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Notes from the Publisher... Fostering ideas, conversations and arguments.

Well Happy New Year everybody! Here we go! 2025! What could possibly go wrong? I know some of us are very excited about it and others are about as nervous as you can get. But we don't really have a choice. We made this bed, so now we have to sleep in it.

Before we quite got to 2025, 2024 went out on a decidedly disappointing and heartbreaking note for me and many others in Dubuque who are connected to civic and cultural organizations in the area. In just a couple of days, we lost some pretty wonderful people who made incredibly positive and lasting impacts on this community.

First, we learned of the passing of one time Dubuquer and Loras College alum, Greg Gumbel at age 78. After Loras, he went on to a Hall of Fame career as a sports broadcaster, and along the way, reconnected with his alma mater, bringing great support to the school both financially but in many other ways. He's one of those people, like Tony Danza and George R.R. Martin, who are not from here but who we point to as being an important part of our cultural history.

A day later, I learned of the passing of one Dubuque's most wonderful supporters of the arts and culture, Cindy Nelms-Byrne. As my friend Chris Wyrda puts it, "She was an amazing human in every way with a fire that made everyone glow." She was also married to Bob Byrne, one of Dubuque's most storied writers and personalities. Together again in the stars those two, which can only make them burn a little brighter.

And a day later, Morgan Frasier, director of the Mission in downtown Dubuque, was lost to cancer after a courageous fight. Though not long-serving in the role, his compassion and leadership was greatly appreciated and much missed by those at the organization. I know his mentoring support and encouragement of my friend Jeff Lenhart, who has been serving as acting director of the Mission since Morgan had to step aside to focus on his health, has been immeasurably valuable. I hope they give Jeff a chance to continue leading the organization surrounded by supportive people who understand the value that place and

the ongoing struggle that it is to keep it working for those struggling in our community.

We lost Duane Haggerty, Chief Executive Officer at Heritage Works, Inc as well today. This great organization's vision is literally to develop an authentic, vibrant, and culturally rich community with financial tools, workforce training, educational workshops, and architectural tours. Briana Thompson wrote this of Duane today, "Duane poured so much wisdom into me & was one of those most sweetest & compassionate human beings I've met in this town. He was intelligent, courageous, motivated & ran his company with so much integrity that he never compromised."

And on the same day, we hear of the passing of one of America's true humanitarian icons. If ever there was a man whose impact on the world was greater after he left the Oval Office than before, Jimmy Carter is that man. Humble, imperfect, wise, compassionate, hopeful, and ever-giving right up to the end. His life is one that any of us, regardless of our politics, should hope to emulate.

In the greater balance of loss vs. gain in this world, Dubuque suffered a massive collective loss of talent, class, and humanity this week. It's only the night of Dec. 29 as I write this, so I hope to tiptoe out of this year without adding anyone else to this list. It feels like a series of unfair gut punches in a row. It's almost as if all of these truly fine people looked ahead and what's coming down the pipe in less than a month and decided to tap out before they have to see it happen. But I know that's not true. Given the option, each would have been on the front line to keep fighting the good fight for their community and the people who live here.

My hope for 2025 is that Dubuque is able to foster new leaders, inspirational torch bearers, and dynamic cultural catalysts that swing that pendulum to the gain side of the balance we've just lost. Whereas we can't always do a heck of a lot about what's happening in the world around us, in this small corner of the world, we all can be the change we want to see in the world, and right now, we all need to step up a little to fill the voids we see each time we lose another hero.

I sincerely hope the first week of 2025 is better than the last week of 2024 has been for our community. And may the rest of the year follow that trend despite the hurdles ahead. ■

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Dubuque County Business Competition Deadline

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

For the second consecutive year, ambitious entrepreneurs will have an avenue to help launch their business or help it grow. The Dubuque County Business Competition, organized by The Innovation Lab and powered by Dupaco Credit Union, is set to bring together startups, existing businesses, funders, and mentors under one roof, providing a unique opportunity for them to kickstart or scale their ventures.

Entrepreneurs will be selected from applications to participate in the competition taking place on Feb. 6. Each participating entrepreneur will receive \$250 in

seed funding, and an additional \$20,000 in funding will be awarded to help fuel business growth. In addition, each participant will have the opportunity to gain insights from industry experts who will help them refine their strategies and fine-tune their pitches, giving their business ideas the best possible chance of success.

The competition will start with a Funding Fair on Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. where the finalists will each have a booth to display their business information and concepts. Attendees will listen to pitches from each business and vote for their favorite concept. A panel of expert judges will also listen to and score pitches. The businesses that garner the top five judges' scores will be selected to pitch at the live pitch event. The business that generates the most crowd votes also earns a spot in the live pitch event.

Six finalists will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. to deliver their compelling 5-minute pitches to the crowd. Their pitches will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges with the top three businesses receiving seed funding of \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second place, and \$2,750 for third place.

For more information about the entry criteria, the judging process, and how to sign up for a chance to win funding for your business, visit innovationlab.us/dbqbizcomp to fill out an application by Jan. 6. ■

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COWTIPPERS
The Cowtippers
Saturday January 25, 2 PM

The Cowtippers show is a timeline of Country Music from the '60s through the '90s representing some of the most popular music from the different periods from Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash, through the Merle Haggard and George Jones, onto the '70s "Urban Cowboy" craze, then to the resurgence of Country with George Strait, Brooks & Dunn and more. It's an evening guaranteed to trigger memories!

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

FRI 1/3

Monopoly Mania

10-11:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Head to the library and make a new friend while playing Monopoly and learning some tricks and strategies to the game. Everyone leaves with a new Monopoly board game. Ages 8-12. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225 x2228. carnegiestout.org/events.

SUN 1/5



Thrifty Affair

10 AM-2 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Jodi & KT Invite You to find a good deal at the indoor garage sale. \$1. 14569 Old Highway Rd. facebook.com/JodiandKT.

THU 1/9

Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Movie Trivia Night

6:30-9 PM @ HAPPY'S PLACE
Teams of 4-8 are invited to a movie trivia night with prizes, fun games, 50/50 raffle, and heads/tails. JDIFF can add you in a team. \$25/person. 2323 Rockdale Rd. JulienFilmFest.com.

Dubuque Audubon Society: Improving the River Environment

6:45-8 PM @ EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Jeremiah Haas, fisheries biologist at Quad Cities Clean Energy Center, will speak about their Mississippi River monitoring, hatchery operation, and outreach. The Quad Cities Clean Energy Center in Cordova, IL, has been in operation since 1973 and has been conducting environmental work since 1971. Social

time at 6:45, program at 7 p.m. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. AudubonDubuque.org.

SAT 1/11



Becoming an Outdoor Woman

9 AM-NOON @ SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER (PEOSTA, IA)
A welcome introduction, three sessions, and lunchtime are offered. Sessions include knot tying, wood stick carving and winter ecology hike. Bring your own lunch. No prior experience necessary. Dress appropriately for the weather. RSVP required. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. 563-556-6745. dubuquecountyiowa.gov/conservation.

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Jan 25 - April 26

Meeting time:
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

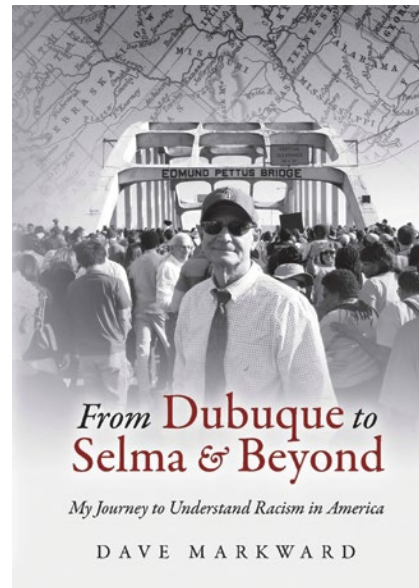
Location: Dubuque Esports League, 3220 Dodge Street, Suite 109,
Dubuque, IA 52003

Registration Deadline:
Jan 23

Cost: \$200
Includes camp t-shirt. Scholarships are available.
Limited to 24 participants per camp.



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“From Dubuque to Selma & Beyond” Author Event

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 @ 5:30-7 PM
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC
LIBRARY (360 W 11TH ST)
Carnegie-Stout Public Library wel-
comes Dubuque native and author Dave

Markward on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 5:30-7 p.m. Markward will discuss his book *From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond: My Journey to Understand Racism in America*, his transformative journey that inspired the book, and take audience questions. This event is free and open to the public. Copies of *From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond* will be available for purchase.

From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond: My Journey to Understand Racism in America is a memoir that shares author Dave Markward’s journey of personal transformation; going from an exclusively white upbringing in Dubuque, to a life enriched by diversity. His book delves into the complex world of racism and shares his unwavering belief in humanity and the power of education to effect change.

Dave Markward has dedicated his professional life to public education, starting his career as a junior high school science teacher, then as a coach, principal, school district superintendent, college instructor, and educational consultant. Markward is a graduate of Dubuque Senior High School and Augustana College (Illinois), he also holds two advanced degrees from Western Illinois University and a doctorate from Illinois State University.

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



Ice Fest

JANUARY 18 AND 19 @ 10 AM-4 PM
NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM
& AQUARIUM (350 E 3RD ST)

Ice Fest is the “coolest” way to start off the year. On Jan. 18 and 19 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m., enjoy winter-themed crafts, activities, and more. Come dressed for indoor and outdoor activities with fun for the whole family.

Activities throughout the day (weather permitting) include winter carnival-themed games and activities (both indoor and outdoor); a craft corner featuring

ice skate, snow globe, mitten designing, and lacing snowmen projects; snowshoeing; an open water rescue demonstration by the Dubuque Fire Department at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; ice harvesting; a hot cocoa bar; fire pits with s’mores kits; snow sculpting courtesy of the River Museum team and Snowbabes; and blacksmith demonstrations.

Ice Fest is included with your general admission or River Museum membership. For tickets and more information, call the River Museum at **563-557-9545** or visit RiverMuseum.org. ■

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MON 1/13

**Special Olympics
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VARIOUS LOCATIONS
1/13–1/14. More than 200 athletes with intellectual disabilities from across the state compete in Alpine and Nordic skiing, figure skating, snowshoeing, speed skating, and more. The Grand River Center, Sundown Mountain Resort, Camp Albrecht Acres, and ImOn Arena will host the competitions and activities. SOIowa.org/winter-games.

WED 1/15

**Iowa Power: Meet the Team Night**

6 PM @ GARY DOLPHIN'S IRON BAR
Get ready for an exciting introduction to Dubuque's newest professional sports team—The Power! Meet the players and cheerleaders, enjoy food and drinks, and learn about the fast-paced world of arena football. Team representatives will be on hand to answer questions and share what makes this game so unique. 333 E 10th St. **563-513-0788**. IowaPowerFootball.com.

SAT 1/18

Triple D Winter Endurance Race

8 AM @ 7 HILLS BREWING COMPANY AND DURANGO TRAILHEAD
This winter endurance trail event traverses Dubuque County in the dead of winter by bike or foot. Triple D Biking Races include 70-Mile Triple D Race, 35-Mile Double D Race, 17-Mile Half Double D Fun Ride + Poker Tour while the Triple D Running Races include 50K Ultra Marathon, Full Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K. TripleDRace.com.

FRI 1/24

Winter Iowa Games

VARIOUS LOCATIONS
1/24–1/26. The Winter Iowa Games is held annually late January and early February, mainly in Dubuque, offering over 20 sports and 4,000 athletes. IowaGames.org.

SAT 1/25

**DEL Saturday Morning Club**

10 AM–NOON @ DUBUQUE ESPORTS LEAGUE
Sat: 1/25–4/26. Fourth and fifth graders with a passion for gaming are invited to enjoy organized esports play. Make new friends with the same passion for leveling up your esports skills. Each club experience will focus on leveling up your teamwork and communication skills. Grades 4–5. \$200. 3220 Dodge St. DBQEsports.org.

Frank Potter: The Radical Mary Newbury Adams of Dubuque and Women's Suffrage

2 PM @ UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
After Dubuque's two members of Congress, Allison, and Henderson, Mrs. Adams was the most noted person nationally from Dubuque. She led women's empowerment clubs when women were "to be seen and not heard." She and her husband hosted many famous Americans in their Dubuque home, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Mann, and Horace Greeley. Presentation by local historian Frank Potter. Snow date: 1/26. Free. 1699 Iowa St. **563-583-6031**.

Blue Ribbon Banquet

5–9 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Kick off the night with a social hour followed by prime rib

dinner at 6 p.m., auction and awards at 7 p.m., and entertainer and hypnotist Brian Imbus at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. for entertainment only. Funds raised help support exciting improvements to the Dubuque County Fairgrounds' Grand Ballroom. \$60 ADV/\$70 door banquet; \$20 entertainment only. 14569 Old Highway Rd. **563-588-1406**. DBQfair.com.

**Distinctively Dubuque**

5:30–8:30 PM @ GREATER DUBUQUE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Wed: 1/29–2/26. Distinctively Dubuque is a FREE, five-night interactive course designed to connect newcomers with one another and their new hometown. Led by high-energy presenters with in-depth knowledge of the Greater Dubuque region, each Distinctively Dubuque night takes place at a different venue, covering topics including local government, arts, recreation, volunteerism, and more. Classes meet five consecutive Wednesday evenings and include dinner each night. Spots are limited to 30 participants per session and fill quickly. RSVP required. Free. 900 Jackson St, Suite 109. **563-557-9049**. bit.ly/dd_registration.



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

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“LIVING AS A CALLED PERSON:
MLK AND YOU AND ME”

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 7 AM
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REFLECTIONS EVENT SPACES
(1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)

On Monday, Jan. 20, the Dubuque community is invited to come together to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. The event will take place at the all-new Reflections Event Spaces at Q Casino + Resort at 7 a.m. This annual breakfast is hosted by faces&voices and supported by the City of Dubuque, Dubuque Community Schools, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and Q Casino + Resort.

This year's theme, “Living As A Called Person: MLK and You and Me,” will be delivered by Dr. John Stewart, author of *Dismantling Racism One On One*. Dr. Stewart, a retired university administrator and communications professor from the University of Dubuque, will explore the ways in which each of us is called to combat racism in our community.

Drawing inspiration from Dr. King's example, Dr. Stewart will discuss how individuals—guided by their own spiritual or religious beliefs—can engage in transforming interpersonal relationships and work to dismantle systemic racism.

In addition to a delicious breakfast and an inspiring message, this celebration provides an opportunity to support the Dubuque community as a whole. Consider sponsoring a friend or neighbor to attend with you and share in the collective effort to build a more inclusive, compassionate community. As Coretta Scott King said, “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace, and a soul generated by love.”

faces&voices is a group of local people who believe that seeing the faces and hearing the voices of each citizen will unite us. Make Dubuque a strong and vibrant community that is inclusive, integrated, and welcoming, thereby attracting and retaining businesses and people of all backgrounds.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 4–10, and free for children 3 and younger and are available for purchase at dbqsch.org/MLK. For more information, contact Mary Ann Konzett at rmickkonz@aol.com. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Dr. King's legacy and show your support for a better future for Dubuque. ■



Reflections in the Park

NOW THROUGH 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.

Now through Jan. 5, 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 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**. ■

Ongoing & Recurring Events

SATURDAY

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

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

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

Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
1ST TUE & 1ST SAT THROUGH 5/6

Discover the ABCs of the world around us through hands-on and active activities including a craft and game. Ages 2–5 with parent/caregiver. RSVP suggested. Free. 350 E 3rd St. **563-557-9545**. RiverMuseum.org/early-explorers.

WEDNESDAY

She Unites

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

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

Galena Winter Farmer's Market

SAT: 8 AM–NOON
@ GALENA EAGLES CLUB (GALENA, IL)
2ND SAT THROUGH 3/8 & 4/5
237 S Main St, Galena, IL. **563-542-0996**. facebook.com/galenafarmersmarket.

Dubuque Winter Farmers Market

SAT: 9 AM–NOON @ KENNEDY MALL THROUGH 4/26
NO EVENT 12/28
555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbq.com.

Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

SAT: 9 AM–NOON @ ROUNDTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
1ST & 3RD SAT THROUGH 4/19
120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. **608-218-4374**. PlattevilleFarmersMarketWI.com.

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Events at Five Flags Center

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



Jeff's Pickleball Clinic

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
BEGINNER @ 9-11 AM
INTERMEDIATE @ 11 AM-1 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Jeffrey Van Der Eems leads a comprehensive pickleball clinic, perfect for players of all skill levels, on Monday, Jan. 6 at the Five Flags Arena.

The beginner session at 9-11 a.m., ideal for those new to pickleball, covers the fundamental rules, court

positioning, basic strokes (forehands, backhands, volleys, dinks, and serves), proper grip techniques, footwork drills, and strategies to confidently participate in a game.

Geared toward players with a solid foundation, the intermediate session at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. focuses on advanced techniques, strategies, and tactics like refined volleys, dinking, partner movement, and quicker shot execution to elevate your gameplay.

Tickets are \$50. Visit [fiveflags.pickleplanner.com](https://www.fiveflags.pickleplanner.com). ■

Wags at the Flags

WEDNESDAYS:
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 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 Whisphurring Hope.

Entry is \$5/dog; humans are free. ■



Harlem Globetrotters

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 @ 2 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Get ready for high-flying basketball action with the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters. They are back in action at the Five Flags Arena on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. Join them for an afternoon of family-friendly basketball fun and antics in downtown Dubuque.

Watch as the Harlem Globetrotters take on their rivals, the Washington Generals, in an epic showdown filled with jaw-dropping dunks, trick shots, and fan interactions.

Don't miss out on pre-game experiences like the Magic Pass and stick around for post-game fun. Be part of the excitement as the Globetrotters gear up for their 2026 centennial celebration.

Tickets are \$33-\$83. Add-ons for Magic Pass are \$30 and Celebrity Court Pass are \$100. ■



Indoor Disc Golf Experience

SINGLES: FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 @ 8 PM
DOUBLES: SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 @ 7 PM
FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Get ready for an action-packed two-day event at the Five Flags Arena. On Friday night, singles kicks off the excitement at 8 p.m. with check-in at 6-7:45 p.m. Saturday continues the fun with doubles, starting at 7 p.m. with check-in at 5-6:45 p.m. Vendors will be on site, and you'll have a chance to meet featured guest Emerson Keith.

This will be a regular Ace Race style event where you get 2 shots for points on each hole. Ring of Fire after the round is over. Winner of each division is the highest point total. Players may form their own groups of 6 to 8 players or join an incomplete group during check-in. Players must be present to collect Trophies.

Raffle items such as baskets, a ton of plastic, plus more are available each night. You may have a friend claim your raffle items. Concessions offer food and drinks including adult beverages.

Register now to secure your spot at [DiscGolfScene.com](https://www.DiscGolfScene.com). ■

First Fridays

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

NOON-7 PM @ STONED ART STUDIO & GALLERY (1800 CENTRAL AVE)

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

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

5:30-9:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE)

6-9 PM @ ANDONIA GIANNAKOUIROS STUDIO (219 W 9TH 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. All stops are free.

Stoned Art Studio & Gallery showcases the art and Galena-Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III. 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.

Outside the Lines Art Gallery features Elizabeth Boggess who will demonstrate how she creates her ceramic houses, paint brushes, and tote bags. ShopOTLAG.com.

Voices Studios highlights an evocative combination of two art exhibits showcasing the works of acclaimed artist Tim Olson, complimented with the works of daughter and artist Lena Happ 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.

Andonia Giannakouros is a Dubuque-based figurative painter and printmaker. She will also be open on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 9 a.m.-noon. Enjoy champagne, cookies, and Vasilopita, a Greek cake for New Years with the ring in it (same idea as a king cake). The converted studio space in the Fisher Building features work by Giannakouros. Giannaka.com.

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective and Olliewood Action Sports have teamed up to create the skate deck art show, showcasing the power of community and the freedom to express through both skateboarding and art. Skateboarding, like art, is all about expression. It's a way to tap into creativity, embrace individuality, and push boundaries. This exhibit showcases how more than 100 local artists of all ages and skill levels have used skateboards as a canvas to channel that energy into original works of art. DubuqueArts.com. ■

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Galena LitFest

JANUARY 8-25

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Since 2015, the Galena Public Library has been offering a variety of presentations, readings, workshops, and conversations with best selling authors throughout January, creating a month-long celebration of reading and writing in all its forms.

This year, five exciting events are scheduled for January and, back by popular demand, a brunch in Grant Park in May with support from the Friends of the Galena Public Library and in partnership with the Galena Center for the Arts, Miss Kitty's Grape Escape, and Hawk Valley Retreat & Cottages.

"I'm so excited to launch this year's festival," said Larissa Distler, Galena Public Library adult services librarian and LitFest organizer. "It's been an incredible experience to put it together each year, bring readers and writers together, provide resources for local authors, and partner with wonderful organizations and businesses in Galena."

Virtual events are presented via Zoom, so you can join from anywhere with an internet connection. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with the instructor and ask questions directly.

For registration, tickets, and additional details, visit GalenaLibrary.org, call the Galena Public Library at 815-777-0200, or stop by the front desk at the library. ■

Poets in Dialogue

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 6 PM

MISS KITTY'S GRAPE ESCAPE (GALENA, IL)

Poet Laureate of Rockford, Jenna Goldsmith, and Poet Laureate of Galena, Theodore Williams, discuss their poetical journeys, making an impact with the written word, and read from their work. 242 N Main St, Galena, IL.

Midwest Bedrock: The Search for Nature's Soul in America's Heartland

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 @ 2 PM

GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (GALENA, IL)

Dr. Kevin Koch, Professor Emeritus of Loras College, presents a beautiful journey which blends photography of natural spaces across the Midwest with lyrically informative writing. 971 Gear St, Galena, IL.

Writing a Mystery Can Be a Mystery! Writers' Workshop

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 @ 5:30 PM

ONLINE

Mystery author Mary Ann Noe dives into the central question of any mystery "whodunit?" by examining the choices a

writer makes and what to do when the characters themselves throw a monkey wrench into a well-planned outline.

Lessons Learned Writing History

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 5:30 PM

ONLINE

While sharing his journey of writing and publishing Civil War history, Thomas B. Mack, Ph.D will discuss lessons learned in finding sources, ensuring the work is accurate, and completing a nonfiction historical manuscript.

A Night in Tita Rosie's Kitchen with Mia P. Manansala

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 @ 6 PM

HAWK VALLEY RETREAT (GALENA, IL)

Join best selling mystery author Mia P. Manansala for a curated dinner featuring Filipino recipes from the Tita Rosie Kitchen Mysteries book series to learn about her journey as an author and the cultural importance of food in the Filipino diaspora. The conversation will be facilitated by Galena local, Charissa McAuliff. \$65. 2752 W Cording Rd, Galena, IL.

Kids Take the Stage

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15
CLASSES: JANUARY 27–MARCH 6
BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

The award-winning Kids Take the Stage youth theater classes return this winter to Bell Tower Theater. Kids from kindergarten to eighth grade can immerse themselves in the wonderful world of theater in these weekly classes.

These classes teach theater skills such as acting, singing, pantomime and improvisation, but equally as important, they help kids develop real life skills like confidence, reading, team work, self-esteem and communication.

Financial assistance scholarships are available for qualified families. For information or to sign up, call Bell Tower Theater at **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net.

Let's Pretend

K-1ST GRADE

MONDAYS: JAN 27–MARCH 3 @ 4:30–5:30 PM

Take a trip to the world of make believe. Kids use their imagination and self-expression to build concentration, confidence, and communication skills. The goal is to have fun discovering the world of theater. Space is limited to 16 kids per class. Teachers: Sue Riedel and Don Brauhn. Cost: \$80.

Creative Theatric

2ND–3RD GRADES

WEDNESDAYS: JAN 29–MARCH 5

@ 4–5 PM OR 5:15–6:15 PM

Use beginning acting techniques and cultivate skills that help build confident and comfort on stage using stories and short plays as a foundation. Focus on creating believable characters using props, costumes, pantomime, and dialogue. Space is limited to 16 kids per class. Teachers: Sue Riedel and Don Brauhn. Cost: \$80.

Acting

4TH–6TH GRADES

THURSDAYS: JAN 30–MARCH 6

@ 4–5 PM OR 5:15–6:15 PM

Focus on acting skills and how to create believable characters. Explore improvisation, stage movement, and pantomime. Use skits and short plays to work on mastering the skills needed in acting on stage. Space is limited to 16 kids per class. Teachers: Sue Riedel and Don Brauhn. Cost: \$80.

Audition Class for Middle Schoolers

6TH–8TH GRADES

FRIDAYS: JAN 30–MARCH 6 @ 4:30–6 PM

Build the confidence and skills for successful auditions for summer theatre, school productions, and beyond. With mock auditions and personalized guidance, participants will gain valuable experience and be ready to shine in any audition. Space is limited to 12 kids. Teachers: Heather Noethe and Michelle Blanchard. Cost \$95. ■

Ultimate Rock Hits

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 @ 8 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 @ 8 PM

DIAMOND JO CASINO MISSISSIPPI
MOON BAR (301 BELL ST)

Join the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra as they join with local rock bands

for Ultimate Rock Hits at the Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar on Jan. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

The symphonic rock experience features char- topping hits from the 1970s to today. You won't want to miss this unique collaboration that has never failed to bring the house down!

For tickets and more information, visit DubuqueSymphony.org. ■

As Time Goes By

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 @ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 2 PM

BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

Get ready for a whirlwind adventure featuring Cathy Goodman and Dave Richter at the Bell Tower Theater with As Time Goes By on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.

What happens when a funky redhead asks AI to assist in creating a cabaret show? With a passion for grammar, style, manners, and the timeless allure of jazz, this ginger is on a mission to breathe new life into these



fading gems. Enjoy an unforgettable fusion of wit, melody, and pure entertainment.

Tickets are \$26. For tickets and more information, call Bell Tower Theater at **563-588-3377** or visit BellTowerTheater.net. ■

Color & Contour of Music Competition

DEADLINE: JANUARY 25

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra is partnering with the Dubuque Museum of Art for this season's Color & Contour of Music competition.

Artists are invited to explore the subject of "Darkness Into Light" inspired by Beethoven's 5th Symphony. Create an original piece of art; listen and interpret the music in your own way!

Submissions must be 2-dimensional only on paper, canvas, or other similar flat surface. Photography and computer-generated art also accepted. One winner and three honorable mentions will be selected for each of the four categories. Entries are due by Jan. 25.

Winning art will receive a Family Membership to the Dubuque Museum of Art, tickets to DSO's Feb. 15 or 16 concert, and their art will be displayed on the cover of that weekend's concert program book!

For full details and more information, visit DubuqueSymphony.org. ■

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Winter Arts 2025 Snow Sculpting Festival

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

The City of Dubuque, in partnership with the Dubuque Museum of Art, announces a call for entries for the Winter Arts 2025 Snow Sculpting Festival, to be held Feb. 6-9, in Washington Park in downtown Dubuque.

The festival is serving as the closing event for DuMA's landmark exhibition, *Dubuque by Design: Celebrating 150 Creative Years*. That exhibition inspires this year's theme: Creative Community.

Professional, amateur, and collegiate teams from across Iowa and the Greater Dubuque region are invited to apply to participate. A cash prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the first prize sculpting team. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31.

Everyone is invited to the Winter Arts community activities and people's choice voting on Sunday, Feb. 9 at noon–4 p.m.

For full entry and event details, visit cityofdubuque.org/winterarts. ■



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Coming Soon to Dubuque

By Bryce Parks

While Dubuque has been on a growth spurt for years now, we could not help but notice that it seems like there is a lot going on right now all over town and in many diverse corners of fabric that makes up our community. From new hotels and entertainment venues, to great strides in local education and child care, to new housing popping up all over, we thought it would be fun to shine a light on some of the larger projects happening right now as we enter a new year. We're all busy people. Who's got the time to keep their ear to the ground on everything happening everywhere at once? As much as we have tried here, we know this is by no means a comprehensive list, and we're sure there are some exciting things right on the verge of becoming public that no one knows about yet. But this list of very cool, forward-thinking, innovative projects should give you a good feeling for where we are heading as a community.

While addressing the crowd gathered to celebrate the announcement of John and Alice Butler's

stunning \$60 million donation to the University of Dubuque to create the first medical school developed in Iowa in the last 125 years, Mayor Brad Cavanaugh summed up this moment in time for Dubuque best: "With the Field of Dreams project, Chaplain Schmitt Island redevelopment, over 2,400 new housing units being proposed, numerous industrial expansion projects, redevelopment of the Central Avenue corridor, major expansion projects proposed by the Dubuque Museum of Art, the Dubuque Community Y, the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, the Historic Millwork District projects, three new hotels under construction, the recent announcement by University of Dubuque of a major expansion of their Aviation Program, and now this, our region is experiencing a major renaissance. When in the 1980s they asked, 'Will the last person to leave Dubuque please turn out the lights?' could they have envisioned this 40 years later?"

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Entertainment & Tourism

1 A New Campus for the Dubuque Museum of Art

In 2025, the Dubuque Museum of Art breaks ground on their ambitious and inspired new campus. The proposed museum campus would be made up of three buildings taking up much of the downtown block where the museum currently sits along with a fourth building, the new daycare currently under construction by Cottingham & Butler.

Building 1, The Programs Pavilion (7th & Locust Streets), would include an atrium, lobby, two classrooms, and a terrace and café with skylights allowing natural light into the building while lighting up the block at night.

Second, The Gallery Pavilion (7th & Bluff Streets) will provide space for temporary exhibitions, rotating exhibits from the museum's permanent collection, a family gallery, offices, a library, and a boardroom.

Finally, The Collection Pavilion (8th & Bluff Streets) would house the museum's collection and building mechanicals, as well as provide space for transporting, processing, and storing artwork.

With green space highlighted, the proposal includes a rooftop garden, gardens that extend into the entrances of the museum corridor with a canopy of cherry blossoms, and interactive sculptures that may, one day, close 7th Street between Bluff and Locust Streets and extend the campus into Washington Park. This would allow space to host events by the museum as well as others in the community.

The \$69 million project (plus a \$20 million endowment) has raised over \$40 million so far including an \$8 million grant from Iowa Economic Development Authority through the state's Destination Iowa program, plus a \$25 million matching grant from John and Alice Butler.

Construction site preparation will begin early in the new year. During that time, the museum will relocate to a temporary space at the Dupaco Voices Building. The new venues are planned to be completed in the last quarter of 2026.

2 Two Marriott Hotels Coming to the Port of Dubuque

Two new \$30 million dual-branded Residence Inn & Courtyard hotels are coming to the Port of Dubuque by the end of 2026. The city council recently approved the sale of a 13-acre lot in the Port to Kineth Hospitality Company. In turn, the Iowa hotel developer is building a six-story facility to house two connected hotels under the Marriott umbrella. The hotels are differentiated by their design to accommodate short- or long-term visitors across a combined 160 hotel rooms. City Manager Mike Van Milligen believes the facility will boost tourism, as future development in the Tri-State area exceeds the community's hotel capacity. For example, when the Major League Baseball stadium expansion is complete at the Field of Dreams, "it could generate an additional 40,000 hotel room nights" annually in demand. Van Milligen estimates the Dubuque area could be more than 100,000 annual hotel room nights short of demand shortly as other development projects in the community progress.

3 Wanderwood Gardens at the Dubuque Arboretum

The Wanderwood Gardens, an immersive woodland playground for daydreamers of all ages, featuring 15 unique garden areas, a learning and education center, and interactive experiences, was announced to the public in 2023 and broke ground in 2024. The four-acre children's garden is inspired by Debi and Andy Butler and features a variety of different outdoor play spaces to explore, awakening visitors' connection to nature and delight for the world around them.

The amazing spaces include Wandering Waters, an interactive water adventure with a snail and wading pond; Dendy Village featuring magical homes designed to stimulate all of the senses with fragrant flowers, colorful plants, and textured surfaces; Enchanted Trail, a 100-plus yard trail challenge course that winds through the woods, in and among the trees with dappled sunlight



sparkling through; Dubuque Mine Camp where adventurous visitors can dig for treasure, fill mine carts with sand, or duck into a cool tunnel; the Canopy, whimsical tree playset with climbing structures, slides, and interactive features; and Spinning Bird Plaza with its walkthrough towering trees to operate the interactive birds sculptures, spinning in dizzying circles overhead.

The Wanderwood Gardens was designed by Jeri Deneen and Jon Powell of Deneen Powell Atelier, an immersive experiential design firm based out of San Diego who have designed works like the San Diego Botanical Gardens and the award-winning Conservation Gardens in Salt Lake City.

Jaren McGovern has been named as director of the new interactive experience. Having broken ground earlier in 2024 and with tree clearing and landscaping underway to

prepare for construction in 2025, the final magical unveiling will happen in 2026. For more information, visit WanderwoodGardens.com.

4 Field of Dreams

In September, local Dyersville Events Inc. bought the Field of Dreams Movie Site from its former ownership group, Go the Distance Baseball, for \$27 million, most of which came from a state grant. Travel Dubuque will still manage the site, and planned improvements under the former owners intend to move forward. The largest projects include building a permanent baseball stadium next to the original movie site with 3,500 permanent seats and expandability for another 4,500 seats for special events, from big games to concerts and conventions. Adding a nearby youth sports complex is also top

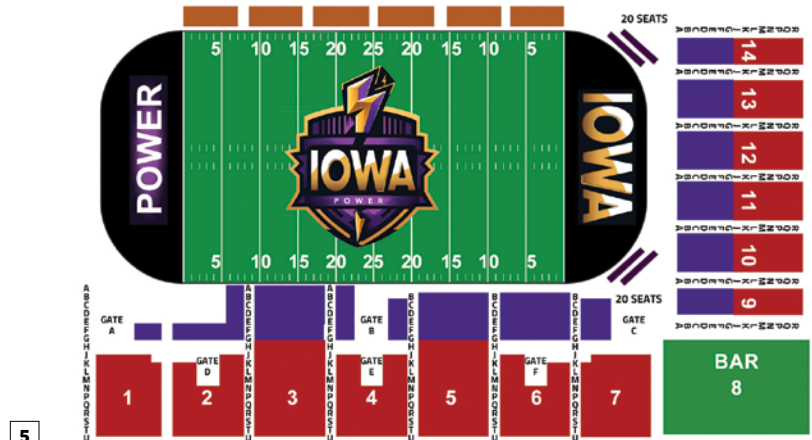
of the list. Earthwork for that site about 70 acres away is already completed. It will feature five to seven new ball fields, restrooms, and concessions. They hope to attract as many as 1,000 teams each summer, up from about 450 in 2024. To support current and ongoing development at the site, the owners intend to launch a capital campaign in 2025.

5 Arena Football at Five Flags

For the first time in Dubuque's history, a professional arena football team will call the city home, bringing the thrilling action of arena football to local fans in the fall of 2025 at Five Flags Arena. Dubuque's franchise will be called The Power, a member of the United Indoor Football Associations, playing a unique, high-energy variation of the game with eight players per side on a 50-yard field. "This is totally a different breed of football," said John Guy, Director of Game Day Operations. "With no punting and two receivers in motion before the snap, the action is constant. Scores can range from traditional NFL levels to astronomical, basketball-type numbers." For more information visit IowaPowerFootball.com.

6 Culbies Event Center in East Dubuque

East Dubuque, IL partners who saw a great lack of special event gathering space in their community have done something about it. Mike Meyer, Toby Colbertson, and Todd Collen collaborated to create the new Culbies Event Center which is now well under construction along Sinsinawa Avenue in the heart of downtown. The nearly 10,000-square-foot venue will accommodate 350 seated guests for wedding and other gatherings. It also includes a beautiful outdoor beer garden with a great portion of it covered. The indoor bar, a huge rectangle in the center, will extend outside for about a quarter of its length for great indoor/outdoor entertainment during the warmer months with special heating amenities including built-in fireplaces to extend that season as long as possible. And naturally, the facility will have gaming options, and Eastside Energy will also move to that building. The group will be open for event booking by July for sure but hope to be open for general entertainment in May.



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Schmitt Island & Q Casino + Resort

1 The Key Hotel at Q Casino + Resort

If you've gone to Q Casino + Resort lately or even just crossed the Wisconsin bridge, you've seen the collection of concrete elevator shafts going up next to the casino as the exciting new Key Hotel begins to take shape. Complete with rooftop restaurant, bar, and event space, the new seven-story, 90-room boutique Hilton Tapestry-branded resort is nestled in between the casino's administrative office wing and the Hilton Garden Inn. Scheduled to be open this fall, the stunning centerpiece hotel plays on the notion of Dubuque as the "Key City." It will feature the first rooftop restaurant in the city, but details on that are still under wraps for now. We do know that there will be some additional banquet space up there at the top of the Key Hotel for small weddings or unique business dinners. The Key Hotel will be a jewel in the \$83 million-plus renovation and expansion of the property that began in September 2023.

2 The Iowa Amphitheater

After the Key Hotel, the permanent outdoor Iowa Amphitheater is one of the next big things coming to the Q Casino + Resort campus on Schmitt Island. The city has issued bonds to pay for and lead the development to be repaid by Dubuque Racing Association and Q Casino + Resort.

Q's Interim CEO, Brian Rakestraw, said, "It's time to step up and have a beautiful permanent venue that overlooks the Mississippi. I can't tell you the level of thought that has gone into all aspects of the project." The venue will accommodate up to 9,000 attendees.

If you remember where the dog kennels were, that's where the amphitheater is going to be. This new,



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permanent music venue will make hosting concerts and festivals cheaper and easier, and they will be hosted with a far higher level of quality of service and experience both for the public and the crew running the events.

The hard construction should be done by the end of 2025 with hopes of opening to the public for the Back Waters Stage Concert Series 2026 season, unless the series changes its name with the new facility.

3 PinSeekers Golf Entertainment Venue

PinSeekers, a hybrid-golf entertainment company that currently has locations in Tiffin and DeForest, WI, will bring the third of its destination venues to the Q Casino + Resort campus on Schmitt Island, offering fun and entertainment for all ages. The facility would include a driving range equipped with interactive smart target greens, allowing for year-round, day-and-night use. Additional features of the facility under consideration include 40 all-weather, luxury golf suites, an 18-hole indoor synthetic turf mini-golf course, and TopTracer Technology that tracks every shot and offers all players real-time

statistics. Multiple games include Full Swing Pro Series Simulators featuring more than 30 courses as well as 13 other interactive game experiences, a casual restaurant and bar featuring a fresh twist on American classics, versatile rooftop lounge and nightclub providing space for live music, and flexible event and meeting spaces to accommodate a wide range of gatherings.

PinSeekers joins the Iowa Amphitheater on the slate of family amenities coming soon, joining the recently opened Island Social arcade. The addition of PinSeekers is aligned with Q Casino's efforts to reshape and reimagine what Schmitt Island has to offer.

The plan now requires approval from the Dubuque City Council and the Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission. Local developer Gronen and DBQ Property Group will serve as the project's broker, contractor, and design firm. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2025, with an anticipated opening in spring 2026.

4 Growing Schmitt Island & Access to It

Coming over of the 16th Street bridge, you will soon be able to walk and bike all the way

from the bridge along the outside of the marina and along the lake by the Schmitt Island Veterans Memorial Plaza. Improvements are done to sidewalks so people who park in the Gerald McAleece Park & Recreation Complex have quality walkway access to ImOn Arena which needs spillover parking to accommodate fans as are trails and plaza with just some railing to be completed in the coming weeks.

The trailhead will jut out from that walkway overlooking the waterway. You may see these new pedestrian amenities when you take in the Memorial Day Parade, which moved to Schmitt Island last year and returns there again this season.

Granted, there will be growing pains. "It's going to take time, but literally, we're at it each and every day," Q Casino + Resort's outgoing CEO Alex Dixon reminded us in a recent interview. "We are advocating for and partnering with folks to improve the lighting, the sidewalks, the visibility, and the landscaping so that places look and feel and are safe. The way to accelerate is if more people come because the infrastructure will follow the feet of our local community, and success begets success."



PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL RENDERING OF THE 14TH ST. OVERPASS OF ELM ST. AND THE AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING

Community Infrastructure

1 Building Bridges to Employment and Equity (B2E2) Project Multimodal Transportation Corridors

As we all know, railways split downtown Dubuque and can make access from downtown to the Wisconsin bridge, Kerper Boulevard, and Schmitt Island impossible. Only two at-grade level crossings exist (the 3rd Street overpass to Port of Dubuque and Fengler Street bridge), leaving a significant gap in between.

The Building Bridges to Employment and Equity (B2E2) Project is a multimodal transportation project focused on solving this issue and more, bringing connectivity and safety for all users. Improving these transportation corridors will better connect neighborhoods and residents with economic opportunities, recreational amenities, and community resources in the Kerper Boulevard Industrial Park, on Chaplain Schmitt Island, Downtown Dubuque, the Historic Millwork District, and on the west side of the city via the downtown Intermodal Transportation Center.

In addition, due to the merger of the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern railroads, train traffic in Dubuque is expected to increase

from approximately nine trains per day to 18 trains per day by 2027. This surge in train activity will lead to significant delays and hinder the efficient movement of people and goods and significantly impact emergency response and key employment centers. The proposed 14th Street overpass will help avoid train crossing delays and potential negative impacts to safety and mobility in Dubuque's downtown urban core.

A \$25 million RAISE Implementation Grant will go toward construction of the initial phases of the B2E2 project including a vehicular and pedestrian overpass at the 14th Street railroad at-grade crossing, a roundabout at the 16th and Sycamore Street intersection, and a roundabout at the 16th Street, Greyhound Park Road, and Admiral Sheehy Drive intersection. It also includes Elm Street corridor and 16th Street complete streets improvements, adding sidewalks along segments without existing sidewalks and enhanced crosswalks at the 16th Street and Kerper Boulevard intersection. Look too for bridge sidewalk modifications to the Peosta Channel Bridge including a pedestrian and bike shared-use path.

The city is currently working with a team of consultants to plan



and design the initial phases of the project as well as additional safety, capacity, and mobility improvements along the designated corridors. The initial phases of the fairly long-term B2E2 project are expected to be constructed from 2027 to 2030. More construction woes in the short term, yes. But on the back end, massive improvement all around.

2 Central Avenue Corridor Redevelopment

2025 will see a continued acceleration for the redevelopment of the Central Avenue Corridor. The existing Central Avenue Corridor Streetscape Master Plan is in place, and the city's late 2024 decision to support a multi-modal design that supports

vehicle, bike, and pedestrian traffic sets the stage for new public and private investment in 2025. Public investments will be made in green alleys, benches, landscaping, and other amenities. New public policies on housing, incentives, outdoor dining, and facade renovations will support private investment in the corridor. That private investment will, in turn, be supported by new financing being made available in the corridor by entities such as Dubuque Initiatives, which has already invested more than \$3 million in Central Avenue projects in 2023 and 2024. These new investments coupled with the increasing capacity of local players like Voices Studios, Key City Creative Center, and Dubuque Main Street should make 2025 a watershed year for Central Avenue redevelopment.

Manufacturing

Universal Tank & Fabrication

Universal Tank & Fabrication, a key Dubuque-based manufacturer, announced a \$4 million expansion, adding 15 high-quality jobs and enhancing production capacity. This project is a win for the greater Dubuque region and reflects continued investment in innovation, workforce, and community collaboration.

Vanguard Enterprises

Another existing business expansion is Vanguard Enterprises with a 30,000-square-foot addition to their facility in the Dubuque Industrial Center West. As part of the project and growth, the company intends to create 10 new jobs. With a 60 year history in Dubuque, Vanguard is a recognized industry leading manufacturer of laminated and solid surface countertops, granite countertops, commercial cabinets and casework, and other laminated products.



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Education

While both the new campus for the Dubuque Museum of Art and Wildwood Gardens could easily be listed under this growth heading, we looked at them from the fun side of things instead, so here we will focus on a couple of exciting projects on the horizon at the University of Dubuque.

1 College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Dubuque

Announced less than a month ago, the University of Dubuque is officially moving forward with the required approvals and programmatic accreditation process to open a four-year medical school. In recognition of a \$60 million gift from John (DHL'17) and Alice (DHL'17) Butler—one of the largest donations to UD in its 172-year history—the new college will be named after the Butler family.

The proposed John and Alice Butler College of Osteopathic Medicine at the

University of Dubuque will bring needed support to the physician workforce as well as provide an economic benefit to the region. The decision to pursue this critical program follows years of thorough consideration and research on behalf of the University's leadership team and Board of Trustees.

The U.S. is expected to face a physician shortage of between 13,500 and 86,000 by 2036. Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, commonly known as DOs, use a whole-person approach to help prevent illness and injury across the full spectrum of medicine. They look beyond symptoms to understand how lifestyle and environmental factors impact well-being to help patients get healthy and stay well. Osteopathic medicine is one of the fast-growing healthcare professions in the country, accounting for around 11% of physicians in the U.S., according to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

U.D. is pursuing the necessary accreditation through the AOA

(Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation) and is currently on track to open its doors in summer 2028. For more information, visit www.dbq.edu/Academics/DoctorofOsteopathicMedicine.

2 University of Dubuque Aviation Program Expansion

This comes on the heels of the announcement that U.D. plans to invest in a significant expansion of the Edward Babka Aviation Learning Center to support exponential growth in enrollment in the aviation program. This will double the size of the former flight center, the Babka Aviation Learning Center, which opened fall 2019. The program has grown since then from around 250 to over 400 students spurred, in large part, by a nationwide pilot shortage. The aviation expansion will impact multiple areas, from the learning center to parking lot and the flight ramp to hangars. Construction will begin once expansion plans are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Dubuque Regional Airport Commission. The expansion will be accomplished through multiple funding sources, and the overall project is anticipated to be completed December 2026.



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Addressing Dubuque's Child Care Shortage

A wide coalition of Dubuque-area organizations and leaders have answered the call to address a shortage of child care services by developing a new facility and by supporting existing childcare centers. In 2022, it was estimated that Dubuque County had less than half of the necessary child care spaces needed to address local residents' needs. That same year, a study conducted by Greater Dubuque Development Corporation found that the lack of child care was leading local residents to leave the workforce following the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 Bright Minds Campus
The new Bright Minds Campus opened in early 2024 at the site of the former Medline facility on Chavenelle Road in Dubuque's Industrial Center West. This innovative workforce child care facility now houses the Dubuque Community Y Early Learning Center and the Dubuque Community School District's Seedlings Preschool Center under the same roof.

The Y Early Learning Center offers year-round child care for children as young as 6 weeks old through preschool age. There is also space for school-age children during the summer months. Meanwhile, the Seedlings

Preschool Center is a state-of-the-art, 18,000 square-foot preschool operated by the Dubuque Community School District. Being located within the same building as the Y Early Learning Center provides seamless access to wrap-around care for children outside of the school day. A portion of the building is expected to house

a combined city/county 911 operations center in the coming years.

In addition to assisting with the construction costs of the new facility, funding was also raised to help support existing area child care providers with staff recruitment, training, and retention efforts. The initial round of grants provided more than \$750,000

to 18 eligible providers. Retention for centers has improved, and 69 new childcare workers were hired under the effort. Both projects were spearheaded by Dubuque Initiatives, which provided matching funds to state grants for both efforts. Greater Dubuque Development partnered to raise funds through its Business Champions for Childcare program designed to engage employers in strengthening the area's child care system. This innovative public-private child care solutions effort builds on the strength of each partner to make meaningful progress to expand the availability of quality child care in Dubuque County.

2 New Horizon Academy Childcare Center

New Horizon Academy is coming soon to Dubuque. You can't drive down Locust Street downtown and miss it. It's HUGE and going up as fast as we speak. The brand-new school will be a corporate-sponsored childcare for employees of Cottingham & Butler and will also serve the Dubuque community. Located on the corner of West 8th and Locust Streets near Washington Park, the facility will be managed by New Horizons Academy, a nationally recognized child care provider with more than 100 locations. Children ages 6 weeks to 5 years will be guided by skilled teachers using a comprehensive curriculum that includes social-emotional learning, STEAM, reading, motor development, school readiness skills, and more. The daycare is currently scheduled to open in summer 2025.



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New Housing

A 2022 Dubuque Housing Needs Assessment found a very high need for housing units within the City of Dubuque. Subsequently, one of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation's key goals of the 2027 YOU can be great here campaign was collaborating with cities, developers, and builders to create new, affordable middle-market housing for the region's growing workforce. And just 2 years into the 5-year campaign they are more than three quarters of the way to their billion-dollar residential and commercial construction investment goal with \$726.5 million invested as of November.

There are so many new residential projects underway and 2,400 new units proposed for the area that it would take a whole issue just to cover them, so we'll hit some highlights that exemplify the diverse types of housing coming our way as well as the diverse locations in our community where they are popping up.

1 Union at the Marina Affordable Housing Complex

Just announced, the Annex Group plans to build two, four-story buildings at 2660 Kerper Blvd, called the "Union at the Marina," on the site where Bowling and Beyond one stood for so many years. The \$55.1 million affordable-housing complex will feature 201 units, consisting of 85 one-bedroom, 79 two-bedroom, and 37 three-bedroom units. The Indiana-based developer purchased the land for the project from the city for \$4.02 million earlier this year. Dubuque is one of the smallest communities to which The Annex Group agreed to develop a complex of this size, but they identified one vacant unit across almost 1,000 units that they surveyed which was unheard of in almost any market

they've ever worked, so the company saw it as a no-brainer opportunity. And it's next to parks, a marina, a city pool, and, of course, the Mississippi River. The 201 units will be available for households with incomes at or below 70% of the area median income. The Annex Group is getting up to \$10 million in tax incentives from Dubuque over the next 15 years if the complex is finished by the fall of 2026.

2 Fox Hills

Construction is beginning soon on Fox Hills apartment complex on Plaza Drive behind Asbury Plaza on Dubuque's west side. When complete, Fox Hills will be home to 390 units featuring residences from studio units up to three bedroom apartments including shared amenities such as a swimming pool. For more details, visit Talon Development's website at talon-llc.com/projects/fox-hills.

3 Switch Homes' The Farm

Switch Home founder Matt Mulligan, also president and chief operating officer of Conlon Construction Co. in Dubuque, is bringing a 105-unit sustainable living community near the Northwest Arterial in Dubuque. The new community will include DOE Zero Energy Ready homes. According to the company, each of their homes will be built with high-quality, recycled materials. The homes use solar panels and smart devices to save money on maintenance costs and last longer. Switch Homes also plans to build community gardens, ample green space, walking trails, and a community park within The Farm neighborhood.

The home development company is based in Dubuque. In fact, Switch



Homes also happens to be the developer that created the recent modern-looking 11,400-square-foot Stoneman Commons property next to Kennedy Mall on Stoneman Road where their local office is located. It also houses Nektar Juice Bar, Milan Laser Hair Removal, Burn Boot Camp exercise facility, and now Pizza Hut, too.

Switch Homes already has communities in Bettendorf and Davenport, IA,

but the company said the Dubuque community is the first of several proposed master-planned communities in Iowa. Switch aims to have the first 36 homes constructed in the next 18 months. The project will be developed in three phases over several years, with a total investment ranging from \$35 million to \$40 million. Prices for the homes will range from around \$325,000 to \$450,000, depending on size.

4 Outfly Co. Millwork Apartment Complex

Additionally, 60 new apartments are being built across from the Dupaco headquarters downtown where the old Spahn & Rose lumber yard once stood and not so long ago was remodeled into numerous storefronts which have not taken off. Now, the structure is being torn down by Outfly Co. led by Mike Fullan from HODGE Co., in order to build a new 60-unit complex across the street from the wonderfully restored Dupaco Voices Building in Dubuque's Millwork District. The new building looks to fit in perfectly to the historic warehouse district it will call home. According to their website, "At Outfly Co., we believe that winning as a team is far more rewarding than individual success. Our 'On the Offense' approach means we don't just develop properties; we bring full-scaled development to the forefront, creating vibrant, sustainable communities through the art of placemaking."

5 Farley & Loetcher Building Apartments in the Millwork District

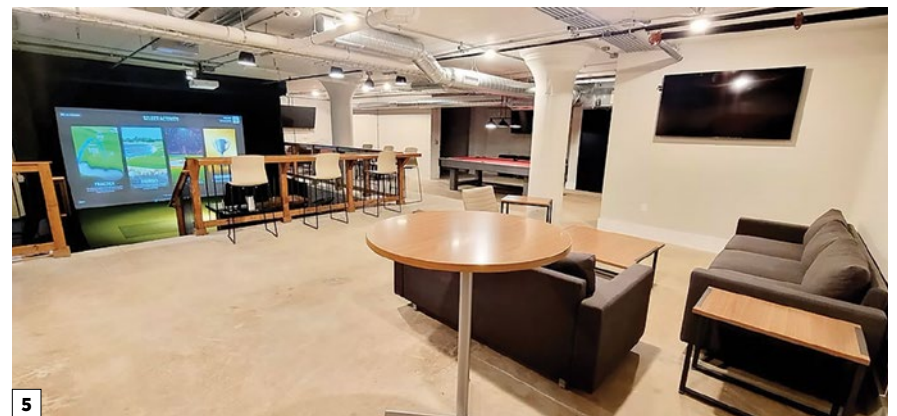
This particularly huge building always seemed to us like the most obvious next project that needed to happen in that neighborhood. The project will renovate the Farley & Loetscher building at 801 Jackson St. and a nearby property at White and East 9th Streets to create more than 120 new one- and two-bedroom, market-rate apartments and renovated commercial space. Matt Mulligan,

representing the ownership group (he's also with Switch Homes, are you keeping up?), said of the project, "The big building is going to be all housing. It will have a rooftop patio for an amenity space [and likely a golf simulator]." The smaller building, connected by skywalk, would be mixed use. "We're trying to create cool spots to hang out and open a laptop and work or kick back and have a beverage." The proposed 30-plus million project's proposed city development agreement requires them to accept applications from housing choice voucher recipients.

These kinds of projects join a number of recent apartment rehab projects of great downtown buildings that Gronen has created in recent years including the Caradco Lofts (where *365ink* now operates in the lower level), Francis Apartments at Steeple Square, the Henry Stout Senior Apartments located in the former Dubuque YMCA at the corner of 9th and Iowa Streets, Washington Court in the former Dubuque Casket Company, and more. Similarly, the 48 units of the Kretschmer Lofts project brought additional loft living to the Millwork District in 2022 by the same group now doing the Farley & Loetcher building.

The former Bridge Restaurant is coming down as we write this in order to build a new 80-residence apartment complex on the site adjacent to the Illinois bridge.

And you may have also seen the new large apartment building under construction near Kennedy Mall behind Phoenix Theatres. And those are just the big ones. There is a housing boom in Dubuque and not a moment too soon.



More National Retail & Restaurant Chains

Finally, moving on from where you live to where you eat, area leaders are acutely aware of the need for more options and recognizable names in the area. On the horizon the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation hopes to add of more national retailers in the Dubuque Market. Greater Dubuque Development Corporation's contracted with consultant Retail Strategies pre-pandemic. The partnership already helped bring fast-food outlets Chipotle, Popeyes, Five Guys,

and Chick-fil-A to the city's west side before they lapsed the contract with the firm during the pandemic. A new contract will bring recommended ways for Dubuque officials to entice those additional retail businesses to our city. Instead of fast food this time, Greater Dubuque Development Corporation's Rick Dickinson is hopeful for more retail offerings and sit-down restaurants, not believing that more options would hurt Dubuque's independent establishments. The need

to grow and draw more residents is the driver for widening the variety of chain businesses, as newcomers like to see familiar brands that feel comfortable and put them at home. Dubuque's custom trade area boasts 107,000 residents in 45,000 households with a median household income of \$70,000. The U.S. national median is \$71,000. The west side of town would draw most attention where auto-oriented commercial spaces fit their corporate templates.

So there you have it... for now. Stay tuned. Hopefully we can do this all again with as much excitement for 2026! We're honestly kind of excited to hear about all the stuff we might have missed for this year's list!



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THU1/2

Corey Jenny
7 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI 1/3

Brushfire Bandits Duo
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Marques Morel
7 PM @ First Reserve

Rock Steady
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

The Now
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Brenderoke Karaoke
8 PM @ 231 Coffee (East DBQ, IL)

The Guthries
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT 1/4

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

Kampfire Kings
2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Mississippi Band
3 PM @ Southend Tap

Steve Cavanaugh & Randy Droessler
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Ozzy & Bon JoeB
7 PM @ First Reserve

John Gay
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Furious George
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Jordan Danielsen
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SUN 1/5

Elizabeth Mary
1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Tony Walker
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

WED 1/8

Simon
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU1/9

Todd Ellis
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

FRI 1/10

John Moran
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Neil Knutson
7 PM @ First Reserve

Walking Molly
7 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Kristina Marie Castañeda
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Danny Parker Project
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Music Bingo
7 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Back Booth Alley
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Boogie Monster
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Steve McIntyre
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Ruin Dweller, Liquified Decomposition, If I Could Just Get Some Sleep
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 1/11

L&MOP: JazzQ
10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Ryan Bizarri
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kielers, WI)

Kampfire Kings
2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Mississippi Band
6 PM @ Smokestack

Brushfire Bandits
6 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Lexi Healy
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Take the Pearl
7 PM @ First Reserve

Wasted on Wallen
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

Tony Walker
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

SUN 1/12

Darrell, Jacque & Connie
1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Jordan Danielson
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Jimmy Welty Band
4 PM @ Sundown Mountain Resort



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Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

WED 1/15
Sam Ness
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 1/16
Danny Parker Project
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

RJ Fisher
7 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI 1/17
Fabulous Fridays:
St. Luke's Artists
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

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

Three Quarter Buzz
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Daniel Eric
7 PM @ First Reserve

Jeff Theisen
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Chicago Farmer, Marques Morel
8 PM @ The Lift

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Ultimate Rock Hits
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Jake Dodds
8 PM @ Q Showroom

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

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

Frank Martin Busch and the
Names
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

SAT 1/18
Danny Whitson
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

The Mighty MudCats
4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Shannon Woulfe
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

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

Massey Road
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

Jimmy Welty Band
7 PM @ Chestnut Mountain
(Galena, IL)

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra:
Ultimate Rock Hits
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

Rooster/BlackHole Sun
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Back Booth Alley
8 PM @ Sunset Lanes
(Dickeyville, WI)

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

Frank Martin Busch and the
Names
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

Riff Worm
9 PM @ The Goose

SUN 1/19
Stef & Daniels
1 PM @ O So Good Winery
(Dyersville, IA)

Hanging Around
3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Sea Shanty Sunday
w/ Andreas Transo
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Danny Parker Project Trio
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

WED 1/22
Tessa
7 PM @ First Reserve

THU 1/23
Marty Raymon
7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Lenny Wayne
7 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

FRI 1/24
Fabulous Fridays:
Dr. Keisy Peyerl-Xavier
Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

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

Kurt Stutzke & Steve Sieverding
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Celtic Rovers
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Slapdash Bluegrass
7 PM @ First Reserve

Lexi Healy
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Driftless Ramblers
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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

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

Junk FM
8 PM @ Mississippi Moon Bar

For Those About to Yacht
8 PM @ Q Showroom

Corey Jenny
8 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

Ghost Forest (X Laughing
Hyenas, Mule, Jesus Lizard),
Space Burial
9 PM @ The Lift

SAT 1/25
Shekinah King
1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

RJ Fisher
2 PM @ Miss Kitty's Grape
Escape (Galena, IL)

Stone Rebellion
5 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Elizabeth Mary
6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Celtic Rovers
6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's
Irish Cottage (Galena, IL)

Jake Beaty
7 PM @ First Reserve

Terry McCauley
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill

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



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1st Sun

MONDAY

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 Tue

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

Analog Listening Room
7 PM @ Smokestack

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Blues Jam
w/ The Mighty MudCats

6 PM @ Smokestack
2nd-5th Wed

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
6:30 PM @ Round Two (Peosta, IA)

Trivia For Dorks
7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

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 w/ Excel Entertainment
7 PM @ Spirits Bar & Grill
2nd & 4th Wed

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon
7:30 PM @ Denny's Lux Club

THURSDAY

Trivia w/ Triviawithbrett
6:30 PM @ Hy-Vee Dodge

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele Entertainment
7 PM @ Riverboat Lounge

XTREME Bar Bingo
7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)
Through 12/26

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

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Comedy Open Mic
8 PM @ The Goose
1st & 3rd Thu

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

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia
8 PM @ Steve's Pizza (Platteville, WI)
When UW-P is in session

Karaoke
9 PM @ Southend Tap

FRIDAY

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

Karaoke w/ Denise
7 PM @ Northside Bar

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)

Karaoke
7 PM @ Galena Eagles Club (Galena, IL)
Through 1/25

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

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

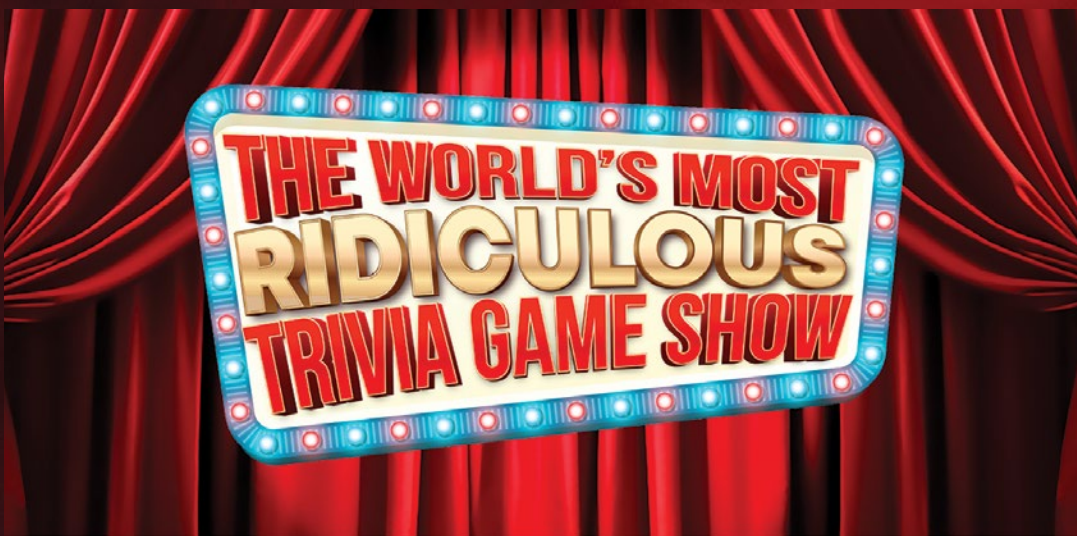
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10 PM @ Baraboo's on Main

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JANUARY 24 @ 8 PM

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JANUARY 31 @ 8 PM

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FEBRUARY 8 @ 8 PM

DUELING PIANOS

FEBRUARY 14 @ 8 PM

BILL GARDELL

FEBRUARY 15 @ 8 PM

EMO PHILIPS AND TIM CAVANAGH

FEBRUARY 21 @ 8 PM

WALKING MOLLY

FEBRUARY 22 @ 8 PM

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MOLINE, IL

Cody Johnson
1/25 @ Vibrant Arena

Rascal Flatts
3/1 @ Vibrant Arena

EAST MOLINE, IL

Cabin Fever: Josey Scott, Hed PE, Adema, Flaw, Core
2/21 @ The Rust Belt

Here Come the Mummies
3/21 @ The Rust Belt

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Iowa Smash: Skin bone, Uncle Hank, Low down, Big Homie blocks, Burn Poe, G Herbo, Malo Buckzz, Fendi, Korporate
2/21 @ Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Trampled by Turtles
3/7 @ Paramount Theatre

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Bored Teachers
3/20 @ Paramount Theatre

IOWA CITY, IA

Mike Birbiglia
1/9-1/11 @ Englert Theatre

Leftover Salmon
1/31 @ Englert Theatre

Marc Maron
2/13 @ Englert Theatre

Tab Benoit
2/28 @ Englert Theatre

Drew & Ellie Holcomb
3/6 @ Englert Theatre

Marcia Ball
3/16 @ Englert Theatre

RIVERSIDE, IA

Montgomery Gentry
1/24 @ Riverside Casino

Collective Soul
2/14 @ Riverside Casino

Friends of the Bob & Tom Comedy Tour
2/21 @ Riverside Casino

Josh Turner
3/7 @ Riverside Casino

MADISON, WI

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

Portugal. The Man, The Nielsen Trust, KennyHoopla, Letters to Cleo
1/9 @ The Sylvee

Silversun Pickups, Eve 6, The Bangles' Vicki & Debbi Peterson and Friends, Belly
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

Elephante, COPE
2/7 @ Liquid

Ramy Youssef
2/13-2/15 @ Comedy on State

Parmalee, Avery Anna
2/13 @ The Majestic

Max Styler
2/14 @ Liquid

Trampled by Turtles, Ruck-sack Revolution, Wild Horses
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Alan Walker
2/18 @ The Sylvee

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2/25 @ The Majestic

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Ruix Records

By Nicole Welsh

This December, Dubuque saw the opening of a business created to serve the needs of local music lovers and creators alike. Founded by well-reputed creative entrepreneurs Bob Bucko Jr. and Rick Eagle, Ruix Records opened its doors to the public on the 9th of the month.

The Ruix name was already long active in the area in the form of print zines as well as a live music series, record label, and podcast/livestream. According to Bucko, “All of these things have existed in support of Dubuque music and art, and we wanted a record store that would do the same.”

Both active members of the Dubuque Area Arts Collective, Bucko and Eagle saw the significance of supporting community artists and musicians, and developed their record store in accordance with the mission of giving local musicians a space to share their works with others, as well as a place to connect with one another. “We want to cultivate a sense of community, as record stores are historically a place for creative people and general freaks to meet and hang out,” says Bucko.

To this end, the record store emphasizes a section dedicated specifically to local and regional musicians, offering local music lovers the opportunity to shop for their music in the form of records, tapes, and CDs at their convenient downtown location. These formats are displayed alongside other types of merchandise

that have traditionally helped musicians to not only spread the good word about their musical projects and albums, but also generate income to aid in continuing to pursue their creative passions.

What’s more, the store will also be promoting musical artists like these through features on their website and other online avenues that can help them to reach wider audiences.

Ruix Records, whose primary focus is on vinyl records, offers a wide selection of not only local music, but mainstream as well, giving shoppers the opportunity to browse for their current favorite music while discovering their next favorite. They have even placed a listening station within the store to help music lovers with those discoveries.

In addition to vinyl, they also offer CDs, stereo equipment, the items needed to care for records, vintage clothing and band merch, and books and movies about music. They even carry some of the products local musicians need to keep creating including bass and guitar strings, drumsticks, and tuners.

Though they are just getting started out, their inventory is already growing, and customers can soon expect to find more vinyl, an expanded \$5 and Under section—intended to keep the exploration of music affordable for everyone, as well as equipment such as turntables and more stereo components.

Ruix Records is open six days a week, with Tuesdays being the only day they are not open to the public. They also keep their doors open until 10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday through Saturday, giving locals extra time to indulge in their musical tastes. Stop by 1385 Jackson St. to see what the buzz is all about or visit facebook.com/ruixzine. ■

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The Cowtippers show is a timeline of country music starting in the '60s through the '90s. They represent some of the most popular music from the different periods, such as the emergence of Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash through the Merle Haggard and George Jones period. They

progress to the '70s "Urban Cowboy" craze, then on to the resurgence of country during the late '80s into the '90s with George Strait and Brooks & Dunn.

Billed as a "Show You Can Dance To," they feature eight of the most talented folks in the Midwest who strive for authenticity and to help you step back in time for a little while.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$28 at the door for adults and \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center box office, by calling **563-652-9815**, or at OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com. ■



LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

FRI 1/3



Marqus Morel

7 PM @ FIRST RESERVE (210 W 1ST ST)

COVER: FREE

Marques Morel is a Midwestern American songwriter/folksinger, guitar-strummer/harmonica wailer, street-performer/wandering troubadour, itinerant woodcutter/migrant worker, and a friend to all. Known for his intense and infectious energy on stage and his gritty and honest songwriting and delivery. facebook.com/FirstReserve.

Katie" who also plays alto sax, bassist Jeff Weydert, drummer/guitarist Marlon McNatt, guitarist Tony Brown and tenor sax player Nick Thompson. All have years of experience, having played in a wide variety of bands from rock music to ska, blues, salsa and merengue. Their diverse background and mutual love for soulful funky grooves is what creates their very own sound. Expect everything from far-out funk to well-known disco and soul hits. QCasinoAndResort.com.

FRI 1/17



Ruin Dweller, Liquified Decomposition, If I Could Just Get Some Sleep

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

COVER: \$20

Ruin Dweller are a Madison, WI based death metal band formed in the fall of 2016. Drawing influences from death metal, black metal, sludge, and crust, they seek to create dismal and forbidding homages to a bleak future. Blending tortured melodies with raw thrash and crushing low end grit we channel disillusionment and cathartic aggression. All members have cut their teeth prior in underground metal bands such as Gloam, Panther, Vermillion, Black Goat, and Whorelord. Their latest EP is 2024's *Apocalyptic Ruin*. facebook.com/theliftdubuque.

THU 1/9



Rock & Soul: All-Vinyl Dance Party

7 PM @ THE GOOSE (920 MAIN ST)

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FRI 1/10



Boogie Monster

8 PM @ Q SHOWROOM (1855 GREYHOUND PARK RD)

COVER: FREE

Boogie Monster came to life in Dubuque, consisting of vocalist "Lady

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Hy-Vee Stores and Prairie Farms Dairy donated \$1678 to the Dubuque School Lunch Fundraiser, supporting students with negative school meal balances through Cookies for a Cause. It's just part of a larger grand total to be announced in January. We love it. Kids should always be able to eat, period!



Stacy Eichman reported a packed house for an annual Christmas Skate/Arena walk for non-skaters at ImOn Ice Arena on Schmitt Island. Apparently not everyone on the ice that day was a trained professional!



Maybe you read about it in the cover story for this issue? Culbie's Event Center takes shape on the Sinsinawa Ave. strip in downtown East Dubuque next door to the OtherSide. Watch for it to open in May with great amenities like a giant outdoor beer garden!



The live version of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer The Musical, which recently played Five Flags Arena, garnered rave reviews for everything from the costumes to the puppetry and music from John Cord who took this pic of the "Awesome" show!



The Dubuque Area Chamber Team and Chamber Ambassadors were able to share some holiday cheer by caroling around Dubuque aboard their Trolleys of Dubuque sleigh!



Young Greyson Leibfried takes his first turn at ice fishing with grandpa on O'Leary's Lake in Hazel Green, WI. And look... he got one! Photo by dad, Rod Leibfried.



122 Resources Unite volunteers presented 981 children with their 2 needs and 2 wants for Christmas! Plus they gave out more than 2,000 pounds of food, 500+ blankets, 452 coats, gloves and all kinds of holiday cheer.



Home Free, the popular a cappella group who came to fame after winning The Sing-Off on NBC, brought their Christmas show to Five Flags Arena in December. Photo by Dani McClain.



Sportscasting legend Greg Gumbell's support of his Alma Mater, Loras College, has been exemplary in many ways for years, as shared by his friend and Loras College President, Jim Collins (pictured), upon Greg's passing at age 78 on December 27th.



Area kids got to work out some post Christmas energy at the two-day Winter Bounce event at Five Flags featuring an arena packed full of giant inflatable rides and games.

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Roux & Lucia

By Danny Fairchild

I love having a bakery in my neighborhood. It feels more like a home. It makes every day feel like a lightly-autumnal day. Like sweater weather. Even when I'm not shopping there, it comforts me to know that someone somewhere nearby... is getting fresh rolls.

And it kind of makes me feel like I live in the kind of big-city neighborhoods you see in the movies, usually rom-coms. That's exactly how I felt walking home from Roux & Lucia one morning, right down to the fresh-out-of-the-oven baguette I had cradled under my arm. But 'cept in my case, it was a scene at the end of the rom-com where we see they'll live happily ever after because I love you, Annie!

Roux & Lucia definitely has that kind of romance about it. If you want to feel like the camera is panning in on you as you

meet your off-beat bestie moments before you meet the love of your life, Roux & Lucia will make you feel that way. Nobody guarantees you WILL meet the love of your life, mind you. It's just that Roux & Lucia will make you FEEL like you're just about to get your Nora Ephr-on. And if you don't meet-cute, who cares? Fresh baked goods are better than love, ANY day.

Refuse to go in for that flowery nonsense? No problem! If you want to feel like the snarky customer in line behind our protagonist, that's fine. Just don't be a jerk cuz this "movie" isn't about you.

Hell, if you just want to feel like an extra in this movie, standing in the background looking at your phone while waiting to order, you'll get the same incredible baked goods, regardless.

I went back Sunday morning to get coffee, breakfast, and a loaf of sourdough for the family, and they already recognized me. Granted, saying something upon your first visit like, "Hi! I'm going to write about you for *365ink*, what do you recommend?" is going to leave somewhat of an impression, but I ain't THAT pretty. The point is, on my second visit, they made me feel like a regular. Good, because I am.

And while, yes, Roux & Lucia has a definite "neighborhood bakery" vibe, especially since they're still finishing work on their market and cafe inside the old Milk House (again with the romantic location), it's easy to get to by just exiting Highway 20 at Bryant. Or taking Grandview Avenue. I wish I had a kid in Bryant School right now so could grab a cup and a pastry after drop-off.

Let's talk about the food.

When I described myself as walking down the street with a just-out-of-the-oven baguette under my arm, that wasn't imaginary movie magic. That was real life. The steam of it literally fogged my glasses at one point. And all the way home, I could just feel how crusty it was. I kept flicking it to hear the percussiveness. Mmmm. You know that scene in *Ratatouille* where Colette is teaching Linguini about how the best bread makes that crispy crackling noise as you tear it open? Well... that's a bit too discriminating for me, but it's not a BAD metric for judging bread. Point is, if you want that lovely sound, you will absolutely find it at Roux & Lucia. I'm not kidding, either. The Foley artists who worked on *Ratatouille* got it just

friggin' right. I know because I did a sound comparison between the movie and the baguette I got at Roux & Lucia. It's just a rom-com quality baguette, friends, taste-wise, too. I could have used a little more salt in the loaf I got, but I'm just like that sometimes. I'm just going to say it: It was the most perfect baguette I've had to date.

I was most excited to try the long-awaited Roux & Lucia because I knew it meant croissants for me. My favorite part about going to a new bakery for the first time is trying their croissants. Because first of all—what are you going to do, NOT order a croissant? Are you a fool? Even if croissants are something you only eat on special occasions, surely discovering a new bakery is a croissant-able occasion, yes?

Oh! Okay! Before I get in too deep here, let me ask you this: Are you like me, folks? Did you get a countertop rotating pizza oven over the holidays? Like a Pizzazz or similar? Consider Roux & Lucia just one more reason to use that thing because it's the perfect way to heat up the items that don't go home with you hot. Yes, you can microwave them and the world won't end, but putting them on the turntable and removing them



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once they get as warm as you want is the absolute perfect way to do it. Especially the quiche, which I'll get to in a bit. Not done gushing about the croissants.

Speaking of gushing croissants, let's talk about the chocolate croissants at Roux & Lucia. This is one you'll definitely want to heat up so you get the ooey-gooeyness of that chocolate going. I'm totally jealous of the laminations this bakery gets in their croissants. So flaky good. Like little pastry tornados pulling apart and flaking. No butter needed. Well... no ADDITIONAL butter needed. Croissants have plenty. Take the plunge with a big, deep bite that fills your mouth right before it melts on your tongue or pull off a piece and pop it down the hatch. Or however you do it. I don't like a lot of foreplay with my croissants. The shape of the chocolate croissant (or "pain au chocolat" if you wanna be that way) is traditional for this particular croissant. More rectangular than crescent. It'll be familiar to you, but even better than what you get at your typical drive-thru coffee spot.

Let's talk now about the "everything" croissant. Now... I went into this completely blind because I've never actually had the originator of this trend, the "everything" bagel. I just like to keep it simple with bagels. Plain bagel with plain cream cheese, please. I've kind of viewed this "everything" craze through the same lens I view "pumpkin spice." Not for me, thank you, but enjoy. But... maybe I've been wrong about "everything." Because when I tried the everything croissant at Roux & Lucia, I could see my entire life documented in croissants leading up to the moment the everything croissant hit my tastebuds. And even further back than that... to me as a young child tasting a "crescent roll" popped and baked from a canister. Are those croissants? No, of course not. But I'm talking about delicious memories here and truths that go deeper than facts and definitions. Even memories of all the great garlic breads get thrown in there because... really... if I want a proper description for the taste of the everything croissant at Roux & Lucia, it's this: It tastes like the best garlic bread

you'll ever have. And I say that knowing full well how good garlic bread can be.

The rotating pizza oven was great for the pastries, but it was even better for heating the little bacon and mushroom quiche I got. My hobbit-like affinity for mushrooms is well known, and my love of bacon is second only to Bryce's. Egg it all up and throw it in a pie crust? I'll be first in line. Even heated up, the crust holds up to eating it with your hands. And there's something so great about eating a pie with your hands. And it was so filling and hearty, I had to finish it for lunch. I ate it cold that time, and that works just fine, too.

Can't tell you about the bathrooms because, as I've said, there's still some construction going on. They'll also be selling ice cream, too. So... like... my neighborhood just got a new bakery AND a new ice cream place. I'm living the friggin' dream. ■

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What's on the Menu for 2025?

By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

The New Year is a great time to reset and focus on feeling your best. It's when many of us set goals to eat healthier, move more, and take better care of ourselves. As our understanding of nutrition evolves, new trends shape how we approach healthy living. In 2025, the focus is making simple, smart choices that boost energy and support overall health. More than ever, people are looking for foods and drinks that taste great and help make the journey to wellness easier and more enjoyable.

Here's a closer look at some top trends for 2025.

1. Protein-Packed Choices

Protein will continue to shine in 2025, and it's not just for athletes! From keeping you full longer to supporting muscle repair and

energy levels, protein plays a key role in a healthy lifestyle. Expect protein-packed snacks and beverages designed to meet the needs of everyone, from busy professionals to fitness enthusiasts. Brands like Fairlife Core Power and Performance Inspired Whey Protein make incorporating high-quality protein into your day easier.

Fairlife Core Power is a perfect example of this trend. Each bottle delivers 26 grams of high-quality protein in each bottle to help build and repair muscle. But it doesn't stop there- Core Power also includes electrolytes to support hydration. This ready-to-drink beverage is an easy, on-the-go high-protein option for busy individuals looking to fuel their day. Whether you're heading to the gym, tackling a busy workday, or need a quick snack, Core Power provides a convenient and delicious solution to support your protein needs without the hassle of preparing a meal.

Then there is Performance Inspired Whey Protein, a versatile and high-quality whey protein formula with 25 grams of protein per serving. It also includes digestive enzymes and 5 grams of fiber to support digestion and keep you satisfied longer. This protein powder mixes easily into recipes for a convenient, nutritious boost. Try the simple recipe below to supplement your daily nutrition or enhance your post-workout recovery!

2. Functional Foods and Beverages

Functional foods are gaining ground in 2025, offering health benefits beyond essential nutrition. These products often include ingredients for specific health needs, such as probiotics for gut health or added vitamins and minerals



for immune function. Research on the microbiome is advancing, revealing gut health's significant role in everything from digestion to mental well-being.

Functional beverages like kombucha, kefir, and drinks infused with adaptogens are gaining traction due to their potential to support digestion, energy levels, and stress management. These options make incorporating health benefits into everyday eating and drinking habits easier. For example, a dietitian's favorite, Too Good Zero Sugar Yogurt, contains probiotics that may support gut health. This yogurt is low in sugar and includes live and active cultures, which may support digestion and contribute to a balanced microbiome.

3. Convenience with Nutrition

In 2025, busy lifestyles will continue to be a significant factor, but consumers increasingly seek convenience without sacrificing nutrition. The trend toward minimal-ingredient cooking is gaining traction, with more people opting for quick, simple, nutritious, and easy-to-prepare. Products like pre-chopped vegetables, heat-and-eat proteins, and one-pan meal kits make meal prep more efficient.

Still have questions on nutrition trends or just wondering how to get started on your health and wellness journey? Speak with a Hy-Vee registered dietitian who can help you create a plan that works for you. If you're ready to learn how a Hy-Vee dietitian can help you, schedule a complimentary Discovery Session today by contacting our Discovery Call Center at nutritionservices@hy-vee.com or calling 515-695-3121. ■

Peanut Butter and Chocolate Chip Energy Balls

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- ½ c. Hy-Vee semisweet chocolate baking chips
- ¼ c. Hy-Vee honey
- 1 pinch(es) salt

All You Do:

1. Combine oats, peanut butter, protein powder, chocolate chips, honey, and salt in a medium bowl. Use a tablespoon measure to scoop dough, roll into balls. Store, covered, at room temperature.

Recipe Source: hy-vee.com

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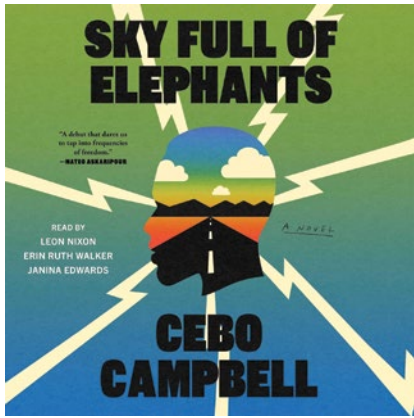
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Sky Full of Elephants

By John McAndrew

Cebo Campbell's first novel, *Sky Full of Elephants*, is a fantasy or allegory of sorts, a narrative of slouching toward utopia after a long dystopia that precedes the opening pages. The premise is about as audacious as it gets: One day, every white person in America—parents, kids, CEOs, bankers, lawyers, doctors, criminals, teachers, the whole lot of us—suddenly gets a glazed look in their eyes before walking out of their homes and offices and into the nearest body of water—where they drown.

Boom. Where, exactly, do you go from there? Some will take offense and go on to their next read. But the curious may ask: Does the author soften the blow along the way? Does he say, What a shame, that the good ones and bad ones were all erased together? Or does he unapologetically say, in effect, "Ohh, too bad; what's for dinner?" What does he do with mixed-race people in this scenario? What happens to farming, to banking, to C suites across the land—all the professions that are overwhelmingly occupied by white people? Is there conflict amongst remaining races, or does the concept of race disappear with all the folks who identify as white? What is to be done with the mayonnaise, Velveeta, and Wonder Bread that no one will ever consume?

Campbell opts to tell the story through the prism of a father and daughter who had never before met. The father, Charlie,

is black, an ex-con, handyman, and teacher of solar tech at Howard University. His mother once told him that "being black is being the villain in someone else's story." His daughter, Sidney, was born to her white mother while Charlie was in prison. After "The Event," Sidney contacts Charlie who goes to see how he can help. Sidney has heard that there is a remnant of white folks in Orange Beach, AL. Charlie has heard that Alabama is a kingdom now and dangerous in some vague way. But he will do anything for his daughter, and she wants to go to Orange Beach.

In Alabama, they find a thriving... what? A utopia, or a cult? It's a community with a king and queen who live in a simple home but are treated with reverence by the community. There is no palace intrigue. They were not elected to their positions but were recognized as the obvious leaders. Their children are exemplary and unfailingly wise. And they have a machine. With ghosts, of a sort. There is so little conflict—except what Charlie's and Sidney's relationship provides—that when one son swears and shows signs of individuation, it comes as a relief. The royal family is full of enlightened nostrums that would straighten everyone out—if they needed straightening out, which only newcomers seem to need.

You will find effusive reviews of this book online from outstanding authors. I'm a little sheepish about not joining them. But while I think the author's reach exceeded his grasp, let's be fair: It's one helluva premise he undertook, and there are marvelous passages, especially in the final third of the book. He has continued a necessary conversation about America's "original sin" (as Jim Wallis called it) with an audacious, if not entirely masterful, work of imagination and hope. But if you're looking for forgiveness, redemption, or olive branches offered to white folks, you'll have to look elsewhere. ■

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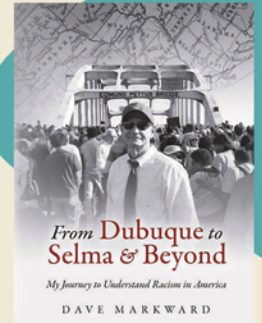


"From Dubuque to Selma & Beyond" Author Event

with Dave Markward

Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public.



Join author Dave Markward as he shares his journey of personal transformation; going from an exclusively white upbringing in Dubuque to a life enriched by diversity. In his latest memoir, "From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond: My Journey to Understand Racism in America," Markward delves into the complex world of racism and shares his unwavering belief in humanity and the power of education to effect change.

Dave Markward has dedicated his professional life to public education and is a graduate of Dubuque Senior High School and Augustana College (Illinois). He holds two advanced degrees from Western Illinois University and a doctorate from Illinois State University. Copies of "From Dubuque to Selma & Beyond" will be available for purchase at the event.

Teen Personal Safety with the DBQ Community Policing Division

Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 4 to 5 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public.



Explore personal safety and situational awareness while learning tips and techniques to avoid dangerous situations and keep yourself safe. This program is intended for a teen audience, parents and families are welcome to attend.

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Maya

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 5:30-7 PM

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Parents, teachers, and middle school students are invited to view the movie *Maya* to educate themselves about human trafficking. The Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking brings a free screening to Phoenix Theatres on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 5:30-7 p.m.

Artists for Change created this film showing how traffickers use social media and how young people become vulnerable by these techniques. The film's producer and actors will share some of the "red flags" which will help parents, teachers and youth in avoiding becoming victims of human trafficking.

To better understand human trafficking, a 20 minute clip can be viewed prior to the showing of *Maya*. You may choose to attend either the clip, full film, or both.

Maya was shown during the 2024 Julien Dubuque International Film Festival. The Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking is now sponsoring this free showing of the film during Human Trafficking Awareness Month. For more information, visit HumanTraffickingIowaWIL.com. ■



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Better Man is based on the true story of the meteoric rise, dramatic fall, and remarkable resurgence of British pop superstar Robbie Williams.

Under the direction of Michael Gracey (*The Greatest Showman*), the film is uniquely told from Robbie's perspective, capturing his signature wit and indomitable spirit. It follows Robbie's journey from childhood, to being the youngest member of chart-topping boy band Take That, through to his unparalleled achievements as a record-breaking solo artist—all the while confronting the challenges that stratospheric fame and success can bring. Oh, and he's portrayed by a CGI monkey. Yep.



DEN OF THIEVES 2: PANTERA (R)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Gerard Butler (*Plane*, *Has Fallen* series) and O'Shea Jackson Jr.

(*Straight Out of Compton*, *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*)

return in the sequel to 2018's action-heist hit *Den of Thieves*. In *Den of Thieves 2: Pantera*, Big Nick (Butler) is back on the hunt in Europe and closing in on Donnie (Jackson), who is embroiled in the treacherous and unpredictable world of diamond thieves and the infamous Panther mafia, as they plot a massive heist of the world's largest diamond exchange.



WOLF MAN (R)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

From Blumhouse and visionary writer-director Leigh Whannell,

the creators of the chilling modern monster tale *The Invisible Man*, comes a terrifying new lupine nightmare: *Wolf Man*. Blake, a San Francisco husband and father inherits his remote childhood home in Oregon after his own father vanishes and is presumed dead. As the family approaches the farmhouse in the dead of night, they're attacked by an unseen animal and barricade themselves inside the home as the creature prowls the perimeter. As the night stretches on, Blake begins to transform into something unrecognizable, and his wife will be forced to decide whether the terror within their house is more lethal than the danger without.



Movie Buzz

Tim Allen recently gave a positive update on Pixar's upcoming *Toy Story 5*, first announced by



Disney CEO Bob Iger in February 2023 with a June 19, 2026 release date. While the plot is under wraps, director Andrew Stanton confirmed that the movie will see the toys struggling to remain relevant in the face of electronic entertainment. Allen said of the film, "It's a very, very clever story. I don't really believe it's about the money. I'm sure they want it to be a success, but that's not why they did it. Had they not come up with a brilliant script, they wouldn't have done it, and they wouldn't have called me and Tom [Hanks]."

Warner Bros. confirmed Tom Cruise's untitled apocalyptic movie will hit theaters on Oct. 2,



2026 in IMAX. The film is produced and directed by the four-time Oscar winner, Alejandro González Iñárritu and follows "the most powerful man in the world" as he embarks on a "frantic mission" to save humanity from being destroyed by a disaster "he's unleashed." The cast includes Sandra Huller (*The Anatomy of a Fall*), John Goodman (*Monsters, Inc.*), Michael Stuhlbarg (*Men in Black 3*), Jesse Plemons (*Civil War*), Sophie Wilde (*Talk to Me*), and Riz Ahmed (*Venom*). First though, *Mission: Impossible—The Final Reckoning* will arrive in theaters on May 23 of this year. Cruise is also expected to reprise his lead role in *Top Gun 3* along with Miles Teller and Glen Powell.

Disney has a new version of *Treasure Island* in the works with a surprise twist as indie filmmaking



duo Tyler Nilson and Michael Schwartz make the shift to big-budget movies on this "Australian surfer version of *Treasure Island*," described Schwartz. "If they [Disney] ever make it, it would be so fun," putting some shade on the certainty of the film getting greenlit. "It has the vibes that we do, and there's found family, brotherhood, drama, and outsider energy. It has the patina of the 1970s surf world. It's all there."



Integrity Over Image

By Matt Booth

To admire someone's character isn't to say they're perfect. It means we recognize their integrity, trustworthiness, and moral compass. When I say my strikingly tall brother-in-law—a solid 6'6"—has good character, I'm not just acknowledging his impressive height and good looks. I'm highlighting his integrity, courage, and compassion—traits that make him genuinely admirable.

Good character, however, isn't something you're born with. It's not hereditary like eye color or height. Character is built, day by day, through intentional choices and consistent actions. A single noble act doesn't define it. Instead, character grows from a steadfast commitment to doing the right thing—even when it's inconvenient, risky, or seemingly detrimental to personal gain.

In today's world, the value of character often feels like it's slipping through our fingers. We're inundated with examples of people who prioritize appearances over substance. For many, the goal seems to be convincing others they have good character, rather than actually cultivating it. Social media feeds this illusion. Likes and views are mistaken for proof of integrity. Yet, what matters

isn't how others perceive you; it's who you are when the spotlight fades.

We live in an age where secrets unravel quickly. Headlines scream of dishonesty and corruption—politicians caught lying, business leaders betraying trust, athletes embroiled in scandals. It seems no corner of society is immune. Worse, these breaches of character have become so commonplace that we almost expect them.

But here's the real question: Are you willing to hold up a mirror and honestly assess your own character? Not the version of yourself you've curated for others, but the true, unfiltered you. Are you living in alignment with your values, or are you chasing an image?

The reality is, every action has a ripple effect. Compromises in character don't just affect you; they impact your family, friends, coworkers, and community. When you gamble with your integrity, you're not just risking your reputation—you're eroding trust and setting an example for others to follow, for better or worse.

Character is who you are when no one's watching. It's not something you can fake or Photoshop. In a world where appearances often take center stage, the value of genuine character shines brighter than ever. So, whether you're 6'6" or 5'2", remember: True character isn't measured by stature or social status. It's measured by the choices you make, day in and day out.

The world needs people of character. Be one. ■

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Look What I Found at the Library!

By Pam Kress-Dunn

I'm volunteering at Carnegie-Stout Public Library, where I am "reading the shelves"—taking a list and checking it twice to ensure every book is in its place. It's a fascinating journey through the glorious Dewey Decimal System, and I'm finding treasures tucked into every shelf. Here are the latest ones that jumped out to me. I checked them out and took them home. You can do that, too. Isn't that amazing?

This week, I'm looking at the 770s, where you'll find everything to do with photography.



778.94 HER: Soviet Bus Stops, by Christopher Herwig

I am not making this up! British photographer Christopher Herwig covered more than 18,000 miles in 14 countries of the former Soviet Union, traveling by car, bike, bus, and taxi to hunt down and document these bus stops. They are amazing in their variety and, in many cases, beauty. One in Gudauta, Abkhazia, looks like a jewel-encrusted claw, while another in Ivianiec, Belarus resembles a series of nicely decorated A-frame tents. Herwig calls them "unique, imaginative, and sometimes a bit mad." The authorities paid little attention, he surmises, so their designers felt free to choose their forms. In the book's forward, Johnathan Meades notes that few buses still stop at these places,

yet they are still used as ad hoc drop-in centers, where men (mostly) gather to open cans of beer and "set the world to rights." For people living in remote burgs lacking pubs and village halls, the bus stops have found a new and vital life.



779.092 REN: Touching Strangers, by Richard Renaldi

I dare you to look at this book and not be moved. In public places across the country, photographer Richard Renaldi asked a stranger to have their picture taken, and then asked a second person to pose with them, in close proximity. He urged them to touch in some way. This took some cajoling, and sometimes involved more than two people, but in nearly every photo, these strangers are touching in some way—a hand on a shoulder, a hug, two hands folded, even a kiss on the cheek. Each pair looks startlingly different; for example, a young man who might be working at the gas station with his hands on the shoulders of a woman dressed in a sari. This book made me feel hopeful about my fellow Americans. The image on the cover shows a cop with his arm around a young girl's neck—a pose that could be threatening, until you see the calm look in each of their eyes. It is beautiful, it is thoughtful, it is sometimes uncomfortable, but every page is astounding. ■

PAM KRESS-DUNN

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DIY ADVICE
FROM A MOM WHO KNOWS HOW
BY SARA CARPENTER

**STEVE'S
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New Year, New Hue!

Now that Christmas is coming to a fast close, many folks are beginning to think about ways to freshen up their interior for the new year. Whether you are looking for organizing tips like me on Pinterest, or swooning over the latest color trends on Houzz, Steve's Ace has the tools you need to bring your vision

to life. Recently, Michelle Jurgens, a Dyersville, IA native and local interior designer, joined our expert paint team. Not only can she help you figure out what paint colors will complement your existing homes features, but she can guide you on what type of paint will be most appropriate for your space's needs. Here is what Michelle shared when I ran into her at the Peosta store recently:

"People often ask me what color is popular. I love the quiet colorful hues from Ben Moore's Color Trends 2025 Palette. Discover the beauty in undertones and the possibilities they can



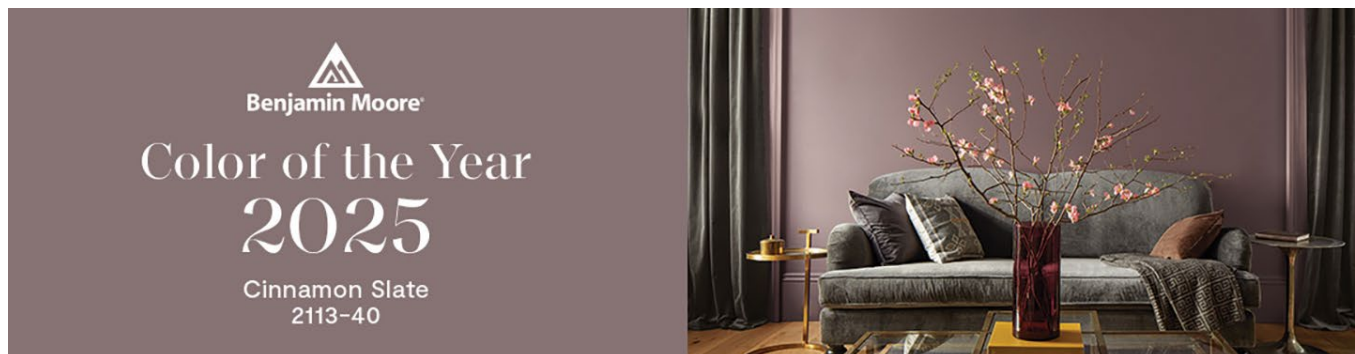
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bring to a design. Calm and confident, they invite you to consider all ends of the color spectrum, transitioning gracefully from room to room, and exuding warmth, comfort, and a sense of ease."

The Benjamin Moore 2025 Color of the Year is Cinnamon Slate 2113-40 where enduring style meets modern sensibility. A delicate mix of heathered plum and velvety brown, this nuanced color brings a smooth familiarity to any design.

In the upcoming weeks, Michelle will be sharing pictures of rooms painted in these stunning colors on our Facebook and Instagram, so be sure to "Like" and "Follow" us @StevesAceHomeandGarden. We are hoping to inspire and help you find your perfect color!

If you would like a personalized meetup with Michelle, she is available at our Peosta Steve's Ace location every Tuesday and Wednesday. Feel free to stop by or call us at **563-213-5639** ahead of time to schedule your consultation. ■



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- 14 People Juuling, e.g.
- 20 Gives a new title to
- 21 Colorful pupil encirler
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- 23 Dara Torres or Michael Phelps, e.g.
- 25 Potassium — (salt additive)
- 26 Cleansing bar
- 27 Sweetie
- 28 Insta upload
- 29 Motel relative
- 30 U.S. spy org.
- 31 Put a tag on
- 34 Alternative to a recliner
- 37 The "4" of 16/4, e.g.
- 40 "Explorer" of kids' TV
- 41 "Great" pope of 440-61
- 42 Occasions
- 43 Relating to punishment
- 44 Fair-hiring inits.
- 45 #1 buds
- 49 Sign that a dog is excited, often
- 51 Trans-river transport
- 53 Actresses Ortiz and de Armas
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- 55 Be the victor
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- 58 "Boo'd Up" singer Ella
- 59 Heavy safari critters
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- 63 Driver's rain clearer
- 67 Like one-time committees
- 70 Formed
- 71 School of Buddhism
- 72 Dog paw part
- 75 Eye closely
- 77 Suffix with 69-Down
- 78 Plaintiff
- 80 Maker of the game Zaxxon
- 81 It may be next to a sliding board
- 83 Logging tool with handles at both ends
- 86 Untidy type
- 87 "Either you do it — will!"
- 88 Opening in a violin's soundboard
- 89 Alternative to Alevé or Advil
- 90 Poplar variety
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- 93 Some browser add-ons
- 94 Small sphere in a rec room
- 98 Oreo filling
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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



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- 101 Suffix with Wisconsin
- 102 Nail polish brand
- 103 Achieves
- 107 Herald, as the new year
- 109 Move like eight long answers in this puzzle
- 113 Deliver with a syringe
- 114 Lacking a key, in music
- 115 Largest city in Canada
- 116 Rink footwear
- 117 Place for a mud wrap
- 118 Stockpile
- 17 "Fear of Flying" novelist Jong
- 18 Halves of diameters
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- 36 Person who is limping
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- 38 Donald's first ex
- 39 Avoider of animal products
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- 48 Don't depart
- 50 Many puzzle diagrams
- 51 Happen upon
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- 73 Another time
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Angela's
Awesome Advice

DEAR ANGELA,

Quick question about your 365Ink co-writer, Danny. In his “Horoscope” column, is he really a legit astrologer or is he just making up crap? Do you follow his advice? Should I?
—Curious at Clarke

DEAR CURIOUS,

How dare you. The only advice I have ever followed is my OWN. However, I do, on the rare occasion that I feel the need for additional affirmation in my own correctness, review the magazine’s horoscope. I’m feeling a certain *esprit de corp*, residuals from the holidays, so I asked Danny to comment on your letter. He graciously took time out of his busy scrying schedule to respond:

“First of all, the fact that you wrote Angela instead of me directly just confirms for me how unapproachable I really am. But to answer your question: No. An astrologer is the absolute last thing I am. And if you paid attention to the position of Venus in your truth zone, you would already know that. And to answer everyone else’s question: No, I will not stop factoring in Ophiuchus. The other non-astrologers are just going to have to get with the times. Plus, I get paid whether I write 12 or 13, so just enjoy your baker’s dozen, huh?
—Danny”

DEAR ANGELA,

I am worried about the future. The future of TikTok specifically. Did you know that it might get banned here in the US? I use the app for everything! I mean, how will I find out about new recipes? Don’t tell me to “read a cooking blog” because you know darn well I would starve before I scrolled down far enough past the long boring story only tangentially related to the actual meal. And what about the micro-trends? How will I know what’s next in hyper-specific nail art? I get my most up to date news and information

on the app too—so I’m worried that I’ll be lost when my friends bring up current events. What should I do?
—Frightened on Fond du Lac

DEAR FRIGHTENED,

I’m just as worried as you are! I’m actually afraid that my swiping finger will atrophy from lack of use if TikTok is banned! I don’t know of any other way to get all the information you are asking for except on TikTok. This feels a lot like if we were forced to go back to a time before cell phones. I mean, it’s basically inhuman. The best I can suggest is to move to Canada, where you can have TikTok, and as a bonus, you’ll get universal healthcare!

DEAR ANGELA,

With the new year upon us, I’m looking to start fresh. Over the past few years, I’ve gained some bad habits, lost some friends, and my bank account is not moving at all. With the new year, and my birthday on January 10th, I really want to shake things up, but I am not sure how to actually achieve the concept of “New Year, New Me”. What’s the key to creating real change and growth in my life?
—A New Me on West 23 St.

DEAR NEW,

You are going about this all wrong: The *future* isn’t all about growth, I mean just look at the state of [Editor’s Note: *The soapbox, politically charged rant portion of this response was edited for length*]. In conclusion, I think that clearly proves my point! So instead, why don’t you aim for “New Year, Old You.” Consider what you were like as a kid, as a teenager. Super low-rise jeans and babydoll tees are trending again, why can’t your old personality? Now, I’m not recommending slipping back into that old pair of JNCO Jeans this winter, but perhaps apply a bit of that old youthful exuberance. You know, the old you—full of dreams of “making it big” or “seeing the world” without any concrete plans of doing either thing. Find that kid and have a good chat. Alternatively, if you insist on being future focused, I’ve heard that the 365Ink horoscopes are rather prescient this week; especially for you ambitious Capricorns.

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Horoscopes**
By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos

ARIES
(APR 19–MAY 13)
Sure, they may CALL you a smart ass, but you know darn well they ain't staring at your butt for its personality.

TAURUS
(MAY 14–JUNE 19)
You can go ahead and skip the New Year's resolutions. Resolutions are for those who aren't perfect just the way they are. And your grandma wouldn't lie about something like that.

GEMINI
(JUNE 20–JULY 20)
The cosmos says that now's the perfect time to go back to school or embark on a grand expedition. Isn't it sad that so many horoscopes only apply to people who can afford to follow them? It's yet another way the system is rigged.

CANCER
(JULY 21–AUG 9)
Take control now! The only boss of you is YOU! That is, of course, if it's okay with your REAL boss. Your peers, friends, and family might have something to do with it, too. And any romantic partnerships you may have. Okay, sure. Lots of other people in your life might sway you because they matter to you and vice versa. That's a good thing. So you might not be THE boss... but your life is pretty boss, if you ask me.

LEO
(AUG 10–SEP 15)
While the concept of "New Year, New You" is appealing, it's 2025, and most audiences agree that your sequels follow the same rule as *Star Trek* films: The odd-numbered ones are terrible.

VIRGO
(SEP 16–OCT 30)
The new year has awoken some deep new desires, eh? Actually, the cosmos didn't tell me that. Your browser history did, you perv.

LIBRA
(OCT 31–NOV 22)
Now's the time to let your imagination run wild like anything is possible. Eww. No, not like

that! Argh, gross! Eww-eww-eww-eww-eww! Stop imagining! Stoppit! Stoppit-stoppit-stoppit-stoppit!

SCORPIO
(NOV 23–NOV 29)
In the coming year, you'll really need to lean on the kind of friends that hold you accountable. Yeah, I know... we ALL hate those kind of friends, but still.

OPHIUCHUS
(NOV 30–DEC 17)
You really need to stop looking at the world through rose-colored glasses. It's not that a positive outlook isn't valuable. It's just that, as far as fashion goes, rose-colored glasses aren't a look most people can pull off.

SAGITTARIUS
(DEC 18–JAN 8)
You did it. You survived another year either stomaching or avoiding your older relatives who think that caring about other people is weakness... as if we don't live in a society where everybody depends on everybody and nobody is a self-made anything. At least there's one thing you agree with them on: Everybody eventually dies. You just have to remember that they're no exception.

CAPRICORN
(JAN 9–FEB 15)
Tapping into your childhood memories will lead to a breakthrough—the next big thing in tech. But be warned: Your advancements will lead to the creation of sentient JNCO Jean overlords.

AQUARIUS
(FEB 16–MAR 11)
You'll never forget that New Year's kiss. Not ever. The good news is that herpes is so common that it's not even worth being ashamed of.

PISCES
(MAR 12–APR 18)
The New Year is a time to take a look at the big picture. Unfortunately, most IMAX theaters are closed that day.

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