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MONDAY

CYBER MONDAY

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CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT
12/1/24-12/15/24

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RIVERBOAT LOUNGE
5:00 PM -8:00 PM

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CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT
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WEDNESDAY

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CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT
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If I were the protagonist in one of those action-adventure novel series where I go into danger to solve mysteries, save people, and defeat bad guys, I'd have to have those obligatory support people who make me who I am. First, there is the quirky but reliable sidekick who likes to kick ass and show up at just the right time to save your bacon while making a bad one-liner joke. And then there's the techno whiz back at HQ who just happens to know how to hack into anything to get the secret files, or unlock doors, or see all the camera feeds to get you to your target... and saves you bacon.

This time of year, my real-life cast of crime-fighting sidekicks includes two such people. Paul Gilligan is my plucky sidekick who is up for any adventure, anytime. When it comes down to brass tacks, the daily physical work and progress of Toys for Tots achieving its goals is about 90% Paul and me. And while I'm also trying to publish a magazine and manage all of the clerical duties of Toys for Tots, Paul will go off on his own and grind through many of those critical things that need to get done but are never really that much fun. This would include delivering more than 100 toy donation boxes across the Tri-States, organizing a warehouse that fills and clutters faster than we can manage at times, and even inflating hundreds of sports balls, one at a time. He'll say it's not a big deal, but it saves me hours of my time and stress off my mind. His jokes are generally terrible, and his listening and memory skills are as well-honed as his jokes. But it all works out in the end. And he's always up for lunch!

Back at HQ, Kristina NESTEBY is waiting by the keyboard (probably napping) for me to ask her to update complex sign-up forms, edit online information about 20 times on the same site, and spot all the mistakes I made along the way. On top of that, when I do see issues I need to address and reach out, half of the time she already fixed it before I even noticed it was going to be a problem. And, you know, while I sort of disappear from *365ink* for a month leading up to Christmas, she just kicks her feet a little harder under the water and keeps the whole company above water until I finally

sit still for a while. She, too, is always up for lunch on the rare occasion that she's doing her hacking from the same ZIP code as me.

And then there is the unsung rest of the team. My wife, Christy, who, with her mom this week, sorted and prepared all of my recently completed Toys for Tots auction items for delivery to their winners, as well as making sure I actually had everything I thought I had to auction off. More hours saved. And Paul and Sandy Meyer not only are my volunteer rocks at the Multicultural Family Center distribution site, they also make Darth Vader come to like at our Kids' Christmas Party, take pix with Santa and kids at Theisen's, and literally build some of the wonderful toys we use to make the season bright, like our kick-ass new Santa throne where kids meet the man himself. They are the definition of handy!

And they are the core of a bigger team that comes and goes. I'm sure some of you are part of it, from distribution volunteers to toy sorters and auction bidders. Thanks everyone for pitching in to make this at all possible to pull off. It's not just one guy, but I get a lot of credit. Just know that I know where the credit lies.

And like every successful action-adventure novel series out there, we're now on the 17th book in the series, and it's still interesting, and crazy things keep happening to our intrepid cast of characters. COVID, cancer, loss of warehouse space, random injuries, semis filled with thousands of the same toy, dead birds in the box truck, live animals in the warehouse, condoms in the stocking stuffers, and few dents in the sleigh. Yet, on we trudge toward Dec. 25, before we start all over a week later.

I imagine a lot of readers are wondering what I have to say about what happened with the election, but I really don't have the words. I guess we're just not who I hoped we were as a country, and I hope I am wrong about what I fear for the future. I really do want us to succeed. Who would pray for us to fail? I've seen the cabinet picks and, well... it's not looking good so far. I will just hope with all my might that what some will see as success does not come at a cost to the Americans around them who are different from them. Please let this next "Golden Age of America" be golden for all of us, not just those who look like me. ■



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FRI 11/22

41st Annual Dubuque Senior Ramboree

6 PM @ HAPPY'S PLACE
The Dubuque Senior Rams Booster Club is hosting its fall auction and bake sale along with dinner, drinks, raffles, games, and Rams apparel for sale. Silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. with online bidding, Live auction 7 p.m. Supporting Dubuque Senior High School academics, arts, activities, and athletics. 2323 Rockdale Rd. **563-552-5521. ramboosterclub.org.**



40th Annual Galena Nouveau Wine Weekend

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SAT 11/23

Santa Pub Crawl

4-9 PM @ ROUND TWO (PEOSTA, IA), TEXTILE BREWING (DYERSVILLE, IA), THE CORNER TAPROOM (CASCADE, IA), AND HILLSIDE (MONTICELLO, IA)
Each venue will have their own bus that travels to each location, so grab your friends and family and sign up with the establishment of your choice. Arrive by 3:45 p.m. or earlier as buses leave at 4 p.m. sharp. \$30 or \$25 with a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. **mhbooking1@gmail.com.**

SUN 11/24



Edwin Ritts Author Talk & Book Signing

1-3 PM @ RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE
After 39 years of directing art museums in New Brighton, PA; Asheville, NC; and Dubuque, Edwin Ritts has returned to writing. His novel, *Harry Kern*, is a work of fiction intertwined with fact. Based on the lives of Edwin's grandparents, parents, aunts, and uncles. Harry Kern's story begins with an auto race in 1914 Cleveland, OH. What follows is a mix of everyday life, not-so-ordinary family drama, and... murder? 1098 Main St. **563-556-4391. riverlights.com.**

FRI 11/29



Gnome Hunt

8 AM-4 PM @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE PRESERVE (PEOSTA, IA)
11/29-12/1. Every year, Swiss Valley staff report sightings of tiny men in red hats hiding out in nooks and crannies along the trails of the preserve. Gnomes are known to be highly skilled wood workers and deeply care for nature may be why they are found here. Join for a gnome ornament craft on 11/29 at 10 a.m. Stop in with the family to make your own to take home, while supplies last! Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. **563-556-6745. dubuquecountyia.gov/conservation.**

SAT 11/30



Pam's Toys for Tots Annual Dart Tournament

NOON @ EICHMAN'S BAR & GRILL
Join the fun for another round of Pam's Toys For Tots Tournament featuring and 501/Cricket format. Blind draw 501/Cricket. Sign up at noon. Tournament starts at 1 p.m. Entry: \$15 or \$15 unwrapped toy. 11941 Route 53 N, Sageville, IA.

Bellevue Festival of Trees

NOON-5 PM @ OFF SHORE EVENT CENTER (BELLEVUE, IA)
Bid on a variety of holiday goodies, donated from are 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/offshoresort.**

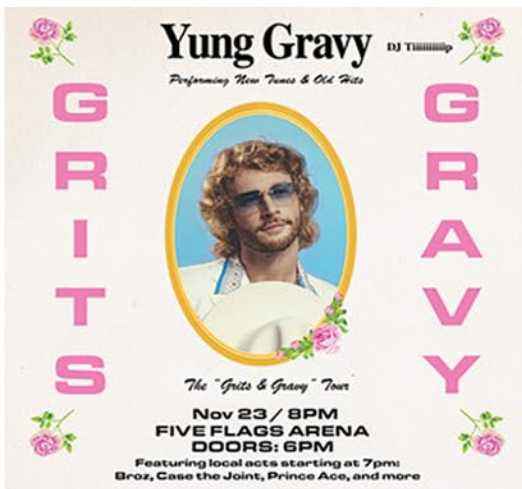
WED 12/4

Museum X: Wings of Wonder: Exploring Raptors & Birds

6-8 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Curious about the feather count of a bald eagle or the incredible speed of a falcon? Join Jennifer Drayna, Director of Education, and discover fascinating facts about local raptors and enjoy a chance to meet a feathered friend up close. Light refreshments will be available. Members: Free Non-members: \$10. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545. rivermuseum.org.**

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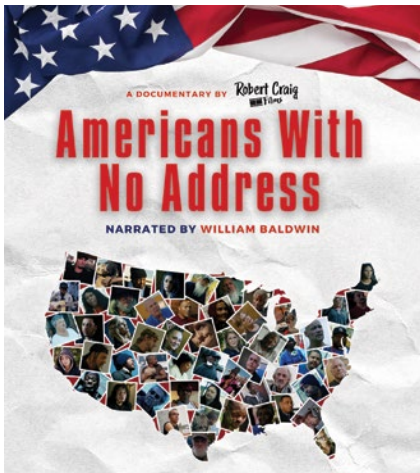


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FILM SCREENING

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. ■

Reflections in the Park

NOVEMBER 28–JANUARY 5 @ 5–10 PM
LOUIS MURPHY PARK
(1700 S GRANDVIEW AVE)

The 30th anniversary of Hillcrest Family Services' Reflections in the Park, presented by Fidelity Bank and Trust, is lighting up the holiday season in Dubuque. From Nov. 28 through Jan. 5, 2025, Louis Murphy Park will once again be transformed into a spectacular Christmas winter wonderland, featuring a stunning array of intricate and animated light displays. Highlights include the popular Tunnel of Lights, the Faley family-sponsored 30-foot Digital Christmas Tree, Memory Lane, and many new and recurring favorites, all enhanced with LED lighting.

This annual event, now in its third decade, has become a treasured family tradition. Many visitors who once came as children now return with their own families.

"This event is about more than holiday lights—it's about hope," said Hillcrest Family Services CEO Mike Fidgeon. "People visiting the park help provide crucial behavioral health services to



over 7,000 individuals in our community who rely on Hillcrest Family Services."

Tickets are \$12 per vehicle at the gate. Discounted \$10 tickets are available at Tri-State area Fidelity Bank and Trust locations and Hillcrest Family Services. For more information, call Hillcrest Family Services at **563-583-7357**. ■

Jodi & KT Invite You

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SAT 12/7

7th Annual Photos with Santa

9 AM-1 PM @ PARK FARM WINERY (BANKSTON, IA) Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to town for the 7th year in a row with RH Photography and Park Farm Winery. Bring the family out for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy wood-fired pizza baked in their on-site brick oven along with their locally made wine. Admission gets you two professional images with Santa, released electronically, and print release free. RSVP. \$25. 15159 Thielen Rd, Bankston, IA. **563-239-2013**. parkfarmwinery.com.

**Scuba Santa**

NOON-1 PM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM 12/7-12/8. Santa is making his annual stop at the River Museum and will be diving in the Main Channel Aquarium, located in the William Woodward Mississippi River Center. Grab your family and friends for photos with Scuba Santa. Included with general admission. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. rivermuseum.org.

**Santa's Workshop and Tree Lighting Ceremony**

1-3 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Calling all elves! Here is your chance to make and wrap a few holiday gifts at 1-2 p.m. before the big Christmas tree is lit at 2-3 p.m. at the library. The 18-foot Christmas tree decorated in full Victorian splendor will light up the rotunda. Enjoy cookies, hot

chocolate, and holiday music from the Senior High School Madrigal Singers. Free. 360 W 11th St. **563-589-4225**. carnegioustout.org.

**Light Up The Hill Luminary**

5:30-8:30 PM @ KNOB HILL DRIVE Enter the event on Knob Hill Drive and follow the signs. One hundred homes will be decorated for the holidays with Christmas lights and luminaries. Enjoy the sights from your vehicle or walk through. Free. **563-451-4994**.

SUN 12/8

St. Donatus Luxembourg Heritage Society St. Nick Day & Cookie Walk

9 AM @ KALMES RESTAURANT UPSTAIRS ROOM (ST. DONATUS, IA) A variety of cookies will be available for purchase during the cookie walk as well as other treats. 100 Main St, St Donatus, IA.

**3rd Annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser**

10 AM-1 PM @ HAZEL GREEN OPERA HOUSE (HAZEL GREEN, WI) Gingerbread houses will be sold (optional) via online and silent auctions, enjoy demonstrations of gingerbread building techniques, and buy personalized gingerbread children. Visitors can vote for their favorites. The winner of the People's Choice Award will receive gifts worth \$100 as will Best of Show, to be judged by an impersonal panel. There will also be a variety of other prizes for students and

other entries. All proceeds go to Family Promise of Grant County, a nonprofit which helps and houses area families experiencing homelessness. RSVP to enter by Nov. 30. Spectators: Free; Gingerbread House Entry: \$20 Adults, Free for students, children, and families. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129**. voight1970@me.com.

Asbury Park Christmas Tree Lighting

6 PM @ ASBURY PARK (ASBURY, IA) Five years ago, Eleanor Johnson submitted an idea to the City of Asbury to host a tree lighting. For Eleanor, the tree lighting isn't just about decorating a tree with lights; it's about creating a space where the community can come together. Residents can gather and place an ornament on the tree to hang throughout the holiday season. Hot chocolate will be donated by Hy-Vee, and Santa will be in the atrium area behind the library. cityofasbury.com.

FRI 12/13

Oh Holy Cross Night

5:30-8 PM @ HOLY CROSS FIRE STATION (HOLY CROSS, IA) The night of holiday spirit includes a soup dinner at 5:30 p.m. and hayrides with Santa and Mrs. Claus at 6 p.m. They'll have hot chocolate, s'mores, and goodie bags for the kids. Prizes awarded to best light display along with a traveling trophy. Proceeds from the bake sale go to future projects and events. 910 Church St, Holy Cross, IA.

Holiday Magic on Main

PLATTEVILLE, WI Bring the family for some holiday cheer in Platteville. Bright and festive storefronts, entertainment, hot chocolate, smores, chestnuts, and shopping galore. **608-348-4505**. plattevillemainstreet.com.



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1ST ANNUAL

Holiday Chili Crawl

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ 11 AM–3 PM
VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN
EAST DUBUQUE, IL

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.

Purchase a Crawl Card for \$15 at any participating venue or at the

information tent located in the empty lot adjacent to 2nd Street Slots. When you visit one of the venues, you will get a special stamp on your card. Anybody that hits all venues can turn in their card for prize drawings. Start and end at any venue you like, but be sure to turn in your card at your last stop.

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 Tippy Trolley to shuttle people from downtown to the other area bars and restaurants participating in the event.

Participating venues include 231 Bar & Grill, 2nd Street Slots, Bluff City, Golden Pheasant, Hill Top, Jimmy's Pub, LuLu's Seldom Scene, Midtown Marina, Millennium Marina, Mulgrew's Tavern & Liquor Store, The OtherSide, R Place, Shorty's Saloon, and the Swiss Inn.

All proceeds benefit the East Dubuque Independence Day Celebrations. The 1st Annual Holiday Chili Crawl is generously sponsored by EDGE Foundation, East Dubuque Lions Club, River Bluff Collective, Ludovissy Insurance, and Stern Beverage. For more information, contact John Digman at **563-580-5222**. ■



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).

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

SAT 12/14

St. John's Episcopal Church Cookie Walk and Christmas Bazaar

8 AM–2 PM @ ST. JOHN'S
COMMUNITY CENTER
PARISH HOUSE

Find cookies, candies, baklava, breads, and more plus Christmas decor and gift items. Soup lunch available. 1458 Locust St. [St. StJohnsDBQ.org](http://StJohnsDBQ.org).



Singalong Nativity

11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL
GREEN OPERA HOUSE
(HAZEL GREEN, WI)
12/14, 12/21, 12/30 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; 12/15, 12/22 at 2 p.m. Angels will do a flyover from the balcony, wisemen will bring gifts and shepherds will bow down to the Christ Child in the Fever River Puppeteers' Christmas marionette show. Singing is optional, but audiences usually can't resist joining in on some of their favorite carols as they watch the familiar story unfold. The family-friendly show is about 45 minutes in length. Afterwards, the

puppeteers will answer questions and bring out some of the puppets for photo ops. \$5. 2130 Main St, Hazel Green, WI. **608-732-7129**. hazelgreenoperahouse.blogspot.com.



Night of the Luminaria & Living Windows

4–9 PM @ MAIN STREET,
GALENA, IL

From Main Street to the hills overlooking Grant Park, all of Galena will be glowing. Enter a land of enchantment on this magical night with more than 5,000 candlelit luminaries on streets, steps, and sidewalks. Luminaries are typically lit from 5 to 9 p.m. Store windows on Main Street come alive with holiday-inspired animated Living Windows at 4–7 p.m. Many of the businesses offer extended hours, so take advantage of the magic and do some holiday shopping. At 6–7 p.m., a group of carolers from Galena Center for the Arts will create a jubilant atmosphere in the beautiful Grant Park Gazebo, serenading the crowd with

classic Christmas carols and spreading cheer throughout the town. Everyone is invited to join and sing along, as the warm glow of the holiday luminaries makes the event feel even more magical. **815-281-0673**. VisitGalena.org.

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Christmas at Heritage Center

GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 7:30 PM

HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE
BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

Christmas at Heritage Center "Glory to the Newborn King" will bring spiritual meaning to your Christmas season on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. This University of Dubuque tradition will be held at Heritage Center John and Alice Butler Hall.

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts celebrates with you the birth of

Christ through a concert presentation featuring the John and Alice Butler Pipe Organ, UD choirs, and UD Concert Band with live narration. Complimentary holiday refreshments and live music from the UD Jazz Band will immediately follow the concert.

Tickets are \$19-\$24 and can be purchased by calling Heritage Center at **563-585-7469** or visiting www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter. ■



Ongoing & Recurring Events

TUESDAY



Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
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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

An evening of socialization and education featuring rotating speakers talking about 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 @
ROUNTREE GALLERY
(PLATTEVILLE, WI)

1ST & 3RD SAT THROUGH 4/26

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

PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.



Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

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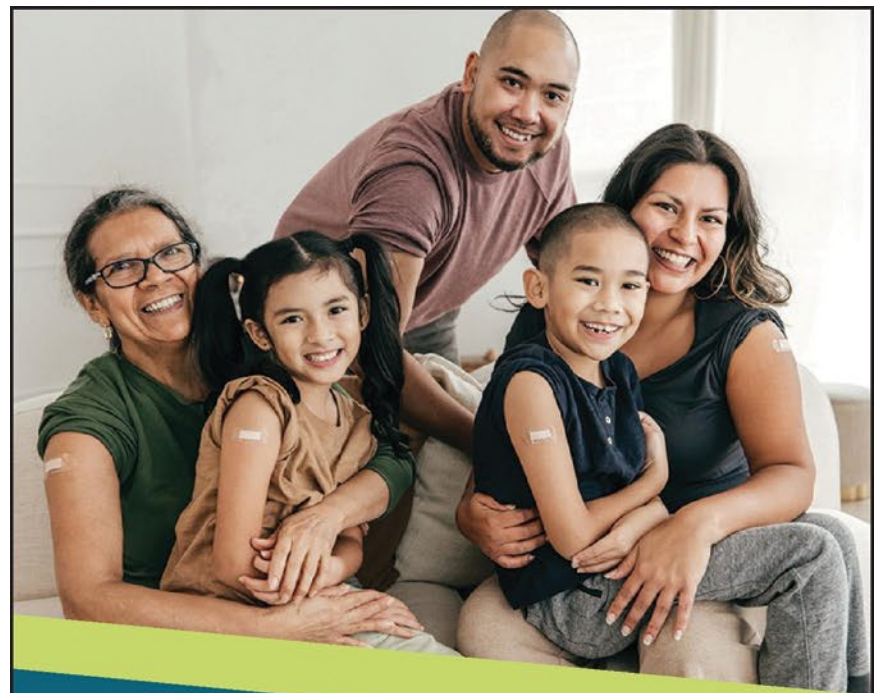
2ND SAT THROUGH 4/12

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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Ask your family's
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about flu prevention



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).



Yung Gravy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 @ 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, Nov. 23 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. ■

Wags at the Flags

WEDNESDAYS: NOVEMBER 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. 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. ■



DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Holiday Concerts

FAMILY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 1 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 2 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra brings the holidays to the Five Flags Theater. The family program on Saturday, Dec. 7 begins at 1 p.m. while the full holiday concerts run on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. Expect to hear plenty of holiday favorites, including carols, selections from *The Nutcracker*, film scores, and more.



World Ballet Company: Nutcracker

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

World Ballet Company presents *Nutcracker* live at the Five Flags Theater on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. It features a multinational cast of 40 professional

The DSO's special one-hour family program of kid-friendly holiday music features vocalist Kira Guloien, the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir and members of the Heartland Ballet. Sing and jingle along to your favorite tunes. Includes photos with Santa post-concert.

For the Saturday evening and Sunday matinee performances, the warm sounds of the holidays fill the hall as the DSO is joined by vocalist Kira Guloien, the Dubuque Chorale and members of the Heartland Ballet.

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

Tickets for the family program begin at \$24 for adults and \$14 for children. The rest of the concerts begin at \$19 for adults and \$12 for children. For more information, contact the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra at **563-557-1677** or visit **DubuqueSymphony.org**. ■

ballet dancers gathered to bring the most beloved holiday tradition to life.

Enjoy a family-friendly experience accompanied by Tchaikovsky's timeless score, over 150 radiant hand-crafted costumes, lavish hand-painted sets, and the iconic Lev Ivanov choreography. See the iconic Waltz of Flowers, and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, meet Mother Ginger and the Drosselmeyer.

Driven by the belief that ballet is for everyone, performances appeal to newcomers and seasoned ballet goers alike. The company attracts many international artists and comprises renowned professional dancers representing over 10 countries. To date, World Ballet Company has traveled to more than 280 cities, reaching an audience of more than 250,000, many of whom are first-time attendees to a ballet.

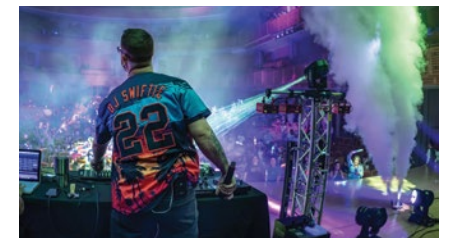
Tickets start at \$42. ■

Tay Tay Dance Party

W/ DJ SWIFTIE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 7:30 PM
FIVE FLAGS THEATER

DJ Swiftie brings his mix of Taylor Swift hits to the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This Reputation-themed dance party will immerse Taylor Swift fans in an unforgettable night of music, energy, and excitement.

DJ Swiftie captivates audiences with electrifying mixes that seamlessly blend Taylor's iconic hits. With a unique ability



to read the crowd and create unforgettable experiences, DJ Swiftie transforms every event into a celebration of music and nostalgia. His passion for Taylor's artistry shines through, making each performance a magical journey for fans.

Tickets are \$30 for GA and \$52 for VIP. ■



LORAS PLAYERS PRESENT

The Lightning Thief

NOVEMBER 21-23 @ 7:30 PM
LORAS COLLEGE HOFFMANN HALL
ST. JOSEPH AUDITORIUM
(698 LORAS BLVD)

Join Percy Jackson for a journey across the United States at the Loras College St. Joseph Auditorium. The

Loras Players present *The Lightning Thief* on Nov. 21-23 at 7:30 p.m.

This electrifying musical adaptation of Rick Riordan's bestselling book follows Percy Jackson and is for all ages. When Percy discovers he's a demigod, he and his friends embark on an epic journey to find Zeus' missing lightning bolt and prevent a war among the gods.

Presented by the Loras Players, the theatre production arm of Loras College's School of Humanities & Education. Established in 1910, the Loras Players are the oldest, continuously-operating theatre troupe west of the Mississippi! Currently in its 115th season, students of all majors get hands-on, practical experience in this multi-disciplinary extracurricular program.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages under 18. For tickets and more information, visit lorasplayers.yolasite.com. ■

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. ■

Dubuque Shakespeare Project Sonnet Workshop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 4 PM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
(360 W 11TH ST)

The Dubuque Shakespeare Project hosts a sonnet workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

Join Sunil Malapati as he discusses the sonnet form and shares examples of modern sonnets. Students can then work on their sonnets for submission to Clarke University's literary magazine, *Tenth Muse*. The top sonnets will receive coaching from *Tenth Muse* staff and will also be published in the Spring 2025 edition. An April launch party will also bring the opportunity for public recognition and readings. Open to ages 12-18.

For more information, call the Carnegie-Stout Public Library at **563-589-4225 x2224** or visit carnegiestout.org. ■

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Seasonal Allergies

DECEMBER 6-7, 12-14, AND
19-20 @ 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 8, 15, 21-22 @ 2 PM

BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The Bell Tower Theater features the local premiere of *Seasonal Allergies*, a funny, heartwarming comedy about friends, family, and holiday stresses on Dec. 6-22.

What are the holidays without a little chaos? Julia's life is turned upside down when her soon-to-be-divorced brother shows up unexpectedly and stays from Thanksgiving through New Year's.

Early Bird performances are \$12, and all other performances are \$24.



By Katherine DiSavino and Kevin Mead

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



Freezing Speed— Ian Brightman

PRE-SHOW RECEPTION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 6:30-8 PM
HERITAGE CENTER BISIGNANO ART
GALLERY (2255 BENNETT ST)

The world of motorsport stands still with *Freezing Speed—Ian Brightman*, the newest exhibit at the University of Dubuque's

Bisignano Art Gallery. A free pre-show reception will be held 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, in the art gallery in conjunction with John Denver Christmas. The exhibit is on display now through Dec. 31.

From Old Hickory, TN, Ian Alexander (The) Brightman is passionate about capturing what he describes as "the heartbeat of car culture and the adrenaline-fueled world of motorsport." He has collaborated with renowned drift magazines across North American and European continents, and his work has appeared with global brands such as MotorTrend, Hot Rod, and Formula Drift.

"Through my lens, I strive to capture not just the speed and power of these machines but also the essence of track life and the raw physicality that defines the motorsport universe," Brightman said.

Freezing Speed—Ian Brightman is also be available virtually at **dbq.edu/Gallery**. ■



SATURDAY, NOV. 30TH
11AM - 3PM
EAST DUBUQUE, IL

\$15 Per Person gets you a Crawl Card to sample chili from up to 14 different venues, plus a free Tippy Trolley from downtown East DBQ to the other area venues, (if desired).

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- Crawl Cards available at all venues and the information tent in lot adjacent to 2nd St. Slots.



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& Liquor Store
OtherSide
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Swiss Inn

FLY-BY-NIGHT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Peace on Earth, Good Will to Dogs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 7 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 2 AND 7 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 2 PM
LACY MANSION (1640 MAIN ST)

Travel throughout the first floor of the Lacy Mansion during Fly-By-Night Productions's *Peace on Earth, Good Will to Dogs*. Limited tickets remain for the 7 p.m. performance on Saturday, Dec. 14 while all other shows are sold out.

It's 1906, Christmas in a small New England town. Flame, teenage daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Nourice, wants to spend one Christmas "exactly the way she wants to." Her opportunity arrives when dogs,



the new tenants of the formerly deserted house next door, move in. Offering to take care of them for Christmas Day, she thus prepares a Christmas feast for them. What ensues are shenanigans of the jolliest order! This charming Christmas "tail" will delight and leave you with a jingle of cheer.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling **563-599-9486** or visit **FlyByNightDubuque.com**. ■



DUBUQUE CITY YOUTH BALLET PRESENTS

The Nutcracker

DECEMBER 14 AND 20-21 @ 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 15 AND 21-22 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

An annual Christmas tradition inspired by Dubuque, *The Nutcracker* returns to the

Grand Opera House stage. Presented by the Dubuque City Youth Ballet (DCYB), performances are on Dec. 14 and 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 15 and 21-22 at 2 p.m.

Whirling snowflakes and waltzing flowers frame this beloved holiday classic. Clara and her enchanted nutcracker battle the dreadful Mouse King in a nightmare that becomes a beautiful dream.

Performed annually for over 20 years, the DCYB production will be a highlight of your family's holiday celebration.

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

DUBUQUE'S ART GALLERY TOUR

December 6th Events

NOON-7 PM @ STONED ART STUDIO & GALLERY (1800 CENTRAL AVE)
 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)
 5:30-9:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)
 6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1ST ST)
 7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7TH ST)

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

Stoned Art Studio & Gallery hosts a Holiday Open House while showcasing the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III and will also be showcasing the splintalism abstract art Allen Eberle of Clinton, IA. Refreshments and jazz music round off the evening. StonedArtStudio.com.

Widdershins Artisan Gallery features artworks by local, regional, and national artists including Mark Dierker, John Potter, Debra Sullivan, Tad Banker, Sara Mess, Dan 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+.

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Voices Studios highlights an evocative combination of two art exhibits showcasing the works of acclaimed artist Tim Olson, complemented with the works of daughter and artist Lena Olson. Experience the unique perspectives of two artists whose journeys are rooted in deep personal reflection, family, and a dedication to their creativity. Refreshments will be served. On display Dec. 6-Jan. 31. VoicesStudios.org.

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 who celebrate their shared passion for creation, free from the constraints of a specific theme. All artworks are 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.

Just in time for the holidays, the Dubuque Area Arts Collective and Scenic Art Loop showcase a variety of original artwork by local and regional artists and makers—perfect for gifting or adding to your personal collection. Anything from original artwork and pottery to prints and unique handmade gifts. With all pieces priced \$200 and under, this exhibition furthers the event's mission to make art accessible to all in our community while supporting the artists who live and make work here. On display Dec. 4-27.

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All
Together

Locally Handmade Gifts for the Holidays

By Nicole Welsh

A favorite for many, the advent of the holiday season means returning to the age-old annual traditions ingrained into our families and culture. The details of these traditions vary amongst, but they share important themes of the holiday: peace, love, joy, and generosity. Perhaps the most widely practiced tradition, through which we express generosity, is gift-giving.

According to Investopedia, shoppers spent more than \$950 billion on the holidays in 2023, a figure that is expected to creep even closer to a trillion dollars

in 2024, positing American consumers to spend an average of over \$500 each on gifts alone. With that kind of spending, it's no wonder that retailers, big and small, not only look forward to, but often rely upon holiday sales to help drive their business goals for the entire year. Arguably, this means that our spending power packs a greater punch in November and December than it does most of the rest of the year, and during times when people are facing multiple increases in the basic cost of living, perhaps it is even more significant.

What if, through conscious spending choices, our acts of generosity

towards loved ones could also be extended to the creator of said gift?

That's exactly what happens when we shift the source of our gifts from big chain retailers and online stores to independent and small business artisans. Not only do locally handmade gifts provide the recipient with something skillfully crafted and possibly even one-of-a-kind—just like your loved one, but the impact of your purchase is far more significant to the seller and local economy.

Fortunately for local shoppers, Dubuque is home to dozens of creators who produce and sell their handmade wares right here in our city.

With so many options to choose from, it's hard to find a reason not to prioritize local handmade crafts and artisan goods when shopping for gifts this holiday season. In fact, with the wide variety of local products available to us on seemingly every corner of our city, it's becoming more difficult not to prioritize local product purchases all year long. In the spirit of the holidays, and the spirit of community, may we all spend a little more consciously this year, and may these local creators and more find themselves sold out, booked up, and benefitting from consumerism this holiday season. ■



Maker's Market

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Maker's Market, which was founded by local artist Mercedes Pfab, sprung up in Kennedy Mall in 2022 with a mission to provide local and regional creators with a place to sell their wares to the community.

Since then, the large corner storefront has gone on to fill its covetable space with the products of more than 120 independent and small business artists and artisans; in fact, the store only accepts vendors whose businesses are run by 10 or fewer employees, leveling the playing field a little for those competing against larger businesses with more inherent resources. The store offers further support to its vendors by maintaining a balanced product diversity that limits how many

consignors can sell items in the same product categories, demonstrating loyalty to those with whom they've already given shelf space, and providing customers with a shopping experience devoid of repetitiveness.

And in this effort, Maker's Market is undoubtedly successful. As shoppers navigate through the different sections of the store, they are presented with thoughtful displays of home and garden décor, seasonal décor, bath and beauty products, jewelry, clothing and accessories, toys and games, kitchen products, and food and beverages, most of which is handcrafted, versus mass produced, by its creators. Holiday shoppers in search of undeniably unique gifts for their loved ones will be particularly pleased to discover items such as play food for children made from felt fabrics instead of plastic, teacup and trinket box candles that leave recipients with functional mementos after use, miniature picnic table squirrel feeders that offer the hope of undisturbed birdseed trays, and bedpan banjos for quirky instrumentalists. ■



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INSTAGRAM: @ALCHEMYOILSLLC

Though also an established vendor at Maker's Market, Alchemy Oils found its first home in tattoo artist Mark Weiland's studio, INK Tattoo Studio, where its products are still available for purchase today.

Weiland developed Alchemy Oils in 2016 in response to his recognition of a need for hair and skincare products made cognizant of the harmful chemicals commonly found in the ingredients of mainstream products, and the injurious short- and long-term effects they have on our bodies. However, this is not the only problem he sought to address through the creation of his products; Weiland limits his ingredients to those as natural as possible, choosing only those that are organic, vegan, and GMO-free, but also ethically sourced. Furthermore, Alchemy Oils' products are packaged in eco-friendly containers intended to minimize landfill waste and are handmade in small batches only for added consumer safety.

The company's first products were beard oils made to simultaneously address the moisturization needs of beard hair and the equally important, but oft forgotten skin underneath. Since then, and now with the help of his partner, Jenny Trilk, Weiland has expanded into the creation of additional products, such as WIP Butter, a general moisturizer he originally developed to serve to his own sensitive skin needs but now uses with all of his tattoo clients due to the benefits of healing and maintaining skin without comedogenic ingredients.

This product is available in various sizes and two scents: lavender and original, which consists of lemongrass, eucalyptus, and tea tree essential oils.

While these products are frequently used during his tattoo process and for healing said tattoos, WIP Butter is equally beneficial for use on untattooed skin as well. Additional products include bath bombs, massage bars, lip moisturizers, and their newly released Beard & Bean Oil, a pet-safe moisturizer that works just as well on human hair and skin as it does the sometimes dry pads, or "toe beans," on the paws of our beloved furry family members. ■

The Good Witches

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Also fueled by a need for better solutions, Sara Mess, one third of the newly founded The Good Witches, began her handmade goods journey upon the discovery of her son's special needs. Frustrated by the hives and rashes her son experienced anytime she tried to use mainstream personal care products such as lotions or soaps on his skin, Mess had the idea to start developing her own. After creating a lotion from natural ingredients that caused no reactions on his skin, she went on to share her new product with family and friends who loved the lotion as well. Their requests for more snowballed into the creation of subsequent products that led her to the wide selection she has available today including everything from soaps to fragrances—made only with essential oils, to facial serums, eye creams, toners, bath bombs, and anything else a person could think to put on their body.

During this time, Mess quit working as a hair stylist to become a stay-at-home mom, but her creativity sought a new outlet, which she found in expanding her creations into cleaning products, home décor, and



jewelry. The majority of these goods, particularly home décor and jewelry, are all created from upcycled materials she sources from thrift stores and similar markets, generating an inventory with no two pieces being the same while also contributing to the reduction of landfill waste and avoiding the environmental pollution caused by the manufacture of fast fashion items.

Today, Mess has joined forces with Makayla Rogers and Tori Rock to create The Good Witches, a new Dubuque location that will be open to the public before the end of the month, providing locals not only with Mess's creations, but also the spiritual and wellness services and education that the trio already provide the community with. In the meantime, their handmade goods are available for purchase through direct sales and at Widdershins Gallery, as are the talents of their services. ■

The Butler Homestead

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Another jack-of-all-trades business serving Dubuque consumers with a well-rounded variety of handmade goods is The Butler Homestead. Formed in 2023, this husband and wife duo have combined skills to become a power couple of creative projects. Though the two currently find that about 70% of their business comes from custom orders, they also offer a healthy inventory of ready-made handmade goods that look perfectly placed in their storefront that looks just like what one envisions upon hearing "homestead." Of their inventory, the Butlers include not only their own fantastic creations but those of other vendors they have partnered with as well.

Customers of The Butler Homestead can expect to find a wide range of handmade wood products from cutting boards and home décor signs to quilting tools and wooden shoes. The pair also make custom neon signs—created with affordable LED lighting instead of actual neon. Their vendors include Carissa Gilligan,



owner of Sourdough MaMa of Two, who makes homemade sourdough bread; Marjorie Whitfield, who makes unique lamps and Christmas trees; Nicole Walker, owner of Birch & Elm Naturals (below); and Randal Parsons Sr., who makes the cutting boards; as well as Lazy Hound Ranch who produces the honey they sell; and Sandrine Wallace, owner of French Pastry by Sandrine, who makes authentic macarons.

The Butler Homestead will be celebrating the 1-year anniversary of their business with an event at their store on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30 until 7 p.m., during which readers are encouraged to stop by to meet The Butler Homestead owners, as well as vendors Gilligan and Walker, sample some sourdough bread, and explore all of the handmade goodness they have to offer. ■

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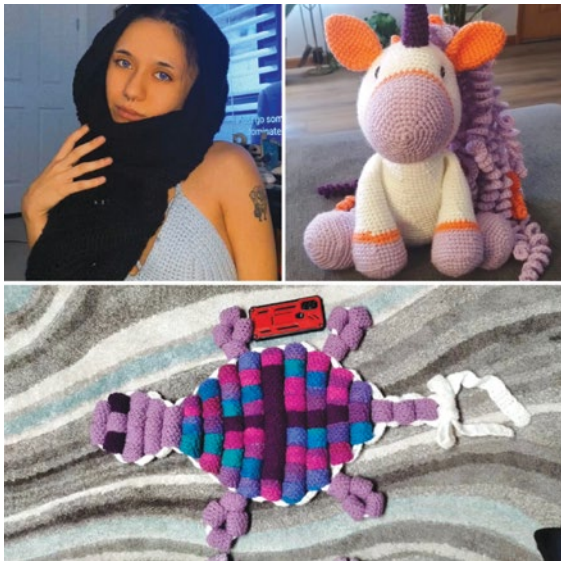
Fortunately for Dubuquers, Birch & Elm Naturals, a local business that is currently online-based, has made its way onto the shelves of four businesses in our city for our convenience: The Butler Homestead (above), As They Grow, Lavender Rose, and Hy-Vee in Asbury, IA. Owner Nicole Walker, inspired by motherhood, started the personal care company to provide her family with the safest and most natural products possible; appropriately so, Birch & Elm is named for her children through the use of their birth trees—birch and elm.

Walker is a holistic health coach and holistic health practitioner and uses this knowledge to help people create positive lifestyle changes, addressing the issues in their lives and bodies through an approach that recognizes the significance of not only of factors such as fitness and nutrition, but also the products we put

on our bodies and expose them to. Birch & Elm products are made using only natural ingredients which are frequently sourced from local producers such as Balltown Dairy LLC and Johnson Honey Farm in Guttenburg, IA.

Personal care products range from body butters to tinted and infused lip balms to exfoliator bars to roll-on scents and more, while aromatherapy items include scented room refreshers, candles, wax melts, and diffusers, to name only a few. Birch & Elm Naturals offers home care products such as plant-based cleaners, hand soap dishes, and dryer balls. Walker also offers an extremely giftable self-care kit filled with several of her natural products alongside extra goodies like nail files, scrunchies, hair clips, and keychains.

Furthering her positive efforts, Walker also prioritizes her community through charitable means, donating 10% of all candle sales to those battling cancer. She uses one of her seasonal room refresher products to raise funds to contribute to nonprofit organizations for the same cause and donates a lip balm for each one purchased as well. ■



Alexis Bagosy

INSTAGRAM: @L.CROCHETS1293

Another local creator of handmade goods whose business was inspired by family is Alexis Bagosy. Her grandmother taught her how to crochet at the young age of 8 years old, and she has been honing this skill ever since. When her grandmother passed away, Bagosy began to pursue crocheting more actively, leading to selling some of her creations. She has now been selling items for 2 years, with this year being the first that she has had an inventory on-hand to sell to customers, though she will continue to accept pre-orders for custom color requests.

Bagosy's current inventory, which she will be sharing on her Instagram page on Black Friday at noon, consists largely of her popular hooded scarves, perfect for keeping the chilly Iowa winter air away from your head, neck, and face with a sense of style. She pre-makes

solid colors and color combinations of her choosing, and accepts custom orders for anyone wanting a color or combination that she doesn't have on hand; sizes available include an adult size as well as a smaller youth size. Her Black Friday inventory drop will be on sale, with \$10 off the original price for single youth scarves, \$20 off the original price of her adult-sized scarves, and further savings yet for those who purchase more than one.

In addition to scarves, Bagosy also crochets trendy crop tops for women and adorable stuffed animals for kids or anyone else who appreciates a plushie. She is not limited to making these items, however, so anyone interested in a custom creation of another variety should reach out to determine details such as availability, pricing, and turnaround time. For reference, Bagosy's scarves take approximately 12 hours each to make, so it is recommended that custom order clients should reach out sooner than later to ensure the earliest delivery possible. ■



Luv 4 Yarn

FACEBOOK: LUV 4 YARN

Allison Russo, owner of Luv 4 Yarn, is also making crocheted goodies to keep Dubuquers warm this winter season. What began as sales only to family and friends has steadily brought Russo to this point, ready to expand her business with sales to the public for her first holiday season. Russo learned to crochet when she was only 10 years old, and decided 5 years ago to lean back into the craft that she had taken a break from for some time. Aptly named, Luv 4 Yarn is a business motivated by her pride in the ever-growing knowledge and technical skill of her trade, a quality that will certainly continue to grow her business over time as well.

Russo's primary items for sale are her crocheted stocking hats, which she makes in a wide variety of color combinations, with or without furry poms on top. Her skill in making these is evidenced by the varied color combinations she uses; some designs are simpler than others, with others including the use of several colors in one design. Some hats are created with a very classic

color scheme, while others have a more modern feel with the use of neon colors sure to brighten any cloudy winter day. Stripes are popular amongst her inventory, some hats boasting a classic tri-color stripe pattern, including a delightful candy corn color scheme, and others with a more gradient striped design.

Russo also crochets plushies for sale. Some of her charming stuffed animal options include giraffes, dinosaurs, teddy bears, and adorably armless bunnies. Like her hats, Luv 4 Yarn's precious plushies are also available to be custom ordered with a 50% deposit. She also makes other items, in limited quantities, but tends to steer clear of scarves and blankets for the time being. As she expands her skill set, Russo is continually learning how to create new products, such as her current cardigan project with wonderfully vintage vibes of which she has shared progress pictures on her Facebook page for her followers. Once completed, this cardigan will be added to her inventory for sale. Additionally, she has been learning how to add liners to crocheted bags, another product she hopes to begin selling to her customers. ■



Angela's Creations

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If your gift-giving style is more gift basket than gift bag, Angela Healey of Angela's Creations has you covered this holiday season. However, Healey's creations are not limited only to gift baskets as she also arranges non-floral bouquets such as pop bottle bouquets, candy bouquets, cup bouquets, and similar types of themed, crafty gift items. In addition to a Facebook page on which Angela's Creations are sold, she also runs a group where her custom and pre-arranged gift items are sold too. Her business has been operating in our area for nearly 6 years and continues to grow.

Healey creates a wide variety of options, with many baskets intended for special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, baby showers, graduations, and other celebratory milestones; she also frequently makes holiday-themed arrangements that include Valentine's Day, Halloween, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and of course, Christmas, to name only a few. Other themes

may include hobbies and special interests such as baking, candles, beauty, pets, and coffee, or professions such as teaching. Others yet may simply be centered around snacks and beverages, and can be arranged for adults or children, making the options truly endless.

Arrangements are often decorated appropriately with lovely details that add the perfect final touches, including decorative cellophane, curled ribbons, and bows, often available in your color of choice. Additional touches may include themed arrangement sticks, such as red, white, and blue stars added to a 4th of July basket, stuffed teddy bears for Valentine's Day baskets, and stockings for Christmas and winter-themed arrangements.

Shoppers wishing to order a custom arrangement should reach out to Angela's Creations with information regarding what the basket or bouquet will be used for, as well as thoughts on items they might like to have included. Turnaround times will vary based on supplies on hand, as well as those that will need to be purchased, so potential customers should keep this in mind when planning to order. ■



Wildeflour Goods

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Founded in 2020, Wildeflour Goods was born as the result of the suggestion of a friend for whom the owner, Alexa Priske, made a batch of granola. Her interest in baking, elevated since her high school years, began with her mother and grandmother, with whom she grew up baking alongside. She credits the basis of her knowledge of baking to them, but according to Priske, the two claim she has exceeded what they taught her; in 14 years, she has expanded her skills through learning on her own as well to become the baker that she is today. Now a mother of six who also homeschools, she is able to bring in additional income for her family through Wildeflour Goods.

Though a batch of granola for a friend started her journey to creating Wildeflour Goods, Priske says that

scones are her favorite of her items to make. Not only does she enjoy the process and working with the dough that she uses to make them, but she also enjoys dreaming up new and interesting flavors for them, some of which are seasonally oriented. Other baked goods she frequently makes include breads, donuts, cookies, muffins, coffee cakes, and bars, many of which are sourdough based. In addition to these baked goods, she does still offer her granolas and makes tallow balms as well.

Priske primarily sells directly to her customers, though she just recently tried her hand at market vending for the first time and will occasionally hold a bake sale at her home. More often, she will craft a Wildeflour Goods menu highlighting the goods she is baking to sell for various holidays including Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Easter, and Christmas. She accepts pre-orders for many of her products for those who want to ensure her homebaked goods make it to their tables and sometimes even creates gift baskets for pre-order customers as well. ■



Widdershins Gallery

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Widdershins Gallery, as evidenced by the name, is a Dubuque gallery that displays the photography and art of local creatives, as well as a select few from other parts of the country. However, owner Mark Dierker doesn't limit exhibition at his location to 2D fine art; Widdershins has become home to the handmade goods of artisans selected for consignment as well. Dierker, whose background in journalism, artistic photography, and design undoubtedly influenced him, has created a one-of-a-kind location that tells a story of its own to customers the moment they walk in the door.

Throughout Widdershins Gallery, shoppers will find a varied and carefully selected arrangement of artisan crafts, many of which bare the essence of

traditional folk arts. Dierker and his curators, John Potter and Debra M. M. Sullivan, have currently filled their space with pieces of functional pottery, one-off walking sticks, crystal-tipped wands, witch's torches, wood and yarn wall hangings, and jewelry pieces made of precious beads, hammered metal, and hand wrapped stones. Bill Potter, the artisan responsible for the gallery's selection of walking sticks also creates other woodworked items including, but not limited to, clocks, trinket boxes, shelves, and home décor, and is open to taking custom orders as well.

The gallery is also currently home to several products of the aforementioned Good Witches including jewelry, wall hangings, bath soaks, facial serums, sugar scrubs, and bottled aromas. Furthermore in support of local creators, Dierker and his team regularly feature a selected artist or artisan in their space, specially showcasing their work at First Friday events, such as that of local metal artist, Dan Aldeman, who is currently exhibiting many pieces at Widdershins. ■



Higher-Self Holistics & Enchanted Elementz

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For anyone seeking to share their holiday spirit with the spiritual person in their life this year, Higher-Self Holistics & Enchanted Elementz carries a variety of handmade products they would be thrilled to receive in a gift exchange. And in their new downtown location, owner Stacy Meyer and her crew of friendly and insightful cohorts, are more accessible to Dubuque than ever. Higher-Self Holistics & Enchanted Elementz is home to the handmade products of a dozen local artisan brands, making this metaphysical shopping experience not only spiritually beneficial, but also economically beneficial to the creators selling their wares.

Meyer's carefully selected inventory is wonderfully diverse and includes the creations of local

brands such as Anne Bock's Blushing Broomsticks, laser cut and engraved wood products by Brian Graham, Sunflower Vixen, Jewelry with TD, and Valkyrie Designs by Cristin Brashaw, to name a few.

Some items, such as wooden crystal grids, handmade pendulums, and intentional bath salts are great for spiritual practices, while others, such as their decorative tumblers, Froot Loop cereal candles, gummy bear necklaces, and cheeky gag gifts are just plain fun. Other fun items include quirky, one-of-a-kind walking sticks and resin dice for D&D gamers alongside wooden boxes of doom. Wellness Wicks, the store's latest brand, makes not only lighthearted cereal candles, but also candles beautifully decorated with dried fruits and flowers set in wooden bowls—and they smell just as wonderful as they look. They also carry pantry items like mushroom coffee and a selection of hard-to-find herbs and roots for those who enjoy making their own teas, potions, and personal products.

Beyond all of these giftable handmade goods, the ladies of Higher-Self Holistics & Enchanted Elementz also offer a wide variety of spiritual and wellness services that pair perfectly with their inventory. ■



Mercantile on Main

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This small family business, run by mother and son, certainly lives up to its name. Co-owners Vickie and Andrew Klinkhammer have created a modern general store of giftable goods created by area artisans. With products from more than 18 creators from around the Tri-State area, Mercantile on Main offers the opportunity for one-stop shopping for handmade gifts for all of the people in your life this holiday season. Their well-rounded inventory, placed thoughtfully throughout the store in adorably aesthetic displays, is both easy and enjoyable to navigate as you search for the perfect products to gift to your loved ones.

The Klinkhammers opened their Main Street location in 2021. Both artistically driven, the duo dreamed of opening a store to house their own creations after the closure of

Studio Works, with which they had been involved since 2015. Vickie creates functional goods made with use of her photography, and Andrew found his creative calling as a painter. Recognizing that other area artisans may be in search of a home for their wares too, the pair devised a business plan that enabled them to execute their plan via a viable business model, and Mercantile on Main was born.

In addition to the co-owners' creations, some of their store's handmade products include stained glass windows and picture frames; hand-sewn goods such as quilts, pillows, and aprons; seasonal and holiday décor such as wreath arrangements, tree ornaments, and wooden block snowmen; greeting cards; and repurposed puzzles made by an autistic child from the area; and other upcycled creations. Their inventory also expands into locally made food and beverage items including coffees, teas, chocolates, spices, and pastas, some of which are also fair trade and organic products. Though not handmade, shoppers will also find vintage treasures and vinyl records. ■



Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

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Dubuque Area Arts Collective

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In addition to traditional and online storefronts, and direct sales from independent artists, Dubuque area holiday shoppers may also find the

handmade goods of local creators at alternative markets our city has to offer. While it can be challenging to predict exactly who will be vending at these events and what they will sell, shoppers will undoubtedly find something worth their while.

The Dubuque Winter Farmer's Market, located in Kennedy Mall, is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon until April, giving shoppers access to many of the same handmade, homemade, and locally produced vendors they have access to during the spring and summer farmer's market.

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective will also be putting on a community art sale event on the second floor of Smokestack beginning Friday, Dec. 6. This sale prioritizes affordable arts and crafts, all priced under \$200, for artists and crafters to sell before the holidays. With noticeable growth at the DAAC's other recent exhibition events, there is sure to be a great selection of handmade creations to choose from. ■



Christmas on the Square

**Saturday, November 30 @ All Day Santa @ 6 PM
Cable Car Square (4th & Bluff St)**

Few holiday traditions in Dubuque stretch back as far as Santa Claus coming down the Fenelon Place Elevator to harken in the holiday season after Thanksgiving. Thanks to the Siegert family from Shamrock Imports and Jewelers, that tradition has continued since the 1970s and passes now to a new era of organizers, now hosted by the Bluff Street Neighborhood Association, who look to reinvigorate the family favorite event for the next generation.

The 49-year-old festive gathering is now a full festival and also moved in recent years from Black Friday evening to Small Business Saturday. When it was created, there really was no such thing as Black Friday, and now that day seems to be mostly about big sales at big stores, and that's not at all what Cable Car Square shopping is about.

The day includes shopping on Cable Car Square from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., highlighting all of the specials and holiday fare that the retailers on the square have stocked up on for the gift-giving season. Christmas carolers will stroll from shop to shop and serenade shoppers during the day too.

Dubuque Main Street has organized a great hop-on, hop-off trolley sponsored by Anderson Windows that will ferry people for free from downtown shopping hot spot to hot spot. You can grab the lift at any of four stops: Cable Car Square, the Millwork District, Lower Main Street, and Upper Main Street (1000 block), and new this year, the ever-growing Central Ave

Corridor. The ride is free, so park once and let them squire you about downtown!

How about food trucks? You bet! After you work up a hunger with all the shopping, from 3 to 7 p.m., a great variety of food trucks will set up on the square including Koppes Creations, Moski's BBQ, Versus, and Hangry Hobo.

What's a food truck gathering without a little live music? Joie Wails will be performing live with BKMUSIC, Brion and Chrystina Bowman at 5 p.m. to sing you into the holiday spirit.

But the big finish, of course, is when the main man himself, Santa Claus, comes down the Fenelon Place Elevator at 6 p.m. to greet the throngs of families waiting to meet him. He and Mrs. Claus will eventually work their way to his chair near the stage on Bluff Street where kids can line up to get their photo with Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas as generations before them have done.

Thanks to Dubuque Toys For Tots, all of the kids who meet Santa will also go home with a little surprise gift from Santa with the help of local elf volunteers.

And if you want to show your support for Toys for Tots, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to the event and drop it in a Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection box on site. Those toys will help to make sure more than 5,000 underprivileged Tri-State kids get to experience the joy and magic of Christmas this year.

Santa, music, food, shopping, freebies, kids, and the best backdrop in town... what more can you ask for? We'll see your family at the 49th Annual Christmas on the Square! For more information, visit [facebook.com/CableCarSquare](https://www.facebook.com/CableCarSquare). ■

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A Merry Millwork Market is returning for its 8th year. Join the Gronen and Wicked River Event Production teams on Friday, Dec. 6 at 4-8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Schmid Innovation Center Courtyard and on 10th Street

between Jackson and Washington Streets. This free celebration is open to the public, and children are welcome.

Warm up under the tents and shop the best of local crafts, sips, and bites for your gift-giving needs this holiday season. From local artists to woodworkers, ceramic makers, and treats like baked goods and hot beverages—there is something for everyone at this year's market.

Friday night's opening tradition is a family favorite and includes performances of holiday tunes from the Americana Band with a tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. followed by a visit from Santa.

On Saturday, visitors can catch more caroling, choreography from Adam's Dance Connection, holiday magic tricks by local magic club Ring 93, and a local boutique fashion show at 11 a.m. The Millwork Collective will be coordinating horse and carriage rides. The public can purchase tickets for rides beginning at 10 a.m.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Millwork Collective, a group of nonprofits located in the lower level of the Schmid Innovation Center who work together to operate more efficiently and generate increased impact through co-location and shared services.

For a full schedule and more information, MerryMillworkMarket.com. ■



20TH ANNUAL

Ohnward Community Christmas

NOVEMBER 21-22 AND 25-29 @ 10 AM-4 PM
NOVEMBER 23-24, AND 30 AND
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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.

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!

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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.

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Holidazzle Downtown Dubuque

DUBUQUE'S SMALL BUSINESS

SATURDAY TROLLEY LOOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ NOON-8 PM
DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE

Dubuque Main Street announces the return of Holidazzle Downtown Dubuque on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30 at Noon-8 p.m.

There will be free shuttle services provided by Trolleys of Dubuque (with support from Andersen Windows & Doors and ImOn Communications) transporting shoppers between Cable Car Square, the Central Ave Corridor, the Millwork District, and the Old Main Street and Upper Main Street districts. Additionally, carolers will perform during the lunch hour.

Dubuque Main Street will provide brochures with all participating businesses and their corresponding specials, promotions, refreshments, as well as any planned entertainment they have prepared for the days' events. These will be found at each of the trolleys and participating businesses leading up to the event.

Each downtown district, Central Curve, Upper Main, Lower Main, Cable Car Square, Millwork, and Port of DBQ will have a corresponding icon that will appear in window signage for each participating business within that district. This will help with navigating downtown through the event.

Many of the participating businesses, particularly the retail businesses, will also receive a stock of local craft beer that will be complementary to any shoppers that visit their store.



"It's part of an effort to encourage holiday shoppers to buy small and local this season," according to Dubuque Main Street's Executive Director, Danielle Jacobs.

Participating Downtown districts:

- **Central Curve:**
Voices Studios, 1585 Central Ave.
- **Upper Main:**
St Luke's Methodist Church, 1199 Main St.
- **Cable Car Square:**
Bluff St. Time Shop, 411 Bluff St.
- **Lower Main:** Barrel House, 299 Main St.
- **Millwork District:**
Bicycle World, 1000 Jackson St.
- **Port of Dubuque:**
Diamond Jo Casino, 301 Bell St.
(Guests will also be able to be dropped off at Star Brewery if requested)

This is the second year Dubuque Main Street has hosted this event. For more information, call Dubuque Main Street at **563-588-4400** or visit **DubuqueMainStreet.org**. ■

Upcoming Local Shopping & Vendor Shows

SAT 11/23

Platteville Shop Small Saturday

8 AM-8 PM @ MAIN

STREET, PLATTEVILLE, WI

Visit Platteville Main Street participating merchants to get good deals before the upcoming Holiday season. This event features a Small Business Saturday Passport which you can pick up from the Platteville Public Library on the

day of the event. Then take your time to shop on Main Street and get your passport stamped by the local businesses. Santa will also be on Main Street for the Main Street Santa Stroll and join at 1 p.m. for carolers. **608-348-4505**. plattevillemainstreet.com.

Annual PLHS Soccer Craft & Vendor Show

9 AM-3 PM @ PLATTEVILLE

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EVENT CENTER

(PLATTEVILLE, WI)

The Platteville High School Girls Soccer Craft Fair has become one of the biggest craft fairs in Platteville. With over 3 buildings of crafts and vendors, you are sure to find something for anyone. Free. platteville.com.

FRI 12/6



Fischer Building Holiday Art Sale

1-6 PM @ FISCHER BUILDING

12/6, 12/13 at 1-6 p.m.;

12/7, 12/14 at 9 a.m.-noon.

Explore the gallery spaces featuring Troy Aiken, Aaron Butcher, Abigail Butcher, Andonia Giannakourou, Nacole Meyer, Liz Robertson, and Rich Robertson. Free. 219 W 9th St & 915 Main St.



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12 Days of
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CELEBRATING THE SEASON AT HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE

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 matinee 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. ■

SAT 12/7



Galena Territory Holiday Market

8:30 AM-1:30 PM @ GALENA TERRITORY OWNERS' CLUB (GALENA, IL)

Embrace the magic of the holiday season and find an enchanting array of winter decorations, unique gift items, arts and crafts, and delectable baked goods to make your spirits bright. Hosted by the Greenspace Advisory Group of The Galena Territory Association, dedicated to preserving and maintaining the GTA's beautiful 1,900 acres of common grounds, trails, and natural areas. Your support helps ensure the continued protection and enhancement of these cherished spaces. Free. 2000 Territory Dr, Galena, IL. **815-777-2000**. TheGalenaTerritory.com.

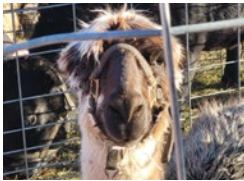


2nd Annual Merry Mingle Market

10 AM @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DYERSVILLE, IA

Dyersville Downtown Market hosts a special December event featuring a 5K at 10 a.m., market at noon-4 p.m., and lighted Christmas parade at 6 p.m.. Start your day with some holiday fitness! Whether you're running the 5K or taking it easy on the 1-mile route, the Run Run Rudolph 5K is the perfect way to kick off the festivities. Packet pick-up at the pavilion starting at 8 a.m. Then, head to Legacy

Square for the Merry Mingle Market. Enjoy shopping from local vendors offering unique gifts, handmade goods, and tasty treats—perfect for the holiday season. Plus, Santa will be making a special appearance to spread some extra cheer. When you're not shopping local you and your family can enjoy a complimentary horse-drawn carriage ride and an alpaca petting zoo. The day ends with the Lighted Christmas Parade. Watch the streets come alive with dazzling floats and glowing vehicles. dyersvilledowntownmarket.com.



Galena Holiday Festival

11 AM-6 PM @ GREEN STREET PLAZA (GALENA, IL)

Enjoy magical offerings of craft vendors, food, sweets, and beverages. There will be ice skating under snow, a chance to talk to Santa Claus, kids games and art activities, live music, and pet an Alpaca in the plaza of the Midwest's best holiday town. End the evening watching a magnificent display of fireworks presented by the Galena Downtown Business Association. Suggested Donation: \$5/family. **815-777-2248**. galenaholidayfestival.com.



Candlelight Shopping

5-9 PM @ MINERAL POINT, WI
This tradition turns Mineral Point into a holiday destination, open to everyone. Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride, sing along with carolers,

and try chestnuts roasted over an open fire. Walk through historic streets lined with candle-lit luminarias, and get a head start on holiday shopping as local boutiques, galleries, and shops stay open late. A fireworks display at 7 p.m. adds an extra spark to the evening. mineralpoint.com.

SAT 12/14



Callahan Promotions Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

5-9 PM @ GRAND

RIVER CENTER

12/14 at 5-9 p.m.; 12/15 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This is the area's largest show with more than 125 talented exhibitors presenting and selling thousands of unique handmade products such as oak furniture, jewelry, floral arrangements, lawn and garden art, pottery, ceramics, quilts, and many more original products. Hosted by Callahan Promotions, Inc. \$6, free ages 10 and younger. 500 Bell St. **563-357-1986**.

SATURDAYS

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
1ST & 3RD SAT

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PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.

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Toys for Tots Sign Up & Events

Every year since 1946, the Marine Toys for Tots program has brought the hope and joy of the holiday season to millions of children and families across America, and Dubuque is once again proud to be a strong part of that effort. In 2021, Dubuque, IA was recognized as the #1 Toys for Tots Campaign in America from among more than 830 campaigns across the country.

The goal is to fully support the needs of over 5,000 children in Dubuque County, IA; Clayton County, IA; Grant County, WI; and East Dubuque, IL. Keep

an eye out at your favorite local retailers for official Toys for Tots donation bins.

Information about the Marine Toys for Tots charity as well as online donations can be made at ToysForTots.org. All donations stay local, and cash donations are tax deductible. Locally, Toys for Tots serves children and families through the many agencies that serve those families year round including the Multicultural Family Center, the Salvation Army, the Grant County Holiday Project, and more.

If you need assistance with toys this season, visit DubuqueToys.org. ■

Distribution Resources

While there are a number of distribution partners that help Toys for Tots reach all of the kids in need in our area, there are two main distributions that are open to the general public in the city of Dubuque. Registration links for both distributions are now available at DubuqueToys.org as well as the official Toys for Tots website, <https://dubuque-ia.toysfortots.org>. Families can register for one or the other distribution BUT NOT BOTH!

The Salvation Army

The Dubuque Salvation Army Distribution will take place Dec. 18-19, at their downtown Dubuque location at 1099 Iowa St.

Multicultural Family Center

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Toys Distribution at Multicultural Family Center will take place Nov. 25 through Dec. 18, Monday through Saturday (except Thanksgiving). Registration for that program is open now and will remain open until all time slots are filled. The registration website is available in multiple languages, but you can also contact the Multicultural Family Center at **563-582-3681** for assistance in registering using their computer lab.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up to assist with distributions at the Multicultural Family Center. There are

two shifts per day where you help families shop for toys. Volunteers cannot receive toy assistance. Register to help at volunteersignup.org/RJXX4.

Outside the City of Dubuque

Marine Cops Toys for Tots also partners with other Tri-State agencies for more distributions. If you are in one of these areas outside of the city of Dubuque, here are your contact resources to get assistance.

Residents of Asbury, Key West, Sherrill, Durango, and Sageville, IA are welcome to join the distribution program at the Multicultural Center Family Center or through the Salvation Army in Dubuque.

In Western Dubuque County (Peosta, Epworth, Farley, Dyersville, Cascade, Bankston, Bernard, Zwingle, Holy Cross, Rickardsville, Balltown, and New Vienna, IA), letters went out to homes via the schools to inquire about needs for assistance for toys at Christmas. That is the best way to get included in the program. If you didn't get that letter and would still like to be included in the program for 2024, contact Micki Kelchen at **563-543-7031**.

In Grant County, WI, contact the Grant County Holiday Project, PO Box 447, Lancaster, WI 53813 (**608-723-2136**).

In East Dubuque, IL, contact the Boundless Trailer, theboundlesstrailer.org, (**563-581-9666**).

In Clayton County, IA, contact Shepherd of the Hills, 100 W Hill St, St Olaf, IA 52072 (**563-783-2409**). ■



Teddy Bear Toss

AT DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 7:05 PM
IMON ARENA (1800 ADMIRAL SHEEHY DR)

The defending Eastern Conference Champion Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey team returns for another season at ImOn Arena on Schmitt Island. Mark your calendar for the Toys for Tots Teddy Bear Toss with Santa Claus on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:05 p.m.

The Dubuque Fighting Saints play host to the Waterloo Blackhawks. Bring a new teddy bear or other plush toy to throw onto the ice following the Saints' first goal.

This season's full schedule features 30 home dates highlighted by a season-long celebration of the Fighting Saints' 15th anniversary season as a Tier-1 franchise.

Single game tickets start at \$13 and can be purchased at DubuqueFightingSaints.com. ■



15TH ANNUAL

Stuff the Truck for Toys for Tots

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 8 AM-4 PM
THEISEN'S HOME • FARM • AUTO
DUBUQUE (2900 DODGE ST)

The 15th Annual Theisen's Stuff the Truck event to benefit Marine Corps Toys for Tots returns to Dubuque on Saturday, Dec. 7. Radio Dubuque will Supercast live at the Dubuque Theisen's while shoppers take advantage of their

annual toy sale discounts. Santa will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon to meet with eager youngsters and get a photo and free sugar cookies if you like!

The Marines and/or Marine Corps League members will be there as well, as Toys for Tots looks to match or beat the amazing \$10,000+ in cash and toys they receive from the annual event. Stop by and say "Hi" to Bryce Parks from Toys for Tots and *365ink* and the Theisen's and Radio Dubuque crew manning the collection zone outside the store (no matter the weather) all day long on Saturday. ■



8TH ANNUAL

Toys for Tots Kids' Christmas Party

PRESENTED BY THEISEN'S, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DUBUQUE, AND PARAMOUNT AMBULANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ NOON-3 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA (405 MAIN ST)

The biggest, craziest party of the holiday season is back... it's for kids 10 and under... and it's FREE!

Marine Corps Toys for Tots is excited to announce the 8th annual Kids' Christmas Party presented by Theisen's Home • Farm • Auto, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and Paramount Ambulance, and hosted by the Dubuque Police Department and the Dubuque Fire Department.

Taking place on Sunday, Dec. 15, from noon to 3 p.m., the Five Flags Arena will transform into a yuletide display of controlled chaos, as hundreds (and hundreds) of Tri-State youngsters converge for the biggest party around. And the best part is, it's all totally FREE!

This event will be a super fun, safe, and festive chance for kids to play together, have a blast, and go home with a few goodies along the way. This is not a charity event. It's for all kids in the Dubuque area, and it just happens to be free.

The three-hour party will have fun holiday music, and giant inflatable rides will return as will the Paramount Ambulance for kids to check out in person. Kids can also climb aboard a real fire truck and see how Dubuque heroes do their jobs when they get to talk with real

firefighters. A real race car will also be there for the little ones to discover.

Especially exciting is the Theisen's free toy giveaway to every child with other surprise goodies giveaways as well. There is plenty for everyone, so there's no need to line up early or wait in a long line when you get there, we promise. You can go have fun and get your gifts later at the event. We won't run out!

Note that this is not part of the annual Toys for Tots toy distribution program. This is a bonus event. So, if you need toy assistance, you can still get that separately through Toys for Tots at DubuqueToys.org.

This year, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque once again joins Theisen's with the fun, educational giveaways from games to books.

And don't forget the photos! Get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and download the pictures for free, courtesy of DigitalDubuque.com. This year, Elsa, Anna, and Olaf will return in front of a wintery palace backdrop. And Darth Vader is back again roaming around the arena this time. All photos will be available for free to download online. You can also get your face painted and take home a balloon animal.

Plus, free cookies, popcorn, milk, and punch, thanks to the generosity of *365ink Magazine*, Diamond Jo Casino, Fareway Stores, Prairie Farms Dairy, DigitalDubuque.com, Meyer Photography, Five Flags Center, Dollar Tree, the Dubuque Police Department, the Dubuque Fire Department, and Radio Dubuque.

Put it all together, and you've got a kid party to beat all kid parties... and it's Christmas! ■

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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Her Night Out: Maddie Poppe
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Songwriter Showcase:
Ruth Wyand
7 PM @ Galena Center for
the Arts (Galena, IL)

Greg Garing
7:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

FRI 11/22

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

Bella Moss
5 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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

Scenes of the Season:
Amanda Hauta
5 PM @ Galena Center for
the Arts (Galena, IL)

Threadmaker, Fat Baby,
Humandemic, If I Could Just
Get Some Sleep
6 PM @ Smokestack

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)

The Guthries
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(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)

Tony Schmitt & Robbie Bahr
2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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)

Jacquie Miller
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

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

Zingaresca
7 PM @ Bluff Strokes Art Center

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

Brushfire Bandits
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Smokehouse
7 PM @ Twisted Vines
(Potosi, WI)

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,
Ben Dunegan
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)

Marques Morel
9 PM @ The Lift

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)

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

Holiday Homecoming Dance
Ken Kilian's Swingtet @ 6:30 PM
The BlackBride Boys @ 9 PM
Driver Opera House
(Darlington, WI)

Brushfire Bandits Duo
7 PM @ First Reserve

Tony Walker
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Sun Green
7 PM @ Smokestack

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

DougT Hypnotist Show
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

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

TJ the DJ
8 PM @ Q Showroom

CnT Karaoke
8 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

Samroc
9 PM @ The Goose

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 Danielsen
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

Ratchet Jaw
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)

RJ Fisher
8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
(Galena, IL)

David Zollo and the Body Electric
9 PM @ The Lift

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

SAT 11/30

Schnicklefritz Band
1 PM @ Jubeck New
World Brewing

Jimmy Welty Band
2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

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

Liliana Asta
3 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Shannon Woulfe
3 PM @ Midtown Marina
(East DBQ, IL)

Lexi Healey
3 PM @ Millennium Marina
(East DBQ, 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

Barefoot & Sunshine
7 PM @ The Goose

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

SUN 12/1

Scott Waterhouse
2 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Ken Kilian's Classic
Big Band Bash
2 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

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
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Ben Dunegan
 7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Stone Wolf Trio
 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Kurt & Steve
 7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club
 (Galena, IL)

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

iPop
 8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Garrett Hillary
 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape
 (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

Tree Lighting Ceremony: Senior
 High School Madrigal Singers
 2 PM @ Carnegie-Stout
 Public Library

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

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

River Glen & Band, Bella Moss,
 Wxley
 7:30 PM @ The Goose

Christmas Concert:
 Ken Killian's Swingtet
 7:30 PM @ Galena Bible Church
 (Galena, IL)

Box 10, Firewood Revival,
 Sam Knutson
 8 PM @ The Lift

Crystal Gayle
 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Wedding Banned
 8 PM @ Q Showroom

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)

SUN 12/8
 Jimmy Welty Band
 1 PM @ O So Good Winery
 (Dyersville, IA)

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
 Holiday
 2 PM @ Five Flags Theater

Ring of Kerry
 2 PM @ Turner Hall (Galena, IL)

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

The Wayback Machine
 Dance Party
 7 PM @ The Goose

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

The Guthries
 7 PM @ Grape Escape
 (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

Joie Wails
 6 PM @ River Ridge Brewing
 (Bellevue, IA)

Home Alone Movie Trivia
 7 PM @ DBQ Co Fairgrounds

Steve & Randy
 7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Layne Yost's John Denver
 Christmas
 7:30 PM @ Heritage Center

Dark Side of the Yule
 7:30 PM @ Turner Hall
 (Galena, IL)

Ethan "Thick Daddy" Abramson
 8 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

Rock Steady
 8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Electric Shock & Sins N' Roses
 8 PM @ Q Showroom

James Herr
 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
 Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

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

Youngsta
 9 PM @ The Goose

God Bullies, Acoustic Guillotine,
 Whippets
 9 PM @ The Lift



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The Spazmatics

NOVEMBER 30 @ 8 PM

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DougT Hypnotist Show

NOVEMBER 27 @ 8 PM

Comedy hypnosis at its best! DougT adds in his quick wit and spot on impressions to make the show fun from beginning to end. Finding a way to make people forget about the stresses of life is what DougT lives for.



Crystal Gayle

DECEMBER 7 @ 8 PM

Grammy-winning songstress Crystal Gayle is a beloved country music icon whose reign in the music business includes 22 No. 1 country hits, three Academy of Country Music Awards, and four American Music Awards. She received a Grammy for "Best Female Vocal Performance" thanks to her smash hit, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue."

Additional Entertainment

MISSBEHAVIN
NOVEMBER 22 @ 8 PM

DRINK 182
NOVEMBER 23 @ 8 PM

DOUG T HYPNOTIST SHOW
NOVEMBER 27 @ 8 PM

RATCHET JAW
NOVEMBER 29 @ 8 PM

ROCK STEADY
DECEMBER 13 @ 8 PM

HAIRBALL
DECEMBER 14 @ 8 PM

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THE HIGH BANK BOYS**
DECEMBER 20 @ 8 PM

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DECEMBER 21 @ 8 PM

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DECEMBER 27 @ 7 & 9:30 PM

DUELING PIANOS
DECEMBER 31 @ 8 PM

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Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

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)
1st & 3rd Mon

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

TUESDAY

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

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

Analog Listening Room
7 PM @ Smokestack

Trivia w/ Think & Drink
7 PM @ Southend Tap
1st, 3rd, & 5th Tues

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

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

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
1st 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

Music Bingo
7 PM @ Southend Tap
Through 12/26

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

Karaoke w/ GQ Entertainment
7 PM @ The Market at the Tap (Monticello, IA)

Music Bingo w/ Think & Drink
8 PM @ Barrel House

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

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

Trivia Night
6 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing (Maquoketa, IA)
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)

Open Mic Karaoke
8:30 PM @ The Big House (Petersburg, IA)
No event on 11/23

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

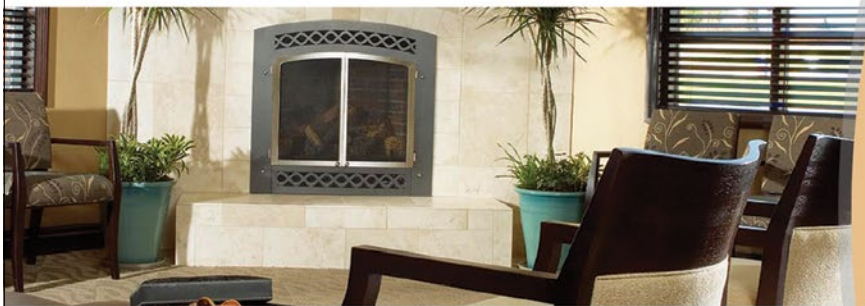
Karaoke & Live Music w/ Johnny C
9 PM @ Swiss Inn (East DBQ, IL)
Last Sat

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

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

PUZZLES ON PAGE 44
GENERAL BOB IS AT APPLEBEES

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Regional Nightlife & Festivals

DAVENPORT, IA

Joe Bonamassa
11/29 @ Adler Theatre

John Crist
12/8 @ Adler Theatre

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
12/16 @ Adler Theatre

A Live Conversation with Chevy Chase
12/17 @ Adler Theatre

Hinder
12/19 @ Rhythm City Casino

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
12/28 @ Adler Theatre

Chris Janson
1/24 @ Rhythm City Casino

MOLINE, IL

Trans Siberian Orchestra
12/20 @ Vibrant Arena

Cody Johnson
1/25 @ Vibrant Arena

Rascal Flatts
3/1 @ Vibrant Arena

EAST MOLINE, IL

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

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

An Evening with Peter Billingsley
11/30 @ Paramount Theatre

Amy Friedl
12/14 @ Paramount Theatre

Bored Teachers
3/20 @ Paramount Theatre

Charlie Berens
3/22 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Carly Pearce
3/22 @ Paramount Theatre

Dwight Yoakam w/ Mavericks
3/22 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

IOWA CITY, IA

Joe Pug & Robert Ellis
12/5 @ James Theatre

Josh Ritter
12/15 @ Englert Theatre

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

Leftover Salmon
1/31 @ Englert Theatre

Marc Maron
2/13 @ Englert Theatre

Drew & Ellie Holcomb
3/6 @ Englert Theatre

RIVERSIDE, IA

Cheap Trick
12/27 @ Riverside Casino

Montgomery Gentry
1/24 @ Riverside Casino

Collective Soul
2/14 @ Riverside Casino

Josh Turner
3/7 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

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

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

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, KennyHoopla
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

Two Friends
1/23 @ The Sylvee

Brian Regan
1/25 @ The Orpheum

Tim Heidecker, Neil Hamburger
1/30 @ The Majestic

Mersiv & Inzo, Opiuo, Thought Process, Daggz, Blookah
1/31 @ The Sylvee

Levity
2/1 @ The Sylvee

Guster
2/2 @ The Sylvee

Parmalee, Avery Anna
2/13 @ The Majestic

Trampled by Turtles, Ruck-sack Revolution, Wild Horses
2/14 @ The Sylvee

Sullivan King, Yookie, Grabbitz, RZRKT
2/16 @ The Sylvee

Alan Walker
2/18 @ The Sylvee

Dropkick Murphys, The Menzingers, Teenage Bottlerocket
3/1 @ The Sylvee

Kumail Nanjiani
3/6 @ Barrymore Theatre

Donavon Frankenreiter
3/23 @ The Majestic



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Zingaresca is the only authentic gypsy seven-string guitar duo in North America. See them at Bluff Strokes Art Center on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.

The Italian word “Zingaresca” means “in a Gypsy style.” Formed in 2006, Zingaresca is a product of collaboration between the celebrated Romani (“Gypsy”) virtuoso Vadim Kolpakov and the pioneer in the revival of the seven-string guitar Oleg Timofeyev. The ensemble explores the best of the Romani (“Gypsy”) guitar tradition, blending the sophistication of classical music with the fiery vitality of folk musical expression.

On their November 2024 Midwestern Tour, the Zingaresca musician collaborate with Alina Nazarevich, a Romani singer from Kyiv, Ukraine. Alina led her own Romani group (“Roma”) in Kyiv, but had to flee her homeland at the beginning of the Russian invasion of 2022. Zingaresca will offer an exciting mix of Romani, Ukrainian, and Jewish songs from Ukraine. All the CD sales proceeds will go to support Ukraine.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children and seniors. For more information, call **563-258-0041** or visit **dan@dubuqueguitarschool.com**. ■

A Johnny & June Country Christmas

A Johnny & June Country Christmas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 @ 7 PM
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Get your Christmas spirit started this season with Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash—or the next best thing—at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, IA on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. This show features Bennie Wheels and Lori Gravel.

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and stir up a little dust with some of the greatest hits of all time, made famous by the two great country legends of music. You'll hear great songs like “I Walk the Line,” “Ring of Fire,” and “A Boy Named Sue” as well as June Carter Cash hits including “Jackson,” “If I Were a Carpenter,” “It Ain't Me,” and many more. And sing along to a few of your favorite Christmas songs to celebrate “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.”

Bennie Wheels as Johnny Cash began his entertainment career as an Elvis tribute artist with many contest wins including two-time “Images of The King” World Competition Finalist. When the hit movie *Walk The Line* was released, Bennie was drawn to the story and music of the legendary Johnny Cash. He realized that his vocal registry had an uncanny likeness to Johnny Cash in every way... even his normal speaking voice.

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LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

SAT 11/23



Luke Hendrickson

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

COVER: FREE

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)

TICKETS: FREE

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, Ben Dunegan

8 PM @ CODFISH HOLLOW

BASEMENTSTORMERS

(3437 288TH AVE, MAQUOKETA, IA)

TICKETS: \$35

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. Ben Dunegan opens. Free popcorn. BYOB. Doors open at 7 p.m. **codfishhollowbarnstormers.com**.

FRI 11/29



Sean Chambers, Melissa Mitchell

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

COVER: FREE

Florida born Sean “Spiff” Chambers began his career in the blues back in 1998 when he toured with the legendary Hubert Sumlin as his guitarist and band leader until 2003. Born and raised in Kasilof, AK, Melissa Mitchell's original songs, infused with authenticity and emotion, resonate deeply with listeners, earning her a reputation as one of the state's most beloved musicians. **facebook.com/theliftdubuque**.

SAT 11/30



Bella Moss

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

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. darkbirdtaphouse.com.



The Pork Tornadoes

8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM
(1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)
TICKETS: \$10

The Pork Tornadoes are a powerful party band that has played all around the Midwest at the best and biggest bars, festivals, corporate events, and weddings. Putting their own spin on an eclectic mix of songs from Justin Timberlake, One Direction, Katy Perry, and Taylor Swift to Kings of Leon, The Killers, Third Eye Blind, and Coolio, they are truly one of the most versatile bands around. QCasinoAndResort.com.

FRI 12/6



Kurt & Steve

7 PM @ GALENA EAGLES CLUB
(237 S MAIN ST, GALENA, IL)
COVER: FREE

Kurt and Steve have been performing together since 2019. The combination of Kurt Stutzke as lead guitarist, Steve

Sieverding on rhythm guitar, and their distinct vocals and harmonies will have you enjoying their blend of '60s, '70s, and '80s country, classic rock, and even some rhythm and blues that you don't hear from other entertainers.

SAT 12/7



River Glen & Band, Bella Moss, Wxlley

7:30 PM @ THE GOOSE (920 MAIN ST)
TICKETS: \$15

Come get some nourishing folk-pop/folk-rock as River Glen & His Band deliver their final Dubuque performance of 2024 with Bella Moss and Wxlley. This performance will be a live album recording in partnership with Darren Hushak of Pinnacle Sound. This means that attendees will be asked not to talk downstairs during the performance. Doors at 7 p.m. facebook.com/RiverGlenMusic.

SUN 12/8



Ring of Kerry—Celtic Holiday Concert

2 PM @ TURNER HALL
(115 S BENCH ST, GALENA, IL)
TICKETS: FREE

Based in Minnesota, Ring of Kerry melds Celtic and American influences with traditional music, using a variety of Celtic instruments including whistles, flutes, guitar, hammered dulcimer, fiddle, cello, bouzouki, and bodhran. The group will be joined onstage by members of McNulty Irish Dancers. Having recently commemorated its 40th anniversary, McNulty School of Irish Dance has become one of the largest Irish Dance Schools in the Midwest, winning international competitions across borders, including Ireland and Montreal. This free Holiday concert carries on the spirit and tradition of the former Galena Festival for the Performing Arts. galenacenterforthearts.com.

FRI 12/13



John Denver Christmas

7:30 PM @ HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)
TICKETS: \$20-\$30

The music of John Denver is timeless and well known. Layne Yost's John Denver Christmas is a faithful tribute that pays homage to the music and the man. Yost, Carol McDowall, and Jon Shimoda capture the simple soul of Denver's music through guitar, fiddle, and upright bass arrangements. Woven within the music are stories that give insight into Denver's life and legacy. A wonderful show that will take you back and remind you of simple things that remain true. Presented by the Dubuque Arts Council. www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter.

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Edge by Goldmoor Inn

Food That Matches That View!

Story by Sunil Malapati
Photos by Gigantic Design Co.

There's an old adage in real estate—it is all about three things: location, location, location! Imagine an old castle on a small hilltop overlooking a broad river valley. The setting sun casts its last golden rays as you sit on the terrace sipping a gin gimlet. Soon, you will move inside for a cozy dinner and somehow the food manages to keep up with the view. The sensory overload is real.

The Goldmoor Inn has been providing hospitality as an upscale country inn for nearly three decades, consistently winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. The accompanying restaurant was also very highly regarded, rated as the top restaurant in Galena and the No. 5 most romantic date night spot in the U.S. on TripAdvisor in 2022. However, the perception that the restaurant was exclusive to the guests at the Goldmoor Inn did persist, and the owners Sloba and Birgit Radin decided to give the restaurant its own name and identity. And Edge was born.

Executive Chef Brandon Veitch was hired to develop both the menu and the identity of this new venture. Chef Veitch grew up in the Chicago suburbs, trained in the hospitality program at Roosevelt, and then gained experience working in various kitchens in Chicago and California. His experience ranges from a Mediterranean restaurant within a hotel to a private yacht in Catalina, and that eclectic range shows up on his menu. In my conversation with the chef on a cloudy fall afternoon, he was animated talking about the time he spends crafting the seasonal menu, displaying both food intelligence and a passion for the craft. I asked him to walk me through

his thought process about a meal a group of us had a week or so before.

Let me set the stage. As I walked in with Bryce and Christy, we were warmly welcomed by the staff at Goldmoor Inn and owner Sloba Radin. Kristina and Ryan, who were enjoying the terrace ahead of us, joined as we settled into our seats in a private dining room. As we contemplated the menu, fresh bread with a signature whipped butter with rosemary and brown butter was placed in front of us. I wondered at the wisdom of starting with such a strong flavor as rosemary and was quickly converted to admiration at how balanced the butter was. The brown butter enhanced the butteriness with rosemary adding a sly herbal note, perfect with warm bread. Christy was particularly happy with the gluten-free bread that had great texture. We were settling into a cozy space with a great wine list and signature cocktails.

The fall/winter menu has four appetizers, three salads, and eight entrées (and a possible shared braised short rib and lamb lasagna dish). The menu takes about two months to develop, with Chef Veitch balancing the expected with the “reach” for the adventurous. Each season is built with available produce in mind and specific proteins he can source. Some of the produce may end up in more than one dish, making prep easier, while signature flavoring oils distinguish them on each plate. While the chef consults reading blogs and books, especially *The Flavor Bible* (I can attest to the brilliance of this book!), he also relies on his own experience and intuition. The meal we experienced is the brilliance of culinary knowledge refracted through one singular chef.

We started with three dishes: “Ring” of braised rabbit, Hokkaido scallops,

and Italian burrata. The sweetness of the Hokkaido scallops was enhanced with brown butter whipped potato and apple pie filling, and contrasted with house kimchi, duck and shallot crumble, and sherry gastrique. The crumble and kimchi, a welcome textural respite from the soft scallops on soft potato. The Italian burrata (soft fresh cheese made from mozzarella and cream) was surrounded by a symphony of taste and flavor: roasted grapes and squash, arugula, broccoli with piri piri (a Portuguese sauce with African influence), Iberico ham, and ciabatta crisp—a world tour on a plate!

The “Ring” of Braised Rabbit is undoubtedly the most eye-catching of appetizers and solidified for me my take on the chef: unfamiliar takes on familiar comfort foods. Inspired by Grant Atkins (of Alinea fame), Chef Veitch embarked on making a ring of rabbit confit slowly cooked in fat and shaped it using Activa, a meat binder. He chose rabbit after recently playing with it as a ragu for

Easter and pairing it with cherry in spring. The ring is decorated with alternating drops of caramelized onion gravy and feta mousse, and surrounded by marinara sauce with Calabrian chile. Inside is a salad with pecorino cheese. Fried food with marinara sauce is oh so familiar, but here transformed into a dazzling gourmet feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

The entrées displayed similar showmanship with intelligent pairing of flavors and textures. Let me start with the Venison Tenderloin I had. The gaminess of the venison was offset first by a deep salt rub for two hours followed by a juniper spice rub for 4 to 5 days. The tenderloin was then simply seared and presented as three towers with accompaniments. Sweetness in the form of carrot puree, parsnips, apple, and huckleberry jus; textural contrast with apple, rye flour and juniper crumble, and Brussel sprouts; and herbal notes with rosemary oil for parsnips and garlic herb butter for Brussels sprouts. An arresting visual that lived up to its promise.



“RING” OF BRAISED RABBIT



BEEF WELLINGTON



PHOTO: 365INK

“PASSION” CARROT CAKE

The Brussels sprouts that supplied textural contrast to the venison played a different role with the White Pekin Duck Breast. The duck breast itself had a great sear after rendering the fat and was complemented by sweet potato risotto and chestnuts for sweetness, soy balsamic mushrooms for umami, red wine jus to enhance meatiness, and duck crumble for more texture. The Brussels sprouts here added a welcome green note to the surrounding richness.

Beef Wellington as a signature entrée is the chef declaring his expertise, and this version lends credence to that declaration. The beef encased in a gorgeous puff pastry was perfectly medium rare. The mushroom duxelles were a luxurious indulgence with a root vegetable medley dressed in rosemary oil providing the carbohydrate base. The sauce Au Poivre cut through the richness with peppercorn bite. The other beef dish, Bison Ribeye, exhibited solid meat cookery with the accompaniments superbly supporting the flavors: foie gras mousse, red wine braised onions, broccoli, brown butter mash, all topped with a lovely sauce bordelaise (red wine and shallots).

Chef Veitch’s Mediterranean influence most clearly shows up in the Amish chicken with a sparkling Zatar marinade. A white bean cassoulet worked with the perfectly juicy chicken with golden raisins, curry roasted cauliflower, and pine nuts, and the pomegranate jus added the right amount of astringency.

The desserts showcase techniques closer to a savory chef than a pastry chef, and the results are delightful. Chef Veitch indicated that the previous places he worked at included pastry chefs responsible for desserts and he is having quite a bit of fun learning new techniques. The thoughtfulness displayed in putting together flavors and textures in the main menu translates very well to the dessert menu.

We had two of the three featured desserts: “Passion” Carrot Cake and Chocolate Pretzel Indulgence. The latter had a gorgeous chocolate half-sphere with pretzel cake, Nutella buttercream, salted caramel, and peanut buttercream.



EDGE EXECUTIVE CHEF BRANDON VEITCH

I am not a huge fan of chocolate, it tasted good enough for me. The “Passion” Carrot Cake on the other hand was my favorite bite of the night! A deconstructed dessert in the best way possible; warm autumnal flavors permeated the moist carrot cake, but the accompaniments stole the show. Candied carrots added to the carrot flavor while coconut crumble and pineapple brought the piña colada to the party. Ginger snaps added both texture and warmth while the cream mousse provided the contrasting softness and indulgence. I could never have pictured those flavors together, and now that I have, I cannot imagine them apart!

While the taste of that carrot cake lingers, I cannot help but be impressed with how well the food and the ambience work together to create an unforgettable experience. I can only imagine how heavenly it would be to sit on the terrace sipping an Aperol spritz and indulging in a summer feast. For now, it is the warmth of comfort food to ward off the cold just outside the window. ■

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Chocolate Avocado Pudding

MAKES 4 SERVINGS

All You Need:

- 2 avocados, very ripe, seeded, peeled, and halved
- ½ cup Dutch processed cocoa
- ½ cup agave nectar
- ½ cup Hy-Vee vanilla almond milk
- 1 tsp Hy-Vee vanilla extract
- Chopped pistachios and/or walnuts, if desired

All You Do:

1. Place avocados, cocoa, agave, nectar, almond milk, and vanilla in a blender.
2. Cover and blend until smooth.
3. Divide the mixture among four dessert dishes.
4. Garnish with pistachios and/or walnuts, if desired.

Recipe adapted from: hy-vee.com

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Top Mood-Boosting Foods to Ease Anxiety and Depression During the Holidays

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Many of us look forward to gatherings, joy, and celebration as the holiday season approaches. However, this time of year can also bring increased anxiety and depression for a significant number of people. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 64% of individuals with mental health conditions report that the holidays worsen their symptoms. Did you know the foods you eat can have a big impact on your mood? Alongside prescribed medications and therapies, nutrition is vital in supporting mental health.

The Role of Nutrition in Mental Health

Research shows that nutrition can affect mental well-being by influencing brain function, mood regulation, and emotional resilience. While effective, many psychiatric medications can deplete essential nutrients like vitamin B6, iron, CoQ10 and vitamin D—necessary for producing neurotransmitters and maintaining energy levels.

The gut-brain connection is crucial to mental health, as the gut produces around 90% of the body’s serotonin, a neurotransmitter that regulates mood. An imbalance in gut bacteria can lead to inflammation and reduced serotonin levels, negatively affecting mental health. Let’s explore five “good mood foods” that can provide some of these key nutrients and help keep those holiday blues at bay.

5 Foods to Support Mental Health

1. **Salmon.** Salmon is rich in omega-3 fatty acids like EPA and DHA, essential for brain function. Omega-3 has been shown to reduce inflammation, which can positively impact anxiety and depression. Additionally, salmon is high in vitamin D, a mood-boosting nutrient many are deficient in, especially during winter. **How to incorporate:** Serve salmon on top of a holiday salad or create a smoked salmon spread to enjoy with guests.
2. **Sweet Potatoes.** Sweet potatoes are high in fiber and complex carbohydrates, which help maintain stable blood sugar levels and avoid mood swings. They’re also an excellent source of vitamin B6, which is critical for producing brain chemicals like serotonin, which helps regulate mood. **How to incorporate:** Serve mashed sweet potatoes or create holiday oven-roasted sweet potato dishes.

3. **Avocado.** Avocados are packed with healthy fats that support brain health and balance hormones. They are also a good source of B vitamins, which help boost brain chemicals that influence mood and energy levels. **How to incorporate:** Spread mashed avocado on toast for a simple breakfast or whip up an avocado pudding for a healthy dessert.
4. **OLIPOP (Gut-Friendly Soda).** The gut-brain connection plays a key role in mental health, and an imbalance in gut bacteria can affect your ability to produce mood-regulating brain chemicals. OLIPOP is a functional soda that combines the classic soda taste with the benefits of plant-based fiber, prebiotics, and botanical ingredients, supporting digestive health and overall well-being. **How to incorporate:** Create an eggnog mocktail by mixing ½ cup premade eggnog with one can of OLIPOP Cream Soda or try combining OLIPOP Crisp Apple with a splash of cranberry juice for a festive drink.
5. **Walnuts.** Walnuts are packed with omega-3 fatty acids and antioxidants, which support brain health and reduce oxidative stress, which is often linked to anxiety and depression. They are also a good source of fiber, which can help stabilize mood and support a healthy gut microbiome. **How to incorporate:** Add walnuts to salads, sprinkle them on mashed sweet potatoes or enjoy them as a healthy snack.

Start Small

The holidays can be stressful, but making small, intentional food choices can help support your emotional well-being. Incorporate these “good mood foods” into your holiday meals for a balanced mental and physical health approach. Even starting with one or two foods daily can make a positive difference.

If you want personalized nutrition advice to help improve your mental health, boost your mood, or optimize your overall well-being, a Hy-Vee dietitian can assess your current nutrition and provide customized strategies to fit your lifestyle and health goals. Be sure to contact a Hy-Vee dietitian today to schedule your free discovery session by visiting hy-vee.com/healthnew/dietitians. If you’re looking for a holiday treat incorporating mood-boosting foods, try this Chocolate Avocado Recipe. ■



The Berry Pickers

By John McAndrew

When the part of life on which we've trained our focus threatens to overwhelm us, sometimes it helps to change the scale. We can zoom in to the personal or microscopic, or zoom out to the cosmos or a geologic time scale.

Having been focused on US politics recently, my need to change scale and focus is to be expected. Ironic, perhaps, that I took refuge in an exquisite Japanese film about death (*Departures*: very highest recommendation) and first time novelist Amanda Peters' award-winning story, *The Berry Pickers*, of the theft of Indian children from their families.

The Berry Pickers shows how bigotry is found in the actions, not just of governments, but of individuals with no nefarious conscious motives. The story is told of and by two people from the same community of Indians in Nova Scotia who are seasonal workers in the berry patches of Maine. One family has been picking Maine berries for years. In 1962, their youngest girl, Ruthie, was spending time with her brother, Joe. They were close to home when Joe left Ruthie sitting on a rock, getting to know the world. And then she was gone. They searched high and low for her until, eventually, they had to return home. They returned every year for a while, and always kept an eye out for her, but never found her. After a shocking and capricious act of violence took another sibling, they did not return.

Meanwhile, in Maine, a girl named Norma from the same community lived with an American husband and wife as their daughter. They kept her heritage from her and hid her away in the house with little latitude for where she spent time away from home, and with whom. Even so, they loved her, in one of the ways in which dysfunctional families love one another. You know how that is, probably.

Through these narrative bifocals, we see the allure, power, and fear of belonging.

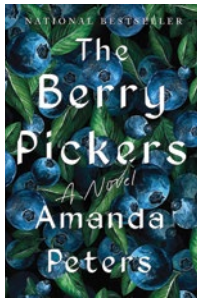
Peters' ability to honor the complexity of individual and family psychologies serves her story well. Her portrayal of her

characters and their flaws reminds me of Tony Hillerman's novels. (Also recommended if you've not read them. He was a white man raised among Navajo people. His novels were so faithful to their traditions, and respectful of The People, that they have been used in Navajo schools.) Peters, like Hillerman, treats even those with the most consequential flaws sympathetically. Both authors seem to seek understanding, not just judgment. We are who we are for reasons.

"There are some people, Joe, that we make allowances for. You know he nearly drowned as a baby and didn't quite grow up right after that. Nothing wrong with Frankie. God must have had a plan for him, so we take him just the way he is. He needs this [work] each summer just like we do. He likes to come and sit 'round the fire and earn a bit of pocket change... Just get back to work and be kind to Frankie. You never know when you might need kindness from people."

As someone once said, "You can't possibly know the truth about somebody unless you love them." Which complicates things, doesn't it? Because if love comes before judging, we may never find our way to getting the judging done.

You'll find that *The Berry Pickers* earned its awards. Spending time with good, albeit flawed, people might even restore some shattered faith in humankind. ■



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WICKED (PG)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Wicked is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Elphaba, a young woman who is misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, has yet to discover her true power. Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, 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.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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MOANA 2 (PG)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Walt Disney Animation Studios' epic animated musical *Moana 2* takes audiences on an expansive new voyage with Moana, Maui, and a brand-new crew of unlikely seafarers. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.



Movie Buzz

Academy Award-winning director Robert Zemeckis has revealed that he is interested in making a new *Back to the Future* movie, though it would have a major twist: A musical! Not unlike the filmed version of the Broadway production adapting Mel Brooks' *The Producers*. The stage musical version of *Back to the Future* opened in London's West End in 2021 to rave reviews, receiving the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Musical in 2022 and moved to Broadway in August 2023, with a national touring production beginning in June of 2024. But Zemeckis says Universal "don't get it."



Another *LEGO Movie* is now in development. Brothers Kevin and Dan Hageman are developing a script for a new *LEGO Ninjago* movie, but unlike the previous *LEGO Ninjago Movie*, this film will be live action. The LEGO Group has already enlisted directors Jake Kasdan (*Jumanji*), Patty Jenkins (*Wonder Woman*), and Joe Cornish to helm a trio of live-action movies for Universal Pictures.



Ridley Scott is currently developing a new *Alien* movie for 20th Century Studios following the success of *Alien: Romulus*, emphasizing the expansion of the franchise. This comes just days after the announcement of the *Alien: Romulus* sequel, indicating this might be a different movie following new characters and an original storyline. While no details have been revealed yet, it does indicate the franchise creator is coming back to his sci-fi horror work in a major way.



TriStar Pictures has preemptively acquired a comedy pitch, *The Breadwinner*, from stand-up comedian Nate Bargatze and Dan Lagana with Bargatze attached to star. This will mark Bargatze's first ever starring role in a feature film. He will also produce alongside Lagana. Jeremy Latcham is producing via Wonder Project. The project is in early development with Bargatze and Lagana currently writing the script. The comedy plot is being kept under wraps.



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Your Unique Ability

By Matt Booth

There is a great book called *Unique Ability*, based on a concept by business guru Dan Sullivan. It's all about identifying that special blend of talent and passion that makes you uniquely awesome. Think of it as your superpower—no cape required.

Your Unique Ability is the magical intersection of what you love to do and what you're amazing at. When you discover and develop this, life gets a whole lot better. More freedom. More happiness. More success. And maybe even fewer moments of yelling at your Wi-Fi router when it mysteriously stops working.

Everyone's got a unique ability. Yes, even you. I know what you're thinking, "But I'm just me. There's nothing special about that." Not true! Science (follow the science) confirms there's no one else in the world exactly like you. Even if you have an identical twin, they don't roll their eyes quite the way you do.

We spend so much time trying to fit in—whether it's at work, on social media, or pretending to understand TikTok dances—that we forget to embrace what makes us different. Spoiler alert: Your Unique Ability isn't about blending in; it's about standing out. And trust me, the world needs what you bring to the table.

In today's multitasking circus, discovering your Unique Ability can feel like finding a needle in a haystack while blindfolded. We're all so busy doing "the stuff" that keeps life moving—paying bills, folding laundry, scrolling Instagram for that perfect recipe—we rarely stop to think about what truly lights us up.

How to uncover your Unique Ability:

You're Really, Really Good at It: Others notice your skill, even if you downplay it. ("Oh, it's nothing," you say, while juggling flaming torches like a pro.)

You're Obsessed with It: You'd do this all day if you could. (Yes, even on a Monday.)

It Energizes You and Others: You light up doing it, and people can feel that energy.

You Never Stop Improving: Every time you do it, you get better—and the possibilities seem endless.

Sound familiar? If not, don't worry. Sometimes we're so close to our Unique Ability that we can't see it. Ask friends, family, or that one coworker who always eats your snacks—they might see what you don't.



Here in Dubuque, Unique Abilities are everywhere. Take the owner of that new Gyro Hub downtown. They've turned their passion for Indian food into art. Or the neighbor who makes those American flags from old pallets. Even the folks right here at *365ink* have their Unique Ability—to bring humor, wit, and community connections to your coffee table.

When you lean into your Unique Ability, amazing things happen. Work doesn't feel like "work" anymore. You're happier. More fulfilled. And best of all, the world gets to benefit from your talent.

What's holding you back? Worried you're not special? Trust me, you are. Think of yourself as a factory model that came equipped with a one-of-a-kind feature. Sure, some assembly is required, but once you figure it out, you're unstoppable.

Make a list of things you love to do and feel great at. Then think about where those overlap. Life's too short to be average. Go find your Unique Ability—it's part of your charm. Need help? Buy the book, grab some Indian food, and reflect. ■

MATT BOOTH

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"ALTER YOUR LIFE BY ALTERING YOUR ATTITUDE." —MATT BOOTH

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For all library events that require pre-registration, please visit: dubcolib.org/calendar



Dubuque County Library District



Murder Mystery Party

It's the roaring 20s and you've been invited to a party at Phillip T. Wrich's estate! There's a rumor that he'll be announcing the heir to his family fortune tonight, but before that can happen, someone will be murdered. Will you be a suspect, a witness, or a detective? Gather your friends, brush off your detecting skills, and get ready to solve the crime! For Ages 16+ RSVP Required.

Asbury: Saturday, November 23, 11 AM

Tai Chi Basics

Learn basic Tai Chi stretches from a certified instructor to build strength, flexibility and balance. This low-impact, relaxing form of exercise is ideal for older individuals. RSVP recommended.

Holy Cross: Tuesday, December 3, 11 AM
Farley: Wednesday, December 4, 11 AM



Writer's Workshop

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

Farley: Thursday, Nov. 21, 4:30 PM
Peosta: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 4:30 PM



Trivia Night: Holiday Edition

Test your knowledge and join us for a thrilling trivia night at the library! Gather your friends, sharpen your wits, and compete for PRIZES while enjoying an evening of brain-teasing fun.

Farley: Thursday, December 5, 4:30 PM



Kids Craft Club: DIY Puzzles

Join us for a monthly craft project for kids! In November we're creating our custom original puzzles. This craft is one that kids will get endless use out of as they challenge themselves and others to put their puzzle back together!

Asbury: Thursday, November 21, 4:30 PM
Farley: Friday, November 22, 4:30 PM
Holy Cross: Monday, November 25, 4:30 PM
Epworth: Tuesday, November 26, 4:30 PM



Nature Squad

Nature Squad brings the fun of the outdoors into the library! Join us for hands-on nature-themed activities that will spark kids' love for the natural world and encourage them to explore nature.

Farley: Monday, December 2, 4:30 PM
Epworth: Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 PM



Euchre

You're not a Dubuquer if you can't play Euchre! Discover the fun and strategy of this classic Midwestern card game. Join us to learn the rules, tricks, and tactics of Euchre, perfect for players of all skill levels.

Epworth: Friday, November 22, 4:30 PM
Asbury: Friday, December 6, 4:30 PM



Candy Houses

Come make a candy house! We'll provide graham crackers, icing, and all sorts of candy decorations, and YOU provide the imagination. For all ages.

Peosta: Wednesday, December 4, 3 PM
Holy Cross: Wednesday, December 4, 5 PM



Chess Club

Welcome to the timeless game of chess! Join us for engaging lessons where beginners and seasoned players alike can sharpen their skills and learn winning tactics and strategies.

Peosta: Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 PM
Asbury: Wednesday, December 4, 4:30 PM



Five Convenient County Library Locations...

- Asbury 5290 Grand Meadow Dr., 563-582-0008
- Farley Municipal Building, 206 1st St N., 563-744-3475
- Epworth - 110 Bierman Road S.E., 563-876-3388
- Holy Cross - 895 Main Street, 563-870-2082
- Peosta (in NICC) - 8342 NICC Dr., 563-556-5110 ext. 224

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Can you spot 10 differences in this photo from Cable Car Square's Christmas On the Square event by photographer Ron Tigges from DigitalDubuque.com? The event returns Saturday, Nov. 30.



Spot the Difference Answers



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Upcoming Family Events

SAT 12/7

Centrally Rooted Christmas Open House

10 AM-2 PM @ CENTRALLY ROOTED
Enjoy a Mindful Musicians mini-class, photos, and a singalong with Santa as well as raffles, hot chocolate and delicious holiday baked goods. Guests may also take advantage of Centrally Rooted's art and music exploration labs. Centrally Rooted is a Dubuque-based nonprofit organization that focuses on brain health through creative expression. Free. 2230 Central Ave. **563-500-7641**. centrallyrooted.com.

SUN 12/8

Waffles with Santa

7:30 AM-NOON @ CAMPS ALBRECHT ACRES KEHL CENTER (SHERRILL, IA)
Visit with Santa and enjoy all you can eat Belgian waffles, meat, apple sauce, juice, milk, and coffee. All proceeds benefit Camp Albrecht Acres. Adults: \$10; Ages 5-12: \$5; Ages 4 and Younger: Free.

14837 Sherrill Rd, Sherrill, IA. **563-588-7959**. albrechtacres.org.

MON 12/9

Hot Cocoa with Santa

5-7 PM @ BACKPOCKET DUBUQUE
Enjoy a cozy mug of hot cocoa, topped just the way you like it, cookie decorating bar, and tell Santa how good you've been this year. All ages. Free. 333 E 10th St. facebook.com/backpocketdubuque.

SAT 12/14

Platteville Meet & Greet Santa

9-10:30 AM @ PLATTEVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
The holiday season is here, and Santa is making a special stop at the Platteville Municipal Airport to spread some festive cheer. The whole community is invited to come meet the big man himself, enjoy some holiday treats, take pictures with Santa, and see some amazing aircraft up close. 5157 State Rd 80, Platteville, WI. **608-348-8888**. platteville.com.

Meet the Grinch at Home+FloorShow

10 AM-NOON @ HOME+FLOORSHOW
Get ready to meet your favorite holiday grump—the Grinch! Snap some fun photos, enjoy hot chocolate, and indulge in delicious cookies while getting into the holiday spirit. Whether you're a fan of his antics or just love the holiday fun, this is an event the whole family will enjoy. Free. 1475 Associates Dr. **563-557-9952**. facebook.com/HomeFloorShow.

Shenandoah's Country Christmas

10 AM-NOON @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL)
Enjoy crafts for kids and wagon rides for the whole family. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will hand out gifts and read stories. The hot chocolate bar will warm you up after your wagon ride. Lead lines on horses and ponies available for \$20/child. Adult beverages available for purchase. RSVP. \$5 ages 12 and younger; free for adults. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. **815-777-9550**. shenandoahridingcenter.com.

Lunch with Santa

11 AM-1 PM @ MIDTOWN MARINA (EAST DBQ, IL)
Santa will be making the long trip from the North Pole to Midtown Marina. Kids will get to tell Santa whether they've been naughty or nice and receive a gift bag from Santa. Entry includes lunch and a gift bag. Adults can enjoy beverages and menu items

for purchase. RSVP by 12/5. \$12/child. 285 5th St, East Dubuque, IL. **815-747-3310**. midtownmarina.com.

SUN 12/15

Dubuque Co Fairgrounds Breakfast with Santa

8 AM-NOON @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Enjoy breakfast with the Big Guy (Santa) along with children's activities while getting into the holiday festivities. Fun for the whole family because who doesn't like seeing the children's eyes light up when they see Santa? Meal includes pancakes, sausage, ham, tater tots, eggs, applesauce, OJ, milk, and coffee. RSVP. Adults: \$10; Ages 5-12: \$5; Ages 4 and younger: Free. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. dbqfair.com.

DeSoto House Breakfast with Santa

8 AM-1 PM @ DESOTO HOUSE HOTEL (GALENA, IL)
Children will get to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus and share their wishlist. Frosty the Snowman and a cheerful Elf will be making appearances throughout the event to spread some extra holiday cheer. With festive music, beautifully decorated Christmas tree, delicious breakfast meals, with specialty menu for the children, it's sure to be a holly jolly experience for the whole family. Santa arrives at 8:30 a.m. RSVP. 230 S Main St, Galena, IL. **815-777-0090**. desotohouse.com.

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I WANT TO DO THIS AND NOT DROWN!

Wanted: Swim Lessons

By Pam Kress-Dunn

I used to know how to swim. That is, if you define “swim” as pretending to do a side stroke in order to get from one side of the shallow end to the other. Now I’m seeking lessons in actual swimming, the kind we call “the crawl!” because it allows us to crawl from one side of the deep end to the other, after diving in and attaching ourselves to the bottom. No? I guess not. Like I said, I don’t know much about swimming.

As a youngster, I traveled every summer with Mom, Dad, and sister Bonnie to a crystalline lake in Minnesota. Lake Ada was set among trees and a mostly blue sky near Pine River, a burg we went to only to stock up on groceries and candy. We stayed in a cabin just steps from the lake, with various members of our extended family occupying the others.

The lake was maybe a mile wide. We hauled our air mattresses and inner tubes over the sand beach, waded in, and spent the day paddling around. Those who could swim would slip into skis and stand behind speedboats to leave trails around the lake. Every year, my cousin Bob swam to the other side of the lake, with his sister following in a boat. He didn’t need rescuing; he could swim like the wind.

When we tired of the water, we would lay out our beach towels, slather arms and legs with baby oil—with an SPF of minus-50—and worship the sun. We called it “working on” our tans, a hilarious term for lying half-comatose as our skin seared. Nothing felt better than running back into the cool lake water after reaching roasting temperature.

But I never learned to swim. Mom enrolled me in lessons at the downtown pool, and I was forced to take lessons every summer at Camp Conestoga, a Girl Scout Camp near New Liberty. Mom displayed her expertise in the lake with a strict routine: first floating on her tummy, then flipping over onto her back while taking a big breath, and ending with a flourish, paddling her feet as far as she could. Ta da!

I was pretty sure that real swimming involved a bit more. I learned to paddle my feet and to move my arms like a bird, as well as breathing underwater. I mean breathing above the water, then blowing bubbles underneath. Is that right? Now that I think of it, I tried to learn in the pool at my high school, too, wishing by then that it had no pool at all. I knew the basics: flap your feet, move your arms, turn your head, breathe.

It was not until college, when I tried to refresh my flute playing, that I learned my breath technique, if you could call it that, was flawed. Sitting there with my teacher, I had a brainstorm as I realized I had the breathing all wrong in the water, too. I would raise my head, take a breath, put my head back in the water while holding that breath, then raise my head and let the air out, rather desperately. Oh, dear. It was exhausting.

My own children, I vowed, would learn to swim, really learn to swim. I took Allison to Mommy-and-Baby classes, in which we mothers stood in the shallow end and dunked our babies briefly into the water. They would emerge wide-eyed, not crying but astonished. WHAT was THAT? they must have been wondering. This was fun, and it bonded us even closer to our dear little offspring, but those were not swim lessons.

My daughter and son learned to swim at the Y. I was gobsmacked the first time I saw Allie not only swim but —get this!—dive into the water. Oh, how I wish I could do that. I’ll never forget the time I visited Dan in college and invited him and his friends to the pool at my hotel. As I sat on a chair to watch them, I was soaking wet from their cannonballs and proud as punch at Dan’s ease in the water. Yay them. Yay me.

But I have traumatic memories of my two near-drowning incidents. The first was at Girl Scout Camp, where I accidentally drifted into the semi-deep end, deeper than my five feet and two inches, and all I could do was bounce up and down, hoping to propel myself back into the shallows. Failing that, I decided I’d rather be embarrassed than dead, and grabbed the strap of the girl standing with her back to me. She was annoyed, but I was saved.

My other near-miss with a watery grave happened when my college friends and I discovered a swimming hole out in the country. Woohoo! Jumping in felt fantastic on that hot August day, until I realized, once again, my limits. That day, I managed to use my pathetic sidestroke to find my footing and climb out. The next time the gang jumped in Dinny’s car, I begged off, pretending I had a test to cram for.

It’s shameful to nearly drown because you never managed to master swimming. It’s a shame, too, when you can’t promise your son you’ll keep his daughters safe in a hotel swimming pool, although they are getting proper lessons. I love being up to my neck in water at the aquatics class I’m taking, but it’s not swimming. I have asked everyone I know where I can find lessons for grown-ups, and so far, I’m coming up short. Please! I’d rather come up from a dive off the edge of a pool. ■

PAM KRESS-DUNN

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PUZZLE PAGE

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 32

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

TOOTIN' MAD ACROSS

- 1 Lie down in rest
- 7 Pedometer unit
- 11 Trial fig.
- 14 Pig in a kids' series
- 19 A bit coarse, as humor
- 20 — sapiens
- 21 Informal talks
- 23 Personae non — (unwelcome sorts)
- 24 At the summit
- 25 Nielsens, e.g.
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Granola bit
- 30 Goose of Hawaii
- 31 Many a craft brew, in brief
- 32 — center (play area)
- 33 Thu. follower
- 36 "That's — blow!"
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Suffix with billion
- 45 High-IQ crew
- 46 Harp relatives
- 47 Uncouth sorts
- 50 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
- 52 City near Seattle
- 56 Riddle, part 3
- 62 Hat for Indiana Jones
- 63 Esther of "Good Times"
- 64 China's Chou En- —
- 65 Uncertainties
- 68 Very last part
- 70 Opus
- 72 Freaks out
- 75 Gore, Roker and Pacino
- 76 Relative of .edu or .org
- 78 Base for head hair
- 80 Like many Coast Guard rescues
- 81 Riddle, part 4
- 86 Feature of the word "jot"
- 87 Execs' mag
- 88 Idea sources
- 89 Skylit lobbies
- 92 Project deets
- 96 James of "Alien Nation"
- 98 End of the riddle
- 103 Pirate's drink
- 107 Bunch
- 108 "Deck the Halls" contraction
- 109 Mined stuff
- 110 Egyptian canal
- 112 Year, in Brazil
- 113 Riddle's answer
- 119 Like the work of insurance risk calculators
- 121 "Bye-bye!"
- 122 Walk really quietly
- 123 Lambastes
- 124 Pre-'91 empire
- 125 "7 Rings" singer Grande

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

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



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- 127 "Fancy that!"
- 128 Chinese dog, in brief
- 129 Became taut
- 34 Comic Issa
- 35 SSNs, e.g.
- 37 Artist Andy
- 39 Iconic "Dragnet" line
- 40 Granola bits
- 41 Often-tickled Muppet
- 42 With 48-Down, "Barry Lyndon" star
- 44 French river or department
- 47 U.K.'s counterpart to an Oscar
- 48 See 42-Down
- 49 A bit strange
- 51 Neither's partner
- 53 Ocean east of Ga.
- 54 Mined stuff
- 55 Columbus citizen
- 57 Mexican general Villa
- 58 Donovan of "Clueless"
- 59 Decide (to)
- 60 Decompose
- 61 "— Cousins" (Elvis Presley film)
- 66 Grazing area
- 67 Doesn't leave
- 69 Mail slot spot
- 71 Plaza Hotel girl
- 73 Rho follower
- 74 Botching it up
- 77 "Rocky III" co-star
- 79 Wordplay bit
- 82 "That so?"
- 83 Persian ruler
- 84 Like a snoop
- 85 Build up, as interest
- 89 Piercing tool
- 90 Even if, in brief
- 91 Snare drum sound
- 93 Inadequate
- 94 Annual basketball contest on the Continent
- 95 Silk nightdress
- 97 Proficient in
- 99 Pong maker
- 100 Clamping down on
- 101 Lordly home
- 102 Beachward
- 104 Believers in Jah, informally
- 105 Common soccer score
- 106 Conk out, as a machine
- 111 Old name of the Congo
- 114 "Hooper" star Reynolds
- 115 Junior miss
- 116 Big ice mass
- 117 Bit of work
- 118 Revolve
- 119 It's pressed for cash
- 120 Co. big shot

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Two By Two Character Development's Captain Character made an appearance to congratulate the 4th grade class at Irving School All Stars for being Kindhearted Kids to the Rescue!



On the eve of their state tournament, Wahlert High School's football team and their families gathered together for a candle-lit prayer service noting that these moments embody the spirit of the Golden Eagle community.



Mechanical bull riding was just one of the country-themed forms of entertainment, along with five great live bands, at the recent Yee-Haw Jamboree music festival hosted by Gary Dolphins Iron Bar in Dubuque Millwork District.



Long time favorites, Miles Nielsen and the Rusted Hearts made their triumphant return to the Lift in downtown Dubuque for a set of stellar originals and a few killer covers. Long live Dan!



"I'm not sure about this guy with the beard?" Kiddos made their way to Phoenix Theatres over the weekend for their annual \$1 screening of The Polar Express and to meet Santa!



From watching "Wheel of Fortune" at home to being on set! U.D. staff member Josh Crowell (C'08) tested his luck and knowledge on the iconic show recently. He came in second place!



Wags at the Flags returned to Five Flags, giving dog owners an opportunity for indoor play in Dubuque as cold and inclement weather sets in for... a while. Check FiveFlagsCenter.com for the Wags schedule!



Dubuque Senior High School recently staged the musical comedy Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at Dubuque Senior High School! Photo by proud mom Tami Norton.



Hy-Vee in Asbury was honored to welcome veterans for their 25th Annual Free Veterans Day Breakfast.



The tradition continues as the Dubuque Jaycees decorated the Washington Park Gazebo for the holidays. Did you know the current gazebo was funded by the Jaycees in the '70s, modeled after the original which was torn down way back at the turn of the century.



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Angela's
Awesome Advice

DEAR ANGELA,

I just started working out at the gym facility where I work. I don't know anyone who works out there but of the five times I have gone, there is another guy who is always there too. And let me tell you he is a beast. Like he's cranking out hundreds of reps and deadlifting a ton of weight. I'm not great at making friends but this guy seems like he'd be cool to talk to. How do I approach him and not make it weird when I compliment him on crushing his workout game?
—New Gym Rat on New Ridge Road

DEAR NEW,

I'm all about making new friends, especially adults. A friend is someone who you can complain to your other friends about, and if you only have one friend, then you have no one to

commiserate with, so cultivating lots of them is important. Now that being said, the worst thing you can do is complement someone who is "working on themselves." The only plausible reason that this guy is on beast mode is because he has something to prove. Maybe he is six months post-divorce, or he has some new startup he's trying to attract investors in. Maybe he is just really sad because all the bees are dying and he is working out to become strong so he can be Bee-Man, protector of the bees fighting injustice AND wearing a skimpy leotard in black and yellow stripes, I don't know. If you befriend him, YOU will find out that true reason. Then you will understand that you cannot throw him a curveball by simply complementing his physique. This will totally throw him off his game, causing him to spiral and *gasp* eat some carbs. This would be devastating for the bees, so keep your compliments to yourself and simply approach him with this opening: "You're new here too, huh?"

DEAR ANGELA,

Oh no, it's finally happened. For fifteen years (since I've been going to Thanksgiving at my in-laws) I've asked "let me know what I can bring!" The first year I

was assigned dessert. I made a pumpkin pie cheesecake and it was a disaster. The outside was burnt and the inside was still raw. Plus everyone was upset that I didn't just bring regular ol' pumpkin pie. Since then I have been told "No need to bring anything, just yourself!" Which was devastating but for the best. But then. I got a text. CAN YOU BRING PUMPKIN PIE. DONT FORGET COOL WHIP. I have been in a tailspin ever since. I can't bake! Do I make it from scratch? I just know it will turn out awful. Is using a can of pumpkin considered "from scratch"? It's more than I can handle and I've never been less thankful for thanksgiving. What should I do?
—Dreadful Baker on Drexel

DEAR DREADFUL,

I have been advocating to get rid of pumpkin pie for decades, but alas, the tradition of masking the taste of a mushy sweet squash and dried out crust with dollops of whipped cream so big you can't even see what you're eating continues. I think people just like Cool Whip, and the pie is a really good reason to eat a LOT of it. Lucky for you, I am willing to share my grandmother's famous recipe. The ingredients list is short, only four things! One bottle of

spiced rum, one gallon of apple cider, two tubs of Cool Whip, and one prepared pie from the bakery department of the store. The steps are simple: Bring the pie, do not even take it out of the store packaging. Open one tub of cool whip (preferably still mostly frozen) and stick a spoon in it. Let someone else cut the stupid pie. Then mix the rum and the apple cider and drink it until the screams of the great grandchildren no longer annoy you. Like your drink a bit sweeter? Add dollops of cool whip and fall asleep on the couch watching *It's a Wonderful Life*. At least, this is how it works out for my grandma every year, and everyone always makes a big deal about her being there and how we have to be grateful for the time we have with her, even though that time is spent tip-toeing around her sleeping in the living room. Bon appétit!

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Horoscopes**
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ARIES

(APR 19–MAY 13)

Everybody gets all, “Oh no!” when they talk about Mercury being in retrograde. But if you did as poorly in school as they did as kids, you wouldn’t want your grades to be retro either.



TAURUS

(MAY 14–JUNE 19)

You may not be good at actually following through with the goals you set, but at least you get that nice little emotional bump of actually setting them. Most of us can’t even get THAT far.



GEMINI

(JUNE 20–JULY 20)

Someone is playing mental games with you, aren’t they? Pity. They’re like silly little children playing hide-and-seek in a condemned building. It will be fun for them... until it’s not.



CANCER

(JULY 21–AUG 9)

Apparently Pluto is entering Aquarius for the next two decades or something? And that’s supposedly a big thing? I don’t know. I’m starting to think astrology is bullcrap, how ‘bout you?



LEO

(AUG 10–SEP 15)

Your creativity will help you flourish in positive ways as Scorpio sets the scene for a sun-Neptune trining. For once, your imagination will be used for good instead of constantly reliving shames that others have long since forgotten.



VRGO

(SEP 16–OCT 30)

It’s a great time to get cozy and enjoy some the warmth of home, friends, and family. This has nothing to do with astrology, it’s just that time of year when things get otherwise dark and cold. Wait, does axial tilt affect astrology? Geez, you’d think I would know that, wouldn’t you? It’s almost like anyone could write this crap.



LIBRA

(OCT 31–NOV 22)

The sacrifices you have made for the good of others have not gone unnoticed. I mean... how could they go unnoticed? There’s blood everywhere.



SCORPIO

(NOV 23–NOV 29)

With the sun entering Sagittarius, you’ll be busy, busy, busy? In fact... what the hell are you doing wasting time reading *365ink*?! Sure, it’s the Tri-States’ best way to stay on top of all the hot happenings, with advertisers who deserve your consumer dollar. But you’ve got stuff that needs doing.



OPHIUCHUS

(NOV 30–DEC 17)

Now’s the time to dig deep into your genealogy and learn something about where you came from. Or! I could just save you the time and just tell you that your family have ALWAYS been idiots. Spoiler alert.



SAGITTARIUS

(DEC 18–JAN 8)

While it’s true that no one in your family has ever amounted to anything in the history of Hill Valley, the zodiac can’t really account for time travel. Or... wait... since the alignment of bodies in the night sky doesn’t change with time travel... maybe it’s astrology that keeps the space-time continuum together? Whoa.



CAPRICORN

(JAN 9–FEB 15)

With the sun entering your sign, you will experience a huge boost of confidence. Your confidence won’t be deserved, of course. It never is. But take the time to strut, I guess.



AQUARIUS

(FEB 16–MAR 11)

Get ready to meet your best self when Pluto enters your sign for the next few decades. And get ready to be disappointed because the “self” that you are right now is as good as it gets.



PISCES

(MAR 12–APR 18)

The world around you will be an inspiration to you. Meanwhile, the world around you will see you as nothing more than a cautionary tale.

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