to say.

While many of the spooky occurrences started happening following the 1986 reopening of the theater—thought to be a result of bringing back live performances that would be alluring to the spirits of their past performers—others date back to the early days of The Grand, such as those witnessed by multiple theater cleaning ladies throughout the 1930s. The police were called more than a few times after some of these women heard voices coming from the stage area despite being there alone to clean. Over the years, many others have come to hear the same voices projecting from the empty stage, while reports of onstage singing from invisible vocalists also having been witnessed since the 1980s renovations.

Like these mostly innocent manifestations, most of the other hauntings at The Grand Opera House seem benevolent enough, with motivations that appear to be centered around performing and seeking a bit of the spotlight for themselves, giving a grisly new meaning to the adage "the show must go on."

Stories surrounding these spirits who wish they were still on stage to perform for Dubuque audiences include those of at least one who is particularly proficient at playing with the lights. Perhaps the actions of a former stagehand, eager to contribute efforts to another production at The Grand after 58 years of operating as a movie theater, or maybe simply those of a prankster with a peculiar sense of humor, all lights in the building except those on stage suddenly went out following the commencement of the first show since reopening. And though it might not be unusual to need a little



MATHIAS HAM HOUSE



UNION PARK



STATUE OF MARY FRANCES AT CLARKE UNIVERSITY

troubleshooting here or there following a renovation, further investigation into the electrical workings of the building suggested that nothing was actually wrong with any of the wiring, leaving the cause of the partial blackout unknown. During a different production, one of these spotlight specters kept themselves busy by moving the lights up and down their stands, and even knocking them down at times during the play. Electrical manifestations like these, as well as unexplainable flipped light switches and unlikely camera and tape recorder malfunctions were especially prominent in the first year of reopening, though there are claims that they still occur to this day.

In addition to spirits presenting themselves through mysterious voices and electronic device interference, The Grand Opera House's hauntings have appeared to the living in other ways including cold gusts of air, moving objects, phantom scents of cigars and perfume, disembodied footsteps, and the feeling of a presence nearby watching. Shadowy figures, misplaced items, and even physical contact also occur. More intuitive guests even claim to have seen human

apparitions in audiences and on stage. One actor reported to have seen an apparition of a redheaded man, David, standing next to him during a photo session, as well as a grouping of specters in old-fashioned clothing standing in the back of the audience during a different performance.

A spirit called Sarah has also been known to be seen, or sometimes felt, by guests of the theater. Sarah, one of the not-so-friendly ghosts, is thought to hold a grudge towards other women after having been left by her lover. Supposedly, via an Ouija board session, a spirit who was also referred to as Sarah claimed to have been murdered near The Grand Opera House in the early 1900s, though no evidence found this to be true. Regardless of the truth of her fate, Sarah has been known to shove women, particularly on the fifth floor, and even caused one woman to fall down the stairs. Definitely not a girl's ghoul.

Other phantom regulars include an angry man often seen pacing on the balcony and watching rehearsals with judgment, as well as a lady in white, frequently seen by staff and guests alike. Two

women sit in the audience after hours waiting for shows to start; either they are more polite or more shy than some of their other cohorts, disappearing immediately upon approach and causing nobody any trouble.

Only one thing is certain: No matter when you are at The Grand Opera House, you certainly aren't there alone.

Like The Grand Opera House, Hotel Julien Dubuque is the oldest building of its type in the state of Iowa. The hotel, then named Waples House, was first built in 1843, though records indicate that a hotel had been set up at that location for four years prior. In 1854, the hotel was purchased by new owners who then renamed it Julien House, a moniker it possessed until being rebuilt in 1914 following a fire and reopened in 1915 as Hotel Julien Dubuque. Its name was changed again to Julien Motor Inn under new ownership in 1962 but was reverted back to Hotel Julien Dubuque when it reopened in 2009 following a major historic restoration of the interior and exterior of the building.

Despite all the name changes throughout the years, Hotel Julien has remained iconic from back when it was the first building visible in Dubuque when crossing over the Mississippi River, to modern times wherein it is known for its elegant renovations, famous historical guests, and as one might expect of an old hotel, a good old fashioned haunting or two.

It comes as no shock that a hotel that boasts a historical guestbook including the likes of Abraham Lincoln, Buffalo Bill, Mark Twain, and Al Capone might experience some paranormal activity every now and then. Capone, in fact, has become so locally synonymous with Dubuque and the Hotel Julien that the hotel dedicated a suite on the second floor to him. The suite, decorated in an Old Hollywood glamour style, is oversized, tucked away, and outfitted with a giant safe in which Capone is rumored to have hidden within when authorities searched for him. The stories say that Capone regularly chose Dubuque as a place to hide out from trouble in Chicago with eyewitnesses to confirm. It's even purported that Capone

is the man behind the "unnamed Chicago interest" that possessed shares of the Dubuque Hotel Company that took ownership of the hotel following the fire in 1914.

With such dramatic and historically relevant events having occurred there, it's hard to speculate the exact reasoning behind the hotel's ghostly guests. Fortunately, nobody is thought to have been killed in the building fire, though at least one apparition has been present since the renovation. Both staff and guests have reported seeing a man dressed in period clothing walking, and sometimes floating, around the upper floors; some believe this ghost to be Mr. Capone, whose spirit might understandably wish to visit one of his worldly safe houses even in the afterlife.

Other guests have reported usual paranormal occurrences in a haunting. Some guests have reported odd sensations, such as the feeling of a cloth being dragged across their skin while laying in bed at night, while others have claimed to hear odd noises and footsteps.

Another notable local ghost story is that of the Mathias Ham House. Today a museum, the eponymous house was once home to one of the most influential people of his time, as well as his wife and six children. Ham came to live in Dubuque permanently in the early 1830s, and the original house was built in 1839, with additions added later to accommodate his growing family. Over time, Ham, his wife, and one of his daughters all passed away in this home, as well as an intruder said to be a pirate, who was shot and killed by another daughter.

The Ham House is particularly notorious for its haunting and has been a popular ghost story local teenagers share with their friends for generations, perhaps because activity is reported to sometimes be seen even from the parking lot. Typical manifestations at the Mathias Ham House involve music coming from an inoperable organ, malfunctioning lights inside the house, misplaced objects and furniture, and the sound of footsteps. Some have reported seeing shadowy figures in windows at night, feeling

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cold breezes touring the house, and seeing doors and windows open suddenly when the museum is closed. A few people have even claimed to see the streetlights outside flickering on and off. Some others have seen a strange orb of light float over from the river to the property, while others yet claim that there is a door inside the house through which the blood of the slaughtered intruder continually seeps through the paint no matter how many times it is painted over.

Another building from the late 1800s, The Redstone Inn, was built by Augustin Cooper as a wedding gift for his daughter. Aptly named, the red brick and sandstone structure is really a duplex, intended to provide Cooper's daughter and her husband with the option for some rental income. The extravagant size and design eventually led to the necessity of historic preservation efforts and the use of the property commercially rather than residentially—though Mr. Cooper undoubtedly still feels otherwise about its use. When staying at The Redstone, now a bed and breakfast, it is not uncommon to see the well-dressed entrepreneur wandering around the property or joining guests for breakfast.

According to *The Des Moines Register*, two reported hauntings have taken place at the Fischer Building. In the basement maintenance staff offices, a tall man walks a short distance from one room through a larger room to the next. Many people have reported him walking in the same direction, and he has been seen only from behind. On the fourth floor, in the northwest hallway, a woman wearing a dress, fur and high heels, appears near the center of the building and walks north, turns to the right and goes in the last doorway. Her style of dress suggests she is from the 1920s or 1930s. Some people report that she opens the door and enters the last office, even though the door is locked.

While we don't have stories of ghosts at Union Park in Dubuque, the tragic history of the park and the ruins of its once greatness which can still be found in "horseshoe hollow," the valley below the Dubuque Y Camp on JFK Road. It makes for a spooky and fun place to visit, especially with a reference book showing where everything once was. A number of concrete foundations including the massive swimming pool are still there as are recognizable trees from hundred-year-old photos.

What would a college town be without an academic apparition for students to talk about? Clarke University, Loras College, and the University of Dubuque, three major higher education facilities in Dubuque, all have their own lores shared with and by alumni.

At Clarke, Mary Frances Hall, named after the school's founder, is frequently mentioned as experiencing ghostly behavior. Students often report feelings of being

watched, as well as visions of a figure near the chapel, who they believe to be Mary Frances herself. The fourth floor of the hall is also claimed by some to be haunted by a nun who passed away under unfortunate circumstances; students have reported seeing the words "help me" written onto the glass of the windows of this floor. Other versions claim the haunting is the result of a nursing student who befell the same fate and suggests it might be her cold breath students sometimes feel on their necks.

The students who live on the fourth floor of the University of Dubuque's Cassatt Hall experience somewhat similar occurrences, with cold rushes of air and the feeling of a strange presence following them when coursing the hallways.

At Loras, however, the hauntings are a little more bone-chilling. Legend says that sometimes late at night, students can hear Flora Wahlert, whose body is buried below the Christ the King Chapel next to her husband, Harry, playing the organ. While Mrs. Wahlert plays music for him, an apparition of Mr. Wahlert can be seen listening to her in his wheelchair. Another piece of Loras lore is that of the priest who died prematurely, now hosting midnight masses at the school.

More terrifying yet, the second floor of Keane Hall is supposedly the former home to a student who tragically took his own life on campus following a bad breakup. Though the door to his room has since been replaced, legend says that anyone who holds a black light up to the door of his old room will see a sad face crying tears of blood.

Another of Dubuque's more horrifying ghost stories is one of Mount Carmel, a nunnery that has been around since the late 1800s. The convent, after housing so many nuns for so many years, has understandably experienced sisterly paranormal activity in the form of turning lights on and off, moving objects around, and apparitions.

Tragically, the Mount Carmel property is rumored to have experienced a terrible fire in the past, during which a room full of schoolchildren suffered horrible fates. Now, the story says, that on certain nights, you can hear the sounds of their cries and screams amongst the crackles of a fire.

Being the oldest, and perhaps the most haunted city in Iowa, it stands to reason that Dubuque would be filled with ghoulish tales of all shapes and sizes, ranging from instances of innocent, invisible interferences to the pranks of poltergeists to the manifestations of malevolent monsters from the afterlife. Like death itself, some varieties of ghost stories are more pleasant than others, but in the end, they all offer us important lessons to remember: Respect life, respect death, respect others, dead or living. And always leave home dressed in your best because you never know when it'll be your turn to get your ghost outfit. ■

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Parades

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Sweet Treats on Main

11 AM-1 PM @ MAIN STREET, PLATTEVILLE, WI
Main Street fill your little ones' bags with various goodies and offer special discounts as a treat for the adults. See your children's favorite characters also trick-or-treating. Get your photo taken with Disney Princess. The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums will be offering train rides, weather permitting. Enjoy a free 9:30 a.m. movie showing at the Avalon Cinema. Free. **plattevillemainstreet.com.**

The Phantom of the Hazel Green Opera House

11 AM & 2 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI)
10/26 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 10/27 at 2 p.m. Spooky things are happening as Witch Hazel

Green's friends gather for a Halloween karaoke party. An eerie voice warns people not to sing. Objects fall on stage. Suddenly a masked stranger swoops in and sweeps away Scarecrow Sally and her new friend. Witch Hazel and Frankie set off to rescue them, searching all the rooms and corners in the building. \$5. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129.**

hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.



Spooktacular Costume Contest

NOON-1 PM @ KENNEDY MALL
Kids ages 2-15 are invited to show off their scariest, funniest, or cutest costumes for a chance to win prizes. A panel of judges will evaluate the contestants in a variety of categories, offering multiple opportunities to win. There will be extra fun with activities like face painting, plus trick-or-treating inside the mall after the contest. RSVP. 555 JFK Rd. **563-556-1994. kennedymall.com.**



Haunted Mine Tours

5-9 PM @ THE MINING & ROLLO JAMISON MUSEUM (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
Platteville's spookiest Halloween tradition has returned with ghost miners around every corner. Descend deep into the past and experience an underground mine illuminated by candles and lantern light as you discover historical truths that are stranger than fiction. RSVP recommended. Ages 13+: \$20, Ages 65+: \$16, Ages 6-12: \$12. 405 E Main St. **608-348-3301. mining.jamison.museum.**

A Ghostly Gathering
5:30 PM @ SHAKE RAG ALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS (MINERAL POINT, WI)
 Featuring live music with Feast of Mutton, a fire show with fire breathing and angle grinding with Miss Mega, fire dancing with Natalie Heck, night market, food trucks, magic, carnival games, and more. Vendor spots available. \$25. 18 Shake Rag St, Mineral Point, WI. **608-987-3292**. shakeragalley.org/ghostly-gathering.

SUN 10/27



Mad Scientist Party
9 AM-4 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
 Everyone is welcome to come in costume—not just kids. Trick-or-treating and other activities including games, science experiments, music by the Americana Band, and all of the regular daily programming will be available throughout the day. Bring your own reusable container for trick-or-treating or buy a reusable bag from the museum. Activities and crafts will be available starting at 10 a.m. including an underwater pumpkin carving at 11:30 a.m. Discount admission can be purchase online. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. RiverMuseum.org/events.



Theisen's Dog-O-Ween
3 PM @ THEISEN'S
 Dress up your furry friends for a howlin' good time. Registration starts at 1 p.m., and the contest starts at 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for dogs only or join in the fun and enter as a dog and person combo with 1st place

receiving a \$150 gift card, 2nd \$100 gift card, and 3rd \$75 gift card. All contestants receive a gift bag and \$10 store coupon. All proceeds will benefit a local humane society or animal shelter. \$10/entry, free for spectators. 2900 Dodge St. **563-557-8222**. facebook.com/theisensdubuque.



3rd Annual Halloween PAWty
3-6 PM @ DARKBIRD TAPHOUSE (PEOSTA, IA)
 Get your furry friend dressed up to win some spooky prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. There will be two costume contests: best dog costume and best human/dog costume. Food and drink specials will be available. 7305 Thunder Valley Dr, Peosta, IA. **563-590-7081**. darkbirdtaphouse.com.

TUE 10/29

Ghost Hunting at the Masonic Temple
6-9 PM @ MASONIC TEMPLE
 Do you ever feel like you are being watched or smell something that reminds you of someone who has passed? You might be in the presence of a ghost. Join GRIPS, Great River Investigative Paranormal Society, to look for paranormal activity. Learn about the history of the building and reported hauntings. GRIPS will bring equipment to investigate the location, and describe how and why to use it. \$25. 1155 Locust St. **844-642-2338 x1399**. nicc.edu/solutions.

FRI 11/1

Samhain Psychic Fair and Vendor Show
2-8 PM @ EAGLES CLUB
 11/1 at 2-8 p.m., 11/2 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate the Halloween season and

discover a world of mystical wonders, unique crafts, and spiritual insights. Highlights include tarot readings, psychic sessions, handcrafted goods, crystals, local artisans and vendors, workshops, and live demos. Perfect for those seeking spiritual connections, unique gifts, and a deep dive into the magic of Samhain. \$1. 1175 Century Dr. **563-207-8658**. higher-selfholistics.com.

SAT 11/2

The Grimoire Exhibition
4-9 PM @ GRAND RIVER CENTER
 Inspired by pop culture and classics like Sabrina the Teenage Witch and American Horror Story, The Grimoire Exhibition and large-scale market came to life. The exhibition brings together various vendors of witchcraft, Halloween, dark couture, supernatural, strange, and metaphysical items, crystals, tarot, psychics, and pop culture collections (candles, herbology, fairytales, folklore, fragrance, hand-crafts, and small businesses). Come dressed for Halloween, horror stories, folklore, grimm tales, anthologies, or gothic colors, blacks and whites, or creative styles. \$25. 500 Bell St. grimoireacademy.com.

Samhain Costume Ball
7 PM-MIDNIGHT @ EAGLES CLUB
 Don't miss this thrilling evening of fun, frights, and festivities. Perfect for all ages. Dress up in your most creative costumes and dance the night away. Highlights include costume contest with prizes, live DJ and dancing, photo booth, and themed décor. Come in costume and celebrate the magic of Samhain. \$35. 1175 Century Dr. **563-207-8658**. higher-selfholistics.com.

Trick- & Trunk-or-Treating

Dubuque County Fairgrounds
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 5:30-7 PM
 14569 OLD HIGHWAY RD

Peosta Community Centre Track
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 6-7:30 PM
 7896 BURDS RD, PEOSTA, IA

Crescent Community Health Center
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 @ 6-8 PM
 1690 ELM ST

Dubuque Farmers' Market
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 @ 8 AM-NOON
 11TH-13TH AND IOWA ST

Kennedy Mall
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 @ 1-2 PM
 555 JFK ROAD

Bridge Church
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ 4:30-6:30 PM
 395 W 9TH ST

Farley, IA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ 5:30-7 PM

Epworth, IA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ 6-7 PM

Five Flags Center
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 @ 5:30-8 PM
 405 MAIN ST

EXIT Realty
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 4:30-6 PM
 1200 CEDAR CROSS RD

East Dubuque, IL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 5-7 PM

Galena, IL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 5-7 PM

Dubuque, IA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30-7:30 PM

Asbury, IA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30-7 PM

Platteville, WI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30-7:30 PM

Dyersville, IA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30-7:30 PM

Peosta, IA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 6-7:30 PM

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THU 10/24
Glimmer of Hope:
Ralph Kluseman, Heartland
Harmony Choir
5 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

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

Songwriters Showcase:
Desiree Irwin & Lenny Wayne
7 PM @ Galena CFA (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails
7 PM @ Speakeasy Fifty50
(Platteville, WI)

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

Jester's Laugh Battle
8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

FRI 10/25
Steve & Randy
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Broken Rubber Band
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

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

John Bush, Derek Graff Comedy
7 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jimmy Welty Band
7 PM @ BAR-tell
(Hazel Green, WI)

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

The Driftless Ramblers
8 PM @ First Reserve

Frank Martin Busch and
the Names
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Chase Matthew
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Enemies of Confusion
8 PM @ Smokestack

The Amadans
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

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

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

SAT 10/26
Dubuque Farmers' Market:
Simple Company, Lexi Healey
8 AM @ Around 12th and Iowa St

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

Kristina Marie Castañeda
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

Jim Mantey
1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard
(Galena, IL)

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

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

Johnnie Walker
4 PM @ Son Chasers
(Savanna, IL)

Dessert Pops
4:30 PM @ UD Blades Chapel

DR Trio
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Blues on the River:
The Blues Party
6:30 PM @ Stone Cliff
Winery Star Event Room

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
7 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Absolute Singer Contest
Qualifying Nights
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Tony Walker
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Halloween Party: RatchetJaw
7 PM @ The Yardarm

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

Big Night Out
7 PM @ Monticello Eagles Club
(Monticello, IA)

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

The Struts
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Rocking Dead
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Halloween Party:
Joseph John Valenti
8 PM @ Wicked Dame

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

The Amadans
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Big Mojo
8 PM @ The Mine Shaft
(Mineral Point, WI)

Halloween Party:
The Lonely Goats
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

John Bush, Derek Graff Comedy
9 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Halloween Party Costume
Contest
9 PM @ The Lift

Buck Frenzy's Halloween Bash
9 PM @ Monk's

Joie Wails
9 PM @ Red N Deb's
(Platteville, WI)

SUN 10/27
Mad Scientist Party:
The Americana Band
9 AM @ National Mississippi
River Museum & Aquarium

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

Mark Zalaznik
2 PM @ PromiseLand Winery
(Guttenberg, IA)

Johnnie Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

WED 10/30
Lincoln Morris-Winter
5 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Corey Jenny
6:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Addison Aronson
7 PM @ First Reserve

Collegiate Jazz Night
7 PM @ Smokestack

The Travelin' McCourys
8 PM @ Codfish Hollow
Barnstormers (Maquoketa, IA)

THU 10/31
Horror Movie Trivia Night
w/ Think & Drink
7 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Karaoke Halloween Bash
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

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

Jump
8 PM @ Q Showroom

FRI 11/1
Music @ your library: Deadcube
6 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Library

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Marques Morel
6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

15th Annual Costume Party &
Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Elizabeth Mary
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Teddy White Tee Comedy
8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

The Old School
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Kings of Radio
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Pat Jones Acoustic Assassin
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Afterlife: DJ Jevity,
DJ Dirty Darren
9 PM @ Five Flags Arena

SAT 11/2
Bruce Kort
1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard
(Galena, IL)

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

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

Johnny G
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Mississippi Band
6 PM @ Smokestack

Jef Spradley
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Roy Schroedl
6:30 PM @ Hoof It (Galena, IL)

Absolute Singer Contest
Qualifying Nights
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Michael Breitbach
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

The Mixed Emotions Band
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Massey Road
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Jimmy Welty Band
7 PM @ Stockyard Restaurant
(Osterdock, IA)

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8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

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8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

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8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

King of a Big Deal
8 PM @ Doolittle's Pub
(Cuba City, WI)

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

Stef N Daniel Band
8:30 PM @ Dockside

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

Murkury, Tacenda,
Mister Whiskerz
9 PM @ The Goose

Miles Nielsen & The Rusted
Hearts, Joel Sires Trio
9 PM @ The Lift

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra
Unofficial After Party: DZ Combo
9 PM @ Monk's

SUN 11/3
Casey Klein
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Scott Waterhouse
2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Latin-American Inspiracion
2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

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

John Moran
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Wasabi Neon, The Central,
If I Could Just Get Some Sleep,
Humandemic
5 PM @ Monk's

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

WED 11/6
Addison Aronson
5 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

THU 11/7
Megan Davis
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Jukebox Bingo
7 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Shekinah King
7:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

The Wayback Machine
9 PM @ The Goose

FRI 11/8
Steve Davis
5 PM @ Champagne on Main
(Galena, IL)

Roy Schroedl
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

The Fabulous Trutones
7 PM @ Smokestack

Steve & Randy
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

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

Donny Townsend Comedy
8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

The Dweebs
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

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

Weekend Words Open Mic
w/ Broz
9 PM @ Esther's Lounge

SAT 11/9
Yee-Haw Jamboree:
Danny Parker Good Ol Boys
Band Project @ Noon
Erin Hedley @ 1:30 PM
Tessa @ 2:15 PM
Marques Morel @ 5 PM
Katie and the Honky Tonks @ 6 PM
Faster Horses A Fiddler & I Duo @ 8 PM
10th & Elm Street Parking Lot

Off Shore Fall Fest: Scott Kirkhart
Noon @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

RJ Fisher
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

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

Three Quarter Buzz
4 PM @ Denny's Char Bar
(Platteville, WI)

Eric Richards
4 PM @ Off Shore Resort
(Bellevue, IA)

Theresa Rosetta
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Daniel Stratman
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

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

Shannon Woulfe
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Absolute Singer Contest
Qualifying Nights
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Dubuque Chorale Olympic
Dreams
7:30 PM @ Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Gangstagrass
8 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Leslie Mitchell, Lizzy Kirch,
Ben O'Connell Comedy
8 PM @ The Jester's Lounge

Too Hype Crew
8 PM @ Q Showroom



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Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

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Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
 6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Bingo w/ Denise & Darla
 6 PM @ Northside Bar
Through 10/30

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

Trivia For Dorks
 7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Open Mic
 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Speedquizzing Trivia
 w/ GQ Entertainment
 7 PM @ Lina's Lounge

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

The Mixologist DJ AA
 7 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Bingo
 6 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

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/ Dante Steele
 Entertainment
 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

SUNDAY

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

Chris Ross
 11 AM @ Breitbach Country
 Dining & Skip Breitbach Feeds
 (Balltown, IA)
Through 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
1st Sun

MONDAY

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

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

Comedy Under Monk's Open Mic
 8 PM @ Monk's Kaffee Pub

TUESDAY

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

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge
No event on 12/31

Analog Listening Room
 7 PM @ Smokestack

Comedy Nights Open Mic
 7 PM @ Southend Tap
No event on 11/19

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

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

Xtreme Bar Bingo
 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club
 (Galena, IL)
Through 11/21

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

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

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

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

Chris Ross
 11 AM @ Breitbach Country
 Dining & Skip Breitbach Feeds
 (Balltown, IA)
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

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Upcoming Entertainment



The Struts

OCTOBER 26 @ 8 PM

The Struts have been a live sensation since they first erupted onto the scene with their certified Platinum anthem, "Could've Been Me," taking the No. 5 spot on Alternative Radio and introducing the world to their triumphant, timeless rock sound. Following the release of their critically-acclaimed debut, 2016's *Everybody Wants*, the British rockers set out on the road, bringing their energetic tracks alive on stage with larger-than-life performances and cementing their reputation as a must-see live act. Lead vocalist Luke Spiller, guitarist Adam Slack, bassist Jed Elliott, and drummer Gethin Davies combined their on-stage prowess and perpetual musicality to reach No. 1 on Spotify's Viral Top 50, garner more than 850M on-demand streams, and put them in the studio collaborating with Keshha, Tom Morello, Robbie Williams, Def Leppard, and more.



The Old School

NOVEMBER 1 @ 8 PM

The Old School plays your favorite "old-school" rock 'n' roll tunes.



Walking Molly

NOVEMBER 2 @ 8 PM

Walking Molly is a band from Dubuque, Iowa playing your favorite hit songs from the best decades of popular music. We pride ourselves on having a versatile song list and being well rehearsed with good vocals.

Additional Entertainment

FRANK MARTIN BUSCH AND THE NAMES

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Yee-Haw Jamboree

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ NOON-10 PM
10TH & ELM STREET PARKING LOT
OUTSIDE GARY DOLPHIN'S IRON BAR**

The Yee-Haw Jamboree is coming to 10th Street just outside Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar in Dubuque's historic Millwork District on Saturday, Nov. 9 at noon-10 p.m. Six great country and western bands from diverse styles within the genre will fill the street with live music all afternoon long.

The day begins with Danny Parker's Good Ol' Boys Project at noon followed by Dubuque's own Erin Headley at 1:30 p.m. and Tessa at 2:30 p.m. Line dancing with DJ Ally will take center stage for about an hour at 3:30 p.m. before live music kicks in again with Marques Morel at 5 p.m., Katie and the Honky Tonks from Waterloo who embody the classic spirit of honky tonk music at 6:30 p.m., and headliners Faster Horses A Fiddler and I Duo at 8 p.m.

Eli Alger and The Faster Horses is a dynamic and passionate musical ensemble that captivates audiences with their electrifying performances and soul-stirring music. Led by the incredibly talented singer-songwriter Eli Alger, the band's unique blend of country, rock, and western creates a sound that is both timeless and contemporary. This Duo version of the outfit brings Eli and the fiddle player for a stripped-down but amped-up rendition of the great shows they're known for. Feel free to bring your own comfy chair if you like. Heck, bring a blanket if y'all want to. It's November, but it's been a warm fall, so fingers crossed for a beautiful fall day of country music fun!

The day also brings the challenge of a mechanical bull for you to give a ride

plus great food from Refresh, Hangry Hobo, and Moskie's BBQ. There will also be a rather chilly dunk tank, soft drinks, cold beer, and a Coyote Ugly Whiskey Bar operated by the ladies from First Reserve. United Cigar & Tobacco will have a booth, and Erin Headley's Heyday Vintage Market will be set up as well.

You can also meet and pet Gus, Longhorn Saddlery's micro-mini Highland Bull. And since the Hawks play UCLA on Friday night, you won't miss the game on Saturday, but Dolph's will be open all day for all the other college football games going on.

"Fall is a beautiful time of year in Dubuque," notes Voice of the Hawkeyes, Gary Dolphin and namesake of Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar. "So since the Hawks play on Friday, we thought we'd have a little fun with live country bands, line dancing, mechanical bull, great food trucks, and cold beer on Saturday. The Millwork District keeps growing every year. It's a great historical area that is now home to an increasing number of exciting businesses, restaurants, coffee shops, bars, and retail, and we hope everyone joins us for this fun event!"

The Yee-Haw Jamboree is made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of Truck Country, 103 WJOD Radio, District 20 Supply Co., Longhorn Saddlery & Western Wear, and ReMax Advantage Realty. Additional support is given by Ludovissy and Associated Insurance, Intersect Wealth Advisors, Pool & Spa Warehouse, Townplace Suites, and First Reserve Whiskey Bar.

We'll see you on Nov. 9! Wear your cowboy hat... and maybe layers!

The event is free and open to all ages. For more information, email gpm@garydolphins.com. ■



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 10/25



John Bush, Derek Graff

**7 PM @ THE JESTER'S LOUNGE (333 E 10TH ST)
TICKETS: \$10**

10/25 at 7 p.m., 10/26 at 9 p.m. John Bush appeared in the major motion picture *Way of the Warriors*. He can currently be seen as Mr. Nichols on The Kyle Dunnigan Show on YouTube where he is also a writer. John appeared on Hulu's Triumph's Election Special 2016, AXS TV's *Gotham Comedy Live*, and Fox News's *Red Eye w/ Tom Shillue*. John has performed stand-up comedy on HBO, Comedy Central, as well as sketches on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. Derek Graff is a Chicago-based stand-up comedian whose dry, self-effacing style has made him a Midwest favorite. His small-town upbringing and big city experiences have given him plenty to laugh at himself about. Derek performs at clubs and festivals all over the country. TheJestersLounge.com.

SAT 10/26



Blues on the River: The Blues Party

**6:30 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY STAR
EVENT ROOM (600 STAR BREWERY DR)
TICKETS: \$18**

Long time members of the Madison blues scene play a wide variety of music, both originals and covers, and are dedicated to their collective love of electric blues and classic rock. StoneCliffWinery.com.

WED 10/30



The Travelin' McCourys

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

TICKETS: \$40
A seasoned and technically savvy string group/jam band led by Ronnie (mandolin, vocals) and Rob McCoury (banjo)—the sons of bluegrass legend Del McCoury. Along with Ronnie and Rob, the group features the talents of fiddler Jason Carter, bassist Alan Bartram, and guitarist Cody Kilby. In addition to their own performances and recordings, the award-winning group has played with a host of impressive names, including the Allman Brothers, the Lee Boys, Phish, and Warren Haynes, among others. Doors open at 6 p.m. codfishhollowbarnstormers.com.

THU 10/31



Jump

**8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM
(1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)
TICKETS: \$20**

Delivering two hours of classic David Lee Roth era Van Halen, the Toledo, OH based band's lineup is composed of a group of youngsters all born in the mid-late '90s and early 2000s. While their age offers a visual aesthetic true to Van Halen in their prime, their sound also reflects the same shredding Eddie guitar solos, rock solid rhythm section, and the whaling two-tone screams reminiscent of David Lee Roth's voice. QCasinoAndResort.com.

SAT 11/2



GIT Improv

7:30 PM @ BELL TOWER THEATER
(2728 ASBURY RD)
TICKETS: \$24

These master comedians offer improv comedy at its best. Every performance is a brand-new adventure as they create a unique show using suggestions from you and your fellow audience members. BellTowerTheater.net.



Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts

9 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL)
TICKETS: \$20

Celebrate one of our favorite groups of musicians in the region and remember the late Daniel James McMahon, founding member, lead guitarist, and vocalist of The Rusted Hearts. Led by free-wheeling frontman Nielsen, they've been wowing audiences for years with the diversity of their sound, the tightness of their 4-part harmonies, and the quality of their songcraft. Equally comfortable in a compact 3-minute pop song and an epic 10-minute jam, the band has toured incessantly since their inception in 2011, amassing an army of hardcore followers. Their 2016 release, *Heavy Metal*, debuted at No. 6 on the *Billboard* Heatseekers charts. Joel Sires Trio opens. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

SUN 11/3



Elizabeth Mary

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

Elizabeth Mary wrote her first song, "I Have a Dream," at age 10 and has

been pursuing that dream ever since. In September 2018, Elizabeth Mary opened for national country act Collin Raye, building her fan base as a solo artist. Elizabeth Mary and her band are making a name for themselves in the Midwest earning the title of "Best Country Band of 2021" at the Hodag Country Music Festival in Rhinelander, WI. Playing a mix of country, pop, classic rock and original music, Elizabeth will leave an impression on your heart and a smile on your face. gehlenhouseandbarn.com.

FRI 11/8



The Fabulous Trutones

7 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)
COVER: FREE

The Trutones features a power trio of veteran musicians from Eastern Iowa who have deep roots as musicians together and in the music of their lives. With their first visit to Dubuque, they're bringing a tight, roots rock and original music sound. smokestackdbq.com.

SAT 11/9



Make Hip Hop Great Again: Casethejoint & Imperfekt, Wxlley, Lil' Rager

9 PM @ ESTHER'S LOUNGE (123 MAIN ST)
COVER: FREE

Four days post election, Esther's Lounge invites you to Make Hip Hop Great Again! Casethejoint returns with his partner in crime Imperfekt making live beats and giving you that classic old-school, hip-hop feel. Expect some gritty spoken word moments beside high-energy antics when these two emcees share the stage. Wxlley, the artist formerly known as Lyric, will set the tone for the night with intense and incredible hip-hop/new age harmonies. And for the younger voters, Lil Rager rocks the stage. facebook.com/Esthersdbq.

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SAT 10/26 • 9 PM • FREE
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SAT 11/2 • 9 PM • \$20
MILES NIELSEN & THE RUSTED HEARTS, JOEL SIRES TRIO

THU 11/14 • 6 PM • FREE
BUFFALO GALAXY

THU 11/14 • 10 PM • FREE
TUMERA, HASHMAN AND THE CARPET SURFERS, STORIES THROUGH STORMS

FRI 11/15 • 9 PM • \$20
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Community Thanksgiving Dinners Being Planned

In lieu of the amazing longtime free Thanksgiving dinner served annually by the West Dubuque Tap and their scores of volunteers in memory of Donna Ginter, the community has rallied with opportunities to help and be helped this season.

In-person Thanksgiving meals are being prepared fresh and served free of charge from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a few Dubuque churches and other venues including (so far) St. John's Episcopal Church, the Salvation Army, Crescent Community Health Center, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Hills & Dales Lifetime Center (behind the Mall). These venues are also coordinating the delivery of meals to area senior homes and retirement communities.

The free sit-down, dine-in Thanksgiving Dinner in East Dubuque will be hosted by Seldom Scene Bar at 23 Sinsinawa Ave. Please call **815-747-8816** to make reservations. All ages welcome.

Volunteers will be needed to help at each of the sites and make some of the deliveries. Sign up will start soon at **VolunteerDBQ.com**. Donations to support providing the sit-down meals can be made at **DubuqueThanksgiving.org**.

One of the biggest parts of the free Thanksgiving meal program, the one that literally delivers delicious meals hot and fresh to homes all across the community, has been taken over by area Lions Clubs, led by the East Dubuque Lions Club and the awesome crew at The OtherSide in East Dubuque, IL. The East Dubuque Lions have been providing this service in East Dubuque for some time and now, in addition to manning the city's food pantry, they have decided to expand and take on the monumental pledge of serving Dubuque as well with new support coming in to make it possible including a partnership with Dubuque's own Lions Club.

Meanwhile, Mike Meyer, Michelle Mulgrew, and The OtherSide crew are planning to use that support to serve well over 1,000 meals to hundreds of homes in both Dubuque and East Dubuque on Thursday, Nov. 28 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. But they will need our help!



As they make plans to simply prepare that much great food for that many people in need this year, there are a number of ways you can either support the event or, if needed, benefit from its generosity.

First up: To receive a free meal delivered to your home, all you need to do is call The OtherSide at **815-747-9049** to supply your address and choose a delivery time slot. They are working on an online registration system.

If you would like to help the free meal delivery project, both monetary donations and volunteers are needed. Monetary donations can be made payable to the East Dubuque Lions Club and mailed to P.O. Box 92, East Dubuque, IL 61025, or they can be dropped off at The OtherSide at 68 Sinsinawa Ave. in downtown East Dubuque, IL. Tax-deductible online credit card donations can also be made via the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's 365 Community Fund at **DubuqueThanksgiving.org**.

If you would like to help prepare or deliver the meals for The OtherSide, please sign up online at **VolunteerDBQ.com**. It's fast and easy. We will add details on volunteering for the Dubuque-based meal sites in the Nov. 7 issue of *365ink* and online.

Organizers welcome all the support they can get and would like to thank those generous sponsors already on board including the East Dubuque Greater Events (EDGE) Foundation, RT&T Enterprises, and Ludovissy & Associates Insurance. Should funds raised exceed the cost of the event (and wouldn't that be great?), all excess cash will be donated to area food banks for immediate use. ■



SHRIMP STIR FRY



LIVER AND ONIONS WITH BACON

Kelly's Cafe

By Danny Fairchild

"Imma order the liver and onions." —Danny Fairchild

"You would." —Bryce Parks

Kelly's Cafe is a cafe, not a café, and that's awesome. Don't get me wrong, I love me a café. Can't say you love food and say you don't love a café. But when I want a cafe, don't piss on my head and tell me it's raining by taking me to a café. Because a café wants to tantalize me with their take on cuisine. A cafe wants to get a hot meal in me that's friggin' delicious. And maybe some pie, if I've saved room for it. A café will happily have their barista brew you the perfect espresso drink exactly to your liking. A cafe refills your mug of strong-and-black over and over again like an attendant pouring more hot water into your old-timey bath. A cafe will serve you some of the very best pancakes you've ever had. A café will serve you some of the very first crepes you've ever had.

But, aha! That's where the distinction between cafes and cafés breaks down a little with Kelly's Cafe. Because Kelly's Cafe serves pancakes AND crepes. AND waffles. AND French toast. So don't take the fact that Kelly's Cafe serves crepes as an indication that they're a café. They're definitely a cafe. Instead, you should take it as an indication that Kelly's Cafe serves abso-friggin'-lutely everything. Everything, that is, that might comfort you as you face your day or warm up your innards after a day on the river. About the only low-hanging fruit I don't see on their menu is pizza. But that doesn't mean it's not there. It just means that I didn't see it among the skilletts and omelets and burgers and pastas and steaks and appetizers and stir fry! Yes, Asian-style STIR FRY! You know what you'll never see at a café? Stir fry. But a cafe? All bets are off at a cafe. If it's a craving, a cafe is liable to have

it. And that goes double for Kelly's Cafe. Kelly's Cafe is the kind of place that has both Tabasco AND Cholula on the table for ya.

In the past, I've believed that any restaurant offering such a wide range of menu items can't possibly do them all well, and probably can't do ANY of them well. That might be true of fine dining, but with a cafe, it doesn't have to hit my palate; it has to hit the spot. And besides, I want a cafe like Kelly's Cafe to throw their proverbial crap against my proverbial wall and see what proverbially sticks. Because when I go to a cafe like Kelly's Cafe, I often have no damn idea what I'm hungry for. And if I can't figure it out, I can do what I've been doing since I was a kid and order a Belgian waffle. Because there are no words in any tongue of men or elves sweeter than "All-Day Breakfast." But you know what? A good stir fry may be exactly what I want. That happens a lot. No, seriously... a lot.

But... can you trust something as American as a cafe to make an Asian-style stir fry? You're going to be at least a little skeptical, yeah? Ah, but here's the thing: We're talking about a place well-equipped to make all your breakfast dreams come true. Why WOULDN'T you trust them to cook something hot and fast like a stir fry requires? If you trust them to make a breakfast skillet, why wouldn't you trust them to make a stir fry? Hell, a stir fry is easier than a breakfast skillet.

So yeah, it's still kind of a weird place to start, but let's talk about the stir fry at Kelly's Cafe. We got the shrimp stir sry. Yup! Even went so far as to order the shrimp. And why not? You can rest assured that if a cook can reliably cook eggs all day, any style, made to their ordered hardness, you can trust them not to undercook or overcook your shrimp. And that's what I surprised me most about Kelly's Cafe. The shrimp were probably some of the most perfectly cooked shrimp I've had in a while. A little toothiness before kind of bursting in your mouth. Num. The veggies were done perfectly, too. Again, any cook who can perfect a breakfast skillet isn't going to have much trouble stir-frying vegetables. A nice, balanced, Asian-inspired flavor, too.



GYRO SANDWICH



MEAT LOVERS SKILLET

Alright, let me get the liver and onions out of the way. Most of you want nothing to do with liver and onions. Ever. It's a non-starter. And that's okay. I'm not here to sell you on liver and onions. Even if you've never had liver and onions, if you think you won't like liver and onions, you're right. You won't like liver and onions. And again, that's okay. But this is for that kid in the corner... ashamed to admit that they like liver and onions and are wondering where to get some of that painfully acquired taste. If you're like me and you crave liver and onions once every 2 to 3 years, probably due to a need for more iron or something, Kelly's Cafe has exactly what you need. Thinly sliced and lightly breaded and smothered with those well-sauteed onions. Oh, but what's this? At Kelly's you can add bacon for a few bucks more? Don't mind if I do! It was everything my tastebuds were missing and my body needed. And the portions were enough that I took them home for leftovers and made a sandwich out of them that night. That was a friggin' goood sammich. And remember, friends: Just because it's offal, doesn't mean it's awful.

The gyro! I didn't grow up around these parts, so one of the things that impressed me when I settled here was how our cafes and diners often feature Greek cuisine. That's NOT a universal thing. Now... it's fair to assume that with all they've got going on in the kitchen, Kelly's Cafe doesn't have a classic cone of gyro meat spinning back there. It's not fair to hold them to that standard. The gyro meat is clearly formed in too-perfect strips, but so what? It's formed to suit the purpose and the pita. And just because it wasn't carved from the loaf, doesn't mean it's not delicious. It is. It more than scratches your gyro itch.

Meatloaf. I love meatloaf and I love it when restaurants have meatloaf on the menu. Even fine dining establishments get in on the meat loafin', and I think that's delightful. I never order it because it's just meatloaf, but I still like that it's on menus. So I didn't order it. Paul did. Why have I been denying myself happiness by not ordering meatloaf when it's on the menu? It's so versatile flavor-wise, and I should be excited to see what chefs bring to this

humble dish. So yes, the meatloaf is everything you want from a meatloaf, right down to that beef gravy we all know and love from every hot beef sandwich ever made.

Oh yeah! We didn't try them, but Kelly's Cafe has the usual hot sandwich suspects: hot beef, hot turkey, hot meatloaf. If you're confused, I'm talking about those open-face sandwiches with meat topped with mounds of mashed potatoes and smothered in gravy.

And that's just the start of all the classic sandwiches at Kelly's Cafe. Reuben? Yup. BLT? Of course. Pork T? This is Iowa. French Dip? Mais oui. Philly Cheesesteak? Boy howdy. Monte Cristo? Oh, yes. Yes, they have a Monte Cristo sandwich for you. Not quite familiar with that one? We're talking about grilled ham and turkey with melted American and Swiss on French toast (yes, French toast) and dusted with powdered sugar. Nothing unlovable about that.

Again, no disrespect to cafés. But when I want a cup of coffee I never see the bottom of, and just about anything I could possibly ever crave... it has to be a cafe, not a café. That's what Kelly's Cafe is there for. ■

Kelly's Cafe

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All ages are welcome.

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Frightfully Fun and Allergy-Friendly

Healthy and Safe Halloween Treats

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Happy Halloween! It's time to pick out your costume and run out the door to do some trick-or-treating! If you or your child is one of the many affected by food allergies, this time of the year can bring challenges. However, your Hy-Vee dietitians are here to help you navigate this season and provide you with the tastiest, allergy-friendly treats you can enjoy all year round.

Food allergies affect millions of Americans. Ingredients such as peanuts, wheat, and milk are common in Halloween treats. Knowing what to look for on food labels is vital to ensuring a safe, allergen-free holiday. Check out these tips below to have a frightfully fun, allergy-friendly Halloween this year.

First, check labels and ingredient lists to ensure that the treats are free from your allergen. It's best to avoid treats that do not have an ingredient label. Get in the habit of checking every label, and never assume something is safe to consume. Candy that may not appear to contain your allergen might. For example, some brands of candy corn contain egg whites and sesame. Just because candy was safe for you last year doesn't guarantee it will be safe for you this year because food manufacturers can change their recipe.

Second, your local Hy-Vee HealthMarket Department is home to many allergy-friendly snacks and treats. Brands such as Smart Sweets, Yum Earth, and Rotten make candies and gummies that are free from the top nine allergens and gluten-free. Partake, Blake's Seed Based, and Allergy Smart offers a variety of different flavors of bars or cookies that are also allergen-friendly, gluten-free, and contain no artificial food dyes.

The talk on whether it's safe to consume artificial food dyes is a popular topic right now, and you may have seen headlines or heard claims that ingesting these dyes can cause adverse health effects such as hyperactivity in children. If you are in the habit of looking at food labels, you might have seen these dyes listed at the end of an ingredient list: Red 40, Yellow 5, or Blue 1. Synthetic food dyes are found in various products throughout the food system. You may think of candy, sports drinks, and even vitamins containing these dyes to enhance the color and overall marketability of the food item. Although there is no conclusive evidence that artificial food dyes cause adverse health effects, several studies show an increase in hyperactivity in sensitive children.

Still need help navigating life with a food allergy? Don't be scared. Let your Hy-Vee dietitian help! Contact your local Hy-Vee dietitian or visit [Hy-Vee.com/Health](https://www.hy-vee.com/Health) for more information on our Individual Nutrition Consultations and subscription plan. ■



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MATTITUDE QUOTE

"SOMETIMES, GOOD ENOUGH IS GOOD ENOUGH. IF THE PLAN DOESN'T FIT, TWEAK IT! PERFECTION? THAT'S JUST A FANCY WAY OF PROCRASTINATING." —MATT BOOTH

"MATT POSSESSES THE DISTINCT ABILITY TO LEVERAGE HUMOR AS HE ILLUSTRATES A POINT THROUGH STORIES, WHICH CREATES LASTING IMPRESSIONS FOR THE ATTENDEES. THE ACTION STEPS MATT PROVIDES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY AND USED FOREVER." —AL SHERMAN, STRATEGIC ACCOUNT MANAGER, MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH



Time to Freaking Carpe Diem

By Matt Booth

You've heard it a million times: Life is short, time is limited, and you should live like today's your last. You know, the whole "YOLO" thing. And, logically, it's true, that death is a fact of life. But let's be real, most of us are pros at avoiding the thought of our own death, especially if we're still in the "I can eat an entire Happy Joe's pizza and not gain a pound" stage of life. For young, healthy people, death feels distant. It's easy to push it to the back of your mind and keep doom-scrolling.

But here's the thing: We're all living on borrowed time, and the clock's ticking. Are you halfway through your life or closer to the end? Do you have 10 or 40 more years of tomorrows? Heck, do you have tomorrow at all? The truth is, none of us knows. And waiting until you've had a health scare or some major wake-up call to start thinking about death, and how it impacts how you're living, is like waiting until the last five minutes of a Packers game to start paying attention. It's risky, and you might miss something important.

Look, death isn't picky. It doesn't care if you've checked off your entire bucket list or if you're still binge-watching Netflix. It doesn't care if you're a nice person or a total jerk, rich or poor, kind-hearted or grouchy as a snowplow driver in February. It just shows up whenever it pleases, like the in-laws on Thanksgiving.

When I stop to think about my death (yeah, I go there), it makes me do stuff I might otherwise put off. Like calling my mom more often. Playing cards on the floor with my boys even when I'm tired. Telling my wife, Joie, I love her (and grabbing her some concert tickets—bonus points, guys). Thinking about death gets me thinking about what matters in my life, which isn't how many emails I can answer in a day.

And then there's my friend Ray Stoffel. Ray is 84 and facing cancer. Only God knows how much longer he will be with us,

and it's a hard reality. Ray and his wife used to own a shop here in Dubuque called Truffles and Ruffles. Every time I think of my old buddy Truffle, I'm reminded how precious our time is. He's a guy who's lived fully, loved fully, and, even in his hardest days, keeps showing up for life. We all could learn a thing or two from Ray.

Now, I can hear you saying, "Come on, Matt! I don't read Dubuque 365 to get bummed out!" Well, guess what? I'm being positive here. I'm 100% positive that you and I are both going to die. That's not me being morbid; it's just the truth. The real question is: Knowing that you're not getting out of here alive, how are you going to live? Don't wait until you're 40, 50, 84, or, heaven forbid, until after you've had a heart attack or a cancer scare to get serious about living. Time is shorter than we think, and it's not guaranteed.

Embracing the fact that we're all going to die one day gives us the power to live. And I don't just mean to exist—to really live. When you live with the end in mind, you realize that life has meaning because it's temporary. Imagine you could just kick around on this planet for centuries, like some kind of immortal being. Life would lose its spark faster than a Main Street bar at last call. There'd be no urgency, no reason to carpe diem.

Thinking about death forces us to be responsible for our lives now. Don't just sit there passively scrolling or zoning out. Get up and do something that matters. Fight for something. Take a risk. Show up for the people you care about. It's only when you start wrestling with the fact that death is coming (yep, even for you) that you can start really living.

So, here's the question you need to answer: You're going to die—there's no getting around that. But before you go, are you going to live? ■

The Small and the Mighty

By John McAndrew

Sharon McMahon has a *NY Times* No. 1 best seller in *The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, From the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement*. In the last four years, this former public school teacher has exploded into a cultural force. She is a podcaster (*Here's Where It Gets Interesting*), author of a newsletter (*The Preamble*), and a leader for readers who call themselves Governers. She and the Governers have raised millions to help folks in need and retire their medical debts.

NEVER underestimate a teacher.

The Small and the Mighty hit the best seller list upon release. And no wonder: The teacher tells a good story. She likens the people in her book to the aurora borealis, the Northern Lights. We can't see them often because of the brightness of daylight and their usually limited reach. But if we can see behind the brightest lights—Lincoln, Washington, et al—we find that the less familiar stories eclipsed by them are also inspiring and sometimes more relatable than those near-mythic figures.

She starts with Gouveneur Morris, one of the lesser-known founding fathers. He wrote the Preamble of the Constitution. The “We the People” part. He made more speeches than anyone at the Constitutional Convention and was on the committee that wrote the Constitution's final draft. He lived a rambunctious life... right up until giving himself an infection in a most memorable and cringe-worthy manner. Uff da!

From that aristocratic life, we go to Clara Brown, an enslaved woman. As a young mother, she and her family members were sold to separate owners and lost to each other. Clara made a small fortune after walking from the Midwest to Colorado during their gold rush. She helped many other emancipated people to make their way there. She was a cook and a laundress. From a humble station, her tenacity changed the trajectory of many lives and the history of Colorado.

Paul Revere makes an appearance. McMahon says, “For all the things one could learn about Paul Revere, [the fact that] he rode a horse and shouted at people is perhaps one of the least interesting.” You'll learn about educator Virginia Randolph, a friend of Booker T. Washington. Also Katharine Lee Bates, author of *America the Beautiful*, which was almost our national anthem. We learn fun facts: The Pledge of Allegiance and brownies were both created on the occasion of the Chicago World's Fair.

McMahon relishes a good detour, sometimes to a fault. Occasionally her “aw, shucks” tone can seem a bit much, and some detours feel like distractions. That's a minor quibble, especially in a first book.

The colloquial tone she adopts may lull readers into underestimating the challenges her subjects confronted. That could be a good thing. While she

relates the playful lifelong friendship of Norm Mineta and Alan Simpson, a well-entertained reader may be caught unawares by the repeated appearance (always in quotations from the time) of a common epithet used against people of Japanese descent. Every appearance of the word is shocking, and should be.

McMahon's real gift for nuanced storytelling is seen in her discussions of suffrage and Black education. There were good and bad people in these movements—often the same people. Advocacy for suffrage did not include Black women. Susan B. Anthony infamously said, “I will cut off this right arm of mine before I will ever work or demand the ballot for the Negro and not the woman.” Thousands of schools for Black children were created without an eye toward equality, much less integration. Yet many Civil Rights leaders were educated in those schools.

McMahon honors moral complexity. She won't dismiss someone's contribution to the American story just because they were flawed, even deeply flawed. As Margaret Mead famously said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, neurotic, awkward citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” Something like that.

You'll recognize the names and stories of many people in the book. But if you don't already know of Anna Jeanes, William James Edwards, Sam Armstrong, Julius Rosenwald, J.B. Peckham, Glenn Livingston, Claudette Colvin, and Oliver Brown, you will remember meeting them here.

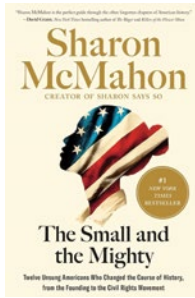
These folks are just like us. We can be reassured that, if we, too, are “just” teachers, hairdressers, or baristas; if we are flawed, not always saintly; that we, too, have our parts to play. What we do in the face of pain, oppression, or challenge may be pivotal. We'll never know. As she says, “The American experiment is full of ill-equipped people, people with the ‘wrong’ faces and the ‘wrong’ life circumstances, who just went for it.”

McMahon makes history a kick: Little things and little people sometimes make big differences. Even better, she doesn't give us dates to memorize.

Let's make some history now: Please go vote! Congresswoman Miller-Meeks won election to the US House in 2020 by only six votes out of almost 400,000 cast. Those who are faithful in little things... may end up in the history books. ■

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Writer's Workshop

In honor of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), join us for an exciting writer's workshop at the library, where teens and adults can dive into the world of flash fiction and explore different writing styles. Unleash your creativity, experiment with new ideas, and connect with fellow writers in a fun and supportive environment! RSVP so we can have enough snacks for everyone!

Asbury: Monday, Nov. 4, 4:30 PM
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Asbury: Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6 PM

PIPER the STEAM Organ

Orgelkids is an educational project designed to teach children about the pipe organ through hands-on experience. The “Piper” organ travels around Iowa



where participants of all ages can explore the science and engineering behind the instrument by assembling and playing it. RSVP is recommended but drop ins are welcome to come watch the set up!

Asbury: Saturday, Oct. 26, 12:30-2:30 PM

Nature Squad



Nature Squad brings the fun of the outdoors into the library! Join us for hands-on nature-themed activities that will spark kids' love for the natural

world and encourage them to explore nature. In October we're making nature journals!

Farley: Thursday, Oct. 24, 4:30 PM

Holy Cross: Monday, Oct. 28, 4:30 PM

Epworth: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4:30 PM



Craft Club: Papel Picado & Yarn Letters

Join us for this monthly crafting program! In October we're learning about the art of papel picado. In November we're making yarn letters. Designed for adults, teens welcome. RSVP recommended, drop-ins welcome as supplies last.

Holy Cross: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 4:30 PM

Asbury: Monday, Nov. 4 @ 6 PM

Peosta: Tuesday, Nov. 19 @ 6 PM

Dog Day

Meet adorable furry friends! The Dubuque Regional Humane



Society is bringing dogs to the library for the ultimate DOG DAY! Learn about the mission of the Humane Society and meet some of their adoptable pups! Drop in any time during the open house.

Asbury: Saturday, Nov. 2 @ 10 AM-12 PM

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SNACKtivity: where creativity and fun come together through food! Join Ms. Julia to make Trail Mix



Holy Cross: Monday, Nov. 4 @ 4:30 PM

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DANCE (PG-13)**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Tom Hardy returns as Venom, one of Marvel's greatest and most complex characters, for the final film in the trilogy. Eddie and Venom are on the run. Hunted by both of their worlds and with the net closing in, the duo are forced into a devastating decision that will bring the curtains down on Venom and Eddie's last dance.



CONCLAVE (PG)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

The film follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events—selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the church.



HERE (PG-13)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Reuniting the director, writer, and stars of *Forrest Gump*, here is an original film about multiple families and a special place they inhabit. The story travels through generations, capturing the most relatable of human experiences. Told much in the style of the acclaimed graphic novel by Richard McGuire on which it is based, Tom Hanks and Robin Wright star in a tale of love, loss, laughter and life, all of which happen right Here.



HITPIG (PG)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Imagine a pig who makes a living catching escaped animals and returning them to humans. Meet Hitpig. He's not just the best there is, he's the only one there is! But Hitpig's next assignment will be the most challenging of his career—a circus elephant named Pickles who just wants to be his friend and hopefully go home. It's a \$1 million bounty and Hitpig's ticket to a new life. When the mission goes sideways, Hitpig must realize that no amount of money is worth losing his newfound friends.



Movie Buzz

Superman and Man From U.N.C.L.E. star Henry Cavill is reportedly joining



forces with the Amazon's live-action *Voltron* movie which has already been in development for two years. Directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber, *Voltron* would make two big '80s franchise revivals that Cavill is currently attached to already including a new version of *Highlander*.

Warner Bros. releases the first of its new batch of live-action *The Lord of the Rings* films in 2026 which



focus on Andy Serkis' Gollum. The story falls after the birthday party of Bilbo and before the Mines Of Moria. In February 2023, then-newly installed studio leaders Mike De Luca and Pam Abdy had brokered a deal to make "multiple" films based on the J.R.R. Tolkien books. In a recent interview, Gandalf star Ian McKellen seemed to reveal that the upcoming *Hunt for Gollum* will be split into two movies, but the studio says no, that there is another live-action film in the works. Additionally, a separate, animated Middle-earth movie, *The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim*, set 200 years before *The Hobbit* is due on Dec. 13.

Spinning out of the events of *Star Trek: Discovery* and helmed by Olatunde



Osunsami, *Star Trek: Section 31* starring Michelle Yeoh has confirmed a release date of Jan. 24, 2025. The movie sees Phillipa Georgiou, the former Emperor of the Mirror Universe's Terran Empire, joining the clandestine arm of Starfleet in a spy thriller with a film noir feel.

The Running Man remake has cast John Brolin to portray its lead villain, opposite leading man Glen



Powell in the new look at Stephen King's novel written under the pen man Richard Bachman. Yes, this was once an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie in 1987. Directed by Edgar Wright (*Baby Driver*) the movie will focus on Ben Rickards willingly participating in a violent reality show in order to get enough money to pay for medicine his sick daughter desperately needs. But it looks to be a darker imagining of the novel than the '80 version.



SO. MANY. COOKBOOKS.

Cooking the Books

By Pam Kress-Dunn

I did a terrible thing last week. You might not think it's so awful to print out a new recipe, but for me, it's ridiculous. I already own—let me count them—71 full-size cookbooks. I am writing this at the dining table, and there they all are, displayed on a nice bookcase I stole from my husband.

In addition to these bound volumes, many of them hardcover, is another collection you might call cookbooklets, all of them inherited from my mother's kitchen. These priceless pamphlets range from "Twelve Pies Husbands Like Best," "Brer Rabbit's New Orleans Molasses Recipes," and "All Kinds of Cookies" to "Kate Smith Chooses Her 55 Favorite Ann Pillsbury Cake Recipes," "Bake the No-Knead Way," and "Fleischmann's Bake-it-Easy Yeast Book."

Obviously, these little leaflets were lightly-disguised PR promos, designed to make our mothers buy the brand of yeast, flour, or molasses hawked in the recipes. These days, such largesse is superseded by what I like to call Stuff About Food on the Web.

This brings me back to those recipes I printed out. These were created by

a cook I know, or feel like I know, having subscribed to her newsletter/blog, Smitten Kitchen, for years. Her kitchen is a tiny one stuffed into a corner of a New York City apartment. I have watched Deb Perelman's baby boy turn into a teen, and collected her recipes for years. Her first cookbook, *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook*, and second one, *Smitten Kitchen Every Day*, share space with the rest of my collection, and now I'm itching to buy her latest, *Smitten Kitchen Keepers*.

I know what you're thinking. I need a new cookbook about as much as I need another set of measuring cups. (Is three enough?) I have cookbooks focusing on Indian cooking, bread of all kinds (pita! braided challah! naan!), Southern pies, American cakes through the ages, Midwestern prizewinners, one-pot Asian meals, roasted everything, and even *The New Yorker Book of Food and Drink*, which is recipe-free. Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* sits snugly between Samin Nosrat's *Salt Fat Acid Heat* and Dan Pashman's *Anything's Pastable*. They are in no kind of order, but I know where to find them.

Pashman, a food podcaster, set out to create an all-new pasta shape, one that would hold as much sauce as possible, and he succeeded; his cascatelli pasta is now available for purchase. Julia Child's editor, Judith Jones, wrote a lovely book in her later years called *The Pleasures of Cooking for One*. I have a book about cheese, a book about eggs, a book about milk, a book about knife skills and the priceless 1982 *Will it Freeze?* that I still consult to this day.

But here's the deal: Rather than wow you with my vast collection, I am setting up a project. Over the next few weeks (ahem: year), I plan to cook a recipe from every book I own. This would have made a great Covid pastime, and it did occur to me back in March 2020, but I had other plans (ahem: none). After all, I have cooked at least a few things from—well, okay, not from every single book. But several.

What have I already cooked? Asian sloppy Joes from *Simply Ming's One-Pot Meals*. Cherry clafouti from *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. Individual meatloaves from the gargantuan *Cook's Country Cookbook*. Pulled pork from *Cheater Barbecue*. From-scratch chai from *At Home with Madhur Jaffrey*. Waldorf salad from the 1975 *Doubleday Cookbook*. The gravity-defying stacked pancake cake with maple frosting from *The Beekman 1802 Heirloom Dessert Cookbook*.

Well, wait. I never made that. It's on the cover, and I always meant to, but no. I've also never cooked from *Russel Wright's Menu Cookbook*, a gem from the 1940s I had to own because I love his china. You

must understand, some cookbooks invite reading as much as cooking or baking. Take these four exquisite tomes: *Purple Citrus & Sweet Perfume*, *Rosewater & Orange Blossoms*, *Crazy Water Pickled Lemons*, and *Roast Figs Sugar Snow*. That's a poem, a fragrant ode to eastern Mediterranean, Labanese, North African, and English food.

One recipe I printed out the other day is for soup, glorious soup, because even though the daytime highs are still pretty high, it feels like time for Black Bean Pumpkin Soup to me, once dinnertime rolls around. But we won't talk about my boxful of single recipes, from cake to vegetables, not now.

Funny thing, I've got two books called *Plenty*. One is by British chef Diana Henry, the other by Israeli-born Londoner Yotam Ottolenghi. A Double-mint gum wrapper marks his two-page spread for stuffed eggplant with lamb and pine nuts. Did I make it? Maybe. It looks familiar, and there's a little stain on the page with the picture.

This brings up the story of my copy of *Anything's Pastable*, which I checked out of the library. There I was, drinking

my tea while paging through the book, when wham! the tea mug went flying. The professional librarian sitting next to me—my daughter, who works at the Cedar Rapids library—sprang into action with a roll of paper towels. Once dry, it looked fine to us, but not to the local librarian. I got to pay \$45 and add it to my personal collection, Dewey Decimal Number and all.

So that's the plan. I am going to cook or bake something from every book on my shelf. Stay tuned to hear about my exploration of Persian rice, vintage cakes, easy Thai, Dorie Greenspan's French kitchen, Venetian stew, and even a little something from Nigella Lawson's book, *How to Be a Domestic Goddess*. That'll be me, once this project is complete. ■

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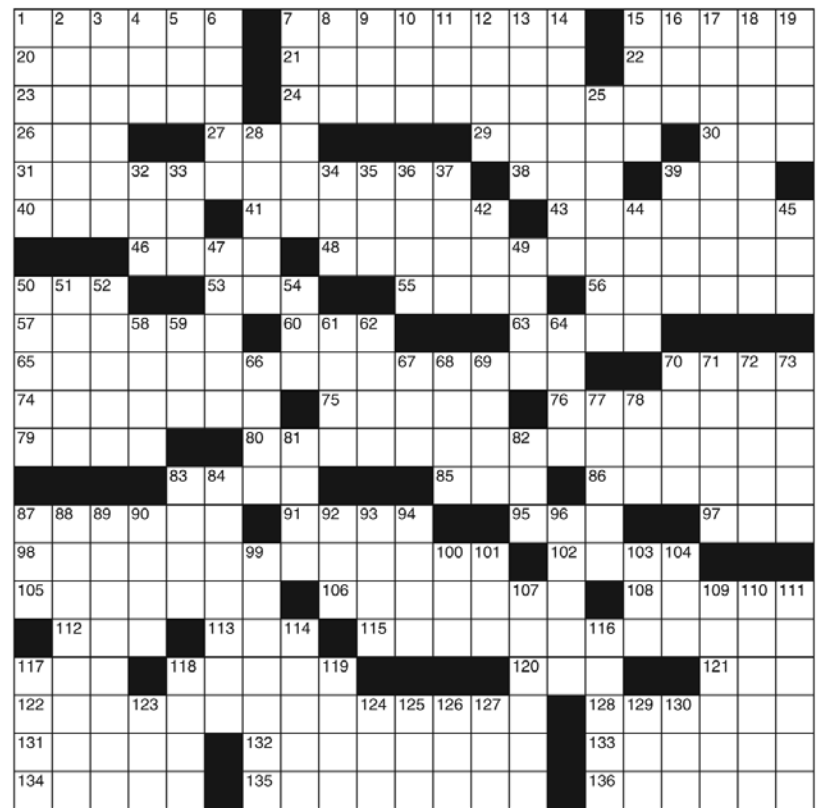
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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 1 Lambastes
 - 7 Poppycock
 - 15 Earth model
 - 20 Larynx locale
 - 21 Tango cousin
 - 22 "Whoopee!"
 - 23 Altered totally
 - 24 For an extended period of time
 - 26 Angry feeling
 - 27 Prefix with chic or tour
 - 29 Papas' mates
 - 30 Grafton's "—" for Evidence"
 - 31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around
 - 38 Use a pew
 - 39 "Dino" star Mineo
 - 40 Filmmaker Perry
 - 41 Feature of a carrot-top
 - 43 Views more text, perhaps
 - 46 Salamander
 - 48 Make distress less painful
 - 50 Hype (up)
 - 53 Volcanic stuff
 - 55 Large couch
 - 56 Funnywoman Boosler
 - 57 Whigs' rivals
 - 60 Wane
 - 63 "Devil Inside" rock band
 - 65 Is completely harmless
 - 70 Volcanic stuff
 - 74 Enlarged
 - 75 On terra —
 - 76 Neighbor of Peru
 - 79 Some dark breads
 - 80 Exactly even division
 - 83 Brilliant feat
 - 85 Med. scan in a large tube
 - 86 Pesto herbs
 - 87 Mythical twin of Pollux
 - 91 They go with oohs
 - 95 Two after uno
 - 97 Cove's cousin
 - 98 Portable boat engine
 - 102 Literary Leon
 - 105 Covert movement
 - 106 Like fatty tissue
 - 108 New, in Italy
 - 112 Atop, to bards
 - 113 Yiddish cries of lament
 - 115 Appetizer made with vegetable "hearts"
 - 117 81-Down download
 - 118 Guy who's a spin doc
 - 120 Ring great Muhammad
 - 121 Sinus-probing doc
 - 122 Having paid to be freed from custody
 - 128 Old dog star
 - 131 Not reactive



- 132 Luminosity
- 133 Expunges
- 134 Pack-carrying beasts
- 135 Stopped from wobbling
- 136 What the last words of eight key answers in this puzzle are slangy synonyms of
- 33 Mine find
- 34 IRA choices
- 35 "So that's your game!"
- 36 Lummoxes
- 37 Mambo great Puente
- 39 Japanese noodle
- 42 Match arbiter
- 44 Kinfolk: Abbr.
- 45 Stockholm is its cap.
- 47 Failed to be
- 49 Toe feature
- 50 In battle
- 51 Given to sulking
- 52 Puritanical type
- 54 Sly chuckle
- 58 Bits of land in la mer
- 59 Fielder Roush
- 61 Well-muscled
- 62 "I say!" sayer
- 64 Russian "no"
- 66 Cubes in miso soup
- 67 Give it a whirl
- 68 Dual radio designation
- 69 Decent
- 70 Indy circuits
- 71 Off-the-cuff
- 72 "Ta-da!"
- 73 Dilettantish
- 77 Prefix with pet or punk
- 78 D.C.'s home
- 81 Apple tablet
- 82 In shape
- 83 Trendy
- 84 Speechifiers
- 87 Bus, entities
- 88 Devices reproducing signatures
- 89 Spires
- 90 Ski lift type
- 92 Org. for docs
- 93 "Today" co-host Kotb
- 94 Move slightly
- 96 "The Fisher King" actress Mercedes
- 99 Rappers and poets, e.g.
- 100 Make a pick
- 101 French for "king"
- 103 Squid's squirt
- 104 Act litigiously
- 107 Climbed up
- 109 City in west Texas
- 110 Having more climbing plants
- 111 Best-suited
- 114 Anwar with a Peace Nobel
- 116 Greased up
- 117 Opera tune
- 118 Butter slices
- 119 Lymph bump
- 123 Sooner than, in poetry
- 124 Actress Vardalos
- 125 Sinful
- 126 Folk rocker DiFranco
- 127 Cola cubes
- 129 Exist
- 130 Devalitize

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Family fun is happening on the daily through these beautiful weather days at Vesperman Farms' corn maze, pumpkin patch, and more in Lancaster, WI. Photo by Stacy Eichman.



The Dubuque Area History Expo, sponsored by Carnegie-Stout, The Historic Preservation Commission, The Mississippi River Museum, and area colleges took place on October 20th at Steeple Square.



Christy Welp captured this photo of her family, like so many locals, opting to vote early in this year's election, including son Dawson's first time voting. Don't forget to vote. You can even register at the polls and vote!



Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders was in Dubuque recently speaking on issues critical to the future of America while campaigning for Vice President Kamala Harris during these final days of the 2024 election. Photo by Sue Dravis.



Of the million or so photos of the Northern Lights posted to Facebook lately, this was among our favorites, by professional photographer Mark Dierker of Bear Dancer Studios.



The Galena Ghostbusters ham it up with Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Director Susan before the Dubuque Halloween Parade, hosted by the Film Festival got rolling—literally.



The cast and crew of Love, Lies & the Lottery put on a stellar run of shows for the hilariously chaotic comedy in October at the Bell Tower Theater.



The third University of Dubuque Spartans Make a Difference Day saw more than 800 faculty, staff, and students helping nonprofits. We saw them all over downtown while delivering 365ink. Well done!



Adoption Day! Congratulations and thank you to our friends in the Bruns family for opening their hearts to not one but four children making it a forever family of 10! Wow! Iowa needs more foster and adoptive families. Learn more @ iowafosterandadoption.org.



Dubuque Mayor Brad Cavanagh surprised Maestro William Intriligator to recognize him for his 25 years of leading the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra during their season opener at Five Flags Theater.



Dubuque Regional Airport unveiled their new solar power and battery energy storage facility, installed by Eagle Point Solar with the help of Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative, with a ribbon-cutting from the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce.



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Awesome Advice

DEAR ANGELA,

My coworker smells. She has a unique sense of fashion, which is to say that she only wears dead people's clothes. I mean, she doesn't steal them from the morgue or anything, she gets them all legally. Her friends and family totally enable her, and whenever they have a family member pass away, their whole closet is just wrapped up in garbage bags and given to her. She says things like "I prefer second hand, it's so much more unique." First, I think it's creepy that she is wearing her friend's grandmother's clothes. But, what's worse? It's clear the moldy jeans and moth-eaten wool coats have just been rotting away in a closet for decades! I have a sensitive

nose, and it's becoming unbearable to be around her. What do I do?
—Stinking it Up on Station Ln

DEAR STINKING,

Personally, the only thing stinking worse than your coworker's clothes is your attitude. We love a Sustainable Fashion Girly! She is just helping to reduce land-fill waste one oversized '80s sweater at a time. Look, cleaning those vintage clothes is a lot of work. Have you ever once in your life hand washed a knit vest that demanded you to NOT wring it out and lay flat to dry? How much floor space do you think this woman has? You really wanna help? Venmo her some money for professional dry cleaning.

DEAR ANGELA,

I'm trying to be more assertive at work. Could you help me with some phrases that I can say when I get asked to do something that I don't have the capacity for?
—Toughening up on Turtle Dove Court

DEAR TOUGH,

Whenever someone asks me to do something that I don't want to do, I put the blame on anyone or anything else.

For instance, I would never tell someone outright that I don't want to go to their self-help book club meeting, so I use my cats as an excuse. I start with "Let me check to see if I'm free that night." Then, I'll follow up about an hour beforehand with a text, "Sorry my cats don't let me do that." It works so well because everyone knows cats are notorious for hindering their owners' personal growth.

DEAR ANGELA,

It's official. My children are a disappointment. I have three kids, and the last one is a senior in high school this year. The first is entering her second year of law school, my middle child just started working at Target *CORPORATE* headquarters in Minneapolis, and my senior? Well, he hasn't decided, but he has given away ALL of his swallowing swords and leotards. And I gotta face it, he could never even do a back bend. Yesterday after school, I saw some paperwork sticking out of his backpack and looked a little closer only to find an acceptance letter to Harvard Business School. I'm crushed. My hope was that they would all follow in the family business—we're trapeze artists by trade but also do some contortion

work in the winter months to subsidize our income. I've been training these kids since BIRTH to fly through the air with the greatest of ease, and this is how they repay me? I know that pushing them into the aerial life won't work at this point, so what can I do?
—Falling Fast on Highpoint Circle

DEAR FALLING,

Ugh, you really are 0 for 3 aren't you? Consider the inspiring quote by Vítor Vieira Belfort, a Brazilian professional boxer and retired mixed martial artist, and one of my personal heroes: "Legacy is not what I did for myself. It's what I'm doing for the next generation." What this quote means is that it's time to give up on your kids. Start focusing all your energy into your future grand-kids, because that's your only hope for keeping the family business afloat.

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ARIES
 (APR 19–MAY 13)
 Equestrian sports have been part of the Olympic Games since the early 1900s, but no one will ever give you a medal for getting on your high horse.
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TAURUS
 (MAY 14–JUNE 19)
 Follow your passions and see where they lead you. Note that I said “passions” not “genitals.” Unless your genitals are telling you it’s time to go pee. Then yes, but all means, let your genitals be your guide.
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GEMINI
 (JUNE 20–JULY 20)
 The blood of your sign will be a worthy sacrifice to Azaphat, the Eternal Hunger, spilling all your sadism into his desire to create only pain, destroying all else.
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CANCER
 (JULY 21–AUG 9)
 If you want it, you’ll finally have the energy to complete everything on your list. You’ll just have to break a few hundred international nuclear treaties to actually produce that energy.
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LEO
 (AUG 10–SEP 15)
 You’ll finally find yourself climbing the corporate ladder. Though perhaps a ladder is a poor metaphor. Ladders actually HELP you climb. What you’re climbing is more like a... corporate rope in gym class.
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VIRGO
 (SEP 16–OCT 30)
 Your powers of imagination will be fine-tuned the next few weeks. Maybe try imagining that you don’t suck so much.
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LIBRA
 (OCT 31–NOV 22)
 If you’re not ready for Halloween, don’t worry. Halloween is ready for you. Mwahahahahahaha!
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SCORPIO
 (NOV 23–NOV 29)
 Now is the time to give of yourself. You might think donating a


kidney is the way to go, but hear me out: Your liver can regenerate. Just slice off a few chunks for folks who need a little more iron in their diet.

 **OPHIUCHUS**
 (NOV 30–DEC 17)
 Expect a major confidence boost over the next few weeks. Don’t ask me where it’s coming from. The only thing that can be confidently said about you is that you suck.

 **SAGITTARIUS**
 (DEC 18–JAN 8)
 I know this is the opposite of every horoscope you’ve ever read, but... Do NOT try stepping out of your comfort zone. Do NOT! You’re good where you’re at.

 **CAPRICORN**
 (JAN 9–FEB 15)
 It’s not that your wishes can’t come true. It’s just that all your wishes would contradict the wishes of people the universe likes better.

 **AQUARIUS**
 (FEB 16–MAR 11)
 As you embrace your power, there will be no limit to what you can accomplish. Well... I mean... you’re not going to develop the ability to fly or any other superpowers. And there’s no way you’re going to sort out that Israel-Palestine thing. Alright, fine. It’s going to FEEL like there will be no limit to what you can accomplish. But the limits will still be present as ever.

 **PISCES**
 (MAR 12–APR 18)
 Now’s the time to go out there and get what you want. Now, before the cataclysm happens and resources become scarce.

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