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Ask your family's healthcare providers about flu prevention



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All bacon served semi-crispy.

Welp... so here we are. For me it's the day before Election Day, and for you it's an entirely different world as you likely know what happened by now. Assuming you are able to come out in public unarmed to pick up the new issue of *365ink*, we'll call that a win right there. I'm not sure if I envy you knowing while I don't or not. What are the odds on this thing? Can you bet on that too? I should check...

Um, yep! There are indeed betting lines on the election. Bet365 (yeah, that's a real site so I had to go with that one, right?) lists Trump at -188 and Harris at +150. That's a tremendous edge for Trump in the betting odds. But then again, what kind of people would actually put money on something like this, Trumpers or liberals? So, that may skew the numbers a lot. National polls without wagering have Harris out front by a bit. Then again, in 2016, these wagering sites had Hillary Clinton with odds -323 (that's very good for her if you don't know how it works), and well, you know how that worked out.

What I think would be most hilarious, if there is anything funny about this at all (said Bryce while giggling maniacally, curled up in a ball in the corner of the room with a worried look on his face), is what if there are betting parlays on the presidential election? What would those be?

For the uninitiated, in sports betting, a parlay bet is when a bettor makes two or more bets and combines them into one wager. But moreover, it means betting on something beyond just the winner of the election. In sports, a parlay bet might be that the running back rushes for 100 yards or that Caitlin Clarke has a triple-double. But there could even be a bet about how many times the TV broadcast of a Kansas City Chiefs game shows Taylor Swift on screen.

So what would make for an interesting side-bet on this election? How many seconds into Trump's speech, win or lose, will it take for him to claim widespread voter fraud before anyone could possibly know if it's even legit? (Spoiler alert: It's not!) How many times will Wolf Blitzer go to the giant touchscreen map of the nation to zoom in on a random neighborhood in Pennsylvania? How many professional wrestlers will appear on stage with Trump when he speaks? Will he come out dancing to Y.M.C.A., still not understanding the meaning of the song he's dancing to? Will Tim Walz serve hot dish on stage?

Let's remember here that Democrats have won the popular vote while losing the actual election twice since 2000. Trump has technically never won the popular vote in any election. Thank you, broken Electoral College. Remember too that



in 2016 Donald Trump, told *60 Minutes*, "I would rather see it, where you went with simple votes. You know, you get 100 million votes, and somebody else gets 90 million votes, and you win. There's a reason for doing this. Because it brings all the states into play." He called the Electoral College a "disaster for democracy."

Obviously, as so often happens, when it's no longer convenient to him getting his way, his feelings about those topics changed essentially 180 degrees. "I believe strongly that in a democracy, we should respect the will of the people... and move to the popular election of our president." Imagine if he won the popular vote now and lost the election as has happened to the Democrats twice. Will he abide by the constitution? Why do I think not? I think his head might explode. But maybe we'd finally get the GOP on board with ending the Electoral College. But even Trump doesn't have that kind of pull with his party since the rest are aware that they have not won a popular vote since 2004, 20 years ago.

But then there's that side of your brain that reminds you that there are a lot of people out there with antiquated thinking. We found that out after the 2016 election. You want to think we've evolved, but some people quietly want gays to stay in the closet, non-anglos to stay out of the country, and women to stay in the kitchen. And I think there's a good chance that they will come out of the woodwork. She is, after all, a woman AND a person of mixed non-white race. That's a lot for a white man from "the good old days" to deal with at one time.

Despite everything you have heard over and over, federal election infrastructure officials confirmed that the 2020 election was the "most secure in American history." I just hope that whatever the outcome, we have the common decency to abide by the fair and accurate results of the election as decided by the American people. ■

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Annie's Foundation Banned Book Giveaway

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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 carnegiestout.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. Ohnward's goal is to create a holiday atmosphere to be enjoyed by all those attending the many functions that will be held at the center. 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. Bring out your creative side in support for Ohnward's place in the community. 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.

All who visit during Ohnward's Community Christmas can register for a Christmas basket. The winning name will be drawn on the last day of the event. They will also have a snowman raffle tree that you could win. Chances are just \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Browse the bake sale on Nov. 23, 24, and 30 and Dec. 1. Donate any Christmas treat you would like to share, but please add a card with ingredients for potential allergens.

Available again this year, you can purchase a Holiday Family Gift Pass for \$90. This pass offers you four passes (tickets) to any future Ohnward Fine Arts Center productions—they never expire!

All the proceeds from the silent auction of sponsored and donated OFAC items help to ensure that Ohnward Fine Arts Center's 841-seat theatre will remain operational for future generations.

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

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Book Signing with Local 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 now out 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.

The original manuscript was crafted during the first two years after Jade's

mother died from Alzheimer's. In this updated 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.

Jade presents topics and issues in the context of spirituality since this is her main area of interest and education, and primary source of comfort and guidance—especially during life's hardest times.

For more information, call River Lights Bookstore at **563-556-4391** or visit **RiverLights.com**. ■

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FILM SCREENING

Americans With No Address

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 6 PM

STEEPLE SQUARE (101 E 15TH ST)

The Dubuque Rescue Mission is hosting a public screening of *Americans With No Address* on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at Steeple Square. The 90-minute documentary investigates the homeless crisis in America and captures the untold stories of those experiencing homelessness while at the same time trying to find answers to the problem. After the screening, there will be a Q & A session with local leaders from the City

of Dubuque as well as nonprofit organizations dealing with homelessness.

The documentary team spent three weeks interviewing people in 20 major cities across 18 states, including top experts on homelessness, CEOs and executive directors of local and national nonprofit organizations, and political leaders. They also interviewed individuals who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness.

The documentary, narrated by William Baldwin, illuminates this pressing social issue. Robert Craig Films is addressing one of the most critical crises in our country today: homelessness. The human side of those experiencing homelessness is very real.

Americans With No Address documentary and *No Address* movie are two parts of a five-production approach that includes an interactive study guide, a novel, and a soundtrack. Their hope is that these productions will inspire all of us to engage with empathy in a deeper way to take action in our local communities.

The screening is free, but RSVP is required. For more information, visit shorturl.at/EiqbQ. ■

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. Be sure to check out S. Kelly Photography Portrait Studio, Katie Kelly from Contempo Salon & Spa, Kris from Tupperware, Julie from Stampin UP, Fullness of Life, Dionte from VIP Transport, Janna with Neora, US Army Recruiting Dubuque, Hornbill Asian Market, Elite Nails, Engraved Gift Collection, and House of China. Denise from Keller Williams Real Estate will be showing the only open space in the plaza. 150 JFK Rd. [facebook.com/skellyportraits](https://www.facebook.com/skellyportraits).



EMPOWERMENTAL
Self-Defense Class for Adults with Mobility Issues

1-2:30 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Martial arts instructor Eryka Cook will lead a free self-defense class for adults with mobility issues. Cook has taught self-defense for 20 years and has a black belt in Karate. She will guide participants through various self-defense exercises with modifications to meet individual needs and abilities. This class will offer a safe, judgment-free zone for participants to gain confidence and feel empowered. RSVP required. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225 x2224**. carnegiestout.org.



Stonehill Career & Education Open House

2-6 PM @ STONEHILL COMMUNITIES HEALTH CENTER
Learn about job opportunities at Stonehill Communities, starting or advancing a career in healthcare, free education and scholarship opportunities at Stonehill, and educational opportunities at local colleges and universities. NICC representatives will share information on educational opportunities. Stonehill leaders will be available for questions. Campus tours and on-the-spot interviews will be offered. 3485 Windsor Ave. **563-690-9624**. [facebook.com/StonehillFranciscanServices](https://www.facebook.com/StonehillFranciscanServices).



Sundown Parks: Beyond the Fantasy

6-7:30 PM @ AMC THEATRES
Sundown Parks is excited to partner with AMC Theatres to bring you Teton Gravity Research's latest action-packed ski and snowboard film, *Beyond the Fantasy*. Witness athletes as they transform improbable mental images into breathtaking feats of athleticism and creativity. From the world's most stunning mountain landscapes to the joyous absurdities that make riding on snow a way of life, this film is a celebration of the unbreakable bond that unites our community. Proceeds benefit improvements to the Sundown Parks' Terrain Parks. \$15 ADV/\$20 door. 2835 NW Arterial. **563-556-6676**. sundownmtn.com.

Driftless Film Festival

MINERAL POINT OPERA HOUSE (MINERAL POINT, WI)
11/7-11/9. DFF brings together the best of new independent cinema with the landscape, artistic energy, and local atmosphere of the Driftless Area of Southwest Wisconsin. Celebrating its 15th season, DFF continues to provide a one-of-a-kind cinematic experience for audiences and filmmakers alike. Founded in 2009 by filmmakers Darren Burrows and Nicholas Langholff, DFF was born of a love for independent films, an appreciation of the unusual region, and the joy of spending a weekend immersed in the charm of Mineral Point's galleries, shops, restaurants, and bars. It is this delightful marriage of place and cinematic story that is the core of the DFF vision today. 139 High St, Mineral Point, WI. driftlessfilmfestival.org.

FRI 11/8

Family Movie Night at The Grand Opera House: The Nightmare Before Christmas

6 PM @ THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE
Halloween Town is a fantasy world populated by various monsters and supernatural beings. Jack Skellington, the well-respected "Pumpkin King," leads the town in organizing the annual Halloween celebrations. This year, however, Jack grows tired of the same routine and longs for something new. Upon discovering trees containing doors to other holiday-themed worlds, Jack stumbling through the one leading to Christmas Town and is fascinated by the unfamiliar holiday. This fascination leads him to scheme to take over the holiday. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Free parking in the Iowa Street Ramp. Free. 135 W 8th St. **563-588-1305**. TheGrandOperaHouse.com.



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40TH ANNUAL

Galena Nouveau Wine Weekend

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The official release of the Le Beaujolais Nouveau wine is delivered by Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery via horse-drawn wagon. Galena comes alive with a multitude of offerings: vineyard



tours, wine dinners, wine tasting, lodging, shopping, and spa specials.

For more information, visit NouveauWeekend.com. ■

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.

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

Reflections in the Park

WALKTHROUGH:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NOVEMBER 28-JANUARY 1 @ 5-10 PM

LOUIS MURPHY PARK
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Hillcrest Family Services' annual lights festival hosts their annual drive through event on Nov. 28-Jan. 1 at 5-10 p.m. The walkthrough is offered on Wednesday, Nov. 27

Visitors will see many new displays and have the option to participate in the featured Memory Lane, an opportunity to remember your loved ones in a special way. Santa Claus will visit on Mondays 5-8 p.m. through Christmas.

Hillcrest Family Services is excited to, once again, offer a walk through



Reflections in the Park on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Take your time strolling through the park on foot before the display opens to vehicles.

For the main event, tickets are available at the gate. For more information, visit hillcrest-fs.org. ■

SAT 11/9

UPA Power Weekend

9 AM @ GRAND RIVER CENTER
11/9-11/10. The 2025 XPC Arnold Classic Qualifier features contest lists for full power, bench only, Ironman, and deadlift only. Spectators: \$15/day or \$25/weekend, Ages 10 and younger: free. 500 Bell St. upapower.com.



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, area vendors, and live music from Scott Kirkhart. Vote for the best contender in the smoke off competition. 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/offshoreresort.



Puzzle Palooza

7 PM @ BACKPOCKET BREWING
This is a special puzzle fundraising event with the Friends of the Library. Each team of four people will have two hours to complete the same 500-piece puzzle. The first team to finish wins! Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The teams get to keep their event puzzle as well. Puzzle sorting trays are allowed. All funds from this event directly benefit the Dubuque County Library District for an enhanced library experience for our community, ensuring up-to-date resources, varied programs, and an inclusive space for all ages. Check in at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited. Ages 21+. RSVP required. \$60/team. 333 E 10th St. dubcolib.org/events.

12th Annual Galena Eagles Annual Pie Auction

7 PM @ GALENA EAGLES CLUB (GALENA, IL)
There will be all kinds of pies such fruit pies as cherry, apple, and blueberry; pizza pies; pasty; shepherd's pie; chicken pot pie; quiche; even an IOU for a pie to be baked at a future date and time chosen by the winning bidder—any pie you can think of! Whether you love pies or want to help the Galena Eagles, this is one of two major fundraisers the Aerie holds to do necessary repairs and improvements for the club. Drop off pie donations on Friday noon to the start of the auction at the club. Club members are donating turkey and dressing sandwiches. Raffle and 50/50 drawings. Free. 237 S Main St, Galena, IL. **847-971-7296**.

SUN 11/10



Steeple Square Pancake Breakfast

9 AM-NOON @ STEEPLE SQUARE
Steeple Square welcomes NICC's culinary students as chefs for a pancake breakfast. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, fresh cut fruit, coffee, milk and juice. A cash bar, including mimosas and Bloody Marys, will be available. All proceeds to go Steeple Square. \$8 adults, \$5 kids 10 and under. 101 E 15th St. **563-235-3584**. steeple-square.com.



Sundown Mountain Open House + Ski/Snowboard Swap

9 AM-3 PM @ SUNDOWN MOUNTAIN RESORT
Head to Sundown for great deals, delicious food from Grillbilly's BBQ, and live music from Casey Klein at 11a.m.-3 p.m. Don't miss the swap meet, where you can buy and sell gently used ski equipment and support the Sundown ski patrol. Bring your gently used gear to sell and discover great deals on new or used equipment. You'll find a wide selection of boots, skis, snowboards, helmets, poles, clothing, gloves, and more. 16991 Asbury Rd. brameljodie@gmail.com. sundownmtn.com.

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ 10 AM-7 PM
CABLE CAR SQUARE**

Head to Cable Car Square on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m.-7 p.m. for Christmas on the Square.

The event boasts Christmas carolers, hot chocolate, adult beverages, and food trucks beginning at 5 p.m. Joie Walls and Brion and Chrystina Bowman will perform at 5 p.m. plus fire twirling. Shop local on Cable Car Square. Santa Claus



comes down the Fenelon Place Elevator at 6 p.m. to greet and gather Christmas requests from families, and get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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



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 Dighman at **563-580-5222** for info on putting your place on the map! ■

Galena Holiday Kickoff

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ 5-7 PM
DOWNTOWN GALENA, IL**

Join in welcoming Santa to Galena, IL on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 5-7 p.m. The Galena Holiday Kickoff includes a parade and activities in downtown Galena.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus arrive on his sleigh in Galena—reminiscent of a Hallmark holiday movie. This festive Jeep Jingle, with brightly lit holiday Jeeps, will escort them to the city's tree lighting. The Galena Generals will lead off, and the Galena Trolley will transport good girls and boys to enjoy treats and a visit with Jolly Old St. Nick. Make a holiday visit to historic downtown Galena as Santa's arrival kicks off this



magical season! Mr. Kringle and The Grinch will be packing gifts to award outstandingly decorated parade Jeeps.

The parade is also a fundraiser for Riverview Center which benefits families affected by domestic violence. Presented by the Galena Downtown Business Association (GDBA).

The parade is free. For more information, call **815-281-0673** or email gdbaemail@gmail.com. ■

SUN 11/10

Tri County Historical Society Annual Meeting

1 PM @ TRI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM (CASCADE, IA)
The free program will feature Pete Grady portraying Ulysses S. Grant. Unconditional Surrender: A Visit with Ulysses S. Grant is a one-man show about the life and times of the Civil War General and the 18th President of the United States. The performance runs 60–70 minutes and features period music, photographs, and cartoons as Grant reviews his life—an informative, humorous and touching portrayal of the victorious General whose strategy and tenacity won the Civil War, the President who struggled to rebuild his nation after the war, and the husband and father whose final efforts were devoted to the financial support of his wife and family. This

program has been funded by a grant from the Humanities Iowa Foundation. Free. 608 2nd Ave SW, Cascade, IA. cascadehistory@netins.net. tricityhistoricalsociety.com.



Dubuque & Ulysses S. Grant: A History
1:30–4 PM @ ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Tiffany windows and church tour starts at 2 p.m. followed by a lecture at 3 p.m. Regional historian John Pregler tells the captivating tale of Ulysses S. Grant in Dubuque and Tri-State history. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Free. 1410 Main St. **563-583-3806**. stjohnsdbq.org.

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**.

THU 11/14

Flipping for Habitat

5–8 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Discover a night of community, creativity, and compassion at the Habitat for Humanity fundraising event. Immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere where flipped and upcycled items take center stage. Bid on exquisite furniture, home décor, and one-of-a-kind items. Every winning bid and donation contribute to our mission of providing affordable housing to those in need. Connect with like-minded individuals, share inspiring stories, and indulge in delicious hors d'oeuvres. Join in making a difference and celebrating the power of giving back. Doors at 5 p.m., auction at 6:30 p.m. Live music by Ralph Kluseman. Jesse Meyer is the auctioneer. \$25 ADV/\$30 door. habitatdjc.org.



Movie Screening: Didi (弟弟)

6–8 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY AIGLER AUDITORIUM
Starring Izaak Wang, *Didi* (弟弟) (2024) is a comedy/drama about an impressionable 13-year-old Taiwanese American boy who learns during the summer of 2008 what his family cannot teach him: how to skate, how to flirt, and how to love your mom. This 1 hour 31 minute movie is rated R for “language throughout, sexual material, and drug and alcohol use—all involving teens.” Closed captioning or subtitles will be turned on. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegioustout.org.



Museum X: Wyoming Toads & Our Conservation Efforts

6–8 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Join Mark Beshel, Curator of Freshwater Fish & Herpetology, as he discusses the museum's conservation efforts for the critically endangered Wyoming toads. Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at how they're working to secure the toads' survival. Light refreshments will be available. Members: Free Non-members: \$10. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. rivermuseum.org.

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12 Days of Christmas at Hotel Julien Dubuque

December 1-31
Hotel Julien Dubuque (200 Main St)

Get ready to celebrate the holiday season at Hotel Julien Dubuque. This December, you're invited to join the exciting 12 Days of Christmas events, filled

with joy, community spirit, and festive cheer. From heartwarming traditions to unique experiences, there's something for everyone. Check out our 12 Days of Christmas events happening throughout the 2024 holiday season.

Celebrate A Teal Christmas with Potosa Spa for the entire month of December and support Ovarian Cancer Awareness. For every "teal" service booked, \$10 will be donated to the local nonprofit Wreaths for a CURE. Guests will also receive a gift bag filled with goodies from the spa. **563-588-5570.**

Make gift-giving easy and exciting with Hotel Julien Dubuque's Cyber Monday gift card sale on Monday, Dec. 2. Purchase a \$100 gift card and receive a bonus \$25 gift card. Gift cards can be purchased in person, online, or by phone.

Hotel Julien Dubuque unveils their stunning Christmas tree in the lobby on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6-7:30 p.m. Enjoy Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, music, a visit from Santa Claus, and a tree-lighting ceremony during this popular family event. Free.

Mistletones presents their final SNOW-BIZ on Thursday, Dec. 5. Celebrate the season with a full-length Christmas show featuring your favorite holiday tunes, incredible vocals, and a live jazz band. The

matinée performance starts with check in and cocktails at noon, lunch at 12:30 p.m., and show at 1:30 p.m. The evening performance starts with check in and cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and show at 7:30 p.m. **563-599-7775. mistletones.biz.**

On Sunday, Dec. 8 at 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Grande Ballroom, the breakfast buffet includes a visit from Santa. Each child can write a letter to Santa, create a tree ornament, and decorate a Christmas cookie. RSVP. Adults: \$21; Ages 12 and younger: \$15 or free with new unwrapped \$10 toy donation for Toys for Tots.

At the Holiday Paint & Sip on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6-8 p.m., let your creativity shine as you paint and personalize a wine or stein glass. No experience needed. All supplies and instructions provided. Drinks will be available for purchase. Donations support a local nonprofit. Spaces are limited. RSVP required. Suggested Donation: \$20.

From Dec. 1 through Dec. 15, a Christmas Tree will be set up in Caroline's Restaurant with donation requests from local families in need. With a donated gift, you will receive 10% off your entree at Caroline's Restaurant. **saangeltree.org.**

The Holiday Blood Drive on Thursday, Dec. 19 at noon-4:30 p.m. is your opportunity to give the greatest gift someone receives this year. **redcrossblood.org/give.**

Enjoy a special Christmas cocktail prepared by Tony Pfohl and Chad Chandlee in the Riverboat Lounge on Friday, Dec. 20 at 5-8 p.m. A portion of each cocktail will be given to the local nonprofit Hills & Dales.

The Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5-8 p.m. in Caroline's Restaurant is the perfect opportunity to get in touch with the true spirit of the holiday and enjoy a delicious dinner with family. RSVP recommended. **563-588-5595.**

Enjoy a wide array of shareable starters, breakfast favorites, and delicious seasonal entrées as you spend Christmas Day together with the family in Caroline's Restaurant at 9 a.m.-noon. RSVP recommended. **563-588-5595.**

Get ready for an epic New Year's Eve celebration. Ozzy & Bon JoeB will be playing your favorite rock and country hits to kick things off starting at 6 p.m., then dynamic DJ saxophonist Nostalgia Rush will take you on a musical journey throughout the rest of the night. Dance the night away to a sensational mix of Top 40 hits across the decades, from timeless classics to today's chart-toppers.

For reservations or more information, call Hotel Julien Dubuque at **563-588-5563** or visit **HotelJulienDubuque.com.** ■

SUN 11/17



Fall into the Holidays
10 AM-3 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Jodi & KT Invite You to Fall into the Holidays. Three buildings and an outdoor market will host more than 100 local and area crafters and vendors. The bar and food stand will also be open so you can get some refreshments and snacks while you shop. Door proceeds will be donated back to a select local nonprofit. \$5. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406. facebook.com/JodiandKT.**

Pasta Cooking Class
11 AM-1:30 PM @ EDGE BY GOLDMOOR INN (GALENA, IL)
Learn how to make pasta dough and how to shape

tortellini and agnolotti. Participants will be able to take pasta dough home to make pasta with family and friends and also take home pasta made in class to enjoy with friends and family. Includes 1 glass of wine/champagne, 1 charcuterie board (per 3 people), main course of morel agnolotti, and a mini strawberry trifle dessert. \$90. 9001 W Sand Hill Rd, Galena, IL. **815-777-3925. goldmoor.com.**

MON 11/18



Craft Cocktails: The Art of the Perfect Drink
5:30-7:30 PM @ BRAZEN OPEN KITCHEN
Here's a great idea for a date night, girl's or guy's night,

or no reason at all night out. Mixing the perfect drink is an art. Join this class for an introductory course on everything you will need to become a beginner mixologist. Become familiar with basic recipes and learn how to blend spirits in new ways to create your own signature drink. Instructed by Jon Roling. Ages 21+. \$45. 955 Washington St #101. **844-642-2338 x1399. nicc.edu/solutions.**

THU 11/21



Cocktail Tasting Night
6-9 PM @ DARKBIRD TAPHOUSE (PEOSTA, IA)
Gather your friends and family for a fun event featuring Darkbird's craft cocktails. Enjoy four specialty cocktails.

Reservations available for 6, 7, and 8 p.m. \$20. 7305 Thunder Valley Dr, Peosta, IA. **grace@darkbirdtaphouse.com.**

SAT 11/23



An Afternoon with Louisa May Alcott
1-3 PM @ DUBUQUE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra League presents An Afternoon with Louisa May Alcott. Join for a luncheon and theatrical presentation from Historical Women of Letters, featuring Debra Ann Miller as Louisa May Alcott. In this 45 minute performance, the audience meets with this prolific American author at the height of her health and

success. We learn of the hopes, the heartbreaks, and the experiences of Louisa May Alcott's life from which she drew inspiration for her novels, short stories and poems. River Lights Books has generously gifted the League a leather bound copy of Little Women as a door prize to a lucky attendee. The Dubuque Symphony League is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to provide support to the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra throughout the year. They are all volunteers and can be found as greeters at concerts, ushers at Arts Trek for third and fifth grade students, sponsors of the Concerto Competition held each spring, financial assistance to aspiring youth musicians, and music education in the area schools. RSVP. \$40. 1800 Randall Place. **563-557-1677.**



The General's Christmas Ball
4:30-10 PM @ DESOTO HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL)
Join The Galena Generals for a night of dinner, dancing, music, and fun with Galena's nine Civil War Generals. Request to be seated with your favorite General. Period dress encouraged but not required. \$60 for Generals' tables, \$80 for President Grant's table. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. **815-777-0090. desotohouse.com.**

SUN 11/24

**Cowboy Christmas**

10 AM-3 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Jodi & KT Invite You to a country holiday market. Three buildings will be filled with area businesses. Shop new and used equine tack and equipment, country and farmhouse style décor, and boho chic and western style apparel, as well as holiday gifts, children's toys, and more. The bar and food stand will also be open so you can get some refreshments and snacks while you shop. Door proceeds will be donated back to a select local nonprofit with ties to either the equine or agricultural community. \$5. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. facebook.com/JodiandKT.

SAT 11/30

Bellevue Festival of Trees

NOON-5 PM @ OFF SHORE EVENT CENTER

(BELLEVUE, IA) Bid on a variety of holiday goodies, donated from area businesses, organizations, and individuals. You can bring one can of non-perishable food in lieu of the admission fee. Non-perishable food will be donated to the Bellevue Community Cupboard. All proceeds will go to the Bellevue Community Club. \$2 or one can of non-perishable food. 4115 N Riverview, Bellevue, IA. facebook.com/offshoreresort.



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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.

SATURDAY

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

9 AM-NOON @ KENNEDY MALL IN FORMER RUE21

THROUGH 4/26
NO EVENT 12/28
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. The recycling station accepts clean cardboard egg cartons and glass canning/mason jars. Free. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)

1ST & 3RD SAT THROUGH 4/26
Find homegrown and handmade 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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In the past year, 33 Dubuque families found comfort and care at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. With 579 nights stayed, families in our community saved 101,325 miles of travel, reducing both stress and expenses. Thanks to your support, Dubuque families saved \$57,900 in food costs and \$86,850 in hotel stays.

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A Merry Millwork Market

All proceeds benefit the nonprofit organizations that comprise the Dubuque Millwork Collective!

Friday, Dec. 6th from 4pm-8pm
Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9am-2pm

A holiday shopping experience featuring the best of local crafts, sips, and bites

Don't miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa on Friday, Dec. 6th at 6pm!

Millwork District • 10th & Washington Sts



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).



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. ■

Wags at the Flags

WEDNESDAYS: NOVEMBER 13 AND 27;
DECEMBER 4 AND 11;
JANUARY 8, 15, 22, AND 29; FEBRUARY 5;
MARCH 5, 12, AND 26 @ 4-8 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Wags at the Flags is an indoor dog park held at the Five Flags Arena on select Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Bring your pup for some fun at the Flags on Nov. 13 and 27; Dec. 4 and 11; Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29; Feb. 5; and March 5, 12, and 26.



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 Whispurring Hope.

Entry is \$5/dog; humans are free. ■

Pickleball Clinic

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

BEGINNERS: 9-11 AM

INTERMEDIATE: 11 AM-1 PM

FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Ready to improve your pickleball game? Join Five Flags Center for a special clinic on Saturday, Nov. 16, led by instructor Jeffery. The beginner clinic runs 9-11 a.m. followed by the intermediate group at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Whether you're just starting or looking to refine your skills, these sessions are designed for players of all levels.

Each session is open to a maximum of eight participants spread over two courts. The clinic will cover fundamental



techniques, strategy, and gameplay tips tailored to your experience level. Paddles and balls will be provided.

Tickets are \$60. Register at [fiveflags.pickleplanner.com](https://www.fiveflags.pickleplanner.com). ■



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. ■

Puppy Pals

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 6 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

From *America's Got Talent* to the Five Flags Theater stage, put your paws together for Puppy Pals Live on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

Founded by Wesley Williams, adopted and rescued dogs perform amazing stunts and tricks. Wesley's lifelong love for animals, ignited by a childhood dream of a petting zoo, shines through in every performance. Watch as these



talented pups lead the audience through hilarious and impressive feats, delivering family-friendly fun and laughter.

Tickets are \$18-\$28. ■



Her Night Out

FEATURING MADDIE POPPE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 4-9 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Gather the gals and head to the Five Flags Arena for the annual Her Night

Out, presented by *Her* magazine. The Nashville-themed event is held on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 4-9 p.m.

In addition to a live concert by *American Idol* winner Maddy Poppe, you can enjoy shopping with local vendors, fashion show, BBQ buffet dinner, cash bar, and various prizes including the grand prizes from Rhomberg's Fur & Leather Gallery and Riddle's Jewelry.

Hand-in-hand with her *American Idol* victory, the Iowa native has captured the attention of fans with her folksy singer-songwriter style. She's won a People's Choice Award for her turn on the show, had her album *Whirlwind* hit No. 2 on the iTunes Pop Charts, and went on to become a hot guest on *The Kelly Clarkson Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, *Live With Kelly & Ryan*, and *Good Morning America*. All of this in addition to touring the country opening for Ingrid Michaelson and headlining her own tours, including a Christmas run that has become a seasonal "must" for Maddy's fans.

Ages 12 and older. Tickets are \$50. ■



Yung Gravy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 @ 8 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

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

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

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

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

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

His new release, *Serving Country*, features artists such as Zac Brown, Brantley Gilbert, Juicy J, Shania Twain, and Dylan Marlowe.

Tickets are \$46-\$76. ■

Free Thanksgiving Meals in Dubuque and East Dubuque

In 1962, a local family-owned business started a Thanksgiving tradition to serve a free meal to anyone in the Tri-States community who needed a place at the table, a warm meal, and fellowship for the holiday. The Ginter family meal has been a tradition as much as leftover turkey and dressing sandwiches, but after 62 years, the Ginters, have retired from the effort.

However, community members have banded together to keep the tradition alive this year. Hundreds of volunteers will spend their holiday serving their neighbors in need. Local nonprofits, businesses, colleges, and churches have joined together to prepare, serve, and deliver food and fellowship across the area.

While Thanksgiving is a holiday focused on food, the camaraderie enjoyed around the dinner table is equally important. For neighbors who need some smiles and company, local organizations will provide a sit-down meal for anyone who needs a place to go for the holiday. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, residents can get a hot meal at these locations—no questions asked, no reservations needed (unless noted below):

- Crescent Community Health Center, 1620 Elm St., Dubuque
- Dubuque Rescue Mission, 398 Main St., Dubuque
- Hills & Dales Lifetime Center, 3505 Stoneman Rd., Dubuque
- Lu Lu's Seldom Scene, 23 Sinsinawa Ave, East Dubuque, IL (call **815-747-8816** to reserve)
- Salvation Army, 1099 Iowa St., Dubuque
- St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House Community Center, 1458 W. Locust St., Dubuque
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque

Special thanks to the University of Dubuque Dining Center for preparing food for the sit-down meals across the city.

The OtherSide in East Dubuque, IL has stepped forward to organize deliveries for homebound neighbors, shut-ins, disabled individuals, and veterans. Partnering with the East Dubuque and Dubuque Lions Clubs, the bar and restaurant will raise funds, organize volunteers, and take delivery requests for people who aren't



able to attend one of the free sit-down meals. Meals will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Those in need can call **815-747-9049** to provide an address and choose a delivery time.

This event has become a symbol of Dubuque region's reputation as a generous and giving community. Donations are needed to ensure that this 100% volunteer-run event has the resources needed to provide meals and kindness for everyone in our community. Visit DubuqueThanksgiving.org to give online, or mail your gift to Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 700 Locust St., Suite 195, Dubuque, IA 52001. The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque hosts the fund that supports the meal.

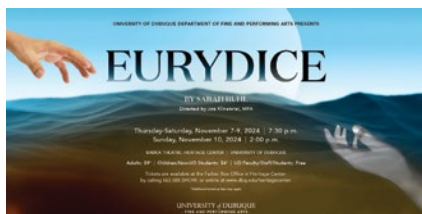
This fund will support the partners who are providing the Thanksgiving meals and delivery: The OtherSide, University of Dubuque, East Dubuque Lions Club, Dubuque Lions Club, Lu Lu's Seldom Scene, Resources Unite, Dubuque Rescue Mission, Hills & Dales, Crescent Community Health Center, Five Flags, United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States, Salvation Army, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, First Presbyterian Church, and St. John's Episcopal Church.

If you can volunteer on Thanksgiving, visit VolunteerDBQ.com and look for the tab on the left titled "Thanksgiving" to find all the volunteer jobs available.

For full details about the location of the meal sites and other food resources for Thanksgiving, please visit the Feed Dubuque County Facebook page at facebook.com/FeedDBQCo.

Excess dollars remaining in the fund after Thanksgiving will be redistributed to local food providers so they can address ongoing food insecurity in the region. ■

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Eurydice

NOVEMBER 7-9 @ 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 10 @ 2 PM

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 Klinebriell, 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," Klinebriell said. "It's a sensitive and beautiful play in its treatment of relationships and memory, especially through its exploration of Eurydice and the character of her father—the playwright's own addition to the myth."

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 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 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

Experience the triumph of the human spirit the fall concert, Olympic Dreams. In addition to songs performed at the games such as Gloria Estefan's "Reach,"



the concert features music that captures the Olympic spirit, such as "Go the Distance" from Disney's *Hercules* and "Heroes," by David Bowie and Brian Eno.

Admission is free, and freewill donations are accepted. Come find your inner Olympian! For more information, visit DubuqueChorale.org. ■

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever The Musical

NOVEMBER 29-30 AND
DECEMBER 6-7 @ 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 1 AND 8 @ 2 PM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Ring in the holidays with the Herdmans at the Grand Opera House. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever The Musical* hits the stage on Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 1 and 8 at 2 p.m.

The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world—so when they crash Sunday school and demand parts in the Christmas pageant, the whole town panics. There's not supposed to be biting or cigar-smoking in Bethlehem, and while these kids have never even heard the Christmas story, they definitely have rewrites! Soon, everyone is calling for reluctant director Grace Bradley



to cancel the whole thing. It's up to the Bradleys and the Reverend to help their community see the Christmas story and the Herdman kids through new eyes in this buoyant musical adaptation of the funny and touching holiday classic.

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

First Fridays

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

1-6 PM @ FISCHER BUILDING (219 W 9TH ST & 915 MAIN ST)

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

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

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

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.

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

The Fischer Building is hosting a holiday art sale on Dec. 6 and 13 at 1-6 p.m. and Dec. 7 and 14 at 9 a.m.-noon. Explore the gallery spaces featuring Troy Aiken, Aaron Butcher, Abigail Butcher, Andonia Giannakouros, Nacole Meyer, Liz Robertson, and Rich Robertson.

Outside the Lines Art Gallery features Lizbeth Doran who will be demonstrating her beading technique 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.

The Stu exhibits *Art of Love* and is launching WynkWink. Drinks, finger foods, and fun. Come with an open mind and ready to have a good time. Ages 21+. facebook.com/TriPhoenixGroup.

Planted. immerses you in vibrant creativity during their annual group exhibition, *Kinship*. The showcase features a diverse array of artwork from talented artists who have previously graced the gallery walls. *Kinship* serves as an opportunity for artists to reconnect and celebrate their shared passion for creation, free from the constraints of a specific theme. All artworks are affordably priced at under \$200, making it an ideal opportunity for newcomers to start their art collection or find the perfect gift for a loved one. On display Dec. 6-29. PlantedDBQ.com.

All stops are free. For more information about First Fridays, visit FirstFridaysDubuque.org. ■

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ISLAND SOCIAL AT Q CASINO + RESORT DEBUTS FOR THANKSGIVING

By Bryce Parks

As fast as Q Casino + Resort is announcing another exciting new “coming soon” addition to their property or to Schmitt Island overall, they’re opening the one that they just announced not too long ago. And so here we are again, less than six months after the opening of the completely renovated casino and live entertainment space. They are ready to unveil the next phase of entertainment to the island, which, conveniently, is called Island Social. This one welcomes all ages and it opens to the public on Wednesday, Nov. 27, also conveniently the day before Thanksgiving.

“We are positioning ourselves to become an entertainment destination,” explains Stacy Kansky, Chief Commercial Officer of Q Casino + Resort, as we take our hard-hat tour of the new family-friendly Island Social venue, “that one-stop place as we build adventure not only at Q Casino + Resort but across Schmitt Island. People that come here, whether locals or visitors, will have options to stay, play and dine. There will be something for everyone.”

We barely needed the hard hats. This place is so close to being ready to go, you can taste it. And you actually can taste it right now as the first part of the all-ages Island Social side

of the resort complex opened last spring at the same time as the casino. That dining venue is the Island Social Kitchen + Bar, and it’s a big space full of large screen TVs playing your favorite games while serving up an elevated Americana-inspired menu of classics with a twist. Plus, they are adding a kids’ menu as well as other menu modifications for winter. With the opening of the rest of Island Social, even this space is getting a second round of updates to enhance the vibe, taking on more of a high-end sports theme. After all, Q Sportsbook is conveniently located within this space and another great spot for group gatherings.

Since the temporary wall between the eatery and the arcade has come down, if you dine in now, you can look across the room at the tantalizing array of colorful lights and scores of games awaiting you very soon. As Q Casino + Resort is finally able to pivot and welcome an entirely new family demographic they’ve been wanting to include for some time, let’s put on that hard hat and take a tour.

“Now that we have the all-ages space,” shares Kansky, “we can accommodate guests for dining and entertainment with the arcade, duckpin bowling, digital axe

throwing, private party rooms and banquet event spaces. As we complement that with some of the existing amenities like the casino, Back Waters Stage and Q Showroom, there truly is something for everyone.”

When you first enter the main entrance, you have a choice. Go right to the casino and showroom for live entertainment, or head left to the “upper” part of the facility to enter Island Social.

At the top of the stairs or ramp, the first thing you will find is The Social Post, the new retail and prize redemption outlet. Part of the space will be dedicated to fun prizes that players can redeem for points earned in the arcade. The rest of The Social Post will be dedicated to branded merchandise and apparel from Q Casino + Resort, Island Social, and Schmitt Island, as well as premium local products and brands such as Betty Jane Candies, Freddie’s Popcorn, and other things of that nature.

And then you get to the arcade floor. It is vast. There are already so many big games on the floor that you really can’t easily look through from one end to the other but see banks of lights that make you wonder what’s next.



EXPERIENCE KING KONG IN VR AND PLAY GAMES TO WIN PRIZES AT THE SOCIAL POST

Dave Manning, Director of Gaming Operations for Q Casino + Resort, walks us through more than 75 high-end interactive and prize redemption games. “We have 60 games that are redemption, so you can accumulate credits to redeem for prizes at The Social Post. Those redemption games include seven-coin pusher-style machines and six to eight crane-style games with more yet to arrive.” Of course, they will monitor and evaluate the games to keep them fresh.

In the center of the space were a couple sets of VR-style games where players wear VR headsets and sit in cockpit-like chairs to interact with the game. I got the chance to play the King Kong VR game with Stacy Kansky, and it was incredibly entertaining. More than just a VR headset game, the chairs we sat in moved, bucked, and shook in correlation to the experiences we were having in our 3D headgear.

As a kid, I remember a game called Dragon’s Lair coming out that was such a leap in animation that we all wanted to play it so badly. But it was hard and expensive to play, and as it was hard to figure out, we’d always die fast, and the game was over. King Kong is nothing like that except for the part where the user experience is so far above other video games that you don’t want it to end fast. And it doesn’t. That was my favorite part. Whether you are good at reaching out with your hands and claiming loot or swatting away monsters, the main point is that every player gets to experience and enjoy the full length of the “scene” for each

play of the game. So even if you stink at earning points, you’ll still have 100% of the fun experience the game provides.

The floor is filled with a great mix of classic games such as air hockey, basketball shootout, and Ice-Ball to classic video game favorites like *Golden Tee Golf*, *Super Bikes* (motorcycle games you sit on like a cycle), and *Space Invaders* (but not like you’ve ever played it before). And then there are more modern offerings such as *Minecraft Dungeons Arcade* and the VR games which also include the *Virtual Rabbids* game. One section of the floor even features games designed for smaller, younger kids to enjoy.

More hands-on attractions that are really hot right now include duckpin bowling and digital axe throwing which were still under construction within the venue.

The six-bay, axe-throwing games use real axes with an interactive wall that registers your points, like a dartboard. There’ll be different variations of games you can play. You can even download a picture to the board and throw the axe at a target of your choice. And again, it’s a real axe, so these games are only for players ages 14 and up.

On the other side of the arcade is a beautiful six-lane, duckpin bowling room. With eclectic comfy couches, coffee tables, and high-boy tables to hold your drinks, I can see this being a great hang for adults as much as kids. You can even watch big games on TVs by the lanes while you play so you don’t miss anything. You can bring food in from the Kitchen + Bar

or have it brought to you while playing. And no special shoe rental! You can bowl in what you’re wearing. Eventually a reservation system will be in place for both duckpin bowling and digital axe throwing so when you come to play, play you will!

To play, pick up a game card at The Social Post or from a kiosk in the arcade, purchase credits, and use the card to track points for cashing in on prizes at the end of your visit. You can also purchase a game card online at islandsocial.com.

Check out the following daily specials to level up on fun. Monday: Double Your Fun (Buy \$20 game card/Get \$20 bonus arcade credits). Tuesday: \$25 Arcade Game Day (2 hours of continuous play), Wednesday: Double Your Play (1/2 price arcade games), Friday-Saturday: Play with Your Food (Select menu + arcade combo discounts), and Sunday Funday: (1 Large Pizza, 4 soft drinks and 4 \$25 arcade game cards for only \$99).

You might wonder about hosting parties or meetings with a little fun. Well, you better believe the Q crew thought about that too.

As you enter the arcade floor, you can see two party rooms to your left: the Quest Room and the Odyssey Room which can accommodate 46 and 38 people respectively. These are great private breakout spaces for everything from birthday parties to corporate events, team building, holiday parties or just a fun time out. You can keep quiet behind the garage doors or open them up to the arcade space.

The rooms will be set with more eclectic style furniture to play off the venue’s vibe. Think butcher block tables, colorful chairs, and a nice-sized TV screen on the wall that you can use for presentations, photo collages, or other personalized messages.

Naturally, they will have a party room menu and party packages available. Each package features different levels of inclusions combining private room rental, reserved play on duckpin bowling and axe throwing, arcade game cards, food, beverages and more. Of course, they’ll also put together a customized package to fit the needs of your group. Find details, menus and more online at islandsocial.com.

Miles Breed, Director of Food and Beverage for Q Casino + Resort, ran down the options for us and it’s a little something for every taste. The Party Menu has some fun preset packages to choose from including Pizza and Wings, Street Tacos or Nachos, Comfort Zone, Italian Market or Backwaters BBQ as well as an a la carte “Social Essentials” menu with an array of shareables and desserts. Don’t forget to pair your meal with your choice of beverages including dirty sodas, craft beer, wines and spirits.

“Food that you can’t get anywhere else,” says Miles. “It’s kind of a theme for Island Social Kitchen + Bar. Familiar food with a spin to it.”

“We’ve put a lot of strategic thought into the venue flow and how different user groups can utilize the various spaces,” adds Stacy Kansky. “We would love to see the college crowd here, start

some interleague game nights over the axe-throwing and duckpin bowling... it's such a fun opportunity for groups of people to gather and connect socially."

So, what else you got?!

Well, I'm glad you asked.

Part of being a premier destination means they need to be able to offer what people are going to need on site. "We're basically a campus, explains Stacy, "so whether you're staying, playing, dining, it's all here."

The long, open space where people once used to cheer on the greyhounds through the glass has been reborn as Reflections Event Spaces with over 6,600 square feet of elegant, adaptable space perfect for conventions, weddings, and social gatherings. Featuring state-of-the-art AV equipment, this venue offers versatile setups and can accommodate up to 460 guests, with a grand room that divides into Reflections A, B, and C for customized events.

Director of Food and Beverage, Miles Breed, shares that "everything is brand new, right down to the service ware," and the elevated banquet menu still includes crowd-pleasers like roast beef and fried chicken. "I'm incredibly proud of the menu we produced," said Miles. Guests can also enjoy a long wall of windows overlooking the upcoming PinSeekers golf-themed facility and an amphitheater, opening in 2026.

Convenience is key with a complimentary automated coat-check system and easy access to The Key Hotel, set to open in Fall 2025. And for families, Reflections' proximity to Island Social's arcade and duckpin bowling offers kids a fun escape while parents celebrate nearby. The space practically sells itself but Diana Schulz, Q Casino + Resort's Director of Hospitality Sales, will help make every occasion truly exceptional.

This idea can also carry over to any visit that might bring a family to Schmitt Island. Yes, Island Social's games appeal to adults as much as they might kids. But if you want time to play the games for those 21+ in the casino and your kids are of an age where they can look after themselves, you can relax knowing that they are having just as much fun as you are with the games they like playing! It's a major vacation win-win!

"We are really excited about where the property and plans for Schmitt Island are

headed over the next 24 months," Stacy sums up. "The Key Hotel and rooftop restaurant should be ready this time next year. Then in spring of 2026, Pinseekers will open, followed that summer with the new outdoor amphitheater."

The Key Hotel will be a part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton. The boutique property will feature seven floors with over 90 total rooms including suites, as well as a much-anticipated rooftop restaurant, bar, and event space. Next to the casino, the facility will tie into all the amenities of Q Casino + Resort including connecting directly to Reflections Event Spaces and Island Social.

Pinseekers will include a driving range equipped with interactive smart target greens, allowing for year-round, day-and-night use. TopTracer Technology tracks every shot and offers all players real-time statistics, as well as multiple games. It will feature 40 all-weather, luxury golf suites, and an 18-hole indoor synthetic turf mini-golf course. The venue also boasts Full Swing Pro Series Simulators featuring more than 30 courses, as well as 13 other interactive game experiences. Plus, a casual restaurant and bar, a versatile rooftop lounge, space for live music, and flexible event and meeting spaces to accommodate a wide range of gatherings.

The permanent outdoor amphitheater will be the new home of the popular Back Waters Stage summer concert series. It will be constructed behind the casino where you may remember the greyhound kennels once standing. Complete with the amenities you look for when attending outdoor concerts and festivals, and because it stays in place, it makes for easier and more economical options to accommodate additional outdoor entertainment opportunities for the Dubuque community to enjoy.

Both PinSeekers and the amphitheater will conveniently connect through walkways to everything else on the Q Casino + Resort campus.

As construction projects seem to have been consistently on-time or ahead of schedule and considering Q Casino + Resort eager future construction schedules for opening new amenities, expect it to feel like you merely blinked before the next big thing is ready to welcome you to Schmitt Island and Q Casino + Resort.

Until then, play has no limits. Find more and preview the excitement online at islandsocial.com. ■



BASKETBALL, DIGITAL AXE THROWING, AND DUCKPIN BOWLING ADD TO THE LINEUP OF CLASSIC AND HANDS-ON ATTRACTIONS AT ISLAND SOCIAL



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

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)

Switchback
7:30 PM @ Voices Studios

Barefoot & Sunshine
8 PM @ First Reserve

Brushfire Bandits
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

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

Sam Link, Emple
9 PM @ The Goose

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 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)

Heartbeat
4 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

The White Keys
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Too Hype Crew
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Tapestry
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
(Asbury, IA)

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

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

Make Hip Hop Great Again:
Casethejoint & Imperfect,
Wxlley, Lil' Rager
9 PM @ Esther's Lounge

SUN 11/10

Open House + Ski/Snowboard
Swap: Casey Klein
11 AM @ Sundown
Mountain Resort

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

Dubuque Chorale
Olympic Dreams
2 PM @ Westminster
Presbyterian Church

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

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

Awesome Sauce
3 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Joseph John Valenti
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Danny Parker Project Trio
7:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

TUE 11/12

Winterlong & Friends
6 PM @ Smokestack

WED 11/13

The DZ Combo
5 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Gabe Schillman
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 11/14

Flipping for Habitat:
Ralph Kluseman
5 PM @ Dubuque County
Fairgrounds

Buffalo Galaxy
6 PM @ The Lift

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

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

Tumera, Hashman and
the Carpet Surfers,
Stories Through Storms
10 PM @ The Lift

FRI 11/15

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

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Southend Tap

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Tiger Kings
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

Jimmy Welty Band
7 PM @ Twisted Vines
(Potosi, WI)

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

Angela Meyer
8 PM @ First Reserve

Greg Hahn & Willie Griswold
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Deal Breakers
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Chris Duarte
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 11/16

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

Lojo Russo
2 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Music on Pearl: Weary Ramblers
2 PM @ UU Church of
Stockton (Stockton, IL)

The Resistors
5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

Bob and Gus
5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

MiniMonster
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Back Booth Alley
7 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Mark "Sparney" Holmes
7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Absolute Singer Contest
Finale for Contest
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Big Night Out
7 PM @ Southend Tap

John Gay
8 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

The Cleverlys, Jimmy Welty Band
8 PM @ Five Flags Theater

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

Ten Gallon Hat
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

That Arena Rock Show
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

SUN 11/17

Julien Winds and Clarke Wind
Ensemble: Journey to Peace
2 PM @ Clarke University
Jansen Music Hall

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

Tony Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

TUE 11/19

Friends(giving) Trivia
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Holiday Harmonies
7 PM @ Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Beef, Zack Barnett
9 PM @ The Lift

WED 11/20

Tommy Sentovich & Lesley Goff
5 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Jake Stack
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 11/21

Her Night Out: Maddie Poppe
4 PM @ Five Flags Arena

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

FRI 11/22

Nouveau Party: Joie Wails
3 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Bella Moss
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co



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

Riley and Kevin Beck
w/ Kerry Erickson
6 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
(Bellevue, IA)

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Southend Tap

Three Quarter Buzz
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Danny Parker Project
8 PM @ First Reserve

Missbehavin
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Eric Church and
Chris Stapleton Tribute
8 PM @ Q Showroom

40th Annual Noveau
Celebration: Danny Mcdade
8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

DZ Combo
9 PM @ The Goose

Pet Volcano, Skinny & the Shakes
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 11/23

Shekinah King
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Keith Scott
1 PM @ Galena Cellars Vineyard
(Galena, IL)

Massey Road
2 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

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

Luke Hendrickson
3 PM @ Beer in the Barn
Brewery (St. Donatus, IA)

Secrets
5 PM @ Southend Tap

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

Jacque Miller
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Blues on the River: Blues 2+1
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery
Star Event Room

Joie Walls
6:30 PM @ Revival Lounge
(Anamosa, IA)

Li Li and the Dirty Bastards
7 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Ozzy & Bon JoeB
8 PM @ First Reserve

Yung Gravy
8 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Drink 182
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Boy Band Review
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Rock Steady
8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
(Asbury, IA)

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

David Wax Museum
8 PM @ Codfish Hollow
Basement (Maquoketa, IA)

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

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

Cirque du Buque: Drag Cabaret
10 PM @ Smokestack

SUN 11/24

Hangin' Around Band
2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)

Steve & Randy
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

MON 11/25

Winter String Orchestra
7 PM @ Clarke University
Sacred Heart Chapel

WED 11/27

Marques Morel
5 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

The Mighty MudCats
5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Massey Road
6 PM @ Grand Tap

The Glenz
6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
(Peosta, IA)

Brushfire Bandits Duo
7 PM @ First Reserve

Tony Walker
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Karaoke w/ Sue Bser
7 PM @ The OtherSide
(East DBQ, IL)

Doug T Hypnotist Show
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Pre Thanksgiving Party:
Willie & the Buzzhounds
8 PM @ Northside Bar

TJ the DJ
8 PM @ Q Showroom

FRI 11/29

Belmont 5K Turkey Trot:
Roy Schroedl
11 AM @ Rippers Saloon
(Belmont, WI)

The DZ Combo
5 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Jacque Miller Duo
5 PM @ Galena Cellars
Downtown (Galena, IL)

Jordan Daniels
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Sean Chambers, Melissa Mitchell
7 PM @ The Lift

John Erickson Trio
7 PM @ Galena Center for
the Arts (Galena, IL)

Nicholas Rodello
8 PM @ First Reserve

The Boy Band Night
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

How Rude
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Tiger Kings
8 PM @ Southend Tap

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

David Zollo and the Body Electric
9 PM @ The Lift



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Schnicklefritz Band
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Jimmy Welty Band
 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

Mississippi Band
 4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Rocktail
 4 PM @ Southend Tap

Christmas on the Square:
 Joie, Brion, Chrystina
 5 PM @ Cable Car Square

Marty Raymon
 5 PM @ Galena Cellars
 Downtown (Galena, IL)

Bella Moss
 5:30 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
 (Peosta, IA)

Daniel Eric
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Laura & The Longhairs
 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

A Johnny & June Country
 Christmas
 7 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts
 Center (Maquoketa, IA)

Spazmatics
 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

The Pork Tornadoes
 8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

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

SUN 12/1

Scott Waterhouse
 2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Sea Shanty Sing Along
 2 PM @ Jubeck New
 World Brewing

John Moran
 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

WED 12/4

Rianna Marie
 5 PM @ Jubeck New
 World Brewing

THU 12/5

SNOWBIZ
 1:30 & 7:30 PM @ Hotel
 Julien Dubuque

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

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

Fishbait, Pure Service
 9 PM @ The Lift

FRI 12/6

Lexi Healey
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Blues on the River: Jamie Kelly
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery
 Star Event Room

RJ Fisher
 6 PM @ Millennium Marina
 (East DBQ, IL)

Ben Dunegan
 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Christmas at Heritage Center:
 Glory to the Newborn King
 7:30 PM @ Heritage Center

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

SAT 12/7

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
 Holiday Family
 1 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Travis Busch
 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Big Night Out
 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

The Mixed Emotions Band
 3 PM @ Sundown
 Mountain Resort

David Czech
 5 PM @ Galena Cellars
 Downtown (Galena, IL)

Elizabeth Mary
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Rock Steady
 7 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Mississippi Band
 7 PM @ Southend Tap

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
 Holiday
 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Crystal Gayle
 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Tiger Kings
 8 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club
 (Asbury, IA)

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

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

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

Box 10, Firewood Revival
 9 PM @ The Lift

SUN 12/8

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

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
 Holiday
 2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Tony Walker
 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

WED 12/11

Dan & Cindy
 5 PM @ Jubeck New
 World Brewing

THU 12/12

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

Ugly Christmas Sweater Trivia
 Fundraiser for St. Jude's
 9 PM @ The Lift

FRI 12/13

Sam Day
 5 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse
 (Peosta, IA)

MiniMonster
 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery



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Greg Hahn & Willie Griswold

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The Spazmatics

NOVEMBER 30 @ 8 PM

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Crystal Gayle

DECEMBER 7 @ 8 PM

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Additional Entertainment

BRUSHFIRE BANDITS

NOVEMBER 8 @ 8 PM

THE WHITE KEYS

NOVEMBER 9 @ 8 PM

TEN GALLON HAT

NOVEMBER 16 @ 8 PM

MISSBEHAVIN

NOVEMBER 22 @ 8 PM

DRINK 182

NOVEMBER 23 @ 8 PM

DOUG T HYPNOTIST SHOW

NOVEMBER 27 @ 8 PM

ROCK STEADY

DECEMBER 13 @ 8 PM

HAIRBALL

DECEMBER 14 @ 8 PM

TYLER RICHTON AND THE HIGH BANK BOYS

DECEMBER 20 @ 8 PM

RHINO

DECEMBER 21 @ 8 PM

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

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

Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Co
(Dyersville, IA)
7th & 3rd Mon

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 @ Backpacket DBQ

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)
7th Fri

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

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

SATURDAY

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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Hinder
12/19 @ Rhythm City Casino

Mannheim Steamroller
Christmas
12/28 @ Adler Theatre

Chris Janson
1/24 @ Rhythm City Casino

MOLINE, IL

Little Big Town & Sugarland
11/16 @ Vibrant Arena

Toby Mac, Mercy Me,
Zach Williams
11/17 @ Vibrant Arena

Trans Siberian Orchestra
12/20 @ Vibrant Arena

EAST MOLINE, IL

Dylan Scott
11/8 @ The Rust Belt

In This Moment, Kim Dracula,
Mike's Dead, Nathan James
11/20 @ The Rust Belt

Daughtry, Sleep Theory,
Devour the Day
12/7 @ The Rust Belt

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Nurse Blake
11/7 @ Paramount Theatre

REO Speedwagon
11/8 @ Alliant Energy
PowerHouse

An Evening w/ Peter Billingsley
11/30 @ Paramount Theatre

Improv Comedy & Rap Loce-
down: Korporate, Skinbone,
Bighomieblocks, Burn Poe,
Uncle Hank & Nephew Big
Low Down
12/7 @ Alliant Energy
PowerHouse

Amy Friedl
12/14 @ Paramount Theatre

IOWA CITY, IA

John McCutcheon
11/15 @ Englert Theatre

Sierra Hull
11/17 @ Englert Theatre

Los Lobos
11/20 @ Englert Theatre

Joe Pug & Robert Ellis
12/5 @ Englert Theatre

Josh Ritter
12/15 @ Englert Theatre

Mike Birbiglia
1/9-1/10 @ Englert Theatre

CORALVILLE, IA

Xtreme Arena

RIVERSIDE, IA

Tommy James and the
Shondells
11/15 @ Riverside Casino

Cheap Trick
12/27 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

Barenaked Ladies
11/7 @ Overture Center

Dane Cook
11/8 @ The Orpheum

Nate Jackson
11/10 @ Overture Center

Lil Darkie, Mkultra
11/12 @ The Sylvee

Wooli, Kompany, Cyclops,
Shank Aaron, C.A.M
11/14 @ The Sylvee

Kip Moore, Hannah McFarland
11/15 @ The Sylvee

Flannel Fest: Blitzen Trapper,
Old 97's, The Mascot Theory,
Beth Kille Band
11/16 @ Barrymore Theatre

Say Anything, Angel Du\$t,
Social Animals
11/17 @ The Sylvee

Maria Bamford
11/22 @ Barrymore Theatre

Chris Distefano
11/22-11/23 @ Comedy on State

Gregorian
11/23 @ Barrymore Theatre

Local Natives, Krooked Kings
11/23 @ The Sylvee

Babymetal, Scene Queen
11/24 @ The Sylvee

In This Moment, Kim Dracula,
Nathan James, Mike's Dead
11/26 @ The Sylvee

Chris Lorenzo
12/7 @ Liquid

The Bald & The Beautiful
12/8 @ The Orpheum

Omega X
12/11 @ The Orpheum

Josh Ritter
12/14 @ Barrymore Theatre

Dead South, Reverend
Petyon's Big Damn Band
12/15 @ The Sylvee

Judy Collins
12/21 @ Barrymore Theatre

G. Love & Special Sauce
1/8 @ High Noon Saloon

The Nielsen Trust,
Letters to Cleo
1/9 @ The Majestic

Portugal. The Man, Ken-
nyHoopla
1/9 @ The Sylvee

The Bangles' Vicki & Debbi
Peterson and Friends, Belly
1/10 @ The Majestic

Silversun Pickups, Laura Jane
Grace, The Mississippi Medicals
1/10 @ The Sylvee

Nick Swardson
1/17 @ The Orpheum

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1/23 @ The Sylvee

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- 12 Meatloaf
- 13 Chicken
- 14 Tacos
- 15 BBQ
- 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage
- 18 Soups and Sandwiches
- 19 Tater Tot Casserole
- 20 O.S. Chicken
- 21 Chicken of the Gods
- 22 Swiss Steak
- 25 Soups and Sandwiches
- 26 Chicken a la King
- 27 O.S. Chicken
- 28 Tacos
- 29 Pineapple Chicken

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GYRO (Gyro meat, onion, feta, tomato)	\$10	\$18	\$21
Reuben (Corned beef, swiss, kraut)	\$10	\$18	\$21



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 Moskies'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 event is free and open to all ages. For more information, email gm@garydolphins.com. ■

Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

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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.



Centrally Rooted Benefit: Switchback

7:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS

(1585 CENTRAL AVE)

TICKETS: \$15

Internationally renowned duo Switchback will bring their unique blend of Celtic and Americana music to Dubuque for an exclusive performance, benefitting Centrally Rooted. Switchback, featuring Brian FitzGerald and Marty McCormick, has just returned from a successful tour in Ireland, and the duo is excited to share their talent with the Dubuque community. Known for their captivating performances and distinctive sound, Switchback has built a loyal following in the Midwest and beyond. Proceeds from the event will benefit Centrally Rooted, a local nonprofit founded by Callie FitzGerald, which supports children's music education. A portion of the night's proceeds will go toward the nonprofit's kids' scholarship music fund, helping make music lessons more accessible to families in the community. Doors at 6:30 p.m. VoicesStudios.org.

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.

FRI 11/15



Chris Duarte

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

TICKETS: \$20

To classify Chris Duarte simply as a Blues Man is an understatement. In his own words, "rockin' blues" or "punk blues" describes him best. "Ferocious blues" also fits. Chris Duarte's music is ever changing. In many interviews, he has said "Music must evolve." His own early offerings often become magical journeys into changing tempo and jazzy interludes before returning to their core. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

SAT 11/16



That Arena Rock Show

8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM
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The ultimate high energy theatrical tribute to classic rock 'n' roll performs legendary rock anthems that ruled the airwaves in the '70s and '80s including artists such as Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Bon Jovi, and Guns N Roses to name a few. This show will take you on a trip back in time. Get your lighters out and your fist in the air. This rock show is more than just music—it's an experience! \$20. 1855 Greyhound Park Rd. **563-582-3647. QCasinoAndResort.com.**

SAT 11/23



Luke Hendrickson

3 PM @ BEER IN THE BARN BREWERY
(101 MAIN ST, ST. DONATUS, IA)

Luke Hendrickson has performed in more than 30 states as well as Canada, England, and Wales. He has released two full-length albums and gathered four nominations from the Midwest Country Music Organization for awards such as Album of the Year and Songwriter of the Year. **gehlenhouseandbarn.com.**



Blues on the River: Blues 2+1

6 PM @ STONE CLIFF WINERY
(600 STAR BREWERY DR)

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Bob Dorr's legacy with the Blue Band began in June 1981. Although Dorr is talented on various instruments including the harmonica and percussion, his voice

is his best instrument. Not only has Dorr made his own band a success, but he has helped provide valuable exposure for other regional bands through the use of his highly popular radio shows on Iowa Public Radio and as producer of the highly regarded Iowa Blues compilations for Hot Fudge Music. Reserved seating. **stonecliffwinery.com.**



David Wax Museum

8 PM @ CODFISH HOLLOW
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Hailed by NPR Music as "pure, irresistible joy" and praised by *The Guardian* as "global crossover at its best... as cheerfully infectious as it is original," David Wax Museum's eclectic and exuberant sound blends the ancient and ever-relevant rhythms of traditional Mexican music with amber pop hues and unabashed rock riffs, all tethered together by seductive harmonies. Confronted by multi-instrumentalist Suz Slezak with her raucous accordion and sublime fiddling along with the charismatic energy of David Wax, their on-stage chemistry is both captivating and intimate. Free popcorn. BYOB. Doors open at 7 p.m. **codfishhollowbarnstormers.com.**

SAT 11/30



Bella Moss

5:30 PM @ DARKBIRD TAPHOUSE
(7305 THUNDER VALLEY DR, PEOSTA, IA)

Bella Moss is an up-and-coming artist from Dubuque, with a pure, mellow voice that has the power to captivate an audience. Her heartfelt folk style is clear and transcends genres. Recently named Iowa Public Radio's Artist of the Month September of 2023. Bella's debut album *Midwestern Daydreams* is available on all streaming platforms. 7305 Thunder Valley Dr, Peosta, IA. **563-590-7081. darkbirdtaphouse.com.**



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Great Dragon

On Dodge Street

By Kristina Nesteby

We've run a dining column in nearly every issue of *365ink* since February 2010 when the late, great Rich Belmont ran his first column featuring Mario's. It's the only one that received a rating (three out of four cheeseburgers). That's nearly 375 issues ago! Some are revisits, some are retired, but you can bet your belly that between Rich, Bryce, Danny, Sunil, and I, we've covered a lot of ground.

And yet, we've still missed some of those staple restaurants in the Tri-States. For me, it's Great Dragon—specifically the one on Dodge Street by Target. The buffet is long gone (thanks COVID), but the heaping portions of food are still omnipresent.

We've been fans of Great Dragon for years. In fact, they always remember to bring me hot oil without me having to ask, even if it's been months since I've been in! If I'm looking for a pile of food—plenty for leftovers or for sharing—or a no-frills restaurant to kick back and enjoy a meal, I'm heading to Warren Plaza.

At the top of our list is the black pepper chicken. Prepare yourself for a massive mound of chicken, green bell peppers, and onion. They have this special way of making the chicken kinda crispy. Like, is that some kind of cornstarch magic? Crispy chicken that's not breaded or battered? And the salty, savory, slightly sweet sauce (say that five times fast) is best sopped up with a big helping of rice. I'm not a fan of the hunks of peppers and think, at the very least, they could chop 'em up into smaller bits, but maybe that's just me. If anything, they're easier to pick out this way.

Moving on: The rangoons. Listen. I compared three rangoons back in 2019 and promised more comparisons would follow, and now it's 2024, and it's still a "to do" on my list. Great Dragon's rangoons were on that list, and here are some things that still hold true today:

"Great Dragon's crabmeat rangoons are simple and sweet. They have a smaller, thinner wonton wrapper that doesn't shatter although they do feel



(LEFT) BLACK PEPPER CHICKEN WITH CHICAGO-STYLE FRIED RICE AND (ABOVE) EGG ROLL

fragile compared to their counterparts. They're kind of the Lay's chip of the rangoon world while most are thicker like Ruffles. The filling is very smooth and makes you wonder if there's even any crab inside, but something about its simplicity has me going back for seconds."

You can opt for rangoons instead of an eggroll if you order a lunch or dinner special, but I opted for an eggroll on my most recent visit. There's nothing too crazy or innovative here, just fried, crispy, cabbagey goodness.

And the secret sauce? Chicago-style fried rice. I'm not into gatekeeping food-stuffs, but I'm not on the TikTok, and it's not like I'm Keith Lee, so, maybe, let's just all enjoy this together. Great Dragon's Chicago-style fried rice is dark, salty, and savory. I'm not always going to order it, but it's going to be subbed in most of the time.

"But what about all the other things on the menu?" I hear you cry. We shan't forget about them. Since the buffet is gone, it's a bit more difficult to try new things in the sense that I used to be able to grab a couple of pieces of broccoli from the chicken and veggies and a mushroom from the garlic chicken to go with my lil pile of mei fun and lifetime supply of green beans, but now I'm resigned to pints, quarts, or meals. And that's a lot of food; even the lunch portion could feed two hungry college kids or three to four Kristinas.

On the noodle side, I love mei fun. It's made up of these super thin rice noodles with various veggies and meat (if you order it that way) mixed in. They're light, bouncy, and slightly salty—perfect for soaking up the sauces from your entree.

If you ask my brother, the general's chicken is the way to go. Hunks of deep fried chicken are coated in a luscious slightly-sweet and savory sauce. It's not spicy to me, but the added hot oil can kick it up a notch.

The kung po chicken and vegetable lo mein also get added to my plate when the opportunity arises, and I'll even add a cup of soup if the moment is right. With a free cup of tea in hand, I'm always full and feel well taken care of at Great Dragon.

"Cheap Chinese" is easy to come by. And by that, I mean affordable Chinese food, regardless of the quality. But the two, quality and affordability, don't always intersect. Great Dragon offers both in addition to fast service; a large menu that covers the typical Chinese-American spread; and the option to order lunch and dinner specials (meals) in addition to à la carte pint and quart entrées.

If you haven't tried Great Dragon out, I encourage you to do so. Maybe on your next Target run or on a night when you feel like gobbling down a plate of salty goodness. Give 'em a try, and let them know *365ink* sent ya! ■

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- 1 c. yellow onion, chopped
- 3 clove(s) garlic, minced
- 2 (32-oz. each) containers Hy-Vee chicken stock
- 1 c. Gustare Vita organic orzo pasta
- 1 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced
- 1 lemon, zested
- ¼ c. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. fresh oregano, chopped
- 1 (5-oz.) pkg. baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- Fresh lemon, sliced, for garnish

All You Do:

1. Pat chicken dry with paper towels; sprinkle with salt and black pepper—heat olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken in a single layer. Cook for 12 to 16 minutes or until chicken reaches 165 degrees, turning halfway through. Transfer to a cutting board.
2. Add carrots and onions to Dutch oven. Cook for five minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in the garlic; cook for 30 seconds. Pour in chicken stock. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Shred chicken into bite-size pieces. Add chicken and pasta to the stock mixture. Gently simmer for five minutes. Stir in zucchini, lemon zest, and juice and oregano. Simmer for five minutes or until pasta is tender. Stir in spinach; remove from heat. Ladle soup into bowls. Garnish with lemon slices, if desired.

Recipe adapted from: hy-vee.com



Nutrition Tips for Cold and Flu Season From a Dietitian

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

As cold and flu season is upon us, many of us are seeking ways to strengthen our immune systems and protect our health. While preventive measures are essential, a well-balanced diet can give your body the nutrients it needs to function at its best and give your immune system the support it needs to fend off illness. The foods we consume directly impact our body's ability to defend itself, and by prioritizing specific key nutrients, you can naturally enhance your immune response. Nutrition is critical in complementing other preventive strategies, contributing to overall health during this season.

Here are five essential nutrients known to strengthen the immune system:

- **Zinc:** Supports the development and function of immune cells. Found in foods like oysters, beef, pumpkin seeds, and chickpeas.
- **Vitamin C:** Enhances the function of immune cells and helps protect against infections. Abundant in citrus fruits, bell peppers, strawberries, and broccoli.

- **Prebiotics** help nourish and maintain a healthy gut. Foods such as bananas, apples, garlic, onions, asparagus, whole grains, and functional beverages such as OLIPOP are sources of prebiotics. Our Dietitian Pick of the Month, OLIPOP, is a new kind of soda with the benefits of plant-based fiber and prebiotics that help support digestive health.
- **Vitamin D:** Regulates the immune system and helps reduce the risk of respiratory infections. Sources include fatty fish (salmon, mackerel), egg yolk, mushrooms, fortified dairy products, and exposure to sunlight.
- **Antioxidants:** Helps protect cells from damage and support immune health. Found in fruits and vegetables, antioxidants like beta-carotene (found in carrots and sweet potatoes) and vitamin E (found in nuts, seeds, and spinach).

Including these critical nutrients in your diet can strengthen your immune system, enhancing your efforts to stay healthy throughout the colder months. A diverse and balanced diet is essential for overall well-being and maintaining resilience during seasonal changes. By nourishing your body with the right foods, you can give yourself the best chance to fend off illness and recover more quickly if you get sick.

If you're looking for personalized advice on nutrition trends or wondering how to kick-start your health and wellness journey, our team of Hy-Vee registered dietitians is here to help. Contact our Discovery Call Center at nutritionservices@hy-vee.com or call **515-695-3121** to schedule your complimentary Discovery Session today. ■

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Prophet Song

By John McAndrew

Prophet Song, Paul Lynch's Booker Prize winning novel, now in paperback, makes me wish I was a teacher so I could not just recommend but also assign it. It's reminiscent of cinematic novels like *Schindler's List*, *The Road*, and *The Reader*. Think of Wounded Knee, Selma, Ukraine, Warsaw, Palestine. Upheaval is part of what it has always meant to be human.

The story focuses on an Irish family in contemporary times. Eilish (pronounced AY-ish), Larry, and their children, Mark, Bailey, Molly, Ben, and Eilish's wise but aging father, Simon. Something unspecified has happened just before the novel begins. The government has assumed emergency powers and created a new secret police. Until then, it was a happy family in a happy neighborhood.

From the first page, Lynch rushes at you. His sentences barely give you time to pause for breath. He uses a form of stream of consciousness to convey the sense of confusion and urgency—panic, basically. I've rarely been a fan of stream of consciousness, but Lynch uses it with great effect.

Consider your own life. Your schedule, plans, the relationships that festoon life year after year. It has continuity, if not exactly predictability. Big changes can happen, and they're often not in our control, but they happen in a certain context. Your job and family reliably endure. You drive familiar roads to well-stocked stores. Life has a rhythm. Order.

All-of-a-sudden... prices are high, staples are scarce, people disappear without explanation. The bureaucracy becomes comically, belligerently, insistently Kafkaesque. Orwellian. "We have always been at war with Oceania."

"They are calling it an insurgency on the international news, Molly says, but if you want to give war its proper name, call it entertainment, we are now TV for the rest of the world."

Lynch's prose is dense and rich, worth lingering over. It's also like a flash flood, unexpected, chaotic, overwhelming, carrying you along, scraping, smothering,

rushing you past what was familiar into territory that is strange, perhaps untrustworthy, no footholds or anyplace that looks stable enough to get your bearings. You plunge along until you grasp that you don't matter, your individuality, your story, doesn't matter to these forces. Remember when you could call the police when things were wrong? You used to be one of those who were presumed innocent, and now you're neither innocent nor presumed innocent.

The important thing with such a story is to be able to lose objectivity. Lynch writes in the present tense. This is not something that happened recently or once-upon-a-time on which we now have a perspective. The challenge for Lynch is how to take us from being voyeurs, sympathetic observers, and make us participants, to make us think, "Yes, that's how it is, that's how it was for me, or will be for me." We enter the story. We understand that is not the sort of thing that happens or happened to other people. This is universal. It's just a matter of time before we, ourselves, are TV for the rest of the world. Living well is no guarantee of safety. Ask Paradise, CA. Valencia, Spain. Asheville, NC.

Margaret Atwood said of *Handmaid's Tale* that everything that she wrote about had already happened somewhere in the world. Same here. This is not speculative fiction. We think order is permanent, self-perpetuating. How naively myopic. It is a shock when it falls away and life becomes fundamentally unmanageable. See you on the far side, I hope. Good luck. ■

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Free Movie Night: "Dìdi (弟弟)"

THURSDAY, NOV. 14 AT 6 P.M.

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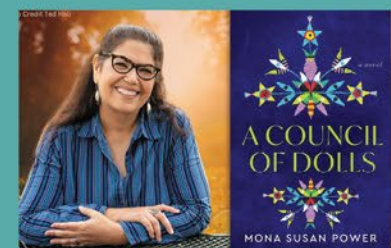
is a comedy/drama about

an impressionable 13-year-old Taiwanese American boy who learns during the summer of 2008 what his family can't teach him: how to skate, how to flirt, and how to love your mom. This film is rated R and runtime is 91 minutes.

Virtual Author Talk Watch Party

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 AT 6 TO 7 P.M.

Attend a watch party for a live virtual event with author Mona Susan Power. This event is free and open to the public. There is also the option to join from home on an internet-enabled computer or mobile device by signing up online at carnegiestout.org/authortalks.



During this virtual event, Power will discuss her new novel, "A Council of Dolls," a powerful story spanning three generations of Yanktonai Dakota women. She will also speak to how her work explores Native rights and culture, and in particular, the use and tradition of dolls in Native life. Dubuque resident library cardholders may read or listen to "A Council of Dolls" on the Hoopla app.

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 Two young missionaries are forced to prove their faith when they knock on the wrong door and are greeted by a diabolical Mr. Reed (Hugh Grant), becoming ensnared in his deadly game of cat-and-mouse.



ELEVATION (R)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
 Set in the post-apocalyptic Rocky Mountains, a single father and two women venture from the safety of their homes to face monstrous creatures to save the life of a young boy. Anthony Mackie stars.



RED ONE (PG-13)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
 After Santa Claus (code name: Red One) is kidnapped, the North Pole's Head of Security (Dwayne Johnson) must team up with the world's most infamous bounty hunter (Chris Evans) in a globe-trotting, action-packed mission to save Christmas.



GLADIATOR 2 (R)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
 Years after witnessing the death of Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius must enter the Colosseum after the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honor needed to return the glory of Rome to its people.



WICKED (PG)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz. Elphaba is a young woman who is misunderstood because of her unusual green skin and has yet to discover her true power. Glinda is a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart. The two meet as students at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda the Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.



Movie Buzz

Tom Cruise has reportedly starting musing on the possibility of a sequel to his 1990 film *Days Of Thunder*. This, just a day after news broke that Tom Holland and Austin Butler were teaming up for a film about a pair of real-life pro drivers who went to jail because they were paying for racing by smuggling marijuana. Cruise is reportedly eyeing the sequel project even as his schedule continues to be extremely full; he's still got that movie where he has to go into actual space to film as well as trying to figure out a sequel to *Maverick*. Still, he apparently thinks a *Days Of Thunder* sequel could work. Meanwhile, note that director Joseph Kosinski, who helmed *Maverick* is making his own racing movie, *F1*, with Brad Pitt, due in theaters next year.



Actor Russell Crowe is returning to the epic world of ancient Rome in the upcoming film *The Last Druid* as a peaceful Celtic elder who is faced with protecting his family and people from perishing when a merciless Roman Emperor discovers his secluded stronghold in the mountains of Caledonia. This project marks Crowe's return to Rome for the first time in almost 25 years since his acclaimed role as Maximus from *Gladiator*.



Christopher Nolan will shoot his next movie with "never-before-used" IMAX technology. The director—known for visionary blockbusters such as *The Dark Knight* trilogy, *Inception*, *Interstellar*, *Dunkirk*, and *Oppenheimer*—has pioneered IMAX filming technology since early in his career. It will star Matt Damon and Tom Holland and start filming in early 2025.



According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, multiple sources have confirmed a *Game of Thrones* movie is in the first stages of development, with no writer, director, or cast attached just yet. However, it is said Warner Bros. is "keen" on expanding the franchise to the big screen in some way. The publication also notes the studio is working on "at least one," leaving the door open for additional films to be considered.





Knowing vs. Doing

The Golden Rule

By Matt Booth

The Golden Rule. We've all heard it, memorized it, and most of us could even recite it with our eyes closed: "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Simple, right? It's been around for ages, passed down like a family recipe for moral decency, a one-size-fits-all instruction on how to live. But here's the kicker: knowing the Golden Rule and actually "doing" it are two very different things.

In a world where we can instantly share a meme, give a thumbs up, or voice our latest opinion online, we might think we're practicing the Golden Rule just by nodding along to its wisdom. But let's be honest; putting this rule into action is tougher than it looks.

It's one thing to know you should treat others the way you want to be treated. But what happens when you're stuck in traffic and someone cuts you off? Or when the person in front of you at the coffee shop takes forever to order a triple-shot, soy milk, half-caf, extra-foam, double-whip mocha? It's easy to understand patience in theory but a



whole different thing to act on it in the middle of a morning caffeine crisis.

Consider a recent scene I witnessed at the Hy-Vee parking lot. A woman accidentally bumped her cart into a man. She apologized, but instead of simply accepting the apology and moving on, he proceeded to give her a lengthy lecture on "cart etiquette." Now, I doubt he would've enjoyed someone speaking to him like that if he had been the one with the runaway cart. In that moment, he still "knew" the Golden Rule—but he certainly wasn't "doing" it.

One of the most common mistakes people make is thinking that as long as they don't actively mistreat others, they're doing well. "I didn't yell at anyone today, so I'm good," we tell ourselves. But the Golden Rule is about more than just avoiding rudeness; it's about taking the extra step to act in a way that makes others feel respected, valued, and appreciated.

Let's take a look at social media, where "keyboard warriors" reign supreme. How many times have you seen a comment section that's become a battlefield of insults and hot takes? People say things

online they'd never say face-to-face. If we all paused and asked ourselves, "Would I want someone talking to me like this?" before hitting "post," the internet might be a kinder place. Yet, in the heat of the moment, people tend to focus on winning an argument rather than treating others the way they'd want to be treated.

Acting out the Golden Rule doesn't come naturally to everyone—it's a habit we have to build. Picture this: You're at a restaurant, and the server is clearly new. They're making a few mistakes and taking a bit longer. Sure, your food might be delayed, and your patience tested, but would you want understanding if you were in their shoes? Or better yet, if your kid or friend was in their shoes, how would you want them treated?

I recently saw a friend turn this situation into a perfect Golden Rule moment. Instead of getting annoyed, he cracked a joke to put the nervous server at ease. They ended up laughing together, and by the end of the meal, the server was visibly more confident and grateful. That's the kind of simple act that transforms "knowing" into "doing."

The Golden Rule isn't easy, especially when someone's rude or inconsiderate.

But those moments are when it matters most. If we can take a breath and treat them with kindness, we often find that kindness is contagious. A small act of patience or understanding can ripple out and improve someone else's day—maybe even their whole week.

Think of it this way: We all love it when someone lets us merge into traffic or holds the door for us when our hands are full. Those little actions are worth more than gold because they show respect, empathy, and humanity. But someone has to go first, and that someone can be us.

At the end of the day, it's easy to say we believe in treating others with kindness and respect. But knowing is passive. Doing so takes effort, patience, and sometimes swallowing our pride. Yet, the rewards are worth it. A world where people actively live by the Golden Rule is one we'd all love to live in.

So the next time you're tempted to yell at the person who's talking loudly on their phone in line, take a deep breath, and ask yourself, "Am I just knowing, or am I doing?" The answer might be just what we all need to turn a good idea into a great world. ■

MATT BOOTH

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Spot the Difference

Can you spot 10 differences in this photo of the Dubuque County Dairy Association's display at the Dubuque County Fairground's annual Trunk or Treat event?



Spot the Difference Answers



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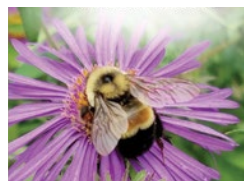


Puffs, or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic

7 PM @ HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 11/14-11/16. Matt Cox's take of the popular story of a certain boy wizard presented by Dubuque Hempstead High School students. For seven years, a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. This clever and inventive play takes a comedic and heartfelt new look at a familiar adventure from the perspective of three potential heroes just trying to make it through a magic school that proves to be very dangerous for children. Alongside them are the Puffs, a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders. Doors open at

6:30 p.m. Due to some PG-13 language, parents may want to use caution when considering younger audience members. \$10. 3715 Pennsylvania Ave. **563-552-5200**. [facebook.com/hempsteadtheater](https://www.facebook.com/hempsteadtheater).

SAT 11/16



All About Insects

11 AM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA) Bring the kids to see all the interesting and inspiring insects that call Dubuque County home. Learn what makes an insect different than a bug and have some fun insect activities and crafts. See the Monarch & Milkweed Traveling Exhibit while at the nature center. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745**. [dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation](https://www.dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation).

FRI 11/22



Kids Night Out

5:30-8:30 PM @ LORAS COLLEGE GRABER SPORTS CENTER Play sports, games, crafts, bounce house, swimming, and more. Hosted by Loras College Women's Basketball. Boys and Girls pre K-6th grade. \$25. 1600 Cox St. **563-588-7947**. lorasgirlsbasketballcamp.com.

FRI 11/29



Turkey Trot Kids Camp

1-4 PM @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL) 11/29-11/30. In this two-day camp, kids will enjoy games, activities, and a whole lot of hands-on horse time. Children will learn to groom,

halter, lead, and tie up horses. Each day they will also be given a group riding lesson. Snacks are provided, please bring a water bottle. Amount of riding time is weather dependent. Ages 5-12. \$175. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. **815-777-9550**. shenandoahridingcenter.com.

SAT 12/7



Santa's Workshop and Tree Lighting

1 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Calling all elves! Here is your chance to make and wrap a few holiday gifts before the big Christmas tree is lit at the library. The 18-foot Christmas tree decorated in full Victorian splendor will light up the rotunda. Enjoy holiday music and singalongs. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegioustout.org.



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Are You Ready for the Inevitable Transition From Fall to Winter?

As cold weather moves in, it is important to take a few preventative measures to protect your home. Winterizing isn't typically expensive to do and usually doesn't require much "handiness," but it can make a real difference once cold weather hits.

Here's a quick and easy Fall-to-Winter Checklist to ensure your home is ready for the bitter cold temps. Check these basic things off before the snow flies (again), you'll be saving yourself some hassle (and possibly some money, too!)

Fall-to-Winter Home Checklist

1. **Take care of your gutters.** Fall foliage is beautiful but can cause problems over the winter months. Be sure to clean your gutters and remove all leaves from drains around the home (egress windows, gutter pipes).
2. **Make sure your furnace is ready to turn up the heat.** Test your heating system so you know it will work when you need it. Make sure you replace the filter and set up the humidifier.
3. **Prep your pipes.** No one likes dealing with frozen pipes that burst. Be sure to disconnect all hoses from outside faucets and turn off the water to prevent that from happening.
4. **Don't forget your irrigation system.** Before it gets too cold, make sure you blow out the irrigation system so it is ready for spring.
5. **Prepare your AC to hibernate until spring.** Before you cover your air conditioner for the winter months, turn the disconnect to the off position on the exterior of your home.
6. **Don't wait—Get your winter supplies now!** It's always a great idea to get your winter supplies now before the frigid cold

temps hit and several feet of snow pile up. Tune up the snowblower. Grab your salt, shovels, hats, and gloves. And make sure you have a portable heater, extra power pack, and generator handy, just in case.

A few more additional items to check:

- **Check your fireplace.** Animal nests in your fireplace can be hazardous. Conduct an inspection before building your first fire of the season so things go smoothly all season long.
- **Weatherproof (especially if you own an older home).** Weatherstripping or installing storm doors and windows will prevent cold air from entering your home or heat from escaping it, which may reduce your power bills. Caulk around windows and use foam outlet protectors to prevent cold air from entering your home.
- **Protect your plants.** If you haven't done so already, you'll want to get the plants and flowering trees inside before the next cold snap.
- **Bring in the outdoors.** Cold temperatures, snow, and ice can damage outdoor furniture and grills. If possible, store them in the garage or in the basement. If you have a gas grill with a propane tank, close the tank valve and disconnect the tank first. Clean and cover your grill before putting it away for the season.

While it may not quite seem like the end of fall and the start of winter, we all know that the temps can drop rather quickly and fluctuate drastically over the next several weeks. I don't know about you, but we are doing these things now while it is still fairly mild outside, so we are prepared when the low temps become consistent through the end of the year and into the new year. ■

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PUZZLE PAGE

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 25

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

FROM THE 6TH TO THE 22ND

- ACROSS
- 1 Malformed
 - 10 Env. notice
 - 14 Imitate successfully
 - 20 Olympic figure skater Gordeeva
 - 21 "Divergent" actor James
 - 22 Tilting
 - 23 Instant when something is perceived intuitively?
 - 25 Small sheepdog, for short
 - 26 German river
 - 27 Correo — (Spanish airmail)
 - 28 Trim again, maybe
 - 30 Malicious
 - 31 Ending for leopard
 - 32 Internet connection that's reliable and lag-free?
 - 35 Nice smell
 - 39 Sakai sash
 - 41 Some hosp. staffers
 - 42 Directly right, on a map
 - 43 Formulate a well-reasoned argument?
 - 46 Albert of sportscasting
 - 47 Series starter
 - 48 Come- — (enticements)
 - 49 Sarcastic laugh syllable
 - 51 Toothpaste brand of old
 - 56 Achy
 - 57 Fore and —
 - 59 Treasured panorama?
 - 63 1940s prez
 - 65 Resistance unit
 - 67 Go astray
 - 68 Villainous Transformer voiced by Orson Welles in 1986
 - 69 Malted quaff
 - 71 Novel adapted in poetic form?
 - 75 Nav. officer
 - 76 Brine minus the water
 - 78 — Alamos
 - 79 Cager Erving, familiarly
 - 80 Deity
 - 82 Digging tool manufactured near the Apollo Theater?
 - 85 Novelist Fleming
 - 87 Legal scholar Guinier
 - 90 Ewoks' moon
 - 91 Wallet single
 - 92 Horse's kin
 - 94 Virtual purchases
 - 96 "Assuming that's true ..."
 - 99 Like a bride who doesn't want her face covered?
 - 101 Lure used by exterminators
 - 105 1860s prez
 - 107 Musical ability
 - 108 Bride's path

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- 109 Dialect that uses no consonants?
- 112 July hrs.
- 114 Hertz rival
- 115 Janitor's tool
- 116 May preceeder
- 118 Red Muppet
- 122 Herbal tea
- 124 Driver's swerve made for no justifiable reason?
- 127 Be the delegate of
- 128 James of "Elf"
- 129 Oscar trophy, e.g.
- 130 Be rankled by
- 131 "NFL Live" broadcaster
- 132 College of the NCAA's Crusaders
- 14 Vaccination pioneer Louis
- 15 Hard wood
- 16 Jacket part
- 17 Psychoactive sage plant
- 18 Shenanigans
- 19 Surgeon's probe
- 24 — -pah
- 29 Meat-stamping org.
- 31 Lighten up
- 33 Tolkien beast
- 34 Emending
- 35 Foo faraws
- 36 Many a seized auto
- 37 Listened to accidentally
- 38 Quarries
- 40 Diner seating options
- 44 Notable time
- 45 AOL or MSN
- 46 Hosp. scan
- 49 Buffalo group
- 50 Very pungent
- 52 Pipe type, for short
- 53 Some terriers
- 54 Gas in lights
- 55 Beards on grain
- 58 Citadels
- 60 Singer Della
- 61 — board (séance tool)
- 62 Popular party card game
- 64 Many a roof antenna
- 66 Casaba, e.g.
- 69 Tennis champ Arthur
- 70 Slender
- 72 Hard wood
- 73 Cooing bird
- 74 Country singer Yearwood
- 77 — -mo replay
- 81 10th-century king of Norway
- 83 "Yoo- —!"
- 84 Chou En- —
- 86 Modern, in Berlin
- 88 Singer Sedaka
- 89 Wight, e.g.
- 93 Sloping, but not precipitous
- 95 Weight, e.g.
- 97 Hazelnut
- 98 Sky shiner
- 99 "Aren't — pair?!"
- 100 Like "10th," but not "10"
- 101 Film set on Pandora
- 102 Beginner
- 103 Intertwines
- 104 "Take care out there"
- 105 Old Greek marketplaces
- 106 False charge, slangily
- 110 "Straight up," at a bar
- 111 Gun, slangily
- 113 Dull blue-gray
- 117 — -Rooter
- 118 At any time
- 119 Actor Jared
- 120 Citi Field ball team
- 121 Metals from 38-Down
- 123 Paris refusal
- 125 Raggedy —
- 126 Jean- — Picard

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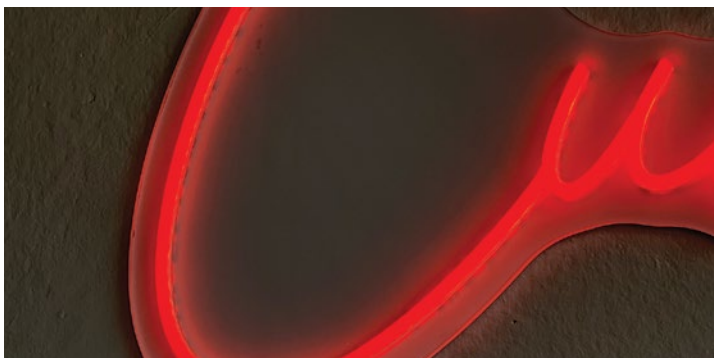
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English rock and rollers, The Struts, make their third visit bringing their hits to the Mississippi Moon Bar at the Diamond Jo Casino, always playing to a packed crowd.



That's the clicker that counted the 1260 kids who visited Mike and Stacia Brannon's front door along South Grandview Ave. in Dubuque. Their home is famously a highlight along Dubuque's busiest candy run!



The Asbury Halloween Parade just keeps getting bigger and more impressive every year as witnessed by the great floats and big crowds lining the streets for this year's edition of the family event.



70 artists "embraced the beauty found within the darkness" for the Dubuque Area Arts Collective's Morbid Muse Gala art exhibit opening held at the Smokestack in downtown Dubuque on November 1st. It shows until the 29th.



The Dubuque Halloween Parade, hosted by the Julien International Film Festival, is always a great collection of spooky fun images, like this shot by Digital Dubuque!



An adorable piece of fried chicken was one of the many winning entries in Theisen's Annual Dog-O-Ween parade at the Dubuque store, raising money for the Humane Society.



Is that Jake from State Farm at Five Flags Arena waiting for hundreds of kids to come through for the venue's first ever Trunk or Treat event? It sure is! He seems to be a man of few words though. ;)



The creative crew at Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto's corporate headquarters on Chavenelle Rd. was one of the many local businesses celebrating the fun of Halloween by bringing the festivities to work!



Dubuque Mayor Brad Cavanagh got into the fun spirit of the evening, showing off this cool e-bike up for auction during the Dubuque Museum of Art's annual gala "Reflections", raising over \$180,000 for the future of the arts organization.



The AXE is back in the VILLE! No. 8 UW-Platteville Pioneer Football reclaimed the Miner's Axe with a 17-10 victory over No. 19 UW-Whitewater in the George Chryst Memorial Bowl.



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DEAR ANGELA,

I have just completed my first Young Adult novel. It's 611 pages, hand-written, on a yellow legal pad. Anyway, it involves a father and son bonding as they fight a group of telepathic shape-shifting aliens who are trying to overpower Earth. Hilarity ensues. Oh, and did I mention that there's a goat?

So, since you are a published writer (of sorts) with your little advice column in *365ink*, could you give me any direction as to how to break into the publishing world?

Thanks!
—Northend Novelist

DEAR NORTHEND NOVELIST,

I'm going to calmly and professionally look past the dig about my column

being *little*. If I had my way, it would be three times as long. You should see how many letters I have piling up at the *365ink* office. The floor is covered with bags, full of urgent letters from needy people with major problems. Alas, my publicist is worried about long term overexposure with anything over 800 words, so I only answer questions like yours instead. I can't believe I'm paying her the big bucks for what I'm going to advise you to do for free, but I guess this is my job. Our current business strategy is to "leave them wanting more," and that's what I think you should do. Send photocopies of your handwritten manuscript off to all the big publishers, but don't send them the ending. Leave them on a cliffhanger by removing the last third of your book and replace it with a page that just has your name and phone number on it. Apparently handwritten notes are important for getting any new job, so this instance should be no different. Don't be shy, write a message tailored for each publisher on the page too, something really catchy like "call me." Please do let me know when you get signed to that five-book deal. Oh, and change the goat to a baby hippo, I've heard they are totally in right now.

DEAR ANGELA,

I lost my birth certificate and cannot find it. I wouldn't really care, and really haven't for the last couple of years because, I mean who needs a birth certificate most of the time, ya know? But now I need to go get my drivers licence renewed and found out I have to get that new Real ID before I travel to go see my family next summer. My parents own and operate a nuclear power plant in my hometown, its been in the family for generations, and they are planning a big celebration to honor the anniversary of it opening. But I can't go inside without that dumb star on my ID! I have no idea where I saw it last, so don't ask me that one! How can I maintain my sanity, keep a calm head about me, and find it?
—Lost on Lake Drive

DEAR LOST,

First, it's ok to do a LITTLE panicking! This is awful. I myself would never have gotten myself in that position, I am always prepared to enter nuclear facilities—I don't think my readers would be surprised to know how often that happens. Go ahead and panic for a few weeks at least, let the worry really stew. Then perhaps try and convince your parents that the party should happen outside because

the weather will be nice. Think about how much you need to find it but only during important work presentations or just as you are starting to drift off to sleep at night. At the last possible moment, ramp up that panic again, tear apart your whole house, and hope for the best! If you can't find it, which you won't, still travel to see your family. But instead of attending the celebration, join the protests that will surely be taking place outside! There you will probably meet someone you want to marry, which you need a birth certificate for by the way. The love you have for this person will be so strong that it will allow you to find that certificate, but in marrying the love of your life, you will be disowned by your family and banned from ever stepping foot in the plant again. So either way, I hate to tell you, but you're losing your family and access to that nuclear energy forever.

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ARIES

(APR 19–MAY 13)

Your hard work will pay off. But, per usual, your hard work will pay off even more for some rich jerk who doesn't care a thing about you.



TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

Sometimes it's good to wear your heart on your sleeve. But not this time of year when covering your sneeze is so important.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

The next few weeks will be a time of soul-searching. It won't be easy. It's always the last place you think to look.



CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

Tapping into your creative side could reveal things about yourself you never knew. Like how untalented your creative side is.



LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

Be careful. As you start a new relationship, you may be blind to red flags. This will be doubly true if you're colorblind.



VIRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

If you're looking for the best way to express yourself, you'd do well to use your words. Yes, even the four-letter ones. ESPECIALLY the four-letter ones.



LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

If you're longing to feel some good vibrations, well... there are many products of various shapes and sizes to satisfy that very need.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

Everything will fall into place if you just follow what you believe. Even though what you believe is total BS.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

Lots of great artists are not appreciated during their lifetime. You, however, just suck at art.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

Ugh. Can you imagine just how insufferable your racist uncle is going to be this holiday season?



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

Try expressing yourself through journaling or writing a letter to yourself. The rest of us don't have time for your crap.



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

Your workplace conflict makes it hard to progress in your career. But at least it makes for compelling television.



PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

Things will get rocky when you realize you and a loved one aren't on the same page. It's okay. It's not a race. Just read at your own pace.

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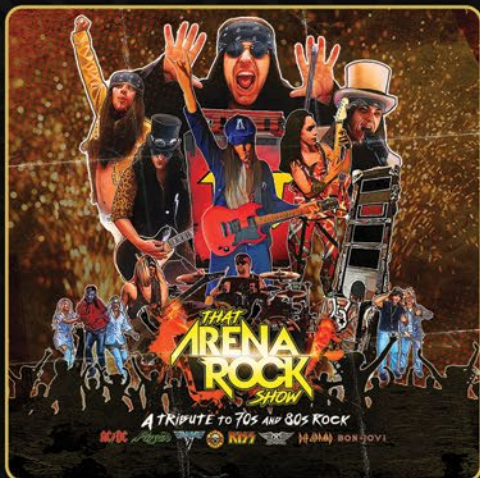
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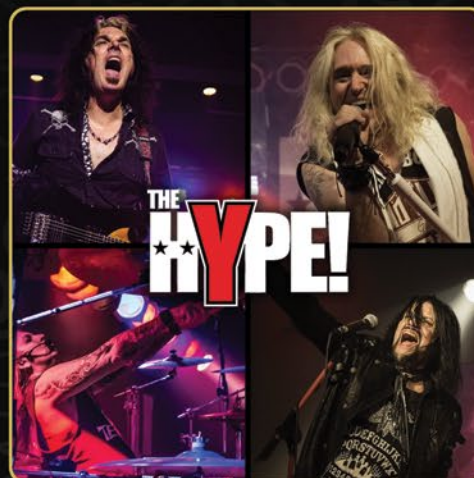
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